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Linn Klingel-Brown is doing well with two negative Covid tests. If you would like to send a card here is her address: Linn Klingel-Brown The Haven, 197 South Williard St, Cottonwood, AZ 86326

We have a break coming up between blocks of lessons on March 5. We will be doing practice AKC Temperament Tests that night with two judges and two courses so you can see what the tests involve and can be ready for the real tests at the GSD Fun Day June 12. Two runs for \$10. I have more information on the test elements on page 3. The AKC Temperament Test is different from the GSDCA test. There is no gunfire. There are various types of footing and noises like whistles. We hope to see you at the tests. Mary Sonnen from the Animal Inn and I will be the evaluators for the practice tests and for the real tests at the Fun Day.

We are planning a spring match, probably in May. A match chair is needed if we are going to have it. We are also planning a Herding Instinct Clinic where you can see how your dog uses his/her natural ability to herd sheep and learn about the Herding Instinct Test. . It will be May 1 at Kim Schneiders Elysian Farm, in Pine City. Cost will be \$40/ dog. We need 10 dogs to sign up. Kim will handle your dog for you. Please contact me to sign up.

We have decided to reschedule the Annual Banquet a little later in the year due to the Covid situation. It will probably be in July. Hopefully snow won't be a problem.

This is the 4th time I have been president of the club and it is time to start thinking about who to nominate for next year and also who can take over as the Herding Chair and German Shepherd Fun Day Chair. I have enjoyed all these things but the dogs want my attention. Eywa is sitting beside me right now trying to get me to stop playing on the computer. She says I can keep doing the Shep-O-Gram providing I put her picture in from time to time but she wants me to drop everything else.

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March 12 Membership Meeting at the Animal Inn or by phone

Temperament Tests

There are various temperament tests including the test offered by the GSDCA, the American Temperament Test Society, and now the AKC Temperament Test. Our club has offered the GSDCA test many times, usually at least once a year. That is the test with the weird stranger and the gun fire. The AKC initiated a new test last year where you can earn an AKC title. We will be offering this test at the German Shepherd Fun Day June 12 at the Animal Inn. This is the first time it will be offered in Minnesota, we will offer a practice for this test on Friday March 5 at the Animal Inn. On the next page you will find the possible elements of this test. There are some similarities to the other temperament tests, but there is no gun fire and the stranger just has unusual clothing. The pop up umbrella is in this test.

Upcoming Events

We have many upcoming events provided Covid 19 doesn't get in our way

March 5 AKC Temperament Test Practice - Animal Inn

April 2-4 Agility Trial - On The Run

May 1 Herding Fun Day - Klm Schneider's Pine City

June 4-6 Specialty Shows - Dakota County Fairgrounds

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June 12 GSD Fun Day - Animal Inn

June 26-27 Obedience/Rally Trials - Animal Inn

July 30-Aug 1 C Course Herding Clinic - Farmington

Sept 24-26 Herding Trials - Farmington

Oct 30-31 Obedience/Rally Trials - Animal Inn

AKC Temperament Test Practice

March 5 7:00 PM

This is your opportunity to try out the elements of the AKC Temperament Test. We will be holding the actual test at the German Shepherd Fun Day June 12. If you pass the actual test twice on June 12, you can qualify for the AKC title.

Possible elements of the temperament test. You will get two runs with different elements for \$10.

The ATT includes 6 main categories that are: Social, Auditory, Visual, Tactile, Proprioceptive, and an Unexpected Stimulus. Under each of these categories, there are 4 possible test items. At each test, dogs are tested on 3 of the 4 choices for each category.

