

Shep-O-Gram

German Shepherd Dog Club of Minneapolis/St Paul

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In this issue we have two articles by our members: Judging the German Shepherd Dog by Ginny Altman and Anxiety in Dogs by Judy Grumdahl and a new column by Sheila Metz. I hope we can get some more great articles from our membership.

We have the Potluck coming up Dec. 11, remember to bring a dish of your choice. We will have Santa photos again so bring your canine friends for pictures. If you have trees or decorations that will help the scene for the photos, bring them along too. Joelle Hymel is the contact for the potluck and Cindy Muehlbauer has volunteered to take on the silent auction. The proceeds from the auction will go to Second Harvest for pet food. Cindy has listed some potential items for the auction on page 10.

We are starting a new year, the banquet is coming up January 23 at Gulden's. There is a registration form on page 11. Linda Salava is handling this once again. There will be fabulous door prizes and lots of fun!

Mada Parnell has offered to take over the Regional Challenge, so send any new titles or other information to Mada. Her contact information is on the left side of this page.

It is time to volunteer to run for office. So please contact Cindy Muehlbauer, Paul Johnson, or Ginny Altman, to express your interest. We also need a secretary and show chair for our specialties. There are many opportunities coming up to volunteer and become more involved in the club activities. Working on the various committees and projects is a fun way to meet other people with similar interests. We welcome new faces to our activities. If you have a question speak to a board member. The officers and board members are listed on the left side of this page.

I am sure we will have another herding fun day or two in the spring and another herding trial. We have many events to look forward to.

It is time to submit your recommendations for the Don Cliff Sportsmanship Award. Please send your write ups to Mike Metz.

Julie Swinland.

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SOG Due Date

Jan issue - Dec 21

December 11 Membership Meeting 8:30 PM Animal Inn

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German Shepherd Dog Club of America Membership Application

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

Membership Type: (circle one)

Single \$66.00 Family* \$100.00

Dues are not tax deductible * Family is defined as same household or significant other.

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

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

Signed _____

Signed _____

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

hardcastle@starband.net

Awards Presented at Our Annual Banquet in January

Please submit the name of dog and owner for any awards earned in the calendar year 2008 in order to have your plaque or bar ordered and ready to be given out at the Annual Awards Banquet (First awards are free).

Complete one form for each dog

Bring a framed photo to the Awards Banquet.

Full Name of Dog _____

Call Name _____

Owner (s) _____

Award _____

Please circle one Bar or Plaque

**For more
information refer
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Submit information about you and your dog on a separate paper (must fit on one page of our booklet) for the Awards Program booklet.

_____ Upgrade from bar to plaque \$20.00
_____ Purchase additional Bar \$15.00
_____ Purchase additional Plaque \$30.00

Check must be enclosed for Upgrades and Purchases
Mail or E-mail this form, Check (if applicable) and narrative

By: December 20, 2009

(fees made out to GSDC - MSP if applicable) to:

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Judging the German Shepherd Dog

by Ginny Altman - Reprinted with permission From the author and Showsight magazine



So you want to judge the German Shepherd Dog! If you are new to the breed, you have your work cut out for you to learn the nuances of the breed! The dog was bred in the late 1800's for its working ability and as a herding dog. The German Shepherd Dog is quite unlike any other breed in that a good specimen moves with a flying trot which is an effortless, ground covering, suspended gait. I will elaborate on that after I address temperament.

As a working dog, in service to mankind, the German Shepherd Dog must have sound temperament.

The dog is expected to be aloof to strangers with a quiet, confident, stand your ground attitude or even ignoring your presence. Some dogs may be a bit curious, even friendly, and want to "check you out" but, in judging the German Shepherd Dog, a dog that shows apprehension or avoidance to your approach or tucks its tail in fear should not be rewarded under any circumstances. Evaluating the dog for sound temperament is primary!

There is a wide range of responses given by a dog with suitable temperament. These can be simple curiosity, a willingness to greet the judge or approaching the judge, as the judge is making their approach, to sniff or lick the hand. I don't mind if the dog just "ducks" his head. A dog may just give an acknowledgment that the judge is there without making overtures, or the dog may sniff the ground or otherwise ignore the judge, these are among many examples too numerous to mention. Further attempts by the judge to elicit responses such as grabbing the head, taking the leash, or making other overtures toward the dog are unwarranted and are discouraged. If a judge questions the temperament of the dog, that is sufficient to withhold any award.

