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We have some cancellations. The Scent Work trial has been cancelled and the committee will regroup and shoot for next year. The July agility trial has also been cancelled.

We have a lot of pictures from our spring agility trial, once again headed by Rhonda Meath. Two of our club dogs retired at this trial.

For those who are looking for something new, I included 2 pictures of Rhonda and Bones all dressed up for Dancing with dogs. This is another competition. There are many different types of competition that have come out in the last few years. Scent Work, Nose Work, Canine Scent Sport, and other varieties of that type of search activity have developed and dogs seem to find this really fun. Barn hunt is another competition you may want to try. Dock Diving has become a popular sport.

We have an article by aromatherapist, Amy DeLong, in this issue. She discusses how to create an all natural flea and tick repellent.

We have our annual specialty coming up at the Dakota County Fairgrounds in Farmington. There is also the GSDCA Temperament Test. You can find entry information on the club web site., GSDCMSP. org. No training is needed for the Temperament Test. Come to try it out or just to watch.

There are two tending clinics coming up. I believe there is still space for auditors in the May 14 and 15 clinic and possible openings in the July 9-10 clinic.

I have been trying to get permission from the AKC to reprint some of their articles but have not yet received a response. If you are

interested in an interesting article go to https://www.akc. org/expert-advice/training/ poisoned-cues-what-they-areand-what-to-do/

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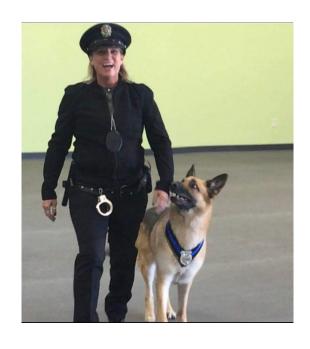
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Upcoming Events

May 13 Membership meeting
May 14-15 Tending Clinic Swans Farm Stanchfield,
MN, for information on tending contact Cynthia
Curran cyncurran@gmail.com
May 22 Ron Halling Workshop - Animal Inn
May 27 No TRAINING

June 3-5 Specialty Show Dakota County Fairgrounds
Farmington
June 10 Membership Meeting
July 9-10 Tending Clinic Bells & Whistles Farm Center
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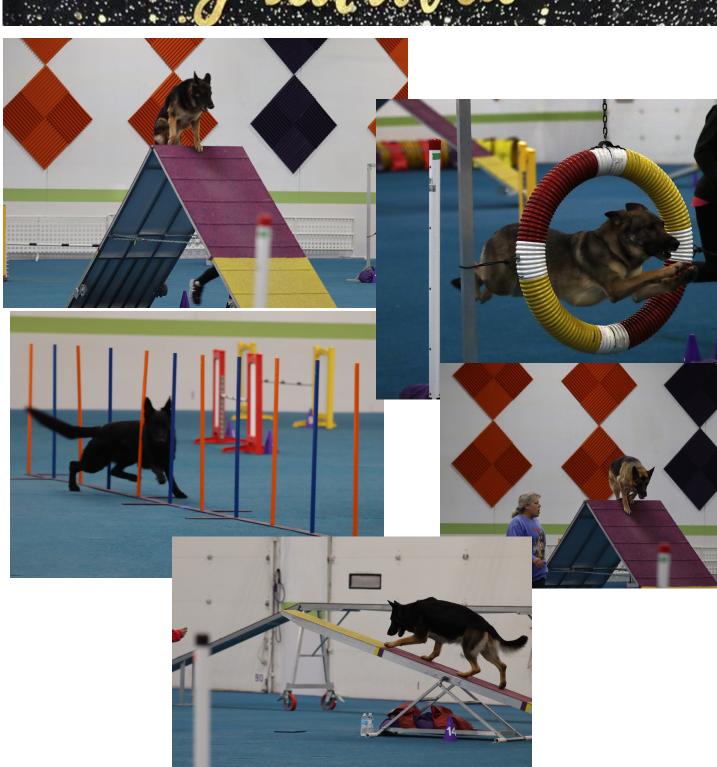




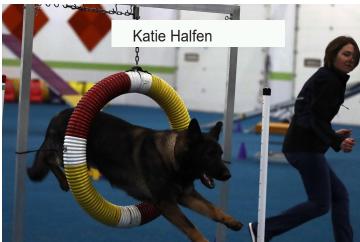
Rhonda Meath dancing with Bones

GSDCMSP Spring Agility Trial









Agility Trial continued





German Shepherds at the trial

Retirements!



