



# Shep-O-Gram



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## Happy Howloween!

We have over 200 members in our club and many different interests. Our club has been known nationally for offering a variety of classes, training, and events. In order to continue we need to have volunteers to run for office and to take on running the events. Officer positions are 1 year in length, board positions are 2 years. The club needs people with new ideas and energy. Anyone who has been a member for at least 2 years can run for the open positions. We also need a Membership Chair and people with technical abilities, GSD Fun Day Chair and Obedience and Rally Trial Chair, Herding Trial Chair. Those positions do not require being a member for any length of time. If we want to keep the club going, we need to come together and work on it. Nominations must be in by the December meeting.

Martha Simonett and I are on the nominating committee please feel free to contact us with questions or offers to run for office. Martha [anneislegsd@yahoo.com](mailto:anneislegsd@yahoo.com), Julie Swinland [Blackforestgsd@msn.com](mailto:Blackforestgsd@msn.com). Descriptions of officer position are on page 5 of this issue.

Bo suggested that we return to holding the board meetings on the second Friday of the month preceding the membership meeting at the Animal Inn, cutting the travel to just 12 meeting nights/ per year for those taking officer and board positions.

We need volunteers with technical expertise to help with the club

calendar, web site, streaming video and various chair positions also..

We are hoping to start classes in Trick Dog and Scent Work soon. We might also bring Rally back.

There will be a vote on a \$5 increase of dues effective January 2023 at the November membership meeting.

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Nov 11 Membership Meeting at the Animal Inn or by phone

# Match and Trick Demo Sept 25



The day started with a Trick demo with Andrea Lane and her dog, Jax. Jax had 3 days of training and performed remarkably well. Bo Vujovich handed over her 2 year old bitch Millie, to Andrea to show how to start a dog who has no training. We are hoping that Andrea will hold a trick dog class on Friday nights.

There were quite a few people in attendance the weather was great, except for a gust of wind that took out the easy up and blew money and paperwork away. It was all captured by the aerobic efforts of the volunteers. The match was judged by Roberta Moore-Riebel.

Match Chair Sheila Williams-Metz

Jump through a hoop



Sit up



roll a ball



Crawl

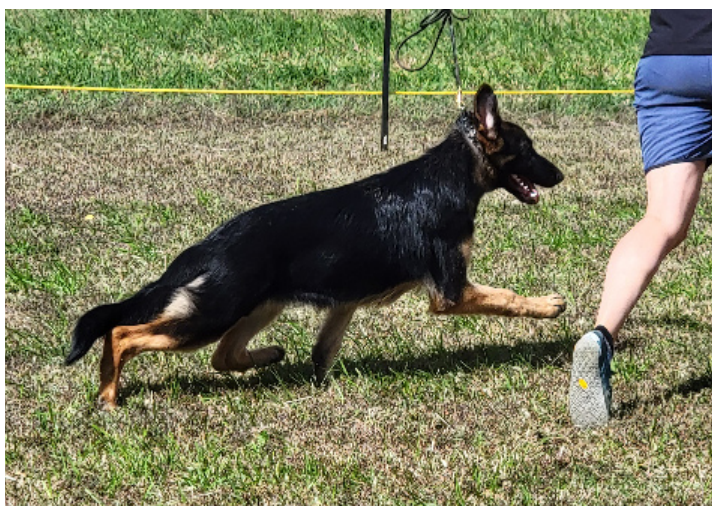


Bo's bitch with no previous experience



Best Opposite Shamrock Falls of Annelse-Malibar. "Rocky" Martha Simonett & Bob Drescher

