

# Shep-O-Gram

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Hello again

Here we are in mid-December already. I have listed all the activities of this year on page 6 with a little pictorial recap on Page 7. It has been a busy year and 2019 promises to be even busier with the possible addition of a second Scent Work trial in the spring.

We had an excellent holiday potluck a week ago.

There is no training until January 4. It was decided to skip Dec. 21 and give everyone a holiday break. So make note of that if you had it on your calendar.

Our next big event is the Awards banquet at the Lake Elmo Inn Event Center on Jan. 12. Be sure to get your reservations in. I have repeated the information on reservations on page 3 in case you misplaced your flyer. We also have our election of officers at the annual meeting. Remember to follow the instructions on completing the ballot exactly. Last year 14 ballots were thrown out because they could not be validated as required. Please PRINT your name rather than sign your name on the envelope, initials will not do, you must print your name. I know, I hate reading instructions too, but sometimes you just have to.

I have reprinted an article on "friendly dogs" which is worth reading.

Remember to send in your brags. You may notice that I have very

few conformation brags. That is because they are not being sent to me and my crystal ball is not working.

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Jan 12 Banquet & Annual meeting Lake Elmo Event Center 11 AM

# The problem with 'friendly' dogs

#### **REBECCA ROPER**

I've been a dog trainer for over 15 years and have met a lot of 'friendly' dogs.

The vast majority of those 'friendly' dogs are in fact rude, have no dog-dog social skills and rarely listen to their owner when distracted or highly aroused.

As a result, innocent dogs and their owners are being terrorized by other dogs. Dogs play a big part in our lives and it's a shame that people don't know very much about their behaviour.

Dogs communicate primarily by body language - tail, ears, eyes, posture, mouth - and we humans too easily misunderstand or just don't see these signs.

I'm always amazed when people feel the need for their dog to meet other dogs.

It isn't necessary. In fact, if you stop greeting other dogs your dog may thank you! Not all dogs like to meet, greet, and play with other dogs, especially

Do you meet every person you see while walking or shopping? Do you let your child run up to every person she or he sees?

There are many reasons why dogs shouldn't be allowed to run up and greet a dog. That dog could be recovering from surgery, or have injuries or a painful physical condition. It could be intolerant of other animals, leash reactive, elderly or a dog that's in training.

These dogs need space and have every right to walk the streets or parks, using a standard leash, without interacting with strangers, human or canine. And yet they are hounded, day after day, by cheery, well-meaning dog owners who insist on meeting them. So, just what is leash reactivity?

A leashed dog is more likely to be reactive as they feel threatened. Dogs that feel threatened do not want a fight, but they do signal to the approaching dog to go away. We just miss those signs and the approaching dog with poor

social skills doesn't understand, or doesn't care.

The leashed dog can also be frustrated when it sees other dogs. Frustrated dogs are extremely excited and their behaviour on leash can often look aggressive. It's easy for this excited greeting to turn bad very quickly.

The squeal of a frightened dog can cause a predatory reaction in the other dog. Owners of dogs need to be vigilant and aware of

their environment. If another dog does approach create some distance, step between the dogs and do a sit-stay with eye contact.

Your goal is to remain calm while the other dog passes by. As an added protection from an approaching dog try carrying a quick opening umbrella that will act as a barrier.

For owners with 'friendly' dogs, please call your dog back. Especially if you see the above signals from another dog owner that clearly shows they do not feel the need for the dogs to interact.



K9's Dog Trainer Rebecca Roper.

Size doesn't matter. A small rude dog is likely to get away with poor behaviour but is more likely to get injured or killed. A large rude dog is more likely to cause the injury.

So, the next time you see a dog running free with the owner's yelling "It's ok, my dog is friendly" try saying these two simple words, "Mine's not!". Be your dog's advocate.

Rebecca Roper owns OK K9's Dog Training in Kerikeri.

