



Shep-O-Gram

German Shepherd Dog Club of Minneapolis/St Paul

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I hope you all had a chance to come and participate in our specialty shows. I was split between the performance and conformation rings so I missed some of each. I wish there were a way to make it easier to participate in both. The first day the team class was held outdoors so everyone had an opportunity to see that. There were a few dogs who got a little creative in their performance, but didn't our club team look grand with matching outfits and matching scarves on their dog's necks?

The performance raffle and the medallions donated by Daphne Hereford for first place in regular obedience and rally and the high scoring Rin Tin Tin medallions were really well received. You may have seen some of the dogs walking around with the medallions on their neck ribbons. The conformation side raffle of the stud fees was a big hit too (I won one!). The show was a great success. It was wonderful to see people pulling together and handling multiple raffles, a fantastic food concession (loved the hamburger plate I had on Sunday) plus all the stewards getting everything organized and on track for two days. People came early on Friday to set up the rings. It was a real group effort and everyone should be applauded.

I had the honor of showing the oldest dog in the show, age 13 1/2, and she participated in both performance and veteran conformation.. She won Rally Novice B the first day with a score of 99 out of 100. The second day we tied for first with a 97 losing by 1 second.

Remember to come to the fun match and Temperament Test on July 19 at Bo Vujovich's home in Inver Grove Heights. Contact Verna Kubik about the Temperament Test. See more details on the match and the Temperament Test on page 7.

The Herding Fun Day on August 9 is full, but you may be able to come and watch or sign up as an alternate. Contact Eileen Varhalla about the Fun Day evarhalla@aol.com.

We still need people interested in participating and organizing the State Fair demos for German Shepherd Day August 31. Let Verna know if you want to be part of the fun.

Joann Ranalls, passed away June 24. Please read the obituary written by Linn Klingel on page 2.

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SOG Due Date
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July 18 - July Membership meeting Animal Inn 8:30

Joann Ranalls (June 16, 1943 -June 24, 2008)

By Linn Klingel

Joann loved her dogs. They were her family, and anyone with a German Shepherd was a member of her extended family.

I met Joann training at Animal Inn in the 1990's on Tuesday mornings with Sharon Anderson. Back then she had 2 shepherds, first Harpo and then Echo. She dabbled with downsizing by getting a Sheltie, but her first love was shepherds. I know she did some conformation showing and breeding with later dogs. She was a character, a little eccentric at times and always very opinionated, but very loyal to her friends. I remember she and Sister Joan watched over a friend with alzheimers, trying her best to keep her friend in the real world as long as she could.

She was a tough old bird too, I think that came from her work at the inner city playgrounds. Many didn't realize she had some severe diabetic and heart issues. She was not perfect and like many of us was guilty of having too many dogs and spoiling them rotten, but loving them completely.

Five years ago, at the Anoka/ Cambridge shows, she was good enough to give a fellow GSD person(me) a chance and gave me my first 3 sales in Real Estate. Kick started my first year. That summer we had many a fine day trip together looking for the perfect farm, or the occasional log cabin, eating at small town cafe's, before she found her place in the sun in Pierz.

Editor's note: A memorial mass for JoAnn Ranalls will be at 10:30 AM Saturday, July 12, 2008 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Pierz, MN with Father Gerald Dalseth officiating. Burial will be at St. Joseph's cemetery. Friends may call from 9:30 to 10:30 AM Saturday at the church. Go to <http://www.shelleyfuneralchapels.com/> for details and directions.

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Membership Type: (circle one)

Single \$66.00 Family* \$100.00

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

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Phone (s) _____

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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

Signed _____

Signed _____

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hardcastle@starband.net

Geocaching with your dog

by Julie Swinland

A few weeks ago I stopped by Fort Snelling State Park and went into the ranger station to purchase my annual permit. I asked the ranger if there was anything new at the park since last year and she said they now have a geocaching (Pronounced Geo – caching) program. It is a Geocaching history challenge. I was excited because I had purchased a GPS unit several years ago planning to get into geocaching with the dogs. It would be added incentive to get out and hike with them.

