



Shep-O-Gram

German Shepherd Dog Club of Minneapolis/St Paul

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This month we have an article on Cancer in dogs by Dr Jeff Grognett DVM, and information on spring toxins from the Pet Poison Helpline. I am looking for articles related to conformation showing to round out our newsletter. I can usually find articles on health and performance, but conformation showing can be difficult. Maybe one of our judges would like to write something? We recently had a great article by Ginny Altman, how about you other judges out there?

You may not have heard that we are starting a video training library, and now have several DVD's on canine aggression and behavior. These will be available for check out as are the videos of past national shows.

I am planning our first German Shepherd Fun Day. This is different from the Herding Fun Days and covers the other activities we engage in with our dogs: tracking, agility, carting, conformation, obedience, rally, and geocaching. The date is July 11 and it will start early at Kubistraum, Verna and Jinny's kennel in Holton WI. Now, before you start packing provisions for a long trip, Kubistraum is just a short distance from Stillwater. It is a pretty drive too. Verna has offered her place to us for this event free of charge. The nicely matted building is air conditioned too! We can start early with conformation, tracking, carting, and geocaching outdoors and hold agility, obedience and rally inside. Of course there will be a picnic too and possibly other activities. We will have a Canine Good Citizen test and some vendors there too. If you have ideas or wish to volunteer to help please contact me.

Xena and I just completed my first agility trial weekend and we got our first leg in Novice Agility Standard preferred. That was exciting! Long ago Xena's mom, Amy, had a bad experience in agility falling off the A Frame and being suspended by a chain that caught one of her back legs on the 5 foot drop to the floor. Needless to say, this scared me (not Amy) and I avoided that situation for years until I decided to try once again with Xena. It took me awhile to accept the fact that Xena was not going to fall off anything. Like her mom, she is fearless in the face of obstacles and thank goodness, she doesn't run near the edge of the A Frame and navigates it successfully while I try not to look. That seems to work for both of us.

Julie Swinland.

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SOG Due Date

June issue - May 21

May 14 membership meeting 8:30 Animal Inn

JOIN THE GSDC OF AMERICA TODAY!

German Shepherd Dog Club of America Membership Application

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

Membership Type: (circle one)

Single \$66.00 Family* \$100.00

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

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

Name _____

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

Signed _____

Signed _____

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

hardcastle@starband.net

Two Herding Fun Days left!

May 16 9:00

July 10 8:00 AM

10 dogs each day, 2 runs for each dog
Cost \$20/dog.

Pot Luck lunch

Rain or shine! Come prepared.

Bring a chair

Location Elysian Farm in Pine City.

Directions in April Shep-O-Gram

Check with Eileen Varhalla for availability
evarhalla@aol.com

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.

Business card - 1 time \$10

1/4 page \$35

1/2 half page \$50

Full page \$75

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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.

Specialty Show Updates

In less than 60 days we will be watching some of the best dogs in the Midwest compete at our GSDC of MSP Specialty show. We have a beautiful new show site at the Dakota County Fairground in Farmington, less than 30 minutes south of the airport. This new site has room for a large outdoor Conformation Ring, includes an indoor building to house our Obedience/Rally/Brace and Team competition, beautiful RV and camping sites that are in close proximity to the show activities and plenty of room to exercise our dogs. We have a wonderful program planned for Saturday evening following judging. Dr. Don Rice from the Stillwater Veterinary Clinic will speak on Canine Reproduction followed by a dinner that is sure to please all. Watch for more information and a dinner reservation form with the Premium List that will be mailed May 10th, 2010.

RV and Camping Reservation can be made in advance thru The Dakota County Fairgrounds. Contact Michelle Kaslow, Office Manager at 651-463-6900, email mkaslow@dakotacountyfair.org. Water, and dump station are available as well as electrical hookups at 120 volt/20 amp, 120 volt/30 amp, and 240 volt/ 50 amp. The cost for RV parking is \$20.00 a day including hookup.

