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Obedience, Rally, and Conformation classes resume date July 10th at the Animal Inn! We have several intern instructors who are studying with Ron Halling. There are registration forms on the club web site www.gsdcmstp.org click on training. You can pay with PayPal. We need to have people register so we can maintain safe class sizes. More information will be coming from Kim Morris and/or Ron Halling. We will have Puppy, Basic, Intermediate, and Novice Obedience classes, Rally, and Conformation. Information on our interns is on pages 5 and 6.

Our Specialty show August 28-30 - Location TBD.

We are introducing our three new trainers in this issue and Ron is looking for more.

Cynthia Curran has written another book review for this issue on the development of dogs from wolves. The book also addresses the hazards found in designer dogs and information on cloning.

We have a new Soggy cartoon in this issue as he tries to sort out what his responsibilities are in the pandemic.

The last page includes information on Social Distancing and how to properly wear a mask. Remember, it should cover the mouth and nose.

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Good Luck, competitors!

GSDCMSP Agility trial
July 17-18 Animal Inn

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How to Cut your Dog's Black Nails



The length of your dog's nails directly impacts their posture, movement efficiency and comfort when walking and running. Long nails cause pain when a dog puts weight on all four paws, and so dogs tend to shift their weight back to relieve pressure on the nails. This change in posture can lead to discomfort or even pain in the spine, shoulders, muscles and joints. With very long nails, the change in posture can cause negative orthopedic changes as a dog ages.



The red line shows the lighter fleshy portion on the underside of my dog's nail containing the quick.

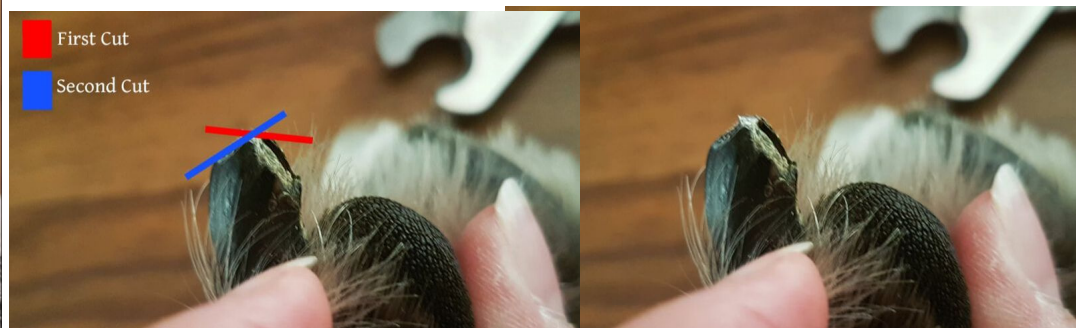
Do not cut into this portion of the nail. Cut around it!

The hyponychium (also called the "quick") is the epithelium located beneath the nail plate at the junction between the nail shell edge and thicker structure underneath the nail. The images below feature my dog's unclipped nail, to show you exactly where the quick begins and what section of the nail is safe to cut.

The line where the structure of the underside of the nail changes is your safety line - do not cut past into the lighter colored fleshy underside of your dog's nail.



The arrow indicates where the structure of the nail changes.



The ideal length of a dog's nails is short enough not to make noise when they are walking on hard surfaces, but long enough for your dog to utilize when running, climbing or digging.

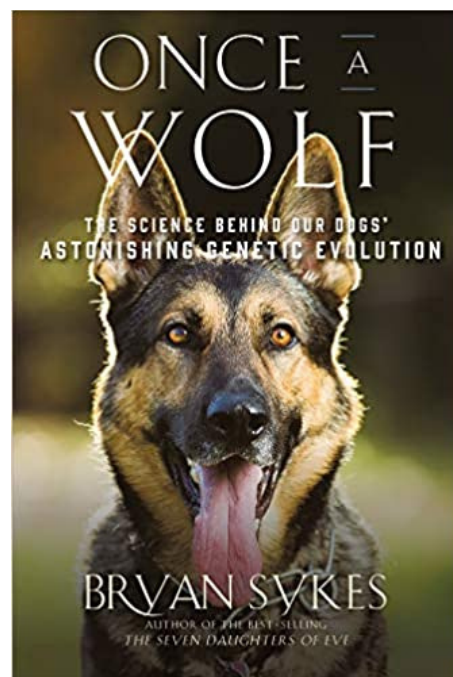
Nails should be trimmed once a week, or once every two weeks depending on how fast your dog's nails grow.

Nail trimming is especially important for dogs with joint issues, any kind of bone/muscle pain, and senior dogs.

For more great information on natural dog health care (supported by scientific research), feel free to come join my exclusive closed Facebook group: K9 Instinct: Holistic Dog Health Care. In that group I share all of my new articles and any new research or news in the pet world.

Bryan Sykes. Once A Wolf: The Science Behind Our Dogs' Astonishing Genetic Evolution. New York & London: W.W. Norton, 2019.

