



# Shep-O-Gram

German Shepherd Dog Club of Minneapolis/St Paul

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Welcome to February and a new slate of officers, see list at left. The GSD world lost Helen Miller-Fisher about a week ago. I have included an article on her starting on page 3..

My dog, Eywa, has me about ready to have the Pet Poison Hotline on speed dial. It's \$39 per incident. Her latest escapade started while I was on the phone and I heard crunching. I said "Eywa! What are you doing?" She came with that lips puffed out look and had the "Who me? I didn't do anything" expression. Then she brought me a toy, Ok. A few minutes later, we repeated this. When I got off the phone, I looked at the carpet where she had been and saw some little crystals that looked like salt. Hmmmm, where did that come from? I was thinking my dog friendly salt was sort of blue green and came in round little pieces. I went out to the garage and looked at my latest salt and sure enough it was little clear/white crystals. It's supposed to be safe for dogs but they don't expect them to be eating it. There was nothing on the package about how to contact the company. By this time Eywa had thrown up. I called the local emergency vet, these things never happen during normal vet office hours. They didn't know about that brand. They gave me the Pet Poison Hotline number. The Hotline people looked it up and said that since she only consumed a few crystals and had already thrown up, she was OK. They advised to encourage her to drink water and eat. This all took some time so she had already done both. We went to rally class and she was fine. The number you should have handy is 855-764-7661, a \$39 per incident fee applies. I told my brother to stop tracking in the salt from outside. Yes, like that will work. Oh well, I can hope. Nothing has happened since.

I have included an article in this issue on when to call the vet.

This will be my last issue of the Shep-O-Gram for awhile. I wish you well.

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**February 13 Membership Meeting 8:30 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)**

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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

## FaerieLand Rescue news

We have applied for our name and rec'd the ok from the State of Minnesota

we are now FaerieLand Rescue

we have a business address:

PO Box 213  
 Anoka MN 55303

We have taken in 31 dogs and adopted out 31 dogs in 2014.

Of the 31 dogs taken in 12 of the dogs were German Shepherds and 12 of the adoptions were German Shepherds. We currently have 18 dogs in rescue with 12 of the dogs being German Shepherds.

We would like everyone to continue saving aluminum cans. We have made \$200.00 from recycling the aluminum cans this year. Keep saving everyone. It does add make a difference

We are looking for foster homes for German Shepherds. There are so many German Shepherds that need help.

Our Garage Sale fundraiser is coming up from Oct 9 - 11. It will be huge. We will be setting up 2 party tents that are 20' x 40' the last weekend of Sept and the first weekend of Oct. Any one



wishing to come help the with the work of setting up the sale please contact Kathy at kathy@faerielandrescue.org or call 612-414-4073. We would love to have more hlep. You may donate items up to the end of Sept.

Along with the garage sale fundraiser we are offering a bake sale. If folks could provide us with cookies, bars, cakes, pies, or other items for the bake sale. We also want to offer dog treats at the sale.

thank you

Kathy DuVall  
 President & Founder  
 FaerieLand Rescue

[www.faerielandrescue.org](http://www.faerielandrescue.org)

## Helen Miller-Fisher Queen of The Ring

If you saw a blonde woman of regal bearing, presiding over the breed ring, it quite possibly was Helen Miller-Fisher, totally self-assured and in command of the ring.

The golden haired Queen of the Ring passed on January 21, 2015 at 9:15 am at her home with her son David and niece Lynn at her bedside. She was 88.

Helen was one of the founders of the German Shepherd Dog Club of Minneapolis and St Paul.

Some of you may not know that Helen was considering buying a Collie pup in February 1950 but chose a German Shepherd pup instead. In her own words from the History of the Club:

“It started with a purchase of a six week old puppy for a valentine’s gift. I was debating between a Collie and a German Shepherd. I had called Jack Sinykin of La Salle Kennels, and arranged an appointment with him. I visited some Collie puppies first, and then went out to La Salle. Needless to say, with Jack’s salesmanship, and the appearance of the pup, I chose a German Shepherd.

Well, like all new German Shepherd owners, I was out to the kennels at least two dozen times that summer, showing off the pup to anyone who would look at it and pestering Jack on “What did he think?” There were several other people in the same boat, and during that summer we became acquainted. Ed Saltzman, Roger Hinckley and Wally Linder were among them.