A word on puppies: I recommend that you approach puppies from the side, with a friendly verbal greeting and a hand pat on the side or under the fore-chest rather than coming straight at the puppy and trying to pat it on top of the head. Puppies may not have the confidence that an adult dog is expected to display. In any case, if it is not going well and the puppy is actively avoiding you, just back off--do not push it—there is no point in giving the puppy a bad experience, it might just be that it is the dog's first time in the ring or away from its owner.

GSD Breeder Judges are expected to comply with a specific temperament test that has been defined by the GSDCA, Inc. which calls for the judge to 1) have the dog stand in a specifically designated location in the ring, 2) request that the dog not be given any commands inside or distractions from outside the ring, 3) that the dog be on a loose lead and that the judge, 4) before any other hands-on contact with the dog is made, 5) approach the dog from at least six feet away. Upon reaching the dog, the judge 6) gives a friendly pat on the side of the dog and completes the temperament evaluation based on the dog's response. This defined procedure is not expected of the judge who has not become intimately familiar with the German Shepherd Dog. If you have not participated in a "hands on" one-on-one instruction of that technique **and** become comfortable with it, do not try to carry it out based on a written description, viewing a video, or observing someone else doing that specific evaluation. That said, you must still evaluate the temperament. To do so, you would observe the dog as you approach it on your initial hands on contact, perhaps during the individual examination.



I always let the dog know I am approaching by talking to it as I approach the dog obliquely in a "matter-of

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–fact” manner, without making direct eye contact (direct eye contact might be interpreted by the dog as aggression), and giving it a friendly pat on the body behind the wither.

If a mature dog, backs away behind the handler, tries to avoid you or otherwise seems to you to be unsure of itself, do not reward it; that is not the temperament we are looking for in German Shepherd Dogs. A German Shepherd Dog must, first of all, have a sound temperament.

As a herding dog, the German Shepherd Dog is expected to have a ground covering gait that will efficiently carry it tirelessly as a “moving fence” around the flock. In a ring of adequate size, a dog moving on a loose lead can demonstrate the flying-trot for which the German Shepherd Dog is known. Even in a ring that is not as large as one would like, a pleasing forehand reach, a strong level back, under-drive from the hind quarter balancing that of the fore hand, and good follow-through in the rear should be evident. This can only be achieved if the dog is moving slowly enough to be moving on a loose lead and showing that easy balanced gait that is so beautiful to watch.



Your biggest challenge will be to convince yourself that it is possible to get to see the dog moving slowly enough to see the dog on a loose lead. I am never satisfied to see the dog on a loose lead for only a brief few seconds. I want to see the dog moving consistently on a loose lead. It is not uncommon for me to send the dogs around as a class more than once, so that I do get to see all of the dogs on a loose lead. It is the dog that moves effortlessly, with an outreaching fore-hand, balanced front and rear, a firm back and good follow-through that I am looking for. It is impossible to see this in the same way when the dog is leaning into the collar on a tight lead. Not only will the front action and extension seem exaggerated on a tight lead, but the dog can give the appearance

of “lifting.” Also, on a tight lead you may see the rear toes drag on the mat on the forward motion of the hindquarter while giving an impression of “drive from the rear”.

When the class comes into the ring, I typically will have the dogs in catalog order and stacked for an overview of the class. Then I will instruct the handlers to take them around “slow and easy and on a loose lead”. I may repeat those instructions and wave them on around a second time, if I have not gotten compliance on the first round. I do, on occasion, stop the handlers and ask them to “walk”. I then, am looking for the dog that displays a good walking front extension balanced with good hindquarter motion. A good back is important and it is not possible to properly evaluate the strength of the back in motion while the dog is on a tight lead. If in the end, I fail to get compliance with my request for a loose lead, I may find I need to evaluate the strength of the back on the individual exam.

The structure of the German Shepherd Dog is best evaluated in motion. The individual exam is minimal hands-on. Observe for temperament on your approach on the individual if you have not already evaluated temperament. On my approach, I look, in general, at the secondary sex characteristics and do not make direct eye contact with the dog as that can be interpreted as a challenge to the dog. The GSD is not a head breed but it is pleasing if the secondary sex characteristics are pronounced, the eyes are dark and almond shaped and the ears are well-placed but these attributes are secondary to gait. The individual exam consists of checking for a scissors bite, full dentition, shoulder layback, observing the length of upper arm, depth of chest and length of loin, slope of the croup and, in the case of males, checking for testicles.



