



# Shep-O-Gram

German Shepherd Dog Club of Minneapolis/St Paul

June 2013

## **Shep-O-Gram**

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We have lost two of our former members recently, Terry Stolp and Kathy Kasper. Cathy died in December but we just heard about it. Terry died a few weeks ago. I have their obituary notices on Page 3.

We have a lot of activities going on the next few months, you can look at the calendar on the last page. You will find detailed information on June and July events throughout the newsletter. The specialty information has gone out via e-mail and the sign up information on the Geocaching Day and the Beginning Agility Seminar has also gone out. There are copies of the forms in this issue and at training. The next obedience workshop with Ron Halling is July 20 and our agility trials are July 19-21 at Soccer Blast in Burnsville. The German Shepherd Fun Day is July 27 at Verna's and the flyer was e-mailed to members. If you have any questions, please give me a call or send me an e-mail.

Rin Tin Tin is celebrating Bring You Dog to Work Day on June 21 with a contest. The writer of the winning essay will have Rin Tin Tin come and visit at his or her office. The winner is asked to donate to the Faerieland Rescue for this honor. The details of the contest have gone to the local news media and have been sent out to the club members via e-mail.

I wrote two short articles for this issue the first is about a NoseWork seminar and the second is about Xena's experience with hydrotherapy. I also found an interesting article about intact dogs dying mostly of infection or trauma. Something to ponder.

The specialty needs a lot of volunteers to set up the Friday before the show and to bring food for the lunches. Contact Conni Sokolouski or Laurie Schray about the food. If you have other questions about the show contact Bobby Moore. Look over the requested items on page 10.

Remember the weekend after the specialty shows we have the geocaching day at Afton State Park and the Beginning Agility Seminar at Northern Stars K9 Resort and Spa. The Seminar is limited to 15 human/dog teams so get your reservations in early to Rhonda Meath. This is your chance to see if you want to pursue the sport of agility. You will be taped and can watch your runs on a big screen TV,

**No training Friday June 7 and June 21.**

Julie Swinland  
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**June 14 Membership Meeting Animal Inn 8:30**

**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)**

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**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

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*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.*

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**Signed** \_\_\_\_\_ **Signed** \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Gail Hardcastle, 49 Lakeview Road, White Salmon, WA 98672  
 hardcastle@starband.net

**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**

**total dogs taken into rescue = 108**  
**German Shepherds taken in = 55**

**Total number of rescues currently = 18**  
**current # of German Shepherds = 11**  
 Nina, f, 8 month  
 Drago, m, 2 1/2 yr  
 Hawk, m, 3 yr  
 Samantha, f, 3 1/2 yr  
 Shadow, f, 4 yr  
 Chasta, f, 5 yr  
 Bo, m, 5 yr  
 Jasper, m, 5 1/2 yr  
 Jack, m, 6 1/2 yr  
 Molly, f, 8 yr  
 Bailey, f, 10 yr

**Total # of Adoptions = 90**  
**# of German Shepherds adopted = 44**  
**recent German Shepherd adoptions**  
 Zoey f, 4 months  
 Philip m, 1 yr  
 Princess f 7yr  
 Ilga f 13 yrs  
 Asta f 7months  
 Titus m 2 yrs

**Stop by and visit us at one of our booths:**  
**German Shepherd Specialty on June 27th & 28th**  
**German Shepherd Fun Day on July 27th**  
**The Great MN Pet Together September 28**  
**(at the Minnesota State Fair Grounds)**

**Garage sale Fundraiser is June 12, 13, 14 8am to 4pm &**



**June 15th 8am to noon.**  
**Location: 18665 Cedar Dr NW, Cedar MN 55011**  
**Need workers to set up, work it, tear down on June 15th**  
**To make donations for the garage sale contact or help out contact**  
**kathy@faerielandrescue.org or Beth faerielandrescuedogs@gmail.com**

**collecting aluminum cans for rescue**

**Thank you,**  
**Kathy DuVall**  
**President and Founder**  
**FaerieLand Corgi & German Shepherd Rescue**  
**www.faerielandrescue.org**

## Kasper, Kathleen (Adams)

age 70, of South Haven, formerly of Monticello died 12/16/12. Preceded in death by parents Clifford & Miriam Adams; brothers David & John; sisters Janice Adams & Jill Hunter. Survived by husband John (Jack) Kasper, daughter Pamela (Don) Larsen, son Allan (Janine) Kasper; grandchildren Shaina, Steven, & Philip Cyr; brother James C. (Patricia) Adams. Celebration of life was held previously. Memorials preferred to Shriners Hospital for Children

## NoseWork Seminar May 19

Julie Swinland with Xena and Sandy Heinz with Jetta attended a NoseWork Seminar at Northern Stars K9 Resort and Spa on May 18. It was a free introductory workshop with Jeff MacMahon Certified Nosework Instructor.



