



# Shep-O-Gram

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# President's Message

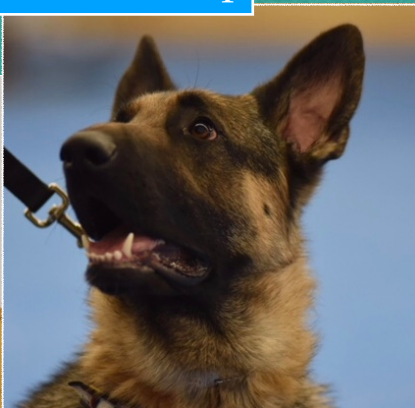
Hello Membership,

What do we have planned for this year and beyond? This club continues to excel and amaze and will be breaking new ground this year. Our first stand-alone Obedience and Rally trial was a success thanks to the hard work of the committee. In addition to our annual Specialty Show, State Fair Demo, Matches and Fun Day, we will again do a Herding trial and a second stand-alone Obedience & Rally trial. The first ever GSCDMSP/AKC Scent Work trial is moving closer to implementation this fall. We are also working on some new activities for family and pet owners to enjoy late this spring, so stay tuned to the SOG and Facebook pages for announcements. Also new for this year, we will be rewarding our hard-working volunteers with event T-shirts for all of our events. We can always use additional volunteers; if you are interested, please reach out to either the committee chair or to me. Financially the club continues to perform well, and we will begin looking at long-term strategies, goals for the club as we develop a five-year plan. A steering committee will be created soon, headed by our Vice President Steve Bloom, to begin that process.

Mike Metz, President GSCDMSP



## Obedience / Socialization Workshop



Photos by Mike Metz

# Lindenhill German Shepherds, Roseville, Minn

By Sheila Williams-Metz, Lindenhill GSD

Founded 1987, Lindenhill is owned by Michael and Sheila Metz. During the past 10 years we have enjoyed a great partnership with Rick and LeAnn Seki of Gracelyne German Shepherds in Honolulu.

We started our kennel with one good foundation bitch in 1985, and every dog we have produced still goes back to Ch. Cinnabar's Dancin' in the Dark, OFA. Blessed with many good dogs during the past 30 years, we have had our heartbreaks too, as all breeders do.

We created our line by focusing on the key bitches we have bred and owned. A breeder can go to any good stud dog by writing a check; to breed and own a producing bitch is worth more than any individual male. That said, to keep a male we must believe he is cable of producing better than himself, and he must possess "the three 'T's"—temperament, type and transmission. As the great breeder and German Shepherd judge David Rinke says, "Does he act like a German Shepherd? Does he look like a German Shepherd, and does he move like a German Shepherd?"

To know whether a dog has these qualities means watching and studying GSDs and interpreting the AKC standard. I am often amazed that many GSD owners have never read the standard, let alone studied what it means. The ideal GSD is in our mind's eye—likely never to be reached because—like our own species—we all have our faults. But the real breeder never stops trying to attain that dog.

We are small breeders, breeding a litter only when we have a specific goal in mind, and the majority of the time, that goal may be two to three generations after the litter is produced.

Identifying who our best dogs have been is like asking which child a parent loves the best. As far as titles go, it would be these \_\_\_\_: 2001 U.S Best of Breed and Grand Victrix Lindenhill's Voodoo Lily and her litter brother 3 x U.S. Select, Canadian Select and U.S. Maturity Victor Ch. Lindenhill's Hayabusa.ROM; 2x U.S. Select Ex.Ch. Lindenhill's Vinny the Viper,ROM; U.S.Sel.Ex.Lindenhill's Martello V.Gracelyne; U.S. Select Ch.Voodoo Drums; or U.S. Winners dog and U.S.Sel. Lindenhill's Machu pichu. Or last year's U.S. Futurity Victor Lindenhill's Cold Pac V. Gracelyne

Our favorite bitches are too numerous to list but include GVX Lily; Lindenhill's You Do Voodoo; Lindenhill's TinCup V. Gracelyne; Ch. Khaos; BOM Kozy Celeste; and, of course, Lindenhill's Yakuza, ROM. Of special note was Lindenhill's Dreamy Mimi—who is still found in the pedigrees of other great breeders' lines.

