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The specialty shows are over. I heard a lot of positive comments on our new show site. Everyone seemed very happy with everything. This took an incredible amount of planning to carry out and our fantastic Show Secretary, Holly Bryan, pulled off another great success. Mike Metz came through with the programs and other printed materials and all the committees worked their hearts out to make this a great weekend. The food was excellent once again. Holly has a letter to the membership on page 3 and so I will leave the thank yous to her.

We have two articles in this issue, one on feeding bones, and the other on spaying and neutering early and the effects that can have on the dog. I know many people feed bones without a problem, and others spay or neuter early. The opinions expressed in these articles are the opinions of the authors.

I do need help with our German Shepherd Fun Day July 11. I still do not have anyone to take the lead on the conformation piece of the day and we may have to drop that part. We need someone to take the lead on the food organization, set up and cleanup. Now is the time to step forward on this. Remember that whatever you do will count for points in our new volunteer rewards program. We need coolers with ice too if anyone has one.

We also have the last scheduled Herding Fun Day of the summer on July 10. Come to watch or check with Eileen Varhalla to see if there are any openings. Remember we have the herding trials in September to look forward to at the same location as the Herding Fun Day in Pine City.

Our next big club event after the Fun Day, will be the German Shepherd Day at the State Fair. Lisa Marie Fortier has taken the lead on organizing this. Last year was a great success and we want that to be the case again this year. Think about what you and your dogs can do to show off our breed. This is a time to reach out to the public and show them what great dogs we have.

We had a lot of brags this month, keep up the good work!

For those who wondered about my comments on my health in the last issue, I am OK. Sore, but now cancer free. Thank you for your good wishes.

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July issue - June 21

July 9 membership meeting 8:30 Animal Inn

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Brags

AM/CAN CH. Mythical Zeus Of Black Forest

Owner- Connie Karner
 May 28, 2010 Illinois Valley Kennel Club of Peoria
 Best of Breed – Group 4
 May 29, 2010 Corn Belt Kennel Club
 Best of Breed –Group 2
 June 13, 2010 Lake Minnetonka Kennel Club
 Best of Breed
 June 19, 2010 Rolla Kennel Club
 Best of Breed –Group 1
 June 20, 2010 Rolla Kennel Club
 Best of Breed –Group 1

CAN. CH. Zytut's Something To Talk About

Owner – Connie Karner
 May 29th, 2010 Corn Belt Kennel Club
 Winners Bitch- 4 Point Major

Kubistraums Othello, CD, PT, RE, GN

Pam Magadance & Verna Kubik
 May 29 Key City KC
 Grad Novice 3rd place 3rd leg New title GN
 May 30 Key City KC
 Open A 1st CDX leg
 June 20, 2010 Great River Stockdog Trial in Scandia.
 Herding in A course ducks qualified on Sunday with a 3rd place.

Kubistraum's Carmine Pam Magadance

May 29-30 Key City KC
 Advanced Rally qualified both days

Kubistraums on Raven's Wings

Verna Kubik Virginia Bailey
 May 29-30 Key City KC
 Grad Novice 1st and 2nd place 2 legs

Kubistraums Quest Verna Kubik Virginia Bailey

May 29-30 Key City KC
 Novice B obedience qualified both days
 May 30 Rally Advanced qualified 1st leg

Zytut's Say It Isn't So (Sadie)

Nils & Jan Anderson & Christy & Clint Heiman.
 June 4, 2010 Fargo-Moorhead Kennel Club
 1st Bred By Exhibitor Winners, Best of Breed, Best of Winners, GROUP ONE four point major!!!
 June 5, 2010 -Fargo-Moorhead Kennel Club
 One point out of Bred By Exhibitor, Best Opposite.

June 6, 2010 - Fargo-Moorhead Kennel Club
 One point out of Bred By Exhibitor, Best of Breed
 New Champion

CH Braunnhaus Zytut's Solomon

Nils Anderson & Jan Anderson.
 June 4, 2010 - Fargo-Moorhead Kennel Club
 Best of Opposite Sex

June 5, 2010 - Fargo-Moorhead Kennel Club
 Best of Breed, Group 3

June 6, 2010 - Fargo-Moorhead Kennel Club
 Best of Opposite Sex
 Saturday, May 29, 2010 - Key City Kennel Club.
 Best of Breed

May 30, 2010 - Key City Kennel Club
 Best of Breed and Group 4



June 28, 2010

To The German Shepherd Dog Club of Minneapolis and St. Paul,

A special thank you to our membership for making this year's show such a huge success. We couldn't keep producing these top-notch shows without the financial support, show entries, and assistance from all of you. The quality of breeders, competitors, helpers, and mentors that continue to give back to this breed and our beloved club is inspiring!

