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We have our annual Awards Banquet scheduled for July 24 at the Lake Elmo Event Center. I have put the form to order plaques and bars on page 12. The form is due on May 1.

Our events are filling. The Herding Instinct Seminar May 1 filled very quickly as did the Tending Clinic July 31-August 1. Keep an eye out for the premium for the Herding Instinct Certification Tests and Farm Dog Tests. July 30. Mike Metz has done a phenomenal job of getting the word out about our herding events. We have people coming from other states for the clinic. We have many events coming up. See page 2 for a list.

We have a sanctioned match scheduled for the next break between blocks of lessons, May 7. There will be Conformation, Obedience and Rally. We will need volunteers. Carol Ouhl is working on this project, please let her know if you can help or know potential judges.

I will remind you again of the two types of Temperament Tests our club is offering this year. At the Specialty, we will be having the GSDCA Temperament Test which you are probably familiar with, that has the simulated gun fire and weird stranger. You only have to qualify once to complete that GSDCA title. This is important for people competing for other awards offered by the GSDCA. The other Temperament Test we are holding at the German Shepherd Fun Day June 12, and that requires passing twice to qualify for an AKC title. There is no gunfire but there are auditory and other stimuli as mentioned in the February newsletter.

Remember to contact Laurie Schray about Trophy Donations. These donations help to support club shows and trials.

There are two Soggy cartoons this month, one for St. Patrick's Day and a new one based on Tiri's attempt to train one of her big balls to jump. She also tried to train it to go through the tunnel rolling it up to the end and then running through to demo what she wanted. The second time she ran through she must have gotten it rolling somehow and she was surprised when it came rolling through after her.

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April 9 Membership Meeting at the Animal Inn or by phone

Upcoming Events

April 2-4 Agility Trial - On The Run

May 1 Herding Seminar - Kim Schneider's Pine City

May 7 AKC Sanctioned Match-Animal Inn

**June 4-6 Specialty Shows and GSDCA Temperament Test
Dakota County Fairgrounds**

June 12 GSD Fun Day - Animal Inn

June 19-20 Scent Work Trial- Hopkins

June 26-27 Obedience/Rally Trials - Animal Inn

July 24 Annual Awards Banquet-Lake Elmo Event Center

July 30-Aug 1 C Course Tending Clinic - Farmington

Sept 24-26 Herding Trials - Farmington

Oct 30-31 Obedience/Rally Trials - Animal Inn

Trophy Fund Donations

It's time for trophy donations to supply our events.

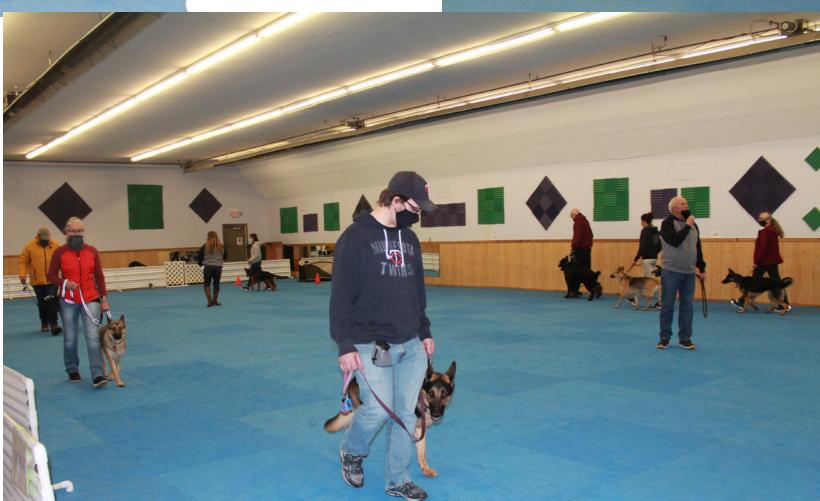
Contact Laurie Schray schray@hotmail.com



March Socialization and Obedience Workshop



Ron Halling and Lisa Veit gave another successful workshop on March 21 starting with The Mini-session for dogs that might not be quite ready to move right into a class setting. This will be a staple in future workshops. This class runs 9:15-9:45 and helps dogs that are super shy to super aggressive and everything in between.. For a listing of the rest of the elements of the workshop go to page 5



Herding Instinct Test Seminar

May 1 2021

Agenda for the seminar

Introductions: People will introduce themselves, dogs, what experience you have, what your goal is to learn that day.

Brief review of what herding is or isn't.

Have a demo on an HT and PT so you will know what is next after you are hooked

Discuss what an Instinct test is. Review the evaluation form and explain what the terms mean.

