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Hello again,

I will be taking over the Shep-O-Gram again for awhile. Please remember to thank Sue Smith for all her fine work the last few years.

Since this was short notice I will use my old template for the newsletter for the time being and look for a more current style for the next issue.

I wasn't taking pictures at the last few events so I had to rely on photos I found on FaceBook or some that people sent to me. Unfortunately I couldn't find everything.

As usual, the club has many activities coming up, The Specialty conformation show at Cambridge with a GSDCA temperament test, The June 30 Geocaching event and picnic at William O'Brien State Park, the July Agility trial at Fusion, the August Rally and Obedience trials at the Animal Inn, The State Fair Demo, GSD Fun Day with a GDSCA Temperament test, at the Animal Inn The fall agility trial at On The Run and the herding trial at Polly Simpson's in New Richmond WI. For more information and to volunteer contact the chairs for upcoming events.

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If you have ideas for articles please send them to me.

Event Chairpersons please send me information before and after your event.

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July 20 membership meeting 8:00 PM Animal Inn

Spring Agility Trial March 29-April 1, 2018



Rhonda Meath's Lila earned a few colors at the GSDCMSP agility trial. Lila got a 1 st place in her Novice STD



Dawn Ebbenga and Ozzy With judge Mike Teh Recieving the High Scoring GSD award



Bones He pulled this Q off in STD , was the only 24" to qualify earning him a 1 st place.



Showing off the new agility shirts



Beverly Hoel and Fynn



Cathy McKeon's Mannix



**Tiri met the Easter Bunny
(Candace James).**



**Katie Halfen's Java,
Casamoko Black Gold
Digger OJP OAP NAP
CGC**



**Kiana, Casamoko's Alaskan
Summer Solstice NAP NJP NFP
CGC 2nd in Open Fast Preferred.**



**Eywa searched high and low for
Q's to no avail**



**Carla Scott and
MoMo**

Obedience and Rally Trials Feb 24, 2018



Melissa McIntyre & H'Linea von Holtgrew High Combined Rally in both trials and 1st in Obedience Open B in both trials



Mary Bente and Cajun Highest Scoring Dog in Obedience Trial in both trials



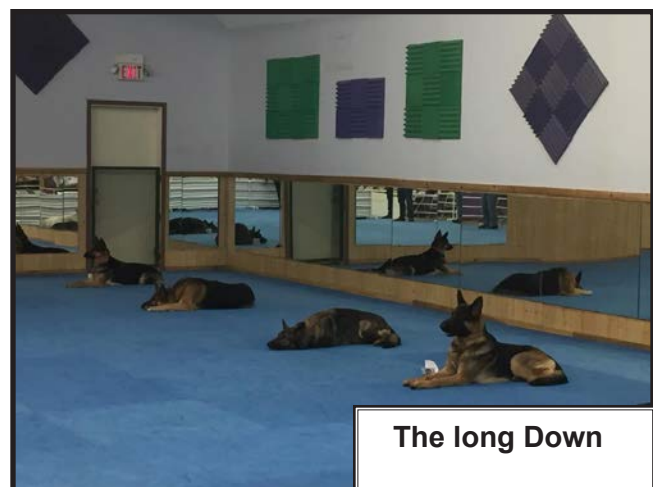
Bobbie Smith and Zeus 1st place Rally Novice A and Beginner Novice A



Ginny Eason and Eagle First Place Utility Preferred



Ron Halling and Riley Veteran Dog both trials 195.5 and 196.5



The long Down

Obedience and Rally Trials Continued



**Sue Smith and Spark
Rally Novice**



Raffle table team



**Anita Secord and Arlo
New Rally Novice title**



Katie Halfen



Amber Eisfeld and Pac



**Connie Halfen and Lola
- Casamoko's Dancing
Queen V Alaska AXP OJP
NFP CGC TKI.
she took first in both her
Beginner Novice B runs
and second in both her
Novice A runs.**

GSDCA Temperament Test vs AKC Canine Good Citizen Test

People ask what's the difference? We are offering both tests at the GSD Fun Day I

Temperament Certification Test TC

Temperament Test Guidelines for Handlers

Do not hurry the dog through the test; it is not a time test to see who gets through the fastest. Dogs must be kept on a loose lead throughout the test.