SOCIAL (do this section first)

- S1. Greets handler, pets dog
- S2. Evaluator approaches, brief exam
- S3. Approach standing person who pets dog
- S4. Person approaches (carrying item), pets

AUDITORY

- A1. Shake large plastic bottle w/coins
- A2. Vacuum cleaner (hand held)
- A3. Loud whistle
- A4. Bike horn (bulb)

VISUAL

- V1. Umbrella opened (REQUIRED)
- V2. Roller bag, wagon, crate dolly, cooler
- V3. Streamers on stick
- V4. Shake hand towel

TACTILE

- T1. Walks on wire grate (REQUIRED)
- T2. Plastic tarp
- T3. Plastic lattice over memory foam
- T4. Pegboard over air mattress

PROPRIOCEPTIVE (motion, position)

- P1. Cavaletti (pvc ladder or low bars)
 - P2. Intersecting hoops (8)
 - P3. Low teeter
 - P4. Up and over low platform (e.g., Klimb TM)
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Herding Instinct Test Clinic

May 1 2021

We have upgraded from Herding Fun Days to a Herding Instinct Clinic.

All German Shepherds welcome
Come to herd or Come to watch.
Dogs 8 weeks and up, must be vaccinated.
No experience necessary.

Maximum 10 dogs so sign up early. \$40 per dog.

You will learn what to expect when you enter herding Instinct tests and see how your dog reacts to sheep. Kim Schneider will instruct you and help handle your dog. We have Herding Instinct Tests scheduled on July 30

All dogs should be on leash at all times unless they are working.

It is a farm so dress appropriately. We are generally cooler /windier than the cities

Children must be under adult supervision at all times

Things to Bring

- Chair
- Water bowl and water for dogs
- Flat buckle collar
- 6-8 foot leash. NO flexi leads
- If people use a training collar that is fine to have but would like flat buckle collar on them during their turn
- Dog should be in crate in /by car when not their turn

Send checks made out to GSDCMSP to

Laura Meyer
920 20th Ave North
South St Paul, MN 55075

Name _____
Dog's Name _____

Please send your registration by April 15.

Pictures from past Herding Fun Days



Directions: From I-35 North: Take 35 North to Exit 165/County Road 70 (Rock Creek Exit). Head east (right) till you reach the 4 way stop. At the stop take 361 North (left). Follow 361N to County Road 117 /Liberty Road (1.3 mi). Head east (right) on 117/Liberty Road. Follow the road until it stops (2 mi). Head north (left) on County Road 4/Military Road/Government Road. This is a paved road. From County Road 4 head north until you reach Russell Road (.6 mi). Head east (right) on Russell Road. Elysian Farm will be the 3rd house on your right (.6 mi). Our driveway is not paved. Please use caution when driving or parking if it is wet out

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. Please watch announcements for dates and times. Next Workshop March 21.



I've been fielding questions about winter items that can help wear down our dog's energy level while staying indoors. Seek, scent work and of course Lisa's snuffle mats are all good to wear out your dog mentally without braving the elements for this winter season. We have some exercises planned this month that are both inexpensive yet fun activities you can perform with your dog over the upcoming months. As many of you are realizing without training our GSD's go in the wrong direction or drive us nuts with their seemingly unending energy levels. Come train with the GSD Club that knows GSD's!

This month we return indoors at Animal Inn. We follow their COVID procedures already in place for indoor work plus taking everyone's temperature while practicing social distancing. The Workshop is next Saturday the 21st. The lecture will be at 10 am followed by the hands-on portion at 11am. The afternoon class, (for ANYONE that has been to a morning session), will follow at 12:30pm. This month we'll work further on off-leash work, hand signals, improved heeling and everyone's favorite, Directed Jumping. We'll add beginning and problem solving jumping for those working towards Open titles and of course winter games that utilize our GSD's mental capabilities. The last item for the afternoon class is dominance over obedience to teach your GSD to live with cats, squirrels, bunnies and any other variety of pets in the home. It has been a popular topic for privates and workshops over the summer as families were forced to spend the days together.

Our new black or grey stocking hats are now in stock. They have a subtle GSD head over an outline of the state of MN. Very nice and are priced at 20.00. Pictures can be found on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/GermanShepherdtrainers>

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
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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/>.

GSDCMSP Agility Trial April 2-4

Premium can be found at

<https://xtremek9s.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Event-Premium-List-GSDCMSP-Apr-2021.pdf>

Or check the club website and click on the link



Your Invited



Who: Junior Handlers Near or Far

When: April 2-4, 2021

Why: The GSD Agility Committee would like to recognize our Jr Handlers.

