



# Shep-O-Gram

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## Shep-O-Gram

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This issue of the Shep-O-Gram is dedicated to Pam Magadance. She is currently at HCMC awaiting transfer to hospice. Pam has been an active member of our club for many many years. You could see her smiling face as she ran agility, worked her dogs on ducks and sheep, trained for nose work, did demos of carting, and ran her dogs in obedience and rally. More recently, she has been cruising around in her motorized wheelchair. She has been the poster child for overcoming physical disabilities, running Gigi out on the agility field from her wheelchair. She would do anything for her dogs.

Normally Pam runs the club herding trial but, as you most likely know by now, she is terminally ill. Rhonda Meath and I visited her at HCMC a few days ago and she met us with a smiling face and twinkle in her eye. She will be moving to hospice soon and I will get the address out to the membership. She would appreciate cards.

Pam has been a major asset to our club for many years. I am including some pictures of Pam from various events over the years on page 2 and 3. If you would like to contribute to an article in a future issue please send me your best Pam stories so we can celebrate her life and the time she has shared with us.

Our herding trial is on September 21 and 22. Herding is Pam's passion. Come in honor of Pam and see what our dogs can do. We need volunteers! Think about entering the Herding Instinct Test. If you qualify both days, you will get an AKC Instinct Tested Certificate.

## Section 5 . Instinct Tested Certificate

. The American Kennel Club will issue an Instinct Tested certificate to an eligible dog that has been certified by two different Judges to have qualified by passing two separate licensed or member Herding Instinct Tests. Section 6 . Instinct Test Description and Test Elements . The dog is brought into the arena on a long line approximately 6-15 feet in length. At some point while on the line, the dog must demonstrate a stop (down, sit or stand) and a recall before the line is dropped or removed. A dog, which cannot be recalled, shall not be let off line. Dogs must be immediately removed from the ring if physical force is necessary to protect stock from the dog.

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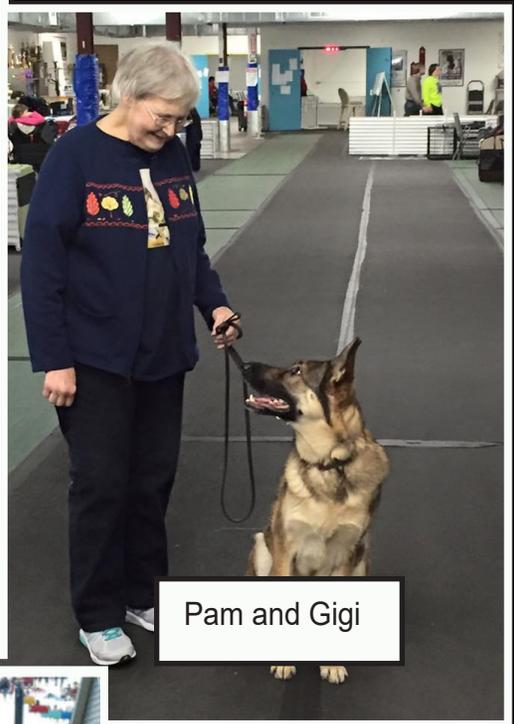
September 13 Membership Meeting Animal Inn 8:00 PM

# A Tribute to Pam Magadance

Pam Has been a member of our club since 1993 and has been very active in many areas. She has served as Treasurer, Regional Club Challenge Chair, and Herding Trial Chair among other things. She has written articles for the Shep-O-Gram and given demos at the State Fair and at Fun Days. As Regional Club Challenge Chair she compiled statistics on how points were accumulated, Performance, Therapy Dog, Conformation etc. Pam has trained and competed in Herding, Obedience, Rally, Nose Work, and Conformation,



