

# Shep-O-Gram

German Shepherd Dog Club of Minneapolis/St Paul

May 2013

## Shep-O-Gram

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Carol Ouhl lost her faithful companion Ark this month. You may remember him from his demos at the State Fair. Carol has written a tribute to Ark that starts on page 3.

We have had quite the spring. Do you think the snow has finally stopped? I just heard tonight that we may have some more snow in a few days.

The last few snows led to extreme mud at Phyllis Clark's and we had to cancel the Herding Fun Day which would have been today. It looked great Saturday when I was out there but I guess more melting occurred and made the situation unsafe for beginning dogs. She wrote to me this evening and said it poured out there today so it is a good thing we called it off. We are looking at rescheduling on June 30.

We have our specialty shows coming up June 22-23. That includes conformation, obedience and rally. It's time to get your dogs ready for those classes, bring them down to training and work on their and your skills.

I found several interesting articles by Susan Chaney and have one in this issue, First Three Months Strategic to Preventing Hip Dysplasia.

The plans are coming along for the German Shepherd Dog Fun Day on July 27 at Kubistraum. Dr. LaVallie is coming at noon for chiropractic, there is T-Touch, the CGC test, Bobby is planning the low cost veterinary services again, and we will have tracking, agility, and NoseWork. There wil be a temperament test I am working on a few other things too. A canine portrait artist just confirmed that she will be there, so bring photos for her to work from if you are interested in having a portrait created of your dog (s).

Please look over the opportunities to volunteer on page 10. It is a big club and we should be able to cover all the jobs necessary. The board can't do everything, nor should they have to. Volunteering is a great way to meet people in the club and learn new things. Newer members in the club, please feel free to ask the old timers to mentor you on various volunteer opportunites.

Is anyone interested in a geocaching day? We had a lot of fun the two times we held one. You get a chance to get out with your dog and see a beautiful State Park and go on a sort of treasure hunt in the woods looking for "caches" that have been hidden at certain coordinates. We do this a State Parks because they have GPS's that they loan for free. I just checked, and Afton State Park has a new 3 part multicache - there are 2 clues to find before you reach the cache. We always have a pot luck picnic after we make our find.

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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

#### Fairieland Placement count as of 2.2.13

#### **IEvents:**

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

Rescue Counts as of 3/10/13			Total	
GSD	WC	Mix		
Intake			101	44
46	11			
Current rescue			19	10
6	3			
Adopted			82	34
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 Corg & Common Shephald Mescale

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

# RIP Ark, aka Arky-Barky, aka wild and crazy guy By Carol Ouhl

First of all, thank you to the Club for the sympathy card. It always helps to know others understand the emotions of losing our 4 legged friends. Every one of us who has lost a dog (or many over the years) knows that every one of them has a special personality, a special place in our heart for many reasons. In my case I always seem to have a stronger bond with those dogs who do therapy dog work with me even more than the ones who have won the ribbons and trophies or been on TV or whatever. And so -I write this article not so much in tribute to Ark but in the hopes I might help at least one other GSD owner to be more aware – more alert to our dogs' changing health. I'm not one to ignore those changes but as it turns out, I can be fooled by what I think is the obvious.

Ark came to me at 10 months; a cute puppy, from our K9 cop club member who knew he'd never "make the grade". You may have heard me comment that I was told "he couldn't be made to bite", and I thought that was a pretty good problem to have for a person who does mostly therapy dog work and public demos with her GSDs.



Ark and Carol Ouhl dancing at our State Fair Demo



Ark in a witch's hat

As he grew up, he was very challenging to train due to his high drive. It is that high drive that would come to be both a wonderful trait and a problem. He helped me learn a lot about channeling energy to productive uses. After 2 super calm, couch potato dogs, it was fun not to have to figure out a new way to motivate a dog. He was always wound up. But by the age of two I realized I had a lot of work to do in teaching him to stop correctly. He stopped (always from a dead run) by jamming his front feet into the ground and letting his body and hind feet slide up to hit his front feet. I have a video of him at a show doing a fantastic sliding stop on a recall that would have been the envy of any cutting or reining horse. As a result, he tore his ACL at age 3; not an unexpected outcome given his sliding stops. His knee was never the same; but if there was a ball or a Frisbee to chase, he'd chase it. Even if he was on an obedience stay until released to "fetch it", once released he'd shoot after it and fly over the jump as if released from a sling shot. He was always up for whatever new adventure we had. Whether it was calmly greeting Llamas at a therapy animal test when he'd never seen a Llama or dancing with me at the Fair.

