

Shep-O-Gram

German Shepherd Dog Club of Minneapolis/St Paul

June 2011

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We had our first agility event on Friday the 13th of May. It was very successful and the AKC has approved us to hold trials next year! We are hoping for the end of March 2012. Speaking of agility, we would like to know what the interest level is in the members as far as setting up an agility class. If you work on it from now until our trials next year, you might be ready for Novice. It is a very fun sport and a great way to bond even more closely with your dog. I admit I am a newbie at this, Xena and I started training in agility about 2 years ago but we had time off for her seasons and my health issues. Once we started showing, last fall we took off and already have 4 AKC titles and we are now showing in the Excellent classes and have two legs toward our Excellent Standard title. I realize that due to Xena's age (she will be 11 in August) and my inability to achieve high speeds, we will never be competitive with the young Border Collies, but we have a great time and we rarely knock down a bar from a jump. We have a member who is interested in training an agility class if we have the interest, and if we can use the equipment at the Animal Inn. We might have to have a contract for an Animal Inn trainer like we did a few years ago. So if you do have an interest, please contact me or Rhonda Meath, gsdgspgirlz@gmail.com so we can determine if we should go ahead and try to form a class..

We have the specialties and the futurity coming up. Don't forget that entries are due by June 8. You can get the entry form on the club web site or contact Verna Kubik vmk4gsds@dishup.us, 715-549-6365.

Verna still needs volunteers to help also so please contact her if you can lend a hand. Laurie Schray is heading the Food Committee and she needs items donated all three days, so please contact her about what you can bring and if you can help out. There is a notice with contact information on page 3.

Sheila Metz is working on fund raisers at the three day event and there is information on page three about what she is looking for.

I am working on the German Shepherd Fun Day, August 20, and if you know of any vendors or activities we can add please let me know.

Julie Swinland

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No training

June 10 and June 24

June 17 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** _____

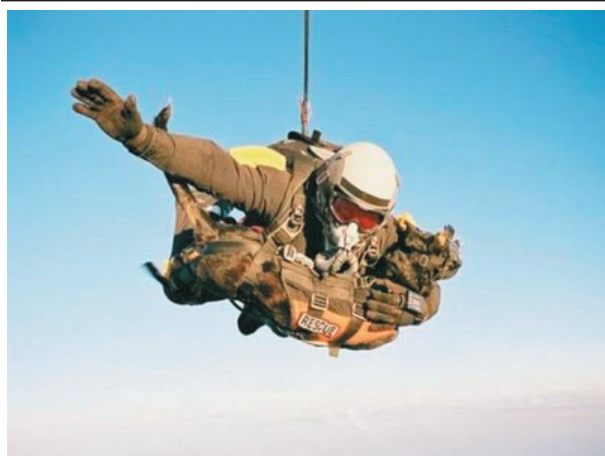
Phone (s) _____ **Fax** _____ **Email** _____

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



Dogs in the Military



From our Agility Match Chair

Janet Sinner stepped up as Chief course builder (not an easy job)

Janice Mckimm was the gate steward (and a fine one at that for some one who had never done it before)

Michelle & Mollie Patet worked their butts off as bar setters !

And let's not forget Jeanne Situch ~ who came after knee surgery on crutches no doubt and was our timer for the match !!!

Plus all your hard work getting the paperwork into the AKC

Rod Ramsell for the awesome judging !!

Joan Kurlander was great as the match secretary.

I just wanted to personally thanks those people , , along with Mary Bente for organizing the volunteers , Sue Kothe , Cliff & Diane White , Dick Swadner were some if the course builders ,

People at the TCOTC trial that were at the A Match on Friday thanked me for such a well organized fun match and said that they all had a good time !! I thought that was a nice thing to say ;) So it went pretty good with rave reviews ! that's cool !!!!!!!!!!!'

Rhonda Meath

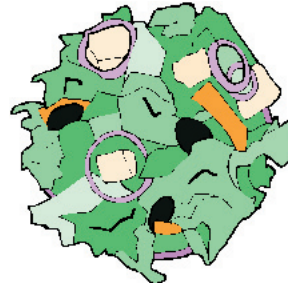
See pictures on pages 4 and 5.