We will have a raffle this year and the proceeds will be split with a foundation of choice to be named and voted on at the upcoming May membership meeting. We are in need of donations and items for the raffle. We are also in need of a chairperson to coordinate the raffle. Please contact me if you are interested in this position. If you have items you may have or are able to collect for the raffle, let me know as well, and I will forward your information to the chairperson once we have one in place.

We are still in need of helpers for food, grounds setup and take down, raffle chairperson, moving trailer to the site and returning it to the training center, picking up and returning obedience mats, back-up transportation for Judges if needed, helpers for dinner and program setup and take down on Saturday evening, and I am sure I will think of more areas in need as we get closer to show time. If you have time and are interested in helping please contact me.

Enjoy this beautiful weather as you work your dogs and prepare for the best show in town!!!!

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Cancer prevention and treatment

March 1, 2010, By Jeff Grognet, D.V.M.©

Cancer is just as devastating in dogs as it is in people, and has similar varied outcomes. Some victims linger while the cancer takes their life away; others die within hours from complications such as bleeding around the heart. Fear of this disease is the reason dog owners are trying to find better ways to deal with cancer.

In his book *The Natural Vet's Guide to Preventing and Treating Cancer in Dogs*, Shawn Messonnier, D.V.M., reviews the best methods to avoid this disease and effectively battle it once diagnosed.

Of course, there is no guarantee we can totally prevent cancer, and even the most ambitious owner can have a dog develop the disease. But, some cancers can be avoided and others can be minimized.

Messonnier considers a healthy diet the cornerstone of cancer prevention. He suggests minimizing animal and plant by-products as well as limiting or eliminating chemical preservatives. He says a homemade diet is best, and a holistic, organic, processed food a good second choice.

VACCINATION

Another belief is minimizing vaccinations. This means a less-frequent protocol and doing only what's necessary for the individual dog. For example, if your dog lives in an apartment and goes out only on a leash, there is little point giving him a Giardia vaccine, which protects against a disease picked up by drinking water from a stream or ditch. Similarly, Lyme disease is transmitted by ticks, so that vaccine is unnecessary if there is no tick threat.

There is also the option of using titres to decide if vaccines are actually needed. These blood tests measure the amount of blood antibodies against specific diseases, telling you which antibody levels are low and which specific vaccines are required.

Toxic chemicals should be avoided; this includes medications. If your pet has arthritis, Messonnier suggests using alternative medication such as glucosamine rather than conventional painkillers. (Of course, this will depend on the severity of arthritis and what is required to manage it.) If insecticides are used for flea or heartworm prevention, their use should be limited to the time of year the parasite is a threat.

There are also ways to prevent specific cancers.

Spaying and neutering can help avoid cancer in the mammary glands and prostate. Limiting sun exposure in light-haired pets can decrease some types of skin cancer.



COMBINING THERAPIES

If cancer does arise, early detection is far better than diagnosis at an advanced stage. Regular veterinary visits should include blood and urine tests to help detect abnormalities. Every lump should be checked with a needle aspirate to rule out cancer.

If your dog is diagnosed with cancer, there are several steps you can take to offer the best chance of survival and good quality of life. The key is to combine both conventional and complementary therapies. Using one without the other can mean inferior results.

For example, dogs that are diagnosed with lymphoma (often called leukemia) respond well to chemotherapy. To shun this treatment and rely solely on complementary therapies would mean a rapid progression of the disease and a shorter life.

On the other hand, by using conventional treatment alone, you are treating the tumour, but not the dog. To win against cancer, the patient must be as healthy as possible. This can be accomplished with what we term holistic methods the best nutrition combined with specific supplements.

NUTRITION

Dogs suffering from poor nutrition can't metabolize chemotherapy drugs properly, predisposing them to toxicity from the medications that are supposed to help. Weight loss is common in cancer patients, so appetite must be maintained and the dog provided with a diet high in calories. Studies show that dogs fed a diet high in fats had longer remission periods than dogs fed high-carbohydrate diets. Omega-3 fatty acids (fish oils), in particular, can improve weight gain, but also boost

immune response and metabolic function for a better clinical outcome.

