



# Shep-O-Gram

German Shepherd Dog Club of Minneapolis/St Paul

April 2013

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**No training April 12 Meeting and runthroughs at Verna's. Runthroughs/practice starts at 6:30 PM. meeting at 8:00. Map on page 13**

The March meeting included cleaning up a number of the Standing Rules to make running the club more efficient. The new rules will be in the new directory which should come out soon.

We have the results of the March 22 match in this issue, and the agility trial results. There were around 11 German Shepherds entered.

We will be having a Herding Fun Day at Phyllis Clark's April 28. There is a map to Phyllis's on page 15. Please follow the map and directions rather than Mapquest or Yahoo because they direct you in the wrong direction on Cty Rd Q. I tried entering the address into my Tom Tom and it said there was no such address. So follow my instructions and you will get there. I have also included some information on the Herding Instinct test which we will be having at our herding trials in September. The Herding Fun Day is full but you can get on a waiting list, contact Rhonda Meath if you wish to do so or come and watch. Bring a chair and food to share!

**The following dates the Animal Inn is not Available to us  
April 12th, June 7th, July 5th, September 20th, December 27th**

The 4th annual German Shepherd Fun Day will be on July 27 at Verna's. I have Chiropractor - Dr. Mark LaVallie, Deb Merton with T Touch, and possibly Mary Stoffel- Animal Communicator coming. I am working on getting someone who is certified in Nose Work, and we may have a temperament test among other things. We always offer a CGC test. Of course there will be agility, obedience and tracking too. We need a volunteer to chair the temperament test. Verna did last time and it is time someone else did it. Verna can't do everything!

Dave, the Web Guy, Bissonette is going to hand the web work over to Bobby Moore in the near future. Please take the time to thank Dave for all the hard work he has put into this for us for the past 10 years or so. Without Dave we would not have a web site.

Daphne Hereford, our member from Texas has been in the hospital and we wish her well. She has returned home so hopefully she is recovering.

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**April12 Membership Meeting Verna Kubik's 8:00**

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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)**

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*I (we) hereby make application to the above Club and agree, if accepted for membership, to abide by its Bylaws and the Bylaws of the AKC. Upon application I will be eligible for all privileges except the right to vote. Thirty days after my name is published in the Review, provided no objections have been filed I will be granted the right to vote.*

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**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**

## **Fairieland Placement count as of 2.2.13**

### **Events:**

**No Kill Walk for 2013 on May 4th-will have pledge sheets and more information shortly**  
**Garage sale looking for donations June 12th thru the 14th**

<b>Rescue Counts as of 3/10/13</b>			<b>Total</b>	
<b>GSD</b>	<b>WC</b>	<b>Mix</b>		
<b>Intake</b>			<b>101</b>	<b>44</b>
46	11			
<b>Current rescue</b>			<b>19</b>	<b>10</b>
6	3			
<b>Adopted</b>			<b>82</b>	<b>34</b>
40	8			

### **2013 Intake German Shepherds**

**Jan 20th Philip - 11 month puppy-male**  
**Jan 23rd Asta - 4 month puppy-female**  
**Jan 26th Ilga - 13 yr female**  
**Jan 26th Bailey - 10 yr female**  
**Jan 28th Jigsaw - 2 yr male**  
**Feb 2nd Taz - 1 1/2 yr female**  
**Feb 19th Chillie - 2 yr female**  
**Mar 10th Nina - 7 month puppy-female**

### **2013 Adoption German Shepherds:**

**Feb 9th Jigsaw - male**  
**Mar 9th Drago - male**  
**Mar 10th Taz - female**



**Thank you,  
 Kathy DuVall  
 President and Founder  
 FaerieLand Corgi & German Shepherd  
 Rescue**

## AKC Sanctioned match March 22.2013

### Conformation judge Bobby Moore

# 146 Best Junior Handler – Clara Whiteside – Trio Master of Mayhem v Marquis  
#110 – Best in Match 3-6 Puppy Bitch – Rosewood's Nefertiti - owned by Bo Vujovich  
#110 - Best Puppy – 3-6 Puppy Bitch – Rosewood's Nefertiti owned by Bo Vujovich  
#103 – Best Opposite Sex Puppy – Rosewood's Tut – owned by Bo Vujovich & Mike Bristow  
#96 – Best Adult – Dinehart's Unforgettable v Sundown – owned by Denise Gilbertson  
#97 – Best Opposite Sex Adult – Hiccliff's Time After Time – owned by Stephanie Steigerwald & Carol Przybilla

### Obedience Judge Sandra Hall

#153 –**High in Trial - Novice B**– Wabana's Nordic Thunder – Thor- owned by Jean Melin score – 195 ½  
#153 –Novice B - First place - Wabana's Nordic Thunder – Thor- owned by Jean Melin score – 195 ½  
#147 – Novice B – Second place – Kubistraums Quarterback TDI, RA, TC, BN- Brady - owned by Cristina McColl, Verna Kubik & Virginia Bailey score – 186

### Rally Judge Mary Sonnen

#149- Advanced B – Ch Oak Haven Xena of Black Forest - Xena - owned by Julie Swinland score – 85  
#151- Excellent B - Ch Oak Haven Xena of Black Forest - Xena - owned by Julie Swinland score – 91  
#148 -Excellent A - Kubistraums Quarterback TDI, RA, TC, BN- Brady - owned by Cristina McColl, Verna Kubik & Virginia Bailey score – 97  
High Combined Rally - Ch Oak Haven Xena of Black Forest - Xena - owned by Julie Swinland

Conformation – total of eight entries

Obedience – total of three entries

Rally – total of three entries

We received many compliments from the Judges on how nice and well behaved the dogs were.