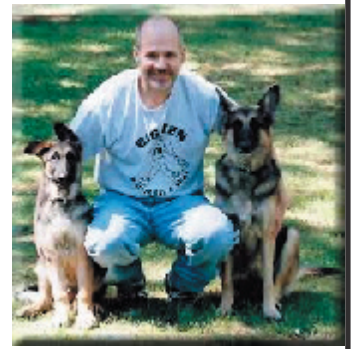
Jeff started by putting some treats in a container and waving it around to get the dog interested. Then he would put it in a box and later under a box or on top of some piled boxes. Jetta was very energetic in her search for the container. Xena seemed to think it was rude to go pushing through other people's boxes and preferred to just find the container if it was more out in the open.

We will have NoseWork at the

GSD Fun Day on July 27 with Miranda Bauer, a trainer with Active Dog Sports

Check out the brags in this issue, Sarah Falk has started getting NoseWork titles with Manny, Jericho's Redford Saxony Backachers NW1, CGC, TC, OFA. .

**Terry Walter Stolp,**  
age 56, of Lino Lakes.  
Terry was born on August 21, 1956 in St. Paul, Minnesota to Walter and Anita Stolp. He was a resident of Lino Lakes, Minnesota and 1974 graduate of Forest Lake



High School. Terry was found deceased on May 23, 2013. He is preceded in death by his father, Walter Stolp. Survived by mother, Anita (Rich) Crumb; sister, Helen (Dick) Crumb; nephew, David Schell. Memorial Service will be held at 2 pm Saturday, June 8, 2013 at Mattson Funeral Home, 343 N. Shore Drive, Forest Lake, MN with family greeting friends one hour prior to service.

## Canine Hydrotherapy

Over the winter Xena seemed to lose muscle in the rear and became less energetic. I thought maybe swimming would help her but I didn't know where to take her. Then the Nosework seminar led me to Northern Stars K9 Resort and Spa and I signed Xena up to try out the new heated exercise and hydrotherapy pool



These are photos from her first attempt ever to swim. She had not been in water deeper than a puddle her entire life. Joy Lewanski, the owner of the Spa

has a love of German Shepherds from long ago when she had them. She has made several trips to Seattle to learn how to use hydrotherapy for dogs.

Xena has had three sessions now and I have noticed a big difference in how she feels. She is able to hike again and the spring is back in her step and there is a sparkle in her eyes again.

Xena has one swim a week now and soon she will be able to do it without the life vest. Joy gives her a little massage while she is out in the heated pool too.





# Intact Dogs Most Often Die from Infection or Trauma

By Susan Chaney

Posted in: [Canine Health](#), [Learn!](#), [Right Now!](#) | April 24, 2013 at 1:02 AM

It's long been acknowledged – and in some cases it's quite obvious – that sterilized dogs and bitches won't get certain diseases. After all, if a dog has no testicles, it's not going to get testicular cancer.

But now, as many are questioning the practice of sterilizing pet dogs prior to 4 to 6 months of age, a new study says the average dog or bitch will live one and a half years longer if it is neutered or spayed, and whether it lives its life intact will help determine what will end its life.

A recent study from University of Georgia researchers determined that sterilized dogs live one and a half years longer than intact dogs.

According to the [study results](#) published in PLOS One on April 17, 2013, "By electing whether or not to sterilize their dogs, dog owners have inadvertently carried out a large-scale epidemiologic experiment on the consequences of effectively eliminating reproductive capability." PLOS One is an international, peer-reviewed, open-access, online publication of scientific research.

Kate E. Creevy, D.V.M., M.S., assistant professor of internal medicine at the [University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine](#), and her colleagues reviewed information from the Veterinary Medical Database, which compiles information from virtually every North American veterinary college, from 1984 through 2004 on 40,139 canine deaths. They found that sterilized canines lived an average of 9.4 years, while intact ones lived 7.9. Not surprisingly, sterilization increased life expectancy in bitches almost twice as much as in dogs: 26.3 percent in females and 13.8 percent in males.

Bitches' life expectancy is increased almost twice as much as is dogs' when both are sterilized. .

That doesn't sound like the average life span of most dogs, considering lots of smaller breeds live well into their teens, and many large-breed dogs live to be more than 10. Creevy explains: "The overall average life span is likely shorter than what we would observe in private practice because these

were dogs seen at teaching hospitals, but the difference in life span between sterilized and intact is real. The proportionate effects on causes of death are translatable to the global dog population, and it will be interesting to see if explanations for these effects can be found in future studies."

