



Shep-O-Gram

German Shepherd Dog Club of Minneapolis/St Paul

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It is time to get your entries in along with reservations for the Saturday evening dinner at our specialty shows June 23 and 24. Remember to reserve some time on Friday June 22 in the afternoon to come to the Dakota County Fairgrounds to help set up for the show.

I have heard that Barbara Duncan had a stroke but thankfully is doing well. Maybe she would like a card or two.

In this issue we have information on how to remove ticks, part 1 of an article on vaccinations by Pam Magadance, and an article on my Gabby, that reviews a little of the humor in her life. I also have most of the results from our Spring match but some placings apparently didn't get documented so if you can fill me in, I can put them in the next issue.

We have a lot coming up, in addition to our specialty shows, we have the German Shepherd Fun Day on July 21 at Verna's. Stay tuned for all the fun activities we will have there including the possibility of a match. We also have the State Fair demos in September and we need a chair for that. Also in September we have the herding trials in New Richmond. If anyone is interested in a herding fun day, we need a chair for that also. Phyllis Clark in Clear Lake WI has said we could have it at her place. We could have a geocaching day at a State Park if there is interest. Get your ideas in to the board for what YOU would like us to do and what you would like to chair or co-chair.

We have had the minimum number of people for a quorum at our membership meetings the last two months. This is your club, don't let it die out. Our next meeting is June 15. We need participation in the work as well as in the fun activities. We have a large membership and we are growing. Out of 181 members there have to be more than 10 who can attend meetings. Most of the meetings last around 30 minutes. That isn't much time. Each person is important and has something to offer, ideas, time, money, a special talent for something. Maybe you would like to write an article for the Shep-O-Gram, or help handle the food at the an event, or offer a brilliant idea on how something can be done better. We need you all. We are the champions.

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SOG Due Date

June Issue - May 21

June 15 Membership Meeting at the Animal Inn 8:30

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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 Conformation & Junior Showmanship Unbenched, Outdoors.
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Saturday, June 23, 2012

SHOW HOURS: 8:00 AM TO 6:00 PM AKC Event # 2012199803 & # 2012199804

Sunday, June 24, 2012

SHOW HOURS: 8:00 AM TO 6:00 PM AKC Event # 2011199801 & # 2012199802

At the

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

ENTRIES CLOSE WEDNESDAY NOON, JUNE 6, 2012

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

Permission 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

with supported German Shepherd entries on Thursday, June 21st, and Friday, June 22nd, 2012 at the Isanti County Fairgrounds, Cambridge, Minnesota, approximately 90 minutes north of the headquarters motel.

Thursday, June 21, 2012: Breed/BIS Judge: Sulie Greendale-Pavesa; Group Judge: A. Hussin

Friday, June 22, 2012: Breed & Group Judge: Linda More; BIS Judge: Pamela Peat

Show Superintendent: Onofrio Dog Shows.

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GSDCMSP AKC Sanctioned Match March 6,2012

Conformation- Judge Mike Wakeling

3 - 6 Puppy Dogs

1st - Moxy

Owner(s): Clint & Christy Heiman and (I can't read the other name)

2nd - Justin

Owner(s): Clint & Christy Heiman

3rd - QWuinn

Owner(s): Kathy Doenz

4th - Trio's Gryffin

Owner(s): Roger, Linda, & Kelly Salava

6 - 9 Puppy Dogs

1st - Rustic Hills Bird of Prey

Owner(s): Chris Becker, Sheila Metz, & Allison Kern

9-12 mo Puppy Dogs

1st - HiCliffs Time After Time

Owner(s): Randy, Pat & Darlene Cliff

2nd - Simcar's Apollo

Owner(s): Peggy Simerson & Craig Carson

Am Bred Dogs

1st - Rosewoods Irish Hero

Owner(s): Mike Bristow

3-6 mos Puppy Bitches

1st - Ziva

Owner(s): Randy, Darlene, & Pat Cliff

2nd - Trio's Lulu

Owner(s): Roger, Linda & Kelly Salava

3rd - Riverrock's One Stop Shop (Blue)

