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Happy New Year! May you have many championship points and Q's this year or just a lot of good companion activities with your dogs. As usual, we have a lot coming up. First is our annual banquet. If you are receiving a plaque or bar this year remember to bring an 8 X10 framed picture of your dog to place on the awards table. You can come in costume or not. We won't be having an election this year because all the incumbents are running unopposed. Hopefully you have your registrations in by now, but if not contact Ann Jeddelloh immediately!

I have included a summary of the rules of the new AKC Temperament Test on page 9 and we will be having a practice on Friday January 17 at 7:30 after rally.

Exciting events coming up: We have the opportunity to try barn hunt and/or dock diving at For the Love of Dogs, March 14 or 15. I need to know who plans to attend. The fee will be \$30 and there will be instructors to introduce you and your dog to these activities. They will charge \$160/hour so we need to have at least 12 people committed to pay for the fee.

The Herding Fun Day will be May 24 at Polly Simpson's farm in New Richmond. You will get a chance to see how your dog will do working sheep. The cost is \$ 15 per dog or \$25 for 2 dogs. Phyllis Clark will handle the dogs. Please contact me to sign up.

Our Big German Shepherd Fun Day is June 14. So far we have The new AKC Temperament Test, Farm Dog Test, CGC/CGCA, Trick Dog Tests and Therapy Dog International (TDI) Test scheduled. Please let me know if you have any contacts or suggestions for vendors or

activities. I am hoping to get a dog portrait photographer. There will be lots of activities and New Title ribbons and the special Triple Title ribbon for any dog and human team that completes 3 titles at the event.

Please note on Page 15 I have included information on the Pam Magadance estate sale. All money beyond what is needed to pay her bills will be donated to our club.

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January 18 Annual Membership Meeting Lake Elmo Event Center

Holiday Pot Luck

Food, Fun Singing with Santa and Pictures.



Santa Photos



Richard Wilfond



Bobbi Smith and Zeus



Skylar's Scholarships held a raffle raising funds for German Shepherd Dogs in need, along with supporting K9 departments with funding for equipment for their working dogs.





Santa led the group in song



Great Food!



Raffle for Skylar's Scholarships

NEW DECOMPRESSION TECHNIQUE MAY SAVE LIVES OF GERMAN SHEPHERD DOGS WITH BLOAT

When her 9-year-old black and red female German Shepherd Dog, “Winnie” (Winnie vom Spezialblut SchH3 FH CD TT JH), came back from a routine bathroom break before bedtime with a life-or-death case of gastric dilatation-volvulus (GDV), MelloDee Middleton went into survival mode.

“I called my friend and Winnie’s breeder, Carla Griffith, and said, ‘I think Winnie is bloating,’” says Middleton, of Princeton, Texas. “Winnie was screaming. It was a sound I had never heard before. I could see her stomach swelling.”

A veterinary technician, Griffith, of Statesville, North Carolina, formerly of Princeton, Texas, drove to Middleton’s home, about 20 minutes from where she lived. When she arrived, Winnie’s gums were blue, and her eyes were dilated.

Middleton, who breeds under the Gernelhaus prefix, bought Winnie to segue to German-bred working dogs after 17 years in the breed.



She and Winnie had earned several titles. Griffith had imported Winnie’s dam, Isar vom Steinaeker SchH3 CDX JH, from West Germany, and the sire, Garner vom Kirschtal, was an imported West German herding champion.

The owner and breeder drove 45 minutes to transport Winnie to the closest emergency clinic in Dallas.

“They took a radiograph and saw that her stomach was twisted,” says Griffith, of vom Spezialblut German Shepherd Dogs. “Fortunately, they had an experienced surgeon who performed the bloat surgery and a gastropexy to prevent the stomach from twisting in the future.”

Winnie is an example of how quickly GDV, more commonly known as bloat, happens with little forewarning in large- and giant-sized, deep-chested dogs. German Shepherd Dogs are the most commonly reported breed to get GDV. Thus, a minimally invasive gastropexy procedure is recommended to be done prophylactically at a young age, particularly in dogs in which a direct relative such as a parent, littermate or half-littermate, has bloated, to prevent it from occurring, says William A. Fox-Alvarez, DVM, MS, DACVS, assistant professor of small animal surgery at the University of Florida.

