



Shep-O-Gram

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I am taking advantage of being home for a few days to get the Shep-O-Gram out a little early so people will have the form to register for the annual banquet and put it on their calendars.

The banquet will be at Champps on January 24 from 1 to 5. The directions are on the form on page 11 and I have included a map on the back page of this issue.

We have the last installment of Helen Miller-Fisher's History of the Club in this issue. Helen did a fantastic job of documenting our club's beginnings. If anyone has something to add about the subsequent years please let me know.

We had a very successful obedience day at Total Recall with Sue Mills-Kothe. Thank you to Eileen Varhalla for setting it up. There is a short article about that on page 5.

The reason I am home for a few days is to take care of two dogs recovering from surgery. Gabby age 8 had a planned spay procedure followed a few hours later by an emergency spay for her mother, Amy, age 14. Amy didn't look quite right on Monday when we got up and I took her in after Gabby's operation and found she had pyometra. This is day 3 following surgery and they are doing very well but they do expect pampering and room service. Xena, Gabby's sister was just getting used to having the house to herself when she had to relinquish her queendom upon the return of her sister and mother. I sensed mixed feelings on her part. They share the rulership of the house, each having their area to govern. Gabby is the queen of the water bowl, Xena owns all the toys whether she has seen them or squeaked them before or not, and Amy just wanders about oblivious to any political struggles within her domain. I think Amy was a favorite at the clinic while she was there because of her age and strength. She sailed through the operation and I was told she was sitting in her pen greeting all the people as they passed by shortly after her surgery.

It is time to start volunteering for our 2009 events. Let's start getting some volunteers to get donations for our spring specialty raffles. They were a huge hit last year. I have one donation so far for the performance side.

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Feb. issue -Jan 21

January 24 - Awards Banquet and Annual Meeting

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Signed _____

Signed _____

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

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Annual Awards Banquet January 24
Get your reservations in NOW!
Complete the form on page 11 and send it to Linda Salava.
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Upcoming Shows

January

2 North Star Herding Group Club, St Paul

3-4 Land O Lakes St Paul Xcel Centre

February

15 Keomah Kennel Club, Inc., Des Moines IA

28 Wisconsin KC, West Allis WI

March

1 Wisconsin KC, West Allis WI

Obedience/Rally only

January

2 St. Paul Dog Training Club South St Paul

3-4 Land O Lakes St Paul Xcel Centre

10-11 Oshkosh KC, Oshkosh WI

17-18 Coulee KC , LaCrosse WI

24-25 North Star Herding Group Club Hugo

February

7-8 DesMoines Obedience Training Club

DesMoines IA

For details and more shows
go to events -at www.akc.org.

Am/Can CH Kubistraum's Miss Behavin, OFA, TC (Sassy)

April 22, 1994-Dec 5, 2008

Owners: Nils and Jan Anderson and Verna Kubik

At the Rochester MN show in 2003, Sassy went Breed and Group 2 under Judge Jon Cole to finish her long and successful career. She was between 8-1/2 and 9 yrs old. Not bad for an old gal!

Her career had started when she was 6 months when I showed her (I know, it's hard to believe that Jan was ever in the ring) in the 6-9 mos puppy class at the Rapid City shows in Oct of '94. Once she finished her CH under Judge Gretchen Johnson at the Eau Claire Kennel Club show when she was around 2 yrs old, we campaigned her off and on with Monika, Kathy, Lindsay, and Gloria all handling her with ease. (Well, except

she never did learn to leave all four feet down at once...we like to think that's the reason she never got a Best In Show although she had her share of chances.) If she went BOB we knew that she had a 50/50 chance of getting a piece of the group, which she did. She was always competitive. She only had one litter, but Jay and Ella got the obedience dog in Nike that Ella was looking for and she went on to do good things and is still going strong at 11 yrs. Another Energizer Bunny (which is what we called Sassy...she just kept going, and going, and going...)