I cannot begin to thank all of those individuals that made this year's show possible. Starting with the show chair and my partner this year, Mike Metz. Your computer talent is unlimited. He worked tirelessly to put this show together and patiently put up with me harassing him and giving him to do lists.

A Special Thank you to:

Verna Kubik, Virginia Bailey and Waltrud Brogren for the long hard hours of closing entries when I was running out of steam.

Jill Myers for your assistance with paperwork and the endless AKC form's as well as the beautiful and thoughtful gift baskets for our judges.

All of our Stewards that kept our show entries and judges organized and running smoothly – Mada Skare, Rachael Burggraaf, Connie & Dave Bissonnette, Eileen Varhalla, Terry & Laurie Berg, Judy Morin, Waltrud Brogren and Virginia Bailey.

Bobbie Moore for saving the club money by obtaining the Obedience Mats for next to nothing and hauling them to and from the show site. There are no words to express our gratitude for all that you did to help the club with this expenditure. In addition, for the great hospitality you showed our judge Tony Monk Friday evening!

One of the things we all look forward to is the great food served at our show each year!! Our fantastic food wagon was organized and directed this year by Laurie Schray and Cindy Muehlbauer. A special thank you to these ladies and all of their helpers for the scrumptious meals we all enjoyed. Joan Johnson our catalog chief who made sure everyone had a paid catalog in hand. Thank you to Bill & Rachael Burggraaf for the hospitality given to our judges and for arranging transportation to and from the show. Peggy Simerson whom we can always count on to have the BEST prizes and trophies! She continues to raise the bar when it comes to fabulous items for our winners to take home. Julie Swinland, Sheila Metz, and many others for your ability to gather up all the fabulous raffle prizes and amazing donations. Mada Skare for organizing and running this year's raffle. Joe Knight for selling raffle tickets. The St. Paul K9 Police Training Department will be well funded through your efforts. Diane Mehra for the beautiful flower arrangement used for our photographs. Kelly Knight for putting together our advertisements and keeping me on track with the monthly check-in calls. Verna Kubik for her help in the ribbon count and putting together our judging booklets. Mada Skare for editing and compiling our new Emergency/Disaster booklets for our show. Julie Swinland for manning the Information Table and selling the benefits of our club to potential members. Our setup and take down crews, our fix-it and repair group that keeps our Obedience equipment in tiptop shape.

A special thank you to Bo Vujovich and her team of helpers that put on the Kabob Bash. It was one of the highlights of the weekend. Mike Metz organized and facilitated the program given by Dr. Don Rice from the Stillwater Veterinarian Clinic that garnered rave reviews. Thank you Mike for providing an enjoyable evening and some great information on Canine Reproduction!!

Thank you Roger Salava whom I was constantly badgering for money and checks throughout the entire show – unfortunately it was never for me! ☺

Thank you to all the volunteers that have made this show possible! Please forgive me if I have left your name out by mistake. We have the finest German Shepherds in the country and the BEST German Shepherd Club!

Respectfully Submitted,
Your 2010 Show Secretary
Holly Bryan

GSDC MSP Specialty Show June 26-27, 2010

Sat	Sun	
Junior Showmanship		
1	1	Maria Oster , Ch. Todor-Marquis' Legally Blonde
6-9 Puppy Dogs		
1	2	Steffca's Rugby Man Of Vonway , Stephanie Steigerwald
Ab	1	Steffca's Struttin His Stuff , Stephanie Steiger
9-12 Puppy Dogs		
1/BOP	1/BOP	SimCar's Fat Boy , Margaret Simerson/Craig Carson
2	2	SimCar's Low Rider , Margaret Simerson/Craig Carson
12-18 Dogs		
1	1	Anne-Isle's Promise Keeper , Laczniak/Simonett
Novice Dogs		
1	1/ WD	DeRousse Ozark Mtn. Dare Devil , Judy DeRousse,
3	3	Kubistraums Bentley , Verna Kubik/Virginia Bailey
2	2	Bloomsberry's Checkmate v. Rosewood , Steve and Kay Bloom
American Bred Dogs		
2	1	Marneet's Bon Jovi , Anita & Martin Hernandez
3	2	Sundown's Denali , Denise Gilbertson
1/RWD	3	Anne-Isle's Getting Away With Murder Marquis' , Doug & Liz Oster/Martha Simonett
4	4	Spur Canyon's Ha-So-De , Chris McKeon-Fisher
Open Dogs		
4	1/RWD	Rosewood's English Channel ,: Bo Vujovich
1/WD	4	Sajela's Enrique of Yarmork , Sandy Lavin/Dave Kromray,
2	3	Goodfella Of Oh-My , Myra Shear
3	2	Wenkarah's Blazing Saddles , Gary Weickelt,
9-12 Puppy Bitches		
2	1/RWB/BP	Marquis' Kiss Me Deadly Of Anne-Isle , Martha Simonett/Liz Oster
1/BP	3	SimCar's Electraglide , Margaret Simerson/Craig Carson
4	4	SimCar's Harley Girl , Margaret Simerson/Craig Carson
3	2	Woodside's Irish Cream : Steve and Kay Bloom
12-18 Bitches		
1	1	Marquis' All I Ever Wanted , Doug and Liz Oster
2	2	RiverRock's Straight From The Heart ,: Dr. Zoa Rockenstein
Novice Bitches		
1	1	Stonebrook's Jackie O , Allen Schwinghammer
3	Abs	Eko-Lan's Jaded v. King Haven , Owner: Doug and Liz Oster

