



## German Shepherd Dog Club of Minneapolis/St Paul

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## Shep-O-Gram

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It is almost Halloween already! It has been a busy month, State Fair demos, Herding Fun Day and the herding clean up day at Polly Simpson's to mention a few things.

Last month I told you that Barbara Riciotti is being treated for Alzheimer's Disease and some of you may wish to send her cards or letters I have her address now:

Clare Bridge Cottage 3161 East Avenue S La Crosse, WI 54601-7228

If you have any interesting stories to relate regarding Barbara please send them to Sheila Metz (sheilawm@comcast.net) who is still compiling a piece for the Shep-O-Gram.

This issue includes an article I wrote on our successes at the State Fair and a review of the Herding Fun Day as well as Part 1 of an original article by Pam Magadance on carting. It will be concluded next month

There are more fun events coming up, Our first herding trial is Oct 2. There is a map to Polly SImpson's farm on the last page. Come and see German Shepherds herding! Our scheduled food vendor for the herding trial cancelled and Haines Clausen volunteered to handle the food. Please offer to help Haines if you can. I believe he needs crock pots among other things.

Another event in October is the geocaching day at Afton State Park on Oct 24. I am planning for 12 people, so if you want to be in on prizes please sign up and the first 12 will be eligible. We will have two teams and the team who finds all three of the geocaches I put out for them will win a prize. Directions are on page 10 and sign up information is on the back page of this newsletter.

We could not get a fall match together so we will be skipping that this year, but there will be a pot luck coming up.

Remember to get your dues and trophy donations in to Mada. Parnell

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# NOTE: During the summer There will be a beginning Open class replacing the Competition Obedience class 7:30-8:30.

## Sponsors and ad rates

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

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## **Upcoming Shows**

There are many shows in MN, IA, WI and the Dakotas. See Events at www.akc.org for a complete listing or look at the calendar on the www. gsdcmsp.org web site.

## German Shepherd Day at the Minnesota State Fair 2009 by Julie Swinland

September 6 dawned bright and beautiful on Shepherd Day, the last Sunday of the State Fair. Participants started arriving at the Pet Center grounds at 6:30 AM. Eventually over 30 club members arrived on the scene at one of the largest state fairs (first or second depending on total attendance or daily attendance figures) in

the country.

There was excitement in the air as we all prepared to show the public the versatile and wonderful nature of our breed. There was a lot of work ahead just starting with the unloading and setting up of agility obstacles and obedience jumps. These were spaced out around the edge of the ring to be brought into play when those activities had the floor.

The show started at 9 AM with conformation. Each hour there were two or three presentations, conformation, obedience, service dogs, carting, tracking, agility, rally, grooming, and some question and answer sessions given by club member Lisa Lunde DVM, on dog health issues. Carol Ouhl surprised us with a fun dancing with her dog exposition to the song Pretty Woman. They made that look like a lot of fun.

Members took their dogs out to meet the audience and answer questions at each break.



Connie Bissionnette and Ch. Jecoda Firestarter, "Fire"

Our expected MC was unable to come so Virginia Bailey took over the microphone starting with conformation in the 9 AM demo. She continued with Rally. Carol Ouhl took the mic for service dog presentations and Mary Bente handled the microphone for agility. Sheila Metz took over for conformation later in the day.

The conformation demo consisted of a mock dog show, putting the dogs through their paces in front of the judge while the moderator explained what the judge was looking for as far as conformation, gait, and temperament. The crowds clapped as the dogs gaited beautifully around the ring. We had excellent representatives of the breed including Select Ch Oscar. In addition to the black and tans, we had a sable and an all black dog. So the audience could see the variety in coloration.



Carol Ouhl Dancing with Ark



Blade with owners Maureen and Rich Rooney. Maureen has "Devic's Disease ( http://www. myelitis.org/devics disease.htm ). She needs him for stability, pulling her up when she falls, getting and/or finding Rich and a handfull of other services/duties. Blade, is 3 years old and started training with Judy Grumdahl at about 18 months.

