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In February we lost lifetime member and good friend Joan Johnson. I think this has been a shock to many of us and it will not be the same at our shows without Joan's ever present smile and quick wit. We will be having some pages devoted to Joan with great pictures in an upcoming issue. If you have some story you would like to see incorporated into that article please send it to me. If you have good pictures send those too. Joan was a very special person and as long as we hold her in our hearts she will live on in us.

There is a lot of information on upcoming events in this issue, the match, the obedience workshop, herding fun day, the specialty shows and futurity. We need a lot of people to help out with all those activities. I have listed some of the roles we need filled on page 8. We are also planning another German Shepherd Fun Day tentatively scheduled for Saturday August 20. Mark your calendars.

I have all the coming events that I know of on the Yahoo Groups calendar and I recommend that you join our Yahoo Group so you can get automatic notices to remind you of upcoming events.

We need someone to chair the Regional Club Challenge. This requires a person who can pay attention to detail. Sometimes it requires nagging to get people to send in their title verifications. We can't continue to win the Regional Challenge if we don't send in our points.

We also need a Training Director. We can redifne the duties to break that into two positions, one to handle the desk on Friday nights and make sure it is always covered and the other to take care of the other duties of training director. Ann Jeddelloh has been doing a super job on the desk - maybe we can get her to be the desk coordinator...

Remember to check out the new web site for Faerieland Rescue, www.faerielandrescue.org, and consider making a donation or foster a dog. They are having great statistics on placing dogs. Read some of the stories about the dogs and their new people in their "forever" homes. Tell Kathy DuVall and Sharon Todoroff how much you appreciate the fact that we finally have someone to refer people to when they have to give up their dog or when they are looking to adopt.

Julie Swinland.

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SOG Due Date

April issue - March 21

March 11 membership meeting 8:30 PM Animal Inn

JOIN THE GSDC OF AMERICA TODAY!

German Shepherd Dog Club of America Membership Application

Requirements: Minimum age of 18 years. Must be in good standing with AKC. Membership includes subscription to *The German Shepherd Dog Review*.

Membership Type: (circle one)
 Single \$66.00 Family* \$100.00

*Dues are not tax deductible * Family is defined as same household or significant other.*

Make checks payable to GSDCA (Outside the US add \$24.00)

Name

Address **City** **State** **Zip**

Phone (s) **Fax** **Email**

I (we) hereby make application to the above Club and agree, if accepted for membership, to abide by its Bylaws and the Bylaws of the AKC. Upon application I will be eligible for all privileges except the right to vote. Thirty days after my name is published in the Review, provided no objections have been filed I will be granted the right to vote.

Signed **Signed**

Mail to: Gail Hardcastle, 49 Lakeview Road, White Salmon, WA 98672
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This is the membership application for the German Shepherd Dog Club of America. For the application for our club see the club web site or pick one up at training

What is Beginner Novice?

You may notice that our match and the upcoming shows have the new optional titling class Beginner Novice. It is defined in the AKC rules and became a titling class in July 2010.

Chapter 6 Beginner Novice Optional Titling Class

Section 1 Beginner Novice A Class - The Beginner Novice A class shall be for dogs that have not won the BN title. Judges for this class must be approved to judge Novice or higher classes. A handler must own the dog entered, or be a member of the owner’s household or immediate family, and may not have previously handled any dog that has earned any AKC Obedience title. Owners may enter more than one dog in this class. No dog maybe entered in both Beginner Novice A and Beginner Novice B at any trial.

Section 2 Beginner Novice B Class The owner or any other person may handle dogs in this class to earn a BN title. Owners may enter more than one dog in this class.

Section 3 Beginner Novice Exercises and Scores

- 1. heel on leash 40 points
- 2 Figure 8 40 points
- 3. Sit for Exam 40 points
- 4. Sit Stay 40 points
- 5. Recall 40 points

Maximum Total Score 200 points For complete rules please go to www.akc.org



Trophy Fund-Raiser Kick-off

Donation fund-raiser begins the night of our Spring Match, March 18th

Our 2011 Trophy Fund Raiser will kick off beginning the night of our Spring Match at the Animal Inn on March 18th. This is our annual fund raiser to purchase trophies, refurbish old trophies, prizes, ribbons and anything else needed to support our Specialty show, club matches and sponsored shows outside of our club.