She showed us lot about integrity, steadfast love, and just being around her was a pleasure. (Well as I've said before: she never met a bark she didn't like.) She was no trouble at all, and even did her best to educate us that her time was coming to join her littermates, Max and Penny in watching over us. She did so on December 5th in the morning, and it snowed starting at noon for the rest of the day. I like to think she sent it to Nils as she knew he wanted it so badly. She was 14 years and almost 8 months.



Conformation Handling Seminar March 21 and 22

Jefferson County Kennel Club of Missouri Inc.(JCKC) is hosting a George Alston 2-Day Conformation Handling Seminar on March 21 & 22, 2009.

This event will be held indoors at Everything Under One WOOF in Wentzville, Missouri. This is a large, fully matted, heated building with lots of outdoor parking.

Mr. Alston teaches seminars where his students learn handling techniques, helpful insights and "secret tips" on winning in the show ring. His seminars are geared towards the advanced handlers, beginner handlers and junior handlers. He is the author of the best selling book "The Winning Edge: Show Ring Secrets".

Cost is \$150.00 for handlers with dogs and \$75.00

for observers who want to attend without a dog. Junior Handlers who want to attend with a dog will be \$75.00. The cost of this seminar includes a continental breakfast and lunch for both days. Entries are limited for handlers with dogs so you will need to register early! Registration deadline is March 7, 2009.

Registration forms can be downloaded from our club website at www.jckc.org/seminars.htm

This is one of the best seminar around so tell your members and friends so they don't miss out!

Sandy Shaw
seminars@jckc.org
JCKC Seminar Chair

In The Beginning
Part 9 History of the German Shepherd Dog Club of Minneapolis
and Saint Paul

By Helen Miller Fisher

Part 9

We decided to increase our training fees from \$8 to \$10 for members and \$12 for non-members. At this time, we were having a tremendous increase in membership and associate membership, which was to cause problems because people were joining as associate members just to get the reduced training fee, and yet they had a majority on any voting question. Most of those people rarely attended a normal meeting, so a problem was brought about. We didn't realize we had created a problem at that time and were happy for the increase in membership.

We changed our meeting night in July of that year to Thursday so that we could retain Wednesday night training. 80% of our meetings were also held at the training center(TCOTC). We had many problems connected with the training program. It was difficult to get trainers ,and there was the problem of clean-up afterwards. We still have these problems.

Our fall Specialty was to be our last fall show. Ed LeCocq(conformation) and Harper Wilcox(Obedience) were our judges and the weather was bitter and windy. The show was a success as it brought back many people who had visited in the spring, and we made \$92. The Club made the decision to appeal to the AKC for an August date - we had really had it with the weather !!

In retrospect, we can judge the year as a fruitful one. We had a successful Futurity and Fall Specialty, and our training was really motivated, our own members were participating in acquiring awards and being part of an Obedience Drill Team. Membership was at an all time high and we had over \$1000 in the treasury. We felt there were no more problems!!

1965

Heinz Ritter became President in 1965, with Paul Johnson as Vice President, Carole Van Heel relieved Armie Hawes of her Secretaryship and Bob Foster stayed on as Treasurer. Ruth Foster continued as Director of Training. Although Barb Pearson was a member of less than a year she willingly undertook the hard job of Show Secretary. LeVonne Thorsrud was to assist her so she had a real Pro to learn from.

Because we had so many new members, which we had obtained through training, and because so few officer meetings were held, many of the meetings that year were getting bogged down in details of show preparation. The newer members wanted to know the whys and wherefores, which was natural, and because we didn't have a "Board" per se, all rulings had to be decided upon after much discussion at each meeting. It was bad on both sides - both for our club, which was trying to get things done, and for the new members who asked the questions, then became bored because of the detailed answers and never returned. As I mentioned before, our increased membership was to cause us many problems, and this was one of them.

We gave our first revolving trophy awards that year - in conformation to Dick Hawes and Dr. Charles Peluso, and to Chell Peterson in Obedience. Our Drill Team was still going strong, and we added to the uniformity of it by having a uniform of white shirts with a German Shepherd painted on the back and our names over the pockets. The Team was really impressive ,and it was a pleasure to see the members and their dogs work. Marlys and Tom Haggberg joined us in September of 1965 and both have worked hard for the club ever since.