Have each dog work on stock

Review skills people can practice at home to help be prepared for instinct test. Discuss proper etiquette at someone's farm

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

Pictures from past Herding Fun Days



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 .

SOGGY by Julie Swinland



Upcoming Socialization and Obedience Workshops

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.



We've made some changes to our structure over the last year that seem to help a lot more people get enjoyment and results for what we do. The Mini-session is for dogs that may not be quite ready to move right into a class setting will be a staple as we move on. This class runs 9:15-9:45 and helps dogs that are super shy to super aggressive and everything in between. Then the lecture.

At 10 am is the Lecture. How to successfully navigate the imprinting stages of a GSD and problem solving. The most common comment after a workshop is "I never knew there were so many people having the same issues as me". If we don't get to spend enough time on your issue we work one on one with you between the morning session and afternoon sessions. Following the lecture we adjourn for a potty break and reconvene in the ring.

The 11 am Hands-on training. Here, we employ the training techniques talked about in the lecture while teaching you to communicate with your dog. We teach you the "marker" system that through demonstrated performance has proven to be one of the best training techniques for our highly intelligent breed. You'll leave feeling confident you know how to raise your pup through it's imprinting stages and in doing so have a GSD that people admire.

12ish, lunch. Due to COVID we are not able to do our Potluck lunches. If staying for the day it's suggested you pack a lunch or there's a McDonald's and Target nearby.

The 12:30 Afternoon Activity Class is different each month and is well thought out to present owners with activities functional to our breed according to the seasons. Over the winter we gave ideas and tips of how to wear your dogs out during times when outdoor activities were nearly impossible. This month we'll focus on heeling techniques while out meeting and greeting strange dogs and humans. We'll also teach you how to send your dog to a pre-determined spot by you to keep them out of your way as you perform your outdoor chores. And we'll continue with CGC and Temperament requirements.

Prices remain the same, 30.00, (cash), for either the morning or afternoon session, (must have attended a morning session prior to the Afternoon Activity class). It's an extra 15.00 to bring a second dog from your household or to stay for the afternoon session after attending the morning session. The location is Animal Inn in Lake Elmo. All of our information can be viewed at either our website or our Facebook pages

Thanks and hope to see you!

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

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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/>.

AKC Temperament Test Practice

We held the AKC Temperament Practice Test on March 5. Quite a few teams went through and most would have passed if it had been an official test. A few found elements they need to work on. We found what we need to work on too, in order to run the test more efficiently at the German Shepherd Fun Day on June 12.

The elements that were failed the most frequently were the greeting evaluator or steward and the umbrella. Some dogs had trouble with navigating the ladder on the ground.

Thank you to all the helpers at our practice, Carol Ouhl, Sheryl Carlson, Virginia Bailey, Cynthia Curran, and club trainer Andrea, and my co-evaluator, Mary Sonnen.





GSD Fun Day June 12 save the Date

We have Kathy Crews from Helping and Healing Paws, 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, scent work, and an aromatherapist. We will have the new AKC Temperament Test with 2 evaluators so you can qualify for the AKC title.

We have two vendors, Must Be Ruff, a commercially licensed producer of soft dog treats, created with ingredients from local farmers, and Keeper Collars if their schedule permits,



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.

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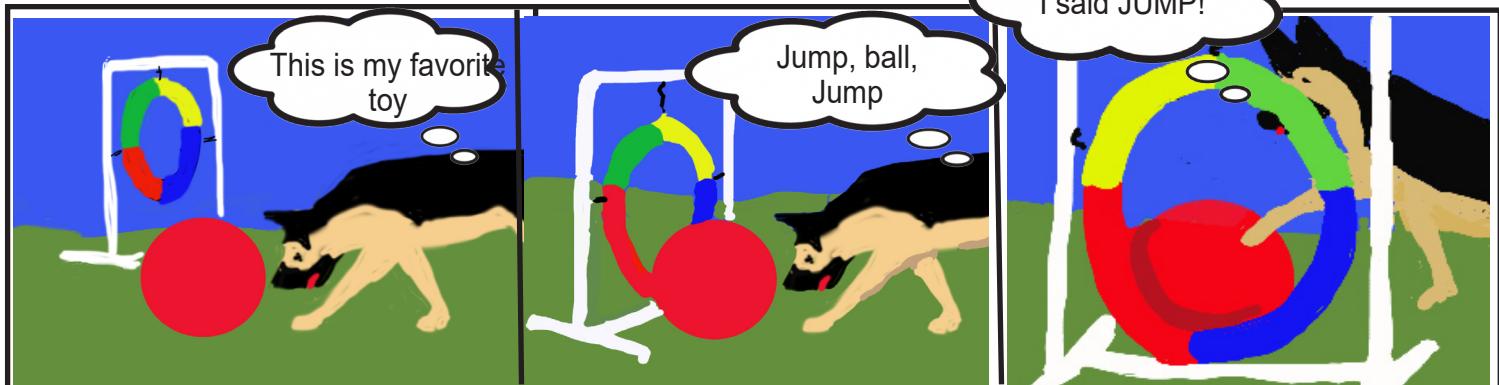


