



# Shep-O-Gram

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*Winter fun*

*Hellwigg's Rapid Fire BN, owned by Brian and Sue Smith, River Falls, WI*

*Need an emotional lift?--*

## Go play in the snow--with a Shepherd!

Dragging myself into the house after long hours of commuting and teaching high school, all I want is to turn on the fireplace and settle into my cozy sofa with a steaming cup of Peppermint tea.

But the three big dogs greeting me at the door have a different desire.

Cooped up all day, they bounce and whirl around me, and I can't resist.

Quickly, my work attire is replaced by play clothes; then out we go. And this is always the right choice. The

exuberance of my dogs as they race through the snow rejuvenates my spirit, and I can't help but laugh out loud at their antics and join the fun.

No matter how difficult the drive or crazy the kids in my classroom, these beautiful, beloved spirits pull me back from wherever my mind may be and help me appreciate the joys of nature, of fresh air, of soft, white snow. May everyone be so fortunate as to enjoy Shepherd therapy. --S. Smith

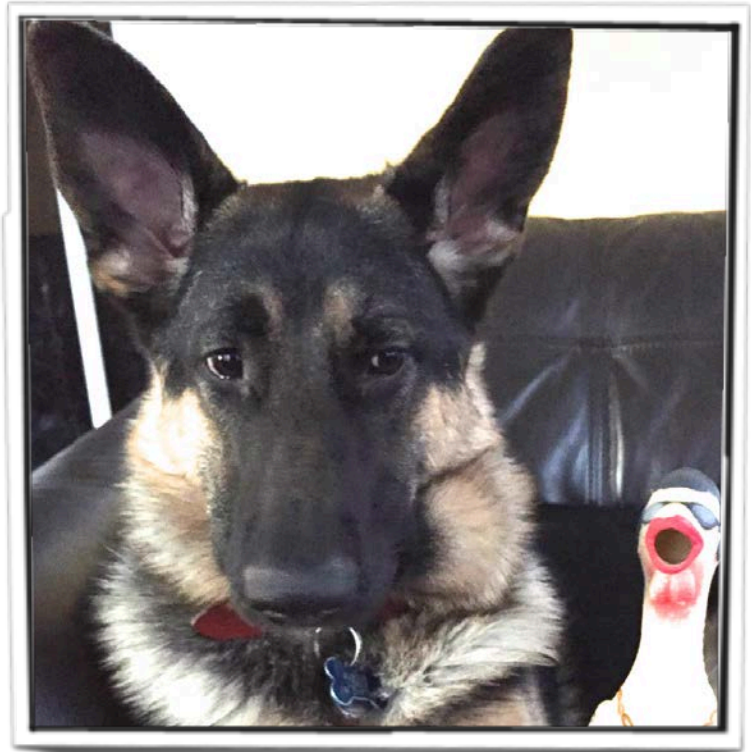
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## President's Message:

As we welcome the new year, we are sharing biographies of each of our 2016 Board Members in this and upcoming issues of the Shep-O-Gram. Ours is a volunteer organization and we come from different places, but we all share the same passion--the German Shepherd Dog. This year, the Board continues our commitments to these three goals:

1. **Transparency** of the board. The board is sharing our activities and goals through meetings, minutes and emails. We welcome questions!
2. **Breaking down barriers** between conformation and performance. We enjoy all types of activities with our dogs, and we recognize that it is ok to be involved in just one activity or more.
3. **Participation** in the club and events in our community will increase as we share our enthusiasm with the public and the membership.

For the love of the breed,  
*Peggy Simerson*



*This charming girl--with her chicken--is RO's Austen Danger Powers v Kenlyn, owned by David and Kristine Lower, Minneapolis. Austen and Kristine train with Amber Eisfeld at the GSDCMSP and recently earned their Beginner Novice A title!*

## Changes and Adoptions at FaerieLand Rescue Inc.

In December 2015 we filed with the State of Minnesota and became recognized as FaerieLand Rescue Inc. The next step was sending in the 501c3 paperwork to the IRS, which we have done. This is exciting news going forward in 2016.

In December 2015 we were asked to take in 12 German Shepherd mix puppies from a reservation in North Dakota. These pups—three females and nine males--had no mother and needed to come to rescue. Three of the girls have left for "Furever" homes, including one little female that we donated to the Patriot Assistance Dog program to be a service dog for a veteran. Little Nova is the second dog we have donated to this program. Tate our first dog, was matched with a veteran in September 2015. The other puppies will be leaving within the next couple of weeks. Our foster homes have done an awesome job. It has been extremely busy screening applications, checking the references and getting folks pre-approved to adopt a sweet, cute puppy.

