



# Shep-O-Gram

German Shepherd Dog Club of Minneapolis/St Paul

September 2008

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It's hard to believe that it is September already. We participated in another State Fair Demo Day this last weekend. I believe that would be my 6th. This one far surpassed any of the previous ones I participated in. For those of you who are not able to follow the events on the web, I will give a brief recap. This was held in an area next to the Pet Center on Underwood. It is an open area with just a rope around it. The ring is much larger than we could have inside the building. The chief organizers were Verna Kubik, Eileen Varhalla, and Mary Bente. Over 30 of our club members participated giving demos of obedience, conformation, rally, agility, puppy socialization, therapy and service dogs. There were two topics covered every hour and very little if any time in between. Lisa Marie Fortier did a fantastic job as moderator hour after hour. Any setup time was covered by the meet and greet with members and their dogs going around the ring talking to the people, answering questions and allowing people to pet their dogs. It was a fantastic group effort and we reached hundreds if not thousands of people. We had our club flyers and business cards to give out to promote our club and training. It was a well received performance and another example of what our club can do when we all pull together.

The new training schedule is out on the web site and on page 5. The next Novice Obedience and Beginning Rally classes start on September 5. There are new incentives to buy combination blocks for Rally and Obedience.

The Sanctioned herding match will be October 18 at Polly Simpson's farm in New Richmond WI. Come to watch and learn about the sport of herding sheep and help with the match if you can. For information contact Eileen Varhalla - Evarhalla@aol.com, (651) 462-1220.

We have had a busy year, but I think Mike has more plans to keep us busy with one or two more matches, our holiday party, and probably other activities before the close of the year. We will have a lot to celebrate at our banquet!

Remember our membership meeting has been moved to September 19. Connie Karner is offering a light dinner prior to the meeting in celebration of three championships her dogs have completed,

On a sad note Linn Klingel lost Ch Todor K-haus Dream Keeper to Hermangio Sarcoma last month.

Julie Swinland.  
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## SOG Due Date

Oct issue -Sept 21

**September 19 - Membership meeting Animal Inn 8:30**

JOIN THE GSDC OF AMERICA TODAY!

German Shepherd Dog Club of America Membership Application

Requirements: Minimum age of 18 years. Must be in good standing with AKC. Membership includes subscription to *The German Shepherd Dog Review*.

Membership Type: (circle one)

Single \$66.00      Family\* \$100.00

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

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*I (we) hereby make application to the above Club and agree, if accepted for membership, to abide by its Bylaws and the Bylaws of the AKC. Upon application I will be eligible for all privileges except the right to vote. Thirty days after my name is published in the Review, provided no objections have been filed I will be granted the right to vote*

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Gail Hardcastle, 49 Lakeview Road, White Salmon, WA 98672

hardcastle@starband.net

**Anoka County Minnesota Kennel Club  
Sanctioned B Match (Conformation)**

Date: Saturday November 29th (Tentative)

Tentative Times 9:00-???

Elk River K-9

Open to all

More information in next issue

**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 advertising.

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1/4 page \$35

1/2 half page \$50

Full page \$75

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**Upcoming Shows**

**September**

6-7 GSDC of Wisconsin, Big Bend, WI

6 Topline GSDC Big Bend

**11-13 German Shepherd Dog Club of Canada**

**National Show** Kitchner, Ontario, Canada

**October**

4-5 Wright County KC, Hutchinson

11-12 Mason City KC, Mason City IA

17-19 Rapid City KC, Rapid City SD

25-26 Sioux Empire KC, Vermillion SD

**November**

**1-9 German Shepherd Dog Club of America**

**National Show, obedience trial, herding trial,**

**tracking trial, and agility trial,** Beaumont, TX

8-9 Minneapolis KC, Shakopee

**Obedience/Rally only**

**September**

20-21 Anoka County MN KC Total Recall

**October**

3-5 St Paul Dog Training, South St Paul

There are many more events -at [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org).



**Ch Todor K-haus Dream Keeper**  
 RBOS Midwest Futurity 6/6/2003  
 BOS Great Lakes Maturity 6/26/2004

Linn Klingel reported that Ch Todor K-haus Dream Keeper has gone to the Rainbow Bridge.

Last week he woke throwing up blood and she rushed him to vet. He passed away from a bleeding spleen tumor as they were examining him.