Mannix and Cathy McKeon

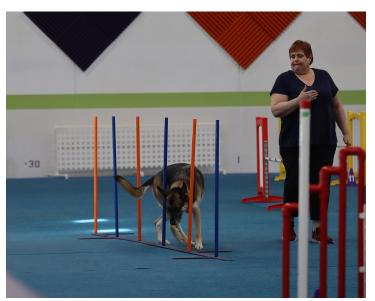


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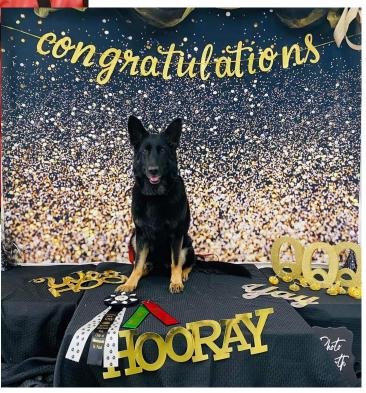
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Anita Secord and Arlo



Bones would like everyone to know he was awarded High In Trial German Shepherd Dog at the GSDCMSP Agility trial ~ Handled by his favorite auntie Cathy McKeon !!!



New title for Belle and Paul Schumack



Amy DeLong Certified Animal Aromatherapist and Holistic Pet Care Practitioner.

Repelling Fleas and Ticks Naturally With Essential Oils

If you're like me, you enjoy spending time outdoors. But there is one aspect of nature I don't like- ticks and mosquitos!

Mosquitoes, more than anything, take away the tranquility of being outside. Ticks, on the other hand, may not bother you right now, but their long- term effects can be crippling.

If you're seeking natural ways to deal with fleas and ticks, I've got some good news for you. Essential oils are very effective insect repellents. In fact, certain essential oils are proving as effective as Deet!

Essential oils can easily protect your dogs when walking through neighborhood parks. They work great even for an hour walk through the woods. Depending on the conditions, however, you may need to reapply after being outside for more than an hour.

Natural alternatives appear to be a smart option when faced with the decision of putting chemicals on our pets fur, or having them eat pesticides. The disadvantage is that essential oils evaporate quickly, often within 1-2 hours of being applied.

That means essential oils aren't ideal if you're camping for the weekend, and don't want your dog covered in fleas or ticks. When it comes to protecting your dog, I recommend doing your homework and making the best decision for your family.

Which essential oils are effective at repelling fleas and ticks?

Despite the fact that fleas and ticks are completely different species, the same essential oils are effective against both fleas and ticks. With so many Citronella products available, you might think it's the best. After all, it's EPA approved. While Citronella is

effective, there are other alternatives that are just as effective, if not more, and gentler on the skin.

Because the essential oils listed below are insecticides, bugs stay clear of them...

Lemon Eucalyptus (Eucalyptus citriodora) is an insecticide. Its effective repelling fleas and ticks. Plus, studies have shown it provides 95% protection against mosquitoes.

Catnip is a relative newbie to the insect repellant game. According to research, it's up to 10x more effective than DEET.

Cedarwood is an excellent insect repellant. Do you remember Grandma's cedar chest? They used Cedarwood for a reason. When it comes to repelling ticks, though, not all cedarwoods are created equal.

According to research, the most effective cedar species against fleas and ticks are **Cedarwood Virginian** (Juniperus virginiana) and **Texas Cedarwood** (Juniperus mexicana). If you don't have them but do have Cedarwood Atlas, try that first before buying another essential oil.

Geranium is a beautiful, floral essential oil that is also incredibly effective against fleas and ticks. A must have in any tick repellent blend.

Lemongrass is just as effective, if not more, than citronella. Personally, I enjoy the more citrusy scent.

Patchouli, Peppermint, and Lavender are good bug repellents, but they work best when combined with other essential oils.

Boost a blend with non-essential oil options like Apple Cider Vinegar, Neem, or a drop of dish soap...