#### German Shepherd Day at the Fair continued

Obedience demos followed conformation, going from the basics at the novice level through utility. The service dog presentation included how to approach a dog, and an explanation of what a therapy dog is as opposed to an assistance dog, and what organizations help evaluate suitability for that work. There was a demo of how an assistance dog assists his owner to get up off the ground by presenting himself in a suitable position and bracing himself to allow his owner to push herself up off the ground. The tracking demo showed a dog searching through the crowd for his target person. Air scenting was explained and how difficult it can be to detect exactly where a scent may be due to air movement carrying the scent away from the original location.



Eileen Varhalla's Rivaden's Erda Nibelung CDX, RE, PT-HAS's, "Zoe"



Michelle Patet and My Jake Aurelius "Jake"

Agility was a real crowd pleaser, especially the antics of Michelle Patet's dog Jake, barking and totally throwing himself into the action. He didn't always do everything right, but he sure had a good time and the audience loved him. The experience level of the dogs performing ranged from 13 weeks of training to dogs with agility excellent titles. All performed very well in the hot sun. The crowd enjoyed the mistakes as much, or maybe even more than, the successes.

Barbara Duncan gave a grooming demo, and later we were off to perform a rally course. The course selected was at the advanced level, although several of the participants have Rally Excellent titles.

Pam Magadance gave several demos of carting, hitching up her Georgia to a cart and showing us how carting is performed. She also had Willie hitched up to a drag and demonstrated that activity with the assistance of Cristina McColl and narrated by Virginia Bailey.

There was one break in the action during the club board meeting which Lisa Lunde DVM filled with a question and answer session. She also discussed why people become vets. Then we were off and running starting with conformation again.



Barbara Duncan and Sel Ch Keylis Purple Rain "doc"

Kathy DuVall and Therapy Dog Natalie

The show concluded at approximately 5:30, after a long but fun filled day. We got to do what we do best, show off our dogs and inform the public. The bleachers were filled and people were standing between them to watch the demos. There were probably several hundred people watching at any given moment and considering the duration of the performance that would lead to a guestimate of at least several thousand people touched by our performances over the day. Verna Kubik handled an information table giving out flyers and business cards along with free lessons to get people to come and try the bedience training. All in all a job well done.



Mary Bente and Jumpin' Jack Von Noblehaus UDX NAJ



Liz Oster and Sel Ch Oscar



Virginia Bailey and Kubistraum's Ramblin' Rose PT. RE, CD, "Gypsy"



Mary Bente and Jumpin' Jack Von Noblehaus UDX NAJ



Mike Metz and Lindenhill's Smoke Glaken, "Bear"



Julie Swinland and Am Can & Int'l Ch Oak Haven Xena of BLK Forest RE, TT, TC, CGC, "Xena"

#### CARTING or DRAFT DOG -

#### What is it and why would you want to consider it?

The history behind the development and use of draft dogs has very deep roots. As early as the days of cave dwellers, humans had a relationship with dogs as their helper and friend. During that time, dogs often pulled a travois, which consisted of two long poles with the ends tied together dragging on the ground.

Historically, it was common to see large breeds such as a Bouvier, Rottweiler, Newfoundland or Briard pulling wheeled vehicles along the roads in England, Switzerland and Germany. In the past, draft dogs were utilized for numerous work purposes by farmers, dairies, weavers, bakers and letter carriers.

What do the terms mean? Carting is the term used when a dog is pulling something with wheels. Draft work refers to the dog pulling something – with or without wheels – so this term encompasses carting.



Pam Magadance and Ch Kubiustraum's Georgia Peach

Driving is the term used when the dog is pulling a person.

What was once a very old means of transportation, was later made into a sport by the British and Europeans and now is gaining in popularity in the U.S.

