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The outdoor puppy class with Ron, Lisa and the two interns has gone well and we are moving on to our new smorgasbord on Friday nights at the Animal Inn. There will be Obedience classes several times per month and other interesting classes, such as Introduction to nose work, Introduction to the Odor Recognition Test and a Mock Nose Work Trial. Some of the classes are designed for more advanced teams. Rhonda Meath will offer a class on behavior tips and tricks. There will be a presentation on Sheep Herding one night. Rally and conformation will continue.

Please read the e-mail from the GSDCMSP secretary (Kim Morris) for more information. Please remember that face masks are required in and around the Animal Inn property.

We have our annual Herding trial coming up at Polly Simpson's in New Richmond Wisconsin. In addition to the regular sheep and duck classes, we have Herding Instinct, Herding Tested and Pre Trial Tested classes and Farm Dog Certification. The premium list and entry information is on our club web site and on the AKC Event Search. Closing date is Sept 9. We will need volunteers for gate keeping, sheet running, duck wrangling and various tasks for the Farm Dog Test. Farm Dog is only on Sunday Sept 20. Phyllis Clark offers a free lesson for anyone volunteering for a day.

I decided to cancel the GSD Fun Day for this year due to the difficulty in getting vendors and presenters. Hopefully things will be better in the spring.

Our obedience/rally trial is coming up in October. The premium is out on the club web site. Kim is the trial Secretary and she needs volunteers.

You may wonder how the MPDBA pet food drive came out. It was a huge success gathering 1,781 total pounds of food .

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Sept 11 Membership Meeting by phone

Training Starting Sept 4

We have come up with a "smorgasbord" for Sept.-Dec.! Obedience training will be every first and third Friday of the month with something different for people and dogs to try the off weeks.

For more info or to sign up, please visit our web site, <http://gsdcmsp.org/obedience.html>

Block of 10 Classes:

Costs are: GSDCMSP Members \$125 / Non-Members \$150

Fill out the training application form and then send check to

Kim Morris, 4369 Diamond Dr., Eagan, MN 55122.

Obedience Training 1st & 3rd Friday's of the month; specials on odd weeks.

Week 1	9/4/20	Obedience
Week 2	9/11/20	Behaviors & Tricks
Week 3	9/18/20	Obedience
	9/25/20	No Training - AI Not available
Week 4	10/2/20	Obedience
Week 5	10/9/20	Surprise Special
Week 6	10/16/20	Obedience
	10/23/20	"No Training - Run Thrus for Obedience Trial"
Week 7	10/30/20	Intro to Scentwork
Week 8	11/6/20	Obedience
Week 9	11/13/20	Intro to Herding
Week 10	11/20/20	ORT
	11/27/20	No Training - Thanksgiving Weekend
Week 11	12/4/20	Obedience
Week 12	12/11/20	Obedience - make up for 11/20
Week 13	12/18/20	"Obedience - Puppy/Beginner Graduation Int/Novice"

Class Descriptions

Puppy Obedience Class: 6:00 - 6:45 pm

The puppy obedience class is designed for puppies between 8 weeks and 6 months of age. It is designed to teach the basic behaviors that make your dog a better member of the family and the community.

Beginner Obedience Class: 7:00 - 7:45 pm

The beginner obedience course is designed for dogs and puppies at least 6 months of age. This is a block of 10 weekly lessons focused on teaching the handler/dog basic exercises of heeling, sits, stays, downs, recalls, stand for examination, and finishes. No previous training is required to participate in this class, but previous puppy socialization and basic leash training is desirable.

Intermediate/Novice Class: 8:00 - 8:45 pm

This class takes what was learned in beginner obedience and moves forward with more advanced handling techniques. New activities are also introduced but the emphasis is placed on perfecting each exercise prior to moving on - assuring the student's and dog's success.

Introduction to scenting sports Oct 30 Limit 8

In this session we will discuss the general concepts of scent sports and explore ways to get dogs started on searching. This class is appropriate for any dog who is comfortable in a group setting. Please bring a leash, a flat collar or harness, and your dogs favorite moist treats.