In performance venues, we have placed puppies in homes where they have excelled in obedience, agility, and rally. We have focused on building the total dog; finding owners who want to build a great puppy into a great working dog has been the challenge. Since we focus on the three Ts, we do not focus solely on producing top show dogs or performance dogs—all of our dogs must first be companions and trusted family members—whether they live here or with new owners or co-owners. We have rarely sold a "show" dog; in fact, I believe only three. Instead, we sell all puppies as companions, and if the puppy shows promise, we encourage the owner to make the dog all he can be. Too many folks think a sky-high puppy price is the end goal.

As we grow older, we will now do a breeding for not only ourselves, but for younger people who have the love and commitment to make their dog the most he or she can become. We are forever grateful to the people we have entrusted with our puppies—and who have proven themselves worthy of a great dog. We are also forever grateful to the breeders who have shared their experience, strength and hope with us. Our mentors came from the great Wisconsin kennels. To pay this forward, we now do the same for those who want to learn.

There is no shortcut to success in this breed, and luck plays a very important role, but quitters, poor losers and poor winners generally do not achieve long-term success. If people get into the game to improve their own self esteem—rather than for love and devotion to the dogs—well, they are the unhappy folks we see at ringside. There are more disappointments and heartaches than success and joy, but seeing your beloved dam with newborns suckling, watching the antics of puppyhood, and experiencing the comforting love of an elderly dog at your feet is worth all the time, money and sacrifice.

The dogs have found us true friends across the country and around the world. This breed understands us better than we understand ourselves. And this is why dog is God—spelled backwards.





# New Obedience / Rally Trial Format a Hit

By Taylor Schnichels

Our first split Obedience trial is in the books! We had a great turn out and loads of fun at this event on Feb. 24, 2018. This was the first of two obedience and rally-obedience trials to be hosted by the German Shepherd Dog Club of Minneapolis St Paul in 2018. This trial featured two Rally-O and two Obedience trials on the same day with Judges Julie Wilson and Karen Anderson; we were also lucky enough to be able to host the show with home field advantage at Animal Inn Training School in Lake Elmo!

To recap our trial, the morning was anything but quiet as final ring setup occurred, judges set up and introductions were made. A few final touches were made to the raffle table and concession area, signs were hung and competitors (even from out of state) began arriving! We started our first Rally-O and Obedience classes promptly at 8:30; competitors checked in and were ready when they needed to be, which really made the event flow smoothly.

Our classes ran as planned and a lot of qualifying ribbons were earned! Way to go everyone! The first trial was closed out just before the wonderful sloppy joe a-la-carte lunch. We had a large number of qualifying runs, in our second trial as well; how exciting!

Our raffle table was open during the trial, offering some very nice prizes including free hip x-rays, gift baskets, gift cards of all sorts, and a large selection of quality items. All raffle table funds go directly to GSDCMSP to help fund our many events and programs, including this one! Top-placing dog / handler teams were awarded a variety of items including dog beds, gift cards, tumblers and a High Junior Handler gift!

Thank you to all of our volunteers, without you - there would be no show! I cannot thank you all enough. Thank you to all of our competitors for making the trip and supporting our trial; we had a great turn out and look forward to having an even better turn out for our fall trial.

Mark your calendars and get practicing for our August 18th and 19th trial at Animal Inn which will offer two trials each day, for a total of four trials in one weekend.





# Obedience / Rally Trial



Photos by Mike Metz, Taylor Schnichels and Kevin Newland

# Tifani King --Junior Handler

By Sue Smith

To the uninitiated, dog show handlers might simply appear to be nicely-dressed people in tennis shoes running fast around the ring pulled along by reaching, striding German Shepherds. Get the right shoes, situate a pal with a cow bell outside the ring and away you go, steaming toward that blue ribbon, right? In truth, not so much. The handling of dogs is a kind of acrobatic exercise requiring athleticism, a keen eye, soft hand and intense connection with and understanding of the dog at the end of the lead.

Dogs owned by club members are handled by some of the best in the business, strategically campaigned nationally for maximum point-earning potential. But right alongside the “big guns” in the profession, one will also see handlers who aren’t even in high school yet. In fact, several of the best junior handlers in the country are members of the German Shepherd Dog Club of Minneapolis and St. Paul, and one of them is Tifani King.

