



Shep-O-Gram

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We had the sad news this month that former long time member Janet Hanson passed away in February. I am sure she will be missed. She was often seen on the sidelines at shows or at training watching the conformation ring. Joan Johnson has written a tribute to our friend Janet.

Pam Magadance has provided some very interesting statistics from the Regional Challenge. If you look over the results it may surprise you how much the therapy and performance dogs have contributed to our totals.

Herding is really taking off in our club thanks to the hard work of Eileen Varhalla, Jinny Bailey and Verna Kubik. Eileen Has expanded our herding fun day to two days. May 17 and 24, and they both filled rapidly. She is hoping to offer another herding fun day later in the year. She also has set the date for our AKC Herding trial on Friday Oct. 3rd There will be A-Course Sheep and A&B Course Ducks. Also HT&PT. The Rottweiler Club will have their trial on Saturday Oct. 4 with the same course. There will be lunch on the grounds. Shepherds will have preference on Friday.

We have some great programs being planned for Friday nights. In April Paul Johnson will give a presentation on conformation, show dog VS working dog. There will be more information on this in the April Shep-O-Gram. We are still planning a geocaching event for the spring with a picnic. The State Parks will have a program again this year starting May 2 and they will be offering the free use of GPS units again. I will include an article in this issue about geocaching to refresh your memories on the topic.

Plan to attend our upcoming match on March 27. Charles Reinhardt has taken the reins on this one and we want another big success. Come to show or come to watch. There will be a pot luck! Come to eat! Holly Bryan and Laurie Shray will be there to take donations for the trophies for our specialty shows.

You may have noticed the increasing interest in obedience. We are trying to add another class in order to assist more people preparing for competition. Watch for the upcoming poll on our web site asking for your opinions on how we can best serve our obedience people.

Julie Swinland.

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SOG Due Date

April issue - March 21

March 13 Membership Meeting 8:30 PM Animal Inn

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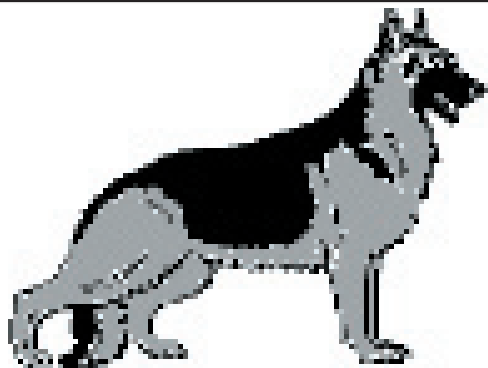
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Upcoming Shows

March

1 Wisconsin KC, West Allis WI

14-15 Dubuque Kennel Club, Dubuque, IA

April

April 4-5 Indianhead Kennel Club, Eau Claire WI.

18-19 Waterloo Kennel Club, Inc. Waterloo IA

Obedience/Rally only

March

7-8 Wright County Minnesota Kennel Club, TCOTC Mpls, MN

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

April

11-12 Wisconsin Rapids Kennel Club, Amherst Junction, WI

There are many more shows in MN, IA, WI and the Dakotas. See Events at www.akc.org for a complete listing

A Tribute to Janet Hanson

**Janet Ann Hanson, age 75 of St. Paul Passed away
Feb. 15, 2009
By Joan Johnson**

The breed lost a loyal supporter when we lost Janet Hanson.

Janet was an on again off again member of the club, but always loved the breed.

I met Janet when she was in one of my beginning classes at GSDC with her usual 'BIG' male.

Janet enjoyed Obedience but loved Conformation. Unfortunately it's hard to convince a dog that it's 'fun' to run in a circle for a little bit of bait, when you can go home, climb on the couch and have in delivered to you.

She was a single mom who successfully raised two daughters she also had two granddaughters- one of whom- Jocelyn was interested in the dogs. Janet was so happy when she was going to start showing - but she was in an accident-hurt her leg and couldn't after all.

She raised a few litters of puppies- loved to have them and like all of us loved when the last when went. 'Appollo' was from her last litter.

