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German Shepherd Dog Club of Minneapolis/St Paul

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This month we have an article on Linda Fisher written by Dave Bissonette. Dave and Connie were long time friends Of Linda's. I still find it hard to believe that someone who was so vibrant and alive could be gone.

The German Shepherd Fun Day at Verna's on August 20. There will be a Temperament Test evaluated by Gene Gray, a Canine Good Citizen Test with our own Mary Sorcic as evaluator, and many activities to try. There is also a pot luck lunch. Please contact Laurie Schray about what to bring. I am hoping for some of Verna's great sloppy Joes.

It's August already and time to get in gear for the State Fair Demos. Connie Halfen (651-434-4547,conniehalfen21@gmail.com) has volunteered to be the coordinator this year and Lisa Marie will be our spokesperson. Connie will be contacting last year's leaders to see if they will coordinate their individual areas again and we need to know how many people will be needing passes and tickets to get in. Eileen Varhalla handles tickets.

Some of you know that I am now dealing with my brother's illness's and will probably not be able to keep up with things the way I would prefer. I am hoping you will be willing to pitch in and help where you can. Darrel has Cancer and diabetes, and will hopefully be up to surgery soon but there may be a long recovery. Darrel is not an easy patient and does not follow any rules.

On a brighter note, Xena and I went to agility trials this weekend and we didn't qualify in our Excellent classes, but we did beat course time every time and came darn close to getting a leg in Excellent Jumpers. If only she hadn't dropped a bar with her tail.... Oh well, it is a pretty tail and no matter what the Aussie people say, I am not cutting it off.

We should start thinking about a nominating committee for the next election of officers. If anyone would like to head that up, please step forward.

PLEASE GET YOUR INFORMATION TO PAM MAGADANCE FOR THE REGIONAL CHALLENGE! SHE MUST HAVE IT BY AUG 15.

Julie Swinland
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SOG Due Date
Sept issue - Aug 21

August 12 membership meeting 8:30 PM 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 _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (s) _____ Fax _____ Email _____

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

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



Obedience

Fun for you
and your
German
Shepherd



Agility

Temperament Test - Tentative
 Canine Good Citizen Test
 Potluck Picnic! Bring Food
 Vendors

Canine/human massage
 Canine chiropractor
 Animal Communicator
 T-Touch booth



German Shepherd Dog
 Club of Mpls/St. Paul



**German
 Shepherd Fun Day**
August 20, 2011
start time 9 AM

For more information
www.gsdcmsp.org or
 Contact Julie Swinland
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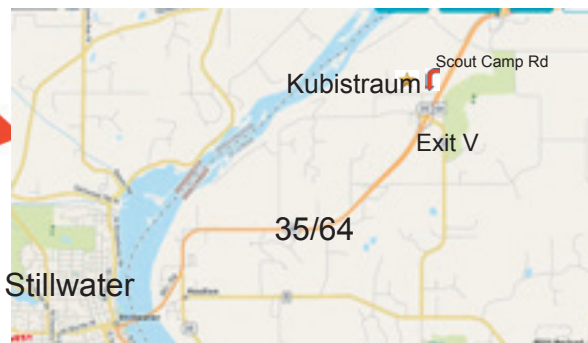
German Shepherds and people
 interested in German Shepherds
 welcome

Location: Kubistraum
 Houlton WI. just a few miles
 across the river from Stillwater.

Tracking

Laurie Schray has
 offered to coordinate the
 pot luck so contact her
 about what is needed-
651-459-2411.

Location: Kubistraum
 Houlton WI. just across the river
 from Stillwater.
 Cross the Stillwater bridge, remain
 on HWY 35/64 to Exit 4 County Rd
 V. At the top of the exit ramp go
 left, take the first road (30th st) to
 the right. At the stop sign go left on
 Scout Camp Road. Kubistraum is
 on the right.
 274 Scout Camp Rd Houlton WI.



Linda Fisher

By Dave Bissonnette



30 years ago, a couple from St. Paul came to us looking for a German Shepherd Puppy. They already had two dogs, an Irish Setter and a Yorkie, both very old.

