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President's Awards to Metz, Halling and Kubik



GSDCMSP President Peggy Simerson, right, presented President's Awards at the club annual Awards Banquet on Jan.21, 2016 at the Lake Elmo Inn Event Center. Award recipients are, left to right: Mike Metz of Lindenhill German Shepherds; GSD Trainer Ron Halling, and Verna Kubik of Kubistraum German Shepherds.

Annual Banquet--A Celebration of Success

If an annual banquet is any indication of a club's vitality, the GSDCMSP is flourishing. Breeders, owners, handlers, rescue folks, and GSD admirers gathered for food, fun and fellowship at the annual Awards Banquet held by the club on January 21 at the Lake Elmo Inn Event Center. This year's large group of attendees represented the ever- expanding reach of the club, bringing together individuals who enjoy their dogs in the conformation, obedience and rally rings, at agility and herding trials, barn hunts and back yards. We were honored as well to host Kathleen Riley, editor of the Review, publication of the German Shepherd Dog Club of America. A good time was surely had by all!

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President's Message:

Happy 2017 to all! As winter continues, I hope this finds you enjoying some winter activities with your GSDs and making plans for the warm temperatures ahead of us!

We start this year with new faces on the board and plans for getting more of our membership involved in the monthly activities that everyone enjoys. So, my message at the beginning of 2017 is--volunteer where you can, in the activities you love or would like to know more about! A great way to find volunteer opportunities is to stay in contact with our club through Facebook, our bi-weekly email, the Shep-O-Gram and our website @ www.GSDCMSP.org Key contacts are listed within activities, or you can reach out to me or another board member to get involved. We have many activities coming up for 2017, including a sanctioned match in March, our Agility Trial in April and our Specialty Show in June. And, more urgently, we are looking for help on Friday nights at our training desk. Our club exists through the hard work and dedication of our members, so why not help out and learn something new!

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

Wanted: Friday Night Desk Help

Love to talk all things GSD and meet new people with GSDs on the brain too?

We are looking for desk help on Friday nights at the Animal Inn at our GSDCMSP training classes. Even if you are coming to take a class, you can still help out at the desk before or after your class! Assist with student check in when needed. Speak with newcomers about what we offer as a club and upcoming classes and activities. Training on duties will be provided. Please contact Anita Secord at anitasecord@msn.com or 952-212-8424, or Peggy Simerson at simcargsd@frontiernet.net or 715-248-4969.

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Winter Weather Precautions to Keep Your Dog Happy and Healthy

Like those New Year's Day *Shepherd Walk* hikers pictured with Ron Halling, right, most of us midwestern folk enjoy getting out with our dogs on a crisp winter day, hiking or snowshoeing or just romping in the snow.

We bundle up with boots and hats, gloves and parkas, but what preparations are necessary to keep our dogs safe and healthy? Actually, there are some considerations we should think about and pro-active measures we can take to ensure that our dogs enjoy winter outings.

It's a common belief that dogs are more resistant than people to cold weather because of their fur, but that isn't true. Dogs should not be left outside for long periods of time in below-freezing weather. Pets' cold tolerance can vary based on their coat, body fat stores, activity level, and health. It makes sense to shorten your dog's walks in very cold weather to protect you both from weather-associated health risks. Arthritic and elderly dogs may have more difficulty walking on snow and ice and may be more prone to slipping and falling.

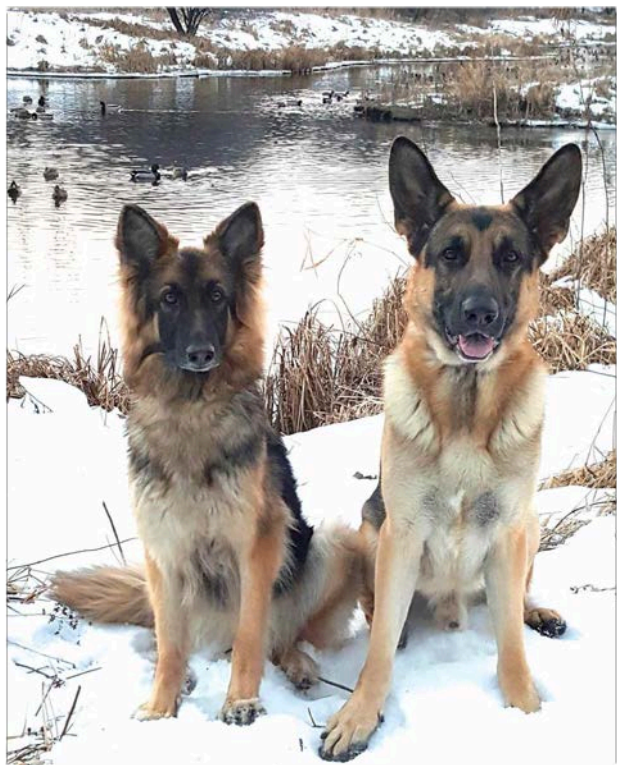
Do German Shepherds need boots? Not necessarily, but check your dog's paws frequently for signs of cold-weather injury or damage such as cracked paw pads or bleeding. During a walk, a sudden lameness may be due to an injury or to ice