## Why to Consider Carting in Today's World

Most dogs today – including mine – don't get enough exercise. This is why I started carting. I can't run and keep up with the dogs so I thought carting would be an activity that would be fun and give them more exercise. I went to a carting seminar in the middle of September. The instructor said that her vet told her that if you usually walk your dog one mile – that your dog will get the same amount exercise is he pulls a cart for ½ mile. There are many variations of carting that can be fun to do:

Rollar Blading – having your dog pull you on roller blades Bikejoring – having your dog pull you on a bike Dog scootering – having your dog pull you on a scooter

With these 3 activities, the person also helps by pushing or pedaling.

Skijoring – having your dog pull you on skis

Sledding – having your dog pull you on a sled

Reasons to do carting – or some other variation:

- 1. Exercise for the dog
- 2. Something else to do with your dog
- 3. Your dog is happiest when working with you as a team
- 4. Working with your dog builds better understanding and bonding
- 5. When dog muscles are well developed, they provide support and cushioning so that the risk of injury is reduced
- 6. Dogs that are not bored are less likely to have behavior problems

Carting can also be useful in rehabilitating an injured dog. For rehabilitation activities that need resistance but not impact, carting can be very beneficial. However, any activity like this needs to be done under your vet's supervision.

Almost every dog can pull a cart – if the cart is appropriate to his size. In the New Richmond parade last year, there was a small dog (about 10 pounds) that pulled a tiny, tiny cart.

Although the draft dog today is seldom utilized for actual working tasks, draft work or carting remains an ongoing tradition through recreational activities, such as carting classes in various shows, use in therapy dog

#### **Carting or Draft Dog continued**

demonstrations, pulling a wagon with your equipment into dog shows, carrying your cooler to a picnic, and just having fun with your dog.

#### Weight Pulling in Today's World

#### As a Sport

The sport of weight pulling has been in existence since the gold rush days of Alaska and northern Canada. Weight pulling is a sport open to any dog regardless of size, sex or breed. Many breeds not normally thought of as sled dogs have made excellent weight pullers. The most important factors are soundness and health.

Weight pulling as a competition is quite common now. The International Weight Pull Association sponsors

competitions. The dog must pull weight a distance of 16 feet with a time limit of 60 seconds. Dogs have pulled over 2,000 # in these competitions. They usually pull weight on wheels indoors or on a sled over snow.

#### As Fun

There are many useful projects that your dog can help you with – he can pull a tarp with yard clippings or branches during fall clean-up. Or in the winter, your dog can pull a child on a saucer sled.

## **Carting – Beginning Training**

There is a lot of training to do before you hook your dog up to a wagon or other vehicle. I've worked with my dogs for most of a month to get them ready to hitch to the wagon. If you just hook him up, your dog won't know what to expect and may panic – perhaps hurt himself – and decide that he doesn't like carting. If he's real quiet, you may get away with rushing the training, but I don't think the risk of injury is worth it.

Before hooking your dog up to a cart, the dog needs to know basic obedience commands – stop, stand, stay, and back are particularly useful. And the dog should be two years of age before he is asked to pull any weight. However, he can get used to a harness and do basic training while still a puppy.

While you can use a variety of things for the dogs to pull – from a tire to a wagon to an expensive custom-made cart – the most important item is a well-fitted and padded harness.



Kubistraum's Othello HT, RN Willie and Cristina McColl



You need a different type of harness to pull weight than you do to pull a wagon. Your dog's enjoyment of the activity depends on a properly fitting harness and taking your time in the initial training so that he is comfortable with each step. There are two main types of carting harnesses: (1) the type that has a breast collar like a horse harness or (2) one called a siwash type of harness. For a breed like ours that is noted for their long stride, I recommend using only the siwash type. I think there is too much risk of shortening their stride when using the breast collar type of harness. With the siwash type, their shoulders have complete freedom, so there won't be a negative impact on their movement because this type of harness allows full range of motion. The siwash type has a diamond-shaped collar system which distributes the weight being pulled evenly around the muscles of the shoulders and neck area – rather than across the front of the shoulders as the breast collar type of harness does.