I think they were thinking protection because of the neighborhood they lived in and Linda was having a stressful period with her job. Little did they know that Jecoda dogs are wussy show dogs who were more likely to look to their owners for protection.

They got a male GSD and named him Jubal. That was the start of something great in their lives. Jubal never finished his championship, but he was their buddy for 13 years. They purchased "Kia", Jecoda's Spice of Life in 1989. Kia got her Championship and went on to receive an ROM from 2 litters in 2000.

Linda had at least one litter while living on Plum Street in St. Paul. I recall a show at the Civic center where Linda brought one of her puppies to show. We were standing around the grooming area looking at the show catalog when Linda said, "Oh shit, I've got the wrong puppy". She tore off home with the wrong puppy, and made it back in time with the right puppy. She placed first in her class with the right puppy, even though it was the wrong puppy that had been bathed and groomed.

Linda and Butch out grew their St. Paul home in short order. Linda told us that they had received a good offer on their house, but if they accepted, they would have to move out right away. Having no place to live, they moved in with us. For 6 months we were one very happy family. Butch was working second shift at Deluxe Check, so we only saw him on week ends, which were spent house hunting. The only conflict we had was when Linda washed my coffee cup. I had 5 years of crud built up on that cup.



**"Whenever you see a sunflower,
think of me" Linda Fisher**

Over the years we travelled all over the country together. To dog shows of course. From Philadelphia to Houston and many, many towns in between. Always having fun. Linda liked to win as much as the next person, but it was more important to enjoy yourself. She was always right there, laughing, joking and having a good time. As Linda often said, "If you're not having fun, find something else to do".

Linda will be greeted at the Rainbow Bridge by all the dogs and people that she loved in life, and who loved her in return. Those of us left behind will forever have an empty spot in our hearts and at the shows that was once occupied by Linda Fisher.

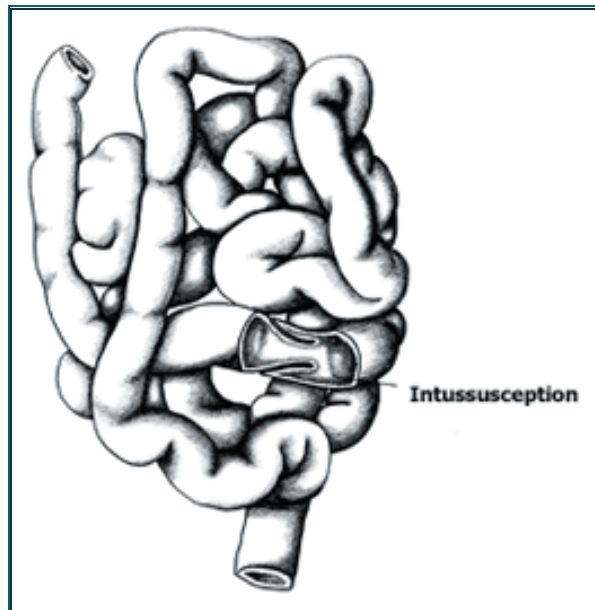
Intussusception of the Intestines in Dogs

Veterinary & Aquatic Services Department, Drs. Foster & Smith

Intussusception is an uncommon but potentially life-threatening condition that can occur in dogs and cats of all ages. There are many different causes of this condition, several of which can be eliminated through good routine health practices. Treatment options are almost exclusively surgical. Surgery is often successful if the condition is caught early.

What is intussusception?

Intussusception is the sliding or telescoping of the intestine within itself. It occurs primarily in the small intestine but may occasionally occur in the *large intestine*. When the intestine slides within itself the blood supply to that section is greatly reduced and the *tissue* begins to swell and then die. The entire process can occur rapidly, which makes early detection and treatment essential.



Which animals are more prone to intussusceptions?

Puppies and kittens are the most likely ones to develop intussusception although it can occur in any age or species. There does not appear to be a specific breed predilection.

What causes intussusceptions?