In January we did our first adoption of the year. Louise is a 7-year old German Shepherd female trescued from Craigs list and a dog flipper. She now has a wonderful home with two other K9's and a couple that adore her.

**We currently have the following German Shepherd Dogs:** Molly 11 ½, Hercules 6 ½, Edgar 6, Jagger 2, Lucy 6, Sasha 1, Morgan 2, Sage 6 1/2 , Dallas 4, and Corky 7.

We are always looking for foster homes. Becoming a foster is something that may change your life; for certain, it will change the life of the dog, for whom you may be the world.

Please save your aluminum cans and aluminum foil or aluminum pans, as they are worth money. We collect all year and take them in once a year.

We have much in the planning stages and other exciting things happening at the rescue. Please watch for updates and a new website.

Thank you,  
*Kathy DuVall*

# New Shepherd Rescue busy in Minnesota

A new group co-founded by Club members Lisa Cirks-Veit and Tress Hinrichs have started a local German Shepherd Dog (and GSD mix) rescue.

Saving Shepherds of MN began operations in November 2015 and is the only 501(c)3 rescue in the state specific to German Shepherds.

Founders, Tressa Hinrichs, Randy Lenz, Lisa Cirks-Veit and Heidi Murphy have volunteered for several rescues over the years and recognized the need for a rescue devoted entirely to German Shepherds and German Shepherd mixes. All with years of experience owning German Shepherds, the four are passionate about rescuing, rehabilitating and rehoming dogs in need. They are also involved in educating the public on the breed, dog safety and animal welfare.

Saving Shepherds of MN rescued its first dog, renamed Behr, in December of 2015 from the St. Paul Humane Society. Behr was left behind in an abandoned house to fend for himself

for several months. He was on the 24 hour euthanasia list, and when group members met him, they fell in love.

Behr's new family saw his story and knew he was destined to be a part of their family. He has turned out to be a wonderful dog and inspiration for the rescue.

To date, the group has rescued five dogs: one from Minnesota, two from Nebraska and two from Iowa. They are in the process of getting approved to pull dogs from shelters and humane societies around the country, in hopes of bringing them to Minnesota to start their new lives. All dogs rescued are placed into loving foster homes while they wait to find their forever homes.

Always in need of foster homes and volunteers, the group invites interested individuals to contact them for more information via email

at [savingshepherdsmn@gmail.com](mailto:savingshepherdsmn@gmail.com) or by contacting Lisa at 651-335-5345.

Check out the group's Facebook page and website: [www.savingshepherdsofminn.org](http://www.savingshepherdsofminn.org).



From left to right: Behr with his new mom; founders and Board of Directors Tressa Hinrichs, Randy Lenz, Audrey Lenz, Lisa Cirks-Veit and Heidi Murphy



Auggie



Puppy



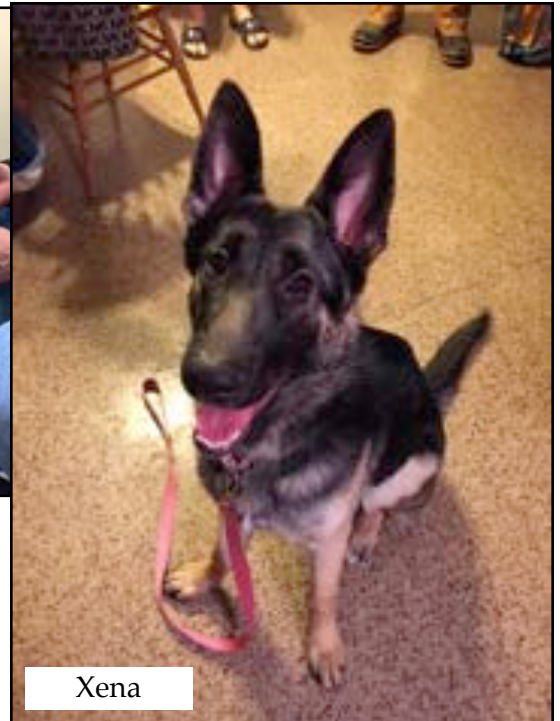
Smoke

**Dogs currently available for adoption:**

Smoke- 2-½ years old

Xena- 1 year old

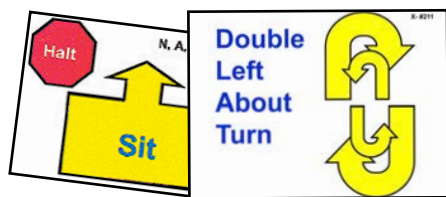
Puppy- 2-½ years old



Xena

# Like Obedience? Check out the Club's Rally program!

If you've been at the Animal Inn on any Friday night when the Club is training, you've perhaps