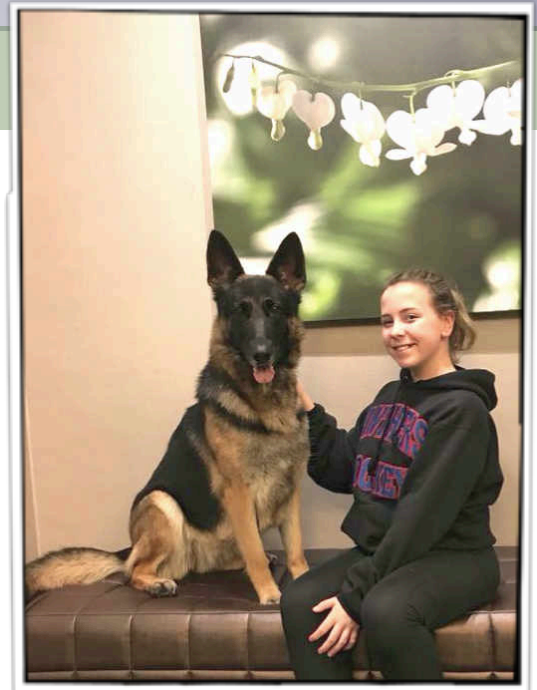
A seventh grade student at Westwood Middle School in Spring Lake Park, Tifani is currently the fourth-ranked junior handler for German Shepherd dogs in AKC standings, ahead of 42 other junior handlers. In the last 12 months, Tifani has racked up an impressive record with Joy (GCH Todorhaus Landsends Light a Candle OFA TC TCO), the dog she co-owns with member Sharon Todoroff, of Todorhaus German Shepherds. At the 2017 German Shepherd Dog Club of Minneapolis and St. Paul (GSDCMSP) Specialty show last June, Tifani won Reserve Junior Handler on Saturday, and Best Junior Handler on Sunday, and Joy was named Best of Breed on Sunday. Tifani also garnered the Best Junior Handler award at the German Shepherd Dog Club of America Pre-National Specialty on October 9, 2017. On December 17, 2017, Tifani handled Joy to her first all-breed Best of Breed at the Granite City Kennel Club show in St. Cloud. Finally, with Tifani handling, Joy earned her Grand Champion title last year.

How does a Minnesota middle school student become one of the top junior handlers in the country? According to Tifani, experience and support are key. “I have always had a passion for dogs, and I had been going to dog shows since I was seven; when I turned nine, I said, ‘I want to do that! I have had many mentors over the four years of showing, but I went to training at Animal Inn Training School, and now I have been training with some amazing handlers such as Kelly Foehl and Lindsay Reidt.” In addition to handling German Shepherds, Tifani has also worked Australian Shepherds and Cocker Spaniels in the ring. As a junior handler, her “client list” is limited. “I handle mainly for Sharon because she has helped me so, so much, and she co-owns Joy with me. I’m willing to handle for others, too, but as a junior handler, I cannot get paid.”

Tifani has experience in both all-breed and specialty rings and enjoys aspects of both. “I love specialties because of the big rings, and people are always friendly! But some don’t have juniors, so that’s a downside of specialties. I love all breed because I get to see all my friends who show, but the downside is that there are always conflicts with juniors and breed—that means I basically have events in two rings at the same time and have to choose one.” Tifani said she has also learned that spectator sportsmanship can be an issue in junior handler competitions. “Some people only clap for one junior and not for the rest; just imagine if you were that junior who doesn’t get applause.”

For Tifani, success in show handling requires both commitment and communication, along with grooming to ensure that whatever dog she brings into the ring looks as perfect as possible. “Having a bond with your dog and being able to show that to people means you and your dog are in sync. I have formed a bond with all of Sharon’s dogs—I’m out there almost two times a week and work one-on-one with them.” And in the ring, communication is critical, she explained. “Everything travels through the lead. You have to make sure you stay calm. If you have a dog that is just acting crazy, then calm and cool is the way you want to act.”