What is geocaching? Geocaching is an entertaining adventure game for GPS users. Participating in a cache hunt is a good way to take advantage of the wonderful features and capability of a GPS unit. The basic idea is to have individuals and organizations set up caches all over the world and share the locations of these caches on the internet. GPS users can then use the location coordinates to find the caches. Once found, a cache may provide the visitor with a wide variety of rewards. All the visitor is asked to do is if they get something they should try to leave something for the cache. This sport does not require a dog, but it makes it more fun and once your dog knows what you are looking for, they may be able to help you find the cache.

I looked up geocaching on the internet and registered with www.geocaching.com so I could get the coordinates of the cache at Fort Snelling. I got up early on Saturday to figure out how to program my GPS unit with the coordinates of a cache at the park. Sandy Heinz and her dog Harley were coming over early and we were going on the adventure together. I had seen a map on some web site on the internet that lead me to believe the cache was probably at the end of Pike Island. That was one of my first mistakes. My GPS was programmed but it had several sets of coordinates and I chose the wrong one when we started out. I picked one that would take us in the direction I thought we were going. Mistake number 2. Looking back now, I think those may have been the coordinates to my house. No wonder the GPS seemed to say I should go into the river. I would have to swim it and walk quite a few miles to get to my house. We walked around the island and after nearly being carried off by mosquitoes, we opted to go home and regroup.

A few days later I went back to the park and fairly easily found the first marker. This cache is what is called a multi-cache, meaning that there are several

steps to finding the main cache. After circling an area for about 10 minutes, I looked up and saw the sign that gave the next set of coordinates. I programmed those in and my GPS seemed to have gotten a mind of it's own. It turned itself off several times and I found that the new batteries I had installed apparently were dying rapidly. Mistake number 3, I had no spare batteries with me. I finally coaxed it into giving me some indication of what way to go and when I was a few feet from the destination it died again. So now I had the coordinates for the third and final location where there should be a small box of treasures for me to pick from and a Fort Snelling history card.

A few days later Xena and I set out again to look for the cache, new batteries and about 10 spares just in case (I was a Girl Scout- Be Prepared) and we headed out into the mosquito infested forest, this time with bug spray. We headed down a path to the Mississippi River. We must be getting close, we are almost to the water. Oops! It says the coordinates are about 550 feet across the river. Now I see why the GPS with the maps built in would be handy. We trekked back to our starting point and went off across the foot bridge. Soon we were at the location. It was by a small wall of rocks along the side of an embankment. We went up the rocks and down the rocks. Hmmm... it says to tread lightly, do you think a small explosive set here might be too much to use? Oh well, we didn't have any explosives anyway. We went up a path that faced the wall of rocks and stopped to think for a moment (about time we tried that!) . Xena started to growl. There was another intrepid explorer climbing down the rocks right in our face. He too was looking for the geocache and was not deterred by a growling German Shepherd. I

Xena and the cache box



Geocaching With Your Dog Continued

wondered if he was nuts. We continued looking and the stranger started talking a little. He had some experience with geocaching but did not claim to be an expert. He went up the rocks and down the rocks. Been there, done that... Finally he pulled out a few rocks that were right where I was looking when he climbed down in front of us and there was the cache Eureka! We found it! It was full of little trinkets, the history cards about the park, and it had some travel bugs. Travel bugs are coins that are supposed to go from cache to cache. If you take one, you are honor bound to place it in another cache as soon as possible. I took one, thinking I would be out geocaching again in a few days. Well, the Specialty shows were upon us and now it has been a week or so. I have a nicer GPS on order that I am waiting for and then we can get that travel bug on it's way.

Minnesota State Parks geocaching program offers incentives to go to all the State Parks. If you get the history cards from every park in a region you can get a silver medallion and there is a gold one for finding all the caches in all the 72 parks. Some of the state parks have GPS units that you can borrow at no charge to see how you like geocaching. They also have classes in how to use them. You can find more information at <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/geocaching/index.html>

ShowSite Magazine Ranking

Martha Simmonet's CH Anneisle's Heiress V. Kenlyn Kaleef was listed as ranking second in German Shepherds in breed rankings and 4th in German Shepherds in all breed rankings in ShowSight Magazine as of May 31 2008.