A commercial diet made with this in mind is Hill's Canine n/d. Studies confirm it increases survival time in dogs with lymphoma. Although there is no evidence that it helps with other types of cancer, many veterinarians recommend it as a general 'cancer' diet.

For dogs that won't eat n/d or can't tolerate it (diarrhea is common), Messonnier suggests a holistic brand of canned cat food. As well, owners can prepare a homemade diet. He provides recipes in his book.

Of course, supplements are also recommended. According to Messonnier, dogs undergoing cancer treatment should receive antioxidants, vitamin E, coenzyme Q-10, arginine and glutamine (both amino acids), medicinal mushrooms, and fresh vegetables such as broccoli, kale, cabbage and garlic.

LIMITED EXPOSURE

Messonier says we should not vaccinate dogs that have cancer. The fear is that dogs may come out of remission when vaccinated. The only exception is dogs with benign skin tumours. However, rabies vaccines may need to be administered if required by law.

In addition to limited exposure to insecticides and drugs, dogs with cancer should not be exposed to tobacco smoke, a known carcinogen.

Messonier is a strong proponent of combining conventional and complementary therapies. He does not see the sense in refusing surgery, chemotherapy or radiation just because it is not holistic. If surgery will cure your dog, have the surgery done. If chemotherapy can increase longevity, use it. And, use holistic treatments to enhance the body's ability to kill cancer and minimize side effects of other therapies.

Listen to all the options provided by your veterinarian before making a decision. Although a cancer diagnosis can be frightening for dog owners, learn all you can, keep your mind open, and work with your veterinarian for the best outcome.

We extend thanks to the Oncology Department at the Ontario Veterinary College in Guelph, Ont., for granting us access to photograph their brave cancer patients and dedicated veterinary staff.

A multi-published writer, Jeff Grognet, D.V.M.©, runs a veterinary practice in Qualicum Beach, B.C., along with his wife, Louise Janes, D.V.M. Jeff Grognet is a practicing veterinarian in Qualicum Beach, BC, Canada combining traditional medicine, acupuncture, and VOM. He writes extensively for pet publications and also teaches online courses for Veterinary Assistants (www.ed2go.com - click on "course catalog", then "veterinary").

This article originally appeared in the March 2010 edition of *Dogs in Canada*. The author must be contacted for reprinting the article

Springtime Toxins

By Erica Cargill, CVT and Justine Lee, DVM, DACVECC reprinted from Facebook

Spring is just around the corner! Plant bulbs are just as excited to break through the ground to add some color to our yards as we are to see some greenery! That said, we need to be aware of the potential dangers spring plants can be for our pets. Here is a list of some of the most common spring plants and their toxicities, so you know how to pet-proof your garden and keep your pet safe!

Tulips and hyacinth

Tulips contain allergenic lactones while hyacinths contain similar alkaloids. The toxic principle of these plants is very concentrated in the bulbs (versus the leaf or flower), so make sure your dog isn't digging up the bulbs in the garden. When the plant parts or bulbs are chewed or ingested, it can result in tissue irritation to the mouth and esophagus. Typical signs include profuse drooling, vomiting or even diarrhea, depending on the amount consumed. There's no specific antidote, but with supportive care from the veterinarian (including rinsing the mouth, anti-vomiting medication and possibly subcutaneous fluids), animals do quite well. With large ingestions of the bulb, more severe symptoms such as an increase in heart rate and changes in respiration can be seen, and should be treated by a veterinarian. These more severe signs are seen in our overzealous, chowhound Labradors.



PET POISON HELPLINE
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Daffodils

These flowers contain lycorine, an alkaloid with strong emetic properties (something that triggers vomiting). Ingestion of the bulb, plant or flower can cause severe vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain and even possible cardiac arrhythmias or respiratory depression. Crystals are found in the outer layer of the bulbs, similar to hyacinths, which cause severe tissue irritation and secondary drooling. Daffodil ingestions can result in more severe symptoms, so if an exposure is witnessed or symptoms are seen, we recommend seeking veterinary care for further supportive care.