2		Sundown's Mercedes , Denise Gilbertson
	2	Sundown's Porsche , Denise Gilbertson
Bred By Exhibitor Bitches		
Abs	1	Lindenhill Graclyne Light Light , Michael & Sheila Metz
American Bred Bitches		
1/RWB	3	Sajela's Shania of Yarmork , Sandy Lavin/Dave Kromray
3	4	Zytut's Something To Talk About , Connie Karner
2		Granite's Meet Ms Black , Laurie McDerimid
4		Sundown's Porsche , Denise Gilbertson
	2	Blackwood's Dancing Queen , Diane Mehra/Mary Chiarevalle
	1,WB/BOW	Sundown's Mercedes , Denise Gilbertson
Open Bitches		
1/WB/BOW	2	TR RO's Elysia v Anne-Isle , Van Dukeman/Lucille Nordenstrom
3	3	SimCar's Girl's Got Rhythm , Margaret Simerson/Craig Carson
2	1	Bloomsberry's Caseopia , Steve and Kay Bloom
Veteran Dog		
1	1	Ch. Jecoda's Maximum Overdrive , Margaret Simerson/Craig Carsoneteran
Veteran Bitch		
2	2	Ch. Oak Haven Xena of Black Forest CD RAE TC , Julie Swinland
3	3	Ch. Willaway Mount Shasta , Connie Karner
1	1/GC	Ch. Todor-Marquis' Legally Blonde TC , Doug, Liz and Maria Oster,
4	4	Ch. Kubistraums Scarlet Ember RN/TC , Kristin Salava/Verna Kubik/Virginia Bailey
Best of Breed		
BOS	BOS	Ch. Von Dinehart Midnight Harley , Nick & Sandy Dinehart,
GC	GC	Ch. Trios Johan Santana TC , : Oster/Salava's
BOB	BOB	Ch. Marquis' Blonde Bombshell , Liana New/Doug & Liz Oster

Obedience		
Utility B		
1/189 High Combined	2/188	Jendhi Shepherds' Irini V Kairos UDX : Susan F. Hassinger
NQ	1/190	Juel's Independence Day UD/RE Elaine Hurrle

Utility A		
1/190	NQ	Zephyr's Adelaide Princess: Ron & Melissa Halling
2/175.5	1/178.5	Über Gandulf vom SchlossFelsen CDX/RAE Lorelle & David Jones
3/173	NQ	Gustaf Von Hagberg CDX James Hagberg
Open B		
NQ	1/195.5 High Scoring	Hallingdahl's Man On Fire, Ron & Melissa Halling
2/190.5	NQ	Jendhi Shepherds' Irini V Kairos UDX, Susan F. Hassinger
1/191	NQ	Juel's Independence Day UD/RE Elaine Hurrle
Open A		
NQ	1/183.5	Kubistraums Othello CD/PT/RE/GN Pamela Magadance
2/178	NQ	Willaway's River Of Dreams Nancy Kehoe
1/183	NQ	Dzeki Rahimic John & Sandra Sutter
Novice B		
3/185.5	3/184.5	Varhalla Drogo Eileen Varhalla
1/190	1/193.5	Sweetwater's Knight Rider Sandy Heinz
4/180.5	2/186.5	Kubistraums Quest RN Verna Kubik/Virginia Bailey
2/188.5	NQ	Kubistraums Quick Pick RN Verna Kubik/Virginia Bailey
Novice A		
1/195.5 High Scoring	1/193.5	Jeddhaus Mars Nancy Ernst
3/178.5	2/186.5	My Jake Aurelius Michelle Patet
2/189		Regalwise TNT MaryBeth Kafut
Veteran Novice		
2/163.5		Jumpin' Jack Von Noblehaus CDX/OA/NAJ Mary Bente
1/190	1/162.5	Rivaden's Erda Nibelung CD/CDX/RE Eileen Varhalla