That August, there was a dog show at the MN. State Fair Grounds, held in the poultry building. By this time, my puppy was 8 months old, and I was convinced he was tops. I entered him in the show, and much to my chagrin, I found that I had the only long coated, monorchid German Shepherd there!! There were eight entries which made it a three point show. The show was benched, and hot and dirty. Jack Sinykin took pity on me and groomed my puppy, stripping out as much hair as possible behind the ears and



on the “pants.” Nothing helped however, and I went third in a class of three. I was crushed and went home in tears (Note – they didn’t examine dogs very closely in those days. Also at that time, monorchism was not an AKC disqualification yet on any dog”).

A humble beginning for the woman who became an icon in our breed, She and other German Shepherd owners started our club and in 1952 she got a CD title with her long coat. In 1953 she became the club Vice President.

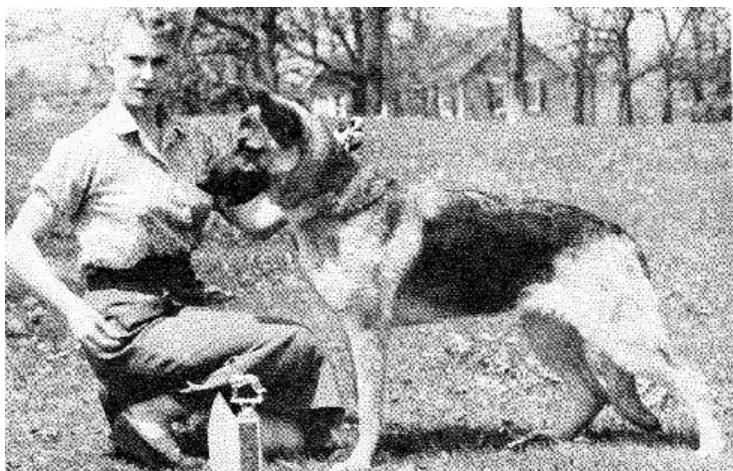
Helen named her kennel Meadowmill. She said this name was a combination of her name and meadow for the meadows surrounding her home.

In an interview for the Shep-O-Gram many years ago, Helen told us that she imported several dogs from Germany and her favorite was a dog she called The Cuno Dog, Ch Cuno von der Teufelslache SchH III FH, ROM.



Ch Cuno von der Teufelslache SchH III FH, ROM





**In the History of the GSDCMSP Helen said this about the shows of 1953i**

That summer there were quite a few of us going to shows ,and we went in caravan style. Bill Bliss teamed up with Dr. Miller and myself, and we hit all the nearby shows, as well as those in Iowa and Wisconsin. Ed Saltzman was showing both obedience and conformation. The Roger Hinckley's and Wally Linders were in conformation. So we already had four station wagons. Dr. Peluso joined in when he could, even went on down to the Milwaukee show. The Elgert sisters were always along, entered in both obedience and conformation.

**Helen, breeder, owner, handler with  
Ch Meadowmills Jem**

Jack Sinykin, who was the pioneer in showing was always entered also. Neil Muller and Sol Fisher were new at that time but they got the bug also and often joined us at shows. Many times we'd have seven or eight cars and station wagons going to a show, and no one had air-conditioning at that time. Of course this is when it took twelve hours to go to Milwaukee ,and ten to Des Moines, and four or five to Duluth, so it really was a trip, but we had fun all stopping to eat together, and exercising our dogs.

As time passed Helen moved up in the world of German Shepherds. She became a respected breeder, handler and judge. She was President of the German Shepherd Dog Club of America and judged the national show. The club she helped to form grew from the priginal 12 members to close to 200.

She was a Director Emeritus of the German Shepherd Charitable Foundation Serving from 1985 - 2004 (20 years) .

A Director Emeritus is an honorary position to recognize Directors who have provided long and meritorious service on the Board of Directors of the American German Shepherd Dog Charitable Foundation Inc.

To be named a Director Emeritus, a person must have served a minimum of six years on the Board of Directors and may not be a current Board member when named. This appointment shall be retained for their lifetime and posthumously.

Helen helped many people to get started in German Shepherds and will be missed by the German Shepherd community. There will be a memorial for Helen at the GSDCMSP specialty in June.



**Helen, and Ch Meadowmill  
Legend**



**Mark Your Calendars  
Now!  
The German  
Shepherd Dog Club  
of Minneapolis & St.  
Paul**

**invites you to join us for**

**A fabulous 4-day weekend**

**Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup> , 2015**

**The Anoka County, MN, Kennel Club** All Breed Show with supported German Shepherd Entries at the Isanti County Fairgrounds, Cambridge, MN  
**GSD Judge:** Charles Olvis ( Jack Onofrio, Supt.).