We depend on this fund raising event to help offset expenses so we can continue to have our outstanding events throughout the year. Thanks to the membership's continued generosity we have not had to dip into the treasury to pay for our summer specialty shows.

I am asking each of you to reach deep into your penny jars and again give graciously to the club when asked for your donation this year. We count on every penny and we make sure every penny is put to good use!!!

The donation categories are as follows:

Platinum	- \$50.00 and up
Gold	- \$25.00 to \$49.00
Silver	- \$10.00 to \$24.00

If you would prefer to email me your donation rather than waiting to be asked at the club or called on the phone, you can email Jill at Jillmyers12@msn.com or call me Laurie at 651-459-2411. Your donation/pledge will be added to your yearly membership statement, and can be paid in November when you pay your yearly dues.

I also want to thank the club members who have already donated some awesome, vintage trophies to the cause last year, including the Johnson's, the Oster's, Jack and Kathy Kasper, Helen Miller Fisher, and the Cliff's. We are still looking for more vintage items.

Make sure you have penciled in the dates to our June Specialty show in your calendar. We are planning an exciting show and look forward to seeing everyone there!!!

Laurie Schray 651-459-2411

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Braggs

**GCH CH Can CH Mythical Zeus of Black Forest
Connie Karner
Westminster KC - Best opposite Sex**

**Come and
celebrate Zeus's
win with cake
at the match on
March 18**



Ch. RiverRock's Heart of the Matter (aka Luke) completed his championship in Indianapolis with a 3 pt. major on Feb. 13 at just two years old.

My thanks to his team Kent Boyles, Liz Oster, and Martha Simonett! Luke now resides with his new co-owner, and future club member, Scott Krook and his family in Rochester, MN where he is beginning his obedience training and enjoying his "house dog" status!

Parvovirus: Serious Diarrhea in Puppies & Dogs

Veterinary & Aquatic Services Department, Drs. Foster & Smith

Canine parvovirus (CPV) disease is currently the most common infectious disorder of dogs in the United States.

'Parvo' is a highly contagious disease characterized by diarrhea that is often bloody. Prior to 1980, most canine parvovirus that caused disease was Type 2 (CPV-2). After 1980, CPV-2 was replaced by CPV-2a became more common and in 1986, another variation called CPV-2b appeared. In the past few years, a new strain, CPV-2c has been detected. Today, CPV-2b has largely replaced the previous strains as the most common parvovirus causing disease in the dog. There is currently some discussion that there may be other strains that are beginning to emerge and have yet to be formally identified. Current vaccinations have helped to control the spread of this disease but despite being vaccinated, some dogs still contract and die from parvo. There is much that we do not know about the virus or the best way to control the disease, but we are learning new information daily. Misinformation about the disease, its spread, and vaccination is widespread. We hope that with a better understanding of the disease, pet owners will be able to make good health decisions for their dogs that will help prevent and reduce the spread of this disease.

How is parvovirus spread?

Parvovirus is spread through contact with feces containing the virus. The virus is known to survive on inanimate objects - such as clothing, food pans, and cage floors - for 5 months and longer in the right conditions. Insects and rodents may also serve as vectors playing an important role in the transmission of the disease. This means any fecal material or vomit needs to be removed with a detergent before the bleach solution is used. The bleach solution should be used on bedding, dishes, kennel floors and other impervious materials that may be contaminated.

The normal incubation period (time from exposure to the virus to the time when signs of disease appear) is from 7-14 days. Virus can be found in the feces several days before clinical signs of disease appear, and may last for one to two weeks after the onset of the disease.

What are the symptoms of parvovirus infection?



There is a broad range in the severity of symptoms shown by dogs that are infected with parvovirus. Many adult dogs exposed to the virus show very few, if any, symptoms. The majority of cases of disease are seen in dogs less than 6 months of age with the most severe cases seen in puppies younger than 12 weeks of age. There are also significant differences in response to parvovirus infections and vaccines among different breeds of dogs, with Rottweilers, Doberman Pinschers, and Labrador Retrievers being more susceptible than other breeds.

