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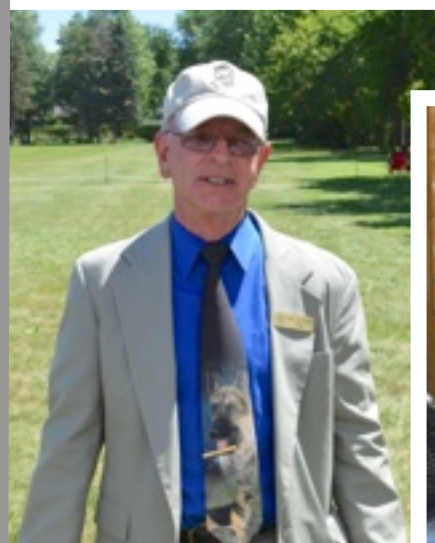
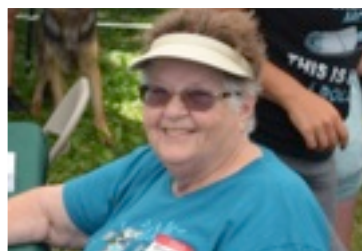
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2016 Annual Specialty, June 25-26



Show results and additional photographs will be included in the August - September issue of the Shep-O-Gram.

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President's Message:

It is officially summer! And with summer comes a multitude of activities and events for all to participate in with their German Shepherd Dogs.

We have our Specialty Show and many all-breed conformation shows; agility trials are in full swing, and the Socialization/Obedience Workshops have moved outdoors to enjoy the summer weather. Ron Halling's popular Social Walks for German Shepherds and their owners are happening once a month.

In addition, we are in the planning stages for *The Great Minnesota Get Together* GSDCMSP-Style! What does that mean? We continue our tradition of presenting the GSD Demo Day at the Minnesota State Fair, this year on Sunday, September 4th, 2016. We are looking for volunteers to help us showcase our dogs' activities at the Demo Day.

As a club, we will also be covering a bench inside the Pet Center for 10 of the 12 days of the fair. The Minnesota Purebred Dog Breeders Association (MPDBA) sponsors the Pet Center, and we, as a club, are members of the MPDBA. This is a great public forum to showcase our beautiful breed, talk about our club activities while promoting responsible dog ownership, and brag about our dogs! It is a long, rewarding day of meet and greet with fair visitors, so I suggest you bring another club member to share the time with you. Please reach out to Bobby Moore or me for more details, including specific MPDBA benching criteria established to ensure that the day is safe and rewarding for participants and fair visitors alike.

More details to come in July! Stay cool and keep your dogs cool!

*For the love of GSDs,
Peggy Simerson
President, GSDCMSP*



GSDCMSP President Peggy Simerson and Board Member Denise Gilbertson.



Club member Bo Vujovich enjoying a moment with Rosewood's Man Up, aka Tuffy

ANNUAL SPECIALTY THANKS!!

Please join in a big thank you to everyone who pulled off our show!!

Show Chair: Verna Kubik

Show Secretary: Cristina McColl

Grounds crew: Roger Salava and Craig Carson

Hospitality: Ann Jeddeloh and Laurie Schray

Saturday Evening in Italy: Cindy Muehlbauer with assistance from Linda Salava

Chief Ring Steward, Obedience: Virginia Bailey

Website: Bobby Moore

Conformation Stewards: Sarah Falk, Nils Anderson, Candace Noelle James

Catalog Ads: Bobby Moore and Jan Anderson

Raffle coordinator: Mary Lee

Trophies and other misc. duties: Peggy Simerson

Conformation photography: Valerie Harrington

Judge's Transportation: Diane Blasius Brown

Trailer Logistics: Denise Gilbertson and Greg Biskey

GSDCMSP Demo Team for Saturday demo, Amber Eisfeld leading!

Saturday evening Panel Discussion: Mary Ellen Kish, Dr. Bob Kish, Dave Rinke, Paul Johnson, Martha Simonett

Product Recommendation: *AmberStone Collar*

By Rhonda Meath

Back in March, I was thinking of the upcoming spring and summer flea and tick season. Since SMITH was diagnosed with Lyme disease last November, the thought of using chemicals again to protect my dogs really didn't sit too well with me. I had used Frontline and Bravecto before on all my dogs, but I wanted to try a different, more organic approach without the use of chemicals or drugs.