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Soggy by Julie Swinland





AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS DEPARTMENT

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

<https://www.akc.org/legislative-alerts/minnesota-info-bill-seeks-modify-use-traps-harm-pets/>

Minnesota House File 2086 seeks to modify the use of certain traps used in hunting, and would require the reporting of pets or companion animals found caught in the traps. While the bill has been referred to the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee, it has not been scheduled for consideration. Concerned owners and enthusiasts are encouraged to contact their state representative and express their thoughts on the legislation.

The American Kennel Club (AKC) encourages and strongly supports the interaction and mutual enjoyment of owners and dogs in sporting activities such as hunting and field trials; in working circumstances such as herding, tracking, and pulling; and in competitive events such as dog shows, obedience trials, agility trials, and other performance events and tests. The AKC believes that dogs should be properly cared for, humanely trained, and not pushed beyond reasonable limits for which they were bred.

AKC supports measures that help ensure the safety of dogs participating in such activities.

As introduced, HF 2086 would:

Modify the acceptable uses of body-gripping and encapsulated foot traps.

Require a person who finds a pet or companion animal taken in the person's trap or snare to notify a conservation officer or employee of the Fish and Wildlife Division within 24 hours after the animal is discovered by the person or the taking is reported to the person. Failure to do so would result in a misdemeanor and loss of income.

For information on this issue, go to www.doglovers4safetrappingmn.org.

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

Concerned Minnesota residents are encouraged to contact their state representative to express their views on HB 2086 and trapping practices.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Contact AKC Government Relations at doglaw@akc.org.

For more information on who represents you go to <https://www.gis.leg.mn/iMaps/districts/>

For more information on this issue, go to www.doglovers4safetrappingmn.org.

Offerings from the AKC

Get Your Free AKC eBook

The AKC is offering a free emergency First Aid for dogs eBook at the following link.

<https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/news/fda-recall-salmonella-listeria-make-9-pet-products-potential-threat/>

What are the Symptoms of Salmonella Infection?

Salmonella is a bacteria that sickens both humans and animals. The CDC says that people infected with Salmonella can develop abdominal cramps, diarrhea, nausea, vomiting, chills, bloody stool, headache, and fever. Onset after exposure is anywhere from eight to 72 hours, and recovery can take a few days.

While the severity varies according to the strain of Salmonella and the general health of the patient, the elderly, the infantile, and the immune-suppressed are highly susceptible. In them, a Salmonella infection (called salmonellosis) can lead to hospitalization and even death.

Contrary to myth, dogs and other animals also develop salmonellosis. The signs of Salmonella in dogs include

- vomiting
- bloody stool or diarrhea
- lethargy
- loss of appetite
- fever

What to Do if Your Dog Has Salmonellosis

Dogs who develop salmonellosis symptoms should see a veterinarian. In some cases, infected canines may not actually show signs of being sick, but they can still shed the bacteria in their feces and their saliva. Dog owners should always clean up after their pets and scrub their hands after walking them regardless of what kinds of treats and foods they are feeding them.

What to Do If You Have Salmonellosis

If you think you have contracted salmonellosis, see your health care provider for confirmation and treatment. If you believe your dog is displaying symptoms, take them to the vet.

What is Listeriosis?

Listeriosis is a serious infection usually caused by eating food contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*. An estimated 1,600 people get listeriosis each year, and about 260 die, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention. Those most at risk include pregnant women, newborns, adults aged 65 or older, and people with weakened immune systems. Although *L. monocytogenes* can infect many animal species, dogs and cats rarely get listeriosis and don't usually show signs of the disease.

BRAGS



Tasha relaxing with her favorite toy and advanced buried hide title ribbons from the last SPDTC trials



Templar's 1st scentwork trial results, February SPDTC trial, buried novice, interior novice. 7 q's out of 8 runs. 2 titles!!