Best Puppy - Rosewood's Nefertiti  
- Bo Vujovich



Best Adult - Dinehart's Unforgettable v Sundown  
Denise Gilbertson



High in Trial -Wabana's Nordic Thunder  
– Thor- owned by Jean Melin



High Combined Rally -PAM Ch Oak Haven Xena  
of Black Forest RAE, BN,CD, HT, MXP, AJP,  
CGC, TT, TC, etc.



Kubistraums Quarterback TDI,  
RA, TC, BN Cristina McColl  
High Scoring Rally



# Jean Dodds, D.V.M., Advocates for Vaccination Caution

By Susan Chaney

Posted in: [Canine Health](#), [Learn!](#), [Right Now!](#) | March 26, 2013 at 2:45 AM

Almost 300 dog owners tuned in to a webinar last week to hear [Jean Dodds, D.V.M.](#), talk about “New Life-Changing Vaccination Protocols.”

Although recommended protocols – for dogs at least – haven’t changed since 2011 when the American Animal Hospital Association released [revised guidelines](#) developed by its Canine Vaccination Task Force, owners and veterinarians have been slow to adopt the guidelines’ recommendation: “Life stage and lifestyle, risk of exposure, and underlying medical conditions should all be considered when developing a vaccination protocol.” In other words, not every dog should have even a [core vaccine](#) even if it has been three years since it last had one.



Although Jean Dodds, D.V.M., cautions against over-vaccinating, she supports all puppies receiving a series of core vaccinations. Photo by [Can Stock Photo](#).

Webinar host Laura Simonson of the website, [Indogo](#), introduced Dodds as “the top woman in the world to share this kind of information today.” Indeed, Dodds has been researching, studying and advocating for responsible administration of vaccines for decades. She served on previous vaccination task forces, which have been crafting guidelines since the early 2000s.

Dodds opened the webinar by stressing that no one is advocating for a vaccine-free canine or feline world. The AAHA guidelines suggest that all puppies must have an

initial series of core vaccines – distemper, parvovirus, hepatitis, adenovirus and rabies – and that those vaccinations must be timed to protect the puppies, but also to create immunity after their mothers’ antibodies have passed from their systems. In addition, young dogs living in areas overrun by leptospirosis and other diseases will need vaccines to protect them. Dodds, however, does not recommend the hepatitis vaccine for all puppies.

For adult dogs age 3 and older, however, Dodds takes a hard line that there should be no such thing as “routine” vaccinations. In fact, she’s supervising a [project](#) to test rabies vaccines to determine their actual duration of immunity, to challenge the assumed three-year duration.

Behind the need to give vaccinations only when necessary and to prove how long they last are the risks associated with vaccines.

To demonstrate how vaccines sometimes “go bad,”

Dodds showed a diagram of the intersection of four circles: genetics, virus, sex hormones and stress. When any of these are combined with a vaccine, it can result in autoimmune disease. “It’s really important to remember that these things work together,” Dodds said.

A number of factors can lead to adverse reactions to vaccines, including genetics, sex hormones,

stress and viruses. Photo by [Can Stock Photo](#).

So, she advises not to vaccinate a dog that’s been exposed to a fungus, parasite, drug or any other toxin until it’s completely recovered from that exposure. And a dog should not be vaccinated when it’s coming into heat, she said, nor during estrus, pregnancy or lactation. It’s not just bitches for which she has concern. Intact males living with bitches in estrus or about to be used for breeding or actively breeding should not be vaccinated, she says. Neither should a dog receive a vaccine just before or soon after a major stressor, such as moving to a new household. Dodds reminded that vaccines are to be administered only to healthy animals. “It says so right on the label,” she said.

Dodds spent quite a bit of time explaining the many benefits that vaccines have brought to our world, both for people and animals. Those benefits, however, do not mean that every dog owner should simply acquiesce when a vet tech or receptionist says, “it’s time for vaccinations again.” It’s a matter of weighing the benefits against the risks, she said.

Dogs over 10 years of age don’t need vaccine boosters, according to Jean Dodds, D.V.M. Photo by [Can Stock Photo](#).

In addition, thanks to the growing popularity of titering – measuring antibodies to a virus in the blood –it’s easy to find out if your adult dog is protected from a particular disease. With a draw of blood and a test in a lab, or even in the veterinary clinic, your veterinarian can determine whether your dog’s last booster for distemper, for example, is still viable. One such test, [VacciCheck](#), can determine immunity from hepatitis, parvo and distemper from a single blood sample. If antibodies remain, there’s no need for a vaccination. Dodds says titer tests should cost between \$40 and \$60, and if your veterinary clinic is charging a lot more, they’re taking advantage of the situation.

When asked how accurate titers are, Dodds response was: “Very. Every lab does them now.” This is a dramatic change from 2000 when “people didn’t even know what they were,” she said. In addition, she pointed out that “any measurable titer means you have immune memory cells. It doesn’t matter what the number is.” If the dog is exposed, those cells will react and duplicate to fend off the disease.