Keep was a big dog with a big heart and such gentle soul. He won over the hearts of all who met him. No one ever forgot him.

He would have been 7 in Oct.

**All Breed Herding Clinic**

With Australian Clinician Simon Leaning  
 September 23 thru 26, 2008

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Open To: All experience levels

Dog/Handler Fee: \$125.00 per day includes lunch

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1776 70th St.

Balsam Lake, WI. 54810

715-857-6174

**All breed seminar “Puppy Intensive Care and Canine Reproduction and Whelping” by Myra Savant-Harris R.N. Spetember 27 and 28 8 AM - 4 PM**

Country Inn, 6003 Hudson Rd, Woodbury, MN

Cost \$150 or \$75 per day

For information contact:

echelonrotts@aol.com or call 715-722-4994 and leave a message

No dogs allowed at seminar

Presented by the Northstar Rottweiler Club

**Doggie Palooza**

**Oct 4, 10:00-4:00**

**Wolfe Park, St Louis Park**

All sorts of doggy events and vendors. Events include, dog games, agility, disc dogs, and T-touch. For more information go to [http://www.startribune.com/pet\\_central/18011204.html](http://www.startribune.com/pet_central/18011204.html)

**Training Opportunity**

Eileen Varhalla, our obedience instructor, is working on organizing a training opportunity for us, at Total Recall in Hugo with the well known trainer, Sue Mills-Kothe. We can tailor the training to our needs including the best techniques for preparing for and showing in obedience, footwork, working with the dumbbell, and problem solving. The total cost is \$250 for the day divided by the number of participants. So if we have 15 people it would be approximately \$17 per person. I have trained with Sue off and on for decades and she is a really great trainer. This is a wonderful opportunity for us at a potentially very low price. I know I will go!

Please send Eileen an e-mail expressing your interest so she can get a date reserved. Also let her know what you would like to work on. Eileen's e-mail is [evanhalla@aol.com](mailto:evanhalla@aol.com) or you can call her at 651-462-1220, Fill out the form below and send it to Eileen Varhalla, 9789 253 Ave NE, Stacy, MN 55079 or contact the Shep-O-Gram and I will forward your information.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Dog's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I would like to participate \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to work on \_\_\_\_\_

**For more information on this please refer back to the August Issue of the Shep-O-Gram**

# Coccidia (Coccidiosis): A Cause of Diarrhea

[Race Foster, DVM](#)

[Marty Smith, DVM](#)

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## What are coccidia?

Coccidia are small [protozoans](#) (one-celled organisms) that multiply in the intestinal tracts of dogs and cats, most commonly in puppies and kittens less than six months of age, in adult animals whose [immune system](#) is suppressed, or in animals who are stressed in other ways (e.g.; change in ownership, other disease present).

In dogs and cats, most coccidia are of the genus called *Isospora*. *Isospora canis* and *I. ohioensis* are the species most often encountered in dogs. Regardless of which species is present, we generally refer to the disease as coccidiosis. As a puppy ages, he tends to develop a natural [immunity](#) to the effects of coccidia. As an adult, he may carry coccidia in his intestines, and shed the [cyst](#) in the feces, but experience no ill effects.

## How are coccidia transmitted?

A puppy is not born with the coccidia organisms in his intestine. However, once born, the puppy is frequently exposed to his mother's feces, and if the mother is [shedding the infective cysts](#) in her feces, then the young animals will likely ingest them and coccidia will develop within their intestines. Since young puppies, usually those less than six months of age, have no immunity to coccidia, the organisms reproduce in great numbers and parasitize the young animal's intestines. Oftentimes, this has severe effects.

From exposure to the coccidia in feces to the onset of the illness is about 13 days. Most puppies who are ill from coccidia are, therefore, two weeks of age and older. Although most infections are the result of spread from the mother, this is not always the case. Any infected puppy or kitten is contagious to other puppies or kittens. In breeding facilities, shelters, animal hospitals, etc., it is wise to isolate those infected from those that are not.

## What are the symptoms of coccidiosis?

The primary sign of an animal suffering with coccidiosis is diarrhea. The diarrhea may be mild to severe depending on the level of infection. Blood and mucous may be present, especially in advanced cases. Severely affected animals may also vomit, lose their appetite, become dehydrated, and in some instances, die from the disease.