Upcoming Shows

July

11-13 Duluth Kennel Club, Duluth

August

2-3 Coulee KC, LaCrosse

9-10 Kennel Club of Freeborn County, Minnesota, Inc. Albert Lea

16-17 Marshfield Area Kennel Club Marshfiel WI

23-24 St. Croix Valley Kennel Club, Inc., Lake Elmo

Obedience/Rally

August

16-17 Cambridge Minnesota Kennel Club
Total Recall, Hugo

See Events at www.akc.org for more shows

Sponsors and ad rates

In order to keep costs down, we are offering sponsorships (you can donate whatever amount you want) and you will be listed as a sponsor in the issue(s) you sponsor. We also will accept advertsing.

Business card - 1 time \$10

1/4 page \$35

1/2 half page \$50

full page \$75

This is based on a page size of 8 1/2X 11 All rates are for black and white print, but may appear in color in the PDF version.

Braggs

Kubistraums Mastermind RN TC CGC Hunter passed his CGC test .
Owned By: Cristina McColl, Verna Kubik and Virginia Bailey

RiverRock's Hotel California owned by Dr. Zoa Rockenstein
(Bailey X Stoneway's Venus of Woodside) now has 12 points
Dec 8, 2007: WB, BOW, 2 pts. St. Cloud, MN
March 8, 2008: WB, BOW, BOS 2 pts. Columbia, MO
May 24, 2008: WB, BOW, BOS 3 pt. Mankato, MN
May 25, 2008: WB, BOW, BOS 2 pts. Mankato, MN
June 7, 2008: WB, BOS, 1 pt. Lake Minnetonka
June 8, 2008: WB, BOW, BOB, 2 pts. in Lake Minnetonka

NEW CANADIAN CHAMPIONS

Owned by Connie Karner

Amer. & Can. CH Willaway Mount Shasta

Breeder Linda and Butch Fisher

3 Best of Winners.

4 Best of Breed

1 Group 1st

2 Group 2nd

1 Group 4th

Can. CH Mythical Zeus of Black Forest

Breeder Julie Swinland

4 Best of Winners

4 Best of Opposite Sex

1 Best of Breed

1 Group 1st

In The Beginning
Part 2
History of the German Shepherd Dog Club of Minneapolis
and Saint Paul

By Helen Miller Fisher

At this time we had \$88.00 in our Treasury and after paying expenses to Barbara Dillingham, who worked her fool head off at the Minneapolis Kennel Club show on our booth, we had a total of \$81.75. Weren't we rich!! Whether because we wanted to thank her (some thanks) or because she was a glutton for punishment, we made Barb the Secretary, with Don Peddie moving only up to President, and Roger Hinckley was the made Vice President. With only twelve members present, it was easy to decide things like that. We had our first training session on June 13, 1951, for forty-five minutes before our regular meeting at the home of Vida Shaffer with Dorothy Ennis training. Each member with a dog paid 25 cents per evening. During that summer Dr. Charles Peluso joined us and he and Roger Hinckley were trying to line up Al Johnson for us as a German Shepherd Club trainer. Meanwhile, those of us who were interested in obedience were attending the Twin Cities Obedience Training Club training sessions.

Jerry Carnes asked the club for a donation in his campaign against dog poisoners, but we had to decline because by this time we had donated two trophies to the Saint Paul KC show, and were down to seventy five dollars. We had a long debate on whether to get official stationery, and decided we couldn't afford it. Ed Saltzman had the only real Obedience dog in our club in the summer of 1951, but did us all proud by giving a performance as a representative of T.C.O.T.C. He had the only shepherd in the show. Not only was Ed a promoter of the Breed with Princess, an all black shepherd, but he wanted to promote the club too. He designed bumper plates which were attached to the license plates. They were very attractive, I wish we could resurrect them for us today. The members bought them for One dollar a plate. About this time, the allowed one years time was drawing close, and we all were getting nervous about becoming a recognized club. So far we'd been operating "in limbo", but we couldn't put on sanction matches much less a specialty show until we were a recognized club. We wrote on October 31 to John Gans to obtain his help in persuading the American Kennel Club that we should be recognized. His answer to us on November 30, 1951, that other than a few details, there was nothing standing the way, excited all of us. We complied with sending in an up to date membership list with counties listed and new officers and corrected By-laws. We were officially recognized by the Parent Club and AKC on December 5, 1951, one year after our application for recognition on December 13, 1950.

