



Shep-O-Gram

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Any month now spring and summer will start. Our specialties and futurity are coming right up June 24-26. It promises to be a fun time with great dogs, good company, fantastic food and a post show Dinner catered by the Trophy House. Be sure to get you reservations in for the early bird special. You can find the reservation form in the Premium list for our shows and on page 11 of this issue.

In the mean time, we have our first agility match on May 13. Come and watch or help. The match is at On The Run Canine Center in Ham Lake. The address is on page 3.

On August 20 we will have our second German Shepherd Fun Day at Kubistraum in Holton WI, just a short drive across the river from Stillwater. See page 8 for more information.

In this issue we have several articles from the AKC Syndicate, a special area on the AKC web site for newsletter editors this month. I am finding it hard to keep up with the Shep-O-Gram and everything else too, but hope things will slow down after we have the agility match, specialty shows and futurity. I know it feels like the State Fair is a long time away but we should start getting organized for that too. If anyone would like to chair that event please let me know. We need someone to sign people up so we know how many tickets and passes are needed and to take on the various presentations. I think we can count on Lisa Marie once again to be out "voice" on German Shepherd Day.

Keep tuned for our next obedience workshop with Ron Halling. He is having knee surgery and will let us know when he is up and running again.

Please think of things that you can lend your expertise to and contact Verna, me, or a board member to offer your help.

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SOG Due Date

May issue - April 21

May 6 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
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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

Helpful Tips From the AKC

How to Decipher Your Dog's Bark

Have you ever wondered what Fido was trying to say to you when he began barking incessantly? Dogs use a variety of sounds—barking, howling, baying, and growling—to convey different things. Your pup may be barking for attention, or growling to protect his bone. Whatever noise Fido is making, he's trying to tell you something. The American Kennel Club® offers the following tips on how to decipher your dog's bark.

Is anyone out there? Dogs can communicate with others far away by howling. When dogs travel in a pack and one gets separated, the lost dog will begin howling and wait for the others to respond. That way, he will know which way to travel to be reunited with his pack. Sometimes, dogs hear sounds such as a siren that they perceive to be another dog calling to them, and they'll start howling in response.

Stranger Beware! Fido will defend himself and his space against strangers by emitting a deep, explosive series of barks. This signals to the approaching person to stay away.

Hey, I'm over here! Barking is also used to get attention. Smaller dogs that are doted on by their owners tend to bark more for attention, since they are used to being the center of everything. Attention barking consists of a long series of loud yaps. Once you give him what he's looking for, he'll stop. If you ignore him further, he will most likely keep going!

Keep away! Growling is designed to keep opponents away, especially if your pooch has a treat he is protecting. He will let out a deep growl that signals to anyone coming close that it is dangerous to approach.

The hunt is on! Baying is a deep, prolonged sound that dogs would let out during the hunt to signal that the quarry is near. This sound is unique to most hounds.

You can learn more about the different sounds your dog makes and what he is trying to say at www.meetthebreeds.com.

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German Shepherd Dog Club of Minneapolis and St. Paul

AKC Agility Match



Come and watch. Come and help.
Entry closing date May 6.

Location: On the Run Canine Center,
13835 Aberdeen St, NE
Ham Lake, MN.

Match hours: 2PM to 9PM, judging starts at 3PM.

Regular Standard Agility
Regular Jumpers with Weaves
Preferred Standard
Preferred Jumpers with Weaves

Braggs

Jinny finished both Gambler's and Gypsy's Beginner Novice titles at the St. Paul DTC trials this weekend.

3/12	Wright Cty KC-O 1st leg, Beginner Novice (BN)	Donna Larson	Gambler	Q 196, 2nd Place,
3/12	Wright Cty KC-O 2nd leg, Beginner Novice (BN)	Dan Herald	Gambler	Q 197, 2nd Place,
4/29	St. Paul DTC-O 3rd leg, BN Title Complete!	Shirlee Jacobson	Gambler	Q 194.5+, 2nd Place
4/30	St. Paul DTC-O Extra leg, BN	Louise Botko	Gambler	Q 193,
4/29	St. Paul DTC-O 1st leg, BN	Shirlee Jacobson	Gypsy	Q 194.5, 3rd Place,
4/30	St. Paul DTC-O 2nd leg, BN	Louise Botko	Gypsy BN	11 Q 193.5,
5/01	St. Paul DTC-O 3rd leg, BN Title Complete!	Brian Cleveland	Gypsy BN	10 Q 191.5,