The most common form of the disease is the intestinal form known as *enteritis*. Parvovirus enteritis is characterized by vomiting (often severe), diarrhea, dehydration, dark or bloody feces, and in severe cases, fever and lowered *white blood cell* counts. *Acute* parvovirus enteritis can be seen in dogs of any breed, sex, or age. The disease will progress very rapidly and death can occur as early as two days after the onset of the disease. The

presence of *gram negative* bacteria, parasites, or other viruses can worsen the severity of the disease and slow recovery.

A less common form of the disease causes myocarditis (inflammation of the heart).

How is parvovirus infection diagnosed?

Not all cases of bloody diarrhea with or without vomiting are caused by parvovirus and many sick puppies are misdiagnosed as having 'parvo.' The only way to know if a dog has parvovirus is through a positive diagnostic test. In addition to the more time consuming and expensive traditional testing of the blood for *titers*, a simpler test of the feces with an enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay antigen test (ELISA), commonly called the CITE test, is also available through most veterinary clinics. Testing of all suspect cases of parvo is the only way to correctly diagnose and treat this disease. A complete physical exam and additional laboratory tests such as a *CBC* and *chemistry panel* help to determine the severity of the disease.

How is parvovirus disease treated?

The treatment of parvovirus is fairly straightforward and directed at supportive therapy. Replacing fluids lost through vomiting and diarrhea is probably the single most important treatment. *Intravenous* administration of a balanced *electrolyte* solution is preferred, but in less severe cases, *subcutaneous* or oral fluids may be used. In severe cases, blood transfusions may be necessary. Antibiotic therapy is usually given to help control secondary bacterial infections. In those dogs who have severe symptoms, antiserum against endotoxins may be given. Corticosteroids may be given if the animal is in shock. In cases of severe

vomiting, drugs to slow the vomiting may also be used. After the intestinal symptoms begin to subside, a broad spectrum de-worming agent is often used. Restricting the food during periods of vomiting is also necessary and parenteral nutrition (providing nutrients intravenously) may be necessary.

Undertaking the treatment of affected dogs and puppies without professional veterinary care is very difficult. Even with the best available care, the mortality of severely infected animals is high. Without the correct amount of properly balanced intravenous fluids, the chance of recovery in a severely stricken animal is very small.

All parvoviruses are extremely stable and are resistant to adverse environmental influences such as low pH and high heat. Exposure to ultraviolet light and sodium hypochlorite (a 1:32 dilution of household bleach - ½ cup bleach to 1 gallon of water) can inactivate parvovirus. The bleach solution can be impaired by organic matter and needs to have adequate exposure time and proper concentrations to work effectively.

Immunity and vaccination

If a puppy recovers from parvovirus infection, he is immune to reinfection for probably at least twenty months and possibly for life. In addition, after recovery the virus is not shed in the feces. There are many commercially prepared *attenuated* (modified) live CPV-2 vaccines available. The current vaccines protect against all strains of the canine parvovirus, including the relatively new parvovirus-2c strain. Although some people have expressed concern about the possibility of modified live vaccines reverting to a virulent strain after being given and then causing disease, studies have repeatedly shown that this does not occur. Commercially prepared vaccines are safe and do not cause disease.

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The primary cause of failure of canine parvovirus vaccines is an interfering level of maternal antibody against the canine parvovirus. Maternal antibodies are the antibodies present in the mother's milk during the first 24 hours after the puppy's birth. The age at which puppies can effectively be immunized is proportional to the *titer* of the mother and the effectiveness of transfer of maternal antibody within those first 24 hours. High levels of maternal antibodies

present in the puppies' bloodstream will block the effectiveness of a vaccine. When the maternal antibodies drop to a low enough level in the puppy, *immunization* by a commercial vaccine will work. The complicating factor is that there is a period of time from several days to several weeks in which the maternal antibodies are too low to provide protection against the disease, but too high to allow the vaccine to work. This period is called the window of susceptibility. This is the time when despite being vaccinated, a puppy can still contract parvovirus. The length and timing of the window of susceptibility is different in every puppy in every litter.

In one study of a cross section of different puppies the age at which they were able to respond to a vaccine and develop protection covered a wide period of time. At six weeks of age, 25% of the puppies could be immunized. At 9 weeks of age, 40% of the puppies were able to respond to the vaccine. The number increased to 60% by 16 weeks, and by 18 weeks of age, 95% of the puppies could be immunized.