Owner(s): Nancy Westerlund & Mike Cashman

4th - Riverrock's One Fine Day

Owner(s): Zoa Rockenstein

9-12 mo Puppy Bitches

1st - Simcar's Athena

Owner(s): Peggy Simerson & Craig Carson

2nd - HiCliffs Take A Bow

Owner(s): Randy, Pat & Darlene Cliff

Novice Puppy Bitches

1st - Rosewood's Alchemy

Owner(s): Bo Vujovich

Best Male Puppy - *

Best Female Puppy - Ziva

Best Puppy - *

Best Opposite Sex Puppy - HiCliffs Time After Time

Best Adult Male - *

Best Opposite Sex - *

Best Adult *

Best Opposite Sex Adult - *

Best in Match - Ziva

Obedience Judge Barbara Wedekind-Selton

High in Trial w/score of 193

Novice A

Kubistraums Sarah Angel

Owner(s): Mary McCarney

Grad Novice

1st - Zachary von Hochsicht score 195

Owner(s): Judy Morin

2nd - Kubistraums BMW, CD, RE score 193-1/2

Owner(s): Verna Kubik & Virginia Bailey

Veterans

1st - Zachary von Hochsicht score 193

Owner(s): Judy Morin

Rally Judge Barbara Wedekind-Selton

Excellent A

1st - Kubistraums Quarterback, RA, BN w/score of 81

Advanced B

1st - Ch Oak aven Xena of Black Forest, (Julie, I'll let you add the titles, please) w/score of 86

Owner(s): Julie Swinland

2nd - Alaska w/score of 81

Owner(s): Connie Halfen

Rally High in Trial w/score of 86

Ch Oak Haven Xena of Black Forest, w/score of 86

Owner(s): Julie Swinland

Thank you to our judges, Match Chairs Kathi Balaban and Jan Anderson, Laurie Schray and Ann Jeddelloh food chairs, Mada Skare for entries, and all the stewards and helpers who made this match a success.

Some awards were not in the results. If you know who received those awards please let me know and I can put them in the next issue.

And Then There Was One

By Julie Swinland

Gabby, Black Forest Amazon Queen CD, RE. TC. CGC, OFA, has gone to the Rainbow Bridge. She was 11 years and 7 months old. I remember her birth very well. Her mom, Amy, had produced three pups, Xena and Gabby's two brothers, and then was lying there peacefully content with three. She had just been to the vet hours before she gave birth and I knew there were four puppies. I called Fran Smith very early in the morning and rushed Amy in to have a Cesarean which produced one more puppy, Gabby.



Gabby and her sister Xena joined their Mom, Amy and Grandmom, Sabrina as part of wonderful extended family of four. It was fascinating to watch the interactions among the generations. In the family portrait left to right, The mom, Amy- Black Forest Amelia Earhart RN,CG TC, OFA H&E, The Grandmom - Sabrina, Ch Rosewood's Sabrina Lindenhill CD, CGC TT,TC OFA H&E, sister -Xena, Am Can &Int'l Ch Oak Haven Xena of BLK Forest BN, CD, RAE, AXP, AJP, CGC, TT,TC, OFA H&E, and Gabby, Black Forest Amazon Queen CD,RE,TC.CGC, OFA .

Gabby was going to be my next champion with a wonderful free moving gait that rivaled her grandmother's. However, Fate stepped in and while Gabby was playing with her mom one morning she got a leg caught under a table and broke her elbow. Although she could still move well for awhile after she recovered, she developed arthritis as she aged and the quest for a championship fell on her sister to complete. She got one major reserve under Frank Fasano. She also completed a CD in obedience and RE in Rally and she was my hiking dog until the arthritis got too bad.



I made up my own titles for her like BD, Butterfly Dog and BDX Butterfly Dog Excellent. We went to the parks and found butterflies to take pictures of and if she didn't scare the butterflies away she completed legs toward her Butterfly Dog title. She had a tendency to place herself between me and the butterflies in case one of them got ornery and attacked. You know how dangerous a rampaging butterfly can be. To achieve Butterfly Dog Excellent she had to spot butterflies for me and let me know where they were. She also got related titles such as Deer Dog, Snake Dog and Turtle Dog. She didn't achieve the excellent level on the Snake and Turtle title because she failed to let me know when we were about to step on them. I did get some nice shots of snakes and also of a snapping turtle laying her eggs.