While Creevy and her co-authors, Daniel E.L. Promislow, Ph.D., and graduate student Jessica M. Hoffman, B.S., acknowledge that plenty of research has been done to show that, if creatures, such as nematodes, fruit flies and mice, reproduce, they don't live as long, no one had answered the question, "why would you die younger if you have offspring?" Their study explains: "While invertebrate species...serve as powerful model systems for genetic and molecular investigations, we know little about actual causes of mortality in these species. Studies on worms and flies are unlikely to explain whether reproduction itself and the physiology associated with reproductive capability affect all causes of mortality, or only certain ones. To address this question, we need a model system that is not only well characterized genetically, but is equally well characterized medically, so that we can investigate the underlying disease states that lead to mortality."

For this, the team turned to dogs, whose physiology is so similar to that of humans that, as most of us know, many studies on new treatments and medical procedures are tried on dogs before they are tested in people.

Dogs that are neutered or spayed are more likely to die from an autoimmune disease or cancer, while intact dogs most often die from an infectious disease or trauma.

The researchers discovered that dogs that had undergone a gonadectomy – the veterinary term for aspay or neuter procedure – were more likely to die from autoimmune diseases or cancer, while those with functional reproduction systems at death were more likely to die from infectious disease and trauma.

"Intact dogs are still dying from cancer; it is just a more common cause of death for those that are sterilized," Hoffman said.

Creevy added, "At the level of the individual dog owner, our study tells pet owners that, overall, sterilized dogs will live longer, which is good to know. Also, if you are going to sterilize your dog, you should be aware of possible risks of immune-mediated diseases and cancer; and if you are going to keep him or her intact, you need to keep your eye out for trauma

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and infection.”

According to the study’s abstract, “Life span is a composite variable of myriad causes of death, and it has not been clear whether the consequences of reproduction or of reproductive capability influence all causes of death equally. To address this gap in understanding, we compared causes of death. Beyond the impact of reproduction on *when* individuals die, we must investigate its impact on *why* individuals die, and subsequently must identify the mechanisms by which these causes of death are influenced by the physiology associated with reproductive capability.”

To analyze the data from the Veterinary Medical Database, the team used only a single diagnosis as the cause of death and categorized each as congenital, degenerative, infectious, immune-mediated, metabolic, neoplastic (abnormal growth of cells, as in cancer), toxic, traumatic or vascular (related to the circulatory system). If a dog’s diagnosis wasn’t sufficient to allow its categorization, the dog’s info was excluded from the study. In a second analysis, dogs that died of congenital causes were also eliminated.

“We found a striking effect of sterilization on cause of death,” the study reads. “Sterilized dogs were dramatically less likely to die of infectious disease, trauma, vascular disease and degenerative disease,” dying more commonly from neoplasia and immune-mediated disease. “We saw effects of sterilization both on common causes of death, as well as on more rare causes (e.g., vascular disease).” The analysis accounted for breed variabilities in cause of death and also considered the age at which each dog in the analysis died, finding that even within a single age category or “bin,” as Veterinary Medical Database information is divided, “there were visible differences in causes of death for sterilized and intact dogs.”

Although the study identified major differences in the cause of death in intact versus sterilized dogs, the team admits that the link between sterilization and cause of death is not known. “A direct cause-and-effect relationship between reproduction and cause of death is possible, but the actual relationship is likely more complex. In mammals, removal of gonadal hormones has been shown to alter hematological and coagulation parameters, the pituitary-adrenal axis, satiety, neurotransmitters, thymic tissue and behavior,” the study reports. “Any or all of these factors” could explain the difference in causes of death. “Documentation of these outcome differences now creates the exciting opportunity to investigate the possible causal mechanisms in dogs and other species.”

The team concluded that “further and more detailed studies of reproduction and mortality in companion dogs could shed considerable light on this problem.” The fact that the U.S. contains two easily accessed sets of study subjects – dogs that are intact and dogs that are sterilized – provides “an unparalleled opportunity to evaluate outcome differences between the groups.”

Data analyzed did not include whether the female dogs were ever pregnant or had puppies during their lifetimes. Nor did it look at whether male dogs had mated or if those matings resulted in pregnancies.

The researchers’ interest in this topic reaches beyond the canine world: “Shifting the focus from when death occurs to why death occurs could also help to explain contradictory findings from human studies.”