Food for the shows June 24-26



Laurie Schray needs salads, desserts, pop, water, ice, ice chests, anything else you can bring for the specialty shows and Futurity June 24-26.

Please contact Laurie to sign up 651-459-2411.
Ann Jeddeloh and Ann Halling will each be in charge of food one day and Laurie is the Food Chairperson.



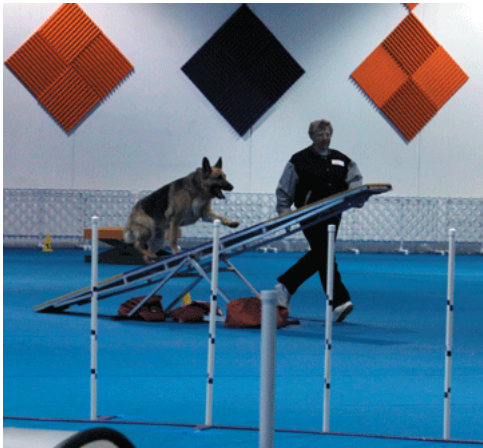
Donations needed for the silent auctions

Club members and friends of the GSDC MSP!

We are holding a silent auction at the showgrounds at our futurity and on Saturday's shows! We need donations (dog related or not) to auction away. Please contact Sheila Metz at 651-489-7467 or at sheilawm@comcast.net with your donations. You can drop them at the club any Friday or arrange for me to pick them up beforehand. We already have a food freezer donated by Ron Mueller of Petcentrics. Thanks!

Contact Sheila Metz at 651-489-7467 or at sheilawm@comcast.net.

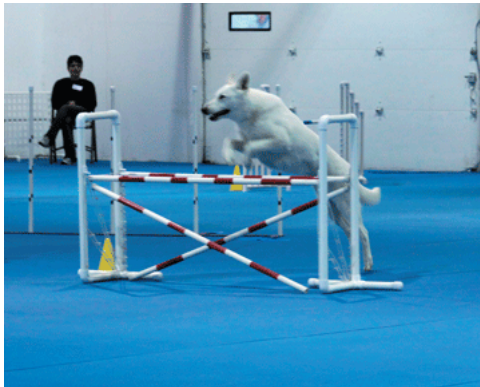
GSDCMSP AKC Agility "A" Match May 13, 2011



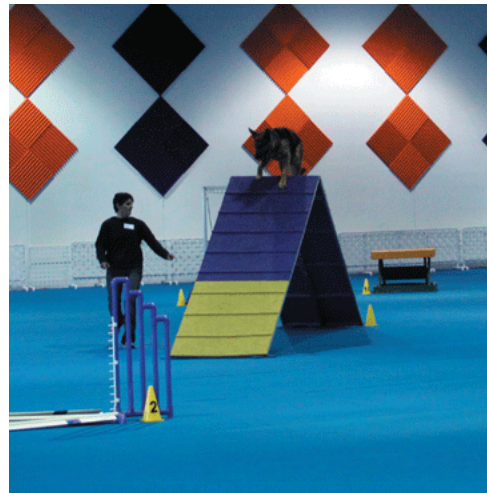
Willie owned by Pam Magadance shown in Open by Virginia Bailey



Gambler Shown by Virginia Bailey First time in Novice!



Janet Sinner and Jack showing in Excellent



Annie and Michelle Patet showing for the first time in Novice. Michelle was also a volunteer bar setter



Xena shown by Julie Swinland in Excellent Standard Preferred

We held our first AKC all breed agility match on Friday May 13 with 70 runs in Standard and Jumpers with Weaves. Many members helped put this on and 5 dogs from our club competed. Out of 70 runs 14 dogs qualified.



Audience - notice Mada Skare right in the front row.



Match Chair Rhonda Meath and Steward Janice MacKimm



Judge Rod Ramsell



Volunteer Jeanne Sutich and Volunteer Coordinator Mary Bente



**Volunteers building a course
Chief course builder was Janet Sinner**



Molly Patet acts as bar setter during the match

Blood draw May 6, 2011

On May 6 Dr Rice and the Stillwater Veterinary Clinic performed a blood draw for the Veterinary Diagnostics Institute . This was a free service as part of the study using new procedures to help detect lymphoma and hermangiosarcoma. The results will be sent to the participants soon and can also be sent to their vet clinics.

