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Saturday, June 8th was our 10th Annual German Shepherd Fun Day. We had excellent weather, great tests and presentations. We also introduced our new club volunteer shirts, royal blue with the club logo embroidered on them. You can see them on many of the photos on the next 3 pages. There were many activities including the GSDCA Temperament Test, CGC and CGCA tests and Trick Dog Tests. We offered opportunities to try geocaching, obedience, rally, and nose work. When people signed in, they received a gift bag with a Fun Day dog bandana, dog biscuits, poop bags, human treats, and a club pen. Dogs who completed an AKC title received red and black New Title ribbons. After passing the Temperament Test, they received a green and black ribbon and the one dog who completed titles in CGC or CGCA plus at least one Trick Dog Title and passed the Temperament Test received a large red white and blue rosette. We had many volunteers from the club and Mary Sonnen and Sally Conners from the Animal Inn who were our evaluators for the AKC tests. Donna Wilson volunteered to lead the geocaching activity and helped throughout the day. The North Star Search and Rescue group gave a demo.

Our next big event is the Specialty show and Futurity at Dakota County Fairground in Farmington. In July, we have three days of Agility trials at Fusion in Minnetonka and in August we have the Scent Work trial.

Jennifer Johnston has taken on the role of Training Director. Let's all welcome her!

This issue of the Shep-O-Gram has a great article by our long time member Linn Klingel Brown about her adventures judging in China. That was quite a trip! We also have another book review from Cynthia Curran and an article from Kathy DuVall about what Faerieland Rescue has been doing.

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June 14 Membership Meeting - Animal Inn 8:00 PM

10th Annual German Shepherd Dog Fun Day



Melissa McIntyre
and Arya with
evaluator Mary
Sonnen



The Ribbons!



Julie Dunbar
and Greta



Registration Desk with Waltraud
Brogen and Carol Ouhl

Holly
Fitzenberger
and Jax



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Twenty one dogs in the Temperament Test, Twenty qualified! with GSDCA Evaluator Diane Roberts.



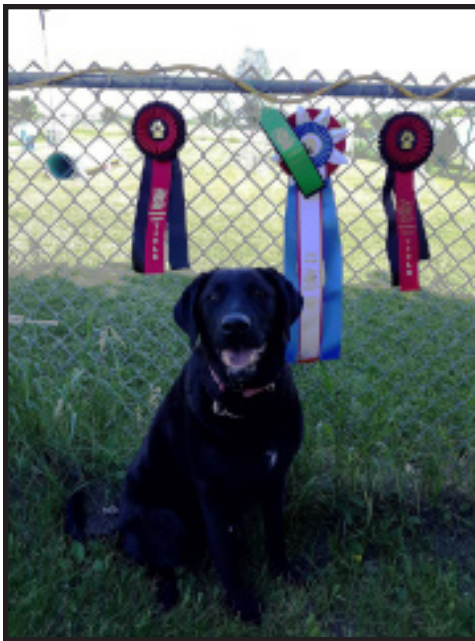
Linda Koestler and Jade qualified in the Temperament Test



Keeper Collars



Sue Compant and Gideon - 3 Trick Dog titles and Qualified in the Temperament test



Mrs. Phred with Amber Stewart; Trick Dog, CGC & Temperament Test - a Triple Title Ribbon!



Anita Secord and Arlo new Canine Good Citizen Advanced



Holly Despen and Kyra

Judging in China

By Linn Klingel Brown

This April I was honored to judge 2 dog shows in China. It was the experience of a life time.

The NGKC (National General KC) is based on AKC breed standards. Besides regular conformation shows they do many different events such as Puppy shows, handling and grooming competitions. They have shows almost every weekend across the country like we do but only a handful of Chinese judges. So they bring over judges from USA, Korea and Canada. The shows are smaller than ours but quality runs deep! Any of the dogs I judged could easily finish here. My Husband Rich and I traveled with