Creedy said: “There is no other species where we can even begin to study cause of death as closely as we do with dogs. They model our own disease risk because they live in our homes, sleep in our beds and eat our food. All of the things that impact us and our health impact them.

“There are a few studies of people who are sterilized, specifically among men who are castrated for cultural or medical reasons. Interestingly, there was a difference in their life spans too, and the castrated men tended to live longer. The men in that study who were not sterilized also got more infections, supporting the idea that there is a physiological reason for this.”

According to Promislow, a genetics professor at the university’s Franklin College, “when researchers have looked at the effect of reproduction on survival rates in humans, the results have varied from one study to the next. Our findings suggest that we might get a clearer sense of potential costs of reproduction if we focus on how reproduction affects actual causes of mortality rather than its effect on life span.”

*This article is based on the study results published by PLOS One and a University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine press release.*

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**GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF  
MINNAPOLIS & ST. PAUL**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
May 5, 2013

**Officers Present:**

Conni Sokolouski, President, Roberta Moore, Vice-President, Cindy Muehlbauer, Treasurer, Linda Salava, Secretary

**Board Members Present:**

Lisa Lunde

**Board Members Absent**

Ginny Altman, Denise Gilbertson

**Members Present:**

Julie Swinland

*This month's meeting was held at Champps in Maplewood, MN*

President called the meeting to order at 4:45pm

**Officer's Report:**

**President Report – Conni Sokolouski**

Received a Thank you note from Beth Hatfield regarding flowers.

**Vice-President's Report – Roberta Moore**

None

**Secretary's Report – Linda Salava**

Minutes – from April, 2013 meeting were posted on the web site and published in the April issue of the Shep-O-Gram.

Correspondence: None

**Treasurer's Report – Cindy Muehlbauer**

Money market \$10,719.81 / Checking account \$17,491.19

**Committee Reports:**

**Membership Report – Linda Salava**

I am currently working on getting the last renewal memberships; I am working on updates for the membership directory. We have three new member applicants and two new members that worked at the Agility trial.

**Specialty Show – Roberta Moore**

Contracts have been sent out. Contacted Valerie Harrington for the Show Photographer, Waiting for confirmation. Inver Grove Heights Veterinary Clinic will be the show Vet.

We have confirmed Dave Rinke for our 2014 show for the June 21, Saturday Judge. Waiting to hear about our second judge.

**Old Business:**

Proposed By law changes will be voting on by law changes at the May membership on May 10th at 8:30pm – Received a note from Kelly Knight about the dates on the when membership dues are due. This matter will be addressed when voting occurs

**New Business:**

- Club banner – need a new banner – discussion of colors will be brought to club members for vote
- Looking into advertising cost – Lisa Lunde added that she thought to be relevant with the times we need to use the internet – website, Facebook and the yahoo groups.
- Training classes- meeting was held on 5/3/2013 regarding class start dates and ring times - new class star dates will be posted on the website for the entire year in the future - new ring times were sent out to club members via email. Rally instructor - pay will have a base pay of \$10.00 per class taught and \$3.00 per dog that attends class. Trial period of 6 months – at that time class and pay will be evaluated to see if changes are necessary.
- Yahoo GSDCMSP group notices – discussion was held about continuing to use the yahoo groups – will be brought to the membership for discussion.
- 2013 GSDCA- National Herding trophy donation – will be brought to members for vote
- Star Puppy – increase price of class to make same as the Beginner Obedience – will bring to members for vote.
- Cabinet -the Animal Inn requested the cabinet be painted – they have arranged for it be painted.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:45pm.

Submitted by Linda Salava, Secretary

**GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF  
MINNEAPOLIS & ST. PAUL**  
**Membership Meeting Minutes**  
May 10, 2013

**Officers Present:**

Conni Sokolouski, President, Roberta Moore, Vice-President, Cindy Muehlbauer, Treasurer  
Linda Salava, Secretary

**Board Members Absent:**

Denise Gilbertson, Board Member (3 years remaining)  
Lisa Lunde, Board Member (2 years remaining)

**Board Members Present:**

Ginny Altman, Board Member (1 year remaining)

See attendance sign in sheet for members

*This month's meeting was held at the Animal Inn in Lake Elmo, MN*

President called the meeting to order at 8:37 p.m.  
Cindy Muehlbauer moved to dispense with reading of the minutes. Roger Salava seconded the motion, vote passed.

**Officers Reports:**

**President Report** – Conni Sokolouski - No Report  
**Vice-President Report** - Bobby Moore – No Report  
**Secretary's Report** – Linda Salava – No Report  
**Treasurer's Report** – Cindy Muehlbauer

1. Money Market Account \$10, 719. Checking account \$17,320.19. Detailed report provided.
2. Thank you letter from the Humane Society for the donation for the May fund raiser.