Pancreatitis (Inflammation) in Dogs

Veterinary Services Department, Drs. Foster & Smith, Inc

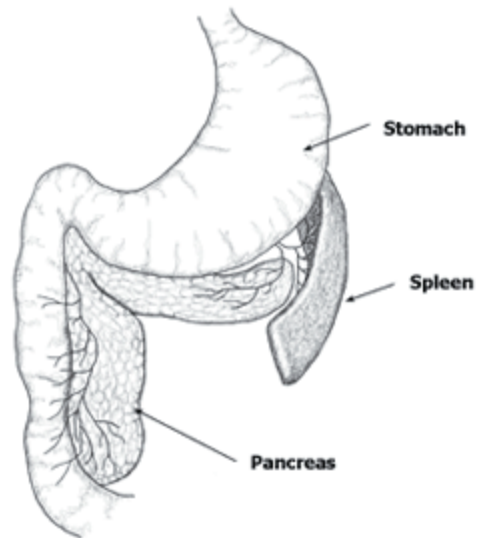
Holly Nash, DVM, MS.

The **pancreas** is a V-shaped organ located behind the stomach and the first section of the small intestine, the duodenum. It has two main functions: it aids in metabolism of sugar in the body through the production of *insulin*, and is necessary for the digestion of *nutrients* by producing pancreatic *enzymes*. These enzymes help the body promote the digestion and absorption of nutrients from food. Acute pancreatitis is a sudden onset of pancreatic *inflammation*. *Chronic* pancreatitis can also occur.

What are the causes of pancreatitis?

Multiple factors can contribute to the development of pancreatitis in dogs:

- Certain medications, especially potassium bromide, as well as some anti-cancer drugs and some antibiotics
- Metabolic disorders including hyperlipidemia (high amounts of lipid in the blood) and hypercalcemia (high amounts of calcium in the blood)
- Hormonal diseases such as [Cushings disease](#) (hyperadrenocorticism), [hypothyroidism](#), and diabetes mellitus
- Obese and overweight dogs appear to be more at risk
- Genetics may play a role, with Schnauzers and Yorkshire terriers appearing to be more prone to pancreatitis
- Nutrition: Dogs with diets high in fat, dogs who have recently gotten into the trash or have been fed table scraps, or dogs who 'steal' or are fed greasy 'people food' seem to have a higher incidence of the disease
- Abdominal surgery, trauma to the abdomen (e.g., hit by a car), shock, or other conditions that could affect blood flow to the pancreas
- Previous pancreatitis



What are the symptoms of pancreatitis?

Symptoms of acute pancreatitis may range from mild to very severe. The symptoms are similar to those of other diseases and may include a very painful abdomen, abdominal distention, lack of appetite, depression, dehydration, a 'hunched up' posture, vomiting, and perhaps diarrhea. Fever often accompanies these symptoms.

Animals with more severe disease can develop heart *arrhythmias*, sepsis (body-wide infection), difficulty breathing, and a life-threatening condition called disseminated intravascular coagulation (DIC), which results in multiple *hemorrhages*. If the inflammation is severe, organs surrounding the pancreas could be 'autodigested' by pancreatic enzymes released from the damaged pancreas and become permanently damaged.

Dogs with chronic pancreatitis may show signs similar to those in acute pancreatitis, but they are often milder, and severe complications are less likely.

How is pancreatitis diagnosed?

To diagnose pancreatitis, other causes of the symptoms must be ruled out. A complete history is taken and a thorough physical exam, a [complete blood count](#), [chemistry panel](#) and [urinalysis](#) are performed. Blood levels of two pancreatic enzymes, *amylase* and *lipase*, may be obtained. The cPLI (canine pancreatic lipase immunoreactivity) test is another diagnostic tool. In addition, radiography (x-rays) and ultrasound can also help in making the diagnosis. A *biopsy* can result in a conclusive diagnosis, but is not commonly performed.

How is pancreatitis treated?

The goals of treatment are to:

- Correct dehydration
- Provide pain relief
- Control vomiting
- Provide nutritional support
- Prevent complications

Dehydration and *electrolyte* imbalances are common in dogs with acute pancreatitis, so supplemental fluids are given either by the *subcutaneous* or *intravenous* route; depending upon the severity of the condition.

Dogs who are experiencing pain can be treated with pain relievers such as meperidine or butorphanol.