Neutral Stranger: This test is to simulate a typical street situation. The stranger will carry on a conversation with you, but will not make overtures to the dog.

Friendly Stranger: The stranger will make overtures to the dog and will touch the dog and handler as well.

Can-rattling: After the rattling begins, the dog is allowed to approach the blind to investigate the source of the noise. **DO NOT ALLOW** male dogs to urinate on the blind. As the dog comes around the blind to discover the source of the noise and investigate the can, the dog is given 20 seconds to make a close inspection. **DOB MAY BE ENCOURAGED** by the handler, using phrases like "what's that?" or "find it".

Gun Test: Upon completion of the can-rattling test, move approximately 15' beyond the next assistant who will shoot the gun. The spot will be marked on the course. Handler and dog will stop facing away from the shooter. The handler stands with the dog in either a standing or a sitting position (no commands are to be given to the dog). If the dog turns and/or moves toward the sound when the gun is shot, the handler may follow. The dog may be encouraged as in the can-rattling test.

Umbrella Test: Handler and dog proceed toward the assistant sitting in a low chair directly in the dog's path, but facing 90 degrees to the side. When the dog is 9' from the tip of the umbrella, the assistant will raise it; and when the dog is about 3' (no closer) from the tip of the umbrella, it will be opened directly toward the dog. The open umbrella is then lowered and rested on the ground while the assistant retains the handle in his hand. The dog is allowed to move forward (with encouragement if necessary) to investigate the umbrella.

Footing Test: Handler and dog approach a strip of polyethylene approximately 15' long and 4' wide. With the dog on a loose lead, they proceed directly along the length of this change of footing. Handler and dog proceed across at least a 10' wide aisle of normal footing and proceed directly across an exercise pen laid flat on the ground. They move along the length of the pen, not the width.

Self-protective/Aggressive Reaction:

- Handler and dog proceed downwind toward the hidden Tester. The handler ceases to move forward as soon as Tester comes into view and staggers across the dog's path.
- Tester will then turn toward the dog and slowly advance. If the dog exhibits a positive reaction, continues with Part C. **THE HANDLER WILL REMAIN STATIONARY.**
- The Tester then becomes threatening. When positive reaction is forthcoming, the Tester should back off in a furtive manner. **NO CONTACT IS TO BE MADE BETWEEN DOG AND TESTER. FOR ALL PARTS OF THIS EXERCISE, THE HANDLER MUST NOT ALLOW THE DOG TO ADVANCE BEYOND LEASH LENGTH OF THE HANDLER'S STOPPING POINT.** Pressure on the dog's collar should not be in the form of a sudden jerk.

Canine Good Citizen Test CGC

1. **Test 1: Accepting a friendly stranger**
This test demonstrates that the dog will allow a friendly stranger to approach it and speak to the handler in a natural, everyday situation. The evaluator walks up to the dog and handler and greets the handler in a friendly manner, ignoring the dog. The evaluator and handler shake hands and exchange pleasantries. The dog must show no sign of resentment or shyness.
2. **Test 2: Sitting politely for petting**
This test demonstrates that the dog will allow a friendly stranger to touch it while it is out with its handler. With the dog sitting at the handler's side, to begin the exercise, the evaluator pets the dog on the head and body. The handler may talk to his or her dog throughout the exercise. The dog may stand in place as it is petted. The dog must not show shyness or resentment.
3. **Test 3: Appearance and grooming**
This practical test demonstrates that the dog will welcome being groomed and examined and will permit someone, such as a veterinarian, groomer or friend of the owner, to do so. It also demonstrates the owner's care, concern and sense of responsibility. The evaluator inspects the dog to determine if it is clean and groomed. The dog must appear to be in healthy condition (i.e., proper weight, clean, healthy and alert). The handler should supply the comb or brush commonly used on the dog. The evaluator then softly combs or brushes the dog, and in a natural manner, lightly examines the ears and gently picks up each front foot. It is not necessary for the dog to hold a specific position during the examination, and the handler may talk to the dog, praise it and give encouragement throughout.

