



# Shep-O-Gram

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We are working on planning the next block of lessons, projected to start in January. We have all heard that there are new rules put into effect to try to stem the Covid 19 Pandemic and I confirmed today what the rules are at the Animal Inn. The building is limited to no more than 33 people who all must wear masks, not face shields. If a person is unable to wear a mask, they are not allowed in the building.

We have nominations for all the officer and board positions but if you want to throw your hat in the ring for the various positions coming up this year. contact Laura Meyer [blcmeyer920@msn.com](mailto:blcmeyer920@msn.com), We have openings for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and two board positions. Nominations close at the December membership meeting.

Plans are in the works for 2021 Agility trials, Specialty shows, Obedience/Rally trials, The GSD Fun Day, Herding Fun Day, Scent Work Trials, and Herding Trials. We have the banquet to look forward to in March also. Of course, all is dependent on the Covid 19 situation.

We held scent work classes with Holly Bushard in October and it was a lot of fun. We have an ORT class and Mock Scent Work Trial with Linda Spengler on Friday November 20. I had descriptions of these classes in the last issue. If you missed it, you can find all the Shep-O-Gram issues on the club web site, [GSDCMSP.ORG](http://GSDCMSP.ORG). If you are interested in registering please contact Kim Morris [kmorris4369@hotmail.com](mailto:kmorris4369@hotmail.com). If you are not in a smorgasbord block, the fee is \$30 per class.

Dawn Fisher has graciously taken on chairing the Scent Work Trial this spring.

Amber Eisfeld has provided an article on training for this issue and we have an article on Thanksgiving foods to avoid giving your dogs. There is new information on Ron Halling's workshops too.

Stay Healthy!

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December 11 Membership Meeting at the Animal Inn or by phone

# Scent Work Seminars with Holly Bushard



Holly Bushard, scent work judge and trainer gave two classes for the club introducing dogs to odor and searching. Dogs learned to search for treats and odor in a container in a small bowl. The second class introduced dogs to searching for odor located under chairs and tables.



**Upcoming Scent Work classes**  
**Introduction to ORT and Mock**  
**Scent Work Trial Nov 20 with Linda**  
**Spenglar. Sign up with Kim Morris**  
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# The importance of consistency in dog training by Amber Eisfeld

## 1. Consistent cues in dog training

If you repeat cues and say it one time one day, and three times the next, you are not consistent. For more effective communication and training with your dog, try to make your verbal, as well as non-verbal, cues consistent. It makes it much easier for your dog to learn new commands or tricks.

## 2. Keep the daily routines

Dogs are each day confronted with challenging and confusing situations: They have to wait patiently for their food, stay calm while walking and sometimes stay home alone for hours. With fixed daily rituals you can teach your dog that these situations are normal parts of the day and, with time, your pup will get use to these challenges as a part of his daily routine. Even with the pandemic your dogs routine should not change much. It is extremely important to continue the routines as well as how often your dog is crated.

## 3. Stay on the same page

Make sure every one in the family is on the same page with all of the “house rules”. If you don’t want your dog to jump on people, make sure he NEVER gets rewarded for jumping. If you don’t want your dog to beg for food while you eat, the whole family should know not to feed him from the table or give him scraps. Dogs often get blamed for being “stubborn” because they are not behaving properly. The problem, however, is not the dogs. It is often seen that each family member rewards different behaviors. What is the right answer? Make consistent rules and stick to them.

## 4. Dogs don’t generalize

If you teach “sit” in the kitchen and then move to the bed room, your dog will probably not perform the command as well. Why? Because it’s a new location with new distractions. Go back to the basics and consistently re-teach the behavior. Once you have trained your dog in numerous locations, the success in a new location will occur faster.

## 5. Pay attention to word-use

Dogs are actually quite simple. They try to react to the exact words you say. Therefore, you should know that “Off” or “No Jump” is not the same as “Down”. Which one do you want your dog to learn? Down is an entirely different command. Choose the word(s) you want to use and make sure you are consistent with your word-use as well as ensuring that all family use the same words.