Gabby was my velcro dog sticking to me like glue in the obedience ring and in rally. She had been attacked by a Rottweiler from the rear once and she was very afraid of dogs at shows. This took a lot of work to overcome. Somehow she had transferred her fear from Rotti's to Golden Retrievers. I had to watch all the time and not let her get near a Golden because she would lunge and do a very fierce sounding pseudo attack. She just wanted them away, she didn't actually want to hurt them. Usually they took no notice to her at all. It had to be frustrating to not be taken seriously. To the humans around her it looked ferocious, but dogs must

have sensed that she didn't really mean it. We went to the shows in Duluth to get our final CD leg and there seemed to be a Golden Retriever convention going on. We went into the ring and I saw about 10 Golden's just outside the rope that designated the ring area Gabby felt safe in the ring though. The ring was sacred ground. We were doing fine and then there was the recall. For some reason the judge decided that should be performed from the wall out to the end of the ring where the Golden's were all lined up. I walked across the ring to get into position and didn't go out quite as close to the edge of the ring as the judge wanted. She said I should go back a little farther. Great, Gabby would be running right at the herd of Golden's. I closed my eyes and hoped for the best. Would Gabby come? Would she try to scare the feared Golden's away? I opened my eyes and called. She came and she managed the front and then the finish and we completed our sits and downs and she had her title. I had vowed not to ever show her again. Yeah sure. There were rally titles to be had. She was OK with rally until she discovered at the excellent level that there was an honor dog in the ring. The first Excellent class we were in she was heeling along and then she saw THE DOG. Her jaw dropped and she looked like she could drop her teeth. She looked up at me as if to say "Did you notice there is a DOG in the ring???" She managed though and got her Rally Excellent title.



I started Gabby on sheep herding. She started with a rope on her and we were working in an outdoor pen. I had just heard about a lady who had been killed while working a dog on sheep with a rope. Gabby was moving the sheep and they started to run so she started to run after them. That was when I saw that a loop of the rope was around my left leg and was closing fast as Gabby ran. I couldn't get out of it. I imagined how it would feel to have my leg jerked out from under me and then maybe be dragged while the sheep came back around to trample me. I put my staff up and yelled "STOP" to Gabby. She had only had a couple of herding lessons, but she came to a dead stop. I thought Polly, our instructor, was going to have heart attack. She kept asking if I was all right.

Gabby was normally right behind my chair when I worked on the Shep-O-Gram. It seems so strange without her. She was my faithful companion always, whether it was protecting me from wayward butterflies, watching TV or going to bed. She was always there within reach. She was an air conditioner hog, but that was OK. In the winter she kept the bed warm. Gabby is gone now, and there is just one, Xena, to carry on.



Xena (left) and Gabby (right) pals forever



Gabby and Xena Christmas 2011

How to Remove a Tick from Your Pet

So, you've found a tick on your pet—how do you deal with it? While it's important to get these little suckers off quickly, ASPCA veterinarians advise that you stay calm and don't rush it. Moving too fast when removing a tick could potentially create more problems, both for your pet and for you.

While the following instructions employ tweezers, be aware that there are some very good products on the market designed specifically for safe tick removal. If you live in a tick-heavy area or are taking your pets to a place where they are likely to get ticks, it's a good idea to buy one of these tools and have it on hand. They generally work better than tweezers at getting out the whole tick, and are relatively inexpensive.

Step-by-Step Tick Removal Instructions

Step 1—Prepare its Final Resting Place

Throwing a tick in the trash or flushing it down the toilet will not kill it, and it's actually best to hold on to it for awhile for veterinary testing in case your pet falls ill from the bite. Be ready with somewhere to put the tick after you've removed it—the best option is a screw-top jar containing some rubbing alcohol.

Step 2—Don't Bare-Hand It

Put on latex or rubber gloves so you'll never have direct contact with the tick or your pet's bite area. Ticks can carry infective agents that may enter your bloodstream through breaks in your skin or through mucous membranes (if you touch your eyes, nostrils or mouth).

Step 3—Grab a Partner

You don't want your pet squirming away before you're finished, so if possible, have a helper on hand to distract, soothe or hold her still.

Step 4—The Removal

Treat the bite area with rubbing alcohol and, using a pair of tweezers, grasp the tick as close to the animal's skin as possible. Pull straight upwards with steady, even pressure. Place the tick in your jar.