She hadn't been feeling well for some time. The last time she went to the Doctor he told her she had six months to live. She called me when she got home and it was such a shock I didn't know what to say. Two days later she was gone. It was terrible for her family and to those who knew her- but a blessing for her. She died at home with her daughter Charlene, her granddaughter Jocelyn and her beloved Appollo with her.

By the way-watch your phone bills because when 'MaBell' discovers the line between 651-699 ...and 952-461..... has cooled down the rates are sure to go UP



The AKC, ILP and You

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Many people discovered the fun of teaming up with their dogs and competing in AKC Events. But, not all of those wonderful canine athletes that you see at these events are registered with the AKC. Some might be enrolled in the AKC's Indefinite Listing Privilege (ILP), a program that allows unregistered dogs of registrable breeds to compete in AKC Performance and Companion Events.

If you have a purebred dog that cannot be registered with the AKC and have a desire to see what your dog can do in real competition, an ILP number is your ticket to the world of AKC events and clubs!

What AKC events may an ILP dog Participate in?

The Indefinite Listing Privilege Program (ILP) is designed to allow dogs to participate in AKC Companion and Performance Events. The AKC Events that an ILP dog can participate in are:

- Agility Trials (All Breeds)
- Earthdog Trials (Small Terriers and Dachshunds)
- Herding Tests and Trials (Herding Breeds, Rottweilers and Samoyeds)
- Hunt Tests (Most Sporting Breeds and Standard Poodles)
- Junior Showmanship (All Breeds)
- Lure Coursing (Sighthounds)
- Obedience Trials (All Breeds)
- Rally Trials (All Breeds)
- Tracking Tests (All Breeds)

Once enrolled in the ILP program, entering AKC events is as easy as with an AKC-registered dog. The only difference is that instead of an AKC registration number, you would list the dog's ILP number on the entry form.

For more information about the ILP program visit www.akc.org or contact the AKC at ilp@akc.org.

Regional Challenge! for the year ended July 31, 2008

I'm sure everyone has heard that we won the Regional Challenge for our division. We are in the large club division for clubs with 99 members and over. We won with 1,581 points!!

I would also like to recognize the members and dogs who contributed the most points to our success.

I calculated this three ways – (1) the dog with the most points, (2) the individually owned dog with the most points and (3) the co-owned dog with the most points.

(1) Dog with the most number of points:

1. **Nordwind's Burst of Energy** owned by Kathy DuVall
Earned 120 points
2. **Hawthorne's Fate v. Arko** owned by Carol Ouhl
Earned 95 points
3. tie for 3rd place
Kubistraums Forever Amber owned by Virginia Bailey and Verna Kubik
and

Keylis Purple Rain owned by Barbara Duncan, Haines Clausen and Edward Farrell

Each earned 55 points

4. tie for 5th place
Marquis' Stealing the Show owned by Liz Oster, Doug Oster, Kristine Fasano and Frank Fasano

and

Marquis All About Me owned by Kelly Salava, Roger Salava and Linda Salava
Each earned 50 points

(2) Member with a dog owned by one person (husband and wife count as one owner) and earning the most number of points:

1. Kathy DuVall
Earned 120 points
2. Carol Ouhl
Earned 105 points
3. Myra Shear
Earned 55 points

4. Julie Swinland
Earned 40 points
5. tied for 5th place
Michael and Sheila Metz
and
Bo Vujovich
Each earned 30 points

(3) Member with co-owned dogs and earning most number of points:

1. Verna Kubik
Earned 155 points
2. Liz Oster
Earned 140 points
3. Kelly Salava
Earned 95 points
4. tied for 4th place
Virginia Bailey
and
Roger and Linda Salava
Each earned 90 points
5. tied for 6th place
Patricia Cliff
and
Randy and Darlene Cliff
Each earned 65 points

These results were for the year ended July 31, 2008.