Advanced Session: Limit 8 (SPECIAL FOR ADVANCED MEMBERS ONLY-\$35!) PLEASE SEND CHECK TO KIM MORRIS; 4369 DIAMOND DR., EAGAN, MN 55122 (Payable to GSDCMSP)

In this session, we will explore the differences between handler-led searching, dog-led searching, and the impacts of frequently toggling between the two styles. To get the most out of this session, dogs should be working on unpaired odor and handler should have a foundational understanding of the sport.

Introduction to Odor Recognition test (ORT) and Mock Nose Work Trial Nov 20 Limit 10/class

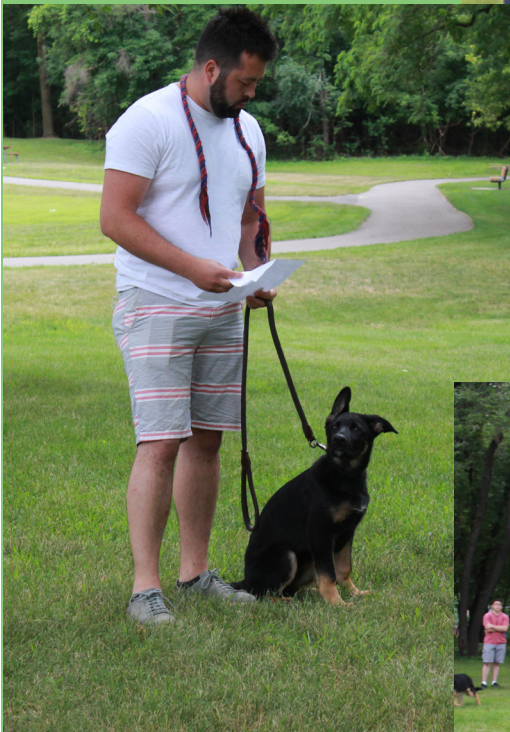
Intro to ORT This class will build on skills from earlier Nose Work/Scent Work classes. The ORT is a test given by NACSW prior to being allowed to show in the element classes or Level 1. Dogs entering this class should have had exposure to scent. They will be searching 10 boxes for Birch, Anise and Clove.

Mock Nose Work trial In this session more advanced dogs can search containers, interiors (a room), exteriors (anything outdoors) and vehicles. **(SPECIAL FOR ADVANCED MEMBERS ONLY-\$35!) PLEASE SEND CHECK TO KIM MORRIS; 4369 DIAMOND DR., EAGAN, MN 55122 (Payable to GSDCMSP)**

Into to Herding

This is a presentation on the basics of herding and trials

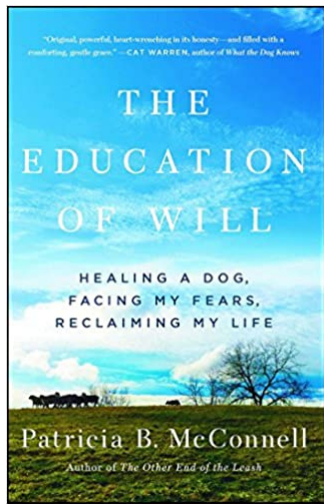
Outdoor Puppy Classes with Ron Halling, Lisa Veit, and Tom Temple





Patricia B. McConnell. *The Education of Will: Healing a Dog, Facing My Fears, Reclaiming My Life.* Atria Books. 2018.

A book review by Cynthia Curran



One of the things that I admire about Dr. Patricia McConnell's books is her ability to reveal her own mistakes and missteps when training dogs. She focuses on the personal interaction with the dog she is coaching, and she always emphasizes the importance of seeing things from the canine viewpoint. This volume is the closest she has come to a memoir but the events she eventually confronts in her life, come about because of her relationship with a difficult dog. In this sense, McConnell's book reminds me of Cat Warren's, *What the Dog Knows*. A human can reach a wild and ungovernable dog and help find his purpose only after confronting difficult issues in her own life.

I was amused to find that McConnell, who is a trained animal behaviorist

and a renowned dog trainer picked the troubled border collie through an emotional attachment. She really didn't want another dog but it was 'something in his eyes' of this border collie puppy connected with her. It is comforting to know that it isn't only amateurs like myself who make impulsive decisions about additions to their packs. McConnell quickly comes to find that Will, as she names him, is aggressive, unpredictable and downright dangerous. Will's love of people was as large as his fear of dogs outside of his own pack and he was extremely reactive to sounds even as a tiny pup.