Medications are often given to decrease the amount of vomiting. If vomiting is severe, food, water, and oral medications are withheld for at least 24 hours. Depending upon the dog's response, food intake can be started again after a day or more. The dog is generally fed small meals of a bland, easily digestible, high-carbohydrate, low-fat food. In some cases, it may be necessary to use tube feeding to provide proper nutrition.

If the pancreatitis was caused by a medication, the medication should be stopped. If it was caused by a toxin, infection, or other condition, the appropriate therapy for the underlying condition should be started.

In rare instances where there are intestinal complications or the development of a pancreatic abscess, surgery may be necessary.

What is the prognosis for dogs with pancreatitis?

Pancreatitis can be a very unpredictable disease. In most cases, if the pancreatitis was mild and the pet only had one episode, chances of recovery are good and keeping the dog on a low-fat diet may be all that is necessary to prevent recurrence or complications. In other cases, what appears to be a mild case may progress, or may be treated successfully only to have recurrences, sometimes severe.

Some animals develop *chronic* pancreatitis, which can lead to diabetes mellitus and/or *pancreatic insufficiency*, also called 'maldigestion syndrome.' In pancreatic insufficiency, the nutrients in food are passed out in the feces undigested. A dog with this disease often has a ravenous appetite, diarrhea, and weight loss. Even though he is eating, he could literally starve to death. Treatment for pancreatic insufficiency is lifelong and expensive, but is possible. The dog's digestive enzymes are replaced through a product processed from pancreases of hogs and cattle which contain large quantities of the digestive enzymes. A change in diet with added nutritional supplements may also be necessary.

Summary

Acute pancreatitis can be a life-threatening condition, and early recognition and treatment can improve chances of recovery. In dogs, fever, lack of appetite, depression and vomiting are the most common signs. Treatment is based on correcting the dehydration and maintaining proper fluid and electrolyte balances, controlling other symptoms and providing nutritional support.

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A letter from our Spring Match Chairs

The March 18th Spring Match was a success thanks to the folks who showed their GSDs in conformation, obedience and rally. Our judges, Mike Wakeling, conformation, and Mary Barker, Obedience and Rally did a first-rate job in assessing the entrants. We thank them for their part in making the Match a success.

Mada did her usual fine job with registration; the stewards kept the judges on track and everyone appeared to be having a good time.

Laurie Schray did a great job with Hot Diggity Dogs and supporting menu items. In fact, thanks to the generosity of Helen Fisher, Sharon Todoroff (I apologize if there were others who should be named here) the Club incurred NO COST for any of these items. BOW WOW!! Also thanks to Connie Karner for providing the delicious cake to celebrate Zeus' Best Opposite at the Westminster Kennel Club.

As usual, it was the support of the members and spectators who put the "Fun" in the Fun Match. I'm sure Verna Kubik found the match to be "Fun" too as she was the recipient of the 50/50 raffle funds...the other half having been designated by the Club as going to the Faerieland Corgi and German Shepherd Rescue!

Kathy and I want to thank everyone for participating in this Match and making it another financially viable option for the Club.

Jan Anderson, Co Chair
Kathy DuVall, Co-Chair



THE IRON RANGE DOG TRAINING CLUB
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MAY 14 -15, 2011

This is a workshop designed to start dogs and handlers in the AKC sport of tracking.
This is a hands-on, in the field





Becky Johnson and Abby

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.

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

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German Shepherd Dog Club of Mpls/St. Paul



Tracking



Agility

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

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

For more information
www.gsdcmstp.org or
Contact Julie Swinland
651-457-5459
blackforestgsd@msn.com

German Shepherds and people interested in German Shepherds welcome

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

When Good Teeth Go Bad

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From the pages of the FEBRUARY 2007 AKC GAZETTE

By Jeff Grognet, DVM

When was the last time you had a good look in your dog's mouth? If he's over 3 years old, there is a 75 percent chance that he has dental disease—plaque, tartar, and inflamed gums. Besides causing bad breath and tooth loss, infection in the oral cavity can spread to vital internal organs. Oral disease can shorten your dog's life.

Small-breed dogs are prone to tartar accumulation when very young, which results in the loss of many teeth by the time they're 10 years old. The problem begins with the formation of a thin, soft film of food and bacteria—plaque—on the teeth. If left undisturbed, plaque eventually mineralizes and hardens to form tartar.