#### **Carting or Draft Dog continued**

These are the steps that I used when I started my two dogs: I first got my dogs used to the harness. Then I started them pulling a fairly large empty box. Next I started adding a little weight to the box – gradually adding more and more. From there, we progressed to pulling a small tire from a wheel barrow. Then we progressed to a regular car tire. For this much weight, you will need a weight pulling harness (also called a freight harness). I also took two 5-foot pieces of PVC separated at the end by a two-foot long piece of 1 x 2. I had the dogs drag this to get used to the feel of shafts and to get used to bumping into the shafts on turns. From there, I went to holding the shafts of the wagon in place but not hooking the wagon to the dog. Then I pulled the wagon and had the dog walk as if he were hooked up. This part is much easier if you have help, but it can be done alone. This way, if the dog becomes frightened, you can drop the wagon and he won't be attached to anything. Once the dog is comfortable with all these steps, then it is time to hitch him to your cart or wagon. Only go in straight lines until the dog is very comfortable with the wagon. Gradually add in large turns and slowly add more turns, circles and eventually 90-degree turns. Dogs progress at different rates. The important thing is to take as much time as needed for your dog to be comfortable and to enjoy the activity.

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## German Shepherd Dog Club of Minneapolis/St Paul September Board Minutes September 06, 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)

This month's meeting was held at the State Fair during breaks in our GSDC demo activities. President called the meeting to order at 2:00pm

#### 1 President's Report -

- AKC penalties from the Specialty Show have been reduced to \$300.
- Discussion followed regarding GSDCA's role as our parent club. There is a regional club committee.
- 2 Vice President's Report Shep-O-Gram & Events updates
- 3 Secretary's Report -
- Receiving regular messages of GSD's in need of homes. Lucky Dog rescue is closest thing to a GSD rescue group.
- 4 Treasurer's Report none
- 5 Shep-O-Gram -
- Excellent feedback from the August issue. Club board representation has been requested at the National's perhaps to receive an award....?





## 6 Training Report –

Proposed schedule revisions are still under discussion.

## 7 Show Report -

- Show secretary for 2010 Specialty and 2010 Futurity shows are needed.
- Show sites are being reviewed for both events.

## 8 Breeder's List Committee -

 Committee is reorganizing. It is being requested that an All-Breed Judge's List be compiled to select from.

#### 9 Events -

- September Canadian Nationals
- September 19<sup>th</sup> Herding Fun Day at Elysian Farms, same day Polly Simpson's Farm prep for trials.
- October 2<sup>nd</sup> Herding Test and Trials
- October 10<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> GSDCA Nationals
- A 2<sup>nd</sup> GeoCaching day has been scheduled for October 24<sup>th</sup>. Money for the purchase of prizes to be approved at the membership meeting.

#### 10 New Business-

#### 11 Old Business -

 Barbara Ricciotti who is in a care facility for Alzheimer's is accepting visitors. Contact Julie Swinland for address.

Sheila Metz is working on a story for publication in the Shop-O-Gram

Next Board meeting date and place:

Tentatively Saturday October 3rd.

Meeting adjourned at 3:40pm (included a break from 2:58pm – 3:21pm)

Jill Myers, Secretary

## German Shepherd Dog Club of Minneapolis/St Paul September 11, 2009

**Board Members:** 

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

President called the meeting to order at 8:37pm

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

## 1. President's Report:

- Mike summarized the great time we had at the State Fair demos this year.
- It was noted that the current By-Laws were not printed in the new directory. Discussion followed that the Standing Rules need to be revised to reflect the changes made to the By-Laws 2 years ago.

## 2. Vice President's Report:

None

## 3. Secretary's Report:

 Receiving an increase in solicitations from various causes & products unrelated to GSD's.

#### 4. Treasure's Report:

 Mada sent via email: Checking account \$4,653.76, Savings account \$5,702.32 for a total current balance of \$10,356.08

## 5. 2010 Specialty & 2011 Futurity Shows:

 Discussion regarding securing a new site for the next 2 years followed. Show committee will present options at October's meeting.