I had heard about these AmberStone pet collars from friends who had given them amazing reviews. Amber stone is a natural flea and tick protection for your dogs. The collars are made out of authentic 40 million-year-old baltic amber. All natural. No chemicals.

I immediately ordered collars for SMITH, Jades and Bones.

Here is what amber stone is and how it works:

Amber is a fossil, admired and used for its beauty since ancient times. Amber is not a stone but, actually, a fossilized conifer tree resin millions of years old, purely organic and valued throughout history for its healing and therapeutic powers.

Amber works on pets in two ways. First, the amber resin contains aromatic properties called terpenes. When a pet wears an amber stone collar, the animal's body heat and friction from fur will cause the amber to release the resinous smell, which repels ticks and fleas.



Jades wearing her AmberStone collar



AmberStone collars for SMITH, Jades and Bones

The second way amber works is that it has electrostatic properties. Static electricity is generated when amber is rubbed against the fur, and this is also a tick and flea deterrent. The longer your pet wears the collar, the more effective it will be. It usually takes three weeks or more of wear for the collar to have the maximum repelling properties.

My dogs SMITH, Jades and Bones have been wearing their collars since the end of March, and not one of them has had any ticks! I am very pleased with the results of this natural tick and flea protection so far.

Collars typically last one season, so I will be ordering their new ones next year in March.

For more information on the amber stone collars or to order a collar, check out the website AmberStonepets.com. Collars that would fit a German Shepherd begin at around \$35.

Note: While I chose an organic alternative to battle ticks and fleas for my dogs, remember, there are options. You decide what is right for your dogs.

Like a finely-tuned machine--

Workshops, group walks “sync” dogs and owners

By Ron Halling

Editor's Note: The following article written by Ron Halling was recently published in The German Shepherd Dog Review, the official publication of the German Shepherd Dog Club of America. The Review is published monthly and mailed to all GSDCA members as a benefit of membership. Ron's contribution to The Review was intended to be a resource for other clubs, sharing information about his popular and highly-effective monthly training opportunities for owners of German Shepherd Dogs. It also served to highlight the GSDCMSP to members and subscribers in the United States and Canada, as well as Mexico and Europe. Our club is grateful not only for Ron's affiliation with us, his expertise and passion for the breed, but his willingness to advocate publicly for training. Thank you, Ron, for sharing your article with the Shep-O-Gram.

Have you purchased a new car lately? If so, your dealer probably spent an hour with you going over details like how to connect your phone and work the voice-activated controls. At the German Shepherd Dog Club of Minneapolis and St. Paul (GSDCMSP), we offer a monthly Workshop, a kind of tutorial on owning a GSD. It's surprising how many people are in need of an experienced GSD trainer who can show them how “operate” their dogs--much like the dealer does with the vehicles they sell.

I've been facilitating the Workshop in Minnesota since 2008. It started as an alternative obedience class but soon morphed into teaching people how to be pack leaders and bond with their GSDs. It's surprising how many owners obtained their dogs thinking their new pets they would just eat, play and sleep.

Most of us will only purchase a purebred dog from a reputable breeder, devoting hours to finding just the right one. That's not the reality for a good percentage of owners, however. Many go to the internet or find permanent “Puppies for Sale” signs in someone's front yard and end up with who knows what.

As much as we don't like the notion of poor breeders, they exist, and these are often the GSDs the public is seeing--rather than the well-bred dogs we're training or showing in a trial somewhere. Why? Because these dogs are visible in the community, in our neighborhoods-- tied up in someone's yard barking aggressively or lunging at people out for a stroll.

At our club, rather than shun owners of these dogs, we started working with them and any other GSDs and owners in need of help. In fact, it's not uncommon to have an experienced owner walk in and say, “I've been breeding and raising GSDs for 40 years and never had one like this.” Other Workshop participants include people who have given of themselves to save a GSD in need of a new home. For all, it's a place to come enjoy the day, learning to deal with our pack members of all backgrounds.

Our Workshop day begins with a 45-minute lecture including basic “do's” and “don'ts”, as well as information on imprinting stages and ideas for how to deal with them. We then go over issues and methods used to control everything from jumping on house guests to biting them.