So the years passed and he began to do the old dog limping on and off, getting stiff. I'm still sure he'll live to 13 or 14 due to his high energy; his bright, happy, playful as a 2 yr old behavior. Then the Vet diagnosed Degenerative Joint Disease –basically arthritis in every joint. Probably poor breeding; definitely poorer conformation. He was a very square dog with perfect hips, but his stifles (knees) were a

train wreck. So we began to give him various types of pain medications some of which worked; some not. As the stiffness and limping increased, we'd increase the pain meds. And still a very bright and playful pup. Well I've given you all this seemingly unnecessary detail to give you an idea of how easily we assume we know what's going on. Fast forward to age 11. He's starting to get weak when trying to climb up into a chair. He's limping considerably on the leg with the bad knee. He's intermittently limping on other legs. But he' still slamming after any ball that anyone will throw or kick for him. Then one day he's jumping up on my bed and just whacks his carpus (front wrist) on the wooden edge of the bed. Not a yelp, of course. But couldn't put weight on the leg. I give him more pain meds and crate him for 3 days and he's fine. Then he's worse; then he's better. The swelling goes away and comes back again. Goes away; comes back. He's still practicing retrieves over a high jump (a very low one of course) as jumping is also one of his favorite things to do. He's still doing therapy dog demos. Not a hint he doesn't feel well.

After a week of swelling and no swelling, we head to the vet sure that there must be a fracture somewhere. He's lying on the floor when the vet walks in, looks down at his leg, listens to history of events and starts talking about tumors. My mind couldn't catch up. "What? Why are we talking about tumors? I came for an x-ray." They take the x-ray – bad news. No it's not broken. It's bone cancer. The tumor had eaten through the bone (hence the swelling on his wrist). He's had it for some time and it's spread quite a bit (hence the continually increasing limping in various legs). Prognosis was 3 months at best with a LOT of pain in the meantime. And so he was euthanized. The vet techs who saw the x-ray couldn't believe he walked into the clinic normal as ever. He should have needed to be carried or been hopping on 3 legs.

Looking back it's hard not to feel guilty. Knowing what high drive he had, why did I assume it was just old age arthritis rather than him working through the pain. Could the vet have diagnosed the cancer earlier? She doesn't know but there **were** other signs. Losing weight which I attributed to old age and continued high activity. The limping on and off in different legs (Lymes was not a high probability for him) and I already knew he had arthritis. So the moral of this story in my mind is – when things seem to be getting a little unusual, don't assume you know what's going on. Keep track of those seemingly minor, unusual things and see the vet. No, the outcome would not have been different in his case. But he wouldn't have had to endure the pain so long.

## **Home Made Kong Fillings**

How-to: Mix ingredients in a bowl and fill up your Kong. Insert a chew-toy and place filling around it, if you want to further engage your dog. Serve fresh, refrigerated, or frozen!

Results may vary, based on the amount of each ingredient and the size of Kong(s). \*Some dogs are lactose intolerant, so be sure to check with your vet before serving your dog dairy.