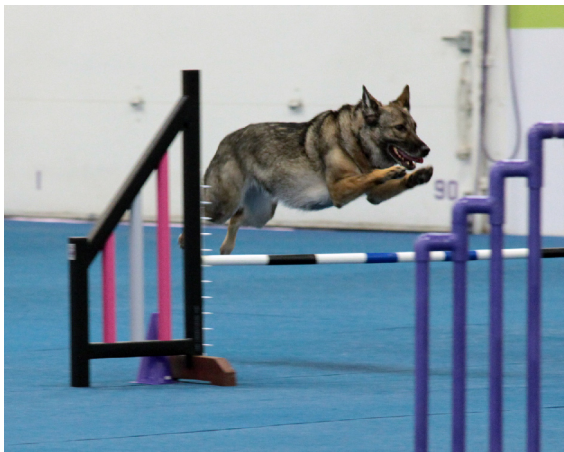
What: Each Jr Handler will receive a gift bag sponsored by the GSD Agility Committee.

Each Junior that volunteers during the trial will also be entered in a special raffle drawing.

Lunch will be provide to Juniors.

There will be a High-Scoring Junior competition.

Also, Juniors will receive a special entry rate (See next page)



Enter!



To comply with the State of MN, the maximum capacity of the building is 55 people. Please do not bring additional people to this trial.



Do Dogs Smell Scents Better in the Cold?

By Cuteness Team

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Watch your dog the next time you go for a walk or send him into the yard. Within moments of being outside, his nose immediately goes to work tracking squirrels, rabbits and the meter man. Airflow, moisture, temperature and density all influence how easily he tracks a smell.

Science of the Nose

The dog's nose is an amazing feat of evolution. Capable of distinguishing more than 1,000 individual chemical odorants, the dog's nose surpasses the human nose at least 10,000 times over. In addition to a proportionately large nasal cavity, the dog also possesses a special organ called the vomeronasal organ. The VMO helps the dog distinguish between organic smells and inorganic smells. For organic smells, it provides biological information on species, gender, health status, mood and more, giving the dog a complete picture of the animal they are smelling.

Scent Movement

Fill a glass with water, then place two to three drops of food coloring into the glass. Watch how it changes. This is how scent travels in air. It moves from high to low elevation, gets caught in swirls of movement and dissipates as it moves further away from the origination point.

Temperature and Moisture Effects

Temperature and moisture affect the strength of scents as well as how quickly they dissipate. When the temperature drops, air and scent molecules become more dense, resulting in a higher concentration of smell per square inch. This is because scent molecules move closer together when cold. Similarly, water vapor traps scent molecules, enhancing the odor they release and retarding their diffusion into the air. The combination of cool, moist air results in scent that is heavy and closer to the ground. This makes it much easier for a dog to track the smell.

Too Cold

While it is true that cool, moist air makes it easier for dogs to smell and track odor, it is also true that air can be too cold for scent. This is because as temperatures continue to drop, the moisture in the air freezes to a solid. Eventually, the scent becomes trapped in dry solids and cannot be detected easily by the dog. It is for this reason that dogs may have trouble tracking in subzero temperatures but do well on cool, rainy days.

By Shelly Volsche

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Shelly Volsche has worked as a professional dog behavior consultant, holds a Bachelor's degree in psychology, and a diploma in canine nutrition. She has written for "The Chronicle of the Dog" and Lucky Dog Magazine and is currently pursuing her PhD in anthropology with a focus on pet parents.



Simon Garfield, Dog's Best Friend: The Story of an Unbreakable Bond, New York: William Morrow, 2020.

A review by Cynthia Curran

Simon Garfield is well known for his 20 works of non-fiction and he is widely admired for his ability to break down complex areas of knowledge into comprehensible chunks for an interested audience. What is unexpected in this book on canines, is his fun and breezy approach to the complicated and, sometimes emotional, world of dogs.