There are several conditions that predispose a dog to developing an intussusception. Many of these conditions affect the *motility* of the intestine. Intussusception is seen more commonly in puppies carrying large numbers of intestinal parasites such as *roundworms*, *hookworms*, or *whipworms*. Viral (e.g., *parvovirus* in puppies) or bacterial gastroenteritis is another common cause. Pieces of plastic, bone or wood in the intestine of a dog can lead to the development of intussusception. Tumors or recent abdominal surgery may also contribute to the development of this condition.

What are the symptoms of intussusception?

When the small intestine telescopes into itself, movement of intestinal contents is partially or completely blocked, therefore, the dog or cat commonly vomits. Once the *gastrointestinal tract* behind the intussusception empties, stools are scant to none. Any fecal material that is passed is jelly-like, may be bloody, and not well formed. The appetite will be greatly depressed. The animal experiences severe abdominal pain, and eventually shock and then death.

How is intussusception diagnosed?

Diagnosis is usually tentatively made based on the symptoms and the *palpation* of a firm sausage-shaped mass in the abdomen. Diagnosis is confirmed with x-rays (usually using barium) and possibly *exploratory surgery*.

What are the risks associated with an intussusception?

An intussusception is serious; left untreated, it will result in death. As the intestines telescope into one another, pressure restricts blood flow to the area. Portions of the intestines therefore may actually die, and toxins and bacteria may be released into the rest of the body.

What is the treatment of intussusception?

Treatment consists of either surgically 'sliding' the telescoping portion of the intestine apart, or complete surgical removal of the intussusception. The size of the intussusception, amount of damage to the tissues, and the length of time the animal has had the condition will dictate which procedure is used. Post surgically the animal will have to go through a normal recovery period. If the intussusception is caught soon enough and the animal undergoes a successful surgery, most will recover completely. One recent study suggested that up to 25% of dogs that develop an intussusception would have a reoccurrence in the future. There is a surgical procedure called 'enteroplication' in which the loops of intestine are attached to one another and thus reduces the incidence of reoccurrence in some pets.

What can be done to prevent an intussusception?

If the owner follows good deworming and vaccinating programs as well as preventing access to foreign bodies, the incidence of intussusception can be reduced. Early recognition and treatment of other intestinal diseases can also help minimize the chance of an intussusception. Finally, if the owner recognizes the symptoms of an intussusception early, and the animal receives prompt veterinary care, most animals can be successfully treated.

References and Further Reading

Bojrab, J. Current Techniques in Small Animal Surgery, 4th edition. Williams & Wilkins. Baltimore, MD; 1990.

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: **The Regional Challenge information must be sent to Pam**
: **Magadance by Aug 15.**
: **agility_gage@hotmail.com**
: **2208 County Rd.CC., New Richmond, WI 54017**
:

Bragg

**PACH2 PRINZESSIN KLEINE KATJA RN MXP8 MJP8
PAX2.**

**Earned her PAX3 on July 17 2011 at the Minnesota
Agility Club Trial**

Pictured with AKC judge Lisa Rieves



Herding Trial

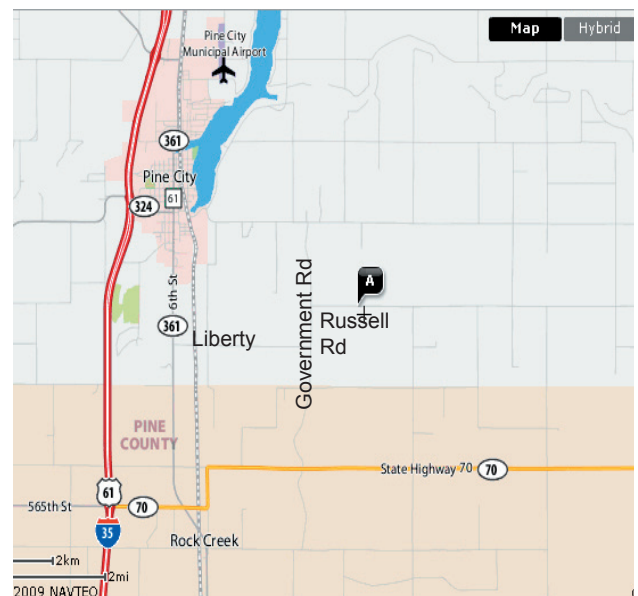
Come to watch the herding trials September 10 and 11 at Elysian Farm in Pine City. (This is where we have had the herding Fun Days) See what a herding dog is and what it takes to participate in trials.



