



Shep-O-Gram

German Shepherd Dog Club of Minneapolis/St Paul

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October already, where did September go? It was a busy month and I just didn't get the Shep-O-Gram out. Sorry about that. Moving on, I will try to recap since the last SOG came out in August. We had another great German Shepherd Day at the State Fair. This year it was listed as an AKC Responsible Dog Owner's Day Event. The AKC sent us some handouts, coloring books and pencils to add to our information table. The weather was beautiful and we had a huge audience all day long. The pictures this year were provided by Dave Bissonnette and Kathy DuVall.

The following weekend we had two days of herding trials. The ducks did not cooperate with the herding either day and the sheep were quite frisky. One sheep decided fainting would be the best option and just collapsed in mid run. The dog looked worried and barked at her to get up and then looked at the audience with an "I didn't do it, really, I didn't do it" sort of expression. The judge went over and got the sheep back on her feet. She was fine. Quite a few of our members got HT or PT titles at the trials and it was a big financial success.

Many of our members are now either at the Nationals or getting ready to go depending on what events they are showing in. Herding starts this weekend. I will get the member's wins in next month.

Coming up we have the obedience workshop with Ron Halling on Oct 23 at St Paul Dog Training in South St Paul. I have been to three of these sessions and you can really learn a lot. There is a complete 3 page handout on our website and I will include a short piece on it on page 10.

In November we have our fall match. It is in the planning stages with Kathy DuVall and Jan Anderson co-chairing the event. They need your help. Please contact them to volunteer. We will also have a silent auction with the proceeds going to Kathy's Faerieland Rescue. We will need items donated for this, so look around to see what you have to donate. Usually, but not always, these would be dog related items. If you have something that is in new or nearly new condition that you think someone might bid on, bring it along.

We are having trouble getting a quorum for the membership and board meetings again. I know it is a busy time of year, but what time isn't? Remember we are a club and that requires participation. We need YOU! We also need volunteers for the nominating committee so we can have a slate of people to vote on in January.

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SOG Due Date
Nov Issue - Oct 21

November 12 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 _____

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This is the membership application for the German Shepherd Dog Club of America. For the application for our club see the club web site or pick one up at training

Braggs

Casamoko's Land of the Midnight Sun (Alaska)

Dr. Katie Halfen & Connie Halfen

St. Croix Valley Kennel Club
 August 27, 2010

Alaska took 3rd place in Rally Novice to receive her 3rd leg and RN title

Kubistraum's Quick Pick CD
Jinny Bailey and Verna Kubik
TC Miniature Schnauzer Club
Obedience trial
Oct 2 CD 3rd leg New Title!

Ch Kubistraum's on Raven's Wings
Jinny Bailey and Verna Kubik
TC Miniature Schnauzer Club
Obedience trial
Oct 2 2nd leg CDX
Oct 3 3rd leg CDX New Title!



Willie -Kubistraums Othello, CGC, TDI, TC, PT, RE, GN, JHD, NAP, CDX) is owned by Pamela Magadance and Verna Kubik. On last Sunday, at St. Croix Valley, he finished his CDX when he placed 3rd in Open A. He had also gotten 1st place in Open A at our Specialty in June.

He finished his NAP (Novice Agility Preferred) at Soccarblast a couple of weeks ago. He got his title with 3 - 2nd places

Am, Can & Int'l CH Oak Haven Xena of BLK Forest CD RAE, TT, TC,CGC
 Sept 18 BOTC 1st Novice Jumpers with Weaves - first NJP leg.

See list of new titles completed at the GSDC MSP Herding Trials on page 11 of this issue.



PUPPIES FOR SALE

Author Unknown

A store owner was tacking a sign above his door that read "Puppies For Sale."

Signs like that have a way of attracting small children, and sure enough, a little boy appeared under the store owner's sign.

"How much are you going to sell the puppies for?" he asked. The store owner replied, "Anywhere from \$30 to \$50."

The little boy reached in his pocket and pulled out some change. "I have \$2.37," he said. "Can I please look at them?" The store owner smiled and whistled and out of the kennel came "Lady", who ran down the aisle of his store followed by five teeny, tiny balls of fur. One puppy was lagging considerably behind. Immediately the little boy singled out the lagging, limping puppy and said, "What's wrong with that little dog?"

The store owner explained that the veterinarian had examined the little puppy and discovered it didn't have a hip socket.