In this volume, Garfield covers scientific topics but he is mainly focused on entertaining the reader, most frequently by throwing out unusual and often bizarre facts. He does spend a bit of time on theories on the domestication of dogs or on canine brain activity but he is not interested in comprehensive, scientific approaches. There are other, better books for these subjects, and Garfield has a particular talent for finding fascinating tidbits. When discussing the naming of

dogs, for instance, he references the Beng people of West Africa who routinely bestow their dogs with such wonderful monikers as 'Know yourself and avoid disputes,' or 'Quell annee' which translates as 'Which year will I become rich'? Perhaps my favorite was a dog name popular amongst the ancient Egyptians, according to Garfield, which when rendered into English means 'If someone speaks ill of me, I mustn't take it to heart.' Take that, dog owners who stick to Spot or Fluffy!

There should be a warning, however, attached to some of the factoids sprinkled throughout the volume because not all are lighthearted. For every sentence which informs the reader that there are almost 1 billion dogs on the planet today or that the greyhound is the second fastest mammal after the cheetah, Garfield gives an unexpected stomach punch as with his discussion of animals and war. In the first four days of the Second World War in September 1939, over 400,000 dogs and cats were euthanized in London; this was in part because pets weren't allowed in bomb shelters but also because food was scarce.

The reader never knows what topic will pop up next. One example is the chapter devoted to Charles Darwin's love of all things dog and how he applied his scientific observations to his pets. In the next instance, Garfield chooses to spotlight interesting individuals, human and canine. Alongside profiles of creative thinkers such as Temple Grandin, the reader is treated to short biographies of Rico and Chaser, the 'genius' Border collies, and Laika, the first dog in space. Another warning here: I still remember the distressed look on my father's face when, as a child, I asked him if Laika was happy to return home after her space journey.

Garfield's presentation of dog shows and performance events is so elementary that our members will not be impressed but his examination of literary figures and their dogs was a hoot. Here is Virginia Woolf's concise description of her new puppy: '[Pinka] has destroyed, by eating holes, my skirt, ate L's proofs, and done such damage as could be done to the carpet. But she is an angel of light. Leonard says seriously she makes him believe in God—and this after she has wetted his floor 8 times in one day.'

SOGGY by Julie Swinland

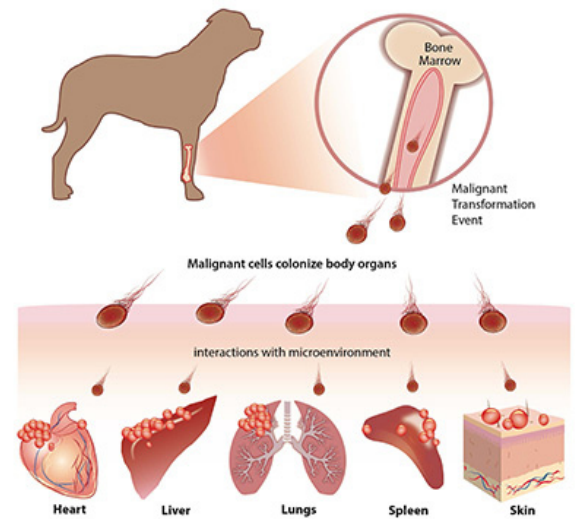


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Hemangiosarcoma is a common malignant cancer of dogs and carries a prognosis that is universally understood to be poor. Hemangiosarcoma's poor prognosis is due to its rapid onset of metastasis (spreading to other organs) and the high propensity for hemangiosarcoma tumors to spontaneously rupture, resulting in life-threatening internal hemorrhage (a condition known as hemoperitoneum when this bleeding occurs in the abdomen). Hemangiosarcoma can arise in just about any organ, however most cases originate from the spleen in dogs. The primary treatment for hemoperitoneum secondary to a bleeding splenic tumor is splenectomy (surgical removal of the entire spleen and its associated tumor). For dogs diagnosed with hemangiosarcoma, this is then followed by chemotherapy.

Even with this aggressive treatment approach, the reported survival times for dogs with splenic hemangiosarcoma is only around 4-6 months, whereas dogs with benign splenic tumors are often cured with surgery alone.