At many clinics today, a veterinarian performs gastropexy laparoscopically using two to three incisions and cameras to help guide the procedure. Minimally invasive surgeries have been shown to decrease pain, shorten recovery time and minimize scarring of the skin, says Dr. Fox-Alvarez.

“Usually there is no rhyme or reason for why a dog bloats,” Griffith says. “I consider myself lucky to have only had four dogs bloat over the past 30-plus years in German Shepherd Dogs. The outcome depends on how quickly you can decompress the gas in the stomach before it cuts off the blood supply to vital organs and tissues.”

GDV PROGRESSES FAST

Gastric dilatation occurs when the stomach fills like a balloon with gas. As bloat progresses, the gas-filled stomach twists 180 degrees clockwise on its side, cutting off an escape for the gas through the esophagus or duodenum. This is known as gastric dilatation with volvulus. GDV results in a profound distension of the stomach that compresses vital blood vessels and organs in the abdomen and reduces oxygen to those organs. Eventually tissue death occurs, and toxins are released into the bloodstream.

Bloat happens so fast that dogs can die within two hours of the first signs. As the gas builds up in the stomach, a dog becomes increasingly uncomfortable. Owners may notice their dog pacing, panting, retching unsuccessfully, and standing with a hunched back. Clinical signs include a distended abdomen, pale gums, and a weak, rapid pulse. Shock may occur when the vena cava, the large vein carrying deoxygenated blood back into the heart, becomes blocked from the stomach’s twisting and distention.

Among the theories about what causes bloat, owners historically have suspected their dogs gulp atmospheric air when eating. A study published in 2013 in the Journal of Veterinary Internal Medicine found otherwise. The researchers examined the stomach gas of 10 dogs admitted to an emergency clinic for GDV surgery and concluded that the gas is due to bacterial fermentation similar to the fermentative bloat that

occurs in cattle. In an earlier study, these researchers showed that the stomach contents of a dog with GDV continue to expand and bubble in a plastic container until the top pops off.

“Bloat is a complex inherited disorder in which multiple environmental factors also come into play in predisposing a dog to GDV,” says Jerold Bell, DVM, adjunct professor of genetics at the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University and a genetics advisor to national parent breed clubs. “Unfortunately, there is no complete picture of the pathogenic mechanisms involved in causing bloat.”

Reviewing published articles and breed health surveys, Dr. Bell compiled a report on bloat that was published in 2014 in *Topics in Companion Animal Medicine*. “About 46 breeds of dog are susceptible to bloat,” he says. “These articles show that the German Shepherd Dog is presented most frequently for GDV, followed by the Great Dane, mixed breeds, Standard Poodle, Labrador Retriever, Akita, Golden Retriever, Saint Bernard, Doberman Pinscher, and Chow Chow. There are many other breeds susceptible to GDV, but their smaller populations do not register in these incidence studies.”

The risk of developing GDV increases with age, Dr. Bell says. “Dogs having a large body size and deep chest structure essentially provide a large abdominal body cavity in which a stomach heavily laden with food can stretch the hepatogastric ligament, a ligament that holds the stomach in place, and allow for increased motion and volvulus, or twisting, of the stomach. The fact that the risk increases with age may relate to the progressive stretching of the hepatogastric ligament.”

Emergency surgery to untwist the stomach and check for dead tissue provides the best outcome for dogs with GDV. Prior to surgery a dog must be stabilized. This involves relieving pressure from the gas in the stomach and treating a dog for shock. As with Winnie, a gastropexy is performed during emergency surgery. This procedure, which is recommended prophylactically in at-risk breeds to prevent GDV from recurring, involves tacking the stomach to the right side of the abdominal wall to prevent future shifting or twisting of the stomach.

Time is of the essence when a dog bloats, yet sometimes a surgical delay is unavoidable. For example, a dog may need to be transported to an emergency facility equipped for performing bloat surgery, or owners may need time to consider the emotional and financial costs involved.

“Mortality from bloat ranges from 10 to 50 percent, depending on the severity and duration of gastric dilatation,” says Dr. Fox-Alvarez. “For this reason, rapid and effective decompression of the stomach is critical for successful treatment of dogs with GDV.”

“As decompression releases built-up toxins into the bloodstream, concurrent treatment for shock is important for survival,” adds Dr. Bell.