Torrey, Pam, and Gigi



Pam and Gigi



Trick Dog with Gigi

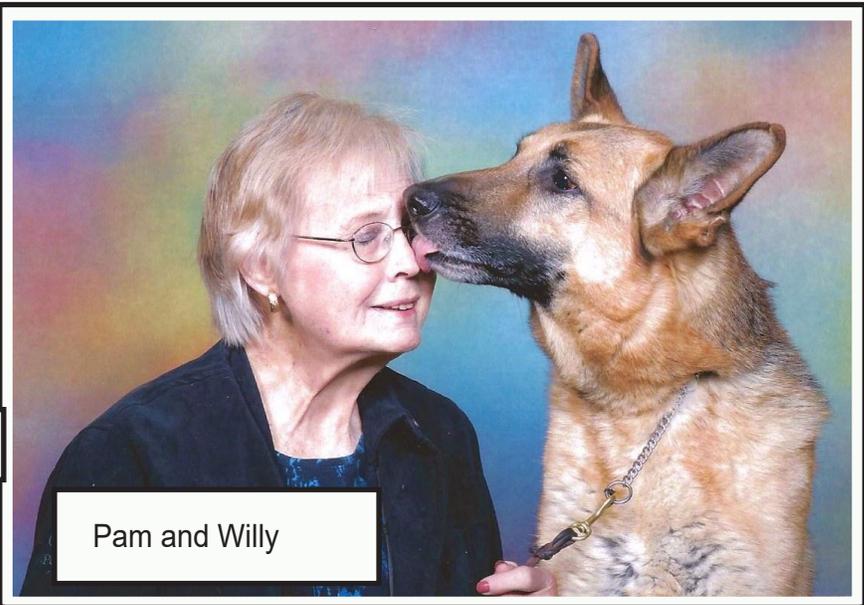


Pam and Ch Kubistraum's Georgia Peach carting demo at the State Fair.





At the 2019 Banquet



Pam and Willy



Obedience with Willy



Showing how to work a dog while in a wheelchair with Gypsy.



Pam and Gigi Cruising at an agility trial



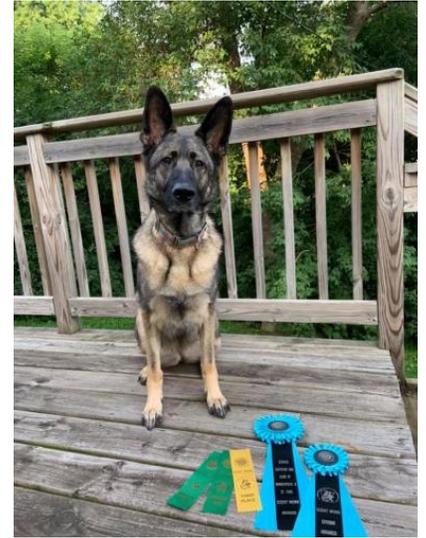
Relaxing with Gigi

# Club Hosts Second Successful Scent Work Trial

By Sarah Falk

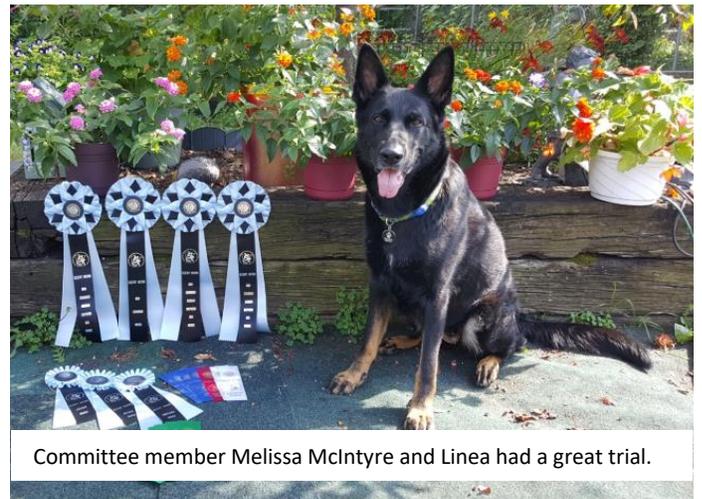
The German Shepherd Dog Club of Minneapolis and St. Paul was honored to host its second AKC Scent Work Trial over two days on Aug. 3-4 in St. Paul, Minnesota. The event was well attended as the two-day trial entries exceeded the allowable entry limit of five hundred runs, with a healthy wait list, same as the year prior.