How To Repel Fleas and Ticks Using Essential Oils

Essential oils repel bugs best when combined with a carrier oil, such as Fractionated Coconut Oil (FCO). FCO works well in a spray bottle, and is easy to rub onto your dog's coat (or your skin) for heavier coverage. It's easy enough to reapply.

Not sure where to begin? Here is an essential oil blend that I use with my dogs. (For cats, see below.)

Nala's No More Bugs Blend (Makes 1 oz/30 ml) 2 Tablespoons (30 ml) Fractionated Coconut Oil (FCO)

- 2 drops Rose Geranium
- 1 drop Lemon Eucalyptus
- 1 drop Lemongrass
- 1 drop Catnip
- 1 drop Cedarwood

Fill 1 oz bottle with FCO then add essential oils. This is a dog safe blend at a 1% concentration. Apply to your dog's neck, body, and legs (this is where ticks usually hop on).

To make a larger amount, simply double (or 3-4x) the amounts. On the trail, I use a handy 1 oz PET plastic spray bottle that fits nicely in my pocket or fanny pack and refill as needed.

This blend is also suitable for kids and adults. I use it on both myself and my dogs. Remember, every dog, person, and environment is unique. For us in the Minnesota woods, this recipe keeps ticks and mosquitos at bay for about an hour. If it's not working for you in your environment, use the same base but increase the essential oil drops by 2x-3x.

For sensitive dogs and dogs under 10 pounds, I suggest halving the dilution (double the carrier but use the same amount of essential oils.) Food grade Diatomaceous Earth (DE) is also a very effective option for both dogs and cats.

For cats... I don't recommend applying essential oils directly to cats because they self-groom and can ingest anything on their fur. If your cat is outside and you want to test essential oils, the ones listed are cat-safer essential oils.

Here's an alternative recipe for cats (and small or sensitive dogs):

In a 1 oz (30 ml) spray bottle, add 1 tbsp (15 ml) catnip hydrosol and 1 tbsp water. Add 1 drop each Geranium, Cedarwood, Lavender. Shake well and apply. Reapply as needed. (Geranium hydrosol could be substituted for catnip hydrosol.)

Alternatively, you can offer catnip, geranium, peppermint, or lemongrass as a dried herb. Rolling in dried herbs may deter potential hitchhikers.

I hope this helps you and your furry family enjoy the outdoors, bug free. Bio-Amy DeLong is a Certified Animal Aromatherapist and Holistic Pet Care Practitioner. She helps pet parents find holistic solutions so their fur baby can live the best life possible. To learn more about Amy, or contact her, visit AmyWilliamsDeLong.com



Working spots are full but auditing is available, \$25 for one day \$35 for both days. Auditors get the benefit of learning from Julie Degen, nationally known tending trainer. Auditors CANNOT bring dogs. The dates are May 14 and 15. Watch for the next Tending Clinic and sign up early for a working spot! Contact Cynthia Curran for information, and to register for auditing. cyncurran@gmail.com



Mannix.

Happy agility retirement Team Mannix! Mannix PAM, DAE, CT-ATCH, Ch. Lindenhill-Gracelyn Fat Nat OFA H/E (good/normal) Cardiac & Eye Clear, DM (carrier) HT, PT, RN, MFP, MJP, MJP2, MXP, TChST, TKI TC, CGC



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Gia, Casamoko Take A Chance On Me RN, SBN, SCN, SIN, TKI, CGC had a great weekend of scent trialing in February.

Sun:

QQ Novice buried with one 4th place, completing her Novice buried title.

QQ Novice containers.

QQ Novice interior.

Mon:

QQ Novice interior with a 1st and 3rd place, completing her Novice interior title.

QQ Novice containers with 2 4th places, completing her Novice container title.



Had another amazing time at our scent trial in AprilSaturday:

QQ in Advanced Interior. QQ in Novice Exterior. Sunday:

QQ in Advanced Interior, with a 1st place on one search and completing her Advanced Interior element title. QQ in Novice Exterior with a 3rd place in one search, completing her Novice Exterior element title and her Novice level title!!!