PAM DAE CT-ATCH CH LINDENHILL-GRACELYNE FAT NAT PT RN
MFP MJP MXP TCHST CLT2 CLT3 CLT4 TC CGC

Mannix completed his Master Fast Preferred title with Cathy McKeon

**2020 GSDCMSP Awards Form
Presented at the Awards Banquet Saturday July 24, 2021
Form Due Tuesday May 1, 2021**

Did you and your dogs earn [AKC titles](#) during the 2020 year? If yes, please fill out the attached form to be recognized at the GSDCMSP Awards Banquet July 24, 2021. The GSDCMSP is honored to recognize its members for their efforts in training, exhibiting, and ultimately earning titles with their dogs.

Eligible Titles/Awards: The Club shall present an award for all performance and conformation titles issued by the [American Kennel Club](#) and the Canadian Kennel Club. Awards are also given by the Club for titles earned at the American National Specialty Show, and titles earned from the GSDCA, including conformation, obedience, herding and agility: Grand Victor and Victrix, Select or Select Excellent, Futurity/Maturity Victor/Victrix, Winner's Dog / Bitch, Best Junior Handler, Best Puppy, Top Ten Stud Dog/Brood Bitch, ROM, Highest Scoring German Shepherd Dog in Regular Obedience Classes, Highest Scoring Champion in Obedience, High in Herding Trial, High in Agility Trial, Performance Award of Merit, Award of Excellence (AOE) and High in Tracking Trial, etc. Awards are also given for appearances in the annual Redbook Top 10 Futurity Sires and Dams, and the Top 10 AKC Major Pointed Sires and Dams.

In 2017, the membership voted to also include awards at our Awards Banquet to members earning performance titles with other reputable canine performance organizations (non-AKC) in Agility, Barn Hunt, Canine Freestyle, Dock Diving, Herding, Lure Coursing, Nosework, Obedience, Schutzhund/IPO, Rally, Weight Pull (see full list on page 2).

For certificates honored at the AKC and GSDCA level, the Club acknowledges the certificate in the Awards Program booklet in the "Honorable Mention" section. Examples include: Temperament Certification, Top 20 recognition, Herding Instinct Test, the Achiever Dog award that AKC is currently piloting, and other such certifications and awards.

Eligible Members: These awards will be presented to members of the GSDCMSP in good standing. This requirement may be met by being a Member in good standing at either the time the award is earned or at the date of the Annual Banquet at which the award is to be given or by becoming a Member Applicant by the date of the Annual Banquet at which the award is presented.

Plaques and Bars: The Club will present **one plaque per members' dog for their first award**. Any additional awards presented by the Club to that same dog, for the life of the dog, will be in the form of a bar, which is hung from the bottom of the plaque; however, a member may purchase a plaque instead of a bar each year for the difference in cost to the Club. Members and co-owners may purchase duplicates. Members may create an award for those titles not recognized by the GSDCMSP at the cost equal to the amount billed to the Club.

Please submit the required information for titles earned in the 2020 calendar year to have your plaque (or bar) ordered and ready to be presented at the Awards Banquet on July 24, 2021 (each dog's first award is paid for by the Club).

AWARDS FORM: Please Complete for each dog, DUE May 1

Owner(s): _____

Dog's Registered Name (with title abbreviations): _____

Dog's Call Name: _____

Titles earned in 2020 (list all titles, printed): _____

You are encouraged to include write-up information on a separate page (must fit on one page of our booklet) for the Awards Program booklet. Please bring a framed photo of your dog to the Awards Banquet.

Award Type: Please CIRCLE BAR or PLAQUE

Upgrade from bar to plaque is \$20

Purchase additional bar is \$15

Purchase additional plaque is \$30

Please print clearly



THE GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB
OF MINNEAPOLIS & ST. PAUL

**Make check out to GSDCMSP, check must be enclosed
Mail or email this form, a check (if upgrading to plaque/ordering duplicate plaque) and write-up to:**

**Mada Skare
106 Twinkle Terrace
Circle Pines, MN 55014**

Email questions to: wildfanz@comcast.net



**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-Gram: Training: Hospitality: Fundraising: Fun Day: State Fair: Bred by: 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 COVERED 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 GSDCA 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 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 One year Three year Five year

Category	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 Conformation Herding Herding

House Pet Obedience Rally Schutzhund/Working Dog Sport Tracking Other

Endorser 1 Printed Name & Signature: _____

Endorser 2 Printed Name & Signature: _____

Applicant/ Member Signature: _____

Club Events Calendar

**April 2-4 Agility Trials On The Run
April 9 Membership Meeting
May 1 Herding Instinct Seminar
May 7 Sanctioned Match
June 4-6 Specialty Show
June 12 GSD Fun Day
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GSDCMSP Class Schedule

Training for 2021 has resumed

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

Ring 1

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

Ring 3

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

Training Director:

kmorris4369@hotmail.com

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