Formation and Spread of Canine Hemangiosarcoma



Splenic hemangiosarcoma is challenging to diagnose as dogs often only show symptoms of disease in later and more progressed stages. Most dogs aren't diagnosed until they have a rupture of their splenic tumor (causing hemoperitoneum), meaning that the cancer itself was diagnosed incidentally as a consequence of the severe internal bleeding and is often already in advanced stages. Currently no screening tests for early diagnosis of hemangiosarcoma exist. The fact that most dogs already have advanced stages of disease at the time of diagnosis may in part contribute to the reported poor prognosis for canine hemangiosarcoma, making new diagnostic tests capable of earlier detection a much-needed area of research.

Current Method of Diagnosis

The current gold standard method to diagnose hemangiosarcoma is to send a sample of the tumor to a diagnostic lab where it will undergo histopathologic (microscopic) analysis. Once submitted, the average turnaround time for this analysis is 3-5 days. In most cases this means that the decision to go to surgery to remove the spleen for dogs with hemoperitoneum must be made without knowledge of whether the mass is benign (cured with surgery) or malignant (often hemangiosarcoma). Previous retrospective studies report the incidence of hemangiosarcoma in dogs with hemoperitoneum due to a bleeding splenic tumor to be as high as 96%. This uncertainty around the preoperative diagnosis and the knowledge of the possible poor prognosis for dogs with hemangiosarcoma can often lead many owners to considering euthanasia rather than pursuing surgery. This choice can be even further complicated by the stress and confusion that most owners experience secondary to the unexpected and abrupt nature of hemoperitoneum.

There is concern that the decision to euthanize could result in some dogs with benign tumors, which could be cured with surgery alone, being put to sleep.

New Hope

Ethos Discovery recently completed one of the first prospective, nationwide studies in canine hemoperitoneum. This study showed an incidence of hemangiosarcoma to be 62% in dogs with hemoperitoneum, which is significantly lower than the previous reports of 96%. This study suggests that a larger proportion of dogs have benign causes to their hemoperitoneum than previously thought. Most dogs with hemoperitoneum present in critical condition and so another goal of the study was to evaluate mortality associated with splenectomy and factors that may predict higher risk cases. The study revealed that 95% of patients survived and were discharged from the hospital in under 40 hours. These findings bring hope to the owners of dogs

with hemoperitoneum when they are faced with the need to decide whether to pursue surgical treatment. Furthermore, there are numerous prospective clinical trials open around the country that seek to improve the long-term outcomes in dogs with hemangiosarcoma. This provides further hope to the owners of dogs with hemangiosarcoma, as the results of these studies may not only benefit their own dog, but will also provide valuable data towards developing a cure for this disease.

Improving Treatment Options Through Early Diagnosis

The ability to detect hemangiosarcoma sooner could alter the way hemangiosarcoma is treated and perceived. In patients that present emergently with hemoperitoneum, a rapid diagnostics could allow for a diagnosis to be made preoperatively, meaning that owners would no longer have to make the decision for surgery without knowing what their dog's diagnosis or long-term prognosis is. Additionally, an earlier diagnostic test for hemangiosarcoma could result in the cancer being diagnosed before tumor rupture occurs, allowing the pet owner and their family more time to consider options and treatment decisions in a non-emergent setting. Furthermore, having the ability to make an earlier diagnosis may result in improved patient responses to the current treatment options available for hemangiosarcoma, and could even allow for novel approaches to how we care for these patients.

The early detection of cancer is defined as the ability to achieve a cancer diagnosis before the disease is altering the patient's quality of life and prior to any local or distant spread (i.e. metastasis). In veterinary practice there are two requirements for the diagnosis of cancer:

Visualization of a tumor – This can include visually seeing or feeling a tumor on an animal or identifying it on diagnostic imaging (e.g. x-rays or ultrasound).

Confirmation of cancer cells – This involves obtaining a tissue sample from the tumor (fine-needle aspirate or biopsy), processing this tissue for evaluation, and then visually confirming the presence of cancer cells in the tissue.