Let's win next year, too! I have access to all AKC titles, Futurity and Maturity wins and National Select wins. However, if you win any of the following, I have no way to know about them unless you tell me: GCG, TDI, TC, 13 Club, ROM, herding instinct test, therapy visits, AOE, and PAM. Please send information or questions to Pam Magadance at briannahill@frontiernet.net.

Ever consider what our dogs must think of us? I mean, here we come back from a grocery store with the most amazing haul-chicken, pork, half cow. They must think we're the greatest hunters on earth!

Anne Tyler

Welcome to the AKC S.T.A.R. Puppysm Program!



The AKC S.T.A.R. Puppysm is an exciting new program designed to get dog owners and their puppies off to a good start. The AKC S.T.A.R. Puppysm Program is an incentive program for loving dog owners who have taken the time to take their puppies through a basic training class.

The Benefits of Training

Training classes teach you how to best communicate with your puppy. Organized training classes also provide an opportunity for your dog to socialize with other dogs. In classes aimed at earning the AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy distinction, you'll be able to get information on all of your puppy-raising questions including housetraining, chewing, and the most effective way to teach practical skills such as coming when called. AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy training is a natural lead in to the AKC[®] Canine Good Citizen[®] Program.

How It Works

When you complete a basic training class (taught by an AKC Approved CGC Evaluator) with your puppy (up to 1 year old) your puppy is eligible to be enrolled in the AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy Program.

You'll attend any puppy or basic training class at least 6 weeks. Your instructor will administer the AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy test at the end of the course. Upon passing the test, you'll get an application to send to AKC[®] for enrollment in the AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy Program. All dogs are welcome to participate in the AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy Program including purebreds and mixed breeds.

Your puppy will receive the AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy Medal (for display or memento purposes; not suitable as a collar tag). You and your puppy will be listed in the AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy records. In addition, so that you can continue learning, you'll receive our AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy package that includes:

- A beautiful, frameable certificate designating your puppy is in the AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy records at AKC
- AKC Puppy Handbook, a valuable resource
- Discount to enroll in AKC Companion Animal Recovery Corporation, a 24-hour recovery service
- Ongoing Monthly Email Newsletter: Your AKC. This includes training tips and up-to-date information every dog owner needs to know. We want you and your puppy to continue learning beyond puppy classes.

How to Get Your Puppy in the AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy Program

So that you can get started in your AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy training, here are our **AKC CGC Approved Evaluators**.

For more information on AKC S.T.A.R. Puppysm, contact starpuppy@akc.org.

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"Outside of a dog, a book is probably man's best friend, and inside of a dog, it's too dark to read." --Groucho Marx.

Thyroid Diseases: Hypothyroidism in Dogs

Veterinary & Aquatic Services Department, Drs. Foster & Smith

Hypothyroidism is a common problem in dogs, but rarely occurs in cats. The thyroid gland has a number of different functions, but it is most well known for its role in regulating metabolism. Hypothyroidism is the condition that occurs when not enough thyroid hormone is produced. Hypothyroidism causes a wide variety of symptoms, but is often suspected in dogs that have trouble with weight gain or obesity and suffer from hair loss and skin problems. Hypothyroidism is easy to diagnose with a blood test that checks the level of various thyroid hormones including T3 and T4. Most hypothyroid dogs respond readily to treatment with synthetic thyroid medication such as Soloxine. Many dogs suffer from a low thyroid hormone level for years without treatment. If your dog has *chronic* recurrent skin problems, she may be suffering from hypothyroidism.

What causes hypothyroidism?

Hypothyroidism results from the impaired production and secretion of thyroid hormone. The production of thyroid hormone is influenced by the pituitary gland, the hypothalamus, and the thyroid gland. Although dysfunction anywhere in the complicated hypothalamic-pituitary-thyroid pathway can result in hypothyroidism, more than 95% of all cases occur as a result of destruction of the thyroid gland. About half of the causes of thyroid gland destruction are suspected to be caused by the dog's own *immune system* killing the cells of the thyroid gland. The other half is caused by atrophy of the thyroid *tissue* and resultant infiltration of the tissue by fat. The cause for this form of the disease is unknown.