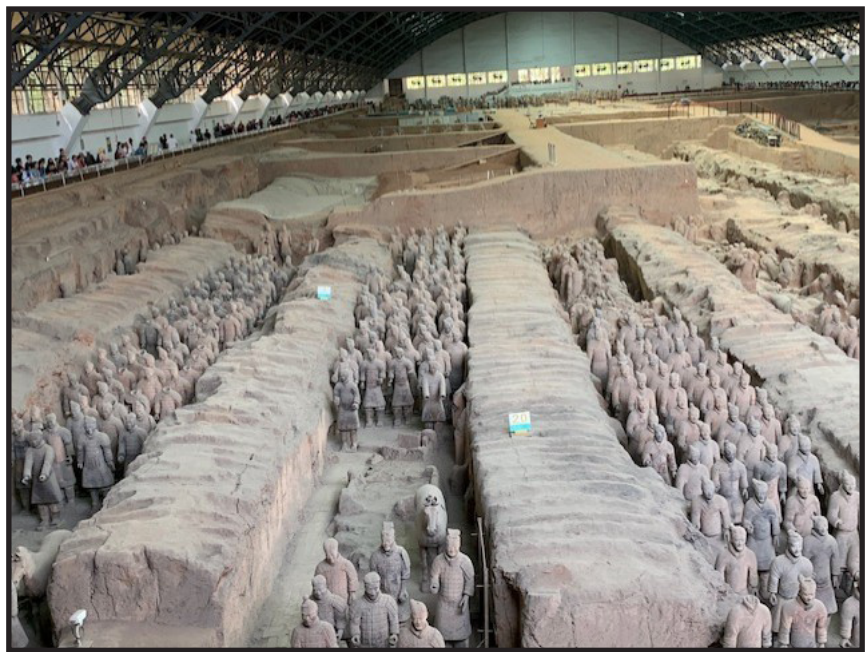
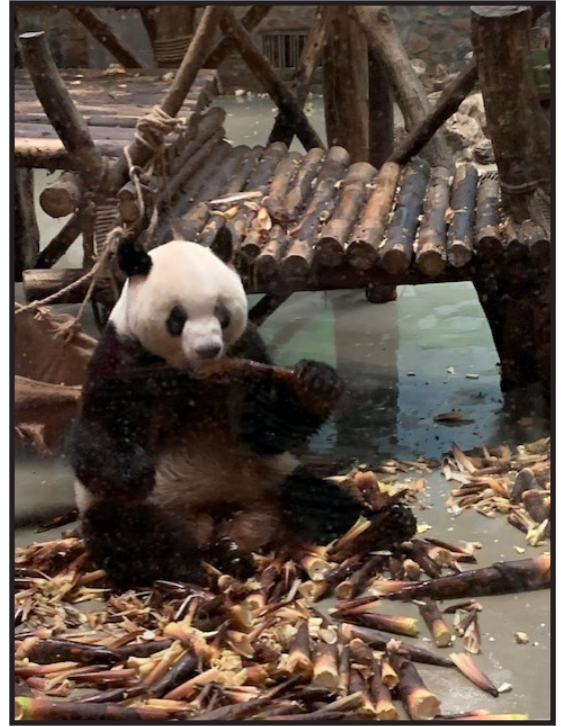
Seattle based Judge Christie Martinez and her Hubby Manny. It was great to have such fun traveling companions. The NGKC took care of everything! All we had to do is get visas and get to Beijing. Put us up in 5 star hotels equal to Hyatt's or Ritz Carlton's here. As well as a translator /guide in each city. Used Uber for everything! We left Seattle at 5pm Thursday and arrived 7pm Friday 4/12. Which was good for a light dinner and early to bed. No jet lag that way. Saturday we were up and back to the airport to go to the city of Chengdu. Our guide there was Lolita, who we quickly grew quite fond of. Chengdu is about 1800 miles SW of Beijing in the heart of the Sichuan Province. Home to Sichuan spices and Panda Bears and 15mil people. Meals were incredibly delish but also hot and spicy. Even tho we asked for mild- mild -mild some things were too spicy to eat! Waiters couldn't believe it. In their minds, they gave us things toddlers could eat. I did hone my chop stick skills. First meal was difficult when you have the whole restaurant watching you. Most did have forks and knives but sometimes just enough for the 4 of us; and we learned to carry plastic just in case.

Sunday Christie judged the Handler competition in the morning. Giving placements and critiques out so they can hone their skills. After lunch I did the regular conformation show. Entry here was primarily toy and non sporting but a few Herding, Sporting and Working breeds. Alas no GSD> :(BIS was toy white poodle that was spectacular. Very quality entry in Poms and Bichon as well Golden & Alaskan Malamute. Pictures! Lots and lots of pictures! Pictures with handlers, judges, owners and every combination. No one was left out. Trophies and rosettes were unbelievable.