Pre-Novice		
4/128.5	3/165.6	Jerland's Lokki Ulfhedinn von Valkyrie Karlyn Berg
1/192.5		Ch. Todorhaus Kruser Vonhogen RN Sonja Hogenson
2/189.5		Granite's Dressed in Black Nancy Kehoe
3/15435	2/190	Ch. RiverRock's Hotel California Dr. Zoa Rockenstein
111		Trio's Finnegan Mielke David Mielke/Jane Geros
	1/196	Ceyla vom Gildaf Melissa McIntyre
Brace		
1/192	1/188.5	Hallingdahl's Man On Fire Ron & Melissa Halling Zephyr's Adelaide Princess Ron & Melissa Halling
Rally Excellent B		
2/88	1/96	Scher-Lo's Grande Finale Viette Hornick
1/89		Regalwise TNT, : MaryBeth Kafut
Advanced A		
2/83	2/89	Kubistraums Quest RN Verna Kubik/Virginia Bailey
1/98	1/100	Kubistraums Quick Pick RN Verna Kubik/Virginia Bailey
Novice B		
1/96	2/99	Jerland's Lokki Ulfhedinn von Valkyrie Karlyn Berg
2/96		Todorhaus Wayward Wind Vonhagen Sonja Hogenson/Sharon Todoroff
3/88	3/98	VeLin's O'Leavy Hannah CD Patricia Malinowski
	1/100	Ceyla vom Gildaf Melissa McIntyre
	4/89	Quest For Purpose Suzanne Compart
Novice A		
1/89	1/97	Casamoko's Land of the Midnight Sun Dr. Katie Halfen/Connie Halfen
2/83	2/89	Ch. RiverRock's Hotel California Dr. Zoa Rockenstein

No Bones About It: Bones are Unsafe for Your Dog

the grass.”

Here are 10 reasons why it’s a bad idea to give your dog a bone:



1

The idea that it’s natural for dogs to chew on bones is a popular one. However, it’s a dangerous practice and can cause serious injury to your pet.

“Some people think it’s safe to give dogs large bones, like those from a ham or a roast,” says Carmela Stamper, D.V.M., a veterinarian in the Center for Veterinary Medicine at the Food and Drug Administration. “Bones are unsafe no matter what their size. Giving your dog a bone may make your pet a candidate for a trip to your veterinarian’s office later, possible emergency surgery, or even death.”

“Make sure you throw out bones from your own meals in a way that your dog can’t get to them,” adds Stamper, who suggests taking the trash out right away or putting the bones up high and out of your dog’s reach until you have a chance to dispose of them. “And pay attention to where your dog’s nose is when you walk him around the neighborhood—steer him away from any objects lying in

1. **Broken teeth.** This may call for expensive veterinary dentistry.
2. **Mouth or tongue injuries.** These can be very bloody and messy and may require a trip to see your veterinarian.
3. **Bone gets looped around your dog’s lower jaw.** This can be frightening or painful for your dog and potentially costly to you, as it usually means a trip to see your veterinarian.
4. **Bone gets stuck in esophagus,** the tube that food travels through to reach the stomach. Your dog may gag, trying to bring the bone back up, and will need to see your veterinarian.
5. **Bone gets stuck in windpipe.** This may happen if your dog accidentally inhales a small enough piece of bone. This is an emergency because your dog will have trouble breathing. Get your pet to your veterinarian immediately!
6. **Bone gets stuck in stomach.** It went down just fine, but the bone may be too big to pass out of the stomach and into the intestines. Depending on the bone’s size, your dog may need surgery or upper gastrointestinal endoscopy, a procedure in which your veterinarian uses a long tube with a built-in camera and grabbing tools to try to remove the stuck bone from the stomach.
7. **Bone gets stuck in intestines** and causes a blockage. It may be time for surgery.
8. **Constipation due to bone fragments.** Your dog may have a hard time passing the bone fragments because they’re very sharp and they scrape the inside of the large intestine or rectum as they move along. This causes severe pain and may require a visit to your veterinarian.
9. **Severe bleeding from the rectum.** This is very messy and can be dangerous. It’s time for a trip to see your veterinarian.
10. **Peritonitis.** This nasty, difficult-to-treat bacterial infection of the abdomen is caused when bone fragments poke holes in your dog’s stomach or intestines. Your dog needs an emergency visit to your veterinarian because peritonitis can kill your dog.