Who gets hypothyroidism?

Although the onset of clinical signs is variable, hypothyroidism most commonly develops in middle-aged dogs between the ages of 4 to 10 years. The disorder usually affects mid to large size breeds of dogs, and is rare in toy and miniature breeds of dogs. Breeds that appear to be predisposed to developing the condition include the Golden Retriever, Doberman Pinscher, Irish Setter, Miniature Schnauzer, Dachshund, Cocker Spaniel, and Airedale Terrier. German Shepherds and mixed breeds appear to be at a reduced risk of contracting the disease. There does not appear to be a sex predilection but *spayed* females appear to develop it more often than intact females.



What are the symptoms?

Thyroid hormone is needed for normal cellular metabolic function. A deficiency of thyroid hormone affects the metabolic function of all organ systems. As a result, the symptoms are usually variable and non-specific. There is not a specific symptom that is diagnostic for hypothyroidism. There are, however, several symptoms that when combined together make the veterinarian more suspicious of the likelihood of the animal having the disease. A study on hypothyroid dogs revealed the following information on the variety and frequency of symptoms seen with the disease:

How is hypothyroidism diagnosed?

There are several different tests used to diagnose hypothyroidism in the dog. The test chosen will depend on the symptoms and the availability of different tests to your veterinarian.

Baseline T4 Test: The most common test run is the baseline T4 test. A blood sample is drawn and tested by radioimmunoassay to determine the level of T4 thyroid hormone in the bloodstream. The T4 hormone is produced only in the thyroid gland and dogs with a failure of the thyroid gland will have a lowered level of this hormone. However, there are other conditions that can cause a lowering of T4 so if this screening test is positive for hypothyroidism another more specific test is often done to confirm the diagnosis.

Baseline T3 Test: Another screening test that can be run is the baseline T3 test. T3 is another form of thyroid hormone found in the bloodstream. This test can be used as a screening test instead of T4. The T3 test is not as accurate in early cases of hypothyroidism and occasionally will be normal when the T4 level is reduced. For these reasons, this test is often used in combination with the T4 test or with the TSH stimulation test.

TSH Stimulation Test: The TSH stimulation test is the most definitive blood test available for diagnosing hypothyroidism in the dog. If a dog has a low T4 or T3 level, this test may be performed to confirm a diagnosis of hypothyroidism. A small amount of Thyroid Stimulating Hormone (TSH) is injected into the vein. After 6 hours, a blood sample is drawn and the T4 level is checked. A dog without thyroid disease that may have other conditions causing a low T4 will have a high T4 level after the TSH injection. A dog with true hypothyroidism will not have an increase in T4 after the injection.

As mentioned earlier, 95% of thyroid disease is caused by destruction or loss of the thyroid gland function. If hypothyroidism is suspected but not confirmed by these three described tests, then it is possible that the condition may be caused by one of the other 5% of conditions that cause hypothyroidism. To diagnose those problems, one or several of the following tests may be used: TSH stimulation test, *serum* total reverse T3 concentration (a radioimmunoassay), serum free T4, and serum free T3 concentration.

How is hypothyroidism treated?

One of the nicest things about this disease is that it is easily treated. Treatment consists of putting the dog on a daily dose of synthetic thyroid hormone called thyroxine (levothyroxine). There are numerous brand names of this drug. The dose and frequency of administration of this drug varies depending on the severity of the disease and the individual response of the animal to the drug. A dog is usually placed on a standard dose for his weight and then blood samples are drawn periodically to check his response and then the dose is adjusted accordingly. Once therapy is started, the dog will need to be on treatment for the rest of his life. Usually after the treatment is started, the majority of the symptoms resolve.

A hypothyroid dog will need to be on thyroxine for the rest of his life.

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AKC Herding Titles

The AKC currently offers five herding titles.

There are two "test" titles:

HT: Herding Tested. Requires 2 qualifying runs under two separate judges.

PT: Pre-Trial. Also requires 2 qualifying runs under two separate judges.