Lilies

There are dangerous and benign lilies out there, and it's important to know the difference. Peace, Peruvian, and calla lilies contain oxalate crystals that cause minor signs, such as tissue irritation to the mouth, tongue, pharynx and esophagus—this results in minor drooling. The more dangerous, potentially fatal lilies are true lilies, and these include tiger, day, Asiatic, Easter and Japanese show lilies—all of which are highly toxic to cats! Even small ingestions (such as the pollen or two to three petals or



leaves) can result in severe kidney failure. If your cat is seen consuming any part of a lily, bring your cat (and the plant) immediately to a veterinarian for medical care. The sooner you bring in your cat, the better and more effectively we can treat the poisoning. Decontamination (like inducing vomiting and giving binders like activated charcoal) are imperative in the early toxic stage, while aggressive intravenous fluid therapy, kidney function monitoring tests and supportive care can greatly improve the prognosis.

Lily of the valley

The *Convallaria majalis* plant contains cardiac glycosides which will cause symptoms similar to digitalis (foxglove) ingestion. These symptoms include vomiting, diarrhea, a drop in heart rate, severe cardiac arrhythmias and possibly seizures. Pets with any known exposure to this plant should be examined and evaluated by a veterinarian and treated symptomatically.



Crocus

There are two crocus plants: one that blooms in the spring (crocus species) and the other in the autumn (*Colchicum autumnale*). The spring plants are more common and are part of the Iridaceae family. These ingestions can cause general gastrointestinal upset including vomiting and diarrhea. These should not be mistaken for autumn crocus, part of the Liliaceae family, which contain colchicine. The autumn crocus, also known as meadow saffron, is highly toxic and can cause severe vomiting, gastrointestinal bleeding, liver and kidney damage and respiratory failure. If you're not sure what plant it is, bring your pet to their veterinarian immediately for care. Signs may be seen immediately but can be delayed for days.



In addition...fertilizers

As we gardeners work on our rose gardens, be aware of those fertilizers. While most are not very toxic (resulting in minor gastrointestinal irritation when consumed), some fertilizers can be fatal without treatment. Here are a few ingredients to be aware of so you know what toxins and symptoms to watch out for.

Blood meal

This is dried, ground and flash-frozen blood and contains 12% nitrogen. While it's a great organic fertilizer, if ingested, it can cause vomiting and diarrhea. More importantly, it can result in severe pancreatitis, which is inflammation of the pancreas. Some types of blood meal are also fortified with iron, resulting in iron toxicity, so make sure to know what's in your bag of blood!

Bone Meal

This is made up of defatted, dried and flash-frozen animal bones that are ground to a powder. This "bone" is also what makes it so palatable to your dog, so make sure to keep your pet from digging in it and ingesting the soil. While this also makes a great organic fertilizer, it can become a problem when consumed in large amounts as the bone meal forms a large cement-like bowling ball foreign body in the stomach—which can cause an obstruction in the gastrointestinal tract—resulting in possible surgery to remove it!

Rose and plant fertilizers

Some of these fertilizers contain disulfoton or other types of organophosphates (OP). As little as 1 teaspoon of 1% disulfoton can kill a 55 lb dog, so be careful! Organophosphates, while less commonly used, can result in severe symptoms, including SLUD signs (which abbreviate for salivation, lacrimation, urination and defecation), seizures, difficulty breathing, hyperthermia, etc. In some cases, it can be fatal!

Pesticides/Insecticides

Most pesticides or insecticides (typically those that come in a spray can) are basic irritants to the pet and are usually not a huge concern unless a pet's symptoms become persistent. Some may contain an organophosphate which can be life-threatening when consumed in large quantities. It is always best to speak to a trained medical professional if there are any questions.

Iron

This is commonly added to fertilizers, and can result in iron toxicity (from ingestion of elemental iron). This is different from "total" iron ingestion, and can be confusing to differentiate. When in doubt, have a medical professional at Pet Poison Helpline assist you with finding out if the amount ingested was toxic or not. Large ingestions can result in vomiting, bloody diarrhea and potential cardiac and liver effects.