Most infected puppies encountered by the authors are in the four to twelve week age group. The possibility of coccidiosis should always be considered when a loose stool or diarrhea is encountered in this age group. A microscopic fecal exam by a veterinarian will detect the cysts confirming a diagnosis.

## What are the risks?

Although many cases are mild, it is not uncommon to see severe, bloody diarrhea result in dehydration and even death. This is most common in animals who are ill or infected with other parasites, bacteria, or [viruses](#). Coccidiosis is very contagious, especially among young puppies. Entire kennels may become contaminated, with puppies of many age groups simultaneously affected.

## What is the treatment of coccidiosis?

It should be mentioned that stress plays a role in the development of coccidiosis. It is not uncommon for a seemingly healthy puppy to arrive at his new home and develop diarrhea several days later leading to a diagnosis of coccidia. If the puppy has been at the new home for less than thirteen days, then he had coccidia before he arrived. Remember, the incubation period (from exposure to illness) is about thirteen days. If the puppy has been with his new owner several weeks, then the exposure to coccidia most likely occurred after the animal arrived at the new home.

Fortunately, coccidiosis is treatable. Drugs such as [sulfadimethoxine \(Albon®\)](#) and [trimethoprim-sulfadiazine](#)

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## Fall Training Schedule

My apologies to Verna for cutting and compressing it to fit

September, 2008	October, 2008	November, 2008	December, 2008	January, 2009
05-Regular Classes- <b>New Beginning Obedience/Rally Classes</b>  Desk: Jan Andersen	03--Regular Classes- 10/04-05 Wright Cty KC  Desk:	07- Regular PPT/OB/ RlyClasses-No Conf— <b>GSDCA Nat'l 11/05-09</b> Mpls KC Desk:	05-Regular Classes- Granite City KC  Desk:	02-Regular Classes? 1-02-04 Northstar/ LandOLakes KC
12-- Regular PPT/ OB?RlyClasses- No Conf--. Can Nat'l. Rochester KC Desk: Jan Andersen	10-- <b>Memb. Mtng</b> --Regular Classes  Desk:	14-- <b>Memb. Mtng</b> Regular Classes-  Desk:	12-- <b>Memb. Mtng</b> <b>XMAS Potluck?</b>  Desk:	09-- <b>Memb. Mtng</b> --Regular Classes <b>New Beginning Obedience Class</b>
19- <b>Memb. Mtng</b> Regular Classes-  Desk: Jan Andersen	17--Regular Classes- <b>GSDCMSP Sanction A Herding Match Sat.,10/18 at Polly Simpson's</b> Desk:	21-Regular Classes- <b>GSDCMSP Match?</b>  Desk:	19-Regular Classes-  Desk:	16-Regular Classes
26-Regular Classes-  Desk: Jan Andersen	24—Regular Classes- 10/25-8/26 Sioux Empire KC  Desk:	28- <b>NO Regular Classes-</b> <b>Thanksgiving weekend</b> Desk:	26- <b>NO Regular Classes???</b> -  Desk:	23-Regular Classes
<b>GSDC Board Wed. 8/27; 6:30 p.m. at Holly's</b>	31--Regular Classes GSDCA Herding 11/01-03 Desk:			30-Regular Classes  Vmk 9/03/08

### Braggs

**Ch. Kubistraums Code Red, HT, PT, CD, RN, TC, RA**  
AOE GV Ch. MarHaven's Color Guard, ROM ex PAM Ch.  
Kubistraums Forever Amber, ROM  
Breeders/Owners: Verna Kubik and Virginia Bailey

St. Paul Dog Training Club, 4/26/08  
Judge: Karen Anderson  
72Q, 1st leg RA

Freeborn County KC, 8/09/08  
Judge: S.P. Hemminger  
87Q 2nd leg, RA

Freeborn county KC, 8/10/08  
Judge: Richard Wood  
98Q 3rd leg, RA  
Advanced Rally Title Complete!

**Kubistraums On Raven's Wings, HT, PT, RN, TC, CD, RA**  
Ch. Kubistraums Code Red, HT, PT, CD, RN, TC, RA ex.  
Kubistraums Pecan Sandie, Can. CD  
Breeder: Verna Kubik; Owners: Verna Kubik & Virginia  
Bailey  
Judge: Phil Rustad  
Novice B Obedience: 195-Q 3rd Place, 1st leg, CD  
Rally Advanced B: 100-Q 1st Place, 1st leg, RA

GSDC Mpls & St. Paul Specialty Trial, 6/22/08  
Judge: Donna Larson  
Novice B Obedience: -Q 4th Place, 2nd leg, CD  
Rally Advanced B: 100-Q 1st Place, 2nd leg, RA

Cambridge, MN KC Rally Trial, 8/15/08  
Rally Judge: Diane Propst  
Rally Advanced A: 97Q, 3rd leg, RA  
Rally Advanced Title Complete!