An article on Lymphoma in dogs starts on page 9.



Eileen Varhalla and
Zoe



Jan Anderson and Sully



Dr. Rice tells Linda Salava, and Jinny
Bailey about the procedure

Braggs

WGSDCA/UKC Grand GSD Ch. ZEPHER'S ADELAIDE PRINCESS UD, CGC, OFA - Ron Halling

first three UDX legs of ten and ws on of 4 qualifying
for the National Obedience Invitational - A GSD is
going to the National!

KLEINE PRINZESSIN KATJA ~RN MXP6 MJP7 PAX 2

At TCLAC , On The Run Canine Center on 4-23 &
4-24

2 nd place Excellent BP Standard
2 nd place Excellent BP JWW
QQ

3rd place Excellent BP Standard
2 nd place Excellent BP JWW
QQ
MJP8 Title !!!

At TCOTC in Minneapolis on 5-14 & 5-15

1 st place Excellent BP Standard
2 nd place Excellent BP JWW
QQ

1 st place Excellent BP Standard
1 st place Excellent BP JWW
QQ

Katja now has 14 QQ's towards her PAX3

SLOVANSKEHO'S MAJESTIC AUF DE HAUS ~Smith~

3rd place Novice B Standard

Owner ~ Rhonda Meath

Regional Challenge

Send in copies of your titles and information on
therapy visits to Pam Magadance starting with
your August 2010 results.

agility_gage@hotmail.com

Pam Magadance
2208 County Rd CC
New Richmond, WI 54017

JEDDHAUS PEPPERMINT PATTIE CGC BN Nancy Ernst New Beginner Novice Title

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|---------|-------|------------------|-----------|
| 4/29/11 | SPDTC | Shirlee Jacobson | 191 Q |
| 4/30/11 | SPDTC | Louise Botko | 197 2nd |
| 5/1/11 | SPDTC | Brian Cleveland | 197.5 1st |



JEDDHAUS O'HENRY (Hank) CD title

3 shows 3 placings q'd Dewitt la
finished St Peter
Ann & Ken Jeddeloh however Ann did it!



AM,CAN, INT'L CH OAK HAVEN XENA OF BLK FOREST CD, RAE, OAP, OJP, CGC, TT, TC OFA H&E Julie Swinland

May 30 BOTC Agility trial 2nd leg in Ex Standard P
score 100 2nd place

BOTC (Bloomington Obedience Training Club) Agility
Trial May 28 , 29 , 30 ,

KATJA was 6/6 on all her runs , earning 3 QQ 's !
She got a 1st place , two 2nd places & three 3rd place
finishes in Excellent BP .

SMITH earned a 1 st place finish in his Novice B
Standard run , and a 3 rd place in Novice B JWW
, also earning his NOVICE B JWW TITLE !!! He
advances to Open .

Rhonda Meath



Puppy Brags

AOE MULTIPLE SEL AM/CAN CH KALEEF'S
JOSHUA V KENYLN TC HT BOF BO ROM OFA
H&E
and BMEER-TODOR LADY MADONNA, (PT)
OFA H&E
Born: 4-20-11, 3 girls 1 boy.

Sharon Todoroff

Volunteer Opportunities

We have many volunteer opportunities coming up, starting with the match on March 18. We can use people to help with the food, people to donate food (see the flyer on the opposite page for contact info) and stewards for the obedience ring.

We need help for the specialties and futurity in June. Please contact Verna Kubik about volunteering. We need:

Ring stewards for Obedience and Rally Friday and Saturday
Booth rental coordinators
Hospitality people
People to transport the judges
People to handle the 50/50 raffle and auction
Food wranglers
and probably a cast of thousands to help with other duties

Remember we have a big club and if everyone helps a little no one will be overwhelmed. Keep up the momentum from our winning year last year.

Contact Verna Kubik about what you can do to help make this show the best ever.