That fall of 1951 was rather hectic with our secretary, Barb Dillingham resigning-- the second one in a year! Her husband was transferred, so we lost a real hard worker. Betty Peddie filled in again. We were at a low time now with Eleven dollars and forty five cents in the treasury. We hadn't sold enough bumper signs to make up for their expenses. Obedience training had petered out, so it was decided to drop it until the Spring of 1952. More trouble when Betty Peddie decided she was unable to serve as even a temporary secretary, so Wyman Koone was elected. He had only been a member for two months, but since none of us were "old members" it just didn't matter. We were thankful to find someone to take over. Our requirements then were not as they are now. Length of time in the club had nothing to do with it. Luckily those first few years we had members who had experience serving on Committees and Boards in their own businesses and were able to help us through our growing pains.

Instead of an annual dinner, held in January, we had a Christmas Party, our first, at the Club Napoleon. We'd finished our first year, we'd been recognized, now we were on our way.

1952

We had accomplished a lot in the first year as the German Shepherd Dog Club of Mpls., and St. Paul, but we felt that 1952 should solidify our position as a Club.

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With this aim in mind, we wanted to do two things – first, get a set of officers that would stay for a year, and second, try and get our qualifying Sanction Matches out of the way, so that the American Kennel Club would let us hold a Specialty Show.

Even though our By-Laws had just been okayed by the AKC, we ignored them in January of 1952 to facilitate matters. A nominating committee made up of Don Peddie and John Lundquist nominated a slate and it was voted on and passed all at the same time. Our new officers (and permanent – we hoped) were President - Roger Hinckley, Vice President – Marion Lundquist, I became Secretary, and Jim Dorgan was Treasurer. Ed Saltzman was our Program Chairman and a fine job he did that year. (Note, any program chairman of the future should take notes of the programs as I mention them, through the years. It'll make your job easy.) This January meeting we had George Smeltzer to discuss how to put on Sanction Matches. All of us were green and he had valuable information for us.

This January 1952 meeting was an exciting meeting for two reasons: First we set down definite breeding goals. Members were to follow these:

1. Not accept a pup as a fee for breeding
2. Male and Bitch price to be uniform
3. All abnormal pups to be culled from litter
4. Minimum price per puppy - \$75.00
5. Breed only to AKC registered dogs. (Note – there were other registers then)
6. When pups were sold, to encourage the new owners to become Club members
7. Any member of the Club who sold a pup as a result of reference by another Club member, shall pay into the Club Treasury, 10% of the sales price

As you can see, we were a hungry Club, and we were trying to make money any way we could. This last recommendation was eventually defeated, however, when we tried to practice was we preached!!

The second reason was that Betty Peddie (we were at their home) lost her 3 carat solitaire diamond out of its setting, out in the snow. So we all pitched in, bringing bucket after bucket of snow and melting it. It's a wonder we didn't all catch pneumonia, as we ran in and out hauling snow, with a few snowball fights thrown in for good measure. Luck, perseverance, and cooperation paid off, and we found the stone for her. This was one of the few times drinks were served at a German Shepherd meeting.

We decided this year instead of putting money into a booth at the spring MKC show, we'd use the money for film to be taken at the show of our German Shepherds in the ring. Wyman Koons had a friend who would do the filming. I have the films and have shown them a dozen times in the past eighteen years. At this stage, our Bill Bliss became an official member in February 1952, although he attended a few meetings before as a guest. Also, the Elgert sisters, Jane and Shirley joined at this meeting.

We had Dr. Mather from the U. Of MN Vet school, talk on Intestinal Parasites. (Program Chairman takes notes) The AKC was giving me, as Secretary, a difficult time the next few months, but we did get August 17, 1952 okayed as our first Sanction Match. Bill Bliss was immediately chosen for trophy chairman. For those who have seen the film you remember it was Bill Thompson we had for judge. In March we had Marie Leary's film "The German Shepherd Dog" and ordered official club stationary.

By this time we felt we were growing, with 25-27 people attending the meetings, so we felt that we would try and move out of homes and into a central meeting place. (Sound familiar) We did this for three months, and decided to go back to homes. We met in the downtown YMCA.