Dodds is so hard-line on not over-vaccinating that, in answer to several questions about veterinarians who won’t discuss or won’t consider not following an every-three-year protocol or are still recommending annual core vaccines, she advised finding another practice. She also pointed out that holistic veterinarians tends to be more open to considering custom protocols, rather than simply following a guideline designed for the average, healthy dog. It’s easy to find holistic vets at the website of the [American Holistic Veterinary Medical Association](#).

She also talked about a fairly new concept in small animal disease prevention – herd health. It’s been determined, she says, that about 70 percent of a herd must be protected against core diseases for the vaccines to control their spread from animal to animal. In the U.S., only about 50 percent of dogs and 25 percent of cats are, indeed, protected.

That does not mean, however, that your dog needs a vaccine every three years. It most likely means that a lot of puppies never get their first series of vaccinations. And, she says, about 50 percent of non-protected puppies exposed to a core disease will die.

Dodds uses the term “non-protected,” rather than non-vaccinated, because not every puppy or dog that is vaccinated is actually protected from that particular disease. Some dogs simply do not respond to vaccines, so never develop the antibodies to be protected. Others are low responders, and don’t respond enough. Either way, this is a genetic trait, Dodds said, that will likely be passed along to any offspring.

For breeders who want to eliminate this trait from their lines, titer tests done before making a breeding decision can prove that the dog has responded to its vaccines – or not.

Dodds also recommends starting puppies’ vaccination series later – at 9 to 10 weeks of age – except in the case of a single dose of parvovirus. This means many puppies will already be in their new homes when the series starts. After each vaccination, the puppy’s behavior and health should be monitored. And, she says, any puppy or dog that has an adverse reaction to a vaccine should never receive that vaccine again. She also advises that last of the vaccine series should be given between 14 and 16 weeks of age when the dam’s antibodies will not neutralize the vaccine.

# GSDCMSP Agility Trial March 29-31, 2013



Left to right :

Jake & Annie ~ Michelle Patet, Otto ~ Gina McCuen, Quetzal ~ Michelle Ritt, Hannah & Luka ~ Jeanne Sutich, Quest ~ Virginia Bailey, Raven ~ Jennifer Johnston, Smith ~ Rhonda Meath, Jack ~ Janet Sinner, Petey ~ Theresa Thompson, Schultz ~ Tom Gleason , Chaos ~ Elaine Matthys, Agility committee & club members missing from the photo :Julie Swinland, Mary Bente, Molly Patet

## GSD's who qualified on Saturday and Sunday Saturday

Raven Jennifer Johnston MasP Standard 100

Chaos Elaine Matthys Novice B JWW 100

Smith Rhonda Meath Mas Jww 100

Quetzel Michelle Ritt Mas JWW 100

Jack Janet Sinner MasJWW 100

Hannah Jeanne Sutich Mas JWW 100

PeteyThersa Thompson Novice P Jww 95

## Sunday

Minda Dawn Falk Nov B Std 90

Raven Jennifer Johnston Mas P STD 100

ChaosElaine Matthys Open B STD 100

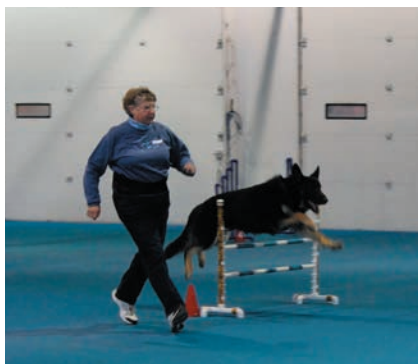
Jack Janet Sinner MasSTD 100

Smith Rhonda Meath Mas JWW 100

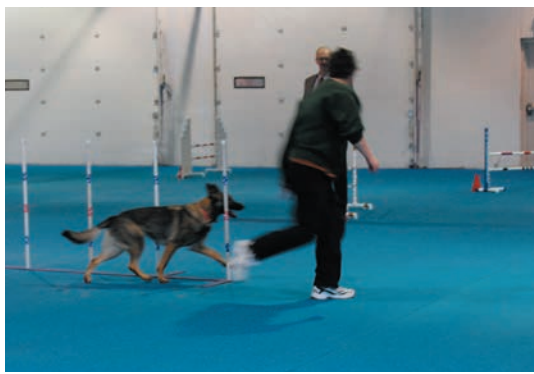
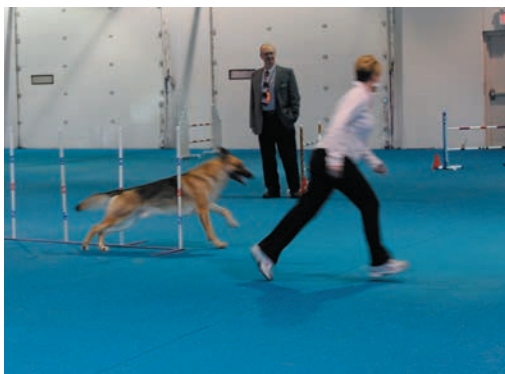
Quetzal Michelle Ritt MasJWW 100



High Scoring GSD Janet Sinner and Jack won the Katja memorial award







Corner By Rhonda

We had another very successful agility trial on March 29,30 & 31st at On The Run Canine Center in Ham Lake. Not only did we have great running dogs with their handlers , we had amazing volunteers that made our trial run very smoothly & efficiently !