Tifani will be finishing up seventh grade this spring and competing on her school’s track team. And when she isn’t running track, skateboarding or showing dogs, this top junior handler will be out enjoying her other favorite pastimes. “I love to take photos and go to ‘real cafes’ or have a fun day at a coffee shop and thrifting!” Tifani’s “professional” goals for the coming year include staying in the top five ranking of junior handlers, earning Joy’s Grand Champion Bronze title (100 Grand Champion points), showing other breeds, and participating in obedience and agility. And her philosophy entering into the 2018 spring and summer show season? “Always have fun; it’s just a dog show, and there are many more.”





# Alert: AKC Scent Work is Here!

*By Sarah Falk*

As an experienced handler and competitor, when I first heard that the American Kennel Club (AKC) was entering the competition world of Nose Work, (and calling it Scent Work), I was excited and curious, so I started reading about it. Then I was confused, so I started talking to others about it. Then I was interested, so I started training for it. And the alternating levels of excitement, confusion and interest continue to this day. And at the end of the day, I conclude that yes AKC's version is different...but then again, it's really not. Dog and handler teams are searching out hides in both venues, but how that proficiency is tested and proven in competition varies.



## History

The sport of nose work was founded ten years ago in California by professional detection dog handlers with the goal of creating a sport based on working dog competitions, but for civilians and companion dogs. Thus, the National Association of Canine Scent Work (NACSW) was born. In addition to creating a competition structure, they also developed a trainer certification program for Certified Nose Work Instructors (CNWI) that requires acceptance into the program, attending training seminars and logging hours of training to earn CNWI certification. The new sport quickly caught on and spread across the U.S.; entering our local metro area with the first CNWI curriculum offered in 2012, the first pre-trial test (Odor Recognition Test or ORT), taking place a year later in 2013, and the first titling competition was held in September of 2014. AKC entered the game in 2017 with their competition rules and regulations released in March of 2017 and an announcement that the first trial could be held beginning in October of 2017.

## Competition

In NACSW trials, there are four search areas, called elements: Interiors, Exteriors, Containers and Vehicles. In a standard trial, teams search all four elements and must find all the hides (birch, anise and clove) with no more than three faults to earn their title. The titling levels are NW1, NW2, NW3, Elite, and a new Summit level was just added to the rule book. They also have Element Specialty titles where teams search several iterations of a single element (i.e. four Vehicle searches or four Exterior searches) to earn an element specialty title (for an Interior Element Specialty Trial, the titling levels include L1I, L2I, L3I; for an Exterior Element Specialty Trial, levels include L1E, L2E, L3E, etc.). At an Element Specialty title, if you get all hides, or 75% of hides in two trials, you earn the title. In both types standard trials and Element Specialty trials, each level of titling adds complexity in the number or of hides, combination odors, distractors (food or toys), search area sizes and hide placement difficulty (hide accessibility). In order to compete in NACSW competitions you must first be a member of the NACSW, have your dog registered with NACSW and have passed the ORT specific for the level of competition (birch, anise or clove). Also in NACSW trials, and only at the NW1 trials, a special award, the Harry Award, determined by the judges is given to one exceptional team where the dog is a rescue. Judges are always professional canine detection dog handlers. Warning: NACSW trials are highly addictive. Enter at your own risk of money, travel and time!

In AKC trials, per the AKC website: "Searches take place in a variety of environments, including an area with Containers, Interior, Exterior, and Buried. There are four difficulty levels for each element—Novice, Advanced, Excellent, and Master—and factors such as the size of the search area, the number of hides, whether the number

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## AKC Scentwork Training cont'd.

of hides is known or unknown to the handler, and the maximum height of the hides will change with the difficulty level. The most accomplished dogs will also be eligible for the Detective class, which contains many hides in a variety of environments. All dogs (purebred and mixed breeds) can participate provided they are AKC-registered, enrolled with AKC Canine Partners, listed in the Purebred Alternative Listing (PAL) program or recorded in the Foundation Stock Service (FSS) program." Not listed in their statement is that they also offer "Handler Scent Discrimination" class also. To earn a title in AKC Scent Work, earn a qualifying score three times.