It would always limp and always be lame. The little boy became excited. "That is the puppy that I want to buy." The store owner said, "No, you don't want to buy that little dog. If you really want him, I'll just give him to you." The little boy got quite upset. He looked straight into the store owner's eyes, pointing his finger, and said, "I don't want you to give him to me. That little dog is worth every bit as much as all the other dogs and I'll pay full price. In fact, I'll give you \$2.37 now, and 50 cents a month until I have him paid for." The store owner countered, "You really don't want to buy this little dog. He is never going to be able to run, jump and play with you like the other puppies." To his surprise, the little boy reached down and rolled up his pant leg to reveal a badly twisted, crippled left leg supported by a big metal brace. He looked up at the store owner and softly replied, "Well, I don't run so well myself and the little puppy will need someone who understands!"

We ALL need someone who understands!

And there is no price for LOVE



**German Shepherd Dog Club
of Minneapolis/St. Paul
AKC Sanctioned match
November 19, 2009
Animal Inn**

**Registration opens at 6:00 p.m. Match starts at
7:00 p.m. - \$5.00 for first entry and \$4.00 for 2nd
entry of same dog. Handlers may not charge
fees.**

Breed judge: TBA

Breed Classes

3-6 & 6-9 mos.

12-18 months

Novice

Bred by Exhibitor

Am Bred

Open

Best puppy in match

Best opposite puppy in match

Best adult in match

Best opposite adult in match

BEST IN MATCH

Obedience Judge: TBA

Pre-novice

Grad Novice

Novice A & B

Open A & B

Utility A & B

Veterans

High in Trial

High Combined

Rally Judge: TBA

Novice A & B

Advanced A & B

Excellent A & B

**Contact: Kathy DuVall marienterprises@msn.com
or Jan Anderson k9taxijan@msn.com Match
Chairs**

**Jan and Kathy need volunteers to help with the
match, and food. They also need donations for
the silent auction.**

**Silent Auction proceeds will
go to Faerieland Rescue**

**For information contact
Kathy DuVall**



Minnesota State Fair 2010

Pictures provided by
Dave Bissonnette and Kathy DuVall

We had another great demo day at the State Fair. Lisa Marie Fortier once again did an excellent job as the moderator all day long. We had conformation, obedience, rally, agility, dancing with dogs, therapy work, and carting. Approximately 40 members participated in the all day event



Connie Judges a conformation class



Maria Oster confers with our judge Connie Bissonnette



Liz tells the crowd about Select Ch Oscar

Carol Ouhl showing how she tests therapy dogs and prepares them for what they might face when at work. I admit that when Carol growled and jumped at us, I jumped back, but Xena was steady as a rock.





Eileen Varhalla and Zoe demonstrate therapy dog work



Kathy DuVall and Carol Ouhl show a little freestyle dancing with dogs



New Member Rhonda Meath and one of her winning agility dogs

Mary Bente and Jack. They had several exciting weave pole races with Rhonda and her dog



Michelle Patet's Annie runs the tunnel with style.

Sue Allsby's Part 2

Training For Conformation

Editor's Note: This is an interesting article on training to stack. Of course German Shepherds stack with one rear leg forward and one back So adapt training accordingly.

FREE STACKING

If you've gone through the first section on hand stacking, your dog now wants to remain standing, and is comfortable with you holding his muzzle, moving his head back and forth, and lifting and placing his feet from the elbow and hock.

One of the most beautiful thing about show dogs, however, is the wonderful, subliminal communication between handler and dog. The ultimate show dog doesn't get "stacked", he simply arrives in front of the judge in the best position to show off everything he's got. In truth, he looks like the handler is only with him because it's against the rules for him to be there by himself. How do you teach that?

Two words: free stacking. When you can use tiny, subtle signals to tell the dog where to put his feet and what to do with his center of gravity, you have Arrived.

Most dogs don't free stack naturally because a) there aren't usually a herd of gazelle half a mile from the ring that they can look at, and b) most dogs are most comfortable with their back feet slightly too close to their front feet for our aesthetic preferences.

Obviously you must then ask the dog to move his front feet a step or two further forward to separate them from the back feet. Sounds simple. Ask the dog to move forward, and click when his front foot comes off the ground, right? Unfortunately, when you ask a dog to move forward, he always starts moving with his BACK feet first. Moving the back feet forward isn't going to solve the problem!