There are three "trial" titles, all require three qualifying scores under three judges. A qualifying score is a score of 60 of a possible 100, with at least 50% of the score on each obstacle.

HS: Herding Started.

HI: Herding Intermediate.

HX: Herding Advanced.

**German Shepherd Dog Club of
Minneapolis/St Paul
February Board Minutes
February 06, 2009**

Mike Metz, President

Julie Swinland, Vice President

Jill Myers, Secretary

Mada Parnell, Treasurer

Board Members:

Liz Oster, Board (1 year remaining)

Board Members Absent:

Ginny Altman, Board (2 year remaining)

Lisa Marie Fortier, (3 year term)

Guests – none

President called the meeting to order at 12:15pm

1 President's Report -

- Club Calendar - to be updated with Verna
- Community Outreach discussion – besides State Fair other county Fairs or city/town summer festivals, sponsor a refreshment booth at a high profile fundraiser, an outdoor match or demo at a public park. Mike will research parks, Sheila & Lisa will research the other ideas.

2 Vice President's Report – nothing new to report

3 Secretary's Report -

- Futurity Packet for 2011 needs to be completed and mailed ASAP
- An updated List of Officer's needs to be submitted to the AKC, GSDCA. org, Secretary of State and Dave for the website.

4 Treasurer's Report -

- Associated Bank Checking: \$7,283.50
- Associated Bank Money Market: \$5,694.80
- Total funds: \$12,978.30

5 Training Report –

- Discussion - advanced obedience training, ring schedule, awards & possible categories

6 Budget and Finance Report –

- No report

7 2009 Show Report –

- Committee meeting will be scheduled
- Cambridge Club discussion regarding judges
- Ad's still need to be completed
- 'Scorch the Porch' Friday night at Mike & Sheila's

8 Match Report –

- March 27th fun match; Obedience judge has been selected, Conformation judge stills need to be identified

9 Membership Report -

- Directory needs to be updated and printed for hand out at the March 27th match
- Confirm current version of Standing Rules & By Laws is what's posted on the website

10 Shep-O-Gram Report –

- Going well

11 Program Report -

- GSD structure i.e. working dog vs show dog for March, Mike will ask Paul Johnson
- Chiropractor for April, Mada will ask her contact
- CPR for pets for September, Sheila will pursue
- Dave Rinke to speak at June show, Liz will ask Dave

12 All Breed Liaison –

- Discussion regarding which clubs to support

13 Website Report –

- Ideas are flowing, need to get them implemented
- Breeder's List & code, discussed enhancing listings on website with links to photos

14 Breed Club Challenge –

- Awaiting report from Pam Magadance

15 Old Business -

- Geocaching, Julie will submit her write up again for possible spring event
- Herding Day May 17th coordinated by Eileen
- Need to recruit Friday night desk attendants

16 New Business –

- Julie & Sheila to explore a 2010 calendar with Club photos

Next Board meetings **Saturday March 7th & April 4th**

Meeting adjourned at 2:25pm

Jill Myers, Secretary

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February 20, 2009**

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Jill Myers, Secretary

Mada Parnell, Treasurer

Liz Oster, Board (1 year remaining)

Lisa Marie Fortier, Board (3 year term)

Board Members Absent:

Ginny Altman, Board (2 year remaining)

President called the meeting to order at 8:35pm

1. Motion by Paul Johnson to suspend and follow an abbreviated agenda (President's Report, March Match, 2010 Judges) this evening was 2nd and carried unanimously.

2. **President's Report:**

Training - Verna will be scheduling a separate meeting to address advanced obedience training classes

Programs – Paul will present a program regarding the structure of the GSD on April 24th, Mada will be scheduling a presentation by a dog chiropractor on either May 15th or 22nd.

Match – Charles will contact Mike Wakeling and Linda Kofstad for judging, Charles will contact Cindy to locate ribbons left over from last year, Mike volunteered to Steward, a motion by Mada Parnell for a \$100 food budget was 2nd and carried unanimously, motion by Mada Parnell for a potluck at the match was 2nd and carried unanimously.