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“Talk with your veterinarian about alternatives to giving bones to your dog,” says Stamper. “There are many bone-like products made with materials that are safe for dogs to chew on.”

“Always supervise your dog with any chew product, especially one your dog hasn’t had before,” adds Stamper. “And always, if your dog ‘just isn’t acting right,’ call your veterinarian right away!”

This article appears on [FDA’s Consumer Updates page](#)⁴, which features the latest on all FDA-regulated products.

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Early Spay-Neuter Considerations for the Canine Athlete

One Veterinarian’s Opinion

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Those of us with responsibility for the health of canine athletes need to continually read and evaluate new scientific studies to ensure that we are taking the most appropriate care of our performance dogs. This article provides evidence through a number of recent studies to suggest that veterinarians and owners working with canine athletes should revisit the standard protocol in which all dogs that are not intended for breeding are spayed and neutered at or before 6 months of age.

Orthopedic Considerations

A study by Salmeri *et al* in 1991 found that bitches spayed at 7 weeks grew significantly taller than those spayed at 7 months, who were taller than those not spayed (or presumably spayed after the growth plates had closed).(1) A study of 1444 Golden Retrievers performed in 1998 and 1999 also found bitches and dogs spayed and neutered at less than a year of age were significantly taller than those spayed or neutered at more than a year of age.(2) The sex hormones, by communicating with a number of other growth-related hormones, promote the closure of the growth plates at puberty (3), so the bones of dogs or bitches neutered or spayed before puberty continue to grow. Dogs that have been spayed or neutered well before puberty can frequently be identified by their longer limbs, lighter bone structure, narrow chests and narrow skulls. This abnormal growth frequently results in significant

alterations in body proportions and particularly the lengths (and therefore weights) of certain bones relative to others. For example, if the femur has achieved its genetically determined normal length at 8 months when a dog gets spayed or neutered, but the tibia, which normally stops growing at 12 to 14 months of age continues to grow, then an abnormal angle may develop at the stifle. In addition, with the extra growth, the lower leg below the stifle likely becomes heavier (because it is longer), and may cause increased stresses on the cranial cruciate ligament. In addition, sex hormones are critical for achieving peak bone density.(4) These structural and physiological alterations may be the reason why at least one recent study showed that spayed and neutered dogs had a higher incidence of **CCL rupture**.(5) Another recent study showed that dogs spayed or neutered before 5 1/2 months had a significantly higher incidence of **hip dysplasia** than those spayed or neutered after 5 1/2 months of age, although it should be noted that in this study there were no standard criteria for the diagnosis of hip dysplasia.(6) Nonetheless, breeders of purebred dogs should be cognizant of these studies and should consider whether or not pups they bred were spayed or neutered when considering breeding decisions.

Cancer Considerations

A retrospective study of cardiac tumors in dogs showed that there was a 5 times greater risk of **hemangiosarcoma**, one of the three most common cancers in dogs, in spayed bitches than intact bitches and a 2.4 times greater risk of hemangiosarcoma in neutered dogs as compared to intact males.(7) A study of 3218 dogs demonstrated that dogs that were neutered before a year of age had a significantly increased chance of developing **bone cancer**.(8) A separate study showed that neutered dogs had a two-fold higher risk of developing bone cancer.(9) Despite the common belief that neutering dogs helps prevent prostate cancer, at least one study suggests that neutering provides no benefit.(10) There certainly is evidence of a slightly increased risk of mammary cancer in female dogs after one heat cycle, and for increased risk with each subsequent heat. While about 30 % of mammary cancers are malignant, as in humans, when caught and surgically removed early the prognosis is very good.(12) Luckily, canine athletes are handled frequently and generally receive prompt veterinary care.