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The German Shepherd Dog Club of Minneapolis & St. Paul



invites you to join us for the

**2011 Midwest Regional
Futurity/Maturity Shows
Sunday, June 26, 2011**

Judge: Roberta Kindy

and the

MW Amateur Futurity/Maturity

Judge: Ken Cunningham

Back to Back Specialty Shows with Obedience and Rally Obedience Trials

Friday, June 24, 2011

Breed Judge: Sally Hayden

Obedience/Rally Judge: Karen Anderson

Saturday, June 25, 2011

Breed Judge: Dr. Didier Ardoin Obedience/Rally Judge: Mary Higdem

Beautiful outdoor rings at the Dakota County Fairgrounds, Farmington, MN

Held in conjunction with

The Anoka County, MN, Kennel Club on Thursday, June 23, 2011

All Breed Show with supported German Shepherd Entries at the Isanti County Fairgrounds, Cambridge, Mn. (Jack Onofrio, Supt.). GSD Breed Judge: Marilyn Lindsey Miller

For premium lists or hospitality information, visit our website: www.GSDCMSP.org or contact

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e-Mail: vmk4gsds@dishup.us

Show Secretary:
Jill Myers
651-429-0789
jillmyers12@msn.com

Faerieland Rescue Statistics

Rescue Stats:

8 Shepherds adopted Jan-May 2011,
2 Shepherds currently in rescue

Petfinder Stats for German Shepherds

May 1436
April 1333
March 4110
February 1686
January 589

Kathy DuVall
President & Founder
FaerieLand Rescue
www.faerielandrescue.org

Faerieland Rescue is planning a Fund Raising garage sale for July 12, 13, 14, 2011

we could use anything for tools
I have none to sell right now and last fall some men came and asked for them
power tools
hand tools
garden rakes
shovels
fishing polls or fishing gear
some hunting (okay)no guns
along that line



Kathy DuVall
Sharon Todoroff
www.faerielandrescue.org

Lymphoma in the Dog

Drs. Foster & Smith Educational Staff

Lymphoma in dogs is a common cancer of lymphocytes. Between 15% and 20% of malignant tumors in dogs are lymphomas. Lymphomas can occur in the lymph nodes, spleen, liver, and other organs. The cancer can be aggressive and if left untreated, can lead to a high mortality. Treatment with chemotherapy has been very successful, adding months and occasionally years to the dog's life.

Which dogs are at risk for developing lymphoma?

Lymphoma primarily affects middle age to older dogs. There does not appear to be a sex predilection. Golden retrievers, boxers, bullmastiffs, basset hounds, Saint Bernards, Scottish terriers, Airedales, and bulldogs appear to be at increased risk of developing lymphomas. Only 10% to 20% of dogs are clinically ill when diagnosed; the majority are brought to the veterinarian because of recently identified swellings or lumps.

Why do dogs develop lymphoma?

While we understand how lymphomas form, we still do not understand why. In cats, there appears to be a strong link between some forms of lymphoma and infection with feline leukemia virus, however, in dogs such a link is not apparent. At the same time, some authors have hinted at a possible genetic correlation, but further studies need to be performed to determine the exact risk factors involved in canine lymphoma. Dogs who have a suppressed immune system appear to be at increased risk.

What are the symptoms of lymphoma?

The symptoms of lymphoma in dogs are related to the location of the tumor(s). Tumors that develop in the lymph nodes often present as swellings with no other symptoms. When the lymphoma is present in the gastrointestinal tract, vomiting, diarrhea, weight loss, and lack of appetite are commonly seen. The mediastinal (chest) form often presents with shortness of breath and muffled heart sounds. The cutaneous (skin) form can present in several different ways including single or multiple lumps in the skin, or mouth. These bumps can itch or be red and ulcerated. Lymphoma can also occur in the heart, eyes, central nervous system or bone.



Photo courtesy TFH Publications

How is lymphoma in dogs diagnosed?

Lymphoma in dogs is diagnosed with a combination of diagnostic tests. Blood tests, fine needle aspirates of the tumor, biopsies, [x-rays](#), and [ultrasound](#) are all used to confirm the diagnosis and location(s) of the lymphoma. The exact tests performed will depend on the location of the tumor. A [complete blood count](#), [chemistry panel](#), and [urinalysis](#) are also recommended. Lymphoma generally does not cause pain unless there is bone involvement. In 15% of dogs with lymphoma, the blood calcium level will be high.