A new decompressive gastrostomy catheter (G-cath) technique adapted from human medicine may help stabilize dogs and keep their stomachs decompressed while awaiting surgery. As the lead investigator of a study to evaluate the technique, Dr. Fox-Alvarez worked with his surgical residency mentor, Brad Case, MS, DVM, DACVS, associate professor of small animal surgery at the University of Florida, whose idea it was to explore a sustained decompression method for dogs with GDV.

The two-year study, completed in October 2017, was funded by the AKC Canine Health Foundation and sponsored by the American German Shepherd Dog Charitable Foundation (AGSDCF). An article of the research detailing the first time this device was used to treat dogs with GDV will be published later in 2019 in the *Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association*.

“We wanted to examine the minimally invasive G-cath for its ability to immediately and continuously alleviate gas distention in the stomach of bloat patients,” Dr. Fox-Alvarez says. “Going into the study, we knew it was quick to perform — under 4 minutes. We also knew from a pilot study that it proved successful at effectively providing continuous gastric decompression. For dogs in which surgical delays are unavoidable, this potentially would be ideal to sustain their decompression.”

The two most common methods currently used by veterinarians to decompress the stomach of a dog with GDV are: 1) to pass an orogastric tube, essentially a feeding tube, from the mouth to the stomach, or 2) to percutaneously trocar, or penetrate the stomach through the skin, using a large needle. A negative aspect of both procedures is that they only temporarily decompress the stomach.

“In time, the stomach fills back up with gas and begins to compress critical abdominal blood vessels,” explains Dr. Fox-Alvarez. “We observed in a hospital how doctors gain access to the stomach of humans in a minimally invasive manner. We borrowed from them and applied their techniques.”

The G-cath method involves creating a temporary gastropexy by attaching the stomach wall to the body wall so it doesn’t move or fall away as the stomach decompresses and shrinks. A veterinarian uses T-fasteners to secure the gastropexy and then inserts a decompressive G-cath, essentially a pigtail decompressive catheter, in which the tip

stays in the stomach to continue decompressing the gas until it is removed at the time of surgery. Sixteen dogs, including seven German Shepherd Dogs, more than any other breed, were part of the study, as well as three Great Danes and one dog of these breeds: Doberman Pinscher, Giant Schnauzer, Golden Retriever, Greyhound, Standard Poodle, and Weimaraner. The overall median age was 8 years old. The purpose was to compare the newly adapted G-cath technique and the standard trocarization procedure by measuring gas pressure in the dogs' stomachs.

The dogs, which were treated at the emergency and critical care service at the University of Florida, were diagnosed with GDV based on their clinical signs and abdominal radiography. Eight dogs were randomly assigned to the "trocar group" in which the standard trocarization procedure was used to decompress the gas in their stomachs and eight dogs were randomly assigned to the "G-cath group."

The good news is that all dogs in the study survived, says Dr. Fox-Alvarez. "There were not a large number of dogs in this study, which makes it challenging to determine if survival would be affected. The next step is a larger study with more dogs with GDV.

"The ability to keep the stomach decompressed means we are able to eliminate the most damaging component of GDV and truly stabilize a dog before surgery," he says. "We believe that this procedure will prevent the gas buildup from returning and has the potential to improve how stable a dog is before being put under anesthesia. We expect it will help improve outcomes for GDV patients."

GENETICS & GUT BACTERIA

Meanwhile, a genetics study to identify the role of immune system genes and the gut microbiome in German Shepherd Dogs with GDV is soon to be completed at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center. This two-and-a-half-year study, also supported through a grant by the AKC Canine Health Foundation and sponsored by AGSDCF, aims to identify mutations in genes containing risk alleles associated with bloat.

Lead investigator Michael A. Harkey, PhD, says, "We are investigating whether bloat in German Shepherd Dogs is associated with the same risk alleles and the same microbiome profiles as we saw previously in Great Danes, where we identified a single major risk allele in each of three genes. The study in Danes provided insights indicating that an altered bacterial population, an imbalance or dysbiosis, in the gut microbiome of dogs that have bloated is associated with specific genes in the major histocompatibility complex, a group of genes that code for proteins found on the surface of cells and that help the immune system recognize foreign substances.

"In this study, we are analyzing two groups of German Shepherd Dogs — those that had at least one episode of GDV requiring emergency surgery and a control group that had never experienced severe gastric dilatation or torsion or any other major gut-related problem."