noticed in the far ring, dog and handler teams working through maneuvers dictated by a maze of yellow floor signs. This, dog friends, is the ever-growing sport of rally. If you're into obedience, you will probably enjoy rally as well. Instructor Julie Swinland guides teams through the rally course from

6-7:30 p.m. each Friday night when the club trains. Stop in before or after your obedience class to check it out and talk to Julie or others who are participating. A myriad of resources on Rally can be accessed on the AKC website, <http://www.akc.org/events/rally/>.

## Rally--A Practitioner's Perspective

By Julie Northenscald

I would invite all of you to try out the MSPGSD club's Rally class at least once. What is rally, you may ask? It is a performance sport which provides challenging opportunities to learn with your dog. Even if you are already active in obedience, agility, or nose work, Rally gives you the chance to work on your own individual goals with your dog. I have been doing rally for the past two years, and while working on the rally skills, I found that my dog became more calm and attentive and better able to work with other distractions around her. Even when doing another sport such as agility, Rally gave me the opportunity to work on hand signals, footwork and work at a slower pace with my dog.

Friday nights gives your dog a fun outlet from being in the house all week and an opportunity to let off some excess energy. All I have to say is, "It's Friday night" and my dog is jumping with excitement. She can't wait to get to class. For me, the benefits of rally are that I've gained confidence, am able to work well around other dogs, and I have fun.

Generally, the class is a small group, and we always welcome more. In fact, we would like to recruit you to join us! The class allows you between one and three run-throughs (depending on the number of people in class) and guidance from instructor Julie Swinland. Only one dog goes through the stations at a time. It is a great way to build confidence with your dog as well as learn new skills (pivot turns, backwards walking, and challenging courses). There is no pressure on you or your dog in the ring. In fact, in rally competition, unlike obedience, you can talk to your dog the entire time; yes, even in the show ring. Izzy and I joined after taking the Beginner Obedience class at the club. At first, it was a struggle to learn the signs and what the expectations were, but once I was more comfortable with the individual tasks, my dog really relaxed and we had a lot of fun together.

Rally is a great tool to use when in the veterinarian's office, working with your dog outside, at home during the long winter months, and at other dog sports or classes. I have found my dog is much more confident, calm and is always looking for that next hand signal telling her what to do.

All dogs can benefit through learning and practicing rally, from young dogs getting ready for competition to retired dogs that need a skill refresher. And for older dogs that may have some physical difficulties, this class has great rehabilitative benefits to keep your dog active. The class is fairly inexpensive, and it is a great outlet for your dog on a Friday night. Please consider joining us!



Julie and her Rally dog Izzy. Photo courtesy of BobbiLe N'Diaye Photography.

# Bloat: *Be Aware of the Symptoms*

Bloat. This word is frightening for owners of German Shepherds and other breeds of dogs with deep chests. Yet if you're a new owner or you've never experienced bloat in a dog, you might not be aware of this deadly condition until it is too late.

Gastric dilation, or bloat, is a build-up of air in the dog's stomach which becomes extremely dangerous when it puts pressure on the diaphragm, making it difficult for the dog to breathe. According to an AKC publication, "the air-filled stomach also compresses veins, preventing blood from returning to the dog's heart. Furthermore, the condition can cause the stomach to rotate, cutting off blood supply to the stomach."

A veterinarian is your best source of information on keeping your dog healthy, and there are a myriad of resources available online to educate dog owners about risk factors related to bloat. A few of those include eating from a raised bowl, having only one large meal a day, eating quickly, or exercising immediately before or after eating.

However, those of us who have experienced bloat in our dogs know all too well that sometimes our best efforts to keep risk as low as possible are still not enough. To that end, it is extremely important to be aware of and alert to the symptoms of bloat, which are classic and fairly easy to spot: stomach enlargement, retching, drooling, restlessness/pacing, pale gums. The earlier the condition is caught, the better the chance for treatment, so it is vital that a dog exhibiting symptoms of bloat be taken to a veterinarian immediately.