Fifty-six handlers and 65 dogs competed in Novice, Advanced and Excellent levels in Container, Interior and Exterior search elements under local judges Holly Bushard and Sharon Middendorf. Two trials were held concurrently each day. Our breed was well represented; as fifteen German Shepherds and their handlers competed also over the course of two days. Members competing included Show Chair Sarah Falk, Show Committee members Dawn Fisher, David Fisher, Kristine Lower, David Mielke and Melissa McIntyre; and members Karlyn Berg, Nancy Kehoe, Bobbi Smith, Jeanne Sutich and Julie Swinland. Attendees had great feedback about the event:



Show Chair Sarah Falk and Bella earned their overall Advanced title.

- “Giant, heartfelt thank you to Sarah for all of her hard work, kindness, generous nature, and courage! You host a great trial! Well done! Congratulations!” Judge Holly Bushard.
- “HUGE thanks to Sarah Falk and all of her awesome volunteers, who kept the GSDC-MSP Scent work trial running SO smoothly today! It's a lot of work to put on a trial of this size, and it seemed to run flawlessly. Wonderful judges, too!” Jeanne Sutich
- “Thanks to the German Shepherd Club and Sarah Falk for hosting a fabulous trial.” Emily Moon.
- “Very nice trial and a very nice venue. You and your team did an excellent job.” Ava Higgenbotham
- “Great trial again Sarah. You should be very proud and pleased. Great venue.” Gayle Hunter
- Thank you for hosting and for being so skilled and on top of every detail.” Kristi Portugue
- “You and your "village" did a great job!! It does take a village to put on a great event. Thanks all who contributed.” Linda Spengler
- “This was a wonderful trial. We had a wonderful time.” Leann Mitchell
- “Thank you GSD Club of Mpls- St. Paul, your wonderful volunteers and judges Sharon and Holly who always have a smile and an encouraging word.”



Committee member Melissa McIntyre and Linea had a great trial.

The committee is already preparing for our next show, in spring of 2020. Thanks to the committee of Dawn Fisher, David Fisher, Laura Herweyer-Newland, Kristine Lower, Melissa McIntyre, David Mielke, Linda Salava and Linda Stello. We thank our trial secretary Barb Kelm, and our amazing volunteers for their assistance. We couldn't do it without them!

# GSDCMSP Scent Work Trial, GSD Winners



From Nancy Kehoe  
What an awesome weekend! Cash & I entered our first Scent Work trial put on by the GSDC MSP in St Paul.  
He earned his Novice Containers title & his Novice Interior title!  
He had 8 runs & had a qualifying score in all 8!  
He had 3- 1st place, 3- second place 1- 4 th place & 1 - 5th place.  
His best time was 03:82 SECONDS! Not too bad for an 11 yr old GSD!



Tasha and Dave Mielke  
Trial 2 Advance Combined High in Trial,  
2 Advance High in Trial GSD,  
1 Excellent combined High in Trial GSD,  
and her Advanced title in Exteriors.



Dawn Fisher and David Fisher and Bentley and Angel this weekend at AKC Nosework. Bentley played yesterday and went 2 for 4, earned a placing and Novice High Combined GSD on her exterior searches.  
Angel was successful 5 out of 6 runs, earning her Novice Interior and Exterior, which was her overall Novice title.



Two new scent work Titles Advanced Containers and Novice Interiors ... 7 qualifying runs with 2 Second places and 2 third places. Really super hot weekend and our dogs worked hard in spite of the heat! Did our first qualifying Novice Exterior and had the "handler" called it faster we would have cut our .17 second time .. but we got second place... We got to move up levels so now in Excellent containers and first Advanced Interiors and did our first runs Sunday. Things getting more complicated, but darn exciting! GSD trial so much fun... great hard working hosts and hard working Judges... and this was under some blazing hot sun and heat... Now on to St. Paul trial to quest for the next two titles and have another great time! Trial held at Boy Scout Base Camp a fantastic facility.  
Karlyn Berg and Lokki



Eywa and Julie Swinland Completed Novice Containers Elite Title, Excellent Containers Title Excellent Interiors Title High in Trial GSD Excellent Containers Eywa had trouble with the heat and sniffing out Excellent Exterior hides. She found 2 of the 3 each time and then gave in to the high temperatures.



