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The German Shepherd Dog Club of Minneapolis and St. Paul is celebrating its 70th anniversary this year! We are planning a special celebration. If you have any ideas let Ann Jeddelloh know.

The next scheduled event is our agility trial at the Animal Inn July 17-18.

As you know, our conformation specialty show had to be rescheduled due to the pandemic. It is now planned for August 28-30. Four shows in 3 days. Watch for more details.

The pandemic continues and we must try to be flexible. Ron Halling is going to try to get four new trainers ready for classes in July if the Animal Inn is available. This is of course dependent on the reopening of the Animal Inn and lifting of restrictions.

I don't have any events to cover in this issue but I found some helpful information on the internet on bloat, quarantine life and dog obesity.

Paul Schumack posted some great dog and hose pictures with Belle on Facebook and that inspired a new Soggy cartoon. There are two new Soggy cartoons this month

We have another great book review by Cynthia Curran on page 2. I think I will have to read this book especially the information on canine dominance.

Hopefully things will start to return toward normal for the club soon, although it will probably be sometime before we are all the way back.

We hope to see you back at training and other events soon.

Julie Swinland

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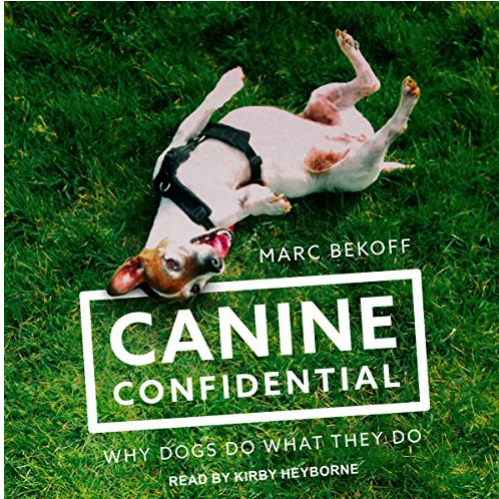
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June 12 Membership Meeting 7:00 by phone

Marc Bekoff. Canine Confidential: Why Dogs Do What They Do

University of Chicago Press, 2018.



Marc Bekoff is a prominent academic, ethologist and dog lover. He notes that over many years of standing around in dog parks, people have asked him questions ranging from why dogs act they way they do to the relation of canine evolution and wolves. In this volume, he answers the questions that can be explained, notes areas where the scientific evidence is inadequate and recommends further reading on the topics covered. Readers will discover that some of what we often take to be gospel about dog behavior isn't all that well supported by empirical research. What I found most interesting, as in all Bekoff's writings, is that he is not afraid to discuss the emotions and capacity for self-awareness of dogs.

A good example of how the author approaches his topics is his handling of why dogs stick their noses into everything. Bekoff starts

off with a scientific explanation of the physical construction of a dog's nose and moves on from there to explain the different ways dogs employ the sense of smell. He does the same for ears and sound but when he moved on to the various interpretations of play, I was hooked.

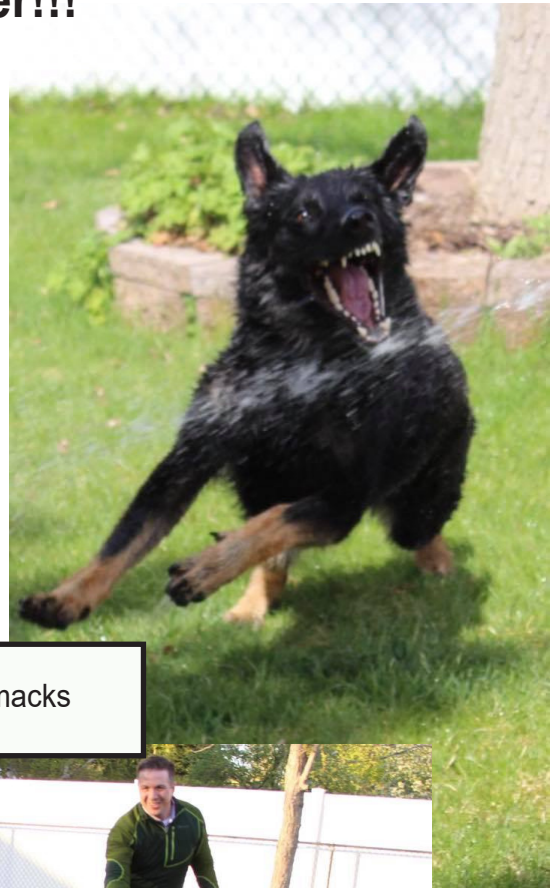
The overview of play with helpful photographs illustrating various types, leads Bekoff to his chapter on dominance. As we all know, there are many misconceptions about canine dominance and it is illuminating to read Bekoff's brief history of the changes in scientific views. He gives examples from study after study in addition to small anecdotes of individual dog behavior. It is fascinating for the reader to follow these examples which range from linear dominant relationships to hierarchical ones. The author describes dominance among dogs and wolves as much less antagonistic than the public imagines, but Bekoff is not a dog trainer nor does he offer teaching techniques; rather, he approaches the complex issue of dominance from a scientific understanding of canine nature. His conclusion is that ethology makes clear that dogs display dominance but that the concept of a 'dominant dog' is simply neither valid nor useful in our relationship with our companion dogs. Bekoff is never guilty of simplifying ideas for easy fixes.