Ch Jeddhaus O'Henry (Hank) is one of the fortunate dogs whose owners, club members Ken and Ann Jeddloh,

recognized bloat when they saw it and got him treatment. Hank was home with Ken on Friday, July 17, 2015, while Ann was working the check-in desk for the GSDCMSP at Animal Inn. That evening, Hank vomited a clear liquid a couple of times but did not seem ill. When Ann got home about an hour later, she checked on Hank, noticed his gums turning an odd color, and the couple immediately took action, the first of which was to call the Animal Emergency and Referral Center in Oakdale, Minn., to alert staff that a bloat case was enroute. The Jeddlohs raced Hank to the clinic, about 20 minutes from their home in Hudson, Wis.

"The on-duty vet confirmed the symptoms of bloat," Ken said. "The vet asked some questions as to what Hank had been up to preceding the onset of the symptoms. We explained he had not been doing anything out of the ordinary. We did our normal late afternoon walk, nothing strenuous, no jumping or anything physical. He was fed about 1.5 or 2 hours later, and then about 2 hours after that we let him in the family room to say hello to our visitors; a couple of licks and he went back into the dog room to see how our female puppy was doing. They had not been playing together for a least a week and a half, as she was in the final days of her first "in heat" event. That was all the vet had to hear; it

essentially confirmed that indeed this was bloat. Evidently, the relationship of males in close proximity to "in season" females and bloat has been documented."



In surgery, it was confirmed that Hank had bloat, and his stomach had flipped, but the surgeon was able to move it back into normal position, and it was "tacked" as well. If Hank should experience bloat in the future, the tacking procedure will make it less likely that his stomach will move out of position.

Although Hank experienced some complications with bleeding and a respiratory infection, he was back home to recuperate by the Monday after surgery and now, nearly seven months later, Hank is fully recovered--but will be nowhere near the Jeddloh's female Shepherd during her next heat cycle.

## WEB RESOURCES FOR INFORMATION ABOUT BLOAT

**[Quick Reference Guide:](#)** This chart is available at a number of websites and would be a good tool to post in your home.

**[AKC Publication:](#)** Bloat, a Potentially Life Threatening Condition

**[Audio:](#)** **Interesting discussion of bloat** by Dr. Laura Nelson, assistant Prof. of Small Animal Surgery, Michigan State University, discusses bloat.

# Get to Know your Board: *Sarah Falk, Secretary*



Sarah Falk and Manny

When I was asked to give a biography about myself for the Shep-O-Gram, I thought, “wow, where do I start?” Charles Dickens’ David Copperfield, “I was born...” comes to mind, so I similarly start my story with the arrival of our GSD puppy, Manny, in 2008. This truly was the birth of a new me. The old me had dogs—we always had dogs growing up, and my parents themselves had dogs growing up, and I had many adventures with all of them. But with Manny, I was introduced to a whole new world.

I’ll never forget the day of his arrival. He was a surprise (although we’d been waiting for years for the right fit). See, my husband (at that time my fiancé) had grown up with shepherds in a breeder home. His parents, Walter and Elaine, were breeders and AKC judges, Club members, etc., and so he grew up with this breed; as far as the family was concerned, there was no other breed! Wade’s dad had been on the lookout for a litter that would produce a dark pigmented, masculine dog with a strong head, good bone and, most importantly, a great temperament.

One evening, Wade asked me if I would help him bring some boxes from work into the house. He had opened the rear cargo bay door and was standing beside it with a look of anticipation. As I approached, I heard a soft “thump, thump, THUMP” that grew louder and louder as I approached. Inside the cargo area was a large plastic travel crate. Wade opened the kennel door, and Manny exploded into my arms, wriggling and wagging and licking; a kindred soul that would change my life forever. He was almost four months old, and he stole my heart.

Over the last eight years, Manny and I have become a team, enjoying training and competing in obedience, tracking, agility and nosework. I also showed Manny in conformation, and he passed his GSDCA Temperament Test and the Therapy Dogs International Test. He also learned how to swim and absolutely loves the water. He is a big fan of Caribou whipped cream. Over the years, we’ve spent lots of time hiking (and romping) in our state and regional parks in the Twin Cities area.