Ron Halling with Workshop/Walk participants Heidi Murphy and Lisa Cirks-Veit

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While I talk, the dogs settle down as they assimilate to the day’s “pack”. Whenever one of the dogs barks or whines, a simple but stern “HEY” from the obvious “pack leader” is usually all that is needed to restore quiet. This works not only to settle the pack but also demonstrates to attendees the importance of being a strong pack leader and how to change the hierarchy at home for a better bond and better-behaved dog.

When the lecture is over and the concept of the pack has been learned, it’s time for an hour or more of hands-on work. I, with my co-instructor Amber Eisfeld, then continue to enforce the pack leader theory through exercises designed to enlighten students on how they can control their dogs’ actions. While we work on obedience, we also teach communication skills. For example, by using props, we teach owners to say “jump”, “nice jump” while guiding their dogs over a small high hurdle. Another is a short broad jump to teach “over, nice over”. By doing this, we’re showing the class how to teach their dogs a vocabulary and thus have a working dictionary of words that--through positive and negative markers--communicates what we are asking our dogs to do. And when dogs understand, they work hard to please their owners. Telling our dogs to “shake” the water off of themselves as they leave a lake is just as simple as teaching them to “bark” or “no bark”. Teaching them to walk obediently next to us without pulling while wagging their tails is as easy as teaching them to sit.

After completion of the Beginner training, my wife, Ann, then sets out a main dish for a potluck lunch. We call it the “human socialization”, where owners of all levels can sit, relax, compare notes and compare stories. It’s also a time for us to convey what the club has to offer.

The next class is made up of students wanting to polish their obedience skills and learn exercises that assist in real life situations-- backing a dog up or better stays and recalls. Each month I also offer a special item to learn, such as directed jumping.

But we’re not done yet. A week later, we convene at an area lake so we can work on the lessons in real life situational walks. Having learned how to spot perceived threats before their dogs do, owners calmly tell their dogs “it’s okay” and “no bark”. Having non-reactive dogs in “this day’s pack” helps the new dogs again assimilate and walk calmly past oncoming pedestrians, bikers and dogs while heeling next to their owners. If a dog pulls, barks or lunges, the owner can revert back to the lessons learned in class and remind his dog who is in charge. The formerly reactive dogs take their cues from the rest of the pack and think again about reacting to previous triggers.

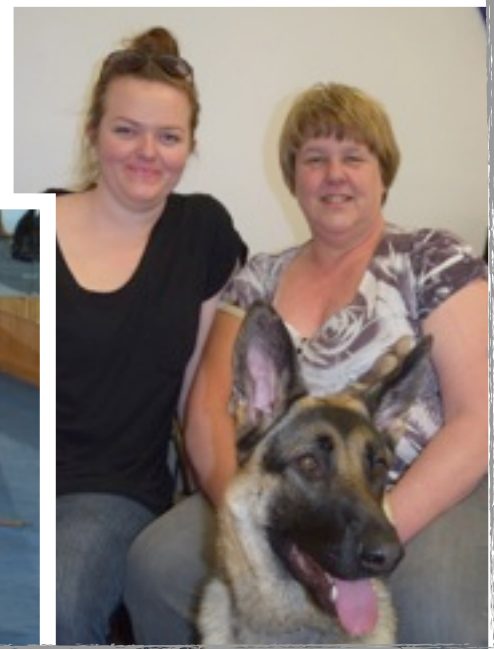
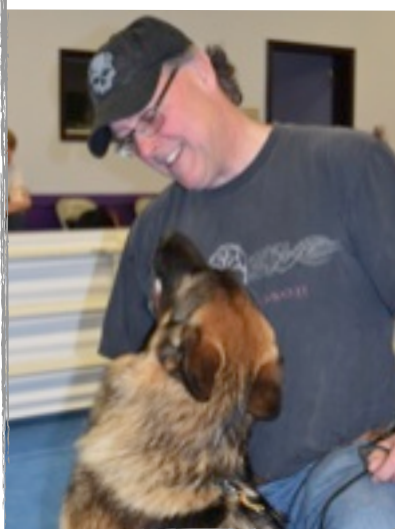
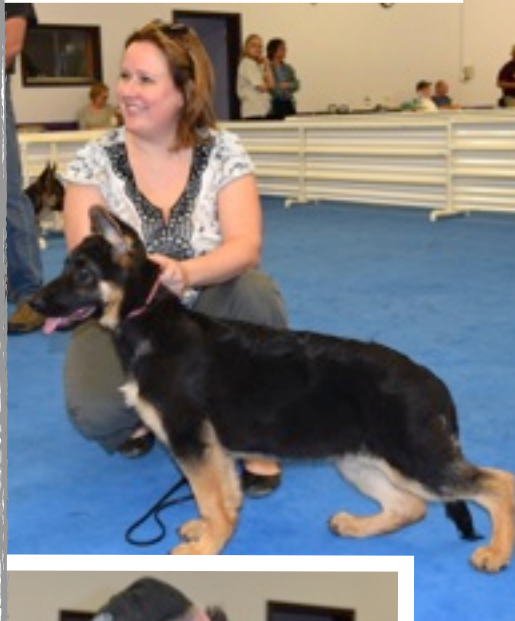
Lastly, we host a demo team practice. Our team is not focused on performance titles or competition; it’s purely for the fun of getting out with our dogs at any skill level. Our team is comprised of pets that can heel and owners that can listen to moves called out and have the ability to laugh hard if one of us makes a mistake. Some dogs on the team came to the Workshop initially with dog-to-dog aggression issues. When we perform a weave, we point out to the audience that these once-confused dogs now know another dog is not a perceived threat and can encounter other dogs without incident. This gives everyday pet owners an outlet for fun in the ring, and, in turn, demonstrates to the crowds watching that GSDs can be as gentle and smart as any other breed.