Meanwhile, bacteria in the mouth cause gingivitis (inflammation of the gums) and recession of the gum-tooth attachment. The natural depression in the gum next to the tooth is called the sulcus, and a healthy sulcus is, at most, a few millimeters deep. But in dogs with severe gingivitis, gum attachments can break down to depths as great as 15 millimeters. As the gum recedes, there is a corresponding breakdown of supporting bone. The tooth becomes abscessed and falls out.

An abscessed small incisor, with just one root, is lost very quickly because it has so little holding it in place. In contrast, a large carnassial tooth, such as the upper fourth premolar (fourth tooth behind the upper canine tooth), has three roots and takes much longer to fall out. Each of the roots must become loose before the tooth is released from its socket.

Larger breeds, such as German Shepherd Dogs, don't collect as much tartar on their teeth so they are not as prone to gum recession. Though they can have problems with gingivitis and tartar, they are much more likely to experience tooth fracture. The tooth most commonly damaged is the upper fourth premolar (PM4). When the outer surface of PM4 is cleaved off, the pulp cavity is exposed. Ultimately, bacteria invade and travel up to the end of each root, creating an abscess. This pus pocket causes significant pain.

Whether a dog has an abscessed fractured tooth or tartar and gum disease, the bacteria in his mouth can penetrate his gums and migrate via the bloodstream throughout his body—the heart, kidneys, and liver are particularly susceptible to invasion by oral bacteria.

In the heart, bacteria readily settle on the delicate valves, causing scarring that leads to valvular leakage. Eventually, dogs with leaky valves develop congestive heart failure—an inability of the heart to pump enough blood forward.

When bacteria land in the kidneys, they stimulate the formation of tiny abscesses that cause deterioration of kidney function. Over time, these changes result in chronic renal failure.

Many dogs with dental disease have elevated liver enzymes. In this case, the bacteria have migrated to the liver, causing infection and tissue damage.

How can you help your canine friend live a longer life? Look in his mouth regularly. If his gums are cherry red, he has gingivitis. If you smell foul breath, he has a bacterial infection—it might just be from plaque, but it could be from an abscessed tooth. Remember that it's difficult to assess your dog for oral pain. In rare circumstances, you may notice that he refuses a hard treat or that he chews on only one side. But in most cases it isn't until a problem tooth is removed and the dog exhibits increased vitality that an owner recognizes the agony the dog has been in.

When you detect a problem in your dog's mouth, have him examined by your veterinarian. If he has minimal gum recession, a proper cleaning both above and below the gum line can help the gum reattach. If you wait too long, the pockets become deeper (more than three millimeters), the roots become exposed, and tooth loss becomes an inevitable fact.

Veterinarians see the consequences of mouth infections daily—abscessed teeth, gingivitis, as well as weak hearts, failing kidneys, and stressed livers. Don't ignore bad breath, discolored teeth, or red gums in your canine friend. Your dog needs diligent oral care from both you and your veterinarian to live a full and healthy life.

Jeff Grognet is a veterinarian with a practice in British Columbia, Canada.

Blood Draw on May 6 starting at 5:30 PM

Fellow Club Members,

Lymphoma and Hemangiosarcoma are two cancers that are prevalent in GSD. A blood test has been developed by a laboratory, Veterinary Diagnostics Institute (VDI), in Simi Valley California. The Blood test detects a level of "TK" to screen for the presence of Lymphoma or Hemangiosarcoma. The researchers are conducting a clinical study to study the effectiveness of this cancer blood test in dogs with no history of cancer that are 5 years old or older to determine the potential of discovery of an undisclosed tumor in dogs. Early detection can improve the prognosis for cancer and this is the ultimate goal of this test.

This is extremely important research and we need anyone with a GSD that is 5 years or older, without cancer history, to participate in this research. Please contact me if you are willing to participate in having your dog's blood drawn for this study so I can provide you with the consent form and set up a time. More information follows and a flyer is attached. Feel free to contact me if you have other questions.

I was contacted because I serve as the Health Liaison for the GSD Club of America and the AGSD Charitable Foundation. In working with the researchers to meet their need of obtaining blood samples from German Shepherd Dogs I recognized that our Club is one of the largest Regional Clubs and we have excellent resources at the Stillwater Veterinary Clinic and the University of Minnesota and could contribute in a vital way to this research.

Your GSDCMSP Board of Directors wholeheartedly approved a Blood Draw which will be done on May 6 between 5:30 and 9pm at the Training Center. Dr. Don Rice and his lab techs from the Stillwater Veterinary Clinic along with the President of the VDI research lab will be there to conduct this Blood Draw. We need as many dogs as possible to participate as the goal for our club is 50 dogs. We did get 20 dogs signed up during the meeting on April 15.