3. **Judge Selection for 2010 Annual Specialty Show 6/26 & 6/27**

Obedience/Rally Judges, Conformation Judges selection discussion followed.

Discussed All Breed Judge Recommendations

Meeting Adjourned at 9:20pm

Jill Myers, Secretary

AKC Code of Sportsmanship

PREFACE: The sport of purebred dog competitive events dates prior to 1884, the year of AKC's birth. Shared values of those involved in the sport include principles of sportsmanship. They are practiced in all sectors of our sport: conformation, performance and companion. Many believe that these principles of sportsmanship are the prime reason why our sport has thrived for over one hundred years. With the belief that it is useful to periodically articulate the fundamentals of our sport, this code is presented.

Sportsmen respect the history, traditions and integrity of the sport of purebred dogs.

Sportsmen commit themselves to values of fair play, honesty, courtesy, and vigorous competition, as well as winning and losing with grace.

Sportsmen refuse to compromise their commitment and obligation to the sport of purebred dogs by injecting personal advantage or consideration into their decisions or behavior.

The sportsman judge judges only on the merits of the dogs and considers no other factors.

The sportsman judge or exhibitor accepts constructive criticism.

The sportsman exhibitor declines to enter or exhibit under a judge where it might reasonably appear that the judge's placements could be based on something other than the merits of the dogs.

The sportsman exhibitor refuses to compromise the impartiality of a judge.

The sportsman respects the AKC bylaws, rules, regulations and policies governing the sport of purebred dogs.

Sportsmen find that vigorous competition and civility are not inconsistent and are able to appreciate the merit of their competition and the effort of competitors.

Sportsmen welcome, encourage and support newcomers to the sport.

Sportsmen will deal fairly with all those who trade with them.

Sportsmen are willing to share honest and open appraisals of both the strengths and weaknesses of their breeding stock.

Sportsmen spurn any opportunity to take personal advantage of positions offered or bestowed upon them.

Sportsmen always consider as paramount the welfare of their dog.

Sportsmen refuse to embarrass the sport, the American Kennel Club, or themselves while taking part in the sport.

GSDCMSP Geocaching Event Spring 2009

Mike Metz has asked me to organize a geocaching event. We had hoped to hold one last October, but time just ran out. Spring will be a great time to try this activity. If you read my article in the July Shep-O-Gram (this can be found on our web site www.gsdcmsp.org under library and then Shep-O-Gram archives) you have some idea of what geocaching is. Of course some people do this without a dog, but isn't it fun to hit the trails in a beautiful park and enjoy it WITH your dog? SO this event will test your skills (we will help) at navigating using a handheld GPS (global positioning system) device to find caches (small containers which sometimes hold interesting things you can trade for and always have a log where you can write your geocaching name to show you have been there.).