As a responsible club, we give GSD owners a “tutorial” about their dogs, just as the car dealer provides a tutorial on that new car. We then take them on a test drive to ensure that they know how to “drive”, and provide an outlet for them to enjoy their newly tuned dogs.

Earn a title this year? Report it for the CLUB CHALLENGE!!

Did your dog earn a title between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016? If so, you can help the club retain our first place ranking in the [Regional Club Challenge](#), an inter-club competition from the German Shepherd Dog Club of America to recognize regional clubs whose members have had success in AKC competitions (points are earned for titles in conformation, performance, TDI visits, GSDCA-WDA schutzhund titles, etc.) The year end is June 30, so if you have a title to report, please contact Pam Magadance, who is once again taking on the task of collecting all of our awesome achievements and submitting them by the July 31 deadline: agility_gage@hotmail.com

Club Spring Match, April 16, 2016



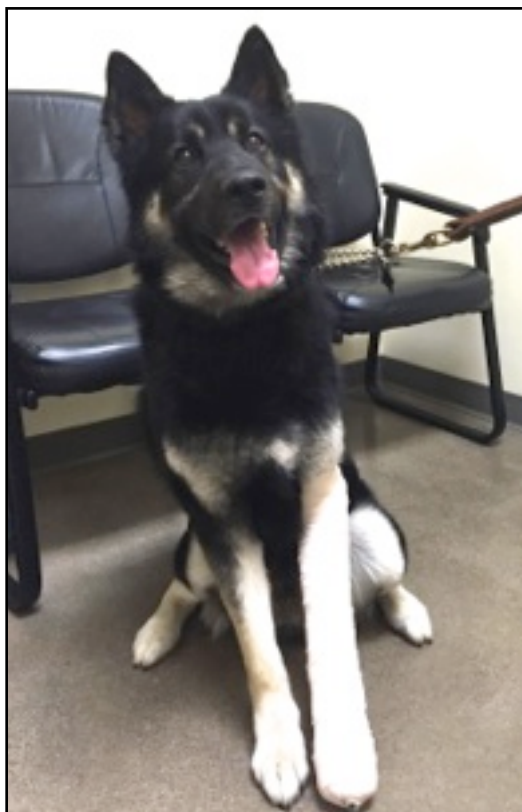
RESCUE UPDATE: Saving Shepherds of Minnesota

Over the last 6 months, we have taken 50 dogs into our rescue, and 42 of those have been adopted. Dogs have come to us from Minnesota, Tennessee, Iowa, Wisconsin, Nebraska, Missouri, Kansas, Texas and Illinois, and include owner surrenders, neglect cases, abused dogs, medical cases and dogs that were impounded as strays. We are excited to share that we recently were awarded a Shelter Animals Count Incentive Grant from Maddie's Fund and a grant from Athletes for Animals.