The best thing any pet owner can do is to be educated on the household toxins (both inside the house and out in the garden!)—that way, you make sure how to pet-proof your house appropriately. Make sure to keep all gardening or yard products in labeled, tightly-sealed containers out of your

pet's reach. When in doubt, please feel free to call Pet Poison Helpline at 1-800-213-6680* with any questions or concerns if you're worried that your pet could have inadvertently gotten into anything! The Pet Poison Helpline is located in Mpls MN.

*There is a one-time per-incident fee of \$35. The \$35 fee is billed by Pet Poison Helpline. PPH is not affiliated with VPI.

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**German Shepherd Dog Club of
Minneapolis/St Paul
April Board Minutes
April 03, 2010**

Mada Parnell, President, Julie Swinland, Vice President, Jill Myers, Secretary, Roger Salava, Treasurer
Board Members: Linda Salava, Board (3 year term),
Board Members Absent:
Ginny Altman, Board (1 year remaining), Lisa Marie Fortier, (2 years remaining)

This month's meeting was held at Linda & Roger's home with breakfast.

President called the meeting to order at 9:40am.

- 1 President's Report** – Mada would like to see a current copy of the standing rules and the Constitution and By-laws to be kept in the cabinet at the club for reference.
- 2 Vice President's Report** – none
- 3 Secretary's Report** –
 - List of 2011 Futurity judges voted on by the club has been submitted to the parent club.
 - 2012 Futurity Bid has been submitted.
- 4 Treasurer's Report** –
 - The club brought in over \$1000 in the past 2 weeks.
 - Flowers have been sent from the club in memory of Ginny Altman's mother.
- 5 Membership Report** –
 - Linda Salava reviewed the new members that have submitted applications.
- 6 Spring Match** – none
- 7 Shep O Gram** –
 - Julie Swinland and Mada Parnell reviewed their draft of the Ultimate calendar.
- 8 Breeder's List** - none
- 9 Training Director** – none
- 10 2010 Specialty Show** – none
- 11 All Breed Liaison** - none
- 12 Herding Trial** - none
- 13 GSD Fun Day** –
 - To be held at Verna Kubik's home July 11th. Watch for Julie Swinland's email with details and what help will be needed.
- 14 Herding Fun Days** -
 - Fun Days will be held 4/24, 5/16 & 7/10, see Eileen Varhalla for sign up and details.
- 15 State Fair Demo** –
 - This year's GSD demo day is on 9/5

Meeting adjourned at 10:30am

Next Board meeting:
Tentatively Sunday 1:00pm May 2nd.
Jill Myers, Secretary

**German Shepherd Dog Club of
Minneapolis/St Paul
April 16, 2010**

Board Members: Mada Parnell, President, Julie Swinland, Vice President, Jill Myers, Secretary, Roger Salava, Treasurer, Linda Salava, Board (3 year term), Board Members Absent: Ginny Altman, Board (1 year remaining), Lisa Marie Fortier, Board (2 years remaining)

The President called the meeting to order at 8:32pm

- 1. President's Report:**
 - None
- 2. Vice President's Report:**
 - None
- 3. Secretary's Report:**
 - Futurity judges list the club voted on in February was submitted to the parent club last month.
 - Verna Kubik moved that we dispense with the reading of the minutes; it was seconded and carried unanimously
- 4. Treasure's Report:**
 - Money Market account \$5,707.34, Checking account \$3,971.31 for a total current balance of \$9,678.65
 - Verna Kubik moved that the treasure's report be approved and filed; motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- 5. Membership Committee:**
 - Linda Salava reported that we have 5 new memberships; 2 in March and 3 in April.
- 6. Shep-O-Gram & Website:**
 - Julie Swinland reported SOG going well.
 - Julie and Mada are working on the Ultimate Calendar that will be posted on the web when complete.
 - The new training rates are now on the website.
- 7. Training Director:**
 - Sheila Metz is coordinating a meeting with the trainers. Since some of the board members requested being included a week night will be scheduled next week.
- 8. Match Chair:**
 - Sheila Metz reported that the spring match went well and resulted in a profit.
- 9. 2010 Specialty:**

- Holly Bryan submitted a report which Mada presented. Contact Holly or Mike Metz for details.
- Saturday night dinner will be a Greek dinner for \$18 at 5pm. Dr Rice will give a program during dinner on Reproduction.
- Holly is still looking for volunteers and any suggestions or ideas to make the show even better.