So the differences are fairly clear, even at the highest level. AKC offers five types of search areas (adding Buried and Handler Scent Discrimination); and if you dig deeper into the rule book, they also offer a fourth scent, Cypress (be warned, it's expensive) at the higher titling level. And, their distractors aren't limited to food and toys, sound and visual distractors (light, decoys and people) are in play as well. Most initially confusing and concerning to me personally, was the potency of odor used in AKC. AKC specifically calls out two drops of oil are to be used. In NACSW, there is no published formula for hides; but note that the method of "cooking odor" taught by CNWI trainers is much, much, much less. So far in my personal training with this significantly higher level of odor concentration, I have not noticed any adverse effects. For those used to NACSW training and trials, the additions of new distractors and a new odor should be easy to train for. The Handler Scent and Buried hides will take more work.

## Getting Started

No matter which venue, or both, that you choose to participate in, find an experienced trainer in your area. Note that it's highly likely you'll need to get on a wait list with the more popular instructors/programs. CNWIs by state can be found on NACSW's website, and most of them are incorporating in the new behaviors that AKC is testing.

## Tips

Odor: Don't store your odor in an accessible area of the house, and if you're training in the AKC method of two drops of oil, be sure to thoroughly clean the area of hides after working to avoid odor desensitization. Wash your hands and wear gloves and a tweezer (preferred) when handling hides.

Practicing: Be sure to give your dog regular rests between searches at home. This is a mentally taxing activity for the dogs. Giving them time to rest in between searches helps not only their brain take a break so they're ready for the next search, but also allows them time to process what they just experienced. You've probably noticed after an intense training session or practice, your dog has konked out. This is due to the mental difficulty of the work.



Handling: Stay out of your dog's way. Blocking the dog's ability to work is a problem for most handlers to learn as we're used to being in the driver's seat when it comes to working with our dogs. In this sport, the dog leads the way.

Happy hunting! Have fun, breathe, and TRUST YOUR DOG!

*Sarah Falk has been active in nose work for more than six years and has earned 11 titles with her two German Shepherds, Manny and Bella. She has been a member of the GSDCMSP since 2009, has served as Secretary since 2014, and is the Scent Work Committee Chair.*



# Rescue Update: Saving Shepherds of Minnesota

Saving Shepherds of MN is on a rescue roll! We proudly celebrated our second anniversary in November 2017 by finding our 250th dog a forever home! To date, we have brought 330 dogs into our rescue, and have 14 dogs available for adoption. In March, we launched a revamped website, which (we hope) makes it easier for our supporters to see our adoptable dogs, donate to our rescue, and read the awesome success stories from our rescue! We are also giving more useful functionality to our fosters, so that they can keep our supporters and potential adopters updated on our foster dogs.

Rescue has many ups and downs, and the last few months have been a good example of this. While we adopted out a record (for us!) number of dogs so far this year, we have had several tough cases. In early March, we lost one of our dogs, Blaze, after he ran away from his fosters; he was found shot and killed behind a farmer's barn in rural northern Minnesota. With the help of The Retrievers, we were able to locate Blaze's remains. He has been cremated, and his ashes will be spread this summer in a field so that he can run free. We also took Harley, a medical mystery case, into our rescue. Poor Harley has undergone a number of medical procedures, including exploratory surgery to determine the cause of a persistent fever, shortness of breath, and other issues. During surgery, the veterinarian found two very enlarged and infected lymph nodes (both were about the size of a softball), but we still haven't been able to determine the cause of Harley's infection. We are hopeful that the veterinarians can find an answer so that this poor girl can get back to doing what she loves best: playing with her humans!



Everyone is invited to come visit us at the German Shepherd Dog Club of Minneapolis and St. Paul Agility Trials on March 30-April 1 in Blaine. There will be new merchandise for sale and awesome raffle prizes! We will be having a nail trim fundraiser at Bone Marche in St. Louis Park on Sunday, April 8, from 1-3pm. We will also have a fundraiser on Saturday, May 19, at Bone Marche with some surprises in the works! And, finally, mark your calendars: this year's Rally for Rescue will be held on Saturday, September 29, 2018; we will announce the time and location later this year. Follow us on Facebook to get notice of all our upcoming events!