When we examine all of the information about maternal derived antibodies, windows of susceptibility, breed susceptibilities, the possibility of unidentified strains, and the effectiveness of different vaccines, we begin to see why there are so many different vaccination protocols and why some vaccinated animals still develop the disease.

Vaccination protocols have been developed that will help protect the widest range of dogs. In using these protocols, we understand we will be vaccinating some dogs that are not capable of responding and we will be revaccinating some dogs that have already responded and developed a high titer. But without doing an individual test on each puppy, it is impossible to determine where the puppy is in its immune status. We also realize due to the window of susceptibility, some litters will contract parvovirus despite being vaccinated. By using quality vaccines and an aggressive vaccination protocol, we can make this window of susceptibility as small as possible. The generally recommended protocol is to vaccinate puppies against parvovirus beginning at 6-8 weeks of age, and revaccinating every 3 weeks until the puppy is 16-20 weeks of age. A booster is given at one year of age and every 1-3 years thereafter.

Conclusion

In summary, parvovirus is a very common problem that is a huge killer of puppies. Due to its ability to be transmitted through hands, clothes, and most likely rodents and insects, it is virtually impossible to have a kennel that will not eventually be exposed to the disease. *Modified live vaccines* are safe and effective, but despite the best vaccination protocol, all puppies will have a window of susceptibility of at least several days where they will be at risk. In addition, the newer CPV-2c strain presents new challenges since it is less detectable in laboratory tests and current vaccines may not be as effective in providing protection against it. Prompt treatment by a veterinarian will increase survivability in infected puppies and working with your veterinarian on a vaccination program that is best for your puppy is important.

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Following is a list of 5 foods that you should NOT feed your dog.

1. **Alcoholic Beverages.** Ethanol is the component in alcoholic beverages that can be toxic when an excessive amount is ingested. Pets are much smaller than us and can be highly affected by small amounts of alcohol. Exercise caution when drinks and pets are together. Toxicity can cause a wide variety of signs and symptoms, and may result in death. Signs may include odor of alcohol on the animal's breath, staggering, behavioral changes, excitement, depression, increased urination, slowed respiratory rate or cardiac arrest and death.

2. **Apples, Apricots, Cherries, Peaches and Plums.** Ingestion of large amounts of stems, seeds and leaves of these fruits can be toxic. They contain a cyanide type compound and signs of toxicity include apprehension, dilated pupils, difficulty breathing, hyperventilation and shock.

3. **Avocados .** The leaves, fruit, bark and seeds of avocados have all been reported to be toxic. The toxic component in the avocado is "persin," which is a fatty acid derivative. Symptoms of toxicity include difficulty breathing, abdominal enlargement and abnormal fluid accumulations in the chest, abdomen and sac around the heart. The amount that needs to be ingested to cause symptoms is unknown. Do not feed your pet any component of the avocado.

4. **Baking Powder and Baking Soda .** Baking soda and baking powder are both leavening agents. A leavening agent is a common ingredient in baked goods that produces a gas causing batter and dough to rise. Baking soda is simply sodium bicarbonate. Baking powder consists of baking soda and an acid, usually cream of tartar, calcium acid phosphate, sodium aluminum sulfate or a mixture of the three. Ingestion of large amounts of baking soda or baking powder can lead to electrolyte abnormalities (low potassium, low calcium and/or high sodium), congestive heart failure or muscle spasms.

5. **Chocolate .** Chocolate, in addition to having a high fat content, contains caffeine and theobromine. These two compounds are nervous system stimulants and can be toxic to your dog in high amounts. The levels of caffeine and theobromine vary between different types of chocolate. For example, white chocolate has the lowest concentration of stimulants and baking chocolate or cacao beans have the highest concentration. Depending on the type of chocolate ingested and the amount eaten, various problems can occur.

If your dog should happen to eat any of these foods and show symptoms of a problem, seek treatment immediately. You never know when an emergency situation will arise, so it's best to be prepared.

**German Shepherd Dog Club of
Minneapolis/St Paul
February 11, 2011**

Board Members:

Julie Swinland, President

Eileen Varhalla, Vice President

Absent:

Chris Duffy, Secretary

Roger Salava, Treasurer

Ginny Altman (3 years remaining)

Linda Salava, Board (2 years remaining)

Lisa Marie Fortier, Board (1 year remaining)

Julie called the meeting to order at 8:40pm

Mike Metz moved that we dispense with the normal meeting and proceed directly to voting for judges

After discussion the motion was withdrawn.