**Committee Reports:**

**Membership Report** – Linda Salava

There are 190 members and member applicants.  
New member applicants.

1. Michael and Cindy Pinkosky
2. Karen Friedman

**Training Director** – Julie Swinland/Conni Sokolouski

Discussion followed regarding ring changes from concerned members. Per that discussion the following ring order is as follows starting on May 17, 2013

Ring 1 –Advance Obedience 7:00- 7:45pm Beginner Obedience 8:00 – 8:45pm

Ring 2 – Star Puppy 7:00 – 8:00pm / Rally 8:00-9:00pm

Ring 3 – Conformation: 7:00-7:30pm Puppy / 7:30-8:00pm Adult/ 8:00-8:30pm Puppy Socialization

**Herding Trial** – Zoa Rockenstein

No new information at this time, everything is progressing well. Not approved yet on the AKC Site.

**Agility**

**Agility Trial –CORRECTION** – The \$211 was for food and miscellaneous reimbursement, not additional expense or going over budget.

Rhonda Meath presented a proposed budget for the Agility trial in July. Mike Metz made a motion to advance Rhonda Meath \$6,000 operating budget. Ginny Baily seconded it, and the motion passed

The Premium list has been approved and will be emailed to the Web Master and posted on the web-site. The dates for Agility Trial are July 19, 20, 21, 2013. Location Soccer Blast – Burnsville

**Herding Fun Day** – Originally planned for April 28th, then tentatively for June 30th, the herding fun day has now been cancelled for this year. There was no place available to hold it.

**German Shepherd Fun Day** – Will be held on July 27th at Kubistraum's in Holtan, Wisconsin. There will be a temperament test and the evaluator will be Gene Gray. Many other demos and vendors are planned. Flyer to be out soon.

**All-Breed Liaison** – Roberta Moore

Made contact with Judy Cunningham – will continue to explore options.

**2013 Specialty Show – Show Chair Roberta Moore**

1. Set up a link from the Parent Club Web Site.
2. Post on Face Book. Administrators are Mike Metz, Dave Bissionette and Julie Swinland.
3. Budget proposed for our Saturday evening Margaritaville Party. Rhonda Meath made a motion to give the party team \$500.00 to purchase supplies and food. Cindy Muehlbauer seconded it, and the motion passed. Party will start 1 hour after all judging has finished.
4. Show site hours are 8:00 – 6:00 p.m.
5. Need shadow box for the best puppy award. Verna Kubik to purchase. A Rosette needs to be purchased for this award.
6. A motion was made by Julie Swinland to give the show food committee \$200.00 for initial purchases of supplies and food. Rhonda Meath seconded the motion and the motion passed.
7. Additional volunteers for the committees are needed to put on the show. Please contact Roberta Moore or Conni Sokolouski if you would like to help.
8. Need to have volunteers for the 50/50 raffle and the silent auction. FOOD on Sunday

**Old Business:**

1. By-law changes: will be available in the membership Directory and on the web site

**New Business:**

- a. Club Banner – colors – item to be addressed next month
- b. Yahoo Groups – item to be addressed at next meeting
- c. Training classes – item to be addressed at next meeting
- d. 2013 GSDCA National Herding trophy donation – motion by Verna Kubik to make a donation in the amount of \$300.00. Jinny Bailey seconded. Motion was passed – check will be sent to Dorothy Linn.
- e. Star Puppy class price increase – Raise prices to be the same as Beg. Obedience. Motion by Roberta Moore to increase price of Star Puppy class fees to \$55.00 members / \$65.00 non-members. Cindy Muehlbauer seconded. Motion was passed. Prices are effective immediately.
- f. Cabinet -the Animal Inn requested the cabinet be painted – they have arranged for it be painted.

Ginny Altman made a motion to adjourn the membership meeting. Julie Swinland seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 10:16 p.m.

Next Membership Meeting: Friday June 14, 2013 at the Animal Inn.

Minutes submitted by Linda Salava, Secretary

**Members Attending:**

Conni Sokolouski Verna Kubik  
Cindy Muehlbauer Virginia Bailly  
Linda Salava Mike Metz  
Roberta Moore Julie Swinland  
Ginny Altman Rhonda Meath  
Kelly Salava Laurie Schray  
Roger Salava



# Geocaching Day June 29

We have finally scheduled another geocaching day! This is a fun sport that you can participate in around the world. You are hunting for caches (small containers ranging from micro-sized to ammo box size). You use a GPS designed to track where you are via satellites. This event will be held at Afton State Park.