This year we added two more special awards ~ highest scoring junior handler & highest scoring veteran dog ( age 10+ ) along with the highest scoring German Shepherd Dog in Trial . Winners scores are based on a formula & calculated for Sat & Sun runs only .

Josie Scoonover-Nelson won highest scoring Junior handler with her Aussie Fannie. Harley , a miniature schnauzer won highest scoring veteran dog . He was handled by Deb Bartkowiak from Wisc.

Jack , owned by committee & club member Janet Sinner won the highest scoring German Shepherd Dog in trial , the KATJA award & a beautiful RIN TIN TIN medallion donated by Miss Daphne Hereford . Congrats to all the winners & their amazing dogs on these awards !

I would also like to extend a special thank you to club member Janis MacKimm , who stepped up to aid a handler that broke her wrist after falling on the course while running her dog. Janis , who came just to watch , drove the injured woman to the ER , stayed with her until she was taken into triage by the nurses, making sure she was ok. Thank you thank you thank you !  
( special arrangements were made with other exhibitors to take care of her dogs left behind at the show site , all we're reunited later at her hotel after she was released from the hospital . She had surgery on her wrist on 4/3 in her hometown in Iowa & is recovering )

A lot of cool items were featured in our 2nd annual raffle at the trial this year. The raffle raised \$1,300.00 and the proceeds were donated to the St Paul Police K9 Foundation. Thanks to all who supported the raffle !

Finally , I would like to give a HUGE THANKS to my agility committee members ~ Julie Swinland, Mary Bente , Jeanne Sutich , Janet Sinner , Jennifer Johnston , Elaine Matthys , Michelle & Molly Patet. I couldn't have asked for a better team to work with. What an amazing weekend. You all ROCK !

Rhonda Meath  
Agility chair

PS,  
With the March trial behind us, we are focusing now on our upcoming 2 ring 3 day agility trial July 19, 20 & 21st being held indoors at Soccer Blast in Burnsville MN !  
Watch for the premium to be posted on our website soon or go to AKC.org to access it when it opens.  
All GSD's will have guaranteed entry!

## **GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF MINNAPOLIS & ST. PAUL**

### **Board Meeting Minutes**

March 1, 2013

#### **Officers Present:**

Conni Sokolouski, President  
Roberta Moore, Vice-President  
Cindy Muehlbauer, Treasurer  
Linda Salava, Secretary

#### **Board Members Present:**

Denise Gilbertson

#### **Board Members Absent**

Ginny Altman  
Lisa Lunde

#### **Members Present:**

Roger Salava  
Greg Biskey

*This month's meeting was held at Gorman's  
Restaurant in Lake Elmo, MN*

President called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m.

#### **Officer's Report:**

##### **President Report – Conni Sokolouski**

None

##### **Vice-President's Report – Roberta Moore**

None

##### **Secretary's Report – Linda Salava**

Minutes – from February, 2013 meeting were posted on the web site and published in the March issue of the Shep-O-Gram.

#### **Correspondence:**

1. Walk for Animals – May 4, 2013, 830 – 2:00 p.m. sponsored by Purina and the Animal Humane Society. For more info go to [animalhumansociety.org/walk](http://animalhumansociety.org/walk). Walk route begins at the Animal Humane Society, 845 Meadow Lane N., Golden Valley, MN (approximately 5 miles).
2. Letter from Debra Edwards, an artist who takes favorite photos and creates

beautiful portrait of beloved pets. Rates are reasonable and there is no obligation to purchase unless completely satisfied. Rates for photo provided are \$50 16x20 on White, \$60 16x20 on Color, Matted add \$40. Debra can be reached at [dlebeachcomber@aol.com](mailto:dlebeachcomber@aol.com) or call at (952)215-4081. I have a flyer with some examples of her work if anyone is interested.

##### **Treasurer's Report – Cindy Muehlbauer**

No new info since member meeting in February, 2013

#### **Committee Reports:**

Membership Report – Linda Salava

Working on getting the last renewal memberships; and on updates for the membership directory.

##### **Specialty Show – Roberta Moore**

Contracts have been sent out. We need to have the current insurance certificate of liability. I have secured hotels for this event that will accept pets. The Days Inn in Burnsville (the judges will be housed here). We also have a block of rooms at the Best Western in Burnsville, Travel Lodge in Burnsville, and Motel 6 in Lakeville. There are no special rates given to us from these hotels. We have also secured Judges for Junior Showmanship if we have entries. They will be Marilyn Lindsay-Miller for Saturday and Sharon Danley on Sunday. Still need to form committees and we will need volunteers.

##### **GSDCMSP SOG– Julie Swinland**

March issue is out.

##### **Training Director – Julie Swinland**

Looking for a date and club interest in holding a Herding Fun Day, we also need to look at dates for the German Shepherd Fun Day.

##### **Herding Trial – Zoa Rockenstein**

No update

##### **Agility Trials – March and July 2013 – Rhonda Merth**

The Parent Club would like us to wrap up the Calendar Sales. Price has been dropped to rock bottom. The Board has approved giving the remaining calendars to German Shepherd Dog entries in our upcoming Agility Trial. The motion was made by Cindy Muehlbauer and seconded by Linda Salava.