#### 6. Fall Match Report:

 There will be no fall match this year due to no chairperson available to pull it together.

#### 7. Training Report:

- On October 16<sup>th</sup> no conformation classes will be held but regular obedience and rally classes will.
- Discussion regarding the most recently proposed changes followed. Further discussion needed.

## 8. December Pot Luck:

 Joelle has graciously volunteered to chair the annual December Pot Luck this year. Look for further details.

#### 9. Annual Awards:

 Mike will check with Linda Salava to see if she plans on chairing the committee again this year.

## 10. Shep-O-Gram Report:

- Julie has Barbara Riccotti's address if anyone would like it.
- Kudos for the Alzheimer article Julie published in

the last issue!

#### 11. Events:

- A 2<sup>nd</sup> GeoCaching event is scheduled for Saturday October 24. Two teams will compete with prizes for all participants and for the winning team. Verna Kubik moved that \$100 be allotted to Julie to purchase the prizes; it was seconded and carried unanimously.
- Herding Trial food provider fell through and Eileen asked for volunteers to bring food and oversee the sales. Claus Haines has since volunteered to the bring food. Contact Haines if you can help.
- Verna Kubik moved that \$100 be appropriated towards food for the trial; it was seconded and carried unanimously.

Welcome Chris & Holly perspective new members! Next membership meeting is scheduled for October 9<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:31pm
Jill Myers, Secretary

## **Traditional Herding Commands:**

Below are some essential stock dog commands, in their most commonly used form.

"Lie Down"- used as a stop command, to drop the dog in a prone position.

"Stay"- tells the dog not to move from the stopped position until a counter command is given.

"Walk in, Walk up, or Go in"- used to move the dog straight toward the stock. Variations of this command may be used to slow down or speed up the dog's approach to the stock.

"That'll Do or That will do"- used to release the dog from whatever phase of work he/she is in and call off the stock. This command usually means the dog should come to the handler and remain in the area to be available to work the stock again at any time.

"Come bye or Go By"- used to direct the dog to swing in a clockwise direction around the stock.

"Away to Me or Way to Me"- used to direct the dog to swing in a counterclockwise direction around the stock.

"Steady, Take Time or Time"- used to tell the dog to approach the stock or move around the stock more slowly. This is particularly useful when the stock or circumstances are producing anxiety in the dog.

"Look Back"- used when the handler wants the dog to go farther from the handler in order to gather additional stock that the dog may or may not be able to see.

## **Geocaching Event Oct 24 Afton State Park**

We can gather at the park at 9:30 and form two teams. Please sign up for this event. There is a form on the last page or you can e-mail me or call. You are welcome to come even if you don't sign up, but you might not get any of the prizes depending on how many people come. The first 12 people will get prizes and can be eligible for the prizes for the team who finds their caches first.

After we finish geocaching we will have a picnic. Please bring some food items. If you have a grill you can bring let me know.

## A few things to remember:

We will be representing our club and our breed in public so please keep your dog under control.

- Please bring only one dog per person and be prepared to cleanup after the dog.
- It is a State law that dogs must be kept on leash and that the leash be no more than 6 feet in length. We could get into a real tangle if people use flexi leads.
- Park permits are required. You can get a day permit for \$5 per vehicle or a yearly permit \$25.

Contact Julie Swinland 651-457-5459 or blackforestgsd@msn.com If you have questions the day of the event call my cell 612-209-7666.

#### **Directions to Afton State Park:**

From St. Paul, go 9 miles east on I-94, then 7 miles south on Highway 95 (Manning) and 3 miles east on County Road 20 (70th ST).