The rest of her book is the story of how McConnell found a way to help Will by facing a trauma she suffered in her youth, an injury that had been covered up for decades. The true interest and strength in this volume is how McConnell weaves in stories of other dogs she has worked with to illustrate her points. For instance, this is how she describes a client who declares his biting dog is very intelligent. "When people tell me their dog is smart, I usually say, 'I'm so sorry.' I'd learned early on that smart dogs turn into problem dogs as often as not. It doesn't work out so well when the dog is a better trainer than the owner."

In addition to Will's behavioral issues, he had physical injuries which meant constricted movement for long periods of time. With a young border collie this can be an all-consuming effort for his owner. Even though she was extremely busy with her many activities, McConnell found herself focused to an unreasonable degree with Will's care. As she put it, "I began to see Willie as not so much my therapy dog but the reason I needed therapy myself." Because Will brought McConnell to the point of exhaustion, she finally had no choice but to confront her own buried issues.

It would be a disservice to a sensitive and moving memoir if I revealed the details. I will say, though, that Will finds his meaning in life, as did Cat Warren's dog, and that saves his life; but Will's success means he must leave McConnell. This isn't a sentimental book about the love of dogs. Neither Will nor McConnell followed a straight path to health. But as McConnell notes, "Working with dogs taught me, as well as anything else, about listening to that inner voice and facing my fears rather than running away from them. I learned to reclassify my own fear as valuable information that I could use to change a dog's behavior."

ROM Sire and Dams 2019 owned by club members

**2019
ROM
SIRE**

SEL Ex GCH Lindenhill's Martello v Gracelyne TC ROM

**288
POINTS**

Breeders:
Rick Seki
Liann Seki

Owners:
Rick Seki
Liann Seki
Michael Metz
Sheila Williams-Metz

OFA:
GS-93544G29M-VPI
GS-EL32861M29-VPI



**2019
ROM
DAM**

CH Kubistraum's Tahoe II BN RN RI HT PT TC ROM

**166
POINTS**

Breeders/Owners:
Verna Kubik
Virginia Bailey

OFA:
GS-94876E28F-VPI
GS-EL33995F28-VPI



**2019
ROM
DAM**

AOE DAE SEL Ex GCHB Karizma's Raven of RiverRock CGC RN TC ROM

**115
POINTS**

Breeders:
Iza Kabuska
Carlos Arguimbau

Owner:
Zoa Rockenstein

OFA:
GS-95820E24F-VPI
GS-EL34831F24-VPI



The Dangers of Retractable Leashes by PetFirst Pet Insurance

It seems there are so many decisions that go into pet ownership – when and what type of vaccines to give your pet, how much preventative care to provide, choosing a healthy pet food and treat options, etc.



You can now add “selecting the proper leash” to that ever-growing list.

That’s right- some leashes can be dangerous to you, as well as your pet. While there is some information out there about the proper way to hold a pet leash and how to leash train your pet, I didn’t realize they could be so dangerous. That’s right – retractable leashes do come with a hefty list of dangers – for you and your pet.

Unfortunately, I was unaware of these dangers and had purchased a retractable leash (after all, it is what my family

had always used to walk our family dog). It wasn’t until I began walking our dog along with my children (ages 3 and 4) that I began to see the dangers first hand. So, I began to investigate the dangers of retractable leashes, and wanted to share this information for all pet owners out there – especially, if you are in the market for a new leash.