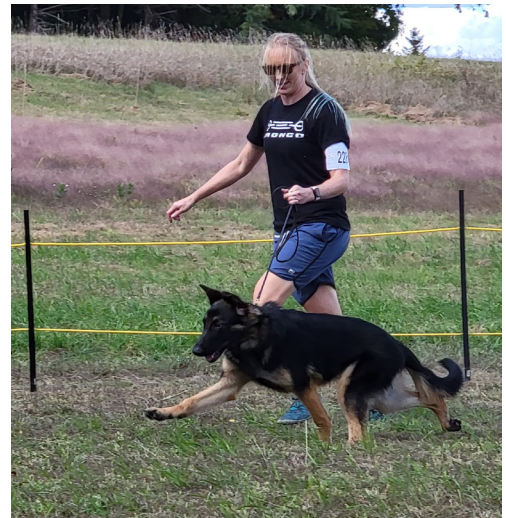
Best in Match  
Rosewood's Valedictorian  
owned by Bo Vujovich



Kubistraum's Fanfare  
Owned by Verna Kubick



Match continued



Ron Halling did a little obedience exercise

Cute pup at match

### SOGGY by Julie Swinland



# How to Whelp and Raise Winning Puppies Panel discussion

The second breeder's presentation was held on Sept 23 with breeders, Bo Vujovich, Peggy Simerson and Sheila Metz. Many good points were presented about how to prepare for whelping, selecting dogs to breed and Rivival .revivalanimal.com where you can find dog products including some items you might need in preparation for whelping and articles on dog care. Other topics covered included cost of whelping, money, time, and selecting new pet parents. The video is available to watch on the GSDC of MSP -Live Stream Group on FaceBook.



## Duties of the officers From the club By-Laws

### Section 3 OFFICERS' DUTIES

A. **PRESIDENT:** The President shall preside at meetings of the Members of the Club. The President shall be ex- officio member of all committees. The President shall act as executive head of the Club and shall perform all duties incidental and customary to the office. The President shall appoint all necessary committees.

B. **VICE PRESIDENT:** The Vice President shall, in the absence or disability of the President, perform all the duties of the President. The Vice President shall be responsible to the Club for proper functions of all appointed committees.

C. **SECRETARY:** The Secretary, on behalf of the Club, shall have charge of general correspondence, keep the records and roll of the Members, the Minutes of the proceedings at all meetings, and shall perform any and all other duties customary to the office.

D. **TREASURER:** The Treasurer shall receive, collect and handle all Club funds and keep record of same. The Treasurer shall deposit all funds in such bank or trust company as the Board of Directors may from time to time designate, and shall make such disbursements therefrom as are necessary and proper to meet the just and due obligations of the Club. The Treasurer shall render a statement at the annual meeting of the Members and at such other times as the Board may direct. The Treasurer shall report to the President the names of all Members delinquent in the payment of dues and shall perform such other duties as are usual and customary to the office. The Board shall appoint a committee of three Members to make an annual audit of the Treasurer's records at the end of the Club's fiscal year, which audit shall be reported at the March Meeting.

# September Socialization and Obedience Workshop



Heeling



Stays

Recall



### Description of September workshop

This month's afternoon activity will focus on Advanced Obedience. Including perfecting recalls, how to utilize your hand gloves for easy corrections and fetching to corrections. (use on colder walks in the fall and winter) IF you think you know it all then you don't know what you are missing. Ask you dogs, they know.

We will also have fun **SOCIALIZING** our GSDs using methods uniquely combined for a training specific to German Shepherds! We will continue to challenge our dogs with **ADVANCED OBEDIENCE SKILLS, EXPOSURE TO DIFFERENT ENVIRONMENTS AND TACTILES SUCH AS WOBBLE BOARDS AND TUNNELS.** We will continue our work on **RECALLS, FOCUS, AND MOTIVATION,** as well as strengthening bonding and communication between you and your dog

Some exercises performed in this session

- Distraction while doing a sit stay
- Advanced heeling
- recall
- stand from sit

Distractions while staying, throwing a ball past the dog on stay.



The next workshop will be Oct 30 at the Animal Inn

The afternoon group

# The Dog Park Is Bad, Actually

Dog parks may seem like great additions to the community, but they're rife with problems — for you, and for your dog. Here's what to know before you go.