accumulation between her toes. Clipping the hair between your dog's toes can help reduce the chance of ice ball accumulation. If your walks traverse city streets that are treated with de-icer, then booties or a paw protectant of some sort can help prevent irritation and reduce the chance that the dog will later lick his paws and become sick from the chemicals used to treat slick roads. Many styles of booties and a variety of paw protectant products are available at pet shops and through Amazon at reasonable prices, and you can also do a quick internet search to find recipes to make your own paw balms using such ingredients as Shea butter, coconut and sunflower oils and beeswax. After walks, be sure to wipe down or wash your dog's feet, legs and belly to remove sand, salt and road de-icing chemicals.

If your dog is whining, shivering, seems anxious, slows down or stops moving, seems weak, or starts looking for warm places to burrow, get him back inside quickly because these can be signs of hypothermia. Frostbite is harder to detect and may not be fully recognized until a few days after the damage is done. If you suspect your dog has hypothermia or frostbite, consult your veterinarian immediately.

Hot cars are a known threat to pets, but cold cars also pose significant risk. In winter, a car becomes cold quickly and can rapidly chill a dog, particular one that is young, old, ill, or thin.

Winter winds will continue to blow for a while yet this year, and we may as well enjoy the brisk days and drifts of snow. Bundle up yourself and your dog and head on out for some fun, fresh air and exercise.



Remmie and Mannix, owned by Cathy McKeon and Jeff Rapacz, enjoyed a New Years Day hike at Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park.

Anita Secord and “Arlo” --a “good life” together

Anita Secord’s joyful tribute to her dog, Arlo, was a highlight of the Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet in January, her unaltered enthusiasm perfectly capturing the love we all have for our dogs. In this issue’s Member Spotlight, meet Anita, of Long Lake, Minnesota.

A first string left defense hockey player in high school, Anita has also bred and trained horses, competing in western riding events like barrel racing and pole weaving. At present, she works for Pratt Industries, a manufacturer of corrugated boxes, serving as assistant to the controller, purchasing manager, and in production control and customer service. Anita has one son, Brad, who has served in the Air Force for 17 years.

Anita met her Arlo through Saving Shepherds of Minnesota in March 2016. Because her shepherd lab mix, Kota, was getting older, Anita wanted to have another dog in her life “to soften the blow when Kota goes home to be with the Lord.” Beginning her quest for a new family member, Anita looked into area rescues, and when a dog at Saving Shepherds of Minnesota caught her eye, she submitted her application to adopt. She didn’t end up with the dog she noticed initially, but she did find Arlo. “Arlo met me, my dog, Kota, and my son Brad, who was on Skype from Germany for two-and-a-half hours watching us meet! Arlo even met my neighbors, Emily and Sherrill, and they fell in love with him. Arlo fit right in and found his forever home with my family.”

Arlo and Anita were on the go from day one, attending Ron Halling’s Socialization and Obedience workshop the next Saturday and participating in the group walk on the following day. Anita said she was tickled that people who had known Arlo from rescue recognized and greeted him. “He was like a celebrity!” Anita said her introduction to the club was very positive. “All these wonderful people are the reason I joined the GSDCMSP and support and promote Saving Shepherds of Minnesota,” she said, noting that she recently finished fostering her first dog.