Judging in China Continued

Monday we started our sight seeing and the day was spent at the Panda research and breeding center. We arrived at feeding time so all the Pandas were eating or playing. Several moms had twin cubs. There were many young adults as well as breeding males. They also had Red Pandas. On our way back to the hotel we stopped at the 10 story "mall" for dinner. You could fit MOA inside with room for another one. Everything was Marble. From inlay to huge sheets of marble with patterns perfectly matched like wall paper to form a marble river. Not to mention the indoor skating rink, downhill ski slopes and water park with surfing. Oh yes they had stores, restaurants, etc. too. Tuesday we spent in the Old Market. Let the shopping begin! Clothing, Silk, jewelry, spices, tea, jewelry, street food, street actors for entertainment, and of course Starbucks! Sichuan spices/peppers were described as: this one makes lips burns, this one make mouth and tongue numb and they went from there. Wednesday we moved on to Xi'an (she-an) 1/2 way between Chengdu and Beijing. The start of the Silk Road and home to the Terra Cotta Warriors. Truly a 7th wonder of the modern world! 3 buildings, each 2= football field size plus a museum. Discovered in 1974 when a farmer was trying to dig a new well. It is an army of 8000's of archers, spearmen, infantry, cavalry, chariots. Large than life, all handmade, everyone a different face, and uniforms based on rank and division to



guard the tomb of the Qin, the 1st emperor of China. His tomb has not been excavated yet. We were awestruck! Can't describe the magnitude of this site. The work involved in its creation, and now restoration is mind boggling. Friday was the day to work! 2 conformation shows in one day, with Christie again doing the morning show. Was fun to see what we did the same and different. I put up a Bedlington BIS and the toy poodle went reserve, with a mini Schnauzer pushing them hard. Again super quality. ReJason did double duty as chief steward as well as out translator.

Saturday was up early & back to Beijing. Unfortunately we arrived too late to see the Great Wall. We will have to see that another trip. However, we were able to get a couple of hours of power shopping at the Pearl Market, 4 floors of electronics, designer (Knock off?) hand bags, luggage, tailors to custom make clothes for you, Silks from scarves, kimonos, dresses, and of course pearls, jade, amber and other gemstones. Then a wonderful farewell dinner with our Beijing guide Kane.

Easter Sunday was up & at the airport to head home after 9 none stop days it was time. This was the travel day. Left Beijing at 11am arrived Seattle 7am same day then wait 4 hours for flight to Phoenix 3hrs and then a 2 hr

Judging in China Continued

drive home! Needless to say we crashed and slept for 15 hrs! But what a trip!

China musings- we had perfect weather for the whole trip, no pollution, it only rained the day we left and no one got sick. Never saw 1 piece of trash or paper on any street, sidewalk or freeway and saw not one street cleaning either! Traffic was = to LA or Atlanta, 5-6 lanes thru the city each way. Cars so close you could reach out and touch them, all playing chicken at 50 mph, but never a fender bender. Never saw an accident. All late model cars- buicks, toyota, minivans, BMW, Audis, Porsche. Building was nonstop. There are no single family homes, just hundreds and hundreds of 20+ story apt buildings and more going up. Food was incredible, but not USA chinese food for sure. Hotel breakfast buffets were amazing. All fresh fruits and veggies, noodles, soups. China and the US are alike in that there are so many natural and manmade wonders it doesn't matter where you go there is something memorable to see. I hope I can go back again. Put it on your Bucket List.



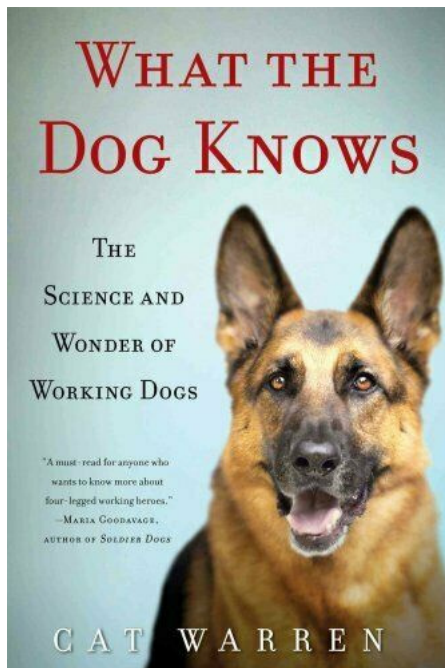
German Shepherd Dog Club of
Minneapolis & St. Paul