This individual exam is done in one continuous motion, without taking hands off the dog until the

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exam is complete. The hands-on confirms (or perhaps disproves) what the eye can see.

The German Shepherd Dog is a well angulated dog, but that does not mean that there should be extreme departure from sound motion coming and going. The gait training of the dog predisposes the dog to wanting to “move out” often resulting in the dog scrambling or pulling to the side on the down and back. I will move the dogs on the diagonal, giving the handler a greater distance with which to work. Occasionally, I have had to send the dog around with the purpose of observing the going and coming from that perspective. Most GSD are sound “coming at you” and deviation from that is generally not tolerated. Some GSD have a laxity in hock movement accompanied by an irregular movement over the croup and over-angulated rears. On occasion you may see the tail bouncing off the hock- take a second look in these instances- we do have some “dead tails” in our breed which point to neurological problems which lead to an inability to lift the tail. These dogs will not have the “saber” tail described in the standard but a tail that “hangs.” The standard does not define this as a fault but it is not normal and may point to a health problem.

Over-angulation and laxity in the rear can be such that some animals are unable to clear their toes on the forward motion of the rear-quarter (toe-dragging). There can also be cow-hock action which may be accompanied by a lack of follow-through or inability of the hock joint to open (locked hocks). These faults may not be easily seen if the dog is moving at high speeds and on a tight lead. The German Shepherd Dogs that I am looking to see, display strong, well-muscled, harmonious angulation, front and rear, while moving with feet close to the ground and with a reasonably clean rear action when “going away”.

A description of judging the German Shepherd Dog is not complete without imparting an emphasis to understanding the importance of side gait. The flying trot is a suspended gait in which, during the gaiting sequence, all four feet are off the ground and the momentum of the rear thrust carries the dog forward to a ground covering, outreaching front. The outreaching front paw, close to the ground, extends beyond the nose of the dog. The power comes from the well-muscled thigh and good follow through in the hock; the dog uses his hind quarter to reach under, overreaching the front which is now under the dog, and effortlessly delivers a thrust that transmits through the strong back and carries the dog

forward in a suspended ground covering gait. This can be viewed in a well done video clip produced in Germany and narrated in the German language. Note that in this video, the dog is not on lead and the head is carried in a more forward than upright position. The movement speaks for itself and it is certainly not necessary to understand the narrative to get the value from watching it. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TIFpKL0qRQ0>

Also, take the opportunity to observe the German Shepherd Dog at some specialty shows where there is likely to be a large ring and extended gaiting of the dog. Herding trials are also a good place to watch the natural gait of the German Shepherd Dog. It is also exciting to see these dogs work the livestock in their confident and responsive manner.

In a small ring it may not be easy to see the flying trot except in the best of specimens and where the dog has been accustomed to a slower movement in a small ring on a loose lead. The dog that can suspend and demonstrate the flying trot at a slow speed is a mighty fine dog indeed!! The best that can be done in judging in situations where a large ring is not available is to see the dogs going slowly and on a loose lead. The dog that moves effortlessly and with the least amount of steps will certainly catch your eye over the dog that is moving rapidly, working hard at it but not covering as much ground.

In the end, after the individual gaiting is completed, I will take a class of six or eight dogs to be evaluated comparatively for side gait after having eliminated those with faults of temperament and considering the importance of any other strengths or faults that were observed. Again, insisting on a slow easy gait and consistently gaiting on a loose lead, the reach, balance, strength of back, ease of movement and elastic, ground covering ability can be evaluated.

It is in this final distillation that the final judgment rests upon the side-gait as seen on this day in the ring and proper importance is given to that gait when judging the German Shepherd Dog.



Minneapolis/St Paul November Board Minutes November 07, 2009

Mike Metz, President, Julie Swinland, Vice President, Jill Myers, Secretary, Mada Parnell, Treasurer, Board Members: Liz Oster, Board (1 year remaining), Ginny Altman, Board (2 year remaining), Board Members Absent: Lisa Marie Fortier, (3 year term)
Guests: Marie Oster & Linn Klingel

This month's meeting was held at Mike and Sheila's home. Ginny hosted and provided the ingredients for make your own burritos that were absolutely delicious.