Behavioral Considerations

The study that identified a higher incidence of cranial cruciate ligament rupture in spayed or neutered dogs also identified an increased incidence of **sexual behaviors in males and females** that were neutered early.(5) Further, the study that identified a higher incidence of hip dysplasia in dogs neutered or spayed before 5 1/2 months also showed that early age gonadectomy was associated with an increased

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incidence of **noise phobias and undesirable sexual behaviors**.(6) A recent report of the American Kennel Club Canine Health Foundation reported significantly more behavioral problems in spayed and neutered bitches and dogs. The most commonly observed behavioral problem in spayed females was **fearful behavior** and the most common problem in males was **aggression**.(12)

Other Health Considerations

A number of studies have shown that there is an increase in the incidence of **female urinary incontinence** in dogs spayed early (13), although this finding has not been universal. Certainly there is evidence that ovarian hormones are critical for maintenance of genital tissue structure and contractility.(14, 15) Neutering also has been associated with an increased likelihood of **urethral sphincter incontinence** in males.(16) This problem is an inconvenience, and not usually life-threatening, but nonetheless one that requires the dog to be medicated for life. A health survey of several thousand Golden Retrievers showed that spayed or neutered dogs were more likely to develop **hypothyroidism**.(2) This study is consistent with the results of another study in which neutering and spaying was determined to be the most significant gender-associated risk factor for development of hypothyroidism.(17) **Infectious diseases** were more common in dogs that were spayed or neutered at 24 weeks or less as opposed to those undergoing gonadectomy at more than 24 weeks.(18) Finally, the AKC-CHF report demonstrated a higher incidence of **adverse reactions to vaccines** in neutered dogs as compared to intact.(12)



I have gathered these studies to show that our practice of routinely spaying or neutering every dog at or before the age of 6 months is not a black-and-white issue. Clearly more studies need to be done to evaluate the effects of prepubertal spaying and neutering, particularly in canine athletes.

Currently, I have significant concerns with spaying or neutering canine athletes before puberty. But of course, there is the pet overpopulation problem. How can we prevent the production of unwanted dogs while still leaving the gonads to produce the hormones that are so important to canine growth and development? One answer would be to perform vasectomies in males and tubal ligation in females, to be followed after maturity by ovariectomy in females to prevent mammary cancer and pyometra. One possible disadvantage is

that vasectomy does not prevent some unwanted behaviors associated with males such as marking and humping. On the other hand, females and neutered males frequently participate in these behaviors too. Really, training is the best solution for these issues. Another possible disadvantage is finding a veterinarian who is experienced in performing these procedures. Nonetheless, some do, and if the procedures were in greater demand, more veterinarians would learn them.

I believe it is important that we assess each situation individually. For canine athletes, I currently recommend that dogs and bitches be spayed or neutered after 14 months of age.

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German Shepherd Dog Club of Minneapolis/St Paul June Board Minutes June 05, 2010

Mada Parnell, President, Julie Swinland, Vice President, Jill Myers, Secretary, Roger Salava, Treasurer, Board Members:

Linda Salava, Board (3 year term)

Lisa Marie Fortier, (2 years remaining)

Absent: Ginny Altman, Board (1 year remaining)

This month's meeting was held at Mada's home.

President called the meeting to order at 12:28pm.

1 President's Report –

- An edible bouquet was sent to Julie Swinland while she was in the hospital over Memorial weekend is now recuperating at home and even attend today's meeting via conference call.

2 Vice President's Report – none

3 Secretary's Report – none

4 Treasurer's Report –

- Roger Salava reported there is \$3,467.99 in checking, \$5,708.72 for a total of \$9,176.71

5 Membership Report –

- Linda Salava reported there are 32 member applicants and 132 current members for a total of 164

6 Shep O Gram –

- Julie Swinland reports the newsletter is going well.

7 GSD Fun Day –

- To be held on July 11th but time frame needs to be confirmed.
- Julie Swinland still needs volunteers for the conformation portion and providing food.

8 Training Director –

- A meeting was held at 11am prior to the board meeting and ring schedule changes will take place after the July 4th holiday. The changes will be posted on the web page. Ring 1: no changes; Ring 2: STAR puppy class 7 – 8pm, Rally 8 – 8:45pm; Ring 3: 6:45 – 7:30pm competition obedience, 7:30 – 8:00pm puppy/Jr Handler's conformation, 8 – 8:30pm adult conformation, 8:30 – 9pm puppy socialization

9 2010 Specialty Show –

- Entries close on Wednesday 6-9-10 at noon and will be counted on 6-12-10.
- Lisa Fortier moved that \$2000 be advanced to Peggy Simerson to purchase the show trophies. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

10 All Breed Liaison - none

11 Herding Trial – none

12 Herding Fun Days -

- There is one remaining Fun Day on 7/10, see Eileen Varhalla for signup and details.

13 State Fair Demo –

- GSD demo day is 9/5/10

14 New Business- none

15 Old Business – none

Meeting adjourned at 12:51pm

Next Board meeting:

Tentatively Saturday July 3rd.