GSDC of Mpls & St. Paul
Annual Specialty Shows
Dakota County Fairgrounds
June 3rd - 5th 2022

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4-6 Puppy

Conformation

· Junior Showmanship

Temperament Test

· Saturday(6/4): AM - Joe Beccia

4-6 Puppy

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Junior Showmanship (Mary Murphy)

Saturday(6/4): PM – John Bemont

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· Junior Showmanship

Sunday (6/5): – Donna Conod

4-6 Puppy

German Shepherd Dog Club of

Minneapolis & St. Paul

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· Junior Showmanship (Pat Jung)

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Plant Guide For Pet Owners



Poisonous Plants

- Daffodil
- Star Gazer Lity
- Castor Bean
- Tiger Lily
- Easter Lily
- Cyclamen
- Sago Palm
- Azalea



Toxic Plants

- · Aloe
- Chrysanthemum
- Begonia
- Coleus
- Bird of Paradise Cosmos
 - Dumb cane
- Bougainvillea
- Calla Lity Carnation
- Elephant ear
- Fleabane
- Gardenia
- Geranium
- Hibiscus
- Hydrangea
- · Iris
- Mother-In-Law Tongue
- Pansy
- Peace Lily
- Pinks (Dianthus)
- Plumbago
- Poinsettia
- Primrose

Pet-Friendly Plants

- Alyssum
- Blue Daisy
- Boston Fern
- Bottlebrush tree
- Camelia
- Canna
- Ceolsia Plumosa
- Christmas Cactus
- Coreopsis

- Echevaria Succulents
- Gerber Daisy
- Gloxinia
- Impotients
- Marigold
- Nasturtium
- · Pampas Grass
- Persian Violet
- Petunia

- Polkadot Plant/Baby Tears
- Rose
- Snap Dragons
- Spider Plant
- Start Jasmine
- Sunflower
- Sword Fern
- Viola
- Zinnia





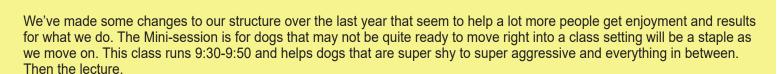


Upcoming Socialization and Obedience Workshops

Check out GSDCMSP's Socialization/Obedience Workshop 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 is at the Animal Inn

May Sunday 22nd



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. It's recommended to have an extra 20.00 on hand in case you choose to purchase a training collar that really works. (Our cost)

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 you can purchase lunch from the American Legion and enjoy your meal under the roof of the picnic area on one of the many tables.

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. this month we'll focus on: heeling techniques while out meeting and greeting strange dogs and humans. This includes dogs that lunge and carry on when seeing another dog as well as building your shy or nervous dog's confidence. We'll be teaching you how to utilize dominance over obedience to overcome territorial issues and meeting/living with other animals.

Group Walk-usually a week later we'll blind copy the attendees on our email list the time and location of our Group Walk. These fortify what you have learned and while walking you see your dog meld into that day's "pack". If you peek at our webpage you'll see FOX did a news story with 38 GSD's that showed up. We also had a special walk with 55 dogs. The walk however is restricted to those that have attended a morning session. This is so everyone is familiar with the techniques needed to have a trouble free walk. 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 Veteran's Park, Veteran's Park is located on the South side of Apple Valley American Legion Post 177614521 Granada Drive, Apple Valley, MN 55124 All of our information can be viewed at either our website or our Facebook pages @Thanks and hope to see you!

Our trainers, Andrea and Becca will be taking over the upcoming workshops.ahead of time. There may be changes in the schedule coming up.

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/.



The German Shepherd Dog Club of Minneapolis and St. Paul

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Check out the AKC.org website for articles on training.

SPACE ETIQUETTE FOR DOGS

To: People with "Friendly Dogs", Off-Leash Dogs, & Retractable Leash Dogs







NEWSFLASH: Running up to another dog and ignoring requests to go away is not "friendly", it is rude. Just life people, DOGS INEED FERSONAL SPACE. If a stronger come up and put his hand on your body, you'd be allowed to step back, yell, and push him away. Dogs have the same right to enforce their boundaries. Some dags are called "reactive" because they are more sensitive than others. Reactive dags are good dags, they just need more distance and compositionate training. You can help them by hopering the need for personal space.



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GSDCMSP Class Schedule

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

Ring 1

..........Various classes, starting at 6:00
Ring 2 Look at web site to get updated schedule

Training Director: Terry Berg



DOGGIE PALOOZA Sept 10 Savage MN

Meet with experts on dog healthcare, doggy daycare, treats, products, services, and so much more!