My contact information is:

by email: ginialtman@aol.com (preferred)

by phone: 651 481 0704 -- leave a message

Thank you

For the Health of the Breed

Ginny Altman



There is an otter swimming around in our pond , SMITH is waiting for the otter to resurface



But mom , he's not coming back up ???
Do I still sit here ?? & wait ???

AKC Grand Champion Program Adds Achievement Levels

[Monday, April 25, 2011]

-- Grand Champions Can Now Earn Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum Designations --

The American Kennel Club® is pleased to announce a new enhancement to the Grand Champion program – Achievement Levels. Beginning May 11th, in conjunction with the implementation of the 2011-2012 AKC Point Schedule, Grand Champions will have the ability to earn the Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum designations at AKC all-breed, group and specialty shows.

The Bronze Grand Championship will require 100 points, the Silver Grand Championship will require 200 points, the Gold Grand Championship will require 400 points and the Platinum Grand Championship will require 800 Grand Championship points.

Upon reaching each level, owners will receive a special recognition medallion and certificate, and the

AKC website will be updated monthly with the names and breeds of all Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum dogs.

“We are happy to highlight the highest achievers in the Conformation ring with the creation of the Grand Championship Achievement Levels,” said Robin Stansell, AKC Vice President of Event Operations. “Many exhibitors brought their Champions back into the rings to complete the Grand Championship or continued showing when they normally would have stopped after obtaining a Championship title. The Achievement Levels give them an opportunity for continued recognition and achievement.”

The online GCH Breed Lists will be expanded from the top 25 to 100 dogs including Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum level designations. To keep up-to-date with the competition, a new Top 100 All-Breed Grand Champions list will be featured at www.akc.org/grandchampionship/



Grand Championship judging will remain the same: all Champions of Record entered in the Best of Breed/Variety competition will be eligible to compete for Grand Championship points at no additional entry fee, and points will be awarded, at the judge's discretion, to Best of Breed/Variety, Best of Opposite Sex, Select Dog and Select Bitch. Points are calculated using the same AKC Point Schedule as is used for Championship points. Once a dog completes the Grand Championship title, points will continue to accrue as it reaches the Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum levels; there is no reset. If a dog has already accrued 100 or more Grand Championship points since the beginning of the Grand Championship program, the Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum designation will be awarded retroactively. For assistance with determining point totals, view our Grand Championship Point Counting Document

For more information about the new AKC Grand Champion Achievement Levels, visit www.akc.org/grandchampionship or contact eventplans@akc.org.

GSDC MSP Membership Meeting 4/15/11

Officers present: Julie Swinland President, Eileen Varhalla Vice President, Chris Duffy secretary, Roger Salava Treasurer
Board Members present: Linda Salava, Ginny Altman
Absent: Lisa Marie Fortier

I Call to Order – Julie Swinland 8:38 pm

II. Officers' Reports

- a. President – no report
- b. Vice President – no report
- c. Secretary

Motion to dispense with reading of minutes; Second; motion passed

- d. Treasurer's report – Roger Salava
Checking \$9,073.22
Savings 5711.97

14,785.19 total in both accounts

Audit committee report – getting things ready, audit hasn't happened yet

Budget and Finance – still working on things

III. Committee Reports

- a. Membership – Linda Salava – 5 new applicants; current total of 182 members and applicants
- b. Shep-o-Gram – Julie Swinland
Website still there – needs a committee
- c. Training Director
Still need desk people – please volunteer!
- d. 2011 Futurity Specialty Show – Verna Kubik
Thanks to those who have volunteered so far. Volunteers still needed!
Futurity confirmation and premium ready to go out
Advertising - \$40 for whole page. \$20 for half-page
Approximately 133 entries in Futurity
Judges have made reservations

95% on donations right now \$3,575

Mike Metz - Silent Auction

Extensive discussion about giving money to Parent Club, as they have requested (suggested giving \$800 to parent club from trophy fund)

Discussion, motion withdrawn

- e. Mike Metz – 2012 judges
Top 2 conformation judges – yes
1st and 3rd for obedience – yes; 2nd choice unable
Junior Handlers: need junior showmanship judge
- f. Herding Trial going well ahead of schedule
- g. No report
- h. Agility Trial/Match
Vote on change to Bylaws - passed
- i. Program – not here
- j. Budget and Finance – nothing yet (see Treasurer's Report)

IV Old Business

Ginny – Blood Draw for study – lab in California, especially interested in MN
Scheduled for Friday, May 6, 5:30-9:30 p., done by Stillwater Vet, need to be 5+ yrs old. If you are interested please let Ginny know. At the last Board meeting, between those in attendance, we counted 22 possibilities. Ginny will send info to Dave Bissonette to be sent to membership by e-mail.