Two years ago, we added Bella, our second GSD, to the family. Bella and I also pursued training in obedience, agility and nosework; it’s a shame she doesn’t like the water as much as Manny does, but she loves anything involving a ball and running. We all spend most of our time training in NACSW Nose Work (a sport based on working detection dogs). This is a popular new sport, so just getting into a trial is a success. Last year I was approved as a Score Room Lead, so at any local trials I’m not competing in, you’ll likely find me behind the scenes tabulating trial results!! Bella passed all three Odor Recognition Tests in one day at 16 months old, and we competed in her first trial last fall where she earned a leg towards her Level 1 Interior Element title. We are planning for our first attempt at the NW1 title. Manny and I are hoping to get into a few NW3 trials this year and earn our NW3 title, which should be a good challenge for us.

I joined the Club shortly after getting Manny, and this is my third year as Secretary. I enjoy serving in this position, as I see great value in sharing information through the consistent use of several of our communication vehicles: the Weekly Update via email, our Club’s Facebook page, and keeping and distributing the official Meeting Minutes. If anyone has any ideas on what I could be doing differently, let me know! Keeping the membership informed of events and how they can participate is a passion of mine and a skill I leverage in my day job as a Retail Communications and Planning Manager at Best Buy’s corporate office.

If someone would have told me eight years ago that soon I would be studying the breed standard, learning to free stack, showing my dog, learning how to run an agility course, participating and competing in detection dog sports, and serving as an officer in my local breed club, I would never have believed it! If we haven’t met, please come over and say hi. I’d love to get to know you better!

## Want to Get Involved?

Interested in meeting new people, spending time with great dogs, learning and contributing to our active and enthusiastic club? We invite you to join us! Volunteering is an excellent way for new and sustaining members alike to get involved. Throughout the year there are a variety of volunteer opportunities including matches, agility trials, obedience and conformation events. You can help out by manning the desk on Friday nights, assisting with food at events, working at the the GSD Fun Day or the Minnesota State Fair demo events. Tell us what you are interested in, as planning is underway for 2016 events and we are always looking for club volunteers. Contact us through the website, our Facebook page or talk to a member at the club on a Friday training night.

## CLUB CALENDAR

*Regular Classes are scheduled for the following times unless otherwise noted. Please remember that the calendar is subject to change **and the most current information can be found on our website. Classes and meetings are held at Animal Inn, Lake Elmo, MN***

- 6:00-6:45 Puppy Socialization 1
- 6:00-6:45 Puppy Socialization 2
- 6:00-7:30 Rally
- 7:00-8:00 Basic (Beginner) Obedience
- 7:30-9:00 *Conformation-* All Ages
- 8:00-9:00 Intermediate/Novice Obedience
- 9:00-10:00 Intermediate/Novice Obedience

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan. 31: Group Walk around Lake Harriet, 1 p.m. Contact Ron Halling for information, 612-720-1536
- Feb. 6: Membership Year-End Banquet (Lake Elmo Inn Events Center, Lake Elmo, MN)
- Feb. 12: February Membership Meeting
- Feb. 20: Socialization and Obedience Workshop
- March 19: Socialization and Obedience Workshop
- April 1-3: GSDCMSP Agility Trials (On The Run, Ham Lake, MN)



# The German Shepherd Dog Club of Minneapolis and St. Paul MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Applicant Name (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate the name(s) of any other dog clubs you belong to: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of German Shepherds you own: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Litters bred in the last two years: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE INDICATE (X) THE AREAS IN WHICH YOU MAY BE INTERESTED:

OBEDIENCE:  RALLY OBEDIENCE:  CONFIRMATION:  TRACKING:  AGILITY:   
 HERDING:  BREEDING:  OTHER:  Please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

I would be interested in helping with the following activities:

Specialty Shows & Trials  Fun matches  Programs  Newsletter   
 Training Center  Hospitality  Advertising  Club Office

**I HEREBY MAKE APPLICATION TO THE ABOVE CLUB AND AGREE TO BE GOVERNED BY ITS CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.**

APPLICANT SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
MEMBER PROPOSED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

This application must be accompanied by a check for one year's dues and signed by a current club member sponsor. Dues are \$25 for a single membership or \$30 for a couple. Please make checks payable to the GSDC of Mpls & St. Paul. Return this application at a training class or club meeting or mail with check to:

Cindy Muehbauer, GSDCMSP Membership, 18801 Watervest Street NW, Anoka, MN 55303

**Please Note:** All applicants must attend two sponsored events or meetings within one year of their application date. At the meeting following the second meeting attended, the applicant will be announced as a member, whether they are in attendance at that meeting or not. Membership meeting dates are listed in the club newsletter and published on the club website: [www.gsdcmplsd.org](http://www.gsdcmplsd.org). Dues shall be assessed on a yearly basis from October 1 through September 30. Membership dues for applicants that become members between July of a given year and the December membership meeting date of that year will be waived for the following year.