From Joyce Johnson Shiloh went 9/10 and earned Advanced Exterior and Advanced Interior Titles and Novice Container title.



# Susan Orlean, *Rin Tin Tin: The Life and the Legend*. Simon & Schuster Paperbacks, 2012 A Review by Cynthia Curran

Rin Tin Tin was more than just a movie dog. In fact, he wasn't a single dog at all, but his image encompassed several generations of German Shepherds and possibly his work included many unacknowledged stunt dogs. The legend of Rin Tin Tin can be divided into eras: the original Rin Tin Tin, who acted in silent films; his descendant Rin Tin Tin, who acted on television in the 1950s; and further down the line, the later Rin Tin Tin who was used for publicity when the show was brought back in the 1970's. Even younger generations who couldn't possibly have seen any of the incarnations of Rinty, recognize his name and image. When I talked to my daughter about this book, her eyes lit up and she recalled that short scene in *101 Dalmations* where the puppies are watching Rin Tin Tin save someone on the television. My daughter knew somehow that Rin Tin Tin was a German Shepherd and that he was a famous dog long ago even though she was born decades after his last appearance.

Susan Orlean is an award winning staff writer for *The New Yorker*, who has a gift for teasing out the larger meanings of her subjects. She brings her considerable talents and ability to tell a good story to this phenomenon of a dog who has lived in the American public imagination for almost 100 years. What is most important, and most valuable to an historian like me, is not the factual details of this dog's life and career (although Orlean does an admirable job of researching and relating these.) What makes Rin Tin Tin's story essential reading is that Orlean uses his rise and fall to trace larger themes in modern American life. A worthy ambition and one she fulfills in this volume.

Of course, this iconic German Shepherd's story begins with that of his human Lee Duncan. Duncan's childhood was chaotic and, sadly, included a 3 year stay in an orphanage. Even after his was retrieved from his institutional stay, his mother would frequently move house. With every move, the young Lee was forced to abandon whatever dog he had raised. Deep involvement with dogs has anchored many people who have experienced troubled childhoods or teen years. This was true not only of Lee Duncan but also much later Rinty champions Bert Leonard and Daphne Hereford. Duncan learned early on that he could not rely on human connections but a dog would repay his love with silent loyalty and unwavering attachment.

Duncan was sent overseas in the First World War and there he found that the German army regarded dogs as "important auxiliaries" and, in particular, favored German Shepherds. Duncan befriended several dogs as his company moved camp but he seemed to understand that he had found something special when he came upon a mother and her five pups, the only survivors of a pack of 20. The Germans had abandoned them when they retreated but Duncan brought them back to his American base. All over France crude little stick dolls were sold as good luck charms and the names of these little trinkets were Nanette and Rin Tin Tin. (I always wondered about this curious name and Orlean provides the background!) Duncan chose a male and a female out of the litter and gave the other pups away. Through determination and luck, he was able to bring them Stateside when he returned.

This journey is filled with illness and near despair and Orlean notes, "His plan for Rin Tin Tin was quite modest: he wanted to breed him and Nanette, sell a few puppies, and maybe make a name for himself and Rin Tin Tin at dog shows." Instead, Duncan created one of the most extraordinary and enduring of Hollywood mythical figures. By the middle of the 1920s, Orlean tells us that Rin Tin Tin single handedly saved Warner Bros studio. Almost 100 million movie tickets were sold each week to a population of 115 million and Warner Bros which was worth \$16 million in 1928, was worth \$200 million two years later. The adventure films in which he starred were an immediate and immense success, and Rinty became a national icon. Another one of Orlean's fascinating details reveals that this German Shepherd earned more than his human costars. In one film, Rinty was paid \$1000 per week (in the 1920s!) while William Collier, Jr., the lead human actor, received \$150 weekly.