We had 3 Sanction Matches that year, one in April, with Paul Johnson judging and I judged one in June and Larry Wille did one in September, after our show. Our show that year was held in August, after much haggling with the AKC, and we had Virginia McCoy and Bea Kay, both who had judged here before. The club had decided to have just one dinner that year - an after show dinner, which we had at the Boulevard Twins. It was a very pleasant and beautiful show and for once we didn't freeze. In fact, just the opposite,. We were so

worried about the heat in August that we had ice in pails for the dogs and water buckets stationed around the ring and even rented another tent. What a change!

Because of the membership problem, and the inability of the Officers to act as a true Board - the first real complete change of By-Laws were in-acted. There were to be revised twice more before sending them to the AKC. The year was climaxed by awarding Honorary Membership to Jack and Donna Reed, Jack Sinykin and LeVonne Thorsrud for outstanding service to the club.

EPILOGUE

Although this completes the history only up through 1965, this will be the last installment. Perhaps in 5 years, I or someone else will write the next chapters. Since I have had to miss meetings in the past few years, due to increased participation in the GSDCA Board and also judging assignments, I have separated myself from the heart of the club, and therefore not be able to report correctly on the club's activities. My attempt has been to briefly summarize the important facts since the GSDCMSP was founded in 1950. An earlier club had tried and failed, but we were lucky. If I have left out anything or anyone, my apologies.

I hope this series of installments written in 1966, will give the newer members a better idea of how their club evolved. It was a lot of work, great challenge to start, and build this club, but it was great fun, and now in 2008, I will resurrect this document, and republish it. I had hoped when I stopped, someone actively involved, would pick up, and continue to document the club's continuing involvement. I'd like to see us have a club Historian to follow up, and document the last 25 yrs. Unfortunately I'm the only one left of those original 10 members. But we are fortunate have our LaVonne Thorsrud, (retired) still living in Lilydale, and Betty Hinckley, Roger's wife, still living in West Virginia, both of which I keep contact with. Helen Miller Fisher dated 3/5/2008

Obedience Day at Total Recall

We had 14 participants in our Obedience Day at Total Recall on Saturday Dec 6. Sue Mills-Kothe, put us through our paces from 10 to 3:30 with a break for lunch. There were discussions on everything from appropriate training collars to "eyework". Sue showed us how important where you are looking is to help your dog make tight turns and stay in position while heeling.

Sue also told us about some innovative work done on her dog, Micah after three unsuccessful ACL surgeries. The procedure involves regenerative cell therapy using fat cells taken from the dog's body. Additional information on this can be found in the article on Vet-Stem in this issue.





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I RESCUED A HUMAN TODAY

By Janine Allen, Trainer, Rescue Me Dog

I rescued a human today.

Her eyes met mine as she walked down the corridor peering apprehensively into the kennels. I felt her need instantly and knew I had to help her.

I wagged my tail, not too exuberantly, so she wouldn't be afraid. As she stopped at my kennel I blocked her view from a little accident I had in the back of my cage. I didn't want her to know that I hadn't been walked today. Sometimes the overworked shelter keepers get too busy and I didn't want her to think poorly of them.

As she read my kennel card I hoped that she wouldn't feel sad about my past. I only have the future to look forward to and want to make a difference in someone's life.

She got down on her knees and made little kissy sounds at me. I shoved my shoulder and side of my head up against the bars to comfort her. Gentle fingertips caressed my neck; she was desperate for companionship. A tear fell down her cheek and I raised my paw to assure her that all would be well.

Soon my kennel door opened and her smile was so bright that I instantly jumped into her arms. I would promise to keep her safe. I would promise to always be by her side. I would promise to do everything I could to see that radiant smile and sparkle in her eyes.

I was so fortunate that she came down my corridor. So many more are out there who haven't walked the corridors. So many more to be saved. At least I could save one.