If you have any questions, please contact the membership chairperson (612) 219-9374 or [cimuehb@gmail.com](mailto:cimuehb@gmail.com)

**To be completed by Membership Chair:**

Date Dues Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ by check  Cash:  Placed in club cash box:  Mailed with Application:   
1<sup>st</sup> meeting date: \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting date: \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant's name added to membership list:



# German Shepherd Dog Club of America, Inc. Application for Membership & Renewal Form

There shall be two types of memberships:

- **Regular Membership:** Minimum age of (eighteen) 18 years. Must be in good standing with AKC. In addition, applicant (and all renewing members) agrees to abide by the GSDCA by-laws and the Rules and Regulations of the American Kennel Club. Two endorsements of current members must be provided by new applicants. Applicant's name, along with their sponsors, will be published in the Review. Provided no objections have been filed within 30 days of publication in the Review, applicant will be notified in writing by the Corresponding Secretary or Membership Chairman that he/she is eligible for all privileges including the right to vote.
- **Junior:** At least (nine) 9 years of age and not more than (eighteen) 18 years of age and shall subscribe to the same criteria as Regular Membership with the exception of the requirement to pay dues. Junior members cannot vote, hold office, or serve on committees other than Junior committees.
- If sponsors (endorsees) are unavailable, applications may be submitted without signatures. Per GSDCA policy, they may be signed by the current GSDCA President & Membership Chair.

Mail form and dues to: GSDCA Membership, Danja Karloff, 2136 Mt Pleasant Road, Chesapeake, VA 23322  
Phone: 757-462-3966 Email: [GSDCAmembers@aol.com](mailto:GSDCAmembers@aol.com)

If you would like to apply and pay online & pay with a credit card, please go to <http://gsdca.org/join-the-gsdcaapply-online>.

**Select Membership Type:**

- NEW Single Membership** (includes a GSD Review Subscription) **(\$36.00) \*\***
- NEW Family Membership** (includes a GSD Review Subscription) **(\$66.00) \*\***
- Renewal Single Membership** (includes a GSD Review Subscription) **(\$66.00)**
- Renewal Family Membership** (includes a GSD Review Subscription) **(\$100.00)**
- Junior Membership** (no charge) (Does not include Review Subscription)

\*\* This is a special offer for new members only. Offer expires 12/31/2014. Review delivery option prices still apply for all memberships.

**Select GSD Review Delivery:**

- Standard US Delivery with label on rear cover (no charge)
  - Standard US Delivery in a POLY wrapper (bag) (+ \$5.00)
  - 1st Class US Delivery (bag included) (+ \$36.00)
  - Delivery Outside the US (+ \$24.00) (\*required for non-US)
- Membership \$ \_\_\_\_\_ + Delivery \$ \_\_\_\_\_ = Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(NOTE: Former GSDCA members are eligible if their membership has lapsed for at least 12 months prior to application)

Dues are NOT tax deductible. Please note that all administrative work for the GSDCA is done by volunteers and it may take up to 60 days to completely process your membership application. Enclose your dues payment for the amount shown with the membership type you have selected above with this application. Checks should be made out to: German Shepherd Dog Club of America.

Membership Information (please print)

What other regional/national dog organizations do you belong to?

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Why are you interested in joining the GSDCA? \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Middle Initial: \_\_\_\_\_ \*\* Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ (\*\* REQUIRED for Juniors)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ What Activities do you enjoy with your GSD? (you may choose multiple items)  Agility  Conformation  Herding  House Pet

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_  Obedience  Rally  Schutzhund/Working Dog Sport

ZIP/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_  Tracking  Other

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Endorser 1 Name/Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Endorser 2 Name/Address: \_\_\_\_\_

For FAMILY Memberships, provide 2nd member information. (Family membership is defined as 2 people living in the same household (principal & one (1) other person).

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Middle Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: GSDCA members agree to abide by all AKC and GSDCA rules and policies



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