Jill Myers, Secretary

German Shepherd Dog Club of Minneapolis/St Paul June 11, 2010

Board Members:

Mada Parnell, President, Jill Myers, Secretary,

Lisa Marie Fortier, Board (2 years remaining)

Board Members Absent:

Julie Swinland, Vice President, Roger Salava, Treasurer,

Ginny Altman, Board (1 year remaining)

Linda Salava, Board (3 year term)

The President called the meeting to order at 8:33pm

1. President's Report:

- None
- 2. Vice President's Report:**
- None
- 3. Secretary's Report:**
- None
 - Lisa Fortier moved that we dispense with the reading of the minutes; it was seconded and carried unanimously
- 4. Treasure's Report:**
- none
- 5. Training:**
- Mada and Lisa reviewed the training schedule changes that came out of the training meeting last weekend. They will take effect on July 9th and have been posted on the website.
 - The STAR puppy class will become a course starting every 10 weeks with the first class beginning on July 16th. Mike Metz moved that we charge members \$45 for the course which includes testing and \$55 for non-members, the motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
 - Concern was expressed that puppies could be waiting many weeks before the next course is scheduled to begin. Mada stated there is a contingency plan in place should this occur.
- 6. 2010 Specialty:**
- Holly Bryan reminded us of the Greek dinner planned for Saturday night with Dr Rice as the speaker. Sign up forms are on the website and need to be submitted by next Saturday.
 - Mike Metz stated that something to provide shade should be brought as there are few trees at the show site. Bring dog cooling items as well and sun screen.
 - The obedience equipment was repaired or replaced at Paul Johnson's last weekend. Thank you to those of you who worked on that!!
 - There will be a 50/50 Raffle on Saturday night. Mike Metz moved that 50% of the proceeds be donated to the St Paul Police Canine Unit; it was seconded and passed unanimously.
 - Show entries will be on the website this Sunday.
- 7. 2011 Futurity Show**
- Verna Kubik has volunteered to be Show Chair and Waltraud Brogren has volunteered to be Show Secretary. Thank you both for volunteering!!

8. GSD Fun Day

- Julie Swinland designed and printed flyers to be posted at dog related spots, vet, groomer, pet store etc. They will be on hand at the club.
- The event still needs volunteers. Contact Julie or there will be a sign up sheet at the club.
- The event will be held at Verna's on July 11th and include carting, conformation, rally, agility, geocaching and tracking demos with attendees participation plus Canine Good Citizen testing. It will be a fun opportunity to try something new with your dog. A potluck and vendors will also be on site.

9. Breeder Liaison

- A reminder that Linn Klingel has asked us to vote for at least 10 additional All-Breed judges in August.

10. Other Upcoming Events

- Herding fun day July 10th.
- GSD Fun Day July 11th.
- State Fair GSD Demo Day September 5th. See Lisa Fortier to participate or submit ideas.
- Herding Trial & Test on September 11th & 12th.
- Ron Halling had another seminar June 12 but if you missed this one he plans on holding these regularly.

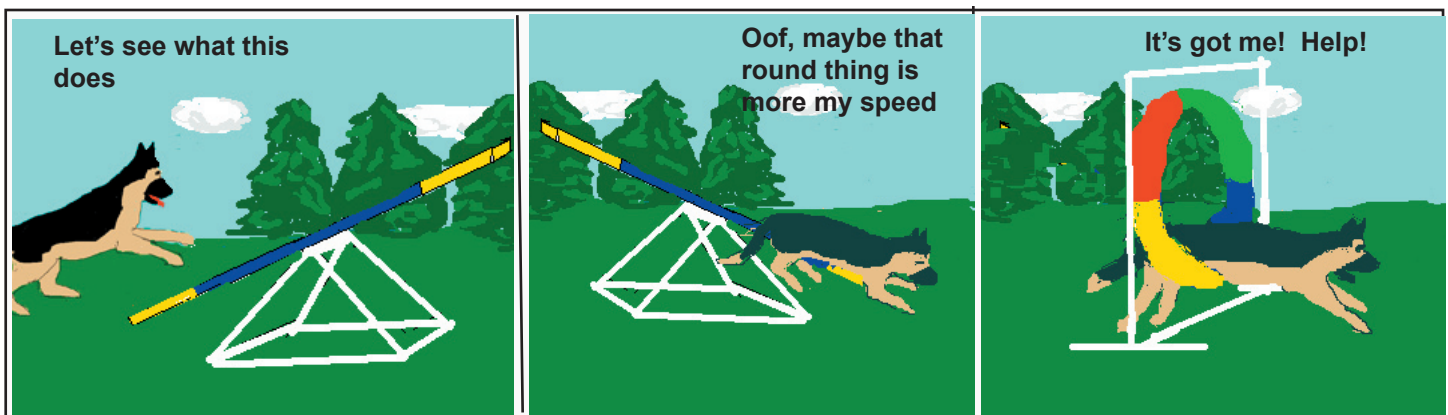
The next membership meeting is scheduled for July 9th and we will be voting on Specialty judges for the 2011 show at this meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:51pm