While this process is standard practice and is highly accurate, it does have several disadvantages.

For instance, dogs with large splenic tumors often require surgery to sample the tumor (via splenectomy) because preoperative sampling can result in tumor rupture and severe internal bleeding.

Tumors can also be located in regions where sampling comes with a high chance of complication, such as tumors located near major blood vessels or deep within tissues.

Even when a tumor sample is obtained, there is always the potential that the selected section of tumor that is submitted for histopathologic evaluation is not representative of majority of the tumor, and a misdiagnosis can be made.

Finally, the standard turn-around-time for tissue samples submitted for histopathologic evaluation is 3-5 days, however these samples can sometimes require second opinions or special staining procedures to clarify a diagnosis, which can further delay the start of treatment.

Investigating Novel Diagnostic Approaches

Liquid Biopsy

Ethos Discovery is currently investigating the use of novel blood-based biomarkers for the diagnosis of hemangiosarcoma. A biomarker is a normal compound in the body that becomes elevated in times of illness or is a compound that is only present in the body when certain diseases exist (e.g. cancer). If these compounds are able to be accurately detected, they could provide reliable means to diagnose disease. Furthermore, blood-based biomarkers have the potential to be used to monitor therapeutic response more reliably than standard monitoring techniques (i.e. x-rays and ultrasound). In the area of early cancer detection, the use of circulating cell-free tumor DNA (cftDNA) has shown promise. cftDNA are small fragments of DNA from tumors that get

released from the tumor and enter the bloodstream. Their detection in the blood indicates the tumor's presence and could even have the potential to indicate the degree of cancer burden. This ability to detect cftDNA in the blood of dogs with cancer is a process known as liquid biopsy. Ethos Discovery seeks to develop a liquid biopsy that will be accurate at diagnosing hemangiosarcoma in dogs.
Specialized Test for the Assessment of Molecular Prognosis (STAMP)

Many cancers are highly complex, with numerous genomic subtypes of the same cancer. Hemangiosarcoma is one of these cancers that is thought to have multiple subtypes. These subtypes often look the same under a microscope but can carry different prognoses. This means that histopathologic diagnosis of a cancer is not sufficient enough for predicting the course of disease in that patient and the ability to detect the specific cancer subtype would more accurately inform an owner about the long-term prognosis for their dog. These subtypes also present patient-specific drug targets that could be used to direct therapy.

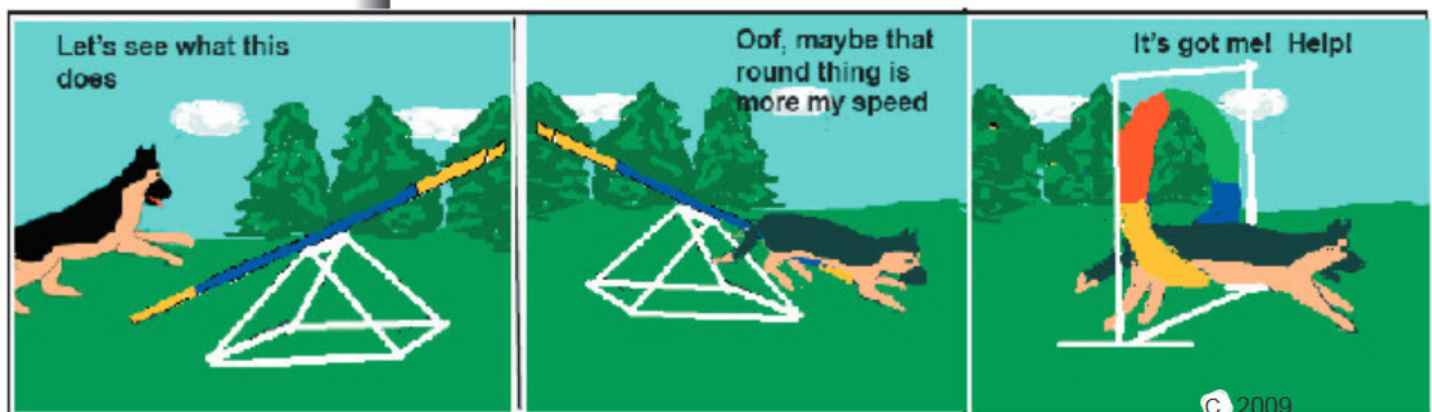
The current gold standard chemotherapeutic treatment for canine hemangiosarcoma is a drug called doxorubicin. The response to doxorubicin is variable among dogs with hemangiosarcoma, and the presence of these various subtypes may be an explanation for the variable therapeutic responses. Cancer treatments often target the specific genomic alterations that led to the development of that cancer, therefore preventing or delaying its progression. With the ability to now easily perform genomic analysis of patient's tumors, a new patient-specific approach can be taken by matching effective drugs with each patient's tumor subtype. This is a transition away from the "one treatment fits all" approach and the adoption of a more tailored approach for each patient. This method of treatment is referred to as precision medicine.