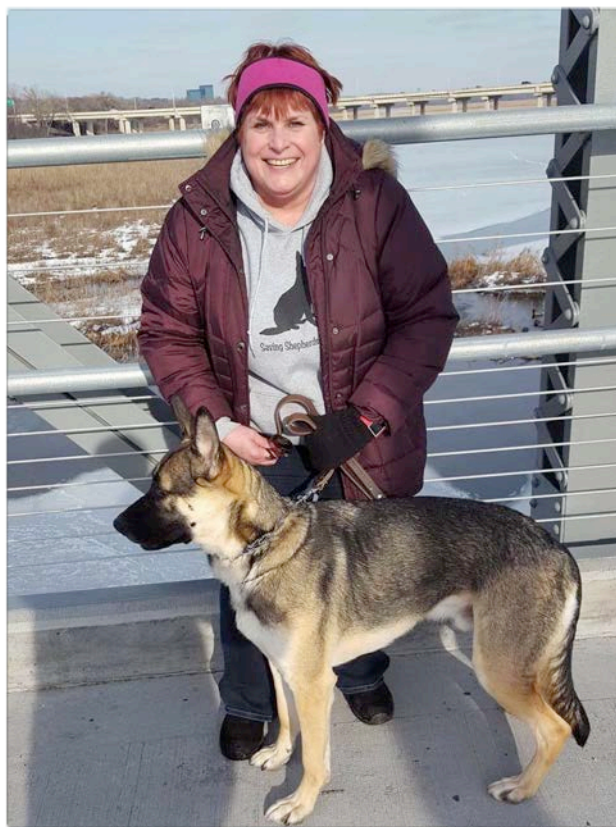
As it happens, the workshop and group walk were just the start for this duo. “Arlo and I started date nights every Friday. We went to Obedience classes where I learned how to be obedient – or, should I say, I was trained on how to train Arlo. We did two different levels of obedience classes, and Arlo earned his Canine Good Citizen Title Certificate.”

After his foray into obedience, Arlo then had a taste of the agility world. “Rhonda Meath donated two spots in her agility intro class to Saving Shepherds of Minnesota adopters. Our names were drawn out of a hat, and so we now also had agility on

Wednesday, and, oh what fun. We got to see what a character Arlo is. Arlo and I got to demo Agility on a leash at the Minnesota State Fair on GSD Day! We also have hiked the trails in the Superior National Forest, and Arlo took his first swim in the Baptism River.”

In addition to all of these accomplishments, Arlo also got a new, more “sophisticated” name after club member Julie Swinland mentioned to Anita that she could register Arlo with the American Kennel Club’s Purebred Alternative Listing program. “Since Heidi Murphy named Arlo when she and a sheriff’s deputy rescued him from a house where he was found emaciated-- skin and bones--with three other dogs, she helped me with his AKC name. A name with a story—he is Arlo Von Pit Living Good Life.”

Anita enjoys the fact that Arlo has a great personality and is eager to learn. “He was neglected; he never had anyone to show him how good life is and how much fun there is,” she said. Anita gave all of that to Arlo, but in return she said she now has a companion with whom to share life experiences and adventures. And she is grateful for the individuals she has met through Arlo, who have helped both she and Arlo find success. “I want to thank many people for all the tips, help, education, support, friendship and love. This is the beginning; I cannot wait to see where we go!



RESCUE UPDATE: Faerieland Rescue

FaerieLand Rescue would like to spotlight one of our senior German Shepherds, an 11-year-old who was in a shelter and in pretty bad shape when we took her in on October 9, 2016. Sweet, lost, confused, and scared, Hope was very thin at just 55 pounds. She had not been seen by a veterinarian, was not spayed, and had a growth on her side by her tummy area. We had her vetted, including the spay and growth removal. Once she arrived, it was obvious there were some neurological issues, as she walked with her head to one side and paced in circles, non-stop at times. Dr. Jim Winsor at Inver Grove Heights Animal Hospital examined her and determined that she had suffered a possible "stroke". There was not much that could be done except

Hope and her adoptive "Mom", along with new family member, Ginger.



to love her with as much TLC as we could. At times Kathy hand fed her to encourage her to eat.

On December 27, 2016, Hope was adopted and had her FUREVER home. One of Hope's new family members was home all day, so Hope was never alone, and she grew to love her new Mommy. However, our story has a very sad ending, as Hope was diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor and continued to decline. A decision was made on January 1, 2017, for Hope to cross over the Rainbow Bridge. She knew love and kindness for three months, and she did not die alone.

Our first adoption for 2017 is Pebbles, a young Shepherd mix that came to us from a reservation. We took in Pebbles in November of 2016 and determined that she was about three months old at the time. She was adopted on January 27 to a wonderful family.