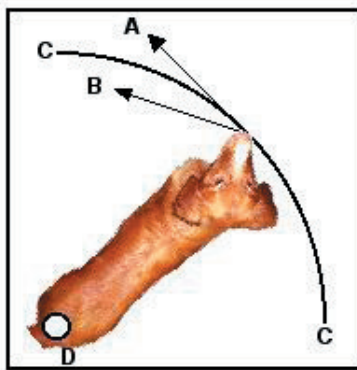
ANCHORING THE BACK LEGS

In order to be able to move the front feet forward, you'll need to first teach him to anchor his back legs. If you can't ask him to move his front feet forward, you can ask him to move them from side to side.

When you were hand stacking, you physically moved his head to the left, shifting his weight to the left and releasing his right leg. You're going to do the same thing now, but you're going to LURE the head to the left rather than moving it physically.

You can lure with bait, or you can lure with your hand as a target. Usually, I suggest luring with bait, at least initially, because you are looking for very subtle movement of the feet, which will probably be easier to get with food.

One more thing you need to know before you start. You are going to be moving the dog's nose in an arc to his left.



A = too far forward. The dog will step forward.

B = too far back. The dog will step backward.

C = the correct arc for the nose to move on. The dog's back feet will remain in place and the front feet will move from side to side.

D = the centre of the arc.

This arc is centered at the base of the dog's tail.

Start with the dog standing comfortably, preferably on a table, facing to your right. With your right hand, put a piece of bait right on his nose, and SLOWLY move his nose to his left. Don't watch his nose – watch his right foot. You should be able to see him move his head (that's what peripheral vision is for!), then his weight shifts to his left, then the right front foot starts to rise. Click, and pop the treat in his mouth. Try it again.

What could have gone wrong? He could have stepped forward with a back foot. That's because you pulled him forward instead of around the arc (nose to "A" in the diagram).

He could have stepped backward with his left front foot or a back foot. That's because you pushed him backward (nose to "B" in the diagram). Or he could have swung his back end to the right as his front end went to the left. That's because you tried to move his nose fast instead of very slowly.

When he's lifting his right front foot well, try the same thing to the right. He's standing facing your right. With your right hand, lure his nose slowly on the arc to his right. Watch his left front foot. When it lifts, click and treat.

Practice until the rear is well and truly anchored. You can move his front feet right or left with your lure, and the rear stays where you left it.



Figure 3 Pulling too far forward (nose toward A) - the dog is stretched and the left rear foot is lifting



Figure 4 Pushing too far backwards (nose toward B) - the dog is hunching up. The right front foot is lifting and will move back instead of sideways



Figure 5 Just right - head has turned to the right, weight has shifted, left front foot is just about to lift. Weight is slightly to the rear so the back feet can comfortably stay where they are.

CENTRE OF GRAVITY

Now you can begin to ask him to move his front feet forward. Not so fast! I didn't mean FORWARD forward, I meant SLIGHTLY forward on the arc! He'll move LEFT and forward, RIGHT and forward if you ask him slowly, until his front feet are where you want them.

The next lesson will be shifting his center of gravity forward. He might be the best built dog in the world, but if he doesn't pull his weight forward when he's stacked, he's going to look like he's slouching around the kitchen.

You've taught him to anchor his back feet, and to move his front feet from side to side. Now you need to tell him that he can't move his front feet straight forward, ever (unless you're starting to gait, but then you'll be trotting, not watching him). You are now anchoring his front feet. Get him stacked, get his front feet where you want them, and then lure him very, very slowly forward. Watch carefully. If you pull him too far or too fast, he'll step forward and you'll have to pull the lure away quickly and start again.

What is it exactly that you're watching carefully?? Just forward of the center of his back, there is a little dip, called the KNICK (neither "k" is silent). Watch the knick. When he leans forward, the skin beside the knick will shift. Yes, you can see it even on hairy dogs! Click the shift. What you're really clicking is the dog tightening the muscles that pull his weight forward.

If you have a breed that needs to have the tail up in the ring, there is another benefit to tightening those muscles. The muscles which hold a tail down are part of a set which pull the dog backward, roach his back, move the center of gravity backwards, and move the dog into a submissive or fearful position. The muscles which raise the tail also pull the dog (and his center of gravity) forward, flatten the back, and make him look dominant, happy, and generally terrific. By teaching him to pull forward "over himself", you are teaching him to assume a dominant, winning attitude and raise his tail. If you don't want his tail up, you're going to have to hope he's built properly and can hold it correctly!