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# German Shepherd Dog Club

# **2019 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP & AWARDS BANQUET**

Lake Elmo Inn Event Center | 3712 Layton Avenue N Lake Elmo , MN 55042

JANUARY 12, 2019

# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

11AM.....SOCIAL HOUR NOON....LUNCH BUFFET 1-3PM.....MEETING + AWARDS + PRESENTATIONS

super fun games!

Rocking the 50's attire is encouraged but optional.

Members......\$30.00 Non-Members/Guests.....\$35.00 Kids (12 and Under)......\$14.95

# Reservation Form | RSVP by January 5th. 2019

Name:
Email:
# Guests Attending:
Amount Included:

**ROCKIN'** 

THE 50'S

Rhonda Meath MAIL TO: 14508 St Croix Trail N Marine on St Croix , MN 55047

Please make checks payable to : GSDCMSP

# Holiday Pot Luck 2018



# **Brags**



Arlo and Anita Secord earned a new title in A.C.T. 2. Now they are getting ready for their first trial.

They also get the award for the first ones to get a brag in this month!





Futurity Victor Todorhaus Black Hawk v. Lutzhaus

Owners: Sharon Todoroff and Tifani King Breeder: Mark French. Handler: Kelly Foehl Sire: GCH Todorhaus Cloud Dragon Dam: Karma Carmella of Lutzhaus CGC

Judges: Morton Goldfarb and Gloria Birch.

David Mielke and his girl Tasha were High in Trial with a time of 55 seconds in Trial 2 from the Novice A class at the St. Paul Dog Training Club's Scent Work Trial! They also completed their Novice

# **2018 in Review**

**January Annual Awards Banquet and Election Obedience and Rally Trial Spring Agility Trial Spring Match Geocaching Event Specialty Show Summer Agility Trial August Obedience and Rally Trial** Sniff and Go **Fun Day and Temperament Test State Fair Herding Trial and Farm Dog Certification** Test **Fall Agility Trial Scent Work Trial Fall Match Holiday Pot Luck** 

And of course the monthly Socialization and Obedience Workshops with Ron Halling



# December Obedience & Socialization Workshop





# SHEP-O-GRAM DEADLINES and ADVERTISING RATES

Deadline for inclusions/ads and articles. 20<sup>th</sup> day of previous month Advertising rates\* Advertizing available for members only and for dog related items.

Business card size ......\$10.00

¼ page (8 ½ in X 11 in page) ...... 35.00

- ½ page ..... 50.00
- full page ..... 75.00

\*Call or email for special rates for multilple issues. Make checks out to GSDCMSP

#### SOGGY by Julie Swinland





# **Application for Membership** German Shepherd Dog Club of America, Inc.

There are two types of membership. **Regular Members:** Minimum age of 18 years. Must be in good standing with AKC. Applicant (and renewing members) agrees to abide by the SGDCA by-laws and the Rules and Regulations of the American Kennel Club. Two endorsements by current members must be provided by new applicants. Applicant's name will be publication in the *Geman Shepherd Dog Review*. Provided no objections have been filed within 30 days of publication in the *Review*, applicant will be notified that he/she is eligible for

all privileges including the same of the same and not more than 18 years of age and shall subscribe to the same the right to vote. Junior Members: Must be 10 years of age and not more than 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.

# To apply and pay ONLINE with a credit card, please go to gsdca.org/join-the-gsdca/apply-online.

You can MAIL this form to Laura Gilbert, 557 Dunning Lane, Chesapeake, VA 23322

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## **Club Events**

#### Jan 4 Winter Training Session begins Jan 12 Annual Awards Banquet

Jan 19 Obedience Workshop

Feb 8 Membership Meeting

Feb 17 Obedience Workshop

### **GSDC MSP Class Schedule**

#### Ring 1 and 2

Amber Eisfeld & Kelly McDuff Puppy 1 & 2 .....6:00-6:45 Beginning Obedience ......7:00-8:00 Intermediate/Novice.......8:00-9:00

#### Ring 3

Rally Julie Swinland 6:00-7:30 Conformation Ginny Altman 7:30-

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