Canine Good Citizen Test Continued

4. Test 4: Out for a walk (walking on a loose lead)

The dog may be on either side of the handler. The dog's position should leave no doubt that the dog is attentive to the handler and is responding to the handler's movements and changes of direction. The dog need not be perfectly aligned with the handler and need not sit when the handler stops. The evaluator may use a pre-plotted course or may direct the handler/dog team by issuing instructions or commands. In either case, there should be a right turn, left turn, and an about turn with at least one stop in between and another at the end. The handler may talk to the dog along the way, praise the dog, or give commands in a normal tone of voice. The handler may sit the dog at the halts if desired. Read More: [How to Train a Puppy to Walk on a Leash](#)

5. Test 5: Walking through a crowd

This test demonstrates that the dog can move about politely in pedestrian traffic and is under control in public places. The dog and handler walk around and pass close to several people (at least three). The dog may show some interest in the strangers but should continue to walk with the handler, without evidence of over-exuberance, shyness or resentment. The handler may talk to the dog and encourage or praise the dog throughout the test. The dog should not jump on people in the crowd or strain on the leash.

6. Test 6: Sit and down on command and Staying in place

This test demonstrates that the dog has training, will respond to the handler's commands to sit and down and will remain in the place commanded by the handler (sit or down position, whichever the handler prefers). The dog must do sit AND down on command, then the owner chooses the position for leaving the dog in the stay. Prior to this test, the dog's leash is replaced with a line 20 feet long. The handler may take a reasonable amount of time and use more than one command to get the dog to sit and then down. The evaluator must determine if the dog has responded to the handler's commands. The handler may not force the dog into position but may touch the dog to offer gentle guidance. When instructed by the evaluator, the handler tells the dog to stay and walks forward the length of the line, turns and returns to the dog at a natural pace. The dog must remain in the place in which it was left (it may change position) until the evaluator instructs the handler to release the dog. The dog may be released from the front or the side.

7. Test 7: Coming when called

This test demonstrates that the dog will come when called by the handler. The handler will walk 10 feet from the dog, turn to face the dog, and call the dog. The handler may use encouragement to get the dog to come. Handlers may choose to tell dogs to "stay" or "wait" or they may simply walk away, giving no instructions to the dog.

8. Test 8: Reaction to another dog

This test demonstrates that the dog can behave politely around other dogs. Two handlers and their dogs approach each other from a distance of about 20 feet, stop, shake hands and exchange pleasantries, and continue on for about 10 feet. The dogs should show no more than casual interest in each other. Neither dog should go to the other dog or its handler.

9. Test 9: Reaction to distraction

This test demonstrates that the dog is confident at all times when faced with common distracting situations. The evaluator will select and present two distractions. Examples of distractions include dropping a chair, rolling a crate dolly past the dog, having a jogger run in front of the dog, or dropping a crutch or cane. The dog may express natural interest and curiosity and/or may appear slightly startled but should not panic, try to run away, show aggressiveness, or bark. The handler may talk to the dog and encourage or praise it throughout the exercise.

10. Test 10: Supervised separation

This test demonstrates that a dog can be left with a trusted person, if necessary, and will maintain training and good manners. Evaluators are encouraged to say something like, "Would you like me to watch your dog?" and then take hold of the dog's leash. The owner will go out of sight for three minutes. The dog does not have to stay in position but should not continually bark, whine, or pace unnecessarily, or show anything stronger than mild agitation or nervousness. Evaluators may talk to the dog but should not engage in excessive talking, petting, or management attempts (e.g. "there, there, it's alright"). Read More: [How to Teach Your Dog to Stay](#)

Equipment

All tests must be performed on leash. For collars, dogs should wear well-fitting buckle or slip collars made of leather, fabric, or chain. Special training collars such as pinch collars, head halters, and electronic collars are not permitted in the CGC test.