Photo courtesy TFH Publications

The World Health Organization has developed a staging system for dogs with lymphoma. The stage is used in determining treatment regimens and prognosis. The stages are:

- Stage I: Single lymph node involved
- Stage II: Multiple lymph nodes in the same region involved
- Stage III: Multiple lymph nodes in multiple regions involved
- Stage IV: Liver and/or spleen involved (may or may not have lymph node involvement)
- Stage V: Bone marrow or blood involvement and/or other organ besides liver, spleen and lymph nodes involved

Dogs are further classified as "substage a" if they are not showing signs of illness, and "substage b" if they are.

What is the treatment for lymphoma in dogs?

The treatment for lymphoma in the dog consists of chemotherapy. Lymphoma is considered a systemic disease, which makes surgery and radiation impractical and ineffective. There is a wide variety of chemotherapy protocols and drugs that are currently being used to treat lymphoma. The treatment usually consists of a combination of oral and injectable drugs given on a weekly basis. Some commonly used drugs include cyclophosphamide, vincristine, doxorubicin, and [prednisone](#). The exact treatment protocol will vary depending on the veterinarian. The University of Wisconsin protocol is one of the more popular ones used by veterinary oncologists. While most veterinarians can administer the treatment protocols, owners of a dog with lymphoma may initially want to seek out a consultation with a veterinary oncologist to inform themselves of any new treatment recommendations.

What is the long-term outlook for a dog with lymphoma?

Some owners choose not to treat dogs that develop lymphoma. The life expectancy of these untreated dogs with generalized lymphoma (Stage III, IV, or V) averages 4 to 6 weeks. Oral prednisone therapy may reduce the swellings and discomfort, but

German Shepherd Dog Club of Minneapolis and
Saint Paul
Membership Meeting Minutes
May 6, 2011

Officers Present: President -Julie Swinland, Vice
President -Eileen Varhalla, Secretary - Chris Duffy,
Board Member: Ginny Altman, Lisa Marie Fortier,
, Absent: Treasurer - Roger Salava Board member -
Linda Salava

- I. Call to Order – Julie Swinland
- II. Reports of the Officers
 - a. President – Julie Swinland – no report
 - b. Vice President – Eileen Varhalla – no report
 - c. Secretary – Chris Duffy
Motion made to dispense with reading of the Minutes, which had been published in the Shep O Gram. Motion passed.
 - d. Treasurer – absent
- III. Committee Reports
 - a. Membership Report – Linda Salava not present
 - b. Shep O Gram and website – Julie Swinland – no new developments to report
 - c. Training Director – Julie Swinland
STAR puppy classes: Lisa Marie Fortier reporting. Classes will be 8 weeks in length, with a new class beginning every 4 or 5 weeks, with testing scheduled approximately every 9 weeks.
 - d. 2011 Futurity & Specialty Show – Verna Kubik
Plans are going well. If anyone wants to place an ad in the show catalog, rates are \$20 for a half page, \$40 for a full page with a photo, Deadling is June 1st.

Eileen is working on arranging for the mats

Volunteers are still needed, especially for food.

Discussion about award in memory of Joan Johnson. Suggestion made of a shadowbox type award for Best Puppy.

Martha Simonett giving best puppy award – Saturday only

Winners get a photo and rosette in shadow box. Photo will be taken with trophy which will be retained by the club.

Faerieland Rescue Group would like to have a booth at the show. The cost of the booth has been covered by a third party.

- e. Herding Trial – no report
 - f. All Breed Liaison – We need more judges on our list, so we will take nominations at the next meeting.
- g. Agility Trial and match – no report
- h. Program Committee - no report
- i. Budget and Finance Committee – no changes; Roger not present at meeting

IV. Old Business

V. New Business

- a. German Shepherd Fun Day
 - i. Bob Levy, an Evaluator with Therapy Dogs International, gave a detailed presentation on therapy dog training. He passed out a copy of the test form to give an idea what would be expected during the testing. Tip to keep dogs teeth clean- he recommended a thigh bone from a cow. Boil it for 2 hours, cool, then scrape ALL the marrow off. It does

a good job of cleaning. (Good tip for us as a general rule, too.) Bob will do the Canine Good Citizen test also. He offered to come one night and give a class on how to prepare for the Therapy Dog Test. The class will be free. The board will discuss when to have this scheduled.

ii. Judy Grumdahl has offered to chair a temperament test and it will probably be held at Bo's.

iii. Who can take the club trailer to the Fun Day? To be determined yet.

iv. Any suggestions for other things we can have there?