The research team collected stool samples from which they extracted bacterial DNA and used rapid sequencing to identify and quantify the thousands of bacteria in the gut. The goal is to identify bacterial species that may be unusually high or low in dogs that bloated compared to those that did not.

"Unfortunately, we have not found the same variations in the same genes of the immune system as we saw in Great Danes," Dr. Harkey says. "While the DLA-88 gene and its risk allele 05101 occurred three times more frequently in Danes that bloated than in those that did not, we never found this risk allele in German Shepherd Dogs. The DRB-1 gene and its 01201 variant, which showed up in Danes with bloat two times more than in control dogs, was not significant in German Shepherd Dogs. The third gene we found in Great Danes, TLR-5 and its D risk allele, also did not occur in German Shepherd Dogs."

Although the genetic work in German Shepherd Dogs has not identified gene mutations that would help identify dogs at risk for bloat as occurred in the Great Dane study, the work continues. "I am hopeful that insights about what occurs in the genetics and gut microbiome of German Shepherd Dogs with bloat will be coming," Dr. Harkey says.

Reflecting on the complexity of breed genetics and bloat, Dr. Bell says, "More research is needed to evaluate factors related to body size, conformation, temperament, gastric mobility and contraction, and the microscopic anatomy of the stomach and the hepatogastric ligament. Studies should be performed on the gut microbiome of GDV-affected dogs that embrace all facets of a dog's genetic makeup."

Meanwhile, Winnie went on to live a healthy life. "She was my foundation bitch for German working dogs," Middleton says. "Winnie lived to be 14 years old. Catching her bloat in time was the biggest thing that saved her. It's always the hardest part." □

Decompression techniques continued

Purina appreciates the support of the American German Shepherd Dog Charitable Foundation (AGSDCF), particularly Ginny Altman, current vice president of the Foundation and past president of the German Shepherd Dog Club of America, in helping to identify topics for the German Shepherd Dog Update. The AGSDCF board of directors also helps to identify topics.

SIGNS OF GASTRIC DILATATION-VOLVULUS

- Dry heaving
- White foam and yellow stringy mucus
- Tight, hard abdomen
- Pale gums
- Weak, rapid pulse
- Pacing
- Panting
- Standing with a hunched back

If your dog exhibits signs of bloat, it is important to go immediately to an emergency veterinary clinic, as a dog's condition can become critical within two hours of showing signs.

AKC CANINE HEALTH FOUNDATION SUPPORTS BLOAT RESEARCH

A longtime supporter of studies investigating gastric dilatation-volvulus (GDV), commonly known as bloat, the AKC (American Kennel Club) Canine Health Foundation remains committed to ongoing and future research into GDV, says Diane Brown, DVM, PhD, CEO of the AKC Canine Health Foundation.

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If you are receiving an award at the banquet remember to bring a framed 8 x 10 picture of your dog for the awards table.

Prepare to have FUN!!!

AKC Temperament Test ATT



We will be holding our first AKC Temperament Test at the GSD Fun Day June 14 at the Animal Inn. You need to pass the test under 2 different judges to complete the title.

German Shepherds Only

Purpose: The AKC Temperament Test (ATT) is a general temperament test for all breeds and mixed breed dogs that will assess the dog's reaction to a variety of stimuli. These stimuli will be in the following six categories: Social, Auditory, Visual, Tactile (touch), Proprioceptive (motion) and Unexpected Stimuli. The purpose of the ATT is to test for fear, shyness, inability to recover, and lack of cooperation. Desired traits are that the dog will be emotionally stable, inquisitive, appropriately social for its breed, biddable, and demonstrates the ability to recover from a startling situation in a reasonable amount of time. Dogs who show signs of aggression will not pass the test.

Eligibility: Dogs who are at least 1 year of age are eligible to take the ATT and must either be AKC or FSS registered or listed with Canine Partners or have a Purebred Alternative Listing number. Dogs that are spayed or neutered may participate. Dogs must be able to perform whole categories of the test (such as hearing auditory stimuli and seeing visual stimuli), in order to be eligible to earn an ATT title. Dogs with disabilities such as those that are blind, deaf, or have three legs are eligible to enter provided in the opinion of the evaluator they display no signs of physical discomfort and can safely complete the test. However, if a dog has multiple disabilities such that, it is unable to complete whole categories of the test (i.e. - hearing auditory stimuli and seeing visual stimuli), the dog would not earn the ATT title.