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## Minutes from March Board meeting continued

### 2015 Futurity

We need to bid for the 2015 Midwest Futurity. Bids are due by March 13<sup>th</sup>. We need to have a copy of the latest bank statement, proof of insurance and a copy of our membership list.

### Website

Updates have been made.

### Volunteering – Desk and Conformation

We still need some more volunteers trained in to run the front desk. If you volunteer to run the front desk you are entitled to one free week of training. Also volunteers are needed so that we can run the conformation ring each week. Bo Vujovich has volunteered for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> weeks. Roberta Moore has also volunteered for conformation training starting in April.

### March 22, 2013 Match

We still need an obedience steward or two, Cindy Muehlbauer has volunteered to steward for conformation. Registration will be handled by Linda Salava. The match will have pot luck. There will be Sloppy Joes. Please bring a dish to share. We will have water available and plates and cutlery.

### Budget and Finance Committee

There does not seem to be a need for a budget and finance committee at this time.

The next membership meeting will be March 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:30pm at Animal Inn. We will be voting on obedience judges, so bring a list of potential judges. Treats and coffee will be served.

Our April 12, 2013 membership meeting will be held at Kubistraum's Kennel. We do not have access to the Animal Inn

Meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

### GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF MINNEAPOLIS & ST. PAUL Membership Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2013

#### Officers Present:

Conni Sokolouski, President, Roberta Moore, Vice-

President, Cindy Muehlbauer, Treasurer  
Linda Salava, Secretary

#### Board Members Present:

Lisa Lunde, Board Member (2 years remaining)

#### Board Members Absent:

Denise Gilbertson, Board Member (3 years remaining)

Ginny Altman, Board Member (1 year remaining)

See attendance sign in sheet for members present.

*This month's meeting was held at the Lake Elmo Training Center*

President called the meeting to order at 8:26 p.m. Bo Vujovich proposed to dispense with reading minutes. Bobby Moore seconded the motion, vote passed.

#### Officers Reports:

##### President Report – Conni Sokolouski

Lynn Klingel-Brown has a list of judges that are in need of assignments.

##### Vice-President Report - Bobby Moore

None

##### Secretary's Report – Linda Salava

1. Received AKC forms for our June Specialty Show

##### Treasurer's Report – Cindy Muehlbauer

1. MoneyMarketAccount\$5,719.33, Checking Account \$17,732.53, Total \$23,451.86. Details are available if needed.

2. LawrenceKellyreceivedthe\$100donationin memory of K-9 Cody, and sent a letter of thanks.

#### Committee Reports:

##### Membership Report – Linda Salava

I am currently working on the new membership directory for 2013.

##### Shep-O-Gram and Web Site – Julie Swinland

The Shep-O-Gram for March 2013 has been sent out and posted to the web site. April issue is in process.

**Training Director – Julie Swinland**

April 5, 2013 a new obedience class starts.

April 5, 2013 a new rally class starts.

March 8, 2013 started a new Star Puppy Class, but there were no puppies. Let puppy owners know about this class. New Star Puppy Class to start April 5<sup>th</sup>.

Conformation Classes will be scheduled in ring three. Puppy class will be at 7:00 pm and the over 6 month class will be at 7:30 pm. Bo Vujovich will run conformation the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays of each month. Bobby Moore will run conformation the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month. Still need someone to volunteer for the first Friday of the month. Will have this published to the membership via the website. Volunteers will receive 1 free class for each time volunteering.

**Herding Trial – Zoa Rockenstein**

No new information at this time.

**Agility Trial – Rhonda Meath**

Agility Trial to be held March 29-31, 2013, premium list is out. Trial is full, there will be 330 runs/day.

July Agility match will be held at Soccer Blast on July 19-21. Shepherds will get preference in July. Send premium list to trial secretary. We will not be purchasing agility equipment for the July Match. We will rent from Tony Osojniki. The cost will be \$500 per day for both rings. This equipment will be stored at Soccer Blast and will be managed by Janet Sinner. We

will still need to purchase duct tape and batteries for timers. The raffle for the March Agility Trial will be for the St. Paul Police Department K-9 Foundation.

Julie Swinland made a motion to give Rhonda an advance of \$1500.00 to purchase supplies for the Agility Trial. Bobby Moore seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

**All-Breed Liaison – Roberta Moore**

No report.

**Program Committee:** No report.

**2013 Specialty Show – Show Chair Roberta Moore**

1. Obedience not yet approved. We need an officer signature.
2. Hotels for the show: Days Inn in Burnsville, block of rooms. Travel Lodge and Motel 6. These will be listed in the premium list.
3. Volunteers for the committees are needed to put on the show. Please contact Roberta Moore or Conni Sokolouski if you would like to help.

**March Match – 3/22/2013 – Chair: Conni Sokolouski**

1. Still need people to help set-up, clean-up, obedience stewards
2. There will be a pot luck. Sloppy Joes will be provided, please bring a dish to share.

**Old Business:**

1. Futurity Bids for 2015, Friday will be the best day for the Futurity. Bo Vujovich made a motion that we hold the futurity on Friday June 19, 2015, Roger Salava seconded and the motion passed.
2. The web site still needs work. Julie Swinland will chair a committee to organize and plan process and updating. The committee members are Roberta

## Jean Dodds, D.V.M., Advocates for Vaccination Caution

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At the other end of the age spectrum, Dodds said that after age 10, dogs simply don't need vaccines or titers. They have had enough vaccine to last the rest of their lives by then, and there's a bigger chance an old dog will have an adverse reaction.