Cambridge, MN KC Obedience Trial, 8/16/08  
Obedience Judge: Lora Cunningham-Osburn  
Novice B Obedience: 190-Q, 3rd leg, CD  
Companion Dog Title Complete!

**American & Canadian Champion Mythical Zeus of Black Forest**  
Ch. Kenlyn's Aries V Hicliff X Dam: Amer., Can, Int,  
CH. Oak Haven Xena of Black Forest RE  
New American Champion  
Northstar Herding Group Club - St. Croix Valley Shows  
Judge: Lloyd Graser Jr.  
Breeder: Julie Swinland  
Owner: Connie Karner  
Zeus went Winners Dog, Best of Winners and Best of  
Opposite Sex to finish with a major.

**In The Beginning**  
**Part 4**  
**History of the German Shepherd Dog Club of Minneapolis**  
**and Saint Paul**  
By Helen Miller Fisher

Part 4

All summer long we were busy getting ready for our show. We had several outdoor programs ,and at one meeting Dr. Spurrell talked to us on genetics. Again, for the second time, we made an effort to change our name to German Shepherd Dog Club of Minnesota. We were turned down again two months later by the American Kennel Club.

That summer there were quite a few of us going to shows ,and we went in caravan style. Bill Bliss teamed up with Dr. Miller and myself, and we hit all the nearby shows, as well as those in Iowa and Wisconsin. Ed Saltzman was showing both obedience and conformation. The Roger Hinckley's and Wally Linders were in conformation. So we already had four station wagons. Dr. Peluso joined in when he could, even went on down to the Milwaukee show. The Elgert sisters were always along, entered in both obedience and conformation. Jack Sinykin, who was the pioneer in showing was always entered also. Neil Muller and Sol Fisher were new at that time but they got the bug also and often joined us at shows. Many times we'd have seven or eight cars and station wagons going to a show, and no one had air-conditioning at that time. Of course this is when it took twelve hours to go to Milwaukee ,and ten to Des Moines, and four or five to Duluth, so it really was a trip, but we had fun all stopping to eat together, and exercising our dogs.

Our November show was a success. The St. Paul Kennel Club held their show on Sat. and Minneapolis Kennel Club had theirs on Sunday, so we ended up with a five point entry at both shows. A special note of interest, is that we had advertised on the flyers for the show that we had trophy and cash prizes worth \$400!! This was in 1953, with only eighteen members, and no money coming in from obedience. In those early days, many members not only contributed time, but money and more money.

At the November show a group of breed clubs decided to try and put on a spring show as a "Combined Specialty". We decided to join in, as even in those days German Shepherds had the largest entry. Mrs. Laura Montank (Cocker Spaniels) was chairman and R. R. Smeltzer (Boston Terriers) was secretary-treasurer.

At our December meeting we had our nominations and decided to hold the annual dinner in January. Since we went in a hole on our November show, a group had to make loans to the club again to get ready for our May Combined Specialty. We had hoped that by combining together we would at least break even, so with only five months to get ready for our second annual specialty show, twenty members to do the work, and ninety dollars in the hole, we started our fourth year.

1954

Several things stand out in my mind about that year. Two things we failed miserably at, were the obedience training programs. Several of us were still doing obedience work at T.C.O.T.C., but we just couldn't get our own group going. Programs were at an all time low. We had several vets, a few films, Jack showed us some handling tips, but after 3 years of good programs, we seemed to be at a loss.

We had many things to the good side going for that year, however. We stuck with the Combined Specialty on May 9th, 1954 and had Langdon Skarda for our judge. This was the first time Lang judged up here, and as a favor he came for a very nominal sum, not even covering his expenses. We had a real good show with entries.