- "Dinner Delight"
- Cooked chicken
- Kibble
- Mashed sweet potatoes
- Chopped carrots
- "Breakfast of Champions"
- Natural peanut butter
- Chopped banana
- Greek or unflavored yogurt\*
- Cooked oatmeal
- Chopped apples

- "Fido's Favorite"
- Cooked chicken
- Mashed sweet potatoes
- Fresh or frozen peas
- Cooked rice
- "The Tail Wagger"
- Mashed sweet potatoes
- Chicken or beef stock
- Chopped carrots
- Cubed cheese\*
- Fresh or frozen peas
- "Snout Lickin' Good"
- Natural peanut butter
- Chopped peaches
- Cooked oatmeal
- Greek or unflavored yogurt\*



# First Three Months Strategic to Preventing Hip Dysplasia

By Susan Chaney

Breeders may be able to do even more about preventing dysplasia in their litters than previously known. While genes set up the possibility of hip dysplasia, studies have pointed to weight and rapid growth as triggers for its development. Now, new research indicates that the environment during a puppy's first three months of life may have more effect on its risk for developing the condition.

Randi I. Krontveit, D.V.M., Ph.D., spent 10 years doing canine dysplasia research for her doctoral thesis.

"I had been working as a clinician for quite a few years when this study was started at the Norwegian School of Veterinary Science, and I applied for this Ph.D. position. It was a great opportunity for me to do research."

To find dogs for the study, the project leaders, her colleagues at the vet school and the Norwegian Kennel Club "all played an important role in recruitment of dog breeders," Krontveit explains. "These breeders again recruited dog owners by getting their puppy buyers interested and committed to this project."



Giving puppies under 3 months of age the chance to run leash free on "gently undulating terrain" may help prevent development of hip dysplasia. Photo © Can Stock Photo Inc./A. Oosthuizen

She studied five hundred privately owned Newfoundland, Labrador Retriever, Leonberger and Irish Wolfhound puppies in Norway, from birth through age 10. Breeders and owners purchasing puppies filled out questionnaires about the puppies' activities, growth and health. The puppies were also examined by veterinary surgeons and their hips X-rayed at ages determined by the kennel club – 12 or 18 months depending on breed.



Krontveit's research may dispute previous research, as she found that the breed that grows the slowest, the Newfie, had the highest incidence of dysplasia at 36 percent. The Wolfhound, which grows the quickest, had the lowest risk of disease at 10 percent. These results surprised Krontveit and her fellow researchers, she says.

A 10-year Norwegian study discovered that puppies that go up and down stairs before the age of 3 months are more likely to develop hip dysplasia. Photo by Gheorghiescu Alexandru/Dreamstime.com

Her research also indicates that conditions at a breeder's kennel or home have a bigger effect on the development of dysplasia in the future. Puppies born in spring or summer had a lower risk, as did those who had a chance to exercise in a park on a daily basis until 3 months of age. Those who walked up and down steps during the first three months

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had an increased risk of developing hip dysplasia. "Overall, it would appear that daily exercise out in gently undulating terrain up until the age of 3 months gives a good prognosis when it comes to preventing HD," Krontveit concludes.

Owners filled out annual questionnaires so Krontveit could track the dogs' health. In reviewing the effect of HD on the dogs, she found that Newfoundlands and Leonbergers seriously affected by dysplasia were euthanized sooner than Labrador Retrievers or Irish Wolfhounds. Symptoms, such as limping and hip pain, developed earliest in Newfoundlands and latest in Labs. The research also found that "varied exercise had a positive effect, and dogs that exercised on a daily basis on a lead and running free in different types of terrain were free of symptoms longer than dogs that were less active."

Despite the fact that her findings are different from those of others who have researched hip dysplasia, she says that most of the response she's gotten has been "very enthusiastic" and that other researchers are "very interested" in her research. "So far I have not gotten any negative responses," she says.

Krontveit points out that the results of the study are not "definitive," and "further studies on hip dysplasia etiology are certainly needed. Perhaps the most important finding of my research is that the period from birth until 3 months seems crucial, and further studies including this time period would be beneficial. Having said that, it might not be possible or necessary to find 'all' factors critical for hip dysplasia development. It would be good if results from research could be used to modify environment for young puppies and thus perhaps prevent disease."

No one else is doing similar research at this time, to the best of Krontveit's knowledge.