Jill Myers, Secretary



SOGGY by Julie Swinland



Fun Day for you and your German Shepherd



Obedience



Conformation



German Shepherd Fun Day

July 11, 2010
start time 9 AM



Agility

German Shepherd Dog Club of
Minneapolis and St Paul



Tracking

The purpose of this fun day is to allow German Shepherds and their people to try new activities and have fun. There is no cost except for the Canine Good Citizen test (\$10) and we ask that you bring something to share for the pot luck. Come meet other German Shepherd lovers and find out about the German Shepherd Dog Club of Minneapolis and St Paul (GSDCMSP).

The GSDCMSP holds many events throughout the year, matches, shows, herding fun days, etc. We offer affordable training for German Shepherds most Friday nights at the Animal Inn in Lake Elmo.

Go to the club web site for more information www.gsdcmSP.org.

Free practice and instruction
This is all for fun, not a show.
CGC Test is \$10.00

Tentative Schedule

9:00 -10:00
Conformation/Jr Handling
Tracking
10:00-11:00
Canine Good Citizen Test
Agility
11:00-12:00
Obedience
geocaching
12:00-100
Pot Luck Lunch
1:00-2:00
Canine Good Citizen Test
Carting
2:00-3:00
Rally
Conformation, tracking, and geocaching, will be held outside, other events will be indoors in an air conditioned building. CGC test may be outside.

For more information
www.gsdcmSP.org or
Contact Julie Swinland
651-457-5459
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Vendors

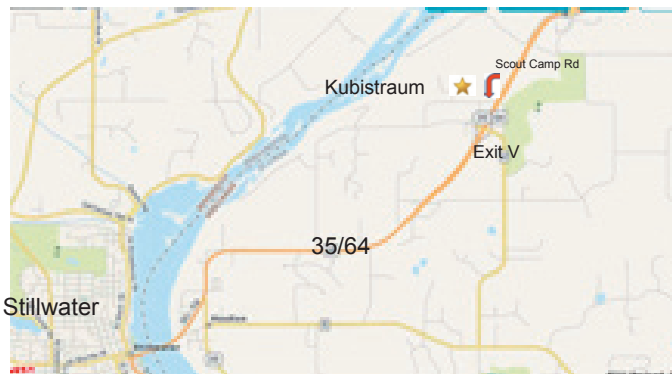
Canine/human massage
Canine Chiropractor
Animal Communicator
Raw food
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Location: Kubistraum

Holton WI. just across the river from Stillwater.
Cross the Stillwater bridge, remain on HWY 35/64 to Exit V. At the top of the exit ramp go left, take the first road to the right. At the stop sign go left on Scout Camp Road. Kubistraum is on the right.
274 Scout Camp Rd Houlton WI.

We still need volunteer helpers for set up, clean up, pot luck organization, moving the club trailer, bringing coolers with ice, etc. Please sign up to help out for awhile



Club Events

July 9 Membership meeting at 8:30 at
Animal Inn.

July 10 Herding Fun Day Pine City

July 11 GSD Fun Day at Verna's

August 14 Obedience Workshop with Ron
Halling

Sept 5 GSD Day at the State Fair

Sept 11-12 Herding Trials Pine City

Shep-O-Gram
1087 Allen Avenue
W. St Paul, MN 55118



German Shepherd Dog Club
of Minneapolis & St Paul

GSDC MSP Class Schedule

Obedience Classes effective July 1, 2010

Ring 1

Eileen Varhalla

Run throughs 6:00-6:45

Intermediate Novice 7:00-7:45

Beginning Ob or Advanced Puppy 8:00-8:45

Advanced Puppy will be offered between

Beginning Obedience blocks

Ring 2

Lisa Marie Fortier

S.T.A.R. Puppy Class 7:00-8:00

Jinny Bailey

Rally Class 8:00-8:45

Ring 3

Jinny Bailey

Competition Obedience 6:45-7:30

Various Trainers

Jr Handlers/Puppy Conformation 7:30-8:00

Adult Conformation 8:00--8:30

Puppy Socialization -designed for breeders and
owners to chat 8:30-9:00

Training Director: Sheila Metz

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