Lew Kolstad started our German Shepherd Obedience training classes on June 26, 1952 at the Lyndale Farmstad. We had ten people training. Our programs continued with a showing of the films taken at the Minneapolis Kennel Club Show. Also, we had films of the Morris and Essex Dog Show. (Now discontinued) Jack Sinykin using his dog Alarich, talked to us on the conformation and skeletal structure of a good show dog.

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Volunteers needed

**German Shepherd Dog Club
of Minneapolis and St Paul
Sanctioned match
Match Chair Cindy Muehlbauer
July 19, 2008**

Food and beverages!

Registration opens at 8:00 AM. Match starts at 9:00 AM .
No pointed dogs. Handlers may not charge fees.
Location: Bo Vujovich's house, 8580 Alverno Avenue, Inver Grove Heights
See map on back page of this newsletter

Conformation	Obedience	Rally
Judge: Marilyn A Lindsey-Miller	Judge – TBA	Judge TBA
3-6 & 6-9, 9-12 mos 12-18 months Novice Bred by Exhibitor. Am Bred Open Jr. Handling: *Special classes: Peewee in Juniors	Pre-novice Novice A & B Grad. Novice A & B Open A & B Utility A & B Brace	Novice A & B Advanced A & B Excellent A & B

Questions- contact Cindy - cinosamgsd@yahoo.com 763-262-1177

Come for the match stay for the Temperament Test!

Temperament Test following match Contact Verna Kubik to register vmk4gsds@dishup.us,

GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF AMERICA TEMPERAMENT CERTIFICATION TEST

Summary of test components. You will get a more complete explanation with your entry form
Do not hurry the dog through the test. It is not a time test to see who gets through the fastest. Dogs must be kept on a loose lead throughout the test.

- Neutral stranger-
- Friendly Stranger-
- Can-rattling-
- Gun test-
- Umbrella test
- Footing test-
- Self-Protective/Aggressive Reaction-

Volunteers needed!- See Verna

- A. Handler and dog proceed downwind toward the hidden tester. The handler ceases to move forward as soon as the tester comes into view and staggers across the dog's path.
 - B. The tester will then turn toward the dog and slowly advance. If the dog exhibits a positive reaction, continue with Part C. **THE HANDLER WILL REMAIN STATIONARY.**
 - C. The tester then becomes threatening. When positive reaction is forthcoming, the tester should back off in a furtive manner.
- NO CONTACT IS TO BE MADE BETWEEN DOG AND TESTER.**
FOR ALL PARTS OF THIS EXERCISE, THE HANDLER MUST NOT ALLOW THE DOG TO ADVANCE BEYOND LEASH LENGTH OF THE HANDLER'S STOPPING POINT. Pressure on the dog's collar should not be in the form of a sudden jerk.

**German Shepherd Dog Club of
Minneapolis/St Paul
Membership Minutes
June 6, 2008**

Mike Metz, President , Mada Parnell (Treasurer, Board Members:Julie Swinland, (1 year remaining), Ginny Altman, Board (3 year term), Board Members Absent: Paul Johnson, Vice President, Jan Anderson, Secretary
Liz Oster, Board (2 year remaining)

Members in Attendance -10; Member Applicants - 0; Guests - 0

President called the meeting to order at 8:39 pm

1 President's Report:

- Training is going very well. There is a positive attitude around the club and it's helping the training to go well.
- I appreciate everyone that has worked in preparation for the show, to get entries, etc. The obedience entry is amazing. The entire numbers have not been pulled together, it looks like a 5 point major for dogs and a 4 points major for bitches, this could change as all entries have not been entered into the data base.

2 Vice President's Report:

- The trailer was moved from the club to Paul Johnson's. The trailer needs some maintenance.
- **Motion** Verna moved we set a budget of \$300 for maintenance and improvements for the trailer with receipts provided, it was 2nd and passed

3 Secretary's Report:

- **Motion** by Cristina M to dispense with the reading of the membership minutes was seconded by Connie K and carried unanimously.
- Correspondence:
 - a. Thank you from Nils and Jan for flowers for both of their recent injuries.
 - b. On 2/6/09 Animal Inn is not available for training.