**Friday, June 19, 2015-Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup> 2015**

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

**Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup> , 2015**

**2015 Midwest Regional Futurity/Maturity Shows**

**Judge:** Gloria Birch

**3 GSD Specialties with 2 Obedience & Rally Obedience Trials**

**Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup> , 2015**

**#1 GSDC MSP Specialty** (Event#s 2015199804 & 2015199806)

**Breed Judge:** Richard (Dick) Jones **Obedience/Rally Judge:** Louise Botko

**#2 GSDCA Parent Specialty:** (Event# 2015009371)

**Breed Judge:** Dr. Didier Ardoin

**Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup> , 2015**

**GSDC MSP Specialty** (Event#s 2015199805 & 2015199807)

**Breed Judge:** Robert Drescher

**Obedience/Rally Judge:** Karen Anderson

For further information, visit our website: [www.GSDCMSP.org](http://www.GSDCMSP.org)  
or contact

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# GSDCMSP Banquet 2015



The club had another great banquet this year planned by Rhonda Meath and held at the Lake Elmo Inn Event Center. There was another GSD sculpted out of ice. There were games and prizes.



Ice dog



Virginia Bailey and Pam Magadance



Game time!



Wall of Wine



Craig Carson and Peggy Simerson



Ann and Ron Halling and Amber Eisfeld





## **The People Awards**

### **Lifetime Honorary Membership Award**

**Virginia Bailey**

Jinny has helped everywhere she could for many years even when she broke her arm. She will do anything as long as it doesn't involve a computer.

### **President's Awards**

**Ron Halling**

Ron took on working with dogs who need socialization several years ago, offering a wonderful workshop and helping many people and dogs to work together. He also helps clean the building for obedience at the specialty shows and helps with setup.

**Rhonda Meath**

Rhonda started the club agility program including our agility trials in March and July and training classes in the summer and ran agility sessions at the GSD Fun Day and the state fair demos

## **Appreciation Awards**

### **Pam Magadance**

Pam does a lot of behind the scenes work. Without Pam we would not have had a herding trial last year. She made some last minute changes and pulled it off! She also compiles all the regional challenge information and writes a great report at the end of the year.

### **Liz Lunde**

Liz was the club treasurer for the last year and persevered through great difficulties and finished out the year.

### **Jennifer Johnston**

Jen was Rhonda's right hand helper for all the agility events. A woman of few words but lots of energy.

### **Cristina McColl**

Cristina took over the club website, handled matches, and the obedience side of the specialty shows. She always there when she is needed.

### **Verna Kubik**

What would the club do without Verna? She has extensive experience in most areas and works hard to put on an excellent specialty weekend in the spring'

### **Laurie Schray**

Laurie has worked tirelessly for the club for many years doing everything from matches, to trophies to handling the food for all of our events.

### **Peggy Simerson**

Peggy once again came through with trophies for the shows and the matches and coordinated the state fair demos

### **Lisa Lunde**

Lisa helped Liz when times were tough and also served on the board. Lisa and Liz brought wonderful items to the raffle for the specialty show and helped with the GSD Fun Day with registration and sessions of Ask the Vet. Lisa also had an Ask the Vet session at the state fair.

### **Greg Biskey**

Greg fixed the club trailer saving the club a lot of money and also came to the rescue to move or haul the trailer as needed.





# **Dog Emergencies:**

## **Contact Your Veterinarian When Your Dog Shows These Signs**

Veterinary & Aquatic Services Department, Drs. Foster & Smith

The following information may help you decide which conditions are absolute emergencies, and which ones may let you take a “wait and see” attitude. If your dog is sick or injured and you are unsure of the severity of the condition, it is always best to err on the side of caution, and contact your veterinarian (or emergency clinic) right away.

**Contact your veterinarian immediately if your dog:**

**Has signs of heart or respiratory disease including:**

- No pulse or heart beat
- No breathing or severe difficulty breathing
- Bluish or white gums or tongue
- A near drowning

**Has been exposed to a toxin or poison or has had trauma including:**

- A broken bone, or a cut that exposes a bone
- Heavy bleeding that cannot be stopped
- An eye injury, the eye is out of the socket, or appears enlarged or protruding
- A fight, especially if it was with a cat or a wild, or unvaccinated animal
- A wound from a bullet or arrow
- Being hit by a vehicle or other large fast-moving object
- Puncture wounds to the abdomen or chest
- Any trauma to the head
- A bite from a snake, scorpion, or poisonous spider; or has bitten a toad
- Porcupine quills imbedded in the mouth, face, or body
- A broken tooth, or the loss of a healthy tooth, including the root (keep the tooth in a small jar of milk)
- A severe laceration, or an incision that has opened and the skin is gaping
- Falling or jumping from an open window, balcony, etc.
- Swelling of the face and/or hives