Bryan Sykes is Professor of Human Genetics at Oxford University and he also has founded a company which traces human genetic backgrounds. This impressive background adds substance to his book *Once A Wolf*. In this work, Sykes relies on the advances in genome research accomplished in the last 20 years to trace how dogs developed from wolves. Two things set this work apart from other recent books on lupine/canine connections. The first is that Sykes argues that this story is not one of subjugation of one species by another; he concludes that about 50,000 years ago, the co-evolution of dogs and humans allowed *Homo sapiens* to gain the upper hand in the evolutionary struggle over other groups such as Neanderthals. In simpler terms, humans helped the evolution of dogs, but dogs also aided the human species they lived and hunted with. As a good example of how the author uses his scientific expertise to make interesting observations, Sykes explains how and why humans have developed such a love of the dog, but pure hate and misunderstanding of the wolf.



The second characteristic that makes this book very different from others I have read on this topic is that Sykes can explain complex scientific terms and findings in easy to understand prose. This is no small matter when he addresses such issues as the importance of maternal Mitochondrial DNA or genetic microsatellites. I feel the readers' eyes rolling back as I type this, but Sykes uses 'designer' dog breeds to illustrate some of his genetic explanations. We have all come upon well-meaning Labradoodle owners who confidently state that they wanted a 'hypoallergenic' dog, or they chose a Bernerdoodle because they wanted a Bernese Mountain Dog who would live longer. Sykes explains why this simplistic view of genetics is misguided. He expands on this knowledge to present a history of dog breeds, not coincidentally revealing why those DNA tests of mixed breeds are often confusing and misleading.

One of my favorite chapters involves the cloning of dogs. Ever since I read about Barbra Streisand and her cloned puppies of her adored Coton de Tulear, I have been confused and not just because of the price--\$50,000-\$100,000! Trakr, a German Shepherd who rescued survivors from the 9/11 attacks in 2001, died in 2009 but his genetic material has produced cloned puppies recently. Sykes traces the history of canine cloning which started with the founder of the University of Phoenix who thought he would increase his fortune to stratospheric levels through dog cloning and ends with a Korean university which conducts all dog cloning today. The difficulties presented by the canine genome were considerable and Sykes clearly explains why. And Sykes doesn't shy away from the moral side of canine cloning which is often hidden. The collection of recipient eggs often causes the deaths of donor dogs, and surrogate bitches are usually euthanized after the puppies are born. But the biggest shock is that owners expecting an exact replica of their beloved pet will be disappointed. In careful detail, Sykes explains why even identical twins who have the same genetic material, have different personalities and abilities.

If you are interested in a genetic exploration of how canines evolved from wolves and at the same time, receive an accessible tutorial on the canine genome itself, this is one of the books for you. Since the author branches out his interest into other related genetic topics, the reader can use the scientific to make real life connections. I will offer one criticism which is Chapter 23. This chapter clashes with the scientific thread of the rest of the volume; here Mrs. Sykes interviews people and asks about their connection with and love for their dogs. Perhaps the editor wanted an emotional component to balance the scientific? Skip this chapter and dive into the rest for a stimulating and informative read by a geneticist who freely admits that he once thought dogs were 'dangerous, malodorous, drivelling wasters' but through his exploration of the canine genome, has come to appreciate their important place in our world.

Cynthia Curran

June Socialization and Obedience Workshop



New trainers started at the Workshop



Susan Helmbrecht

I have had a deep passion for dogs since an early age.

I have volunteered with dogs at the Animal Humane Society since 2006. I'm responsible for walking homeless dogs of all dispositions and breeds. On my walks I monitor dogs for health and behavioral issues to alert staff of potential issues.

I also bathe puppies, train other volunteers on how to approach dogs in cages/walk dogs, help with adoptions and represent the organization at events.

My name is Tom Temple, I live in Shakopee, and I have been a dog lover all of my life. My first memories of the German Shepherd breed were from watching the opening on the TV Show Hogan's Heroes and thinking those dogs are so smart that they knew the good guys from the bad guys. My older cousin returned from Vietnam with stories of his job as a K9 handler and my older brother had a German Shepherd. I was hooked, but I had to wait until I owned a house. Unfortunately, since my brother is a lot older than me it was a long wait. After buying my home, I owned my own German Shepherd 4 months later.

I have now owned a German Shepherd for over 28 years and have continued to listen, learn and adjust my behavior to bring the most out of my dogs. As a first time pet owner, sit, down, stay, wait, heal where my training goals. Until I met someone that was in Search And Rescue! Without kids there was a lot of free time available to learn tracking and search techniques. When the kids came, free time became precious and Search And Rescue fell by the wayside. The agility path was derailed with a dog ACL tear. When the kids left the house I attempted to convince my wife that the collecting German Shepherds would be a good idea. So far she has limited me to two, but I have hope. Today I am working on obedience and IGP titles. IGP is a sport, formally known as Schutzhund, that measures the dog's mental stability, endurance, structural efficiencies, ability to scent, willingness to work, its courage and trainability. It is a triathlon for dogs – Tracking, Obedience, and Protection.