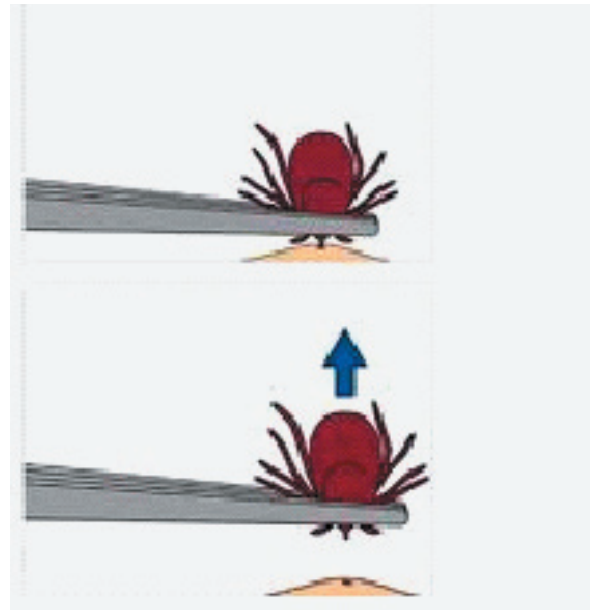
Do not twist or jerk the tick! This may leave the mouth-parts embedded in your pet, or cause the tick to regurgitate infective fluids.

Do not squeeze or crush the body of the tick, because its fluids (saliva and gut contents) may contain infective organisms.

Step 5—All that Remains

Sometimes, in spite of doing everything right, a tick's mouth-parts will get left behind in your pet's skin. If

the area doesn't appear red or inflamed, the best thing to do is to disinfect it and not to try to take the mouth-parts out. A warm compress to the area might help the body expel them, but do not go at it with tweezers.



Step 6—Clean Up

Thoroughly disinfect the bite site and wash your hands with soap and water (even though you were wearing gloves). Sterilize your tweezers with alcohol or by carefully running them over a flame.

Step 7—Keep Watch

Over the next few weeks, closely monitor the bite area for any signs of localized infection. If the area is already red and inflamed, or becomes so later, please bring your pet—and your jarred tick—to your veterinarian for evaluation.

German Shepherd Dog Club of Minneapolis & St. Paul

Board Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2012

Officers Present:

Julie Swinland, President, Conni Sokolouski, Vice President, Roberta Moore, Secretary

Officers Absent:

Denise Gilbertson, Treasurer

Board Members Present:

Linda Salava, Board Member

Board Members Absent:

Ginny Altman

Lisa Lunde, Board Member

This month's meeting was held at the Verna Kubik's Home.

President called the meeting to order at 7:20pm.

Officers Reports:

President's Report - Julie Swinland

None.

Vice President's Report - Conni Sokolouski

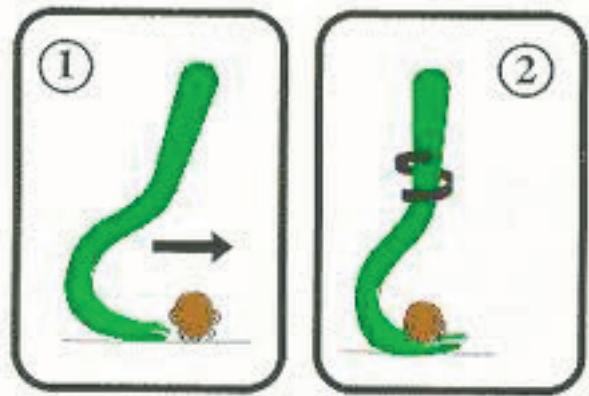
Conni questioned the actual price of the mats for the obedience trial at the June Specialty. Bobby Moore confirmed that the Anoka Kennel Club will rent them to us at the same price we paid two years ago. Bobby also said she will transport the mats to Dakota County Fairgrounds.

Secretary's Report - Roberta Moore

Minutes - The minutes of the board and last meeting were emailed and posted to the website and Shep-O-Gram. Bobby is exploring the possibility of placing an online/print ad in the Minneapolis Star and Tribune for the GSDC of MPLS and St. Paul based on cost.

The Secretary received two pieces of correspondence via the USPS concerning upcoming AKC event.

Tick Removal Tools



Board Minutes continued

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2. RE: Event #2012199802 related to the GSDC of MPLS and STP Rally Show held at Dakota County Fairgrounds has been approved as recorded.

Treasurer's Report - Denise Gilbertson

Denise was not present for the meeting, Bobby brought Denise's concerns to the board. Some of the following ideas will be discussed.

1. Denise would like all expenses related to events submitted to her within 30 days of the event.
2. Checks submitted to the club should be deposited within 60 days of receipt.
3. Refunds for events should be issued within 30 days of event.
4. Discussed changing Bank currently being used

Committee Reports:

Membership Report - Linda Salava

Linda reported that she has handed out new applications

and is looking forward to new members signing up at the start of the next obedience class. Verna inquired about breeders and membership lists for the catalog.