4 Treasurer's Report:

- Associated Bank Checking: \$ 3,615.17
- Associated Bank Money Market: \$ 4,958.23

5 Training Report:

- Training going well and is being well attended.
- No training on June 20
- Connie K moved we change the July meeting from 11th to 18th, Judy M, seconded and passed unanimously

6 Budget and Finance Report:

- Some recommendations from last meeting will be reviewed at the board level and will be brought again to membership.
 - a. Training numbers year vs. year
 - b. The reward for training

7 Show Report:

- Food:
 - a. We need donations – preferably cash.
 - b. We need volunteers to work at the table.
- Mats – Eileen will bring the mats to the site.
- There is not crate space for dogs in the room where people are showing. Is there somewhere inside where people can crate their animals? Please but this in the confirmation when they are sent out.

8 Match Report:

- Date of our summer match is July 19th. We are looking for a site. We are looking at the Vets home and at Hidden Falls in St. Paul. Verify that we can use a starter pistol wherever we are having the match.
- Temperament Test
 - a. The airfare for the tester is a minimum for \$600 and the parent club has raised the fee for this to \$ 30. This is not limited to shepherds, if shepherds don't fill the maximum other breeds may be entered on the day of the temperament test.
 - b. **Motion** Ginny moved we move forward with the temperament test provided we have 20 pre-entries by the 25th of June at \$30 per entry – Verna seconded it was carried.
 - c. The concerns about the gun firing will be addressed.

9 Membership Report:

- No report.

10 Shep-O-Gram Report:

- Going well.

11 Program Report:

- Herding Fun Day – 8/9. This event will happen rain or shine. It is half full. There will be potluck so bring you favorite dish to pass

12 All Breed Liaison Report:

- No report.

13 Website Rewrite Report:

- Version 2 is complete, it looks very well. Thanks to Gina McCuen, Julie Swinland, Mike Metz, and Dave Bissonnette.
- There is more to come.
- A request was made to put a link to AKC regulations.

14 Regional Club Challenge:

- Keep getting stuff to Pam. Reminder that Pam ONLY receives AKC-generated information. You must advise her of any other qualifying items.

15 Old Business:

- State Fair – We need a volunteer to be a coordinator to set up the Fair demos. This is an outdoor area and the Fair wants some activity going on in the ring from 9:00am – 7:00pm giving us ample time to cover different topics during these hours. If we give each topic approximately 1 hour of presentation time, each topic would get a presentation in the morning and a presentation in the afternoon. We need volunteers to showcase the different aspects of the German Shepherd dog. Contact Verna Kubik for information.
- We need commitments from all participants by mid-July so we know how many parking passes etc. we need in order to prepare a minimal budget for presentation to membership.

16 New Business: None.

Ginny Altman moved we adjourn at 9:55, it was seconded and passed.

Mada Parnell – Secretary Pro-tem

**German Shepherd Dog Club of
Minneapolis/St Paul
June Board Minutes
June 3, 2008**

Mike Metz, President, Jan Anderson, Secretary, Paul Johnson, Vice President, Mada Parnell, Treasurer, Board Members: Julie Swinland, (1 year remaining), Liz Oster, Board (2 year remaining), Ginny Altman, Board (3 year term), Board Members Absent: None

Guests: Nils Anderson, Kelly Knight, Verna Kubik, Sheila Williams-Metz, Charles Reinhardt

President called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

1. Mike welcomed the board, thanked Julie for hosting.
2. President's Report:
 - Mike noted that the web rewrite is coming along fine and the second revision was posted to the site today.
 - Show preparations are on track.
 - Training is showing a good, positive cash flow with active attendance.
 - Temperament test in conjunction with Match will be addressed under the Match Report.
 - Executive item tabled until next board meeting.
3. Vice President's Report:
 - Ad placed in the StarTribune elicited 20 phone calls for information. It ran for 7 days and cost \$76.
 - Criteria for Breeder's List may have to be implemented/revised, as many of the calls were from potential puppy buyers.
4. Secretary's Report:
 - Correspondence from Connie Karner thanking the Club for sending the lovely flowering plant after her recent surgery.
 - Archival Policy tabled.
5. Treasurer's Report:
 - S & C Bank balance is \$1,323.68 in checking and the balance in savings is zero.
 - Associated Bank checking balance is \$4,958.23 (but the \$1,000 has not been transferred to the money market account) and the
 - Money market balance is \$3,615.17.
 - Total club monies approximately \$10,500 once last Friday's training receipts are deposited.