The Dangers of Retractable Leashes

- They malfunction over time. Due to wear and tear on the leash, the cord will become stuck or will refuse to retract. This can cause a lot of jerking to you and your pet, as well as become a giant tripping hazard.
- The leash handle is bulky. This allows the handle to easily be pulled out of the human’s hand- and frightening your pet as it comes hurling toward them. (Believe me- it happens on a weekly basis, and I am surprised my dog still wants to walk after the horrifying experience). It can cause injury to the pet if it hits them, or the loud sound could alarm your pet, causing them to run away.
- The thin cord can easily break, tear or fray. If the pet on the other end is quite powerful and takes off running full speed, the cord can snap. This allows an opportunity for the dog to be put in danger, and it can also injure the human walking them – as the cord comes snapping back toward their body and face. Also, the constant retracting on the cord can cause it to rub on the handle, creating frays which can eventually tear with little force or intention.
- The length allows pets to be put in dangerous situations. Retractable leashes can extended up to 26 feet, which allows the dog to wander far enough to make contact with another dog or person, as well as wander into the street or traffic.
- The jerking stop of the leash can cause injuries. Once the leash has run out of cord, or the human hits the stop button on the handle, it results in a sudden jerk that can cause neck wounds, lacerations to the trachea, as well as injuries to the spine.
- The cord can cut, burn or even amputate the walker. If the human gets tangled in the cord or grabs it while its retracting or reeling out, serious injuries can occur. (I am always terrified when my dog begins running and my kids are next to the cord – right at neck level – that they could become amputated).
- It is a tripping hazard. The cord can easily get tangled around the human’s feet, or can pile up if your pet decides to suddenly stop and the cord is completely extended, which results in a giant tripping hazard. (I can attest – do not try to run with your dog with retractable leashes. You will end up doing hurdles over your dog and the leash when they decide to stop and pee on your neighbor’s mailbox, and you will end up on the ground looking like a fool).
- Doesn’t teach proper leash walking skills. Retractable leashes teach pets it is okay to pull while on the leash, since it allows them to extend the lead.

Braggs

From Nancy Kehoe

What an incredible time Cash & I had at the Scent Work Trial in Ham Lake this past weekend! (Cash says "I'm tired but happy!") I'm so very proud of my boy! Three new titles : Handler Discrimination Novice (1st place in trial 1 & 2 on Sat! & 2nd place in trials 1 & 4th place Sun!) Exterior Novice (3rd place trial 1 & 2nd place trial 2) & Interior Advanced (2nd place trial 1 on Sat & 3rd place trial 1 Sun). Also had a 4th place in Exterior Advanced (after move up) & a 4th in Containers Advanced!



Ozzie and Dawn Ebbenga were High Scoring at the GSDCMSP agility trial last month.



Lila had a Fabulous Fun qualifying weekend at the Min Pin Scent Trial held at On The Run along with earning some pretty colors !!
 Novice Buried ~ New Title
 Advance Interiors ~ New Title
 Advance Exteriors ~ New Title
 Advance Containers ~ New Title
 A Bones /Jades daughter ... bred, owned, and trained by Rhonda Meath

MajestätischHaus Sie Hat Das Aussehen Lila Madchen RN
 MXP MJP XFP SCN SIN SEN SBN CGC TKI

Braggs



Gaetho's weekend at Summer Scentsations barn hunt at For Love of Dogs, 1-2nd place, 1-1st place, 1 high in class, 1 new title in open class



Tasha results from Summer Scentsations barn hunt trials at For Love of dogs, 3 1st place and 2 high in class out of 4 runs.



Taylor Prchal
Koon Paw now gets IGP2 behind her name (and my first IGP2 as well).



Karlyn Berg and Lokki at the Miniature Pinscher Scentwork Trial! He earned 8 qualifying runs, in Novice and Advanced Buried hides, Advance Interior hides, Advanced and Excellent Exterior hides, and one in the highest level Masters Container. Those qualifying runs meant he finished three Element Titles and received a Title for completing everything in the Novice level as well as a second and fourth place.

Check out GSDCMSP's Socialization/Obedience Workshop with Ron Halling & Lisa Veit on FaceBook for current information on the next Socialization/Obedience Workshop and training tips and videos.



Sept 13

Veteran's Park is located on the South side of Apple Valley American Legion Post 1776
14521 Granada Drive, Apple Valley, MN 55124

Oct 18

Animal Inn

We'll practice 10' rule on our spacing. If we have more than twenty people in our group we may have to split the group.

We will only use our own dogs for demos as there will be no touching of your dogs by us. Please have your own sanitizer.