Replays of the two-hour webinar are available from [Indogo](#) for \$10, with \$5 of that charge going to the Rabies Challenge Fund.

Moore, Dave Bissonnette, and Conni Sokolouski. If needed Cristina McColl will be an alternate. Julie to arrange the first meeting.

3. We still need more people to volunteer for both conformation and check in desk so that the responsibilities are not up to one person. When you volunteer, you receive one free class for each time volunteering.

### **Voting for Obedience Judges:**

The floor was opened for nominations for conformation judges starting with specialty. Nomination ensued and a list of names was assembled. The list was voted on according to the GSDC of Mpls. & St. Paul's Standing Rules. The list was narrowed down to eight judges from most desirable to least. The show secretary will contact the judges to discuss availability and interest.

A motion was made by Roger Salava to accept the judge's list as voted on, the motion was seconded by Bo Vujovich and the motion passed.

### **New Business**

1. Futurity Bids for 2015, Friday will be the best day for the Futurity. Bo Vujovich made a motion that we hold the futurity on Friday June 19, 2015, Roger Salava seconded and the motion passed.
2. Will hold a Temperament Test at the GSD Fun Day the first or second weekend in August if there is a chair.
3. Standing Rules – Cindy Muehlbauer presented some changes to the standing rules to correct some information and to add updates. These were presented to the membership. Bo

## **Braggs**

March 2 -Jinny & Gambler Qualified on A course with a score of 94 and 1st place for his second leg in Intermediate sheep today! The trial was put on by the San Gabriel Valley GSDC—the Judge was Ted Andraak .

Jinny & Gambler Qualified on A course again on Sunday with a score of 82 and 2ndplace for his 3rd leg in Intermediate sheep to finish his Intermediate herding (HIAs) title! The trial was put on by the San Gabriel Valley GSDC—the Judge was Bob Diaz .



Vujovich made a motion to accept the changes as discussed and Roger Salava seconded. The motion was voted on and passed. These changes will be sent to the membership by March 16<sup>th</sup>.

4. Herding Fun Day, April 28, 2013 at Phyllis Clark's in Clear Water, WI. Premium list will be emailed to membership.

Bo Vujovich made a motion to adjourn the membership meeting. Julie Swinland seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

Next Membership Meeting: Friday April 12, 2013 – this will be held at Kubistraum's Kennel, training will be held before the meeting.

Minutes submitted by Linda Salava, Secretary

### **Members Attending:**

### **Non-Members Attending:**

Conni Sokolouski	Cindy Muehlbauer
Clara Whitehead	
Kathy Balaban	Rhonda Meath
Linda Salava	
Roger Salava	
Bo Vujovich	
Elizabeth Lunde	
Katie Lunde	
Lisa Lunde	
Mike Bristow	
Laurie Berg	
Roberta Moore	
Julie Swinland	



### **Whelping Box**

1-11-13 US Sel. Ch. & Can. Sel. Ch. Cherry Crush of Oh-My, OFA whelped a litter of 6 puppies (3 boys and 3 girls ... all black and tan) out of Sel. Exc. Ch. Karizma's Nicaragua, OFA ROM. Both Cherry and Neeko are GSDCA Top 10 Futurity/ Maturity Producers. Mother and babies doing well. Myra Shear

3-22-13 Sadie (GCH Am/Can CH Zytut's Say It Isn't So) X CH Rosewood's English Channel 3 males and 3 females. Contact Nils & Jan Anderson or Christy and Clint Heiman





## **GSD FUN DAY! - July 27 At Verna's Kubistraum**

**Try new things, have fun, pot luck!**

**We will have chiropractor, Dr Mark LaVallie, T-touch with Deb Merton, Tracking, obedience, rally, agility, hopefully a temperament test and CGC test, low cost shots and micro chipping, animal communicator, Masseur, and NoseWork among other things. And there will be food!**

## **WWW.Save-A-Vet.org**

I visited the Pet Expo a few weeks ago and came across Save A Vet. It intrigued me especially since their logo had a GSD. Here is some information about what happens to the canine heroes we send overseas.

### **The Save-A-Vet Story**

Save-A-Vet began in the heart of Iraq War veteran Danny Scheurer when he was stationed in one of the most dangerous places in Baghdad during one of the worst times in the war. Danny learned that a military contractor whose contract with the government was not being renewed had decided to leave their corporate-owned K-9's behind to avoid the costs of transporting and sheltering them and abandon these noble animals in the backstreets of Baghdad.



Like all GI's, he had come to love military working dogs and regard them as war buddies and comrades-in-arms. Faced with this horrible specter of these abandoned dogs, Danny decided that when he got back to the States he was going to do something about it to assure that every canine veteran received the same honor and care as our human veterans. Since then, thousands of people have joined with Danny and Save-A-Vet to champion the cause of our K-9 heroes.

### **Save-A-Vet Mission**

Save-A-Vet helps rescue military & law enforcement working dogs & other service animals from being put down when their service to country & community is done, and to provide housing and relief for disabled veterans who help take care of them.

We have successfully pursued these goals through a comprehensive 4-point program of awareness, advocacy, adoption, and rescue.