Ethos Discovery has shown that canine hemangiosarcoma consists of at least four different subtypes and is now in the process of developing a precision medicine test that would be capable of detecting each of the subtypes. The test would also be able to provide prognostic information about that subtype of hemangiosarcoma. This test will be called the Ethos Hemangiosarcoma Specialized Test for the Assessment of Molecular Prognosis (STAMP).

Ethos Precision Medicine Umbrella Study for Hemangiosarcoma (Ethos-PUSH)

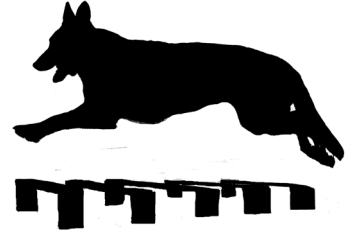
Ethos Discovery will also soon be launching a second prospective, multicenter, nationwide study called the Ethos Precision Medicine Umbrella Study for Hemangiosarcoma (Ethos-PUSH). In this study, 400 pet dogs with naturally occurring hemangiosarcoma will have genomic profiling performed on their tumors to determine their genomic subtype. A precision medicine approach will then be used to match these dogs to the most effective treatments to determine if this results in improved long-term outcomes. You can read more about this study here. It is through this research that Ethos Discovery hopes to improve the outcome for dogs with hemangiosarcoma and take a similar path as to that of human childhood leukemia, which through significant research efforts went from a commonly fatal disease to a commonly cured disease.

Soggy by Julie Swinland



GSD Fun Day June 12 save the Date

I am working on getting more sessions for our annual Fun Day. Can you believe the Fun Day is in it's 11th year? We missed last year due to the pandemic but are continuing this year. So Far we have Kathy Crews evaluating Therapy Dogs, CGC and Trick Dog. She is starting a new Therapy organization which will have a test similar to the TDI test and she will offer insurance with the annual membership. I will get more information as we get closer to June 12.



We have an AKC Tracking Judge providing beginning tracking. I am working on getting a presenter for agility and an aromatherapist. We will have the new AKC Temperament Test with 2 evaluators so you can qualify for the AKC title.

Let me know if you would like to volunteer to present anything or if you have a topic we should cover. If you have a product or service to sell sign up as a vendor.

We will have new title ribbons for completed AKC titles. We will need volunteers. Contact me if you have any services to offer or if you want to help with this event.

Julie Swinland blackforestgsd@msn.com



BRAGS

Caboose earned his Rally Novice Title

Lindenhill's Caboose V Gracelyne RN TKP
Laura Newland



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: Sleep-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.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 _____

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 Review Category	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

March 5 AKC Temperament Test practice
March 12 Membership Meeting
March 21 Socialization and Obedience Workshop
April 2-4 Agility Trials On The Run
May 1 Herding Instinct Clinic

GSDCMSP Class Schedule

Training for 2021 has resumed

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

Ring 1

.....Various classes, starting at 6:00

Ring 3

.....Rally Julie Swinland 6:00-7:20

Training Director:

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and Masks (for
humans) are
Required in and
around the Animal
Inn building.**