Orlean sketches in the context in order that the reader doesn't think Rin Tin Tin was an anomaly and came from nowhere. There were more than 50 German Shepherds working in Hollywood in the 20s. Their names reveal the image that the American public had of this new breed of dog: the starring lists included Wolfheart, Strongheart, Fangs, Klondike, Chinook, Kazan the Dog Marvel, and (the oddly named) Grief. Orlean determines to discover why Rin Tin Tin defeated all his rivals and even lived on in the cultural memory to the next century. The answer, of course, was Lee Duncan. His single-minded devotion to his dog reflected his desire to change the tragedies of his childhood and he was

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determined to bring Rinty to the top. This was achieved at great cost, naturally, to Duncan's human connections. Women play auxiliary roles in Duncan's life because of his single-mindedness. His first wife, a socialite who went completely unmentioned in Duncan's memoir, named Rin Tin Tin as a co-respondent in her divorce filing, while his much younger second wife (their wedding had a canine theme) reacted to Duncan's death in 1960 by immediately selling El Rancho Rin Tin Tin. In one of the bizarre details that Orlean revels in uncovering, the second Mrs. Duncan spent the rest of her life traveling the world with her new partner, the singer Helen Reddy. Even Duncan's daughter did not rate much of her father's attention. "No, there was never any rivalry," Duncan's only child, Carolyn, said. "The dogs always came first."

Orlean's book is more than just the story of a famous dog. The reader learns the fascinating, and often appalling, history of the use of dogs in warfare in the first half of the 20th century. She also gives a detailed history of the German Shepherd breed. The origins of the movie industry are outlined with an emphasis on how the creation of talkies led to drastic changes, including the end of the first Rin Tin Tin's career. Duncan turned his attention to the new medium of television and was able to bring him back. This book is not just about a dog and the people who loved him. It's a story of the connection between people and animals, and how humans long for a reliable bond that dogs can bring. Orlean also traces the intense interest in heroic dogs on the screen in the 1920s to the shift in the status of dogs from working farmhands to beloved family members as the US became urbanized. She notes that as dogs were no longer bred to work, people began to turn to obedience training and canine competitions.

Throughout her book on Rin Tin Tin, no matter the context being explored or the themes presented, Orlean invites us to gaze upon Rinty's most famous photograph copied in the tens of thousands. His expression is enigmatic, encouraging viewers to read into it their own emotions and forge their personal connections with this dog in the hopes that he will change their lives as he did that of Lee Duncan.

## **Volunteer Opportunities, Learn about Herding!**

**We need help both days. This is a chance to learn about herding and see what our dogs can do with their natural talents and training. Most jobs do not require experience.**

**We need:**

**Set up and tear down people**

**Timers**

**Gate keepers**

**Sheet runners**

**Scribes (this requires some experience)**

**Duck wranglers**

**Sheep wranglers**

**Contact Julie Swinland**

**to sign up**

**blackforestgsd@msn.com**

**Please arrive by 7:30 AM to learn your role and help with setup.**



Volunteers have fun!  
Holly Bryan, Waltraud Brogen, Judy Morin, a few years ago

# GSDCMSP Herding Trial September 21-22

Get your entries in! Entries Close Sept 4.

Premium List is on [www.gsdcmsp.org](http://www.gsdcmsp.org)



## Herding Test & Trials – 10<sup>th</sup> Annual

(Preference given to German Shepherd entries)

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21-22, 2019**

Started, Intermediate, Advanced – Course A – Sheep & Ducks

Started, Intermediate – Course B – Sheep

Started, Intermediate, Advanced – Course B – Ducks

Herding Instinct Certificate, Herding Test, Pre-Trial Test – Sheep

These events will be held outdoors regardless of weather.

**Polly Simpson Farm, 1479 200th Ave, New Richmond, WI 54017**

Event Hours: 7:00 am to 6:00 pm (or 1 hour after last run)

**Trial Secretary: Deanna Levenhagen**

850 114<sup>th</sup> Ave NE; Blaine, MN 55434

763-913-1383 [cell]

[MNStockdogClub@comcast.net](mailto:MNStockdogClub@comcast.net)