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# GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF MINNAPOLIS & ST. PAUL Board Meeting Minutes

April, 2013

#### **Officers Present:**

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

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

Lisa Lunde Ginny Altman

#### **Board Members Absent**

Denise Gilbertson

#### **Members Present:**

Greg Biskey Roger Salava Julie Swinland

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

President called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

#### Officer's Report:

# President Report – Conni Sokolouski

#### Vice-President's Report – Roberta Moore None

#### Secretary's Report - Linda Salava

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

Correspondence: None

# Treasurer's Report – Cindy Muehlbauer

Match - \$18 Profit

# Committee Reports:

#### **Membership Report – Linda Salava**

I am currently working on getting the last renewal memberships; I am working on updates for the membership directory. We have three new member applicants and two new members that worked at the Agility trial.

## **Agility Show**

We are waiting for the final numbers.

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We exceeded the budget of \$1500. Bring a motion to the membership to cover additional expenditures for the agility trial.

#### Specialty Show - Roberta Moore

Contracts have been sent out. Valerie Harrington has been contacted for the Show Photographer. Waiting for confirmation from her. Inver Grove Heights Veterinary Clinic will be the show Vet. We have confirmed Dave Rinke for our 2014 show for the June 21, Saturday Judge. We are waiting to hear about our second judge.

#### **Old Business:**

## 2015 Futurity

Bid was sent in.

#### Website

Meeting 4/6/2013 at 4:00 at Conni Sokolouski's house.

#### **Volunteering – Desk and Confirmation**

We still need volunteers to be trained in to run the front desk. Also volunteers are needed so that we can run the conformation ring each week. Bo Vujovich has volunteered for the 2nd and 4th weeks. Roberta Moore has also volunteered for conformation training starting in April.

Our April 12, 2013 membership meeting will be held at Kubistraum's Kennel on 274 Scout Camp Road, Houlton, WI.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Submitted by Linda Salava, Secretary

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April 12, 2013

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#### **Board Members Absent:**

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See attendance sign in sheet for members

This month's meeting was held at Kubistraum's Kennel in Houlton, Wisconsin

President called the meeting to order at 8:20 p.m. Mike Metz moved to dispense with reading of the minutes. Julie Swinland seconded the motion, vote passed.

#### **Officers Reports:**

President Report – Conni Sokolouski - No Report

Vice-President Report - Bobby Moore - No Report

Secretary's Report – Linda Salava – No Report

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

- 1. Money Market Account interest received .22, total \$5, 719.55. Checking account reconciled \$33,352.40. Detailed report provided.
- 2. Spring match made \$18.00 profit.
- 3. Agility trail \$4,368.19 profit to-date. There may be additional expenses still coming in.
- 4. Treasurer recommended moving additional funds into our money market account. Verna Kubik made a motion to move \$5,000 additional dollars into the money market fund, motion seconded by Mary Sorcic, motion passed.

#### **Committee Reports:**

Membership Report – Linda Salava

New member applicants.

- 1. Richard Donn 1 German Shepherd
- 2. Dawn Ebbenga 1 German Shepherd
- 3. Jayme Masek and Royce Jackson 2 German Shepherds

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- 4. Bob & Laura Meyer 1 German Shepherd
- 5. Scott Priebe currently 0 German Shepherds
- 6. Judy Webster 1 German Shepherd

Chris Duffy has been sick and is getting out of the hospital today. Flowers were sent.

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

The Shep-O-Gram for April 2013 has been sent out and posted to the web site. A new printer was purchased. Web meeting was held and in June Bobby Moore will be taking care of the web site. Dave Bassinette is going to retire as Web Master.

#### Training Director – Julie Swinland

April 5, 2013 a new obedience class started, with at least 5 students.

April 5, 2013 a new rally class started with 2 students. New Star Puppy Class started April 5th.

Need to publish new dates for the next set of classes. Kathy DuVall would like to start training some of the Shepherds at the rescue. Would like to have a reduction on the cost. Julie Swinland will inform Kathy DuVall that she needs to come to a board meeting and present details of her plan.

Herding Fun Day is scheduled for April 28th. It is currently full, with a wait list. Rhonda Meath is the co-chair.

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

No new information at this time, everything is progressing.