I rescued a human today.

Vet-Stem Regenerative Veterinary Medicine

At the All Day Obedience session we had at Total Recall, Sue Mills-Kothe told us about a therapy she had recently tried with her Border Collie Micah. He had an ACL injury and had three surgeries which were not successful in returning him to show condition. Micah is an agility dog. She decided to try Vet-Stem regenerative therapy which has been used in horses and is now being applied to dogs. She said there was an almost instant change in Micah's ability to get around on the injured leg. She brought him out and he was moving fairly normal.

There are only a few clinics in Minnesota that offer this at this time. You can find the listing on the Vet-Stem web site.

Information from the web on Vet-Stem:

Stem cell therapy is still years away for you, but for your pooch this modern medical procedure is now available.

Vet-Stem, a privately held company in San Diego, Calif., began offering fat-derived stem cell therapy this month for treatment of arthritis as well as tendon and ligament injuries in dogs.

The pricy procedure uses an animal's own fat to obtain adult stem cells, which are then injected into the problematic area to stimulate growth of healthy cells, spurring regeneration. "We've seen stem cell therapy help dogs whose pain was previously so severe that they struggled to stand, jump into cars, chase balls or run up and down stairs," said Robert Harman, DVM, and founder of Vet-Stem.

Treatment cost ranges from \$2,000 to \$3,000.

So far, the company has trained more than 100 board certified small animal veterinary surgeons nationwide to offer the procedure.

How it works

About two tablespoons of fat, usually from the abdomen or shoulder blade area, are removed from an anesthetized dog for shipment to the company. Within 48 hours, the laboratory isolates stem and regenerative cells from the fat and ships them back to surgeons in ready-to-inject syringes.

Cells are not engineered or modified in any way, the

company says, and in dogs with osteoarthritis, extra cells are frozen in case re-treatment is necessary.

Stem cells are known for their amazing ability to morph into any kind of tissue, but Harman says they do so much more.

"A huge part of what they do is to provide growth factors and chemicals that help the injury heal," he said. "It does so by reducing inflammation — it actually blocks inflammatory molecules. They block scar tissue from forming and they recruit in all other kind of healing and stem cells from other places in the body, so they're actually like a master healing cell."

Since 2004, the company says it has successfully treated 3,000 horses with tendon, ligament and joint injuries, with many going on to compete again at their prior level of performance. About 200 dogs have been treated by the company in the past three years. Harman said the only side effect seen in a small number of cases is inflammation at the injection site, lasting a few days. Other treatments Soon other cutting-edge regenerative therapy might be available for canines.

Veterinarian Richard Vulliet, a professor in the molecular biosciences department at the University of California, Davis, is studying to see if stem cells derived from bone marrow can treat degenerative myelopathy, a spinal cord disease affecting German shepherds and Pembroke Welsh Corgis. Since the disorder is similar to multiple sclerosis, discoveries made in dogs could be applicable to people, he said. No federal regulations are in place for stem cell treatment in animals so veterinarians can progress quickly to discover new applications. "We can do more, better, faster and cheaper than a clinical medical trial in humans," he said. Within the next few weeks Vulliet plans to inject the first dogs in his study, suffering from degenerative spinal disease, with bone marrow stem cells. A successful outcome in those family pets and others could lead to a commercially available treatment as early as next year.

As for fat stem cells, he said it's too soon to tell if the therapy is safe.

"You never want to be the first one to use a new treatment," said Vulliet. Tough decisions?

The American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) in Schaumburg, Ill., which represents more than 76,000 veterinarians, fully supports the ethical use of

stem cells for the benefit of animal health but admits it's hard to keep up with the breathtaking pace of research and new treatments.

"I don't know that anyone in the AVMA has heard anything specific about how efficacious [Vet-Stem's treatment] has been," said veterinarian Elizabeth Sabin, the association's assistant director of education and research. "It's just perhaps too new of a technology."