Midwest Futurity/Maturity Hosted by GSDC of Mpls & St. Paul June 20 – 23rd, 2019

- Conformation(Outdoors)
 - Thursday(6/20):
 - Setup
 - Friday(6/21):
 - AM – **Lorry Bellah** – MW Futurity/Maturity
 - PM – **Jim Hall** – AKC Sanctioned Match
 - **Pig Roast** - hosted by Bo Vujovich(at Bo's)
 - Saturday(6/22):
 - AM – **Jack Kilgour** - GSDCMSP Specialty
 - PM – **Tony Monk** – GSDCA Regional Specialty
 - **BBQ** - On Site
 - Sunday(6/23):
 - 9:00am – **Pam O'Dell** – GSDCMSP Specialty
 - RV Reservations:
 - Contact: Candace cnjames29@gmail.com
- Show Photographer
 - Valerie Harrington

Cat Warren, *What the Dog Knows: The Science and Wonder of Working Dogs*.

Touchstone, 2013. [Readers should be aware that later editions have a different subtitle and--most disturbing to me--a picture of a chocolate lab on the cover instead of a GSD.]



Cat Warren starts her saga with a story that is all too familiar to many of us. Warren thought she knew what to expect because Solo was her third German Shepherd puppy. She dreamed of eventually living with a lovely, calm shepherd who would lie under her desk as she worked. Solo was a singleton, however, and he had other ideas. From jumping to biting to growling to hating other dogs, this little pup started his life with Warren in the way he intended to continue. She cried in her husband's arms and he suggested they return Solo. Kind as her husband was, that idea just she made her cry harder. We've all been there, sister!

When Solo was just 4 and a half months old, Warren brought him to an experienced K9 trainer. She took one look at him snarling, barking and misbehaving and turned back to Warren: "He's just a jackass. What do you want to do with him?" By fashioning her response this way, this talented trainer widened the options and Warren jumped in. Solo became a cadaver dog.

How in the world of endless possibilities did Warren come to choose cadaver searching? It helped that she grew up in the fields and woods of the Pacific

Northwest and was comfortable in open country. Her father, in addition to being a biologist, hunted and fished with her brothers and Warren was used to handling dead animals. Working as a crime reporter for several newspapers gave Warren a closer understanding of violence and even death than most of us have. She notes that she's "grown more comfortable working with the dead. With parts of them, really. A few teeth, a vertebra, a piece of carpet that lay underneath a body for awhile" in part because of her childhood and education. It is most instructive to see that Warren lists her influences as Patricia B. McConnell, Mary Roach, Rebecca Skloot and Oliver Sacks. What a dinner party!

This book is not just the story of Solo finding a job, interesting as that may be. What sets it apart is that Warren is a science reporter with a clear and graceful prose style who knows her way around a research strategy. Warren pulls all her talents and influences together to write the history and recount the science of scent tracking. She absorbs anthropological as well as biological studies in order to explain the human/canine connection in depth. I had to laugh aloud when the author discusses past uses of cats and vultures for finding cadavers. As you might expect, cats didn't care about signaling to their handlers and vultures couldn't be stopped from munching on the find.

There are many aspects of this smart and readable volume to relish. In addition to the scientific and historical recounting, Warren is able to convey how training Solo for this unique job has affected her life. She admits when she is on a hike, her mind wanders to the best approach for a search. When she looks at a sunset, she is also subconsciously noting wind direction. Solo and his talents have changed Cat Warren as much as she has changed the trajectory of that unsociable pup. Solo introduced Warren to a fascinating world that has provided her with an opportunity to work with law enforcement and K9 trainers. Because of Solo's unpromising early temperament, Warren was able to learn more about people, dogs and herself while providing an important service.