President called the meeting to order at 12:15pm. Mada Parnell moved that reading of the minutes be dispensed of; the motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

1 President's Report - Mike highlighted the 2009 National Specialty and awards; Julie has also included these in the SOG.

· Discussion followed regarding agenda for the next membership meeting.

2 Vice President's Report - fall Geocaching had been canceled but will plan for a spring event.

3 Secretary's Report -
· AKC correspondence regarding IRS reporting forward to Treasurer for review.

· AKC acknowledgement of the Herding event results processed.

4 Treasurer's Report -
· Reminder to pay dues to be brought up at the membership meeting.

5 Shep-O-Gram -
· A round of applause for Julie; her hard work on the newsletter SOG has won first place in the GSDCA newsletter contest!!

· Julie is looking for articles related to conformation.

6 Training Report -
· Following a discussion of the difficulty in tracking partial payments Ginny Altman moved that because of the complexity in accounting for payment, payment made in advance must be paid in full (no deposits, no partial payments), the motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

· Mada Parnell moved that classes be held on January 8th 2010; motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

7 Web Chair -
· Dave's current email member list id needed.

8 Budget & Finance -
· Kelly Knight will be contacted to schedule an annual budget and audit.

9 2010 Specialty Show -
· Brief discussion on Dakota County site and dates.

10 Nominating Committee -
· Cindy Muehlbauer is chair and nominations will begin at this month's membership meeting.

11 Matches -
· Sheila Metz has volunteered to chair the March 2010 match.

12 All Breed Laison -
· Linn Klingel led discussion; Linn will begin contacting all clubs, we currently have the most involvement with Wright and Anoka Co clubs, February 8th specialty judges need to be voted on per the standing rules, December 11th all-breed judges will be voted on.

13 Breeder's List Committee -
· Sheila Metz will be taking over from Jan Anderson.

14 Regional Club Challenge -
· Pam did a fantastic job of tracking our points, board recommended authorizing the reimbursement of \$65 to Pam for the AKC subscription that was paid twice in error.

15 Events -
· December 5th next board meeting
· December 11th Potluck and membership meeting
· January 23rd Banquet at Gulden's

Next Board meeting:

Tentatively Saturday December 5th at Mada's at noon.
Meeting adjourned at 2:20pm

Jill Myers, Secretary

Brag

**New Canadian Champion
Am & Can Ch Braunhaus Zytut's
Solomon**

Nils Anderson & Jan Anderson

Am & Can Ch Mythical Zeus of Black Forest Connie Karner

Nov 28-29 Kankakee River Valley Kennel Club BOB both days and Group 4 on Nov 28

Am, Can, Int'l Ch Oak Haven Xena of BLK Forest
CD RE TT TC CGC

Julie Swinland

Nov 28 & 29 Rotweiller Rally Trial 2 RAE legs



**German Shepherd Dog Club of
Minneapolis/St Paul
November 13, 2009**

Board Members: Mike Metz, President, Julie Swinland, Vice President, Jill Myers, Secretary, Mada Parnell, Treasurer, Liz Oster, Board (1 year remaining) Ginny Altman, Board (2 year remaining), Board Members Absent: Lisa Marie Fortier, Board (3 year term)

President called the meeting to order at 8:40pm

Mada Parnell moved that we dispense with the reading of the minutes; it was seconded and carried unanimously.

1. President's Report:

- Mike reviewed the 2009 National Specialty and club members' wins and awards.

2. Vice President's Report:

- None

3. Secretary's Report:

- AKC acknowledgement of Herding Trial results were received and recorded.

4. Treasure's Report:

- Checking account \$5,905.26, Savings account \$5,703.75 for a total current balance of \$11,609.01
- Mada continues to receive membership dues, please send yours in.
- Virginia Altman moved that the membership adopt the board recommendation that because of the complexity in accounting for payment, payment made in advance must be paid in full (no deposits, no partial payments); the motion was seconded and carried unanimously.
- Verna Kubik stated the standing rules may need to be adjusted.
- Virginia Altman moved that the membership adopt the board recommendation that the duplicate \$65 paid in error for the AKC Regional Club Challenge subscription be reimbursed; the motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

5. Training Report:

- Front desk coverage was addressed, volunteers are always needed. Thank you Tom Thulin.
- Virginia Altman moved that the membership adopt the board recommendation that the club remain open on 01/8/2010; the motion was seconded and carried unanimously.
- New beginner's class starts on 1/15/09

6. Shep-O-Gram Report:

- Due to Julie's her hard work & creativity the SOG has won first place in the GSDCA newsletter contest!! Way to go Julie.