Another good thing happened to us was that our LaVonne Thorsrud, came as a visitor to the March 1954 meeting and apparently liked what she found, because she joined a few meetings later – lucky for us! She

has donated much of herself to the German Shepherd Dog club of Mpls., and St. Paul and today finds her doing the same thing as Show Secretary and Vice President. One of the delightful things that stands out in my mind about this years, was that we were solvent for the first time – yes, we had between \$150-\$175 in the bank after all bills were paid. After four years of financial disaster, it was a relief, believe me!

We were quite active as a club that summer. Under the direction of Ed Saltzman, Shirley Elgert, Bill Lucke, and myself participated in the MPLS. Aquatennial, giving a Precision Drill demonstration of our German Shepherds. We also initiated our first picnic. This was a family affair held in July at the Raaks place and what a success it was. Every family brought its own food, but the Raaks supplied a lake, a boat, and horses and wagon for a hay ride. It started at 11:00a.m. and went all day until 8:00pm. This was really a family day, all the kids had a ball, while parents relaxed, ate, talked dogs and even played baseball! This tradition lasted only a few years, changing to the “adult only” steak fry in the fall. But it was fun while it lasted.

After our successful second annual show that spring, we immediately started planning for the next one. We were undecided as to whether to stay with the Combined Specialty or to go off on our own.

We had a Sanction Match in August with Bill Bliss winning BOB with his Yukon (a Cuno son) and me going BOS with a new bitch import, Bella vom Louisenschloss. Yukon was a beautiful animal, and Bill made the decision to send him out with a handler that winter. The dog did well but contracted a fatal disease, while on the circuit and Bill got him home just in time to have him die. It was a real heartbreak for all of us

Another heartbreak that occurred that year happened to Jack Sinykin. Even though some of you weren't in dogs you probably read it because it hit the headlines. This was undoubtedly one of the most horrible tragic things, nationwide, that ever happened to dogs, or any animal for that matter. On August 12, 1954, someone threw strychnine packed wieners into all the outside and available pens at LaSalle Kennels. Over 30 dogs were affected with 8 being killed. Two of these eight, were bitches due to whelp. Jack's estimated loss was \$20,000 and with his greatest loss being his 2 ½ year old Champion, Ch. Sir Lancelot of La Salle. This was truly a vicious thing, and the response from all over the U.S. and the world indicated the horror that people felt. Two of the dogs killed had neared their completion for the Master Eye Foundation and were ready to be placed with blind persons. Others, that were killed or sickened, were in various stages of guide dog training that Jack did. Immediately money came pouring in for the help in the search for the poisoners. Beacon Wax of Boston sent \$500, a Kansas City Meat Packing company sent \$500, the Minneapolis Kennel Club gave \$500, we as a club gave \$100, and even the AKC and US Humane Society even contributed. A reward was set up which finally reached \$2500. Lie detector testes were given, and 50 volunteers went from house to house in that area to see if any information could be found. No clue was found and the money was left as a permanent reward fund. The loss to Jack was considerable in a financial way, but the worst hurt came to the heart. Sir Lancelot was one of his favorites, and we all know what it feels like to lose just one animal, but eight of them!

We spent the end of 1954 getting ready for our 1955 Spring Specialty, having our nominations and planning our annual dinner. End year 1954.

1955

So on to the year 1955. We stuck with the Combined Specialty that year and had Curt Allstad as our judge. We had a total entry of 54 dogs, our biggest entry so far compared with 12 in 1952. Curt, over here from Germany, did for the first time in this area, a Kor “rating” of all of our dogs, which was very educational and interesting. An interesting note is our trophies cost us \$116.12 that year. We lost only \$63.00 on the show.

I was President for another year with Ed Saltzman as Vice President, Virginia Brunson as Treasurer and Neil Muller was Secretary. We nearly lost LaVonne as a member. She didn't come to the first three meetings and had planned on dropping out. She reconsidered however and decided to stay with us. Our programs were better. We had Dr King talk to us on prenatal care and whelping of bitches and for the first time, hip dysplasia came to public light. Dr. Cutler did his best to explain what it was all about.

After our Spring Show, the Minneapolis Kennel Club asked the Combined Specialty to join them for a fall show. So, for the first time, we tried a spring and fall show. We scheduled it for November 1955 and asked John Seiler to judge.

**German Shepherd Dog Club of  
Minneapolis/St Paul  
August Board Minutes  
July 30, 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: Verna Kubik

President called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

**1. Mike welcomed the board, thanked Liz for hosting.**

MOTION by Mada to dispense with the reading of the minutes as distributed was seconded by Liz and passed unanimously.