We have an ongoing Schwan's Fundraiser, and our Campaign ID is 30868. We receive 20% of the sales and 5% thereafter. E-Cards of \$25.00 may be purchased, which earn us \$10.00 each.

<https://www.schwans-cares.com/c/30868>

We are always looking for volunteers and folks to join the fun, and at present we are especially in need of foster homes for German Shepherds. If you can help, contact Kathy DuVall at 612.414.4073 or faerielandrescue@gmail.com.

RESCUE UPDATE: Saving Shepherds of Minnesota

Our first year was a success! We took in 119 dogs in 2016. We take great pride in the level of care we give our dogs., treating all of them like they are our own furkids.

In the last Shep-O-Gram, we talked about a little puppy we took in named Hope. Hope had PRAA and needed a very expensive surgery to save her life. With the help of generous donors, Hope had her surgery. She was doing awesome in her recovery until last weekend. Hope started regurgitating, and her mom couldn't get it under control. Hope went to the emergency vet and was experiencing another bout of pneumonia. Unfortunately, she took a turn for the worse, and despite the effort of her wonderful medical team, there wasn't anything else they could do to save her. Hope passed away peacefully surrounded by her family. Rescue isn't easy and it can be extremely heartbreaking. We can't save them all, but we will try.

On January 6th, we took in a very special family. We were contacted about two females found together as strays. After they were impounded, one of them gave birth to a little male puppy. We believe the mother is also the mother to the other female. Since Mama Maddie only had one puppy, her milk dried up, and little baby Fischer needs to be bottle fed every few hours by his foster family. We are greatly appreciative of our wonderful fosters and their dedication to helping our dogs.

On January 26, we pulled Serenity from a shelter in Texas. She had severe open wounds on her neck. She has begun healing and will be making her way to Minnesota in the near future. We cannot wait to welcome this girl and show her some Midwest love!

We are entering our second year with high expectations! We will have more merchandise for sale, more fundraisers and more events, all to raise money to help us save more dogs. We have wonderful volunteers and fosters that help make our organization what it is, but we can always use more. If you are interested in volunteering or fostering, please contact us at savingshepherdsmn@gmail.com. Stop by and see us at the Agility Trials!



2017 Membership Banquet

January 21, 2016

Lake Elmo Inn Event Center



Anita Secord and Joan Berg share some giggles at the awards banquet.



Stephanie Steigerwald and Carol Przybilla peruse pictures with Mike Metz..



Members and guests enjoyed conversation and a sumptuous buffet.



Mad scrambles ensued during a raucous post-dinner scavenger hunt.



Rhonda Meath stumped contestants and audience alike during GSD Jeopardy.



Rhonda Meath presented a special gift to Ron Halling in remembrance of his dog Addie.



Awards presented to members for new titles earned in 2016



Recognized for service with our training program: Rhonda Meath, Ron Halling, Kelly Rea McDuff, Ann Halling, Amber Eisfeld, Ginny Altman, Mike Metz, Verna Kubik, Julie Swinland and Anita Secord.





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.gsdcmpl.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 cjmuehb@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)

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

*Please see the GSDCMSP website for detailed descriptions of classes and prerequisites. Regular Classes are scheduled for the following times unless otherwise noted. Classes are sold in blocks of 10, \$90 for members and \$110 for non-members. 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 1 and 2** (For puppies up to 6 months old. 10 classes)
- 6:00-7:30 **Rally Obedience** (Classes are ongoing)
- 7:00-8:00 **Basic Obedience**
- 8:00-9:00 **Intermediate Obedience**
- 9:00-10:00 **Novice Obedience**
- 7:30-9:00 **Conformation- All Ages**

UPCOMING EVENTS

- February 18: Socialization & Obedience Workshop, 10 a.m., Animal Inn, Lake Elmo, MN
- March 10: Membership Meeting, 8:30 p.m., Animal Inn, Lake Elmo, MN
- March 11: Socialization & Obedience Workshop, 10 a.m., Animal Inn, Lake Elmo, MN
- March 31-April 2: Spring Agility Trial, 6 a.m. - 6 p.m., On the Run Canine Center, Ham Lake, MN
- April 1: Socialization & Obedience Workshop, 10 a.m., Animal Inn, Lake Elmo, MN

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