7. 2010 Specialty & 2011 Futurity Shows:

- Holly Bryan is finalizing the Dakota County fair show site contract. A deposit has already been made.

8. Nominating Committee:

- Cindy Muehlbaur is chairing the committee. Contact her if you're interested in running or nominating someone.

9. Membership Committee:

- Jim and Jackie Thulin were attending their 2nd meeting and are now official members! Congratulations!
- Guests in attendance: Bob and Sue Gotch, Ed Kleinz, Jim Viken, Cara Jacks and one other I couldn't quite read. Welcome!

10. Spring Match Report:

- Sheila Metz has volunteered to chair the 2010 Spring Match.

11. Annual Banquet:

- The banquet will be held January 23rd at Gulden's
- Contact Linda Salava for writes ups and awards.

12. December Pot Luck:

- Joelle Hymel is the chair of the annual December Pot Luck this year. Volunteers are needed contact her at: joellehymel@yahoo.com
- A photographer will be available for Santa pictures.
- Virginia Altman moved that the club purchase Bob Lindsay's DVD of the 2009 National's to view during the potluck; motion was seconded and carried unanimously.
- Cindy Muehlbaur has volunteered to run a silent auction, contact her if you can help or have things to donate.
- Verna Kubik moved that the proceeds from the auction be donated to the 2nd Harvest food shelves with dog food for recipients' pets; the motion was seconded and carried unanimously.
- Dog food is welcomed to bring to the Pot Luck for donation as well.

13. All Breed Liaison –

- December 11th all-breed judges will be voted on (at the Pot Luck).

14. New Business:

- Pam Magadance mentioned that Bassett Creek Park could be a potential show or match site. The park charged \$35 for the day, bathrooms on site and very pretty area.

Next membership meeting is scheduled for December 11th.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:26pm

Jill Myers, Secretary

ANXIETY IN DOGS

an original article by Judy Grumdahl

We have all experienced it. Even the most mellow, trained dogs can have episodes of anxiety at some time in their lives. So what exactly is anxiety? Anxiety can be defined as a state of mind – a sense of apprehension and fear often marked by physical symptoms (such as trembling, panting, tension, lifting of front paw or paws, jumping, and increased heart rate). This state of mind is a source of energy. And that energy is what powers the symptoms as the energy must go somewhere, it must have an outlet

How does one deal with anxiety properly? First, let's review the multiple ways that anxiety has been dealt with ineffectively to better understand what not to do.

1. "Coo-Cooing" or coddling our dogs using body language and sweet talk. We inadvertently "feed" the anxiety and fear. Coddling is actually coaxing or asking your dog not to stress. Mentally that tells us (and the dog!) that we are unsure of how to bring you out of the stress. That hesitation and lack of confidence is what accelerates the fear and anxiety.
2. Harsh corrections either by voice or physical correction. This just creates more anxiety and thus more symptoms. Any corrections needed must be firm and fair and most of all calm.
3. Ignoring the dog's anxiety and holding the dog tightly in restraint. Physical tension equals mental tension. And the cycle goes on and on.

Now, let's look at the positive, effective ways to deal with a dog's anxiety.

1. Give the dog an outlet to release the negative energy. Pace out or walk your dog to give them a task to focus on. Just as they pace out race horses or we, as humans, pace the floor...same concept, give the energy an outlet!
2. Give the dog a specific direction or option they can comprehend. Commands such as sit or lie down or certain obedience exercises which can be made into fun games can help aid in releasing the dog's anxiety. They understand it, and can do it. Take the pressure off by giving them something they CAN do and releasing that energy into something productive and positive.
3. Place yourself in a calm, assertive state of mind and allow that energy to flow down to your dog. Most have heard how we are connected to the dog and the leash becomes an electrical power cord connecting us to the dog, right? Well that is true in a sense...but it is not just that leash. The energy that our states of mind exert can be felt in an entire room! Dogs are very sensitive to this. So, it is extremely important that we distress ourselves before we can distress our dogs!