Last week, the results of a double-blind control study by Vet-Stem which showed improved mobility in dogs with osteoarthritis was published in the journal *Veterinary Therapeutics*. While some dog owners might want to take a wait and see approach, Vulliet said not everyone has the luxury of delaying treatment. "It's nice to say: 'I'd wait a couple of years until this flushes out' — and I would — except that you've got a real dog that has a real disease right now," he said.

John Doyle, a dog trainer in Poway, Calif., is glad he didn't wait. His border collie, Buzz, severed a rear tendon last year. The 2-year-old dog underwent surgery then had a series of three fat stem cell injections.

Doyle's veterinarian told him Buzz's recovery could take a year — practically an eternity for a high-energy dog that competes in sheep and cattle herding events internationally. With Vet-Stem's new therapy, recovery was much faster. "In six weeks this dog was working again," said Doyle. "It's a stunning

turnaround."

Since 2005, selected clinics have treated dogs with osteoarthritis and orthopedic soft tissue injuries. Initial studies demonstrate that intra-articular administration of VSRCs significantly decreases pain and improves comfort in the majority of cases. Duration of the benefit from a single injection varies from several months to more than one year.

Canine orthopedic application:

Osteoarthritis

Orthopedic soft tissue: tendon and ligament injuries

Internal medicine applications: Besides the overwhelming scientific data demonstrating the clinical efficacy of regenerative cellular therapy in animal models of osteoarthritis, osteochondral defects, tendon repair, and fractures, many additional studies demonstrate success in treating systemic disorders such as cerebral and myocardial infarction, muscular dystrophy, and immune-mediated disorders. Based on these studies, Vet-Stem is developing protocols to treat internal medicine conditions.

Other references:

www.vet-stem.com

<http://abcnews.go.com/Health/>

[Story?id=4109559&page=1](http://www.usatoday.com/news/health/2008-02-12-dog-arthritis_N.htm) A Dog's Stem Cell Life

http://www.usatoday.com/news/health/2008-02-12-dog-arthritis_N.htm Stem Cell Therapy Offers

Hope for Pets Dogged Pain

<http://www.livescience.com/animals/080123-dog-stemcell.html> Dogs get Pricey Stem Cell Therapy

News from the AKC

Digital AKC Gazette

Look for these articles, and many more, in the digital edition of the December AKC GAZETTE!



Marley & Me Comes to the Big Screen! A behind-the-scenes look at the canine stars. On the Scent of a Killer: For one woman, there's no question. She's alive today thanks to her Norwich Terrier's nose. Superdogs at the

Centennial: Doberman Pinschers and German Shepherd Dogs mark 100 Years with the AKC. Training Your Dog, Whatever the Weather.

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The American Kennel Club and the AKC Canine Health Foundation are pleased to present the Genome Barks series, an audio podcast program developed to provide audiences with up-to-date information on the current state of canine health research, advances in veterinary healthcare and best practices in breeding management. Read more.

In a recent podcast, Dr. Joe Wakshlag discusses the recent commercial pet food scares and non-traditional diets, as well as specific nutrition requirements for pregnant and lactating bitches and canine cancer patients. You can find this podcast here.

**German Shepherd Dog Club of
Minneapolis/St Paul
December Board Minutes
December 12, 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: Holly Bryan, Linda Salava, Roger Salava, Verna Kubik

President called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm

1 President's Report –

At the request of the President and with no objection from the board members, the agenda was suspended and the following three items of business were discussed:

- 2009 Show – Holly Bryan
- Nominating Committee Report – Roger Salava
- 2008 Awards Banquet – Linda Salava
However, before these reports were made, the President asked for a chair for the Honorary Member Committee and Holly Bryan volunteered. The other two members appointed by the President were Roger Salava and Mada Parnell.

1 2009 Show Report

- Holly requested advertisement deadline information so that we made the most of our advertising dollars. Sheila will help create the ads.
- 1st deadline for ads is Feb 1 and for this reason Holly called a meeting of the show committee for Jan 2 following the Land O Lakes show at Joseph's across the bridge on Wabasha (board meeting will be held after that meeting)
- Donation drive will kick-off at our Match as we did last year with Laurie Schray and Holly contacting membership.