10. 2011 Futurity Show

- Verna Kubik has volunteered to be Show Chair and will work with Holly Bryan.

11. GSD Fun Day

- Julie Swinland, the chair of this event gave an overview of her plans.
- The event will be held at Verna's on July 11th and include carting, conformation, rally, agility, geocaching demos, a potluck, vendors (\$15 for vendor space) and possibility CGC testing.

12. Breeder Liaison

- Linn Klingel submitted a report summarizing the local all breed kennel club's judges panels. Those responding would like to see stronger major entries on both sides to continue.
- Linn strongly recommends we add more names to our list before the end of the year.

13. Breeder's List Committee

- Sheila Metz and Linda Salava will be meeting to determine what criteria will be used and begin contacting breeders.

14. 2010 Herding Trial:

- Verna Kubik needs volunteers; a person to be responsible for special awards and someone to take charge of the food, either potluck or items to sell.

15. Other Upcoming Events

- Ron Halling will be conducting an Obedience workshop on Saturday May 8th in South St Paul. The session will start at 10am with beginners and wrap up at 6pm with advanced. There be an hour break for lunch with approximately 2 hours per class i.e. beginners, novice, advanced, etc. Cost will be \$15-20 which will include lunch. Details to follow.
- State Fair GSD Demo Day will be on September 5th this year.

16. Old Business:

- Mada is still looking for a volunteer to be the Program Chair.

17. New Business:

- Julie Swinland has suggested a program to provide incentives to volunteers. It would involve earning points for specific jobs that could be turned in for rewards such as T-shirts, jackets,

etc.

- Mike Metz moved that the board develop a program to be presented to the members to vote on, the motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Sharon Todoroff has proposed placing a GSDC MSP Breeder's Ad in the Review. The suggestion was made to use the clubs logo with the breeders' names around it. Mike Metz moved that the breeders' ad be paid for by the breeders and that each breeder be a member of the club in good standing in order to use our logo; the motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Verna Kubik brought to our attention that some of the club's jumps are in need of repair or replacement. Mike Metz and Vern will access their current state and bring a proposal back to the next meeting for what's needed.

The next membership meeting is scheduled for May 14th.

Meeting adjourned at 9:14pm

Jill Myers, Secretary

Coming soon!



Obedience

Bring your dog and try something new!



Conformation

Picnic!

Vendors



Agility



German Shepherd Fun Day
July 11, 2010
start time 9 AM



Tracking

Location: Kubistraum
274 Scout Camp Rd.
Houlton, WI

Experienced trainers will walk you through
Conformation
Obedience
Agility
Tracking
Rally
Carting
Geocaching
with your German Shepherd
Come and try an activity or come and watch!

Obedience Workshop

The German Shepherd Club of Mpls & St. Paul is pleased to announce **Monthly Obedience Workshops**. The purpose of these workshops is to introduce you to the other local German Shepherd owners in a relaxed environment while improving obedience skills and knowledge. Students of all levels are welcome. Come learn unique training techniques that increase your demonstrated performance each month. Students will have fun training with ideas that they learn at the workshop and practice during the month. This is a positive and confidence building training for your GSD. This will provide more thought provoking techniques that will make training your best friend easier. You will develop into a happier and better behaved team at your **leisure activities** or **competing in the ring**.

For the non-competition team learn ideas that make owning a GSD a pleasure and not a stressful day in the park. Learn why GSD's are considered such a smart breed and bring out the best in your pet.

If you are competing, learn ideas to polish you and your dog's ring presence and make you **"that team"** at the shows or at **social functions**. While looking professional you will also learn how to minimize ring errors, to own the ring and practice overcoming distractions. We will work on your particular problems in class.