2012 Specialty - Cristina McColl, Show Chair
Verna Kubik and Jinny Bailey mentioned that the AKC has offered a new award. There is now a "Highest Combined Score in Rally Advanced B and Excellent B" award.

. We will bring this to the membership and put it to a vote to see if we as a club would like to offer the award at our 2012 Rally event.

Verna K. reported that the show dinner plans were on track and suggested that we set a price for the dinner before our show premium list is finalized. The dinner will cost the club \$10.99 plus tax and tip per person. This price was submitted by Bo Voujvich from Dickey's BBQ. Dickey's will bring the food to the fair grounds and do the catering. There was also discussion as to who the club would offer complimentary dinners too. It was suggested that the club feed the two judges, the evening speaker, and the photographer. The fair grounds will also be a charging \$1.00 per person for chairs and tables for the diner. The club will be responsible for beverages and dessert. A cost of \$18.00 per adult and \$6.00 per child under 12 was suggested and will be put to the membership for a vote. The board decided that there will be no early-bird special. The board discussed to have our volunteer food providers provide drinks and dessert (maybe just cookies).

Shep-O-Gram and Website - Julie Swinland
Linda S. and Verna K. expressed concerns about membership list staying current. Discussion ensued about methods to keep list up to date. Also discussed was when and how to distribute membership list.

Training Director - Julie Swinland
Cabinet needs cleaning and sorting looking for volunteers.

Herding Trial - Jinny Bailey
Everything has been approved. Moving along as planned.

Agility Trial - Rhonda Meath
Spring agility trial took in \$19,161 in entry fees. The club's profit after paying expenses including On-the-Run's portion of the profit was \$3,204.83. Comments regarding event were positive. Discussed new venue for next years show, possibly having 2 rings to accommodate more runs, however this is not feasible at this time. Raffle generated over \$1,400 which was used to purchase goods and services for the Faerieland German Shepherd Rescue.

All Breed Liason – Linn Klingel
None.

Old Business:

Spring Match, April 6th, Report - Match Chair Kathi Balaban & Jan Anderson.
The match went well. The club took in \$70.00 on the raffle and received \$20.00 in donations toward the food.

We need to order supplies before the next match. Judges sheets, arm bands, judge's books, and a Match Rule Book from the AKC.

New Business:

Fun Day - Verna Kubik
Waiting to here from the club handlers (Kelly & Liz) what dates will work best without show and futurity/maturity conflicts.

State Fair – Jinny Bailey
Julie is contacting Minnesota Purbred Dog Breeders Association (MPDBA) to let them know our club is interested and to get a date for the German Shepherd Dog day.

Conni Sokolouski made a motion to adjourn the Board meeting, Bobby Moore Seconded it.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08pm

Next Board meeting:
Friday May 11, 2012, At Animal Inn, Lake Elmo.

Roberta Moore, Secretary

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Absent:

Denise Gilbertson, Treasurer, Ginny Altman, Board (2 years remaining), Lisa Lunde, Board Member

This month's meeting was held at the Verna Kubik's Home.

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

Verna Kubik moved to dispense with the reading of last months meeting minutes, Connie Sokolouski seconded the motion, the motion passed.

Officers Reports:

President's Report - Julie Swinland
None.

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Vice President's Report - Conni Sokolouski
None.

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Treasure's Report - Denise Gilbertson
Denise was not present for meeting, Reported through Bobby Moore the club has over \$20,000.00 in the bank combining all accounts.

Committee Reports:

Membership Report - Linda Salava
Linda reported that she are no new members at this time. A previous new member, Jennifer Johnston, went high in trial at our recent Agility trial. Congratulations from the membership.

Shep-O-Gram and Website - Julie Swinland
The latest Shep-O-Gram covers three months due to the amount of activity that has been going on with our club. Website still needs updating.

Training Director – Julie Swinland
Nothing to report other than the cabinet at Animal Inn needs cleaning/sorting. Some Rally signs need to be made.

Herding Trial - Jinny Bailey
Judges and event has been approved by the AKC. Moving along as planned. Jinny will be making calls for hotels to accommodate judges.

All Breed Liaison - Linn Klingel-Brown
None. Lynn has been out sick. The membership wishes her a speedy recovery.