**Closing Date – September 4, 2019**

**Handler Briefing time each day 8:00 AM**

**Start time each day 8:30**

**Saturday**

**B Sheep**

**A Ducks**

**B Ducks**

**Afternoon**

**A sheep**

**HT**

**PT**

**Herding Instinct**

**Sunday**

**A Ducks**

**B Ducks**

**B Sheep**

**Afternoon**

**A Sheep**

**HT**

**PT**

**Herding Instinct**

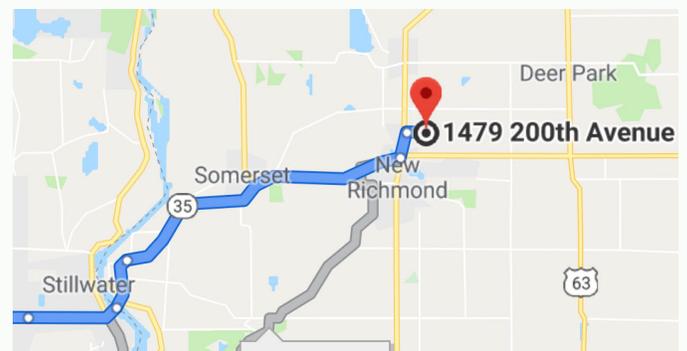


**Pot Luck Lunch both days Bring food!**

**Directions to the Herding Trial  
Polly Simpson's Farm  
1479 200th Ave,  
New Richmond WI 54017**

From Stillwater, MN Take MN-36 toward Stillwater. Continue on MN-36 E over the bridge into Wisconsin (becomes State Truck Hwy 64 E/WI-64 E). Turn left on WI-65 N (13.7 miles). Turn right onto 200th Ave (1.2 miles). Polly Simpson Farm is on the right (~1 mile).

From Wisconsin I-94 Take I-94 to Exit 10 (Roberts & Hwy 65). Continue north and turn right onto 200th Ave (15.4 miles). Polly Simpson Farm is on the right (~1 mile)



# David Mielke and Gaetho demo sheep herding at the Game Fair



Virginia Baily and Rowdy preparing for our herding trial.

# August Walk

Sunday at the Stone Arch Bridge. This is the most anticipated walk of the year. We began at De La Salle high school located at 1 De La Salle Dr, Minneapolis. We walked down old Main Street past some of the most scenic areas in Mpls. and across the bridge. After a short break we walked back and anyone wishing to could partake in food or beverages at an outdoor restaurant. We stopped at The Astor, the dog friendly outdoor restaurant. Lots of great photo opportunities with some of the best behaved dogs you'll ever be a part of. We drew a LOT of attention!



# Braggs



#2 2018 Redbook Dam DAE Ch Kubistraums Tahoe II, TC, BN, RI, PT ROM



Ch Westbound's 405 "Chief" .  
Chief finished his championship in Oklahoma  
Nancy Westerlund



#10 2018 Redbook Dam GCH Kubistraums Vista of Aramist Peters Elite TC HIC



Kubistraums Pippin Peak  
Best in 2018 MW Amatuer Futurity  
Best in 2019 MW Amatuer Maturity



Ch. Kubistraums Rough Rider of Rushmore, TC  
Best in 2018 GSDCA NE Regional Futurity  
Best in 2019 GSDCA SW Regional Maturity



Kubistraums Big Rock Candy Mountain  
Best in MW GSDCA Regional Futurity



## 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:  Step-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 GOVERNED 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:

**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.gsdcmpls.org](http://www.gsdcmpls.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 \_\_\_\_\_

**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 German 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 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-gsdcaclubby-online](http://gsdca.org/join-the-gsdcaclubby-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	\$335
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: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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:** \_\_\_\_\_



Next Workshop we also begin selling the hats we've talked about on the walks so much. They're very good quality low profile vented hats. The cost is 20.00 and will be available at the Workshops or walks,.

## SHEP-O-GRAM DEADLINES and ADVERTISING RATES

Deadline for inclusions/ads and articles.  
20<sup>th</sup> day of previous month

Advertising rates\*

Advertising 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 multiple issues.

Make checks out to GSDCMSP

**September 6-8 On The Run K9, Ham Lake**

### **SOGGY** by Julie Swinland



## Club Events

Sept 6-8 Fall Agility Trial  
Sept 13 Fall block of training starts  
Sept 13 Membership Meeting  
Sept 28 Ron Halling Workshop  
Sept 21-22 Herding Trial

Oct 26-27 Obedience/Rally Trials

Remember that we are going to vote on the possibility of separating Obedience and Rally from the specialty show next spring and whether or not to have some trials all breed or if they should all remain GSD only.

## 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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