Another question may be, what can be done on a regular routine basis in advance to enable a dog to cope with anxiety and stress in a better manner? Here are some options.

1. Prior to any potentially stressful or anxiety causing event, make sure your dog has been exercised. Then, go into it calmly and be prepared to de-stress your dog if need be.
2. Desensitize your dog to stressful events or areas of life. For example, bring them into crowded, chaotic situations on a regular basis, but with NO OTHER GOAL IN MIND other than to let the dog get used to these surroundings. Do this and then you can start working on obedience or conformation, etc. when the dog gets over the initial anxiety issues.
3. Make sure that as your dog's leader you go into each situation calm and assertive to enable you and your dog to be less stressed and anxious. This reduces the risk of a vicious cycle of anxiety between you and your beloved pet. Remember, if you stress the odds are high that your dog will stress! This is the most important step of all!

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Pictured below is our local Fourth of July Parade.

We all go into it with fun calm attitudes. But most of all we all train for situations like this all the time.



Tips from Sheila

By Sheila Metz

Southern Dixie Ear Cleaner

*Disclaimer, speak to your vet if you are unsure what's going on in the ear

We German Shepherd owners are familiar with the head shaking, sticky brown material in our puppies and dogs ears. While there are many good products for ear cleaners on the market, we have used this home-made formula for several years. Should you suspect a bacterial infection, it is imperative you see your vet. This recipe is cheap and plentiful.

16ounces isopropyl alcohol (if ears are scraped or sore use witch hazel instead)

Mix four Tablespoons of Boric acid into the bottle (ask pharmacist--it is kept behind the counter)

16 drops of gentian violet (also behind pharmacists counter)

Mix well and shake before each use

We use an eye dropper. Massage a dropper full in each ear and massage.

2x daily for two weeks

1x daily for two more weeks

1x a month thereafter

Warning: The boric acid and gentian violet are poison. keep away from children or pets. In addition, the gen. violet stains very badly. Do the head shaking where they won't ruin your good furniture or wall coverings. This recipe will last a person with 10 dogs about two years and total about \$12.

Some breeders believe the yeast infections to have a genetic This may be true as Proven Hill's Jock Hoheneichen passed this on. Many of our dogs go back to Jock. His owner referred to this ailment as, what else, jock itch.

Less common is stuff that looks like coffee grounds in their ears. a magnifying glass and putting it on white paper will reveal what it is==ear mites. Use an ear miticide as directed.

Should you not see improvement after second or third day, puppy should be checked out for secondary bacterial infection.

The treatment is especially good in summer for dogs who love to swim. The boric acid soothes the ear, it dries the ear and gentian violet destroys the yeast. Diet changes for the dog with constant bad ears may be an answer, as are clean chips in igloos and super clean bedding materials. Never use a Q tip to clean dog ears. Do not tape a puppy's ears if a yeast infection is in progress. Ears should be checked at every grooming time, as well as teeth or any changes on the body.

This recipe is also good for yeast between the toes, although it must be absorbed and dried. When in doubt, call your breeder.

Best wishes, Sheila Metz, Lindenhill German Shepherd Dogs



December 11 7PM

Bring your favorite dishes to share.

Dogs welcome

Photos with Santa -bring decorations

No Training but free ring time

Membership Meeting 8:30

Contact Joelle with questions on PotLuck

joellehymel@yahoo.com

We will be having a silent auction in conjunction with the Pot Luck on December 11th and need donations. This auction will benefit the Second Harvest Food Shelf for the purchase of pet food which is demand during these tough economic times.

Need ideas on what to bring?

GSD/Dog items - new or gently used

Practical (leashes, dishes, collars, toys,) Decorative (statues, prints) , Informative (books, reviews, redbooks), Edible (Bones, Treats)

Services - Handling, Boarding, Training, Grooming, Veterinary (please provide terms of service and minimum bid information)

Stud Dog Services - please provide terms of service & minumum bid information

Miscellaneous - any items you feel would be of interest to club members.

Questions on the silent auction? Please contact Cindy Muehlbauer - cinosamgsd@yahoo.com.