Excusals: The evaluator should excuse dogs from the ring immediately if they show any signs of aggression or soil the ring (urinate or defecate). Handlers may be dismissed for excessively talking to the dog, refusal to follow the evaluator's instructions, or for making corrections. The evaluator may discontinue testing if he/she determines the dog is too fearful or under duress to complete the testing.

Entries and Refunds: There will be no refunds for bitches in season as they are allowed to enter. There will be no refunds of pre-entries, unless approved by the event committee of extenuating circumstances. A dog may enter only once per test and one test is defined as one event number

We will be holding a practice to introduce you and your dog to the test elements after rally approximately 7:30 on January 17 at the Animal Inn. Cost \$5.00 per team.

Pet Insurance Comparison

Members have shown an interest in pet insurance.

Here is one comparison from <https://www.consumeraffairs.com/pets/pet-insurance/#>

Compare Top Pet Insurance Companies
Most Popular

updated 10/24/19

ASPCA Pet Health Insurance

Read 678 Reviews

This pet insurance company offers complete coverage and accident-only coverage options for dogs and cats. It also offers reimbursement for many preventative care services. Receive a 10% discount when you insure multiple pets. [Visit Website](#)

AKC Pet Insurance

Read 480 Reviews

AKC Pet Insurance, provided by PetPartners Inc, has customizable policies designed to ease your worries about affording pet health care. toll free number (855) 265-5105

Embrace Pet Insurance

Read 186 Reviews

With head-to-head comparisons available on their website, Embrace Pet Insurance demonstrates their coverage value. Their high annual limits, along with the lack of per incident maximums, makes them highly competitive.

Trupanion

Read 196 Reviews

Trupanion's single, easy to understand plan option with 90% reimbursement and no payout limitations make them a quick shop for pet insurance. Their prices are determined by pet demographics, not care quality.

Petplan

Read 136 Reviews

Offering everything from vacation cancellation protection to lost pet recovery reimbursement, Petplan takes a holistic view of animal welfare and health care. Their policies are easy to understand with listed annual maximums.

Healthy Paws Pet Insurance & Foundation

Read 100 Reviews

Covering everything from cancer to emergency care, Healthy Paws Pet Insurance & Foundation offers top-rated pet insurance policies. Their easy claims process makes getting reimbursements quick and painless.

Nationwide Pet Insurance

Read 398 Reviews

Nationwide includes 24/7 access to trained veterinary professionals and reimbursements for covered medical costs. They offer both routine and comprehensive care options to keep care costs affordable.

PetWatch Pet Insurance

Read 206 Reviews

With a combination of lost pet recovery and pet insurance products, 24PetWatch offers a complete range of features designed to protect the health and wellness of furry family members.

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Figo Pet Insurance

Read 6 Reviews

Figo is a cloud-based pet insurance company, which makes it easy for pet owners to keep track of their veterinary visits and claim submissions. Figo offers three flexible pet insurance plans.

Pet Assure

Read Reviews

PetAssure

PetAssure is a membership club that offers discounts on veterinary services and supplies. Using this company, members can take advantage of discounts at the vet's office rather than waiting for reimbursement from insurance.

PetFirst

Read Reviews

PetFirst plans cost an average of \$25 per month and puts pet owners firmly in control of their pet's health.

Their Lifelong Coverage guarantee even protects pets with congenital conditions.

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PetPremium

Read Expert Review

PetPremium Wellness coverage starts the day after it is purchased, so pets can see the vet when they need to.

Tiered pricing and low incident limits helps keep these plans affordable, along with several deductible options.

German Shepherd Herding Fun Day May 24

Watch your dogs exercise their natural instincts to work sheep.



**Polly Simpson's
1479 200th Ave
New Richmond WI**

\$15 or \$25 for 2 dogs

**To register
Contact Julie Swinland
blackforestgsd@msn.com**



Phyllis Clark will work the dogs for you.