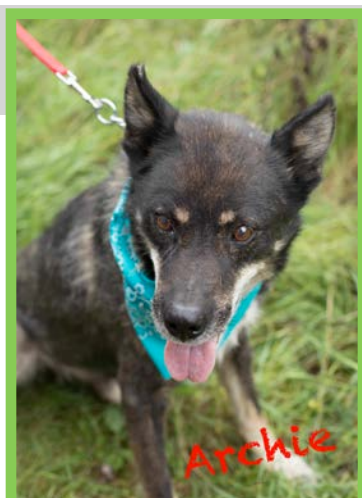
We would like to express our thanks to everyone who has donated to our rescue, volunteered to foster, transport, or otherwise help our rescued dogs, or who has volunteered at our events. We literally could not do this without you!

For more information, please visit our website: [savingshepherdsofminn.org](http://savingshepherdsofminn.org)

## Rescue Update: Faerieland Rescue Inc.

We are excited to announce our new "Senior/Special Needs" program which started in March and are seeking foster homes for these sweet dogs. The rescue supplies everything including the vetting and dog food or any necessary supplies. Here are some of our current dogs in this program.

Archie, 12 ½ yrs old, came to us in August, 2017, from northern Minnesota as a stray. He is vision and hearing impaired, requires a quiet home, and has some accidents because of his age. Archie has thrived and improved in his current foster home with Kathy DuVall. He prefers not share a space with another dog that is lively and active. Initially he wouldn't eat and was so thin his bones were prominent, but he is eating every time food is offered and is currently in perfect weight. One of Archie's biggest challenges was "trust". We believe he was abused, since he flinched every time he was touched or someone tried to pet him. He is absolutely the sweetest dog and an easy keeper.



Edgar came to rescue in May 2015. He is 7 yrs old, sweet, and gets along with other dogs that are not alpha. He will go after cats, but we don't believe he will hurt them. He has attended the Basic Obedience class at the GSDCMSP a year ago and passed his Temperament Test last fall. He knows sit, down, come, stay, wait and plays fetch. He enjoys playing with jolly balls, going for walks or rides in the car. We are looking for another foster or his FUREVER home.

Beauty came to rescue as an owner surrender this month. She is 10 years old and spayed; her family was sad to give her up. An all black Shepherd mix, she loves to play and gets along with all other dogs. She does require a fenced yard for exercise. She is good with cats, children and any people. Beauty is housebroken and looking for her FUREVER home.



Freedom is our Special Needs dog: he came to rescue from a shelter in April 2017, is four years old, and was scheduled to be euthanized. He was heartworm positive, very sick and only 47 pounds. His body is still on medication for the heartworm, and he has a hole the size of a BB in one ear. He also has a hip that was fractured previously. We have been supplementing his diet with probiotics, hip and joint supplements, and he has been receiving special baths. Freedom is looking for his Furever home.

Please contact FaerieLand Rescue Inc if you are able to help any of these special dogs. More information is available on our website: [www.faerielandrescue.org](http://www.faerielandrescue.org), or call us at 612-414-4073.

# What is Schutzhund?

*Contributed by Taylor Schnichels, Club Secretary, Minnesota Valley Schutzhund Verein*

Schutzhund is an international sport also referred to as “IPO.” The terms IPO and Schutzhund are freely interchanged, along with the title abbreviation of SchH or IPO in a dog’s registered name. Schutzhund is intended to demonstrate the dog’s intelligence and utility. As a working trial, Schutzhund measures the dog’s mental stability, endurance, structural efficiencies, ability to scent, willingness to work, courage and trainability. Schutzhund and similar breeding suitability tests are vital for our dog community.

Most all police, military, and scent detection dogs come from Schutzhund breeders and Schutzhund lines. Why? Because Schutzhund is first and foremost a breeding suitability test. Dogs from these lines are more likely to have the correct temperament and physical structure to do the work. Schutzhund preserves their abilities and promotes their drives in a positive, structured manner.

The rules are written and trials are judged to reward only eager, focused, accurate work. Schutzhund is an advanced partnership with the dog – true teamwork. It is a triathlon for dogs – tracking, obedience, and protection. The tracking phase consists of a track laid by a track layer and three articles for indication. For anywhere from 45 minutes to three hours (depending on the testing level), the dog must follow the track in a methodical, eager way and correctly indicate the hidden articles placed on the track. Precision obedience is a good way to explain the obedience phase. A dog must show focused, happy and intense heeling through a pattern including motion exercises, hurdles, wall scaling, retrieves, and go outs— all while performing with precision. Protection includes blind searches, bark and hold exercises, long attacks and transporting. The dog is trained to guard and attack when needed, be under control at all times, and control the “suspect”.