This year the park is providing a multi-cache that has 4 stages. After you find the first cache you get the coordinates to the next one and so on until you reach the final cache. The multi-cache set is on fairly level ground, no big hills. There are other caches there with hills if you want more adventure.

I have reserved 5 GPS's from the park and I have 2. Some of you may have phones with geocaching ability. There are various apps for this.

Location: Afton State Park .

**State Parks require a park sticker, either a yearly or daily permit. Please stop at the ranger station as you enter the park if you do**



**not have a permit. Daily permits are \$5 and yearly permits are \$25 yearly permits are valid for one year from the month of purchase.** Plus, you can receive a discount on a permit for other vehicles you own. **After you have your permit drive to the last parking lot.**

Time: 10:00

We will have a pot luck.

Cost: no cost other than purchasing a park permit.

You and your well-mannered German Shepherds are welcome

For more information contact :Julie Swinland 651-457-5459 [blackforestgsd@msn.com](mailto:blackforestgsd@msn.com)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's name \_\_\_\_\_

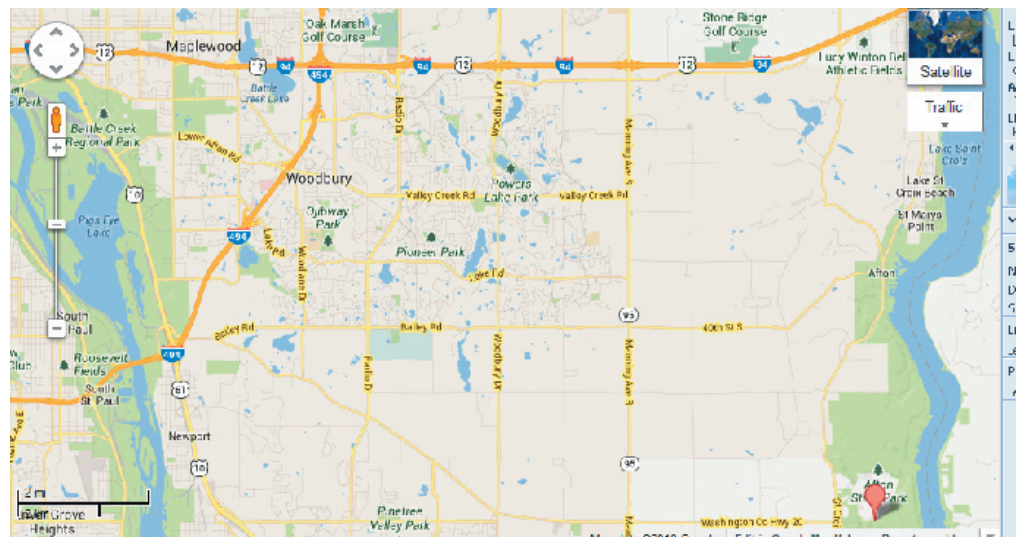
Contact info so we can let you know if it is cancelled due to weather.

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please either e-mail your information if you are coming or send this form to me, you can keep the first page with the information. I will send you directions. There is some construction on one of the main roads and there may be a detour.

Julie Swinland  
1087 Allen Ave  
West saint Paul, MN 55118





# Beginning Agility Seminar Sunday June 30

Rhonda Meath and Mike Teh are presenting a beginning agility seminar for German Shepherds and their handlers. This is your chance to get your feet and paws wet in the sport of agility. Show what your dog can do!

Location: Northern Stars K9 Resort and Spa, a beautiful facility just a few miles from Afton State Park.

**This is a new facility and they require that you bring clean tennis shoes to run your dog, not the shoes you walk in with. Depending on the weather, the parking area may be muddy so this is something to consider as far as footwear.**

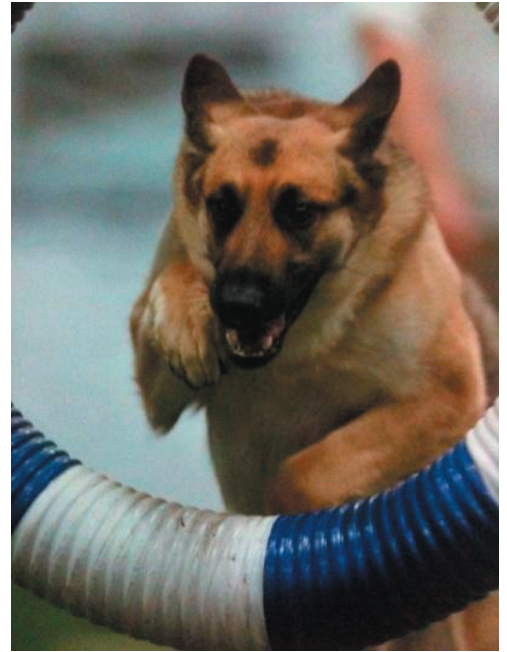
**The facility requires a recent negative fecal and verification of shots Please include those with your payment. You will have to sign a waiver also.**

Time: 10:00- 2:00

There is a refrigerator and a small dining area, we will have a pot luck!