I am often asked "Are you a dog trainer?" I train my dogs, so yes I am a dog trainer. I have worked with many family, friends and acquaintances training basic obedience and helping correct behavioral problems. I am always happy to assist someone that truly wishes to train their dog.

Tom Temple



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KATHLEEN RILEY

My involvement with purebred show dogs started in 1966, and Chinooks since 1992. Chinooks are my primary breed, and I have a token Labrador. I have had Champions, Best in Show, and Reserve Best in Show wins in AKC, UKC, and IABCA. I am very proud of our #1 National Owner Handler Series Chinook, Top 10 Chinook and Labradors, and of course, the Dalmatian that won the Top 20 at the National Specialty. Additionally, I have participated in obedience, rally, agility, herding, field trials, hunt tests, tracking, and weight pulls. At a recent judge's education, one of the judges reminded me that we met during the "Schutzhund Days" of the 1980s. I have served in AKC and UKC clubs, including Board and Chair positions, Judge's Education, AKC Public Education Coordinator, Newsletter Editor, Historian, Judge's Selection Chair, stewarding, and Specialty planning.

Select experience includes:

Internationally recognized seizure alert dog expert.

Certifications in Animal Nutrition and Behavior.

Consultant for police



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.

Workshop Schedule	July 12
10 am sharp lecture	Aug 9
11:00 hands-on class	Sept 13
12 pm Potluck lunch	Veteran's Park is located on the South side of
1 pm activity class.	Apple Valley American Legion Post 1776
	14521 Granada Drive, Apple Valley, MN 55124



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

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Tips From Ron

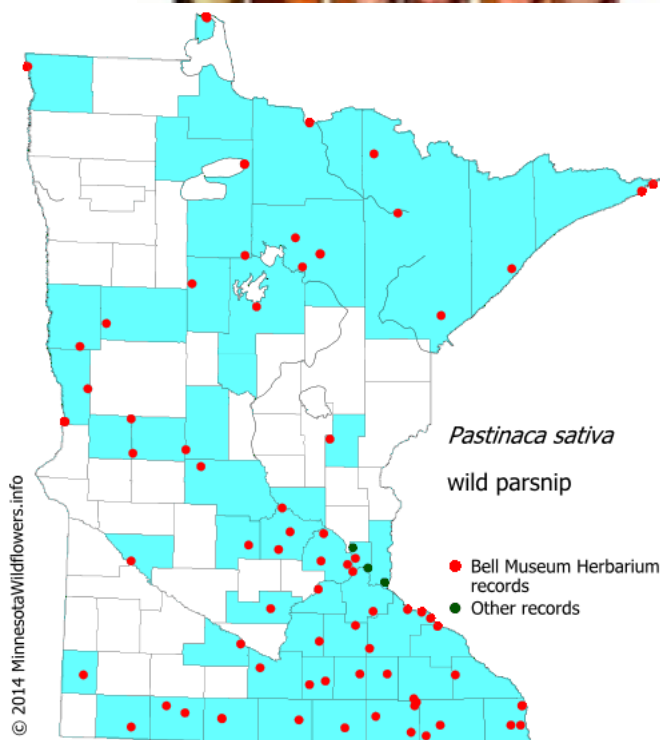
There are How-To videos on topics such as Drop on Recall, stand for Exam, and dealing with an attacking dog, on Socialization/Obedience Workshop page on FaceBook at <https://www.facebook.com/GermanShepherdtrainers/>.

DANGER WILD PARSNIP

This invasive plant
BURNS, SCARS, SPREADS, INVADES!
EDUCATE YOUR FAMILY.
 Wild Parsnip is all over the place around here.
 Please be aware and share this post!
 Burns PETS also!



oil of plant will cause
 phytophotodermatitis
 (sun-induced chemical burn)



Pastinaca sativa
 wild parsnip

- Bell Museum Herbarium records
- Other records

Braggs

Gia completed her Canine Good Citizen certificate, AKC Novice Trick Title and AKC Novice Rally Title
Casamoko Take A Chance On Me
RN, TKN, CGC
Owned by Cathy McKeon



SOGGY by Julie Swinland





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: ☐ Sheep-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/Trail: ☐ 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 Member 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 member) 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-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 Delivery			
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

July 10 Membership Meeting -by phone
July 12 Ron Halling Workshop
July 17-16 Agility Trial Animal Inn

August 9 Ron Halling Workshop
August 14 Membership Meeting
August 28-30 Specialty Conformation Show

Sept 11 Membership Meeting
Sept 13 Ron Halling Workshop
Sept 19-20 GSDCMSP Herding Trial and
Farm Dog Certification - Polly Simpson's

Sept 27 GSD Fun Day Animal Inn

Oct 24-25 Obedience/Rally Trial Animal Inn

GSDCMSP Class Schedule

Training resumes July 10th

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

Ring 1

Puppy 1 and 2 6:00-6:45

Basic 7:00-8:00

Intermediate and Novice 8:00- 9:00

Ring 3

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

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

Training Director:

kmorris4369@hotmail.com



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

How to wear a mask