Body harnesses may be used in the CGC test. The evaluator should check to make sure the harness is not of a type that completely restricts the dog's movement such that it could not pull or jump up if it tried.

We recognize that special training collars such as head collars and no-jump harnesses may be very useful tools for beginning dog trainers. However, we feel that dogs are ready to take the CGC test at the point at which they are transitioned to equipment that allows the evaluator to see that the dog has been trained.

The evaluator supplies a 20-foot lead for the test. The owner/handler should bring the dog's brush or comb to the test.

Canine Good Citizen Test Continued

Encouragement

Owners/handlers may use praise and encouragement throughout the test. The owner may pet the dog between exercises. Food and treats are not permitted during testing, nor is the use of toys, squeaky toys, etc. to get the dog to do something. We recognize that food and toys may provide valuable reinforcement or encouragement during the training process but these items should not be used during the test.

Failures — Dismissals

Any dog that eliminates during testing must be marked failed. The only exception to this rule is that elimination is allowable in test Item 10, but only when test Item 10 is held outdoors.

Any dog that growls, snaps, bites, attacks, or attempts to attack a person or another dog is not a good citizen and must be dismissed from the test.

You can find more information on the CGC test and the Canine Good Citizen Advanced or Community Canine, and the Urban Canine titles on the AKC website www.akc.org.



Geocaching at Afton State Park
Several years ago.

GSDCMSP Geocaching Event June 30 William O'Brien State Park

This event is for Members of the German Shepherd Dog Club of Mpls & St. Paul

We can gather at the park at 9:30. Please e-mail me or call to register.

After we finish geocaching we will have a picnic.

A few things to remember:

We will be representing our club and our breed in public so please keep your dog under control.

- Please bring only one dog per person and be prepared to cleanup after the dog.
- It is a State law that dogs must be kept on leash and that the leash be no more than 6 feet in length.

We could get into a real tangle if people use flexi leads.

• **Park permits are required. You can get a day permit for \$7 per vehicle or a yearly permit \$35. The permits are available at the ranger station as you come in. The first 20 members to sign up will be reimbursed by the club for the 1 day sticker. If you need a GPS pick one up at the rangers station. After you get your permit and GPS follow the signs to the Visitor Center lot and we will start from there.**

Contact Julie Swinland to sign up. We need to know how many people are coming so we have enough food for the picnic. Bring your pot luck items too. We have reserved Shelter #1 in the picnic area. Stay tuned to make sure we don't have to reschedule due to weather.

Contact Julie Swinland blackforestgsd@msn.com 651-699-8063



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: ☐ Conformation: ☐ Agility: ☐ Herding: ☐ Breeding: ☐ Other (please specify): _____

I would be interested in helping with the following activities:

Specialty Shows & Trials: ☐ Fun Matches: ☐ Programs: ☐ Show-O-Grass: ☐ Training: ☐
Hospitality: ☐ Fundraising: ☐ Fun Day: ☐ State Fair: ☐

PLEASE INDICATE HOW YOU HEARD ABOUT THE CLUB:

Breeder: ☐ Club Member: ☐ Facebook: ☐ Training: ☐ Rescue: ☐ State Fair: ☐ Friend: ☐
Show/Trial: ☐ Fun Day: ☐ Socialization/Obedience Workshop: ☐ Vet: ☐

I HEREBY MAKE APPLICATION TO THE ABOVE CLUB AND AGREE TO BE COVERED BY ITS 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 Watercrest Street NW, Anoka, MN 55303

Please Note: At the next Membership Meeting following the date applied, the applicant will be announced in the Minutes, whereas any Club members that may object to membership have 30 days to raise their concern. If no concerns are raised, the applicant receives Membership status as stated in the Bylaws which are on the website at www.gsdca.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.