A pop machine and a main dish will be supplied in the lunchroom/kitchen area. Participants are encouraged to bring a dish to share in the lunchroom and acquaint themselves with other GSD owners or merely train at the allotted time and enjoy the rest of the day as planned.

****Notebooks for homework assignments are highly encouraged****

Where: **St. Paul Dog Training Club (*Please acquaint yourself with parking and exercise rules*)!**

Time: **Puppy 10:00 -10:45 am (\$10.00)**

Beginners 11:00 am -12:30 pm

Novice 1:00-2:30 pm

Open/Utility 3:00-4:30 pm



Specialty Class, (brace, team etc & Run-Thru's 4:45-???)

Price: \$20.00 for the first dog and 15.00 for a 2nd dog or workshop. Critiqued Run-Thru's-\$5.00

Questions or concerns; Hallings@frontiernet.net

Next Workshop: May 8

For directions to St Paul Dog Training Club and parking instructions go to www.gsdcmsp.org and click on the button for the Training Workshop near the top of the page. Directions are on the second page of the PDF. DO NOT park in front of the grocery store.

SOGGY by Julie Swinland



Herding Fun Day April 24, 2010

It was cold and we had a lot of rain. Anyone who wasn't drenched wasn't trying hard enough. There were 10 dogs running and some of them were totally new to this sport. In spite of the weather they all did well. The people however, had to go in and try to dry off and warm up.

Eileen Varhalla, and Kim Schneider had everything under control except the weather.



Left: people warm up in the building.
Above: Kathy DuVall holds the running order.



Kathy DuVall's Natalie completing her Herding Capability Test title 3/28/2010. She also participated in the herding fun day and moved a huge flock of sheep around the pen and through fence obstacles.

Brags

AM/CAN CH Mythical Zeus of Black Forest (Zeus)

Connie Karner

March 6, 2010 Wisconsin KC

Best Of Breed

Group 4

April 17 and 18 in Crown Point IN

BOB both days

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

Nils & Jan Anderson and Christy & Clint Heiman won her Bred-By class, went winners, best of winners, Best of Breed for a four point major!!! Indianhead Kennel Club

Am Can & Int'l Ch Oak Haven Xena of BLK Forest CD RAE CGC TT TC OFA H&E (Xena)

Julie Swinland

St Paul Dog Training Agility Trial

4/11/10 Novice Standard Agility Preferred 2nd place

95 1st NAP leg

UKC Gr CH, UKC Gr AOM (2x BIMBS) Mari's Miracle On 186th Street TC, CGC, OFA-CHIC, NSHGC-HCT, AHBA-HCT (Natalie)

certified therapy dog through Therapy Dogs International

Kathy DuVall

AHBA Herding test on 3/28/10

Passed second Herding Capability Test

Completed HCT Title



Club Events

Membership meeting May 14 at 8:30 at Animal Inn. Board Meeting May 2, 1:30.

May 8 Obedience Workshop with Ron Halling
See page 10 for times. Location St Paul Dog Training Club South St Paul.

May 16, and July 10 Herding Fun Days . See information in March Issue. Come to watch or check with Eileen Varhalla if there is an opening in the sessions you are interested in.

June 26-27 Specialty shows - See page 5 for more information. Contact Holly Bryan to volunteer to help hollybryan1@aol.com.

July 11, German Shepherd Fun Day at Kubistraum. Contact Julie Swinland To volunteer to help. We will need food helpers, help with set up, etc. 651-457-5459 blackforestgsd@msn.com



GSDC MSP Class Schedule

Obedience Classes revised March 1, 2010

Ring 1

Eileen Varhalla

Run throughs 6:00-6:45

Intermediate Novice 7:00-7:45

Beginning Obedience 8:00-8:45

Ring 2

Lisa Marie Fortier

S.T.A.R. Puppy Class 6:45-7:30

Jinny Bailey and Ron Halling

Beginning Open Class 7:30-8:30

Rally 8:30-close

Ring 3

Puppy Conformation 7:00-7:30

Adult Conformation 7:30-8:00

Paul Johnson and Liz Oster

Junior Handlers 8:00-8:30

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

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