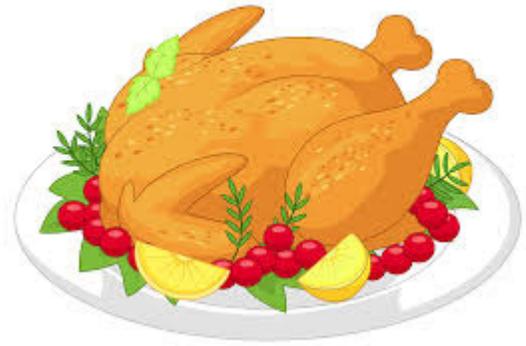
## 6. Practice makes perfect

You have to learn patterns and consistency as much as your dog. Train your dog for at least 15 minutes per day broken down into small 2-5 minute segments...be consistent with your dog training



# 6 Thanksgiving Foods That Are Bad for Cats and Dogs

Dr. Jack Stephens  
November 12, 2019



Thanksgiving is almost here and that means an abundance of delicious food. However, many popular human dishes aren't healthy for pets to consume. It's important to remember which foods are bad for dogs and cats. Especially, during holiday meals when dogs and cats beg for table scraps and guests might fall for those cute faces.

Below are six Thanksgiving foods bad for cats and dogs. Make sure to keep these away from your pets to ensure they remain healthy this Thanksgiving. Also, don't forget to inform your family and dinner guests about these potentially dangerous or toxic foods for pets so they do not feed them to your four-legged family members.

## 1. Stuffing

Thanksgiving dressing is often made with onions, scallions or garlic. These ingredients, however, are extremely toxic to dogs and cats and can cause a life-threatening anemia (destruction of the red blood cells). It's best to avoid feeding any amount of stuffing to pets.

## 2. Ham

Ham and other pork products can cause pancreatitis, upset stomach, vomiting and diarrhea. Pork is also high in fat, which can lead to obesity in pets. Even a small amount of ham can contribute a very large amount of calories to a small dog or cat's diet.

## 3. Turkey Bones

Bones can cause severe indigestion in dogs and cats, potentially causing vomiting and obstructing the bowel. Bones may also splinter and cause damage to the inside of the stomach and intestines. In some cases, turkey bones may even puncture through the stomach and cause a potentially fatal abdominal infection.

Related Article: [Top 7 Dog Park Dangers](#)

## 4. Mashed Potatoes

While potatoes are safe for pets to eat, mashed potatoes usually contain butter and milk, which can cause diarrhea in lactose intolerant pets. Additionally, some recipes call for onion powder or garlic, which are very toxic to pets.

## 5. Salads with Grapes/Raisins

There are many salads served at Thanksgiving that include grapes or raisins as an ingredient, from fruit salad, to waldorf salad, to ambrosia. However, grapes and raisins are very virulent and potentially deadly. Grapes can cause severe, irreversible and sometimes fatal kidney failure in dogs. Be sure to keep all dishes that include grapes and raisins away from pets.

## 6. Chocolate Desserts

While pumpkin pie is the most famous Thanksgiving dessert (canned pumpkin also has many pet health benefits), many people offer a variety of chocolate desserts at Thanksgiving. Chocolate is toxic to dogs and cats, yet dogs love the smell and taste of it. The darker the chocolate, the more toxic it is. Keep all chocolate desserts out of the reach of pets to prevent an emergency trip to the veterinarian.

If your pets ingest any of these foods this Thanksgiving, be sure to call your veterinarian immediately. The most important part of holiday pet safety is early action, which may prevent more costly and serious complications from developing. Have a happy and safe Thanksgiving!

**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.**

Nov 21  
Dec 19  
Animal Inn



I've been fielding questions about winter items that can help wear down our dog's energy level while staying indoors. Seek, scent work and of course Lisa's snuffle mats are all good to wear out your dog mentally without braving the elements for this winter season. We have some exercises planned this month that are both inexpensive yet fun activities you can perform with your dog over the upcoming months. As many of you are realizing without training our GSD's go in the wrong direction or drive us nuts with their seemingly unending energy levels. Come train with the GSD Club that knows GSD's!