### **Rescue**

This is the ultimate Save-A-Vet mission -- to rescue MWD's, K-9's, and other service animals who cannot be placed anywhere else because of their special needs, and to provide housing and relief for disabled veterans who help take care of them. Think of us as a kind of "Catcher in the Rye" for these "other forgotten soldiers" and their human caregivers. Our goal is to build combined rescue shelter / veteran's housing facilities around the country reasonably close to VA hospitals -- where these human and canine companions can live and heal together as long as they need.

### **Save-A-Vet Status**

Save-A-Vet nfp Inc. is an Illinois not-for-profit corporation. We are a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, and all donations -- both in-kind and cash contributions -- are fully tax-deductible. You can see our Form 990 tax returns and other information on our "Reports" page. We are as yet too small for places like GuideStar and Charity Navigator to cover us.

## April 12 membership meeting and runthroughs will be at Verna Kubik's

### Location: Kubistraum

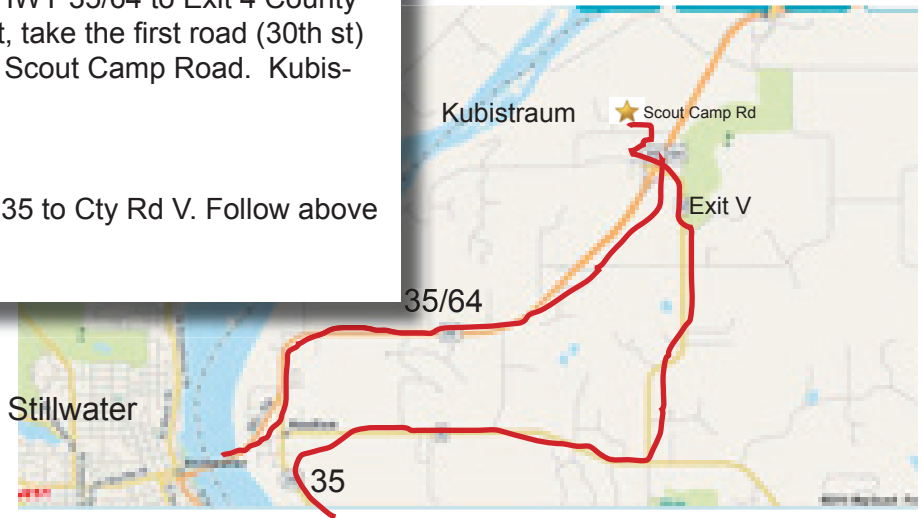
Houlton WI. just across the river from Stillwater.

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.

### Or

Take 94 to Hudson Exit 1. Go north on 35 to Cty Rd V. Follow above directions from Cty Rd V.



### German Shepherd Dog Club of Mpls & St. Paul Membership meeting April 12<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00pm at Verna & Jinny's House

- i. Call to Order Please sign the membership sheet going around
  - a. Minutes – The minutes of the board and last meeting were emailed and posted to the website and Shep O Gram
  - b. Vote to dispense with reading minutes
- II. Reports of the Officers
  - a. President – Conni Sokolouski
  - b. Vice President – Roberta Moore
  - c. Secretary's Report – Linda Salava
    - a. Correspondence
  - d. Treasurers Report –Cindy Muelhbauer
- III. Committee Reports:
  - a. Membership Report – Linda Salava
  - b. Shep O Gram and Website – Julie Swinland
  - c. Training Director – Julie
  - d. Herding Trial – Zoa Rockenstein
  - e. Agility trials March report - Rhonda Meath
  - f. All Breed Liaison – Roberta Moore
  - g. 2013 Specialty
    - a. Show Chair – Roberta Moore
- IV. Old Business
  - a. Futurities bid for 2015 – sent in
  - b. Website - update
  - c. Volunteering – Conformation Ring/Check in Desk
- V. New Business
  - a. By- laws - update
  - b. GSD Fun Day July 27<sup>th</sup> – Temperament test

# Herding Instinct Testing Rules from the AKC

Added on July 1, 2002, the newest and most basic level of herding, is Herding Instinct Testing. A major difference between this level and the other five levels of herding is that this level offers a certificate rather than an official title. Dogs must still be certified by two different judges to have passed two separate licensed or member Herding Instinct Tests in order to receive their certificate.

The Instinct Test is held in a small pen, either round in shape or with rounded corners, which can vary in size from 50 x 50 feet, up to 100 x 100 feet. Livestock used can be cattle, sheep or ducks. The dog will enter the pen on a 6-15 foot long line. Before removing the line, the dog must demonstrate a stop (down, sit or stand) and a recall. Once the dog has completed this exercise, the line may be dropped for the dog to drag, or removed entirely. If the dog cannot exhibit the stop, the tester is not to allow the dog off-line.

Once the dog is allowed to approach the livestock, the tester will be looking for sustained interest in controlling the livestock. This can be shown by the dog gathering the livestock, moving the livestock toward the handler, or moving them ahead of the handler in a driving position. A combination of any of these styles is acceptable. Boundary testing will have the tester watching for a dog that also shows a tendency to honor a border while showing sustained interest in working.

Dogs that cannot show enough control to work the stock in an acceptable manner will be removed at the tester's request.