We have been busy with medical cases this month. Thor came to us as an owner surrender, and shortly after he arrived, we discovered he had a severely infected tooth as well as a shattered one that needed to be removed. We contacted the previous owner and learned his teeth had been like that for 3 years! Thor had a much-needed dental visit, and we are happy to report he was recently adopted.

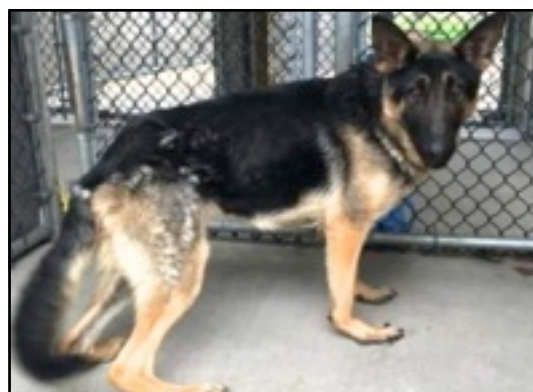
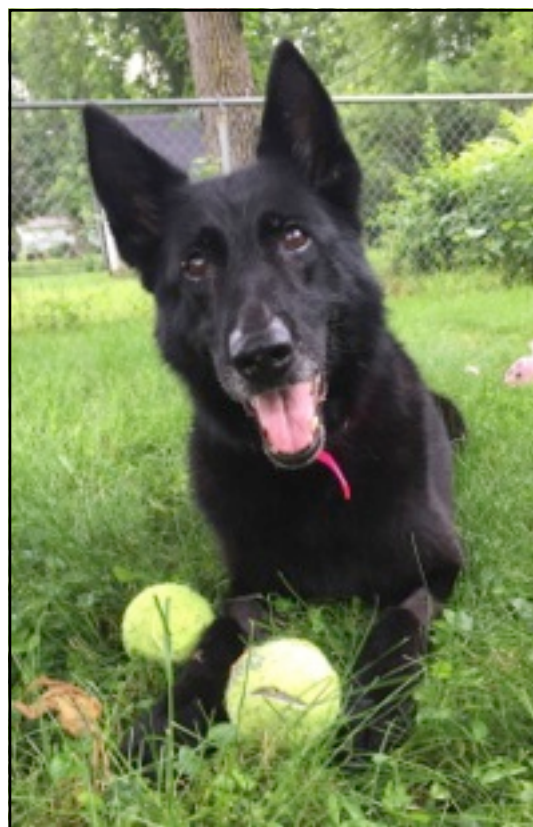
We found Zeus suffering from an injured foot and being given away for free on Craigslist. Within hours, he was in our care and at our vet. An exam and x-ray revealed that Zeus had a soft tissue injury. He was splinted, then rested while he healed and also recently went to his forever home.

Maddux caught our eye through the power of social media. He was in danger of being euthanized in Chicago for some foot deformities. We committed to helping him and had to wait a month until he was well enough to travel. Maddux was seen by our vet, who prescribed supplements and high quality food to help build up strength in his legs, which we are hoping will eventually help with his stretched tendons.



We took Nina in after she spent 2 months in a Chicago shelter, mostly confined to a crate due to lack of space. Imagine our surprise when we learned Nina was a working dog who knows commands in German! At 9 years old, her teeth have seen better days and she is scheduled for dental work.

We are humbled by and appreciate the generosity of our supporters and donors as we continue on our journey to save these wonderful dogs.



Recent rescues: left, Zeus; top right, Nina; lower right, Maddux

RESCUE UPDATE: Faerieland Rescue

This year we have adopted out 24 dogs, and we are currently fostering 11 German Shepherds. A Minnesota-based rescue for German Shepherds, we focus mainly on Minnesota and North and South Dakota. The more foster homes and volunteers we have, the more dogs we can help. If you can assist, please consider doing so--it may be the most awesome thing you ever do!

We were glad to help fellow club member Connie Karner find new homes for two of her dogs. Luna and Diva are very happy and living the good life with their new families. This week we took in Thor – the 3rd German Shepherd from her. He needs one point to finish his Championship and is being fostered by Christie Heiman. Please cheer him on in Duluth in July so he can pick up that final point for his championship, as this is Connie's wish.

In April we learned of two 10-year-old German Shepherds in an Iowa shelter. Their owner had passed away, and the dogs were afraid, confused unsocialized, had no training, and were not used to being in the house. We brought Rosalie and Daisy into the rescue, and both are now adjusting and doing well. Dr. Jim Winsor, Inver Grove Heights Animal Hospital, examined and treated both dogs, and they are now ready for their FUREVER homes.