In perhaps the most affecting chapter, Bekoff begins his discussion of the canine emotional range with an example of grief. Those of us who have witnessed a dog in our household show deep heartache at the loss of a pack member will immediately understand. We have all witnessed the sheer joy of our dogs, as well, but the value in this chapter is using scientific studies to discover the ways in which dogs express various emotions. The author is particularly concerned that canine emotions not be misinterpreted by their human companions which can lead to all sorts of difficulties.

I have touched on only a few of the engaging topics taken up by Dr. Bekoff in this entertaining yet informative volume. His chapters are clearly marked as to topic and this makes for an easy dip in and out reading. No doubt during this time of isolation, we have all been observing our companions more than usual and, fortunately, Mark Bekoff is here to help us process and place these reflections in a larger context. As Bekoff says, "When people ask me about 'the dog,' I often say there's no such being—only a dog."

Cynthia Curran

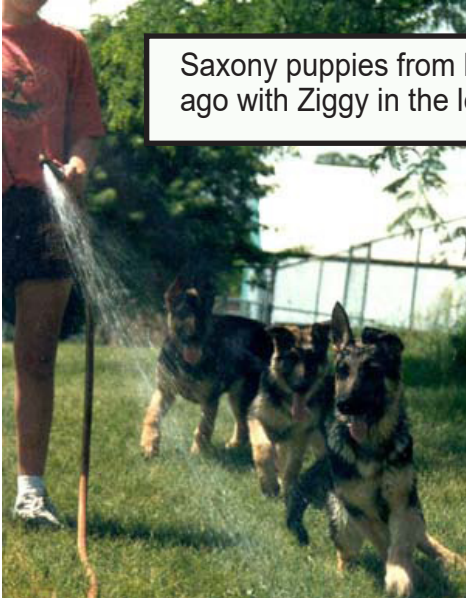
GSD's like to have FUN with Water!!!