1. President's Report:

None

2. Vice President's Report:

· None

3. Secretary's Report:

None

4. Treasure's Report:

None

5. Committee Reports:

· None at this time

6. Match

- Set for March 18

Match chairs Kathy DuVall and Jan Anderson.

Motion by Verna Kubik to allocate \$100 budget. Seconded and passed.

6. Change of meeting dates due to Animal Inn renting facility for other events

Moved and seconded to move April meeting to April 15 – motion passed

Moved and seconded to move June meeting to June 17 – motion passed.

7. Herding Trial update

New budget proposal presented. Moved and seconded to approve. Motion passed.

8. Agility Match/Trials

Rhonda Meath presented a brief report on the possibilities for an agility match and trials.

She was asked to prepare a budget for presentation at the March meeting.

9. Voting for specialty judges for 2012

Voting was completed for the obedience/rally judges. There were not many people to vote for conformation judges. Lisa Lunde moved to postpone voting to March meeting. Discussion followed concerning advantage in contacting judges as early as possible. Lisa withdrew her motion. Voting completed for conformation judges.

10.2011 Specialty:

- Verna needs volunteers for the show. She needs food workers for all three days. She also needs a show secretary-someone who is not showing.
- Verna would like trophy collection to be for entire year including Herding trial rather than specifically for the specialty shows. She will contact people to make the calls for donations. She wants to order 100 New Title ribbons which can be used for herding trial also. These do not have a date on them and can be used in future years. There is a price break for ordering in quantity. Motion made to allow purchase of ribbons seconded and passed.

11. Return to discussion of March match

- Julie suggested a 50/50 raffle with the club's 50% going to the FaerieLand Rescue. Motion made and seconded. Motion passed.

12. Potential change of show weekend in future years

Mike Metz suggested that it might be better to have our specialties on a different weekend in no futurity years because it would allow the potential for the Cambridge/Anoka shows to potentially offer 4 days of majors in our area in addition to our shows. He is working on possible dates and will report back with information .

Verna Kubik moved to adjourn

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Next membership meeting is scheduled for March 11th.

Meeting Adjourned at 10.02 pm

Rhonda Meath secretary Pro Tem

Volunteer Opportunities

We have many volunteer opportunities coming up, starting with the match on March 18. We can use people to help with the food, people to donate food (see the flyer on the opposite page for contact info) and stewards for the obedience ring.

We need help for the specialties and futurity in June. Please contact Verna Kubik about volunteering. We need:

Ring stewards for Obedience and Rally Friday and Saturday
Booth rental coordinators
Hospitality people
People to transport the judges
People to handle the 50/50 raffle and auction
Food wranglers
and probably a cast of thousands to help with other duties

Remember we have a big club and if everyone helps a little no one will be overwhelmed. Keep up the momentum from our winning year last year.

Contact Verna Kubik about what you can do to help make this show the best ever.

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The German Shepherd Dog Club of Minneapolis & St. Paul



invites you to join us for the

**2011 Midwest Regional
Futurity/Maturity Shows
Sunday, June 26, 2011**

Judge: Roberta Kindy

and the
MW Amateur Futurity/Maturity

Judge: Ken Cunningham

Back to Back Specialty Shows with Obedience and Rally Obedience Trials

Friday, June 24, 2011

Breed Judge: Sally Hayden Obedience/Rally Judge: Karen Anderson

Saturday, June 25, 2011

Breed Judge: Dr. Didier Ardoin Obedience/Rally Judge: Mary Higdum

Beautiful outdoor rings at the Dakota County Fairgrounds, Farmington, MN

Held in conjunction with

The Anoka County, MN, Kennel Club on Thursday, June 23, 2011
All Breed Show with supported German Shepherd Entries at the Isanti County Fairgrounds,
Cambridge, Mn. (Jack Onofrio, Supt.). GSD Breed Judge: Marilyn Lindsey Miller

For premium lists or hospitality information, visit our website: www.GSDCMSP.org
or contact

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Faerieland Rescue Statistics