Motion without objection to file for the Auditors.

6 Training Report:

- Rearranging the conformation ring appears to relieve the double handling dilemma; puppy kindergarten classes often go outdoors at this time of year.
 - If there is an open ring available what would membership like to see take place there.
 - Training schedule was released for publication on the web.

7 Budget and Finance Report:

- Recommendations were offered to enable the board to compare future training revenue and number of participants on an "apples to apples" basis to determine profitability in each training area.
 - Income earned in a particular month will be reported in that month in order to facilitate tracking.
 - Free lessons tracking revision recommendations made. This may entail changing the Standing Rules if adopted by the membership.
 - The end result of these recommendations is a comparison from quarter to quarter one year to another.
 - A "fill in the blank" template has been created to aid committee chairs in providing the necessary financial information necessary for review by the board, membership and audit committee.
 - Because of the ample supply of flyers are available for the State Fair, none will be printed. However, a discussion as to the

value of a business card for handout (see Vice President's report also) showed this to be a viable option.

Action Item: Mada will research the cost of 1000 business cards - single cards or fold-over cards - with appropriate club information.

- Inventory of club assets was last done in 2003, and needs to be updated i.e. some of the inventory is at member's home, in the trailer, in the cabinet at training.

Action item: The trailer has some remedial maintenance which needs to be done and Mike and Paul will oversee this prior to moving it to the show site. One item which needs immediate attention – the tires need to be replaced.

Action item: Recommend to membership that a budget of \$500 be approved to refurbish the trailer

- Finally, kudos to Sheila and team for the fiscal manner in which they have handled show expenses.

8 Show Report:

- Entries close tomorrow (June 4) at noon. No entries have been opened but the return addresses indicate that the obedience people have come through for us again this year.
- Food – when members of the committee call, please be willing to offer your assistance.
- Judges hospitality – Volunteer needed to pick up from airport and take to dinner. Mada volunteered.
- Grounds – Charles Reinhardt heads this vital committee. Offer your assistance if you can.
- Eileen is bringing the mats for obedience. Will need help once they are at the Armory. Offer if you can.
- Ribbons and armbands will be ordered based on entries to remain cost effective.
- Raffle items for conformation, obedience, and a general raffle have been received.

9 Match Report:

- No report. Date is July 19th, Cindy is working on the location and Mike has some suggestions for her.
- Verna will contact the judge, Gene Gray, as to availability to do the Temperament Test.
- Twenty participants required to make it a viable event for the club. Mike will ask the Web Master to put out a request to determine if we will have enough interested parties.

10 Membership Report:

- No report.

11 Shep-O-Gram Report:

- Going very well.

12 Programs:

- No report. NOTE: Herding Fun Day August 9th. See SOG for details.

13 All Breed Liaison Report:

- No report.

14 Website Rewrite Report:

- Looks good. Progressing well.
- Second revision is out today.
- Calendar will be added at some point.
- Eventually there will be a members-only section, store, and links to various internal and external pages.
- Ginny has agreed to do the health section which will feature general information. We will require the user to check a disclaimer box in order to access this section of the web to protect the Club.

15 Regional Club Challenge:

- No report.

16 Old Business: State Fair discussion as to how to handle the 10 hour block of time for demonstrations. Web Master will put out an email eliciting volunteers for the various segments showcasing the versatility of the German Shepherd dog for the fair-going public.

- Old Business: Tabled job descriptions for committee positions until after the show.

Next membership meeting Friday, June 6, 2008, 8:30pm.
 Next board meeting Saturday, June 28, 2008, noon, Ginny, hosting at Mike and Sheila's.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm Jan Anderso

SOGGY by Julie Swinland



Body Language: A Clue He May Be Anxious

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If you are around dogs long enough, especially dogs that interact with each other, you will notice that they use specific signals to communicate certain things to each other. Animal behaviorists believe some of these signals are meant to relax potential aggressors, as well as calm themselves.

Canine language takes form in facial expressions, ears, tail, body movement, and sound. And certain body signals are thought to curtail aggression. If you have multiple dogs, observe them when they are wrestling. When things begin to escalate out of control, they signal each other to stop. This type of behavior is thought to foster cooperation among pack members.