Belle and the Schumacks

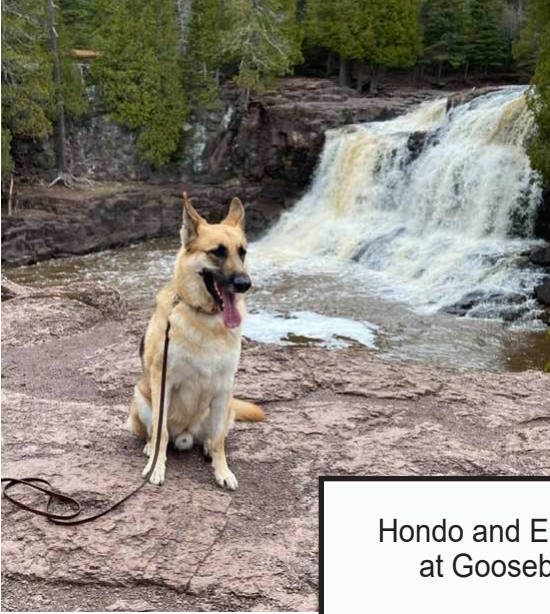


Saxony puppies from long ago with Ziggy in the lead



Samantha and Sabrina

More GSD's and Water



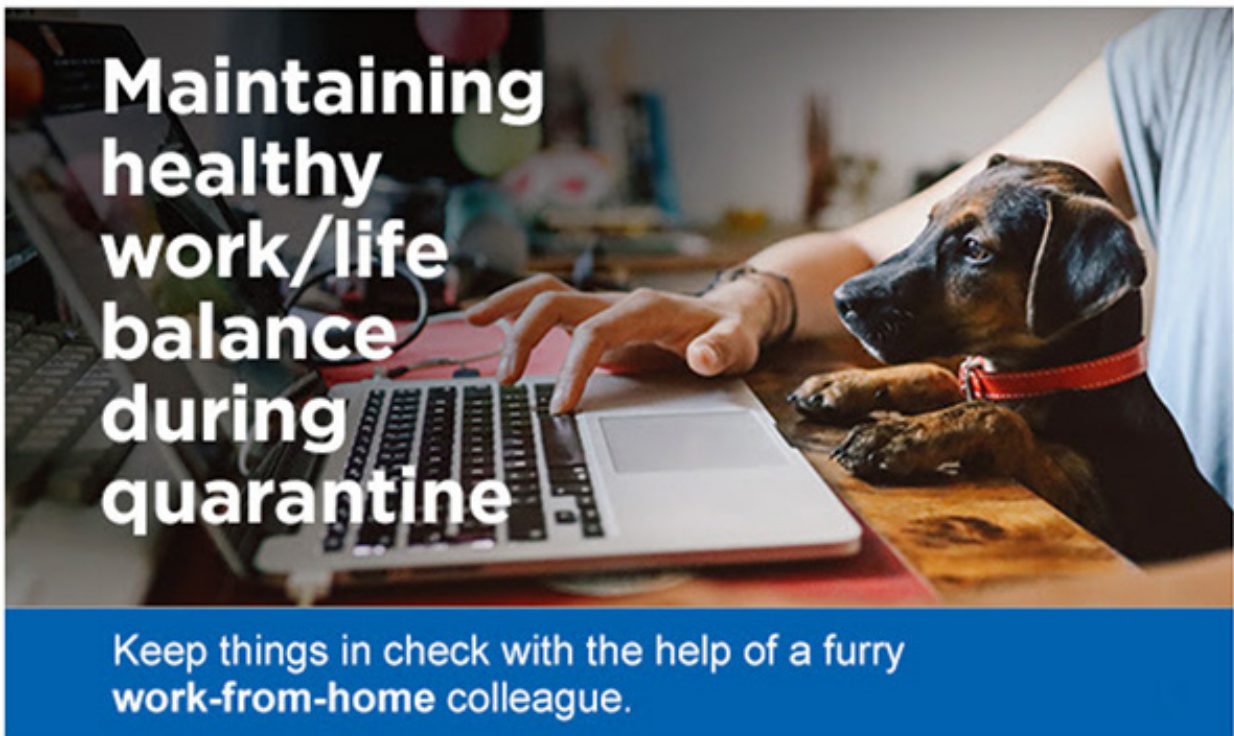
Hondo and Eileen Varhalla at Gooseberry Falls.



Sabrina on an early morning run.

SOGGY by Julie Swinland





Hi Cathy,

Balancing work and home life without the separation of the office is tough for lots of folks. That's why Lynn asked us to send you this e-card with tips on breaking up your day by engaging with your pet.

Benefits of work from home

Working from home isn't all headaches and troubleshooting.

For one, pets benefit from having their owners around, and studies show that pet parents find comfort, joy and improved mental health from more time spent with their furry friends.*

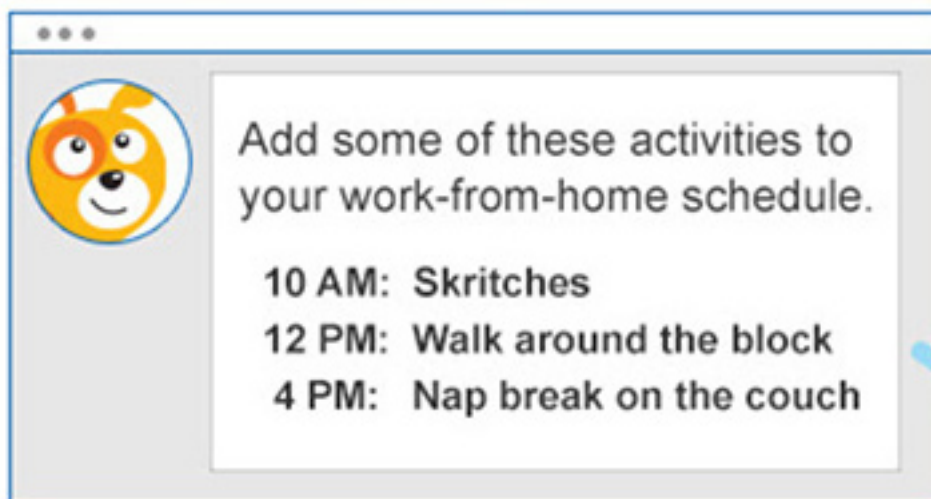
When you pet a cat or dog, there are physical effects as well:

- **Your blood pressure goes down**
- **Your immune system gets stronger**
- **Your stress hormones go down**
- **You're less likely to feel depressed**



Schedule meeting time with your pet

Take time during the day to give your full attention to your pet. Plan for “meeting” breaks to play, pet and hang out at regularly scheduled times in the morning and afternoon.



Finding time to focus

When you have an important call or pressing deadline, put pets in another room with toys, blankets, a water bowl and treats. If possible, ask another family member to keep them company.

Remember, spending more time at home has impacted your pet's daily routine, too. As a result, he or she may ask for extra attention throughout the day.



Learn more about keeping pets safe at home during quarantine at petinsurance.com/PetsAtHome.

STOP DOG OBESITY!



← Defined waist while standing

SOME Risks of Excess Weight in Pets

- Osteoarthritis
- Many Forms of Cancer
- Decreased life expectancy (up to 2.5 years)
- Cranial Cruciate Ligament Injury
- Insulin Resistance and Type 2 Diabetes
- High Blood Pressure
- Heart and Respiratory Disease
- Kidney Disease



← Ribs visible while playing and panting



← When sitting there's no fat hanging over the rear legs



← Noticeable abdominal tuck



Check out GSDCMSP's Socialization/Obedience Workshop with Ron Halling & Lisa Veit on FaceBook for current information on the next Socialization/Obedience Workshop and training tips and videos.

Workshop Schedule

10 am sharp lecture
11:15 hands-on class
12 pm Potluck lunch
1 pm activity class.



If you're new to the workshops, please contact Ron to discuss which class is right for you and any issues ahead of time.

Ron Halling
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612-720-1536

Tips From Ron

This is the narrative for the video you can find on GSDCMSP's Socialization/Obedience Workshop with Ron Halling & Lisa Veit FaceBook page referenced above.

This is an extension of the "leave it" command. It involves how to keep your heavily distracted dog focused on you when confronted in any condition by an annoying unattended, obnoxious barker. The dog in question is "that" dog on everyone's route that is left to bark at every dog walking by. Every other dog we encounter on our walks garners not so much as a glance from Lucie but this one upsets her to the max. With that in mind notice I give no correction unless she displays an action about to happen. This gives her the chance to make the mistake to bark without permission but the goal is to correct before her action. She learns by correction or tapping to regain her focus and remember the boundaries. I then allow her to be a GSD by command to bark then regain her again utilizing the methods we teach. I did this for this video though otherwise we don't practice this or I would be the one harassing a dog. Outdoor Workshops coming soon. Watch for details as the classes will be limited in size and require reservations. Thanks, Ron