The day will begin promptly at 10 am lecture whether you're seated or not as time will be tight. After the lecture ends at 11, we'll take a very short potty break for the dogs and do the hands-on class until 12 pm. There will be Q&A for personal issues until 12:15.

The afternoon activity class will begin at 12:30 pm. This summer we'll expand the owner's and dog's obedience lessons that include low jumping on command including proofing a retrieve utilizing a set of treats and targeting. The second part of the session we'll work on off-leash heeling. The last part of the class will be devoted to work on dominance rather than obedience, how you can control your dog without commands. It's a fun concept that works!

If you're new to the workshops, please contact Ron to discuss which class is right for you and any issues ahead of time.

Ron Halling
hallings@frontiernet.net
612-720-1536

Tips From Ron

There are How-To videos on topics such as Drop on Recall, stand for Exam, and dealing with an attacking dog, on Socialization/Obedience Workshop page on FaceBook at <https://www.facebook.com/GermanShepherdtrainers/>.

SOGGY by Julie Swinland



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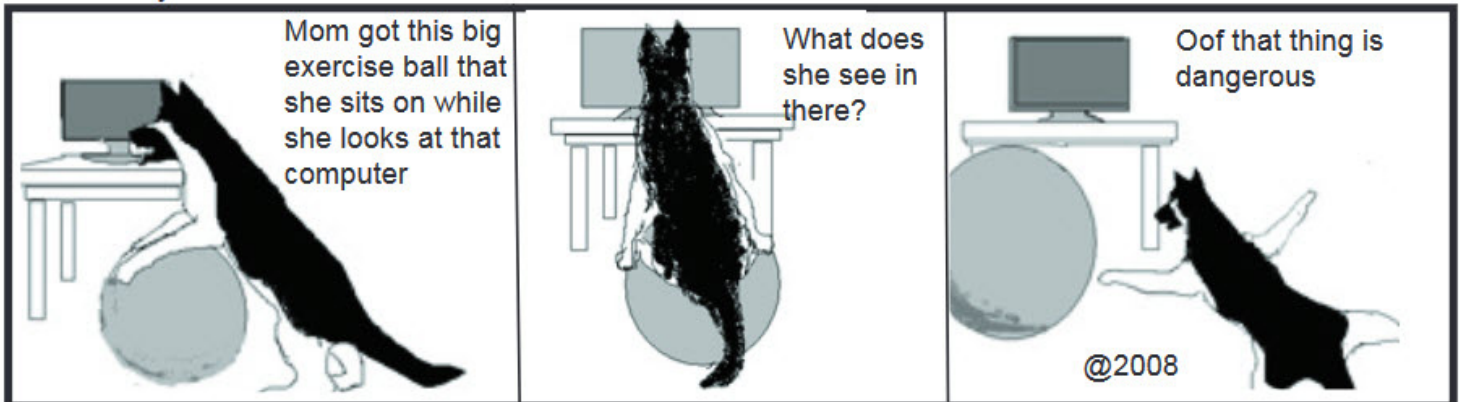
Jeanne Sutich and Hannah finding the hides at a buried hides seminar

Puppies!



Our ch Layla delivered 10 living puppies on Wednesday. 9 Girls and one boy. She is 7 1/2 yrs old but came through with flying colors so far. Nils & Jan Anderson

SOGGY by Julie Swinland



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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. 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 Bylaws 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-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: _____

Club Events Calendar

Sept 4-6 GSDCMSP Agility Trial
Sept 11 Membership Meeting
Sept 13 Ron Halling Workshop
Sept 19-20 GSDCMSP Herding Trial & Farm
Dog Certification - Polly Simpson's
Oct 18 Ron Halling Workshop Animal Inn
Oct 24-25 Obedience/Rally Trial Animal Inn

GSDCMSP Class Schedule

Training resumes; various classes September. After we get rolling we will resume the regular obedience classes below.

Register online. <http://gsdcmosp.org/training.html>

Ring 1

.....Various 1 night classes, see schedule on page 2-3

Ring 3

.....Rally Julie Swinland6:00-7:20

.....Conformation Ginny Altman/Mike Metz.....7:30

Training Director:

Social Distancing and Masks (for humans) are required in and around the Animal Inn building.

How to wear a mask