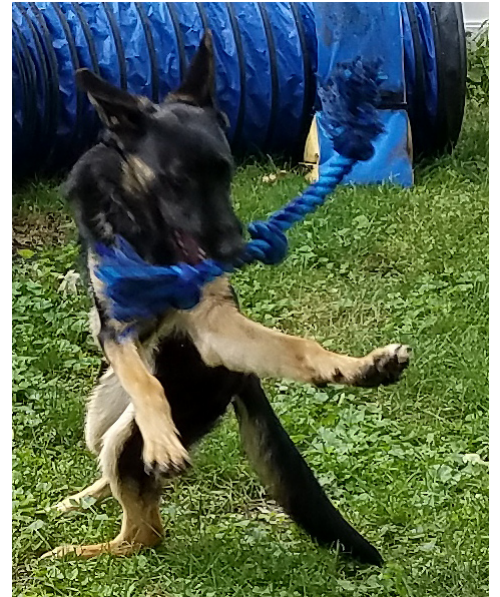
German Shepherd Fun Day

June 14

Save the Date

Lots of tests!

Therapy Dog International (TDI)
Farm Dog Certification
AKC Temperament Test
CGC/CGA Test
Trick Dog Tests
New Title and Triple Title ribbons



Vendors!
Food!
Demos!
Try new activities with your dog!

German Shepherds Only

Braggs

Here are their debut photos. Chewy won the AmBred class all 3 days, was WD on Friday at the North Star Herding Group specialty under Sam Houston McDonald for his first 2 points, RWD(2 pt) on Saturday under Joseph Lobb, and WD again on Sunday for a 3 point Major under John Booth.

Vixen was 2nd AmBred bitch Friday & Saturday, and 1ST AmBr & RWB on Sunday.

Off to a good start! Watch for them soon.

Verna Kubik



Vixen



Chewy North Star Herding Group KC



Chewy at Land O'Lakes KC



Training Tip from Ron Halling

This month's tip. Sometimes when your dog is stressed, nervous or haven't perfected the "come" command they will avoid coming to you. A new method that's highly successful is to put your palm out as if to invite your dog to place its side of its face in your palm. You may have to start with a leash on and meet your dog but if you give it LOTS of enthusiastic praise your dog learns that each and every time you put one of your hands out, (and that's the hand signal for this one), you'll lavish them with love after they have come to you. You perform this randomly and at all times of the day and they come to you each and every time!

SOGGY by Julie Swinland



c 2020



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.gsdcmsp.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	Delivery	One year	Three year	Five year
Single	Online only	\$45	\$130	\$215
Single	Print & online	\$75	\$215	\$385
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

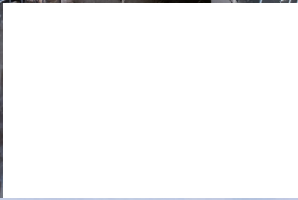
Endorser 1 Printed Name & Signature _____

Endorser 2 Printed Name & Signature: _____

Applicant/Member Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Estate Sale

Dog crates and x pens. Against the back wall you can see an A-Frame. It may need some new ply wood. There is also a dog walk and there are jumps and a tunnel.



Mike Shepler, is handling the estate for Pam Magadance. He has many items for sale, including many fence panels, some with gates, lots of dog crates all sizes, one KennelAire, Some x-pens, agility equipment, books, etc. If you are interested, please call Mike at 715-456-8871. If he doesn't answer please leave a message and he will get right back to you. The proceeds from the sale of Pam's items and farm will pay her bills and anything left over will be given to the GSDCMS because that was her family. Everything is located at Pam's farm in New Richmond. The farm is also for sale.

Club Events

January 3 No Training
January 17 7:30 Practice for AKC
Temperament Test
January 18 Annual Banquet Lake Elmo
January 19 Ron Halling Workshop

Feb 23 Ron Halling Workshop

March 14 or 15 Tentative Barn hunt/
Dock Diving event Mendota Heights
March 21 Ron Halling Workshop
March 27-29 GSDCMSP Agility Trial

May 24 Herding Fun Day Polly
Simpson's, New Richmond
May 29-31 Specialty shows Farmington

June 4-5 Scent Work Trial
June 14 GSD Fun Day Animal Inn
September Herding Trial and Farm Dog
Certification

GSDC MSP Class Schedule

~~Ring 1 and 2~~

~~No Obedience and Puppy class until Further notice.~~

~~Puppy 1 & 26:00-6:45~~

~~Beginning Obedience7:00-8:00~~

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

Ring 3

Rally Julie Swinland6:00-7:30

Conformation Ginny Altman...7:30-

Rally and Conformation continue and we may have
some guest lecturers.

We are hoping to have more offerings soon.