SOGGY by Julie Swinland

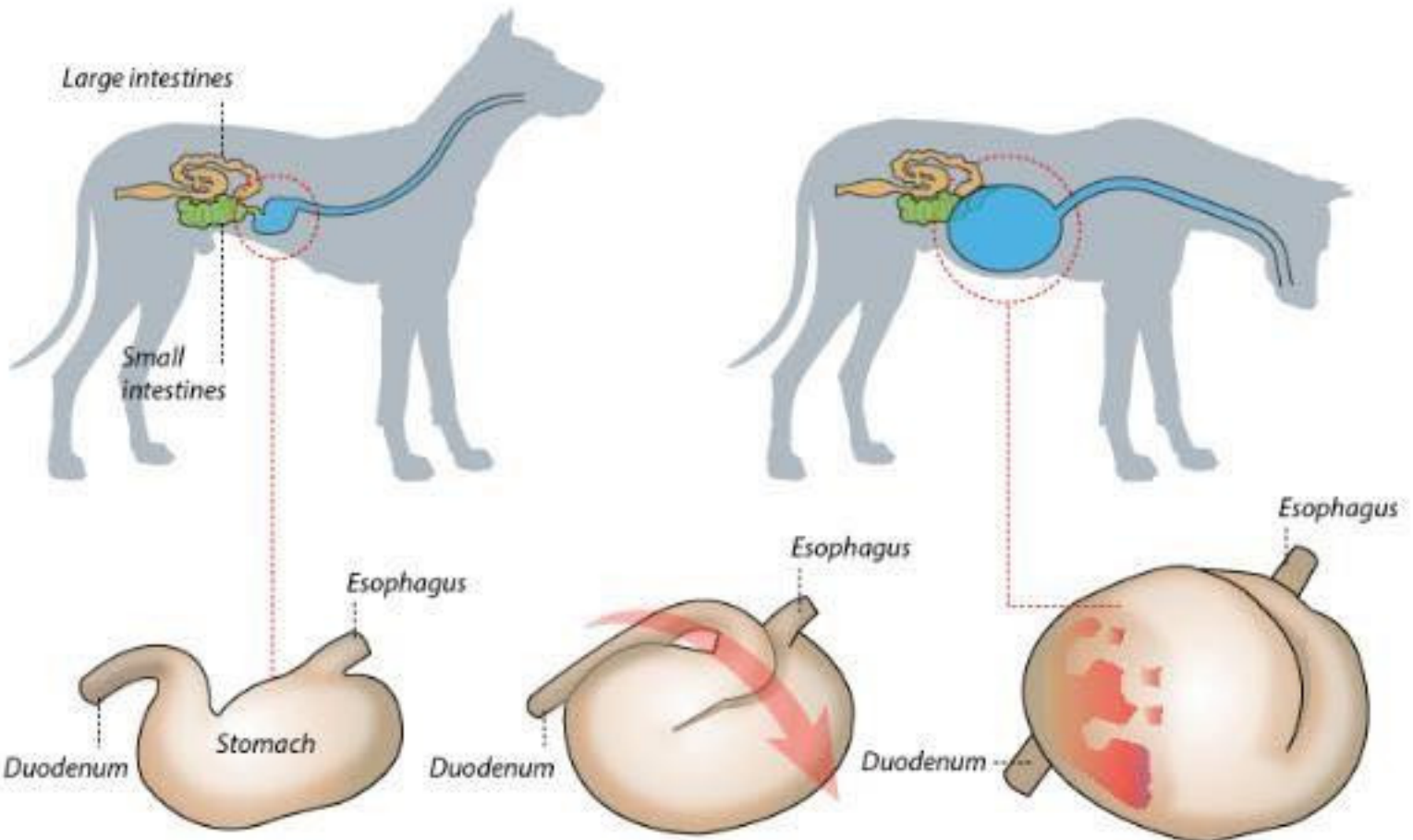


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BLOAT:

Is Your Dog at Risk?

Gastric Dilatation Volvulus (GDV), also known as bloat, is a life-threatening condition in which the dog's stomach fills with air, fluid and/or food. The enlarged stomach twists and puts pressure on other organs, causing difficulty breathing and eventually decreasing blood supply to a dog's vital organs.



Eating fast, stress and having one large meal each day can cause bloat.

Gas and fluid cause the stomach to expand and twist.

The distended stomach presses against vital organs compromising blood flow.

Breeds most at risk

Large and giant dog breeds are most at risk for bloat due to a deep and narrow chest.

- Great Danes
- Saint Bernards

Symptoms

There are three phases of bloat.

PHASE 1

- Anxious and restless
- Distended abdomen
- Unsuccessful attempts to belch

Treatment

Initial treatment involves:

- Relieving pressure on the stomach
- Treating for shock
- A stomach tube may be passed to allow gas to escape

Planning for pet care during troubled times

Are you prepared for pet care if you were put in the hospital Or something dire happened? I know I am not. Chuck and Don's put out a short manual to help prepare. You can find it at: <https://chuckanddons.com/media/wysiwyg/MB54-20-form-PetPreparedness-CD-v6.pdf>

I have put together an abbreviated version. Please go to the web site above to print out a complete form.