**Has had heat or cold related injuries including:**

- Chewing on an electrical cord and receiving a shock or burn
- Burns or inhaled smoke
- Heat stroke or a fever over 105°F (normal is less than 102.5°F)
- Frostbite or hypothermia

**Has signs of gastrointestinal distress including:**

- Straining continually, but unable to produce feces
- Bloat (abdomen appears large or dog attempts to vomit, but cannot bring anything up)
- Choking
- Vomiting blood or uncontrolled vomiting
- Swallowing a foreign body (e.g., toy)
- Diarrhea with blood, a foul smell, or that is uncontrolled
- Black, tarry stool
- A protruded rectum or bleeding from the rectum
- An overdose of medication or suspected poisoning

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- A head tilt, nystagmus (eyes move rapidly from side to side), staggering, walking in circles, knuckling over (walking on the top of the foot), unable to use hind limbs, or other problems moving
- Severe or continuous pain
- Sudden inability to bear weight on one or more limbs

**Has signs of urinary or reproductive problems including:**

- Difficulty giving birth: no puppy after 24 hours of beginning labor; no puppy after 1 hour of active straining; over 4 hours between deliveries; weak or infrequent contractions once labor has started; failed to start delivery within 24 hours of the temperature dropping below 99°F; crying or licking the genital area excessively; abnormal bleeding or vaginal discharge; weakness
- A male in whom the penis is exposed and cannot be withdrawn back into the sheath (the hair-covered area that usually encloses the penis)
- Straining continually but unable to pass urine, or the urine has blood in it
- Crying while trying to urinate
- Bleeding from the urinary or genital area

**Contact your veterinarian the same day if your dog:**

**Has signs of heart or respiratory disease including:**

- Some difficulty breathing, shallow breathing, or breathing at a faster rate (unassociated with physical exercise or environmental temperature)
- Continuous sneezing or coughing

**Has signs related to digestion or food and water consumption including:**

- Not eating or drinking for 24 hours
- Vomiting or diarrhea for more than 24 hours and acting depressed
- Drinking water excessively, unrelated to activity or environmental temperature

**Has signs of nervous system or muscular disease including:**

- Sudden change in behavior
- Crying when touched or picked up
- Cloudy eyes, squinting, or appears to be unable to see
- Sudden, severe lameness

**Has signs of urinary or reproductive problems including:**

- A retained afterbirth for over 8 hours
- A female who has had an unwanted breeding
- A female who is pregnant or nursing her young and develops a red, swollen, or painful breast
- A male with swollen testicles or scrotum

**Has signs associated with the skin including:**

- A rash, excessive shedding, excessive head shaking, or persistent scratching or chewing at spots on the body
- Abnormal lumps or bumps that are painful, red, and/or hot to the touch
- Maggots
- A nosebleed for no apparent reason, bruising easily, or tiny red dots on the skin

**Contact your veterinarian in 24 hours if your dog has signs including:**

**Has signs related to digestion or food and water consumption including:**

- Not eating, but no other signs of illness
- A soft stool, but there is no pain, blood, fetid odor, green or black color, mucus, or straining
- Occasional vomiting (2 or 3 times), but no abdominal pain or blood
- Foul breath
- Sudden weight gain or loss
- Drooling



Has signs associated with the skin including:

- Moderate itching or an unpleasant odor from the coat

A discharge from the eye, ear, or other body opening

**Has signs of nervous system or muscular disease including:**

- Lameness for more than 24 hours
- Swollen joints
- Lethargy, depression, sleeping more than usual, unwillingness to play or exercise

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**855-764-7661**

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## Club Events

Feb 13 Membership meeting 8:30  
Animal Inn

Feb 14 Obedience and Socialization  
Workshop with Ron Halling- German  
Shepherds only, Location St Paul Dog  
Training South St Paul

March 27,28,28 GSDCMSP Agility trial  
On The Run, Ham Lake

June 19 Midwest Futurity  
June 20-21 Specialty shows Farmington

## GSDC MSP Class Schedule Obedience Classes effective May. 2013

### Ring 1

Puppy 6:45-7:30  
Intermediate Obedience 7:30-8:30  
Beginning obedience 8:30-9:30

### Ring 2

### Ring 3

Rally Class 6:30-7:30  
Conformation 7:30

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