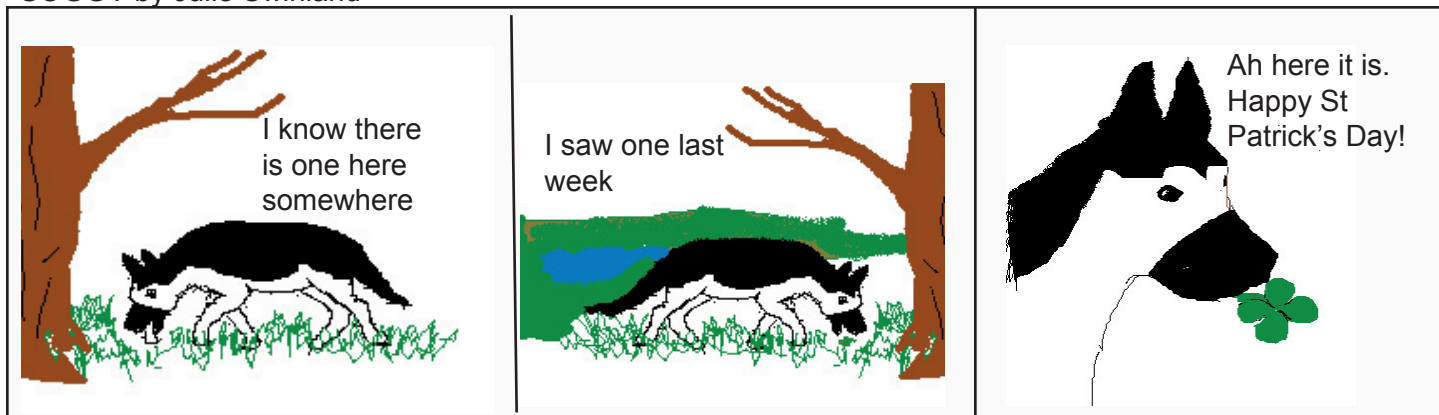


Afton State Park will have a geocaching program again this year starting May 2. They have 12 GPS units available for loan on a first come first served basis. This is like a techie scavenger hunt. We can go in groups, or possibly one group depending on how many people are interested, and we really only need one or two units per group. The park people may run you through the basics of using the unit. If not I will help you out with that. Even if you are not the one holding the unit, you could be the first to spot where the cache is hidden. The units are just a little larger than a cell phone so don't worry about carrying some big device around. If we find another location we might hide our own caches, but it will require a large piece of land and facilities.

Geocaching at a park offers the opportunity to take some great pictures of your dog with pretty scenery too. The park is quite hilly so dress appropriately for going up and down hills. I am hoping that some people will provide their excellent barbecuing skills and if we can get some food together this can also be a picnic.

I have inserted a few pictures of Afton taken last fall. The leaves were just starting to turn. We have not selected a date yet, but I am thinking May would be a good month. If you have any questions give me a call or send an e-mail Julie Swinland 651-457-5459 blackforestgsd@msn.com

SOGGY by Julie Swinland



The German Shepherd Dog Club of Minneapolis/ Saint Paul Presents



“Our 2009 Spring AKC Sanctioned B Match”

Friday, March 27th - 7:00 p.m.

Entries for all events begin at 6:00 pm and close at 7:00 pm

**Located at the Animal Inn Training Center
8633 N 34th St.**

Lake Elmo MN 55042

For Directions visit: www.animalinntraining.com/directions.htm

All German Shepherd Dogs and their People Welcome!

- **Conformation Judge: Mike Wakeling**
- **Obedience Judge & Rally Judge: Kathy Sianko**

All Entries \$5 - additional entries same dog \$4

Classes Offered:

Junior Handler Competition

- **Conformation - 3-6 puppy, 6-9 puppy, 9-12 puppy, 12-18, Novice, Bred By, American bred, Open**
- **Obedience - Pre Novice, Graduate Novice, Veterans, Novice A & B, Open A & B, Utility A & B**
- **Rally - Novice A & B, Advanced A & B, Excellent A & B**

Snacks and beverages will be available

Pot Luck Dinner

This match will be held Indoors

Club Events

Herding Fun Day

Come and watch the herding fun days May 17 and 24. There will be a pot luck. This was a lot of fun last year.

Geocaching Event

We are planning to have a geocaching day with a picnic at Afton State Park. No date set yet. Let Julie Swinland know if you are interested. blackforestgsd@msn.com.

Spring match,

March 27. See the flyer on page 11.

Team Obedience

We have two teams set up. Our plan is to compete at our June specialty shows and possibly form one team that goes on to the nationals. We are looking for ways to help sponsor our club team to go to the nationals.

Training Friday nights at the Animal Inn Lake Elmo

The next beginning Obedience class starts April 10.

7:00 Conformation(handler class), intermediate obedience, puppy socialization, 7:45 Rally - all levels, conformation. See Ring schedule on and new Spring schedule on the web www.gsdcm.org under training.

Herding

Watch for upcoming herding events. The herding fun day was extended to two days, May 17 and May 24. Both days have filled and Eileen is looking into holding another herding fun day this summer. The AKC has approved having a herding trial Oct 3rd. There will be A- Course Sheep and A&B Course Ducks. Also HT&PT.

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