2 Nominating Committee Report:

- Roger presented the following slate of nominees:
 - a. President – Mike Metz
 - b. Vice President – Julie Swinland
 - c. Secretary – Jill Myers
 - d. Treasurer – Mada Parnell
 - e. Three Year Board Term – Lisa Marie Fortier

3 2008 Awards Banquet – Location is Champp's in Roseville 1 – 5 pm Jan 24th

Motion by Linda, Banquet Chair, to order a cake from Woullet's at Club expense if it is okay with Champp's to bring in outside

food was seconded by all and carried unanimously.

- 4 Reminder from Animal Inn that we are responsible for taking out trash (i.e. after the match, or pot luck) as their cleaning crew has already been there and we are not paying for trash removal in our rent.

Next membership meeting **Saturday, January 24, 2009, 1:00pm.**

Next board meeting **Saturday, January 2, 2009, immediately following the 2009 Show Committee Meeting after the LOL show**

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Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm

Jan Anderson, Secretary

**German Shepherd Dog Club of
Minneapolis/St Paul
November Membership Minutes
December 12, 2008**

Mike Metz, President , Paul Johnson, Vice President, Jan Anderson, Secretary, 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

Members, Member Applicants and, Guests - 40

President called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm and stated we were going to dispense with the regular meeting agenda in order to report on the 2009 Show Committee, the Nominating Committee Report, and the 2008 Awards Banquet.

2 2009 Show Committee Report:

- Mike noted that Bart Bartley will be unable to preside at on Sunday, June 21, due to a contractual conflict (judging at the Triangle,) and the next judge on our list, Michel Chaloux, is available and has agreed to judge our show (approved by the AKC)
- Our club is working with the Anoka Kennel Club to secure provisional GSD judges for future benefit to both clubs
- A show committee meeting is scheduled for Jan 2 after the Saturday Land O Lake show at Joseph's on Wabasha with the purpose of nailing down the promotions and advertisement as the deadline is February 1st

3 Awards Banquet Report:

- Linda reported the location is Champp's, Saturday, January 24, 1 – 5

pm reservation form with directions was handed out and will be posted on the web for completion and return to Linda with appropriate fees by Jan 20th

- Mike noted he would handle the President's Award, and the
- Don Cliff Sportsmanship Award would also likely be awarded.

Action Item: Jan to research criteria for the Don Cliff award and if found, provide it to Dave so that a mass email can go out to membership so they would know what the criteria was when they provide the name and write-up to Mike for consideration.

4 Nominating Committee Report:

- Roger Salava presented the 2009 slate of nominees:
 - a. President – Mike Metz
 - b. Vice President – Julie Swinland
 - c. Secretary – Jill Myers
 - d. Treasurer – Mada Parnell
 - e. Three Year Board Term – Lisa Marie FortierNominations from the floor followed with no names offered for any of the positions. Mada moved the nominations cease and

Dave seconded, motion carried unanimously.

5 Honorary Member Committee:

- Holly Bryan is Chair, with Roger Salava and Mada Parnell the other two appointees
- If you would like to nominate someone, give the name and reasons you feel they should be considered to Holly or any committee member

6 New Business:

- April 4 is the Eau Claire KC weekend and we have been asked to provide trophies for a supported entry
MOTION by Verna was seconded by Sheila that our Club provide the trophies for the supported entry at their show, was carried unanimously. Peg Simerson will take care of it for the Club.