German Shepherd Dog Club of
Minneapolis/St Paul
August Board Minutes
August 13, 2010

Mada Skare, President, Julie Swinland, Vice President, Jill Myers, Secretary, Roger Salava, Treasurer, Linda Salava, Board (3 year term) Ginny Altman, Board (1 year remaining)
Board Members:
Lisa Marie Fortier, (2 years remaining)
Member Guests:
Verna Kubik
Virginia Bailey

This month's meeting was held at the Animal Inn training center.

President called the meeting to order at 6:14pm.

- 1 President's Report** – none
- 2 Vice President's Report** – none
- 3 Secretary's Report** – none
- 4 Treasurer's Report** –
 - Roger Salava reported that the checking account balance is \$3,242.28, ending balance for the money market account is \$5,709.71.
- 5 Membership Report** – none
- 6 Shep O Gram** – none
- 7 Training** – none
- 8 Training Director** –
 - Eileen Varhalla, obedience trainer has requested a change in her fee from \$15/class with extra per dog in attendance to a flat \$50/night. Linda Salava moved that the board recommend this increase be approved to the members at the membership meeting; the motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- 9 Breeder's List** –
 - The cost will be \$10 for breeders to resubmit their name for inclusion in our club information i.e. website & show catalogs.
- 10 2011 Futurity & Specialty Show** –
 - Verna will serve as the Show Chair for both the Futurity Show and Specialty Show. Jill Myers has declined the Secretary position in order to show her dog but will help behind the scenes. A name for the Secretary is still needed for the both shows.
- 11 Herding Trial** –
 - Verna stated that all available registration slots are now filled with an alternate list started. Volunteers are still needed for both days, skilled and unskilled. Contact Zoe Rockenstein if you

can help. Contact Laurie Schray for food donations.

Meeting adjourned at 6:36pm

Next Board meeting:
Tentatively Saturday September 4th.
Jill Myers, Secretary

**German Shepherd Dog Club of
Minneapolis/St Paul
August 13, 2010**

Board Members:
Mada Skare, 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 8:30pm.
Roger Salava moved that we dispense with non-critical business for this meeting; the motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

- 1. President's Report:**
 - None
- 2. Vice President's Report:**
 - None
- 3. Secretary's Report:**
 - None
- 4. Treasure's Report:**
 - None
- 5. Membership Committee:**
 - None
- 6. Shep-O-Gram & Website:**
 - None
- 7. 2010 Herding Trial:**
 - Volunteers are still needed. Contact Zoe Rockenstein for general duties and Laurie Schray for food donations.
- 8. Training:**
 - The Board recommended to the membership that Eileen Varhalla's training fee be increased to \$50/night. Holly Bryan moved that the increase be approved as recommended by board; the motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- 9. 2010 Specialty:**
 - Mike Metz presented an itemized income & expense spreadsheet for the show. Total net profit was \$1,804.34. Mike noted that food had a big positive impact on the bottom line.
- 10. 2011 Futurity Show**

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- Mike Metz presented several options for Futurity and Specialty Show days. After a brief discussion Verna Kubik moved that the parent club be contacted for approval to hold the Futurity Show on Friday June 23rd and the Specialty Show on Saturday June 24th and Sunday June 25th; the motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Verna Kubik will contact Carol Moore, the GSDCA Futurity Chair and Bobby Kindy our Futurity judge.

11. 2011 Specialty Judges

- Conformation and Obedience judges were nominated and voted on for ranking.

12. All-Breed Judges

- 7 All-Breed judges were nominated.
- Verna Kubik moved that the list be submitted to Linn Klingel the All-Breed liaison by the secretary; the motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

13. Upcoming Events

- State Fair GSD Demo Day September 5th
- Herding Trial September 11th & 12th

At the next membership meeting scheduled for September 10th.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm

Jill Myers, Secretary

German Shepherd Dog Club of Minneapolis/St Paul September 17, 2010

Board Members:

Mada Skare, President, Julie Swinland, Vice President, Jill Myers, Secretary, Roger Salava, Treasurer, Linda Salava, Board (3 year term) Ginny Altman, Board (1 year remaining)

Board Members Absent:

Lisa Marie Fortier, Board (2 years remaining)

The President called the meeting to order at 8:30pm

1. President's Report:

- Mada wished Diane Mehra farewell as this was her last Friday at the club before moving to Colorado. The club thanked Diane for her many hours of volunteering and her contributions over the years, she will be greatly missed.
- Mada congratulated member's who won awards at the Canadian Nationals last week. These are

September 17 minutes continued

posted on our website under 2010 Brags, be sure and check them out. Maria Oster was the youngest handler ever at the Canadian Nationals, way to go Maria!