At first glance, this description gives the impression that no prior training would be required. Technically, this is correct. However, the requirement for a stop and a recall is often a difficult one for novice dogs, especially for those with a lot of drive. Herding instinct is strong, and even the highest trained obedience dog has proven that they can and will forget even the basics when faced with the choice to listen to his Master or his instincts! Exhibitors should take into consideration that a dog that is removed for a lack of a stop and recall is not necessarily being removed for a lack of instinct. Should this happen, maybe a little preparation before the next instinct test would be in order, to reinforce the stop and recall while in the pen with livestock.

From A Primer of the New Rules by Lori Herbel on the AKC web site <http://classic.akc.org/events/herding/herdsman/morearticles.cfm?page=10>



## SOGGY by Julie Swinland





# Herding Fun Day

April 28, 2013

\$20 per dog non-refundable deposit

each dog will get 2 runs

No experience necessary

Space limited sign up ASAP

**FULL**

Rain or Shine

Pot Luck

Location: Phyllis Clark's in Clear Lake, WI

For information contact:

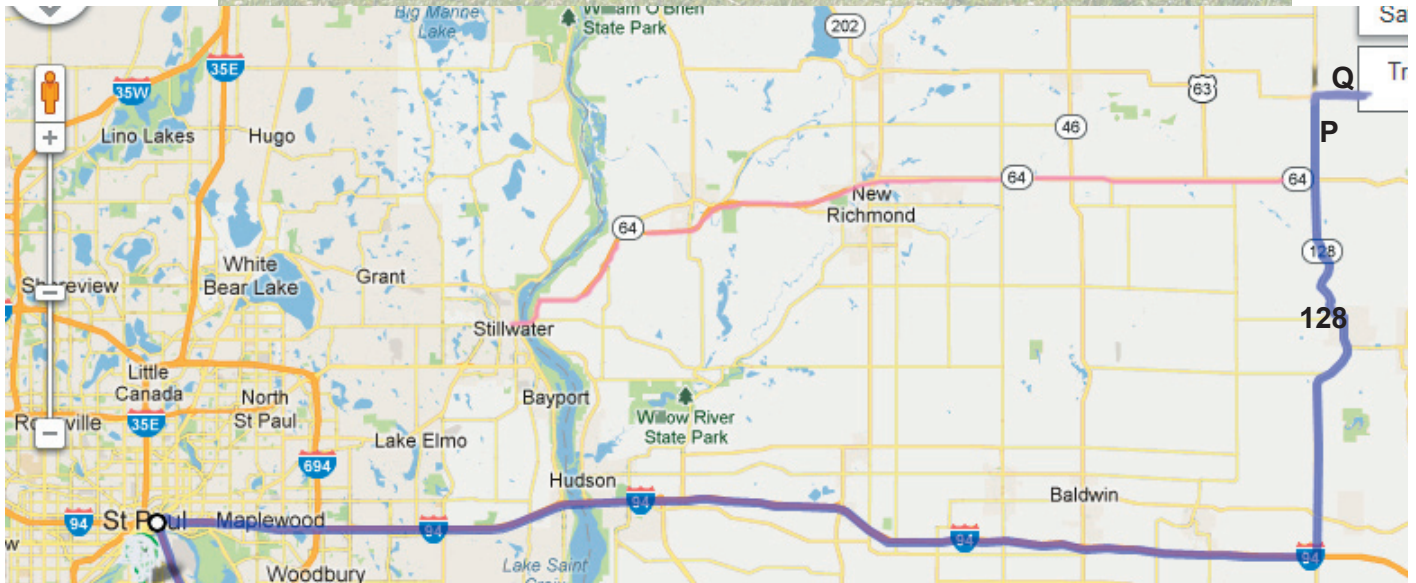
Rhonda Meath gsdgspgirlz@gmail.com 651-492-8373

or

Julie Swinland blackforestgsd@msn.com 651-457-5459

Bring chairs, food, etc

Make out checks to Phyllis Clark



From I94 go east to Exit 28 in WI. At the top of the off ramp go north (left) on 128. Follow 128 through Glenwood City across Hwy 64 and another 3 miles or so to Cty Rd Q. If you look at Mapquest it will say go left. DON'T go left. Go right. for apporpximately 3 miles. You will cross into Dunn County. The second driveway on the right after crossing the county line is Phyllis's. E 346 Hwy Q

If you go through Stillwater, continue on 64 past New Richmond to Cty Rd P. Take P to the left until you get to Q. Watch your P's and Q's! There is a 4 way stop there and go right. GO for about 3 miles crossing into Dunn County. Phyllis's driveway is the second one after you cross into Dunn County. It is on the right. E 346 Hwy Q

Phyllis's driveway



## Club Events

**April 12 No Training at the Animal Inn,  
Training and membership meeting at  
Verna Kubik's. Directions Page 7**

**April 28 Herding Fun Day Clear Lake WI  
directions page 13**

**June 22-23 Specialty Shows Farmington**

**July 19-21 Agility trials Soccer Blast  
Burnsville**

**July 27 German Shepherd Fun Day  
Verna Kubik's Houlton WI**



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## GSDC MSP Class Schedule

Obedience Classes effective July 1. 2010

### Ring 1

Jinny Bailey  
Run throughs 6:30-7:00  
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

Mary Sorcic  
S.T.A.R. Puppy Class 7:00-8:00  
We will start a rally class again in April  
Rally Class Julie Swinland 8:00-8:45

### Ring 3

Bo Vujovich the 2nd and 4th Friday of Month  
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:  
Julie Swinland 651-457-5459