V. New Business

- a. German Shepherd Fun Day
Temperament Test suggested – need someone to act as coordinator, ideas for vendors, fundraising idea of getting bulk deal on T-shirts to sell?
- b. Obedience team going to nationals would like matching shirts representing club. Suggestion to bring cost estimate and club will consider paying for shirts.

Next meeting, May 6

Adjourn 9:28

Get your entries in for our specialty show June 24 and 26. Entries due by June 8
You can get the premium list on our web site <http://www.gsdcmsp.org/PDF%20Files/2011%20Premium.pdf>

Get in on the Early Bird Special for the post show dinner on June 25 by sending in your reservations prior to June 8. Bill Burggraaf will be speaking. on national show sites.



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Friday, June 24, 2011

SHOW HOURS: 8:00 AM TO 6:00 PM AKC Event # 2011199801 & # 2011199802

Saturday, June 25, 2011

SHOW HOURS: 8:00 AM TO 6:00 PM AKC Event # 2011199803 & # 2011199804

At the

Dakota County Fairgrounds
4008 220th Street West, Farmington, Minnesota 55024

ENTRIES CLOSE WEDNESDAY NOON, JUNE 8, 2011

After which time entries cannot be accepted, cancelled, altered or substituted except as provided for in American Kennel Club Rules Applying to Dog Shows, Chapter 11, Section 6.

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB CERTIFICATION

Recognition has been granted by the American Kennel Club for the holding of this event under American Kennel Club rules and regulations. James P. Crowley, Secretary

Held in conjunction with:

The Anoka County Minnesota Kennel Club All Breed Show

supported German Shepherd entries on Thursday, June 23, 2011 at the Isanti County Fairgrounds, Isanti, Minnesota, approximately 90 minutes north of the headquarters motel.

Judge : Mrs. Marilyn Lindsey Miller Show Superintendent: Onofrio Dog Shows.

The GSDCA Midwest Regional Futurity/Maturity

Sunday, June 26th, at the Dakota County Fairgrounds, Farmington, MN.

Futurity/Maturity Judge: Ms. Roberta Kindy Amateur Futurity/Maturity Judge: Kenneth Cunningham

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Linda Fisher-Specialty show 2010

Special Hospitality Event Saturday Night!
At the Show Grounds Following Completion of Judging!

Post Show Dinner - Catered by the Trophy House

Speaker: Bill Burggraaf – Update on future National Sites

Buffet will be served at the Show Site – Saturday, June 25, 2011.
~5:00-6:30 p.m.

Menu:

- Chicken Breasts
- Meat Balls
- Penne Pasta (red and white sauce)
- Garden Salad with dressings
- Relish Tray
- Rolls, Butter
- Coffee and Lemonade

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL

Prior to June 8th entry closing: \$17.00 per person-- Children (6-12) \$6.00.
Ticket price includes BUFFET DINNER, beverage, tax, and gratuities.
Include early bird reservations with entries.

FOR RESERVATIONS RECEIVED AFTER JUNE 8TH, 2011 CLOSING:

Cost: \$20.00 per person-- Children (6-12) \$8.00.

Mail reservations to: Linda Salava, 163 Skyline Drive, River Falls, WI. 54022,
or e-mail: lindasalava@live.com. Questions? Call 715-426-6467.

Tickets are non-refundable.

Reservation Form:	# Tickets :
Name:	#Children: @ \$
Address:	#Adults: @ \$
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Silent Auction! 50:50 Raffles Daily, Raffle for 3-day Bob Lindsay Video Disks!

Club Events

May 6 Membership meeting

Note: Ron Halling's Obedience Workshops will resume as soon as he recovers from knee surgery, watch for updates on the web and flyers at Animal Inn and St. Paul Dog Training.

May 13 next S.T.A.R. Puppy test

May 20 S.T.A.R. Puppy start date

Prior to June 8 reservations for post show dinner due

June 8 entries due for our specialty shows

June 17 Membership meeting

June 24-25 Specialty shows

June 26 Futurity

July 8 membership meeting

August 12 membership meeting

August 20 GSD Fun Day

September 4 GSD Day at the Fair

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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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