By Sassafra Lowrey  
Feb. 6, 2020

Every morning, rain, shine or snow, people stand around making conversation with strangers as their dogs chase, run and mingle. Ranging from elaborate fenced playgrounds and rolling fields to small inner-city runs, dog parks are among the fastest growing park amenities nationwide. The Trust for Public Land found that there has been a 40 percent increase in the development of dog parks since 2009.



The first dog park in the United States was

the Ohlone Dog Park, which was founded by Martha Scott Benedict and Doris Richards in 1979 in Berkeley, Calif. Since then, dog parks have become standard amenities in developing city and suburban neighborhoods across the country, but are they actually good for dogs? Surprisingly, canine behavior experts aren't so sure.

According to a 2018 survey conducted by the National Recreation and Park Association (N.R.P.A.), 91 percent of Americans believe dog parks provide benefits to their communities. This was especially true among millennials and Gen Xers, who overwhelmingly recognized dog parks as beneficial amenities. The study found that the top two reasons responders cited for supporting dog parks were that 60 percent thought that they gave dogs a safe space to exercise and roam freely, and 48 percent felt that dog parks were important because they allowed dogs to socialize.

Especially for urban dogs that don't have backyards to exercise in, dog parks can sound like a great idea. There is nothing natural, however, about dogs that aren't familiar with one another to be put in large groups and expected to play together. Many of us just accept the assumption that dog parks are good places to socialize a dog, but that may not be the case.

The socialization myth

Nick Hof, a certified professional dog trainer and chair of The Association of Professional Dog Trainers, explained that in terms of canine behavior, the term "socialization" isn't just dogs interacting or "socializing" with other dogs, but rather, "the process of exposing young puppies under 20 weeks to new experiences."

"This helps them have more confidence and adapt to new situations," Mr. Hof said.

Though socialization is critical for the healthy development of puppies, the dog park is not where you want to bring your puppy to learn about appropriate interactions with other dogs, Mr. Hof added.

"Dog parks are not a safe place to socialize a puppy under 6-12 months old," he continued. "During our puppy's early months, they are more sensitive to experiences, so a rambunctious greeter at the park may be enough to cause our puppy to be uncertain of all dogs," Mr. Hof explained.

The goal for socializing young puppies is to ensure they have only positive interactions, and to avoid any overwhelming or frightening interactions. Instead of taking puppies to a dog park for socialization, Mr. Hof encourages owners to attend puppy classes with their dog to meet age-appropriate playmates.



Socialization with older dogs is a bit more challenging, because in a behavioral sense, older dogs have already had all of their formative socialization experiences. Dog guardians generally mean well when they bring a shy dog to the dog park with the intention of giving that dog positive interactions with other dogs. Unfortunately, this can backfire; a dog who is nervous or uncomfortable is more likely to be easily overwhelmed in a park setting, which can lead to dog fights or a long-term fear of encountering other dogs. A park setting also allows dogs to pick up bad habits from one another, and is definitely not a place you want to bring a dog who is under-socialized.

### Playground bullies

Although dogs are social animals and regularly engage in various forms of play, the artificial setup of a dog park can be challenging. Many people bring their dogs to the park to burn off excess energy, but these dogs often display over-aroused and rude behavior that can trigger issues between dogs. Dr. Heather B. Loenser, senior veterinary officer of the American Animal Hospital Association cautioned that “unfortunately, just because an owner thinks their dog plays well with others, doesn’t mean they always do.”

Having your dog in a dog park requires trusting that everyone in the park is monitoring their dog, and is a good judge about whether their dog should be in the park in the first place. That’s a lot of trust to put in a stranger.

Unlike doggy day cares or play groups, most dog parks are public spaces that are not screened or supervised by canine professionals.

This can be an issue with fights between dogs that can lead to dogs learning inappropriate behaviors from other dogs. “Bad experiences can also ripple outward and cause our dogs to have issues or concerns outside of the dog park as well,” Mr. Hof said, adding that dogs at dog parks might pick up bad habits such as being pushy when greeting or engaging in play with other dogs. On other hand, dogs that are overwhelmed by the boisterousness of others may become withdrawn, skittish and nervous when meeting other dogs in and out of the dog park.