**2 President's Report:**

- Mike updating the Club calendar
- Is requesting Dave update the information to reflect calendar information on one page and rate information on another page
- Next membership meeting August 8, 8:30pm
- Herding Fun Day is August 9; entries are full; come to watch; potluck to follow
- Sept Board meeting will be held Wed Aug 27, 6:30pm at Metz, Mada hosting
- October board meeting will be October 4, 4:00pm, Mike & Sheila hosting at their house

**3 Vice President's Report:**

- Trailer refitting will be Sat Aug 2nd, 9:00am, at Lizzie & Doug's house
- Still could use volunteers to make the necessary changes

**4 Secretary's Report:**

- Correspondence – thank you note from temperament test judge, Gene Gray, noting the quality of entries (several select and champion dogs,) number to dogs passing, and the hospitality of the Club
- Archival Policy tabled.

**5 Treasurer's Report:**

- Associated Bank Checking: \$ 3,512.37
- Associated Bank Money Market: \$ 4,959.86

**6 Training Report:**

- Trainers meeting has been scheduled for 6:00pm, August 8, prior to training
- Full calendar is expected to be finalized at this meeting
- Will discuss breeder incentives as it pertains to current training, possible changes, and other items
- Desk duty calendar Aug – Mike & Sheila; Sept – Jan; Oct 3rd & 17th open, 10th Mada, and Ginny 24th & 31st
- Breeders List/Directory – Jan will chair a committee to refine/rewrite the existing criteria, pricing, etc.

**7 Budget and Finance Report:**

- No report.

**8 Show Report:**

- 2009 show application to be filed with AKC

ACTION ITEM: Agenda item for membership meeting – to vote on 2009 Show dates of Saturday, June 20, 2009, and Sunday, June 21, 2009 for conformation, obedience, and rally dates and events approved by AKC

ACTION ITEM: Agenda item for membership meeting is do we want to offer team, brace, and pre-novice classes

MOTION by Ginny to authorize \$100 deposit to guarantee the Roseville Armory 2009 show site was seconded by Paul and carried unanimously.

**9 Match Report:**

- Despite a lower entry for the Match, the temperament test entry was strong and the totals will likely show a “break even” on income and expenses



**Board Minutes continued**

- Thanks to Cindy and Ann
- It was a fun day, great weather, great location (Bo has volunteered her location for future outdoor events,) great temperament test results
- Another outdoor match is being considered, coordinating with the beginners obedience would necessitate an indoor match some time on or after 11/21, details to be worked out

**10 Membership Report:**

- No report.

MOTION by Ginny to print the 2009 membership book after the dues have been received was seconded by Mada and carried unanimously.

**11 Shep-O-Gram Report:**

- May be a little late this time but good articles

**12 Program Report:**

- No report. NOTE: Herding Fun Day August 9th. See SOG for details.
- Discussion on Herding "A" Match possible dates, locations, fees
- Need to know timing with AKC in order to effectively proceed

**13 All Breed Liaison Report:**

- No report.

**14 Website Rewrite Report:**

- Server maintenance issues being resolved

**15 Regional Club Challenge:**

- No report. NOTE: Deadline is July 31st. Get all information to Pam as soon as possible

**16 Old Business:**

- State Fair – Eileen is chairing this vital educational opportunity
- Need to check with Fair to see if we can have the trailer on site
- Business cards for Fair handouts

**17 New Business:**

- No report.

Next membership meeting Friday, August 8, 2008, 8:30pm.

Next board meeting Wednesday, August 27, 2008, 6:30pm, Mike hosting at his house

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm

Jan Anderson, Secretary

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August Membership Minutes  
August 8, 2008**

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

Members: 20; Member Applicants 0; Guests 0

President called the meeting to order at 8:30 pm

Dispensed with the reading of the minutes as distributed previously.

**1 President's and Vice President's Report:**

- Mike noted that the trailer reorganization had gone well and the expenses were well within the budget voted on by the Club
- Noted the success which Club members had in Canada recently Myra's Cherry finished with 2 BIS wins, Salava's Johan was Winners Dog 2 days, Cliffs had Winners Bitch and Group 1, Connie K's Zeus finished, and at LaCrosse Andersons Sully finished his Am Ch. Congrats to all.
- Sept Board meeting will be held Wed Aug 27, 6:30pm at Holly Bryan's, Mada hosting
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**2 Vice President's Report:**

- See first item above

**3 Secretary's Report:**

- Correspondence – Flyer from Puppy Love Caring Canines (Assistance Dog Association) announcing their Wag-N-Wheel benefit walk, Sat, Sept 13, Lac Lavon Park, Burnsville. (Their organization has GSD service dogs.)