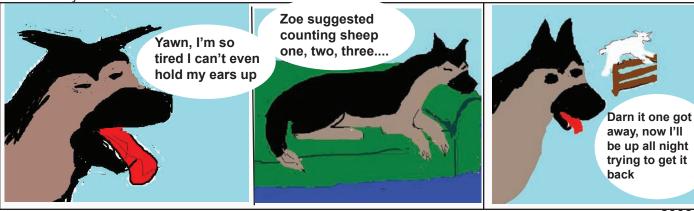
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SOGGY by Julie Swinland



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## Herding Fun Day September 19, 2009 by Julie Swinland

We had another succesful Herding Fun Day with Kim Schneider at Elysian Farm in Pine City, and learned a lot of terms from Kim . We have been lucky for our events lately having sunny days although it did get quite hot in the afternoon.

Xena was the second dog to run and she decided to play obedience dog (Oh I wish she had thought of that the following day at the obedience trial) and she decided to stay when told to and walkup was a foreign concept to her. She was staying and that was that. So we were on to other dogs who would actually move toward the sheep. We came back to Xena and Kim explained a concept that I hadn't really taken note of. She said Xena had bad shape. Well at first I was thinking of shape in the traditional sense and thought, no, Xena is in great shape especially for a dog who is 9 years old.



Alaska and Connie Halfen

But shape refers to the way she would move toward the sheep. She would go fast and straight at them like a billiard ball putting the black sheep in the side pocket so to speak. So they split into groups and then she would panic to get them back together. What Xena needs is to move in more of an arc toward the sheep so they don't split up and can be moved nice and slow. On her second run she was doing exactly that and it was a much nicer picture.

Another term we heard a lot was presence. You could see that some dogs needed to stay back farther from the sheep and could control them from that point due to their "presence" Rogin, whom Kim accidentally called Rogaine, is a dog who could peacefully walk fairly close to the sheep and yet control them.

Judy Lunzer's adorable puppy Pip opted for sitting in the shade until Judy came in to the round pen with Linda Fisher and Kim and they locked arms and walked with the sheep while Kim started to sing "We're off to See the Wizard". Then Pip joined in and moved the sheep.

All the dogs who participated did very well and we had another great Herding Fun Day.



Laurie McDermid and Rogin AKA "Rogaine"

Judy, Kim, Linda and puppy Pip

Additional herding terms are on page 9.

#### **Kim's Definitions**

**Shape-** For us we specifically talked about the shape of flanks-outruns, If the dog comes straight into the stock they will scatter like pool balls when you hit them w/ the Qball. If the dogs makes contact with the stock in a manner where it is far enough away from the stock not to stress them and the shoulders are not pointed directly into the stock the overall shape is less stressful to the stock and they will generally go the direction the dog is telling them to go in a calmer manner. It will also slow the dog down and will be less stressful to the dog.

**Power/presence** (noun) - the confidence the dog emanates, which the stock immediately judges. A very powerful dog may have to work farther off the stock than a weak dog. Power is essential for moving cattle and some sheep. Not the same as intensity, which is simply the amount of energy and focus the dog has; stock may be unimpressed by intensity if it is not backed up by power.

**Biddability -** The biddable dog is one who will take commands easily and is willing to please.

## **Club Events**

## **Herding Trial October 2**

Polly Simpson's Farm New Richmond, WI. Contact Elleen Varhalla for information. evarhalla@aol.com 651-462-1220

## **Directions To Polly's farm**

**From Stillwater, MN**: Take MN-36E crossing into WI. In WI, 36 becomes WI-64E. Follow 64E and when it joins 65E, turn left on 65 to 200th Ave. Turn right and go .8 miles.

**FROM WI I-94**: Coming from MN, take I-94 east to 65. North to 200th Ave. Turn right and go .8 miles.

**FROM WI I-94:** Coming from the east, take I-94 west to 63. North on 63 to 64. West on 64 to 65. North on 65 to 200th Ave.

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Dog			
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1087 Allen Ave			
W. St. Paul, MN 55118 or call 651-457-5459			
or e-mail blackforestgsd@msn.com			
If the weather looks bad On Oct 24 call my cell 612-			
209-7666 to see if we are rescheduling			



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