Schutzhund is an extremely time consuming yet rewarding sport. A wonderful bond is built between handler and dog in a way that is beneficial to the breed. Many people have the misconception that Schutzhund will make a dog aggressive, but, in truth, it does the completely opposite. For a stable dog, Schutzhund will instill confidence, obedience and control.

There are a few organizations that offer SchH/IPO titles, some for any breed and some for German Shepherd Dogs specifically. The organizations include United Schutzhund Clubs of America (USCA), the largest Schutzhund organization in the United States; German Association of Working Dog Sports (DVG); Working Dog Association (WDA); German Shepherd Dog Club of America (GSDCA); and the American Working Dog Federation (AWDF). There are only two clubs in the state of Minnesota that are in good standing or active within a working dog club: Minnesota Valley Schutzhund Verein (USCA club) in Jordan, and Mid-America Police & Working Dog Club (GSDCA club) in Becker. There are several in Wisconsin and Iowa as well.



If you’d like to witness a competition first hand, you’re in luck. For the first time since 2009, the Minnesota Valley Schutzhund Verein is hosting the North Central Regional IPO Championship this year, on September 28-30 in Lakeville, Minn. Be sure to stop by and check this event out; spectators are welcome and free! Visit [minnesotavalley.org](http://minnesotavalley.org) for more information on this event.

To learn more about the sport of Schutzhund, reach out to our local MN clubs for more details or stop by and check out training first hand!





## The German Shepherd Dog Club of Minneapolis and St. Paul

### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Applicant Name (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate the name(s) of any other dog clubs you belong to: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of German Shepherds you own: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Litters bred in the last two years: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE INDICATE (X) THE AREAS IN WHICH YOU MAY BE INTERESTED:

OBEEDIENCE: ☐ RALLY OBEEDIENCE: ☐ CONFORMATION: ☐ TRACKING: ☐ AGILITY: ☐  
HERDING: ☐ BREEDING: ☐ OTHER: ☐ Please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

I would be interested in helping with the following activities:

Specialty Shows & Trials ☐ Fun matches ☐ Programs ☐ Newsletter ☐  
Training Center ☐ Hospitality ☐ Advertising ☐ Club Office ☐

I HEREBY MAKE APPLICATION TO THE ABOVE CLUB AND AGREE TO BE GOVERNED BY ITS CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBER PROPOSED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

This application must be accompanied by a check for one year's dues and signed by a current club member sponsor. Dues are \$25 for a single membership or \$30 for a couple. Please make checks payable to the GSDC of Mpls & St. Paul. Return this application at a training class or club meeting or mail with check to:

Cindy Muehlbauer, GSDCMSP Membership, 18801 Watercrest Street NW, Anoka, MN 55303

**Please Note:** All applicants must attend two sponsored events or meetings within one year of their application date. At the meeting following the second meeting attended, the applicant will be announced as a member, whether they are in attendance at that meeting or not. Membership meeting dates are listed in the club newsletter and published on the club website: [www.gsdcmsp.org](http://www.gsdcmsp.org). Dues shall be assessed on a yearly basis from October 1 through September 30. Membership dues for applicants that become members between July of a given year and the December membership meeting date of that year will be waived for the following year.

If you have any questions, please contact the membership chairperson (612) 219-9374 or [cjmuehlb@gmail.com](mailto:cjmuehlb@gmail.com)

#### To be completed by Membership Chair:

Date Dues Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ by check ☐ Cash: ☐ Placed in club cash box: ☐ Mailed with Application: ☐  
1<sup>st</sup> meeting date: \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting date: \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant's name added to membership list: ☐



## German Shepherd Dog Club of America, Inc.

### Application for Membership & Renewal Form

There shall be two types of memberships:

- Regular Membership:** Minimum age of (eighteen) 18 years. Must be in good standing with AKC. In addition, applicant (and all renewing members) agrees to abide by the GSDCA by-laws and the Rules and Regulations of the American Kennel Club. Two endorsements of current members must be provided by new applicants. Applicant's name, along with their sponsors, will be published in the Review. Provided no objections have been filed within 30 days of publication in the Review, applicant will be rolled in writing by the Corresponding Secretary or Membership Chairman that he/she is eligible for all privileges including the right to vote.
- Junior:** At least (nine) 9 years of age and not more than (eighteen) 18 years of age and shall subscribe to the same criteria as Regular Membership with the exception of the requirement to pay dues. Junior members cannot vote, hold office, or serve on committees other than junior committees.
- If sponsors (endorsees) are unavailable, applications may be submitted without signatures. Per GSDCA policy, they may be signed by the current GSDCA President & Membership Chair.

Mail form and dues to: GSDCA Membership, Dana Karloff, 2136 Mt Pleasant Road, Chesapeake, VA 23322  
Phone: 757-462-3966 Email: [GSDCAmembers@aol.com](mailto:GSDCAmembers@aol.com)

If you would like to apply and pay online & pay with a credit card, please go to <http://gsdca.org/join-the-gsdca/apply-online>.

#### Select Membership Type:

- ☐ **NEW** Single Membership (includes a GSD Review Subscription) (\$36.00) \*\*
- ☐ **NEW** Family Membership (includes a GSD Review Subscription) (\$66.00) \*\*
- ☐ **Renewal** Single Membership (includes a GSD Review Subscription) (\$66.00)
- ☐ **Renewal** Family Membership (includes a GSD Review Subscription) (\$100.00)
- ☐ **Junior** Membership (no charge) (Does not include Review Subscription)

\*\* This is a special offer for new members only. Offer expires 12/31/2014. Review delivery option prices still apply for all memberships.

#### Select GSD Review Delivery:

- ☐ Standard US Delivery with label on rear cover (no charge)
- ☐ Standard US Delivery in a POLY wrapper (bag) (+\$5.00)
- ☐ 1st Class US Delivery (bag included) (+\$36.00)
- ☐ Delivery Outside the US (+\$24.00) (\* required for non-US)
- Membership \$ \_\_\_\_\_ + Delivery \$ \_\_\_\_\_ = Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(NOTE: Former GSDCA members are eligible for free membership has lapsed for at least 12 months prior to application)

Dues are NOT tax deductible. Please note that all administrative work for the GSDCA is done by volunteers and it may take up to 60 days to completely process your membership application. Enclose your dues payment for the amount shown with the membership type you have selected above with this application. Checks should be made out to: German Shepherd Dog Club of America.

#### Membership Information (please print)

What other regional/national dog organizations do you belong to?

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Why are you interested in joining the GSDCA? \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ \*\* Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Middle Initial: \_\_\_\_\_ (\*\* REQUIRED for Juniors)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**For FAMILY Memberships, provide 2nd member information.** (Family membership is defined as 2 people living in the same household (principal & one (1) other person).  
Endorser 1 Name/Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Endorser 2 Name/Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Middle Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: GSDCA members agree to abide by all AKC and GSDCA rules and policies

# CLUB CALENDAR

*Please see the GSDCMSP website for detailed descriptions of classes and prerequisites. Regular Classes are scheduled for the following times unless otherwise noted. Classes are sold in blocks of 10, \$90 for members and \$110 for non-members. Please remember that the calendar is subject to change **and the most current information can be found on our website. Classes and meetings are held at Animal Inn, Lake Elmo, MN***

- 6:00-6:45 **Puppy 1 and 2** (For puppies up to 6 months old. 10 classes)
- 6:00-7:30 **Rally Obedience** (Classes are ongoing)
- 7:00-8:00 **Basic Obedience**
- 8:00-9:00 **Intermediate / Novice Obedience**
- 7:30-9:00 **Conformation-** All Ages

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 28: Socialization and Obedience Workshop
- May 19: Socialization and Obedience Workshop
- June 16: Socialization and Obedience Workshop (outdoors at Apple Valley American Legion, Veteran's Park)
- June 21-24: GSDCMSP Specialties with Summer Solstice Cluster (Isanti County Fairgrounds)
- July 20-22: Summer Agility Trial (Fusion Pet Retreat in Minnetonka)