**Agility Trial** – An additional \$211.00 is needed for expenses to be paid to Rhonda Meath. Cindy Muehlbauer made a motion to pay Rhonda \$211 for Agility expenses, Bobby Moore seconded, and the motion passed.

For the Agility trial in July, Rhonda needs to prepare a budget to present to the board. Mike Metz made a motion to approve a temporary budget of \$1,000 with full budget due by the next membership meeting. Bobby seconded the motion and the motion passed.

We need to put down a deposit to reserve our next Agility Trial at On-The-Run of \$250.00. Verna Kubik made a motion to make this deposit, Julie seconded and the motion passed.

**All-Breed Liaison** – Roberta Moore No report.

**Program Committee**: No report.

#### 2013 Specialty Show – Show Chair Roberta Moore

- 1. Contracts are down and everything has been approved.
- 2. Our judges are Cappy Pottle and Pam O'Dell for

- conformation. Louise Botko and Cynthia Simonson for obedience and rally.
- 3. Jr. Handler judges are Marilyn Lindsey-Miller and Sharon O'Donnelly.
- 4. Do not yet have a photographer. Would like to hire Val Harrington. Will offer to pay her gas and provide lodging.
- 5. Volunteers that have committed: Mike Metz, grounds keeper, Verna Kubik, Chief Ring Stewart for Conformation and Ginny Baily, Chief Ring Stewart for Obedience, Catalog Sales, Linda Salava.
- 6. Additional volunteers for the committees are needed to put on the show. Please contact Roberta Moore or Conni Sokolouski if you would like to help.
- a. Do not need a hotel liaison. Need someone to transport and entertain the judges. Need someone for hospital, judge's gifts, pick up flowers for photographs, etc.
- 7. For the show we will need a bench committee, need 5 names, should include the officers of the club.
- 8. Need to have volunteers for the 50/50 raffle and the silent auction.
- 9. Inver Grove Heights Vet Clinic will be the Show Vet.

For our 2014 Specialty Show our judges are Dave Rinke for Saturday and Steve Bloom on Sunday. We have Deb Schneider for obedience and rally for Saturday.

#### **Old Business:**

- 1. Futurity Bid for 2015 has been submitted
- 2. 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.

#### **New Business**

- 1. New proposed updates to the by-laws will be mailed to the membership. They will be voted on at the May 10, 2013 Membership Meeting.
- 2. July 27th is the GSDMSP Fun Day. We will hold a Temperament Test and a CGC Test. Verna Kubik and Linda Salava will chair. We will have Gene Gray for the Temperament Test Evaluator if he is available. Get an estimate of expenses. Mary Sorcic will be the CGC Tester.
- 3. Nils and Jan Anderson asked for a donation for the Walk 4 the Animals. Cindy Muehlbauer made a motion that we donate \$75 for this event and would like it to be used for the spay/neuter program if possible. Linda Salava seconded the motion, and the motion passed.
- 4. Discussed purchasing mats from the Anoka Kennel Club. Mike Metz made a motion that we purchase these mats, if they become available for sale and if we have a

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place to store at Bill Duffy's. Julie Swinland seconded the motion, and the motion passed. Verna Kubik stated that these mats are not suitable to use for agility, only obedience.

5. We want to purchase a new banner for the club and come up with new colors.

Linda Salava 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 May 120, 2013 at the Animal Inn.

Minutes submitted by Linda Salava, Secretary

### Members Attending: Non-Members Attending:

Conni Sokolouski Cindy Muehlbauer Linda Salava Roberta Moore Mary Sorcic Jan Anderson Nils Anderson Verna Kubik

Matthew Hagerty

## Training session at Verna's April 12







Luge does the A-Frame





# 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, a temperament test and CGC test, low cost shots and micro chipping, animal communicator, Masseuse, and NoseWork among other things. And there will be food!

#### We need volunteers.

After 2 years Ann Jeddeloh wants to retire from the Check in desk on Friday nights. Contact Conni Sokolouski and volunteer for 1 month at a time or as much as you can. Remember that you get one free lesson for every night you work the desk.