Please direct any questions to Cindy Muehlbauer (Membership Chair) (612) 219-9374 or cjmuehlb@gmail.com

To be completed by Membership Chair:

Date Dues Paid: _____ Check: ☐ Cash: ☐ Club cash box: ☐ Online: ☐ Mailed with Application: ☐

Applicant's name added to membership list: ☐



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

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 GSDCA 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 published in the Review, **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

Circle Your Desired Membership Type:

Membership Category	Delivery	One year	Three year	Five year
Single	Online only	\$45	\$130	\$215
Single	Print & online	\$75	\$215	\$355
Family	Online only	\$70	\$200	\$335
Family	Print & online	\$115	\$325	\$545
Additional delivery charges				
Delivery in poly wrap: \$5.00				
1st Class delivery: \$36.00				
Outside United States: \$24.00				

Membership Information (please print)

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____

Date of Birth: _____ (Juniors Only)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP/ Postal Code: _____

Country: _____ Telephone: _____ Email: _____

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

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

What activities do you enjoy with your GSD? (Circle all that apply) Agility ☐ Conformation ☐ Herding ☐

House Pet ☐ Obedience ☐ Rally ☐ Schutzhund/Working Dog Sport ☐ Tracking ☐ Other ☐

Endorser 1 Printed

Name & Signature: _____

Endorser 2 Printed

Name & Signature: _____

Applicant/ Member Signature: _____ Date: _____

Obedience and Socialization workshop with Ron Halling

Ron offers a workshop almost every month for people with German Shepherds. This month it was raining but the die hards came out in good numbers to learn what they can from Ron. He adds new exercises every month and currently has a segment on the beginnings of Nosework. The dogs all seemed to enjoy this. The next workshop is July 22 at the American Legion in Apple Valley. You can find more information on the club web site under Events.



Ron starts with a lecture, usually about 1 hour in length. However he reminds people that his nickname is Sir Talks-a-lot. During this time the dogs start to learn to accept each other. During the summer months the workshop is outside.



The dogs learn to go over various obstacles and also practice elements of the temperament test such as the umbrella exercise.



During the winter the workshops are at the Animal Inn.

Fun Day for you and your German Shepherd



Demo of search and rescue



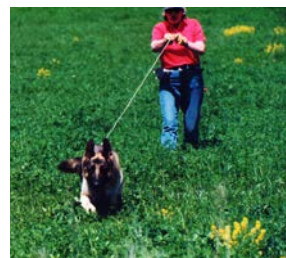
Obedience



Rally



Agility



Tracking

German Shepherd Fun Day

Sept 15, 2018

Start time 9:00 AM

Animal Inn, Lake Elmo

Nosework!

TESTS!

GSDCA Temperament Test
Canine Good Citizen Test
Therapy Dog International Test
Trick Dog tests

Vendors and services

Dr LAVallie Canine chiropractor
Dan Houg Photographer
Shawn Canine Massuese
Saving Shepherds of MN
Fairieland Rescue
Sheila Metz with Gardening for Dogs
Mike Metz Structure and Movement
Others....



Club Events

June 21-22 Specialty Conformation
show
June 30 Geocaching and Picnic
July 22 Ron Halling's Workshop
July 20 membership meeting
July 20-22 Agility trials- Fusion
Aug 18 Ron Halling's Workshop
September 2 GSD Day at the Fair
Sept 7,8,9 Agility trials- On The Run
Sept 15 GSD Fun Day and Temperament
Test-Animal Inn
Sept 16 Ron Halling Workshop
September 22-23 Herding Trials
Oct Scentwork Trial All Breed
Obedience

GSDC MSP Class Schedule

Obedience Classes effective July 1. 2010

Ring 1 and 2

Amber Eisfeld & Kelly McDuff

Puppy 1 & 26:00-6:45

Beginning Obedience7:00-8:00

Intermediate/Novice..... 8:00-9:00

Ring 3

Rally Julie Swinland

6:00-7:30

Conformation Ginny Altman

7:30-

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