Elysian Farm / Kim and Joe Schneider

23322 Russell Road, Pine City, MN
55063

hzbtt@aol.com / 651-332-6778



The State Fair is coming!



It can be bigger and better than ever!

Connie Halfen is our coordinator this year. . We need people to participate in their areas of expertise. We need to know how many tickets and passes are needed immediately.

This is a fun time to show off your dog.

We show conformation, obedience, rally, agility, carting, dancing with dogs, therapy work etc. We all have a great time and we get to inform the public about the wonders of German Shepherds.

Bo Vujovich will be taking orders for club T-shirts . Contact Bo at 651-450-0176

Shepherd Day at the Fair is Sept. 4, 2011. This is also an AKC Responsible Dog Owners event.



German Shepherd Dog Club of Minneapolis and Saint Paul
Membership Meeting Minutes
July 8, 2011

I. Call to Order 8:33 PM by President Julie Swinland

II. Reports

- a. President – Julie Swinland – no report
- b. Vice President – Eileen Varhalla – no report
- c. Secretary – Chris Duffy – no report
- d. Treasurer – Roger Salava –
- e. Auditing Committee – We are overdue for an audit. Mike Metz and Paul ?? will call a committee together.

III. Committees

- a. Membership – Linda Salava reported 1 new member at the show. Current count is 183 members.
- b. Shep O Gram and website – Julie Swinland – no report
- c. Training Director – Julie Swinland – no report
- d. 2011 Futurity and Specialty Show – Verna Kubik
Results from the show have been posted on the club website. Verna will publish a summary report next week. The show went very well, she said. She has a few minor suggestions for the future, but nothing major. The group gave Verna and Ginny applause of thanks for their very hard work on this show.
- e. Herding Trial – Zoa Rockenstein – no report
- f. All Breed Liaison – Linn Klingel – no report
- g. Agility Trial and match – Rhonda Meath
The application has been sent in and approved. Dates are pending March 30 & 31, and April 1 of 2012.
- h. Program Committee – Martha Simonett – no report
- i. Budget and Finance – Roger Salava and Mike Metz

IV. Old Business

- i. German Shepherd Fun Day – Verna Kubik
Any suggestions for other things to have that day? Ideas are welcome.

The Temperament test will be held at Verna Kubik's, Start time TBA but probably in the 9-10 AM range.

V. New Business

Linda Salava asked if anyone has seen some tables that are missing from the club trailer. Nobody seems to know what happened to them. The Rottweiler Club was there that day –

perhaps we should check with them to make sure if the tables were accidentally left behind. They are white fiberglass/plastic tables. They need to be replaced. We need an 8-foot and a 6-foot table, 3 or more wheeled garbage containers, a pooper scooper, and a duffel bag for the canopy.

A motion was made to replace the tables. Motion passed.

VI. Next Year's Specialty Show

We need a show chair and a secretary. The possibility of hiring a professional to handle the details of the show has been brought up and discussed in the recent past. Cindy O'Hare's name has come up in that regard. The cost would be \$2.75/dog plus expenses. After some discussion, the consensus was that we should look into finding a volunteer, if possible, first. Any suggestions on what to do on this issue are welcome.

Committee is going to form to get showgrounds next year (Mike Metz, Roger Salava and Paul --?) will do that.

VII. State Fair Chair Needed

Julie has asked for a volunteer to take on this task. We will need someone soon.

Bo Vujovich brought a number of samples of t-shirts that could be sold at the fair. After much discussion, it was decided that she will order a lot of the "nautical red" shirts in a variety of sizes. We will need to get orders together as soon as possible.

Meeting adjourned.