Next membership meeting **Saturday, January 24, 2009, 1:00pm.**

Next board meeting **Saturday, January 2, 2009, immediately following LOL show and Show Committee Meeting.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:18pm
Jan Anderson, Secretary

BRAGS

Am, Can Ch Mythical Zeus of Black Forest

Connie Karner
Granite City KC, St Cloud Dec 6 & 7 Best Opposite Sex both days

Send your brags in to the Shep-O-Gram!
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Recalls Announced for Pet Food, Retractable Leashes

Pet Food Recall: Mars Petcare U.S. has extended a voluntary recall of dry cat food and dog food

because of potential contamination with *Salmonella*.
[See a complete list of recalled products.](#)

Retractable Leash Recall: About 200,000 SlyDog retractable leashes with metal clasps are being recalled by Worldwide Inc. of San Rafael, California. The metal clasp connecting the leash to a dog's collar can bend or break causing the leash to recoil, possibly causing injury. The leashes were sold nationwide by Dollar General Stores from September 2007 through August 2008. For more information you can call Worldwide Inc. at (888) 296-3907 or visit [their website](#).

SOGGY by Julie Swinland



2008 GSDCMSP Annual Banquet

Champps Restaurant

January 24, 2009

Cocktails: 1:00 p.m. (cash bar)
Dinner: 2:00 p.m.
Program: 3:30 p.m.

Buffet Menu:

Lettuce Salad + (3) Dressing(s)
Vegetable
Fried Chicken
Roast Sirloin in Au Jus
Potatoes
Warm Hard Rolls w/Butter
Cake and Coffee
Includes: Coffee, Tax and Gratuity

Cost per person: \$20.00 (includes tax and gratuity)

Registration due by January 20, 2009

Directions: Champps Restaurant - 1734 Adolphus, St. Paul, MN (651)487-5050

See map on last page

1. From the East: I-94 west, Merge onto I-35E N/US-10 W via Exit 242B. Take the Wheelock Pky Exit, Exit 110A, toward Larpenteur Avenue. Stay straight to go onto I-35E/US-10. Turn left onto Larpenteur Avenue. Turn right onto Adolphus.
2. From the West: I-35N toward St. Paul. Keep left to take I-35E N via Exit 242B. Follow directions above.
3. From the North: I-35S toward Twin Cities. Keep left to take I-35E S toward St. Paul. Take the Larpenteur Ave. Exit, Exit 110A, toward Wheelock Pky. Turn right onto Larpenteur, Turn right onto Adolphus.
4. From the South: Take US 52N toward St. Paul. Merge onto I-94W/US-10 toward I-35E. Merge onto I-35E N/US-10 W via Exit 242B. Follow directions from above (from east).

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Banquet registration: Due by January 20, 2009

Name: _____

of people attending: _____ Amount enclosed: _____

Send checks to: Linda Salava, 163 Skyline Drive, River Falls, WI 54022 (715)426-6467

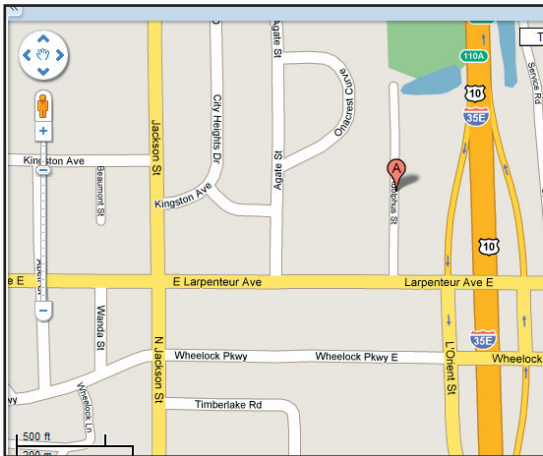
Club Events

Annual Banquet at Champps in Maplewood

The registration form is on page 8.

Remember to get your awards information to Mada Parnell wildfanz@comcast.net, and your photos to Bobbi Moore robertamoore2@mac.com

Map to Champps



Training Friday nights at the Animal Inn Lake Elmo

There will be regular training on Dec.19th and no training on Dec. 26 or Jan. 2nd. The next beginning obedience class starts January 09. Please get your applications in.

Training information can be found at 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 and new Fall schedule on the web www.gsdcmsp.org under training.

Herding

Watch for upcoming herding events. We hope to have another herding Fun Day in Pine City this spring and AKC has approved having a herding trial in 2009. Time to get your dogs started. Our trial will probably be in the fall in conjunction with teh Rottweiler Club trials.

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