FaerieLand Rescue had a booth at the German Shepherd Specialty shows in June and appreciates the support of those who stopped by. Thank you Eileen Varhalla, Cyndi Romuld, Bob Volz and Volker Shray for your assistance.

Please consider supporting us in these ways:

- Log in to Paypal, www.paypal.com, use our email address: info.faerieland@gmail.com. On the next screen click FRIENDS and FAMILY (we won't be charged a fee) hit send.
- Download the app www.wooftrax.com on your phone. Walk your dog and raise some money for us.
- Login to www.schwans.com When checking out, use Campaign #26723 and we receive 5% of the total order. This is an event that is ongoing until August 2016.
- Continue saving aluminum cans. We will have a garage sale in August--watch for the date on Facebook.



Luna--along with Raleigh--another Faerieland rescue--with her happy new family.

Club donates to help Indiana breeder Paul Upton

Our club recently joined dog breeders and clubs nationwide who are following and donating to the cause of Paul Upton, an Indiana breeder and trainer whose dogs were seized in November 2015 and remain in the custody of that state's Animal Control (AC).

At the June membership meeting, the GSDCMSP voted to donate \$500 --as well as the club's half of Saturday's Specialty Show 50/50 raffle--to Upton's GoFundMe account.

Upton, who is President of the German Shepherd Dog Club of Central Indiana, is a long-time breeder and trainer whose kennel has apparently had a spotless record of inspection by Indiana Animal Control authorities. Nevertheless, a raid on Upton's kennel was conducted and 35 dogs--most belonging to Upton and some boarded for training--were seized last November.

Upton maintains that he has not been in violation of any animal care laws and has pleaded not guilty to the charges against him. Because Upton will not relinquish ownership of his dogs, Indiana AC is charging him \$6,150 per month until the court decision; a jury trial is

scheduled for August 22. Supporters of Upton created a GoFundMe account to fund-raise to pay the monthly fee and keep Upton's dogs from being adopted out by AC.

Upton's case is important and is being closely watched for a number of reasons, including fear that Indiana AC is "policing for profit" and that the department's actions could set a precedent that will be emulated in other states. Our club encourages members to get involved by learning more about the case and making individual donations if desired.

RESOURCES

Save Upton's German Shepherds GoFundMe Account
<https://www.gofundme.com/vq2hcx2s>

Article in Animal Legal Resources Blog: Paul pays for Pizur's Fraud

ABC News: Deputy City Prosecutor Fired after Admitting to Doctoring Public Records

Article in Best in Show Daily: Overreach, Dark Motives, the Sad Case of Paul Upton and his German Shepherds



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:

OBEEDIENCE: ☐ RALLY OBEEDIENCE: ☐ CONFORMATION: ☐ 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 Muehlbauer, 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.gsdcmplsp.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 cjmuehlb@gmail.com

To be completed by Membership Chair:

Date Dues Paid: _____ by check ☐ Cash: ☐ Placed in club cash box: ☐ Mailed with Application: ☐
1st meeting date: _____ 2nd 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 rolled 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

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: _____ ** Date of Birth: _____

(** REQUIRED for Juniors)

Middle Initial: _____

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: _____

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

Last Name: _____
First Name: _____
Middle Name: _____ Email: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

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

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*

- July 1: Summer Training Session Begins
- July 8: No Training
- July 17: [Socialization and Obedience Workshop](#) Outdoor location, Apple Valley American Legion, 14521 Granada Drive. 10 a.m. Lecture; 11 a.m. Hands-on Beginner's Class; 12 p.m. Pot-luck Lunch; 1 p.m. Advanced Class. Contact Ron to **inform in advance of specific issues** at hallings@frontiernet.net Cost is \$30. Plan accordingly to keep you and your GSD safe in hot/rainy weather (bring water, chairs, fans, shade clothes, rain gear, etc.)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Aug. 25 - Sept. 5: Daily Benching at Pet Building, Minnesota State Fair (State Fairgrounds)
- Sept. 4: GSD Day at the Fair (State Fairgrounds)
- Sept. 10: GSD Fun Day
- Sept. 24-25: GSDCMSP Herding Trial (open to all breeds)

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