Next membership meeting is August 12 at 8:30 pm

German Shepherd Dog Club of Minneapolis and Saint Paul Board Meeting Minutes July 8, 2011

Officers Present: Julie Swinland, Eileen Varhalla, Chris Duffy, Roger Salava, Linda Salava, Ginny Altman

I. Call to Order by President Julie Swinland

II. Reports

- a. President (Julie Swinland) – no report
- b. Vice President (Eileen Varhalla) – no report
- c. Secretary (Chris Duffy) – no report
- d. Treasurer – Roger Salava

Roger reported that we lost \$150 on the show, but after some final figures yet to come, we should be in the black on it.

- e. Auditing Committee (Roger Salava) – no report

III. Committee Reports

July Board Minutes continued

a. Membership – Linda Salava

We have 2 new members after the show.

There is a new procedure on membership qualifications. Linda will e-mail this information to Dave Bissonnette.

A one page sheet with information about the Club is being updated.

b. Shep O Gram – Julie Swinland – no report.

c. Training Director – Julie Swinland

Lisa Marie Fortier has suggested that we implement a better system of communicating with people about training issues. Non-members don't get any of the messages at present.

A motion was made to e-mail communications to non-members. (Motion passed)

d. Futurity and specialty show – Verna Kubik

Everything went very well. She received some very favorable comments about it.

e. All Breed Liaison – Linn Klingel – no report

g. Program Committee – no report

h. Budget and Finance – nothing new to report.

IV. Old Business

a. Verna - Everything is going really well. Regarding ads/notices in the program - Club members are preferred, fine for others as space permits.

The possibility of selling parent club t-shirts was revisited. It's possible that we could charge \$25.00 each, \$20 of which would go to the parent club. We also need to investigate getting our own Club t-shirts made for sale. It's also possible to get them in several different colors, if we wish.

b. There was discussion on memorial for Linda Fisher. The family indicated memorials should be directed to dog-related organizations, or to cancer research. If we had sent flowers, they would have been in the \$80-100 range, so it was decided that \$100 should be sent as a memorial.

Motion by Ginny Altman that the Club send a memorial of \$100, split 50/50 between cancer research and rescue. (Motion passed)

V. New Business

VI. Specialty Show 2012



July Board Minutes continued

There was discussion about whether the obedience people will be handling their own portion of the show. There was more discussion about getting volunteers to help with things. Julie pointed out that a relatively small group of people are doing an awful lot of the work helping out, and brought up the possibility of hiring someone else to handle a lot of the details. Cindy O'Hare could do that. The usual charge is \$2.75/dog plus expenses. We could cut that cost by contracting with her to do only certain things and take on some of the responsibilities ourselves.

Verna asked where we are on the discussions about the State Fair. We need to get a group of people together *soon*.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting: August 12 at 6:00 pm



**FAERIELAND CORGI & GERMAN
SHEPHERD RESCUE ARE NAMED
Recipients of the Dog Rescue Award of
Excellence**

<http://faerielandrescue.org/>

Our current listing of dogs is:

(They are falling out of the sky)

Sadie-11 yr old female (at KD)(cross your fingers someone is coming to look at her on Sun 7/17)

Hank-5 yr old male (in foster care with Sharon)

Ike-5 yr old male (at KD-need to get pictures/posted on web/petfinder)

Kaydee-2yr old female (in foster care)

Kiara-1 yr old female (at KD-need to get pictures/posted on web/petfinder)

June-1 yr old female (at KD-shepherd x Belgian Malinois or pure belgian malinois) (need to get pictures/posted on web/petfinder)

All of the above dogs are completely vetted and ready to go.

coming this weekend-family being deployed
Teemu-2 yr male (will be at KD)(supposed to be all vetted except for the microchip)

any foster homes you can think of would be great. or pass the word

thanks,

Kathy DuVall

Club Events

August 12 membership meeting
August 20 GSD Fun Day

September 4 GSD Day at the Fair
September 10-11 Herding Trials
September 10 Obedience Workshop
with Ron Halling , Flyer will be coming soon

No training Sept 30, Nov 25, Dec 23, and Dec 30



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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:

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