If you are observant enough of your particular dog's use of calming signals, experts say you can even use them yourself to calm your dog during times of stress. Check out your dog during particularly anxious moments: at the veterinarian's office or in obedience class when he does something wrong, for example. You will probably see him yawn, sniff the ground or inanimate objects, or even lick his nose.

If your dog has the opportunity to encounter unfamiliar dogs or people at a public dog park or even on the street, you may see him display some body language that is meant to say, "look, I am not a threat to you." Some typical signs you may see include:

Sniffing the ground: This is thought to be a signal from a fearful dog to calm another creature (human or animal) that may frighten him.

Turning the head, head held to the side, or eyes flicking to the side for just an instant.

Your dog may even do this when a child runs up to give him a hug!

Sometimes, this takes place in such a short time you may not catch it.

You can use this signal to greet a new dog that may be fearful by coming up to the dog at an angle, or by looking away.

Remember to let children know never to approach a strange dog by staring at him. This indicates aggression in dog language. Better yet, never let a child approach any unknown dog without immediate adult supervision.

Licking his own nose: Quick or slow, this also is thought to be a signal to calm strangers. Interestingly, black dogs use this signal more often than other dogs. This may be because their features are more difficult to see and a pink tongue stands out.

Licking your face or another dog's face, although a typical canine greeting, may or may not also be a calming signal.

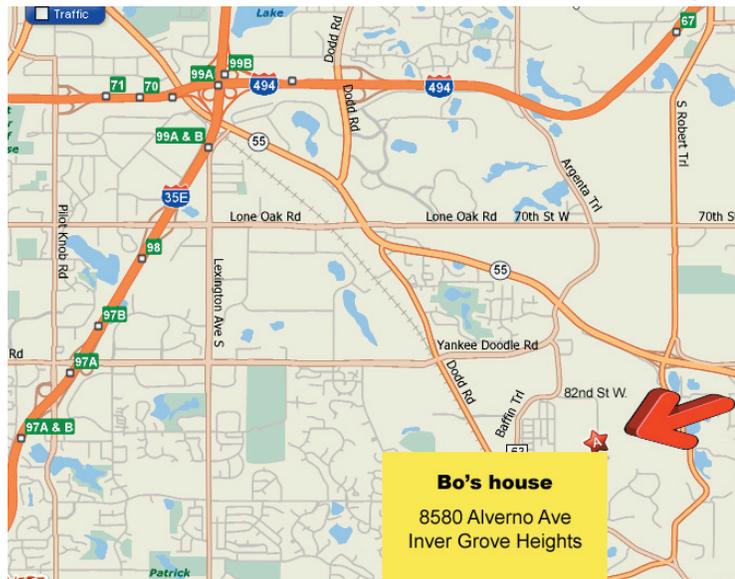
Yawning: This is a common stress signal. We have noticed this in dogs during obedience training when their owners are expecting a lot of them, at dog shows, at the veterinarian, or when their owners are disciplining them.

If you own an older dog, try some of these signals to calm him down. Older dogs are much more sensitive to their owner's body language (that is why they sometimes seem to be able to read our minds).

Try communicating with your dog in his own language. He may look at you strangely, but it may just work.

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Directions to the match and temperament test July 19.



From St Paul or the east

take 494 to Hwy 52 south
Take a right onto Cty 26 (Lone Oak) 70th st
Go left on Cty Rd 63 (Argenta Trail)
Go left on 82nd St W (turns into Alverno)
Follow to Bo's

From Minneapolis

Take 55 to Cty 63 (Argenta Trail)
Go south to 82nd St W (turns into Alverno)

Training Friday nights at the Animal Inn Lake Elmo

Check the web site for exceptions
www.gsdcmsp.org

NO TRAINING JULY 4.

Note schedule changes!

7:00 Conformation(handler class), intermediate Obedience, puppy socialization, 7:45 Rally - all levels, conformation

Next beginning Obedience starts Sept 5.

Club Events

July 19 Fun Match and temperament test at Bo's See information on page 7

August 9 The Herding Fun Day is full. Contact Eileen Varhalla if you would like to sign up as an alternate if space becomes available or to audit .
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August 31 Stae Fair German Shepherd Demo day - Contact Verna Kubik with ideas and to volunteer. vmk4gsds@dishup.us, or call
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