Cost \$20 per dog. Prepaid no refunds

You will be video taped and it will be played back on a big screen TV so you can see how you are doing.



## Sign up Form for Beginning Agility Seminar GSD's only

We are limited to 15 dogs so please get your reservations in early. Cut off date is June 20. Send your reservation to Rhonda Meath 5642 226th Ave NE Bethel, MN 55005-9222

Make out your check for \$20 to GSDCMSP.

Please include a recent (within 3 months) negative fecal and verification of shots.

For more information contact :

Rhonda 651-492-8373 [gsdgsppgirlz@gmail.com](mailto:gsdgsppgirlz@gmail.com)

Julie Swinland 651-457-5459 [blackforestgsd@msn.com](mailto:blackforestgsd@msn.com)

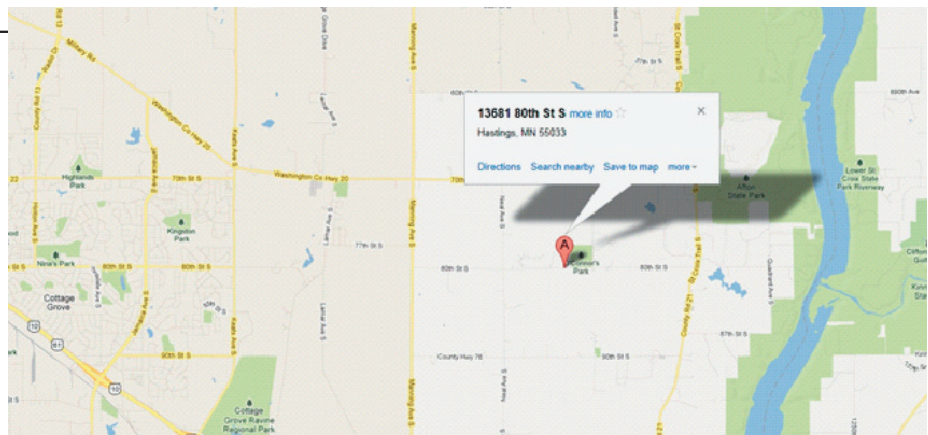
Name \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's name \_\_\_\_\_

Age of dog \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_



# GSDCMSP Specialty shows

June 22-23



Two days of fun!  
Conformation  
Obedience  
Rally

**Dakota County Fairgrounds**

**4008 220th St West**

**Farmington, MN**

**Saturday after the show Margaritaville party**

**For information contact Bobby Moore**

**763-572-0218**

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**Special Hospitality Event Saturday Night!**  
**At the Show Grounds Following Completion of Judging.**

**Come Friday June 21 to help setup**

## Join Us For An Evening In Margaritaville



### For all you "Parrot Heads"

The German Shepherd Dog Club of Minneapolis & St. Paul will be hosting a plastic poolside dinner with a Caribbean flair.

Food and beverages will be provided compliments of the German Shepherd Dog Club of Minneapolis & St. Paul and its members.

Come in your best beach attire and be prepared to rock to Jimmy Buffett Music.

Buffet and Beverages will be served at the Show Site  
Saturday, June 22, 2013 – Following the completion of judging

### SPECIALTY SHOW FOOD DONATIONS

Looking for Donations for our upcoming  
Specialty Show  
JUNE 22nd & JUNE 23rd  
Located in Farmington at the Dakota County Fair  
Grounds

We are in need of the following items

**SALADS**

- Please remember salads with Mayo dressing  
will need a bowl with ice to accompaniment them  
to set salad in

**DESSERTS**

**SODA**

**WATER**

**ICE**

**COOLERS**

**& OF COURSE MONEY DONATIONS ARE  
ALWAYS WELCOME!**

**PLEASE CALL EITHER**

**Laurie Schray - 651-459-2411**

**or**

**Conni Sokolouski - 651-748-9550**

**csokolouski@comcast.net**

Thanks in advance for your donation and  
continuing help with putting on our show  
The Food Committee- Laurie & Conni



## GSD FUN DAY! July 27 at Verna's Kubistraum

Try new things, have fun, pot luck!