Overall coordinator and food people for the Specialty shows June 22-23. We have food at our specialties and we ask the members to bring food and one member or a team prepare the main course for each day and set up and collect payment for the meal. I believe that Laurie Schray will take one day and she can give advice for the people who take over the other day. She can use help on her day too. An overall coordinator would be helpful so we know that there are enough plates, etc for the second day.

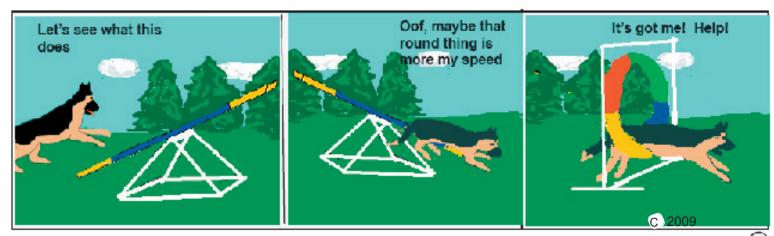
Other positions at the specialty shows, Contact Bobby Moore. We always need people to help set up and watch over the grounds, bring the club trailer to the show and back to the Animal Inn, to help roll out the mats for obedience and later to roll them up etc. Also we need obedience and rally stewards and conformation stewards. These people check entrants in set up obedience equipment, act as posts for the figure 8 exercises etc. People will tell you what to do.

Also for the specialty shows we would like someone to take on the raffle. Kathi Balaban did an outstanding job last year and maybe she will volunteer again, but she may need help gathering items to place in the raffle, selling tickets, and watching over the table.

State Fair Coordinator Contact Conni Sokolouski. The coordinator makes sure that there is a person in charge of each area, conformation, obedience, agility, etc and sets up times for the demos, makes sure that we have all the handouts that are needed and that someone will be there to answer questions.

Someone to haul the club trailer to Verna's for the GSD Fun Day prior to July 27 and back to the Animal Inn Contact Julie Swinland

## Soggy by Julie Swinland





Minda ~ Dawn Falk At our March Agility trial Their names were accidentally left out under the group photo in the April issue.



MACH SLOVANSKEHO'S MAJESTIC AUF DE HAUS RN MXB MJB GCG

SMITH earned his MACH at age 3 1/2 at the St Paul Dog Training Club agility trial on April 12, 2013!!

He competed in his first agility trial at St Paul when he was just a wee lad of 18 months.















# **Brags**

Marshalltown, IA

Gryffin - Trio's Son of a Witch - April 27, 2013 - Winner Dog/ April 28th, 2013 - Winners Dog / Best of Winners

Vista - Kubistraums Vista Of Aramist-Peters Elite - April 27, 2013 - Winners Bitch / Best of Winners / Best Opposite Sex

Winnie - Trio's Hocus Pocus - April 28, 2013 - Winners Bitch / Best Opposite Sex

Zeus - AM GCH CanCH Mythical Zeus of Black Forest - Best of Breed April 27th, 2013 - Group 3 Best of Breed April 28, 2013

#### **Club Events**

May 10 membrship meeting

May 18 Obedience Workshop with Ron Halling

June 21 set up and runthroughs at Dakota County Fairgrounds, Farmington.

June 22-23 Specialty Shows Farmington

June 30 Tentative date for Reschedule of Herding Fun Day.

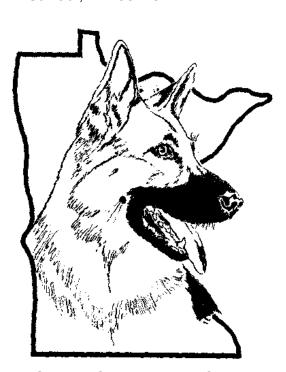
July 19-21 Agility trials Soccer Blast Burnsville

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

Sept 1 GSD Day at the Fair



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#### **GSDC MSP Class Schedule**

Obedience Classes effective July 1. 2010

# Ring 1

Jinny Bailey

Run throughs by appointmeent 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 Rally Class Julie Swinland 8:00-8:45

# Ring 3

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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