**4 Treasurer's Report:**

- Associated Bank Checking: \$ 4,557.72
- Associated Bank Money Market: \$ 4,959.86
- Total monies \$ 9,517.98

**5 Training Report:**

- New beginning obedience starts September 6<sup>th</sup>
- Verna suggested a new combination of beginning obedience at 7pm followed by a starting rally class at 7:45 to be added on a trial basis for next quarter. From the point of view of those doing desk duty, Ginny suggested having a combo card for this new class.  
**MOTION** by Verna was seconded by Nils to implement the combo beginning obedience/starting rally class and combo card for desk duty was seconded by Nils and carried unanimously.
- Desk duty calendar Aug – Mike & Sheila; Sept – Jan; Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> open, 10<sup>th</sup> Mada, and Ginny 24<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>
- **NOTE: There will be NO CONFORMATION the Friday of the National, November 7<sup>th</sup>. There will be obedience, rally, etc.**
- **NOTE: There will be no training the Friday after Thanksgiving. Nov 28.**

**6 Budget and Finance Report:**

- No report.

**7 Show Report:**

- 2009 show application to be filed with AKC  
**MOTION:** by Verna hold our 2009 Show on Saturday, June 20, 2009, and Sunday, June 21, 2009 for conformation, obedience, and rally as the events have been approved by AKC was seconded by Sheila and carried unanimously.  
**MOTION:** by Verna to hold the following non-regular obedience classes: brace, team, pre-novice, grad notice, and veteran notice was seconded by July and carried unanimously.  
**MOTION** by Verna to hold and not divide by age a veterans conformation class was seconded by Sheila and carried unanimously.  
**NOTE:** The Board approved a \$100 deposit to hold the show site at the Roseville Armory.

**8 Match Report:**

- Another match is being considered coordinating with the beginners obedience it would be an indoor match some time on or after 11/21, details to follow

**9 Membership Report:**

- No report. (at present we have over 150 members/member applicants)
- Member applicants who have completed their requirements and are now members Al, Eileen, and Mike Young are at tonight's meeting

**10 Shep-O-Gram Report:**

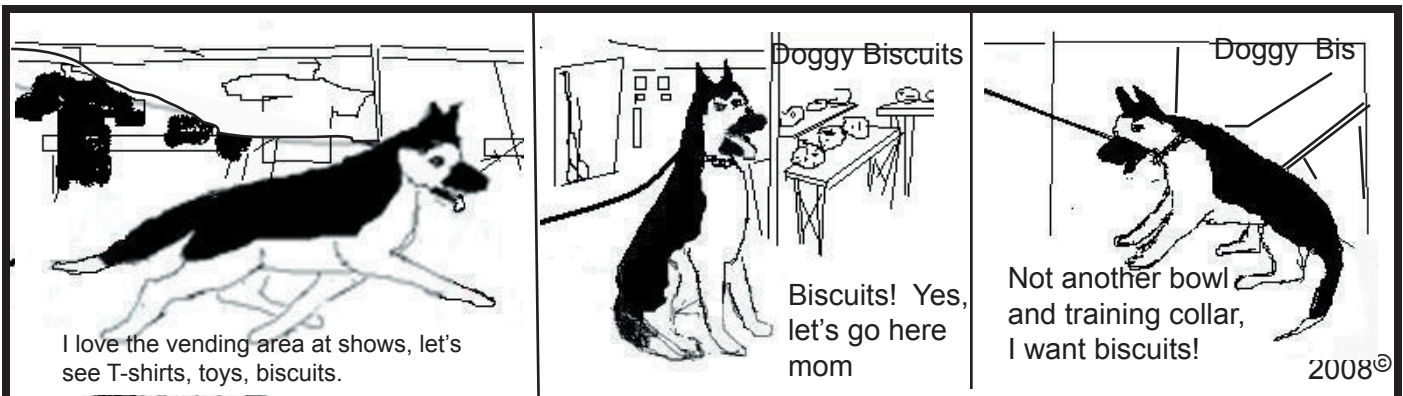
- August issue is out

**11 Program Report:**

- No report. **NOTE:** Herding Fun Day 8:30am, August 9<sup>th</sup>. rain or shine.