We will have chiropractor, Dr Mark LaVallie, T-touch with Deb Merton, Tracking, obedience, rally, agility, hopefully a temperament test and CGC test, low cost shots and micro chipping, animal communicator, Masseuse, and NoseWork among other things. Pot Luck. The full brochure was sent to the members via e-mail.

### Location: Kubistraum

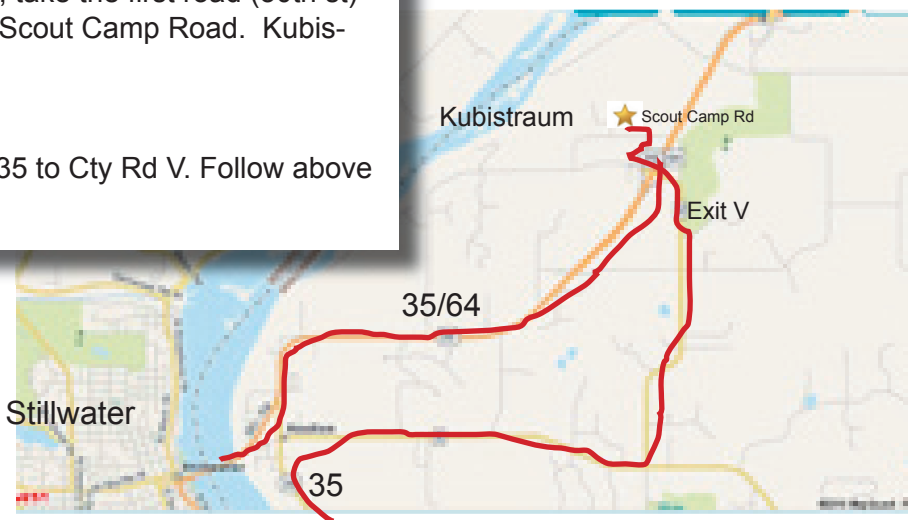
Houlton WI. just across the river from Stillwater.

Cross the Stillwater bridge, remain on HWY 35/64 to Exit 4 County Rd V. At the top of the exit ramp go left, take the first road (30th st) to the right. At the stop sign go left on Scout Camp Road. Kubistraum is on the right.

274 Scout Camp Rd Houlton WI.

**Or**

Take 94 to Hudson Exit 1. Go north on 35 to Cty Rd V. Follow above directions from Cty Rd V.



## Brag

On April 6, 2013, Carmine (right before her 10th birthday) was shown in graduate novice at Cambridge Kennel Club and received 2nd place out of 5 dogs.

At a Companion Dog Sports Program obedience trial on May 11, 2013, Willie, Kubistraums Othello. earned his open title under their rules. It was held at Agile Canines in Minneapolis.

May 18 and 19 at the ASCA trial at Total Recall, Willie finished his ASCA open title and his ASCA rally novice title. Willie and Carmine are owned by Pamela Magadance and Verna Kubik. Willie now has 19 titles.



### NoseWork Title!

On May 25 in Schaumburg, IL at Boomers Stadium, Manny and handler Sarah Falk earned an NACSW NW1 title; and earned distinction from judges by being designated as "Pronounced" in vehicles and containers. Judges Don Blair and Shirley Tipsword. Manny's registered name is Jericho's Redford Saxony Backachers NW1, CGC, TC, OFA. Breeders are Richard and Elizabeth Sottile of Tehachapi, CA. Owned and loved by Sarah and Wade Falk.





## Club Events

No Training June 7 and 21

June 14 Membership meeting 8:30

June 21 set up at Dakota County  
Fairgrounds and runthroughs

June 22-23 Specialty Shows Farmington

June 29 Geocaching at Afton State Park

June 30 Beginning Agility Seminar

July 19-21 Agility trials Soccer Blast  
Burnsville

July 20 Obedience Workshop with Ron  
Halling St Paul Dog Training

July 27 German Shepherd Fun Day  
Verna Kubik's Houlton WI



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## GSDC MSP Class Schedule

Obedience Classes effective May. 2013

### Ring 1

Jinny Bailey  
Run throughs by appointment 6:30-7:00  
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

Mary Sorcic  
S.T.A.R. Puppy Class 7:00-8:00

Rally Class Julie Swinland 8:00-8:45

### Ring 3

Jr Handlers/Puppy Conformation 7:00  
Adult Conformation 7:30--8:00  
Puppy Socialization -designed for breeders and  
owners to chat 8:00-8:30

Training Director:  
Julie Swinland 651-457-5459