SOGGY by Julie Swinland



German Shepherd Dog Club of Mpls/St Paul Annual Awards Banquet

January 23, 2010

Place: Gulden's 2999 Hwy 61,
Maplewood, MN 55109

Time: 1:00 Cocktails (cash bar)

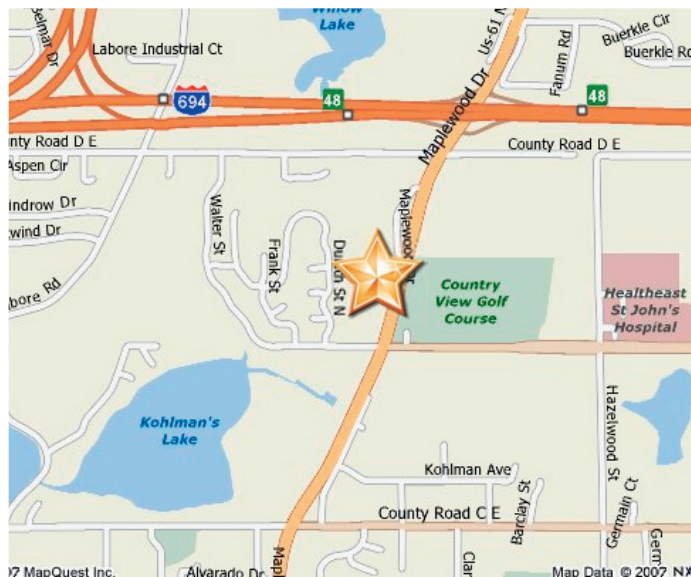
2:00 Lunch

3:15 Program

Cost per person: \$18.00 (Includes
Coffee, Tax & Gratuity)

Children Under 12: \$10.00

Registration due by January 20, 2010



Directions: 1. **From Wisconsin:** I-94 west, take Ramp towards I494/I694, take Ramp onto I-694. At exit 48; turn off onto Ramp towards US-61. Keep left to stay on Ramp towards US-61. Bear left (West) onto Local roads. Turn left (South) onto US-61 (Maplewood Drive).

2. **From St. Paul:** I-94 east, take I-694 Ramp. At exit 48; turn off onto Ramp towards US-61. Keep left to stay on Ramp towards US-61. Bear left (West) onto Local roads. Turn left (South) onto US-61 (Maplewood Drive).

3. **From Stillwater:** Take Hwy 36 West to HWY US-61. Go right (North). Restaurant is on the left.

Buffet Menu:

Lettuce Salad – Pasta Salad

Fried Chicken – Zander (walleye) – Roast Beef

Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy – Fresh Vegetable

Dinner Rolls w/Butter

Cake and Coffee

Celebrate our national awards

Winner of the Regional Challenge

**Winner of the Large Club Monthly division of the
GSDCA newsletter competition**

Door Prizes!

**Clips from 2009
Events**

Watch the nationals DVD

Banquet registration: **Due by January 20, 2010** Cost per person: \$18.00 (Includes Coffee, Tax & Gratuity) Children Under 12: \$10.00

Name: _____

of people attending: _____ Amount enclosed: _____

Send checks to: Linda Salava
163 Skyline Drive
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Club Events

Pot Luck Dec 11

Joelle Hymel has agreed to take charge of this. Cindy Muehlbauer is taking charge of the silent auction. Please bring items for this.

Banquet January 23, 2010 - The registration form is on page 11. Registrations are due by January 20. Send write up for awards to Mada Parnell by Dec 20,

Run for office!

We need candiates for offices. We can use your talent and life experience. The nominating committee consists of Paul Johnson, Cindy Muehlbauer, and Ginny Altman.



GSDC MSP Class Schedule Obedience Classes

Class	Time
Alt weeks--Team & Run Thrus	6:00-6:45
Intermediate & Advanced Novice	7:00-7:45
Beginning Obedience	8:00-8:45
Beginning Open Obedience	7:30-8:30
Advanced Obedience Run-Thrus	8:30-Done

PPT & Rally Classes

S.T.A.R. Puppy	6:45-7:30
Rally-All Levels	8:30-Close

Conformation Classes

Class	Time
Socialization Only	7:00-8:30
Litter Socialization	6:30-7:00
Novice Conformation Handlers Class	7:00-7:30
Advanced Conformation	7:30-8:30
Open Ring Conformation	8:30-Close

NOTE: The next Beginning class starts on January 15. Cost Members \$60.. Non-members \$65 for a block of 10 lessons

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