Pet finder stats since I started posting in Feb 1687 were for German Shepherd views
March we have added 2 more shepherds with a total of 5 more dogs so the #'s should
increase again - Kathy

2011

March 977 views
February 4,471 views
January 1,647 views

2010

December 1,389 views
November 1,409 views
October 241 views

Placed in 2011

Dixie (f)
Amigo (m)
Trixie (f)
Missy (f)

Currently in foster care

Jerry lee (m)
Dakota (f)

getting this weekend

Gunner (m)
Brodie (m)
Sophie (f)



Kathy DuVall
Sharon Todoroff
www.faerielandrescue.org



**German Shepherd Dog Club
of Minneapolis and St Paul
Sanctioned B Match**

Animal Inn, Lake Elmo

March 18, 2011

Registration opens at 6:00 p.m. Match starts at 7:00 p.m. –
\$5.00 for first entry and \$4.00 for 2nd entry of same dog.

**Hot Diggety
Dog!**

50/50 raffle!

Breed Judge: Mike Wakeling

Breed Classes

3-6 & 6-9 months

9-12 & 12-18 months

Novice

Bred by Exhibitor

Am Bred

Open

Veterans

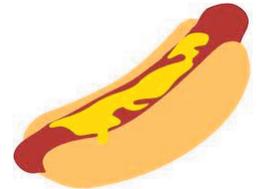
Best puppy in match

Best opposite puppy in match

Best adult in match

Best opposite adult in match

BEST IN MATCH



Cake!



Obedience Judge: Mary Barker

Beginning Novice A & B

Grad Novice

Novice A & B

Open A & B

Grad Open

Utility A & B

Veterans

High in Trial

High Combined

The Club will provide the hot dogs and Connie Karner will provide the cake celebrating Zeus' best opposite placing at Westminster KC!!

**You provide what you would like to go with..buns, chips, that special brand of mustard, relish, or whatever you want to go w/hot dogs. Coordinate what you bring with Laurie Schray so we don't have a million buns and no ketchup
Laurie Schray - 651-459-2411**

Rally Judge: Mary Barker

Novice A & B

Advanced A & B

Excellent A & B

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Kathy DuVall 763-413-9067 marienterprises@msn.com

Food:

Laurie Schray 651-459-2411

Obedience Workshop with Ron Halling

March 12, 2011

Location: St Paul Dog Training Club, South St Paul
Directions on last page

The German Shepherd Club of Mpls & St. Paul is pleased to announce *Monthly Obedience Workshops*. The purpose of these workshops is to introduce you to the other local German Shepherd owners in a relaxed environment while improving obedience skills and knowledge. Students of all levels are welcome. Come learn unique training techniques that increase your demonstrated performance each month. Students will have fun training with ideas that they learn at the workshop and practice during the month. This is a positive and confidence building training for your GSD. This will provide more thought provoking techniques that will make training your best friend easier. You will develop into a happier and better behaved team at your **leisure activities** or **competing in the ring**.

For the non-competition team learn ideas that make owning a GSD a pleasure and not a stressful day in the park. Learn why GSD's are considered such a smart breed and bring out the best in your pet. Also included is a supervised group walk for those wishing more socialization techniques' in their day to day lives. Seasonal group nature walks/picnics will be added as weather permits at the MN. River Refuge, dates to be determined at class. Learn to walk in control of your GSD responsibly.

If you are competing, learn ideas to polish you and your dog's ring presence and make you **"that team"** at the shows or at **social functions**. While looking professional you will also learn how to minimize ring errors, to own the ring and practice overcoming distractions. We will work on your particular problems in class.

A pop machine and a main dish will be supplied in the lunchroom/kitchen area. Participants are encouraged to bring a dish to share in the lunchroom and acquaint themselves with other GSD owners or merely train at the allotted time and enjoy the rest of the day as planned.

Where: **St. Paul Dog Training Club** (*Please familiarize yourself with parking and exercise rules!*)

Time:	One on One issues (Must be arranged in advance)	10:00 am -10:45 am
	Making the Most of Your Pet/Beginners Obedience	11:00 am -12:30 pm
	Novice/Advanced Handling	1:00 pm -2:30 pm
	Open	2:30 pm -4:00 pm
	Utility	4:00 pm -5:00 pm

Price: \$20.00 for the first dog and 15.00 for a 2nd dog or workshop. **No Checks Please!**

Additional Services Offered; Multiple Dog Handling, At Your Home Consultations & Behavior Issues
Call for More Information or to Arrange a One on One Lesson- 612-720-1536 or Hallings@frontiernet.net

SOGGY by Julie Swinland



German Shepherd Dog Club of Mpls/St. Paul

Introduction to Herding

Sunday April 3, 2011

Have you wondered if your German Shepherd Dog has herding instinct?