Meeting Adjourned – 9:25 pm

Next membership meeting Friday, June 17, 2011 at 8:30 pm.

Tracking Seminar

Saturday July 30th, 2011
(8am to 4pm with break for lunch)

- This is a workshop designed to start dogs and handlers in the AKC sport of tracking. This is a hands-on, in the field seminar.
- Learn how to start tracking with your dog, communicating with your dog while on the track, tracking routines, article indication, line handling.
- QUESTIONS??? *Debby Morris 218-244-9400 or Judy 218-741-1112*



Becky Johnson has been tracking since 1992 and has had several Champion tracking dogs. She has worked many years with Minnesota tracking clubs helping with tracking events. She has been a tracking judge since 2007.

- COST: \$40.00 (Second dog is \$15.00, Audit is \$20.00 -- INCLUDES LUNCH ON SATURDAY!)
- CERTIFICATION TESTING will be available on Sunday Afternoon
- PLEASE NOTE: CERTIFICATION COST OF \$25 PER TEAM IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE WORKSHOP FEE.
- ONLY THOSE WHO HAVE PAID FOR A WORKING SPOT WILL BE ALLOWED TO DO A CERTIFICATION TEST.

Tracking seminar information from Judy Grumdahl.

To register, follow this link for the reg form.

<http://www.crazy-dog-lady.com/regform.htm>

Location:
6800 Taylor Road
Embarrass, MN

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probably will not appreciably extend their life span. It must also be noted that oral prednisone treatment prior to chemotherapy is not recommended and may actually reduce the effectiveness of the chemotherapy.

In dogs that do undergo one of the recommended chemotherapy protocols, life expectancy can extend out to a year and occasionally longer. However, even dogs that receive appropriate chemotherapy usually do not live longer than a year. If a dog tolerates chemotherapy (most dogs do) their quality of life can be quite good during the treatment period. Treatment for lymphoma in the dog is considered one of the more successful cancer treatments and can often be performed by a local veterinarian without the need to travel long distances to veterinary schools or specialty clinics. Since one year can be almost 10% of a dog's expected life span, the remission rate and increased life expectancy with lymphoma treatment is often well worth it.

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Club Events

JUNE

June 8 entries due

June 10 NO TRAINING

June 11 Ron Hallings Obedience

Workshop St Paul Dog Training

June 17 Membership meeting

June 23 set up rings at Dakota County
Fairgrounds 2:00

June 24 NO TRAINING

June 24-25 Specialty shows

June 26 Futurity

JULY

July 8 membership meeting

AUGUST

August 12 Membership meeting

August 20 GSD Fun Day

SEPTEMBER

September 4 GSD Day at the Fair

September Herding trials

September 9 Membership meeting

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

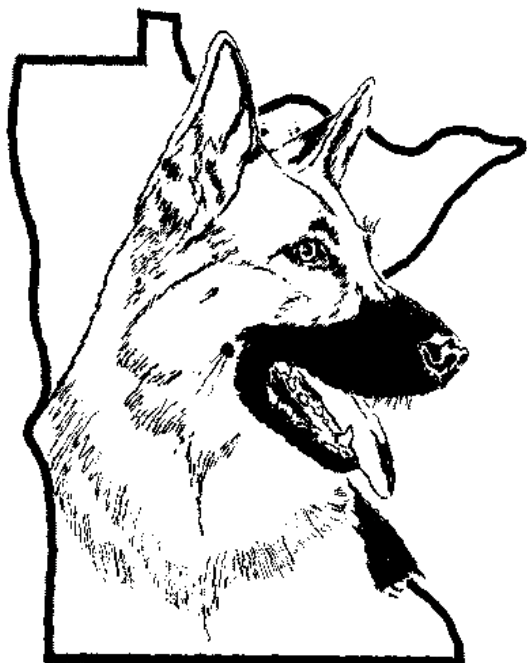
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