This month we return indoors at Animal Inn. We follow their COVID procedures already in place for indoor work plus taking everyone's temperature while practicing social distancing. The Workshop is next Saturday the 21st. The lecture will be at 10 am followed by the hands-on portion at 11am. The afternoon class, (for ANYONE that has been to a morning session), will follow at 12:30pm. This month we'll work further on off-leash work, hand signals, improved heeling and everyone's favorite, Directed Jumping. We'll add beginning and problem solving jumping for those working towards Open titles and of course winter games that utilize our GSD's mental capabilities. The last item for the afternoon class is dominance over obedience to teach your GSD to live with cats, squirrels, bunnies and any other variety of pets in the home. It has been a popular topic for privates and workshops over the summer as families were forced to spend the days together.

Our new black or grey stocking hats are now in stock. They have a subtle GSD head over an outline of the state of MN. Very nice and are priced at \$20.00. Pictures can be found on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/GermanShepherdtrainers>

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

**Ron Halling  
hallings@frontiernet.net  
612-720-1536**

### **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/>.

## BODY CONDITION SCORE > CANINE

TOO THIN



**1**

- Ribs, spine and pelvic bones are clearly evident
- No discernible body fat
- Obvious loss of muscle mass

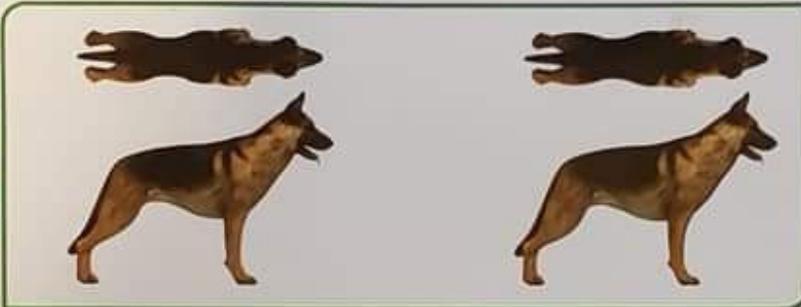
**2**

- Ribs, spine and pelvic bones are easily visible
- No palpable fat
- Some bony prominences
- Minimal loss of muscle mass

**3**

- Ribs easily palpable and may be visible with no palpable fat
- Tops of lumbar vertebrae visible and pelvic bones becoming prominent
- Obvious waist and abdominal tuck

IDEAL



**4**

- Ribs easily palpable with minimal fat covering
- Waist easily noted when viewed from above
- Abdominal tuck evident

**5**

- Ribs palpable without excess fat covering
- Waist observed behind ribs when viewed from above
- Abdomen tucked up when viewed from the side

OVERWEIGHT



**6**

- Ribs palpable with slight excess fat covering
- Waist is discernable when viewed from above, but it's not prominent
- Abdominal tuck apparent

OBESE



**7**

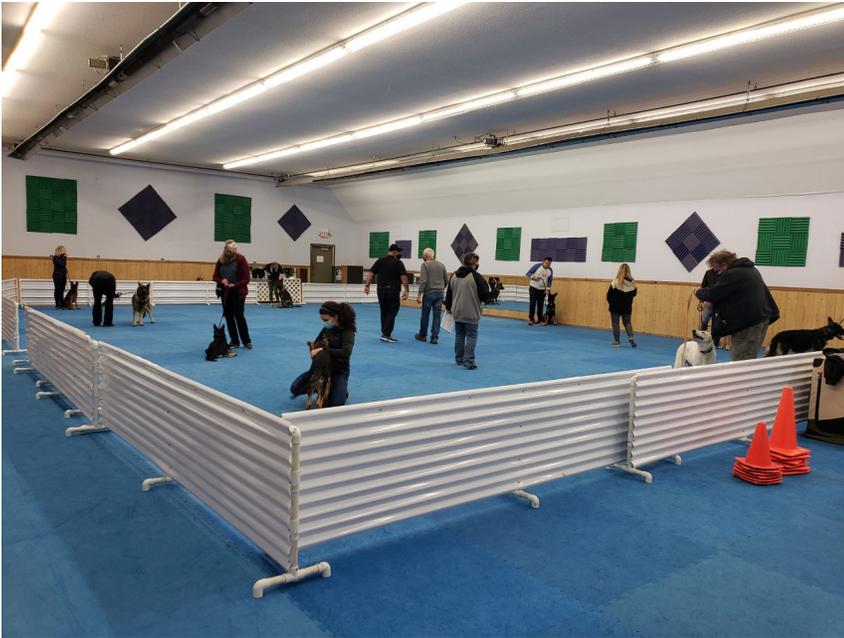
- Ribs barely palpable under thick layer of fat
- Noticeable fat deposits over lumbar area and base of tail
- Waist absent or barely visible
- Abdominal tuck may be absent