Have you wondered what skills you and your dog would need to pass an AKC Herding Instinct Test or Trial?

Would you like to start herding, but don't know where to begin?

If you said yes to any of the above questions join us on Sunday April 3rd for an introduction to herding! We will start the day off with fellow GSD handlers and their dogs demonstrating necessary skills for the first level of herding testing in AKC and the more advanced levels in the AKC herding program.

After the demonstrations you will have an opportunity to work your dog for the first time in a safe fun and supportive environment to honestly assess the herding instinct of your dog. Each dog will have an opportunity to work twice during the day. This Introduction to Herding Day is geared towards dogs that have had little to no experience on stock. There will be a 10 dog limit.

We will have a potluck lunch. There will be a fridge and plug-ins available for food. Written information will be given out regarding the necessary skills for the first level of herding and local herding instructors that are available to begin training with.

The Club will be holding an AKC Herding Tests and Trials in September. This is the perfect way to support your club and find out if a beginning herding test title is a goal for you and your dog to earn!

To sign up please contact Eileen at Evarhalla@aol.com

Please make checks payable to Eileen Varhalla

Fee for working spot per dog: \$ 20.00

Owner's Name: _____

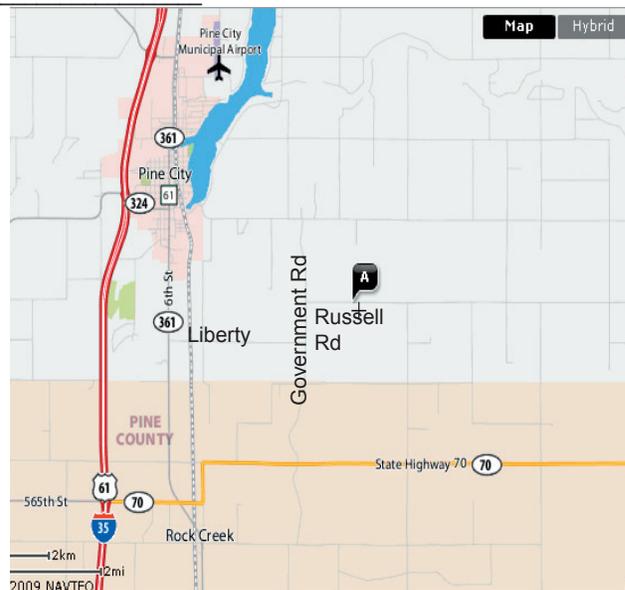
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Club Events

March 11 Membership meeting 8:30
March 11 New STAR Puppy Class starts
March 12 Obedience Workshop St Paul
Dog Training Club, South St Paul
March 18 Match See flyer page 9
March 25 New block Beginning
Obedience

April 3 Intro to herding Day
April 8 no training
April 15 membership meeting
April 30 Herding Day

May 13 Membership meeting

June 17 Membrship meeting
June 24-25 Specialty shows
June 26 Futurity

July 8 membership meeting
August 12 membership meeting
August 20 GSD Fun Day

GSDC MSP Class Schedule

Obedience Classes effective July 1, 2010

Ring 1

Eileen Varhalla
Run throughs 6:00-6:45
Intermediate Novice 7:00-7:45
Beginning Ob or Advanced Puppy 8:00-8:45
Advanced Puppy will be offered between
Beginning Obedience blocks

Ring 2

Lisa Marie Fortier
S.T.A.R. Puppy Class 7:00-8:00
Jinny Bailey
Rally Class 8:00-8:45

Ring 3

Jinny Bailey
Competition Obedience 6:45-7:30
Various Trainers
Jr Handlers/Puppy Conformation 7:30-8:00
Adult Conformation 8:00--8:30
Puppy Socialization -designed for breeders and
owners to chat 8:30-9:00
Training Director: Julie Swinland until we get a
new one 651-457-5459

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