Agility Trial - Rhonda Meath
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goods and services for Faerieland Rescue. These were presented at the Spring match. Rhonda has some great ideas for next year's trial and will discuss at a later date. Next years agility judges are lined up and committed.

Program Committee - Martha Simonett
None.

2012 Specialty - Cristina McColl Show Chair
The AKC has offered a new award, there is now a "Highest Combined Score in Rally Advanced B and Excellent B" award. Do we as a club want like to offer the award at our 2012 Rally event? Jinny Bailey moved to offer the award at our 2012 Rally event. Christina M. seconded the motion. The motion passed. The club will offer Rally High in Trial at our 2012 Rally Event.

A cost of \$18.00 per adult and \$6.00 per child under 12 was suggested for our 2012 specialty banquet dinner. The cost will include dinner, tax, tip, and cost of seating. The dinner will be catered by Dickey's BBQ and will feature Brisket and Ribs. Jinny B. made a motion that we charge \$18.00 per adult and \$6.00 for children under 12. Connie S. seconded the motion. The motion passed. The dinner cost will be as stated.

2012 Obedience Chair, Cristina McColl is looking for obedience ring stewards. Verna and Jinny suggested some names.

Hotels for the 2012 specialty have been contacted. The Days Inn is holding a block of 10 rooms. The judges will be staying at the Days Inn. Christina will be sending out more hotel information and will also be contacting the judges regarding their reservations and offering help.

2012 Spring Match, April 6 - Jan Anderson & Kathi Balaban
The match went well. The club took in \$70.00 on the raffle and received \$20.00 in donations toward the food.

Old Business:
None.

New Business:

State Fair – Jinny Bailey
We have a new MPBDA contact for the State Fair. Verna K. moved that we contact MPBDA to secure the date of Sunday the 22nd of May, Labor Day Weekend, for the club's GSD Day at the Fair.

Fun Day - Verna Kubik
Waiting to here from the club handlers (Kelly & Liz) what dates will work best without show and futurity/maturity conflicts. Linda S. will follow up with an email to the handlers.

Miscellaneous
Julie S. received a letter from Jannis and Nills Anderson requesting that the GSDC of Mpls & StP donate \$53.00 to the Human Society's Walk for Animals. Discussion ensued, Cristina M made a motion to donate \$50.00 to Jannis and

Nills. Jinny B. seconded the motion. The motion passed. The club will donate \$50.00 to the Human Society's Walk for Animals.

A new beginners obedience class will be starting next week, April 20th.

The club needs a hospitality chair for 2012 specialty. Diane Mara did a wonderful job last year.

There was discussion regarding obedience mats and other items pertinent to our 2012 specialty show.

Our evening speaker will be Fran Smith regarding OFA and other good information.

A motion was made by Jinny B. to have no training the night of our show set up. The motion was seconded by Charlyn. The motion passed. There will be no training at Animal Inn on June 22nd. Anyone helping with set up for the specialty will be allowed to do run-throughs.

Animal Inn will be closed June 8th which falls on our June meeting date. It was discussed that we move our meeting date. Jinny B. moved that we change our meeting date to June 15th. Cindy M. seconded it. The motion passed. Our June meeting date will be June 15th.

Bobby Moore moved to adjourn the membership meeting. Conni Sokolouski seconded it.

Meeting adjourned at 8:59pm

Next Membership meeting:
Friday May 11, 2012, At Animal Inn, Lake Elmo.

Roberta Moore, Secretary

Should My Dog Get Vaccinated This Year?

Pam Magadance

This article started out to be an article about vaccinations for a dog with cancer. But it grew to include many ideas for making vaccinations less risky for healthy dogs, also. So, I hope that, even if you are lucky enough to have a healthy dog, please take note of the ideas regarding vaccinations for healthy dogs. In my opinion, they are worth considering.

If you are like me, you have been programmed to give your dogs their rabies shots, and other vaccinations, whenever

you got a postcard from your vet telling you to do so.

But now that I have a dog with cancer, I'm questioning everything. And researching everything. Dr. Steven Eisen, a doctor who has studied vaccinations extensively after his precious dog Fergie was diagnosed with cancer, said that a dog with cancer should never get another vaccination - no matter what kind - no matter what! He says that the number one thing dog owners are doing wrong when their dogs have cancer is that they give them vaccinations. There have been too many dogs with cancer who are in remission but when given a vaccination come out of remission and soon die.