2. Vice President's Report:

- None

3. Secretary's Report:

- Ginny Altman moved that the minutes of the previous board and member meetings emailed and posted to the web and SOG be approved; the motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

4. Treasure's Report:

- none

5. Membership Committee:

- Linda Salava reported on our new members; Beth Hatfield, Bob & Jean Lifton and Claudia Lindell. Congratulations and welcome to them.

6. Shep-O-Gram & Website:

- none

7. Training Director:

- Sheila Metz noted there has been some juggling for available rings the past 2 weeks.
- Sheila needs volunteers to cover the check-in desk. This is a great way to meet other members and takes 10 minutes to learn. Contact Sheila.
- We were reminded to watch our dogs as there are several aggressive dogs currently in training.
- Ron Halling's Training workshop is September 18th starting at 10am. This has been a monthly event if you missed this one.

8. 2011 Futurity Show

- Discussion took place regarding the parent club not allowing 2 Futurity shows on the same date, Friday June 24th as we had voted on at our last meeting.
- Mike Metz moved that the club get in writing from the Anoka club that they will relinquish GSD's from their show on Friday so we may have our Specialty Show on Friday & Saturday and our Futurity on Sunday June 24th, 25th & 26th; the motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- After further discussion Mike Metz moved that the Specialty show application maintain the same classes as the 2010 show; the motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Verna Kubik requested that we add to November's member meeting agenda a discussion regarding including temperament testing and additional classes to the 2011 show.

9. Breeder Liaison

- Discussion took place regarding submitting additional local judges' names to Linn Klingel.

10. 2010 Herding Trial:

- Verna Kubik reported all 16 title ribbons were

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used and awarded. She received many positive comments regarding the location and overall trial. A formal report with financial results should be ready for next month's meeting.

11. January Annual Banquet

- Linda Salava has been checking on locations and caters but she would welcome someone else coordinating the banquet this year. Contact Linda if you can help.

12. Old Business:

- State Fair GSD Day was a success again. Thanks to all the volunteers.

13. New Business:

- A volunteer to chair the Fall Fun Match is needed ASAP. Contact Mada Skare.

The next membership meeting is scheduled for October 8th.

Meeting adjourned at 9:02pm

Jill Myers, Secretary

Canadian National winners

Select:

Ch. Marquis' All About Me, TC, RN, HI/



Bred-By Male:

Marquis' Horse With No Name - 3rd place

Open Male:

Von Dinehart Midnight Harley - 4th place

Bred-By Female:

Trio's Lil Mz Cant B Wrong v. Marquis' - 2nd place

Open Female:

Marquis' Blonde Bombshell - 3rd place

Obedience workshop Oct 23



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.

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

\$15.00 for a 2nd dog or workshop

\$10.00 for puppies

\$ 5.00 Critiqued Run-Thru's

Questions or concerns; Hallings@frontiernet.net

SOGGY by Julie Swinland



GSDC MSP Herding Trials September 11-12

High GSD in trial both days Ch RiverRock's Hotel California, Zoa Rockenstein

High Scoring Champion both days Ch RiverRock's Hotel California, Zoa Rockenstein

New PT Titles

RiverRock's Straight From the Heart, Zoa Rockenstein

Anastasia Aurelius, Brad and Michelle Patet

New HT Titles

Granites Meet MS Black.Laurie McDermid

Juel's High Resolution, Judy Grumdahl

Kubistraum's Quick Pick, Verna Kubik, Virginia Bailey

Mari's Miracle on 186th St, Kathy DuVall



Ch RiverRock's Hotel California, Zoa Rockenstein



Michelle Patet and Anastasia Aurelius



RiverRock's Straight From the Heart, Zoa Rockenstein



Mari's Miracle on 186th St, Kathy DuVall



Granites Meet MS Black.
Laurie McDermid



Juel's High Resolution,
Judy Grumdahl

Club Events

Oct 23 Obedience Workshop with Ron Halling

Nov 12 Membership meeting at 8:30 at Animal Inn.

Nov 19 AKC sanctioned Match Animal Inn

REMEMBER TO SEND YOUR DUES IN TO ROGER SALAVA

Volunteer Opportunities

Kathy DuVall and Jan Anderson need help with the November match. Contact: Kathy DuVall marienterprises@msn.com or Jan Anderson k9taxijan@msn.com
Match Chairs We also need donations for the silent auction.

We need volunteers for the nominating committee to help identify our next slate of officers. Contact Mada Skare to volunteer

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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

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