**12 All Breed Liaison Report:**

SOGGY by Julie Swinland



- No report.

**13 Website Rewrite Report:**

- Enhancements being made as necessary for ease of navigation on the site

**14 Regional Club Challenge:**

- Deadline was July 31<sup>st</sup>. Get all information to Pam by the “drop-dead” date of August 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Things are looking good this year due to the number of AOE and Select dogs in our Club.

**15 Old Business:**

- State Fair – Eileen noted that there are 30 people and 4 juniors who will need tickets. Verna will purchase these tickets and the Club will reimburse her.
- We have approval from the Fair to have the Club trailer on site (good advertising for the Club)
- Flyers will be handouts (we still have a supply from last year so will not have to incur any costs for them)
- Business cards for Fair handouts – Julie and Mike are working on the most cost-effective method of procuring them
- Demo day is Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup> and we need to cover 9am to 7pm
- The fairgrounds are available to us on August 13 after 3pm until about 6pm so that participants can analyze set-up possibilities for the demo
- Shirts have been ordered from Bo for \$12 and Eileen asked for payment asap so that the bill can be paid on receipt of the shirts

**16 New Business:**

- **Breeders List** - New committee has been formed to review the Breeders List criteria, pricing, etc. Jan Anderson is chair, other members of the committee are Darlene Cliff, Lisa Fourtier, Sheila Williams-Metz, Liz Oster, Julie Swinland, and Myra Shear
- Email Jan at [K9TaxiJan@msn.com](mailto:K9TaxiJan@msn.com) with your comments, concerns, suggestions for improvement of the list
- A survey will be sent to current members of the Breeders List as a starting point for the discussion
- **Annual banquet** – Sheila mentioned that Canterbury would be a possible site – further discussion tabled until closer to the event
- **Herding “A” Match** Discussion on possible dates, locations, fees resulted in the following **MOTION** by Pam to hold the Herding “A” Sanction Match at Polly’s on October 18 was seconded by Verna and carried.  
**MOTION** by Verna to schedule a budget of \$200 in connection with the Herding “A” Sanction Match was seconded by Pam and carried.

Next membership meeting NOTE change of date **Friday, Sept 19, 2008, 8:30pm.**

Next board meeting **Wednesday, August 27, 2008, 6:30pm**, Mada hosting at Holly Bryan’s house

Meeting adjourned at 9:37 pm

Jan Anderson, Secretary

**Ring Schedule**

There are new Beginners’ Obedience and Rally classes starting this Friday, September 5. Virginia will hold a Beginner’s Rally Orientation session at 7:45 p.m. for anyone interested in Rally who hasn’t started it yet. We also have a special promotion for anyone wishing to do Obedience and Rally with the same dog on the same night---A block of 10 combo lessons for \$85!

The ring schedule follows:

Ring 1—Obedience—Eileen Varhalla, trainer	Intermediate/Advance Novice 7:00-7:45; Beginners: 7:45-8:30
Ring 2: Puppy Playtime—Lisa Fortier, trainer	7:00-7:45
Rally Obedience—Virginia Bailey, trainer	All levels: 7:45-8:30
Ring 3: Conformation—Paul Johnson & Mike Metz, Trainers	Novice dogs & handlers: 7:00-7:30
	Puppies 7:30-8:00
	Open: 8:00-8:30

## Club Events

### Herding match

Coming October 18, our first Sanction A Herding Match. The premium list is out via e-mail and will also go out by regular mail. If you do not receive one and are interested in participating contact Verna Kubik or Eileen Varhalla.

**Training Event at Total Recall** - Date to be determined. See page 3 for more information or page 5 of the August issue for the complete flyer on this event or contact Eileen Varhalla evarhalla@aol.com.

**Membership meeting September 19 at 8:30 PM Animal Inn**

**Next Beginning Obedience and Rally classes start Sept 5.**

## Training Friday nights at the Animal Inn Lake Elmo

Check the web site for exceptions  
[www.gsdcmsp.org](http://www.gsdcmsp.org)

### Note schedule changes!

7:00 Conformation(handler class), intermediate obedience, puppy socialization, 7:45 Rally - all levels, conformation. See Ring schedule on page 11 and new Fall schedule on page 5.



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