Interestingly, although cadaver searching is closely related to scent work, Warren cautions that cadaver work requires specific skills and even highly trained scent dogs aren't always the best choice when searching for the dead. Warren reinterprets the story of the dogs of 9/11 for the reader. In the popular imagination, these dogs were seen as reflecting sorrow and even grief as they worked the scene of devastation, and there were any number of photographs which seemed to document these emotions. Warren points out that these dogs were live find dogs who weren't finding anybody alive. The stress from working for far too long was showing on the dogs as well as the handlers, especially because there were no rewards for the dogs. Warren notes that if they had used only cadaver dogs who were properly

What the Dog Knows Continued

trained, the dogs were going to feel excitement and satisfaction when they located human remains. This sophisticated understanding of working dogs doesn't fit into the myth of 9/11 which dominates American memory. It is these sorts of misunderstandings, argues Warren, even among dog handlers which cause the public unnecessarily to condemn the use of dogs in dangerous work and gives fuel to the radical animal rights groups.

Finally, there is one other aspect of What a Dog Knows that struck this reader as genuine and inspired trust in the author's interpretations. Warren does not hide her humility, not to mention humiliation, in the training Solo as well as her subsequent dogs. She readily admits the mistakes she made with Solo and notes that her handling and training techniques have changed as the research and understanding of canine behavior has developed. She reflects on the unexpected nature of dog training. All Warren's experience couldn't help her next GSD after Solo; this dog was talented and easier to handle but tragedy struck when she developed epilepsy and couldn't be worked. Another of her dogs simply didn't develop the characteristics needed for cadaver field work as he matured. We have all been there and suffered deep disappointment when subsequent dogs didn't replicate what we expected. The trick is to find satisfaction in each dog's individuality and that can be difficult. Cat Warren is honest about the constant resilience and ingenuity needed when training dogs. That is the joy and the challenge which keeps us all going.

Cynthia Curran



Zeus and Bobbi Smith
May 25th Claremont Sports Club
Second place and earned Barn
Hunt Novice title

Braggs



Tasha's Spring Fashion Wearables
Top row Barn Hunt
Bottom row Scent Work
David Mielke

From Verna Kubik

Eau Claire

Pippin went 2nd in AmBred on Saturday
Pandora and Packer both won their classes at the
Eau Claire shoes and Rowdy placed 3rd one day
and 4th the other.

Pollyanna and Vixen were shown in St. Louis
Vixen was 3rd on Saturday and 2nd Sunday
in her AmBred class, and Pollyanna won her
puppy class and then went Winners Bitch and
Best Puppy for a 3 Point Major on Saturday
and Reserve Winners bitch Sunday.



We didn't do it....
David Mielke crew



Don't forget to send your entries in for the July GSDCMSP agility trial at Fusion Pet Retreat July 19th, 20th and 21st. Final close date is July 3rd!! Premium can be found on GSDCMSP <http://gsdcmSP.org/agilitytrial>.

SHEP-O-GRAM **DEADLINES and** **ADVERTISING RATES**

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

Advertising rates*

Advertising available for members only
and for dog related items.

Business card size\$10.00

¼ page (8 ½ in X 11 in page)\$35.00

½ page\$50.00

Full page\$75.00

*Call or email for special rates for multiple issues.

Make checks out to GSDCMSP

Soggy and the Dog Statue 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/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 membership@gsdca.org or call 612-219-4724 or 612-219-4725.

To be completed by Membership Chair:

Date Dues Paid: _____ Check: ☐ Cash: ☐ Club cash box: ☐ Online: ☐ Mailed with Application: ☐
Applicant's name added to membership list: ☐



German Shepherd Dog Club of America, Inc. Application for Membership

There are two types of membership. **Regular Members:** Minimum age of 18 years. Must be in good standing with AKC. Applicant (and renewing members) agrees to abide by the GSDCA by-laws and the Rules and Regulations of the American Kennel Club. Two endorsements by current members must be provided by new applicants. Applicant's name will be published in the *German Shepherd Dog Review*. Provided no objections have been filed within 30 days of publication in the Review, applicant will be notified that he/she is eligible for all privileges including the right to vote. **Junior Members:** Must be 10 years of age and not more than 18 years of age and shall subscribe to the same criteria as Regular Membership with the exception of the requirement to pay dues. Junior members cannot vote, hold office, or serve on committees other than junior committees.