**8**

- Ribs barely palpable under thick layer of fat, or palpable with significant pressure
- Noticeable fat deposits over lumbar area and base of tail
- Waist absent
- Abdominal tuck may be absent

**9**

- Massive fat deposits over thorax, spine and base of tail
- Waist and abdominal tuck absent
- Fat deposits on neck and limbs
- Obvious abdominal distension



**Friday night training is back! Contact Kim Morris to sign up for the next session starting in January.  
kmorris4369@hotmail.com**

### **Upcoming Scent Work classes**

**Introduction to ORT and Mock Scent Work Trial Nov 20 with Linda Spengler. Sign up with Kim Morris kmorris4369@hotmail.com**

**For more information on these classes refer to the Sept-Oct Shep-O-Gram on the GSDCMSP web site.**

SOGGY by Julie Swinland



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# BRAGS

These exciting National Wins were a First for Jay and I. A heartfelt thank-you to all that made this year's National possible!  
Kenlyn Marquis' Sultan of Swing of Seven Hills, was bred by Liz Oster, Kent Boyles and Naomi Swanson. Owned and Loved by Holly & Jay Bryan, Liz Oster and Kent Boyles



Jay and Holly Bryan and Kenlyn Marquis' Sultan of Swing of Seven Hills,



MoMo (the dog that has fur) earned her 12th double Q (8 more to go) at the German Short-haired Pointer Club of MN agility trial on Friday/Saturday.

Carla Scott

# BRAGS



Pac went Select 8 at the GSD National and earned his RM and his RAE titles at the GSDCMSP Obedience/Rally Specialty show.

AOE DAE 2x Sel Ex GCh FV Lindenhill's Cold Pac V Gracelyne TC CGCA CGCU CD BN RM RAE TKP



WOW what a weekend this was at the Oklahoma shows for Zytut-Regency's Ms. Mowgli (Kai) !!

Over the course of these four days she earned 8 points toward her CH and we are grateful to the following judges for seeing the potential in this little "super star" --

Oct 30 – Dr Didier Ardoin II – Thank you for her Winners, Best of Winners, Opposite Sex for 2 pts

Oct 31 – Ms Karen J Hynek – We appreciate your awarding Kai Winners, Best of Winners, Breed for a 3 pt Major (photo is an impromptu one as we don't have the official one yet)

Oct 31 – Mr Walter J Sommerfelt – Thank you for her Winners, Best of Winners, Breed for 2 pts.

Nov 1 – Judge change from Mr Jon R Cole to Ms Victoria M. Jordan. She awarded Kai Winners, Best of Winners and Best of Opposite Sex for 1 pt. Jan and Nils Anderson





# 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:  Show-O-Gram:  Training:
- Hospitality:  Fundraising:  Fun Day:  State Fair:
- Breeder:  Club Member:  Facebook:  Training:  Rescue:  State Fair:  Friend:
- Show Trial:  Fun Day:  Socialization/Obedience Workshop:  Vet:

**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](http://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 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](http://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	\$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**

**Nov 13 Membership meeting**  
**Nov 20 Intro to ORT and Mock Trial with Linda Spenglar**  
**Nov 21 Socialization and obedience workshop**  
**Dec 19 Socialization and obedience workshop**

### **GSDCMSP Class Schedule**

Training resumes various classes September. After we get rolling we will resume the regular obedience classes below.

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

Ring 1

.....Various 1 night classes

Ring 3

.....Rally Julie Swinland ..... 6:00-7:20

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

**Training Director:**

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