INFO ON PET

OWNER'S NAME _____

CELL _____ HOME _____

ADDRESS _____

PET'S NAME _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ BREED _____

FOOD & NUTRITION _____

HOW MUCH TO FEED _____

ADD-ONS _____

ADD-ONS LIKE TOPPERS AND HYDRATORS AND HOW MUCH

ALLERGIES AND CONDITIONS

MEDICINE

MICROCHIP, HERE'S THE NUMBER AND CONTACT INFO _____

VET'S NAME AND CONTACT INFO _____

CLOSEST HOSPITAL AND POISON CONTROL NUMBER ITHE POLICE, IMPOUND OR ANIMAL CONTROL CONTACT INFO IS _____

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

YOU CAN ALSO CALL THESE PEOPLE FOR ADVICE _____

MY BREEDER/RESCUE CONTACT AND NUMBER IS _____

MY TRAINER AND NUMBER _____

DAYCARE PERSON AND NUMBER IS _____



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:

Obedience: Rally: Conformation: Agility: Herding: Breeding: Other (please specify): _____

I would be interested in helping with the following activities:

- Specialty Shows & Trials: Fun Matches: Programs: Sheep-O-Gram: Training:
- Hospitality: Fundraising: Fun Day: State Fair:
- Breeder: Club Member: Facebook: Training: Rescue: State Fair: Friend:
- Show/Trial: Fun Day: Socialization/Obedience Workshop: Vet:

PLEASE INDICATE HOW YOU HEARD ABOUT THE CLUB:

I HEREBY MAKE APPLICATION TO THE ABOVE CLUB AND AGREE TO BE GOVERNED BY ITS 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:

Please Note: At the next Membership Meeting following the date applied, the applicant will be announced in the Minutes, whereas any Club members that may object to membership have 30 days to raise their concern. If no concerns are raised, the applicant receives Membership status as stated in the Bylaws which are on the website at www.gsdca.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.

Please direct any questions to _____

To be completed by Membership Chair:

Date Dues Paid: _____ Check: Cash: Club cash box: Online: Mailed with Application:

Applicant's name added to membership list:



German Shepherd Dog Club of America, Inc. Application for Membership

There are two types of membership: **Regular Members:** Minimum age of 18 years. Must be in good standing with AKC. Applicant (and renewing members) agrees to abide by the GSDCA by-laws and the Rules and Regulations of the American Kennel Club. Two endorsements by current members must be provided by new applicants. Applicant's name will be published in the German Shepherd Dog Review. Provided no objections have been filed within 30 days of publication in the Review, applicant will be notified that he/she is eligible for all privileges including the right to vote. **Junior Members:** Must be 10 years of age and not more than 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.

To apply and pay **ONLINE** with a credit card, please go to gsdca.org/join-the-gsdca/apply-online. You can **MAIL** this form to Laura Gilbert, 557 Dunning Lane, Chesapeake, VA 23322

Circle Your Desired Membership Type:

Membership Review Category	Delivery	One year	Three year	Five year
Single	Online only	\$45	\$130	\$215
Single	Print & online	\$75	\$215	\$355
Family	Online only	\$70	\$200	\$335
Family	Print & online	\$115	\$325	\$545
		Additional delivery charges		
		Delivery in poly wrap: \$5.00		
		1st Class delivery: \$36.00		
		Outside United States: \$24.00		

Membership Information (please print) Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____

Date of Birth: _____ (Juniors Only)

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 other person).

Last Name _____ First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____

Telephone _____ Email: _____

What activities do you enjoy with your GSD? (Circle all that apply) Agility Conformation Herding

House Pet Obedience Rally Schutzhund/Working Dog Sport Tracking Other

Endorser 1 Printed Name & Signature _____

Endorser 2 Printed Name & Signature _____

Applicant/ Member Signature: _____ Date: _____

Club Events Calendar

June 12 Membership Meeting -by phone

Ron Halling Workshop? - TBD

August 28-30 Specialty Conformation Show

Sept 19-20 GSDCMSP Herding Trial and Farm Dog Certification - Polly Simpson's

Sept 27 GSD Fun Day Animal Inn

Oct 24-25 Obedience/Rally Trial Animal Inn

GSDCMSP Class Schedule

We hope to resume training in July or August.

Ring 3

Rally Julie Swinland6:00-7:20

Conformation Ginny Altman.....7:30

Rally and Conformation will continue when we reopen while we work on recruiting and training new obedience trainers. If you are interested in learning to train or know someone who is, please contact:

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Sit, Stay.....