To apply and pay ONLINE with a credit card, please go to gsdca.org/join-the-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: _____

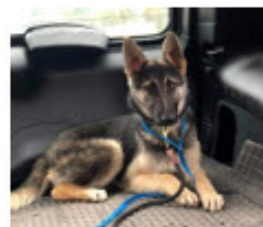
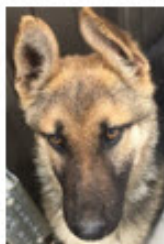
Applicant/Member Signature: _____ Date: _____



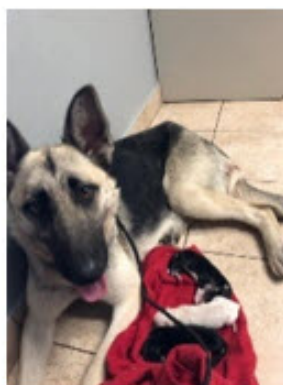
FaerieLand Rescue by Kathy DuVall

As we approach the mid-point of 2019 we want to highlight some of the dogs we have helped & give an update on what the Board has been working on in 2019.

- In the first quarter we took in 50 dogs and 30 dogs were adopted.
- We are in the process of updating our website with more content and to be more user-friendly.
- Our mission statement was reworded to be more concise: *FaerieLand Rescue is committed to providing essential care, rehabilitation, and adoption services for German Shepherds and Corgis. We strive to protect and promote these two breeds.*
- We've also added a tagline to our logo: *Different size, Same heart.*



- **Ike, Monty, and Mike** came to rescue as 8-month-old German Shepherd male pups only weighing about 25 pounds each! We had them vetted including their neuters and they are gaining weight and up for adoption. Very nice pups that a backyard breeder could not place so surrendered them to FLR. They are in foster homes and learning to be the puppies they were meant to be.



• **Saphire**, a 5-year-old female German Shepherd stray from South TX, pictured with 3 of her pups, was emaciated, sick, heartworm positive and running loose. After 3 weeks with the rescue, she delivered 4 pups in her foster home. No one knew she was pregnant until she delivered! Two of the pups passed within the first 2 days. Saphire's body was so depleted and in need of veterinary care after delivering the puppies, that we took her to the ER where she spent 2 days and we lost pup #3. Saphire was put on antibiotics & IV fluids to treat her condition. Because of the antibiotics & her overall condition she was not able to nurse the last pup. We were able to find a foster home who could feed the one remaining pup every 2 hours. Once puppy #4 survived 4 to 5 days we felt we could name her, we called her JEWEL. Unfortunately Jewel developed breathing problems and crossed the rainbow bridge to be with her 3 sisters. RIP little ones. Saphire has been treated for heartworms. She is available for adoption now that she is in MN.c

FaerieLand helped more than 90 dogs in need last year and we are on pace to rescue even more this year. With the increase in dogs comes an increase in costs. We are committed to being frugal and work to make our dollars stretch as far as possible but can't do it alone.

We would like to introduce our Chair for 2019, Anne Carter. She works for Summit Mortgage and has been a foster with FaerieLand for 3 years, fostering as many as 3 dogs at one time. She has adopted 2 German Shepherds, with the last one being Sierra. Sierra was one of our FurEver Fosters. This program is for our elderly or ill dogs that we deem as a permanent part of our rescue. Sierra is 12 + yrs old. She walks with a limp at times or has a hard time getting up. Anne said "Sierra should have a family when she crosses the Rainbow Bridge". She brings much to the rescue with personality, sense of humor, organization, an outgoing personality, excellent leadership qualities, "Always "one of the first to offer help", a true love for all dogs, generosity & overall has been an asset to FaerieLand. We are excited to have her as Chair for the next 3 years. She has a 16yr old Golden Mix named Ginger, that is a rescue.

Club Events

June 14 New Class Session
June 14 Membership Meeting
June 15 Socialization and Obedience
Workshop, Apple Valley American
Legion
June 20 Set up for Specialty shows
Farmington
June 21 Midwest Futurity
June 21 Sanctioned Match
June 22-23 GSDCMSP Specialty Shows

July 19-21 Agility Trials

Aug 3-4 Scent Work Trials

September 1 GSD Day at the State Fair
September 21-22 Herding Trials

October 26-27 Obedience/Rally Trials

GSDC MSP Class Schedule

Ring 1 and 2

Amber Eisfeld & Kelly McDuff

Puppy 1 & 26:00-6:45

Beginning Obedience7:00-8:00

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

Ring 3

Rally Julie Swinland 6:00-7:30

Conformation Ginny Altman 7:30-

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