But getting back to vaccinations - again, if you are like me, I've never seen the packaging that comes with any of the vaccinations. But Dr. Eisen says that the instructions clearly state that they should be given only to healthy dogs. A dog with cancer certainly cannot be considered healthy. Shots also should not be given to a dog that has anything else wrong with them, especially immune-related problems.

Your first thought is probably - but the state requires a rabies shot every three years - so I have to give a rabies shot at least. Since most of our members live in Wisconsin or Minnesota, I decided to see what those two state laws require.



Wisconsin Law

Wisconsin law generally requires that dog owners give their dogs a rabies shot every three years. Here's a quote from the statute:



Rabies vaccination required for dogs. The basic rule is that the adult dog must be vaccinated before the date that the immunization expires as stated on the certificate of vaccination or, if no date is specified, within three years after the previous vaccination. Minnesota Statute § 95.21 (2) (Emphasis added.)

The "date stated" becomes significant if your dog got a 3-year shot but the certificate states one year. According to Wisconsin law, you have to give another shot in one year, in that situation. I didn't think that the language in the statute was that big a deal until I read about a recent Minnesota study which is discussed below. I see no reason why Wisconsin would have a different result if that survey were given in Wisconsin.

So what to do if your dog is sick? Not just from cancer - but from anything else. Wisconsin's law is one of only 13 state laws that provide an exemption for sick animals. I'm including the exact language of the statute because I think it is significant:

§ 95.21 (9) Rabies control program.

(d) A city, village, or town may exempt the owner of a dog from the requirement to have the dog vaccinated against rabies for a year based on a letter from a veterinarian stating that vaccination is inadvisable because of a reaction to a previous vaccination, a physical condition, or a regimen of therapy that the dog is undergoing. The city, village, or town shall require the owner to provide a new letter for each year in which the owner seeks an exemption under this paragraph. (Emphasis added.)

So, since I live in Wisconsin, and I have a dog that is not healthy, I thought "Great!" I'll just get a letter from my vet, and I'll have it taken care of. Then, I thought about it a little more. The statute says "may." That gives the town some discretion - they don't have to grant the exemption. So I looked up the website for the town in which I live. The exemption is not mentioned. I suspect that a lot of municipalities are like that. They just haven't thought about it. So that leaves everything up in the air. Is the letter from my vet enough? I don't know.

The 13 states that have a statutory provision allowing an exemption from rabies for sick animals are: Alabama, Colorado, Florida, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Oregon, Vermont, Virginia and Wisconsin.

Minnesota Law

I was very surprised to learn that Minnesota is one of only 10 states that does not a statutory requirement for rabies vaccinations at all. The Minnesota Board of Animal Health is said to be writing a new rule to require rabies vaccination for all dogs in Minnesota. However, that statement was made on January 12, 2011, and there is no new rule yet.



This leaves the rabies requirements up to each municipality with the result that there are many areas in Minnesota where there is no rabies vaccination requirement at all. (There are, however, penalties if your dog bites someone, or if he is bitten by a wild animal and doesn't have a rabies certificate.) If your dog is ill, and you and your vet decide that he can't handle a rabies vaccination, be sure to thoroughly research local laws and see what kind of a risk you are taking. Each municipality is different.

I certainly think that rabies vaccinations are important, I just don't want to over-vaccinate my dog. Most of the rabies vaccinations state that the dog should be re-vaccinated again in three years. A number of people are questioning whether or not the three-year rule is too short. I was amazed to find out that many veterinarians put a date less than three years on the certificates that they fill out. The Minnesota Board of Veterinary Medicine Rabies Vaccination Committee Survey Report dated December 14, 2011, showed some amazing results. Here are a few of them: 88.8% of veterinarians responding to this survey indicated they give a 3 year rabies vaccine; yet 53.3% failed to give dog owners a corresponding 3 year rabies certificate (36.2% issued a 2 year certificate and 17.1% issued "other"). When asked if they inform clients when they put a different expiration date on the rabies certificate than that on the vaccine administered, 40.9% responded that they did not inform the client.

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Club Events

May membership meeting May 11
June Membership meeting June 15

Ron Halling obedience workshop
May 12- This will be the last one
until fall

NO TRAINING June 8 and June 22

June 22 come to Farmington to
set up for shows and for
obedience run throughs

Specialty shows June 23-24

GSD Fun Day July 11

State Fair Sept 2



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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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