### Injuries

One of the biggest dangers of dog parks is that they often don’t have separate play enclosures for large and small dogs, or when they do, owners can choose to disregard those spaces. Even without meaning to, a large dog can easily cause serious injury or even kill a smaller dog.

From minor scuffles to serious incidents, injuries are common at dog parks. Bite wounds are common, even from rough play. Even if the wound seems small, “seek veterinary care immediately,” Dr. Loenser advised.

Bites that occur in fights or during play often involve tearing under the skin, which can be complicated to heal, and may carry a greater risk of infection. Muscle strains and sprains from lunging and rough play are also common. “Anytime dogs quickly pivot on their back legs, they are also at risk for tearing the ligaments, specifically the cranial cruciate ligament in their knees,” Dr. Loenser said. These types of knee-and-ligament injuries often require expensive surgery and extensive healing and rehabilitation.

### Diseases

Even clean and well maintained dog parks can pose health risks, in particular the spread of easily communicable diseases. One challenge of dog parks being unregulated public spaces is that while most post signs saying dogs should be vaccinated, no proof of vaccinations is actually required.

The American Animal Hospital Association advises owners who bring their pets to the park to have them vaccinated with the Bordetella vaccine, which prevents “kennel cough,” as well as distemper. You’ll also want to have your dog vaccinated against leptospirosis, as communal water bowls, puddles and other water features in dog parks can carry leptospira bacteria. All dogs should be vaccinated against

## Dog Park Continued

rabies, and dogs that visit dog parks should be on flea and tick prevention as well as year-round heartworm prevention. Dogs that visit dog parks should also be vaccinated against canine influenza (dog flu) that can be transmitted through the air.

Dr. Loenser cautioned that although “currently, the influenza vaccines available cover for the strains that are most commonly seen, if new strains are introduced or mutate, these vaccines might not provide cross-protection.” If that were to occur, dogs that visited dog parks and had contact with a large number of dogs that might or might not be fully vaccinated would be at risk of getting sick.

### Body language

Most dog owners aren’t skilled at reading their dog’s body language beyond a wagging tail, so warning signs that your dog is uncomfortable, unhappy or angry are often ignored. This leads to minor and major dog fights. Understanding canine body language is key to supporting your dog’s comfort and safety, and assessing if a playgroup at the dog park is going to be a good match.

“The dog park is not a place for you to let your dog run unsupervised while you socialize with other people,” Mr. Hof said. “Keep an eye on your dog and make sure that they are both being good and having a good time.” This means watching the actions and behaviors of your dog and the other dogs in the park. If things are getting too intense, that’s a good time to leave.

But what exactly should you be watching for? Dr. Loenser says that subtle signs of fear or aggression include “lip licking, yawning or panting when not hot.” Other signs of discomfort or a brewing issue include stiff bodies and erect tails. Keeping an eye out for these signs can give you the edge to intervene on your dog’s behalf before an interaction with another dog escalates.

Even dogs that appear to be playing well together may be at risk. “Healthy play between dogs should include small breaks or pauses,” Mr. Hof said. “If you are uncertain about if all dogs are happy, I recommend stopping the dog who may be too over-the-top and seeing what the other dog does. If the other dog tries to re-engage, it’s a good indicator that everything was okay. If the other dog runs off though, a break was a good idea.”

Any kind of behavior that involve one dog pinning another dog is also one to avoid. Barking, growling and other vocalization occasionally during play is normal, but frenzied barking is generally too much.

### Dog park alternatives

On a good day, if the dog park you visit is large enough, it may physically tire out your dog. But the visit won’t actually provide your dog with the kind of enriching mental and emotional stimulation that dogs need. Dog parks, unfortunately, are often more about humans than they are about dogs.

As much as humans enjoy the chance to socialize with other like-minded animal lovers while our dogs play, it’s far safer and more fun for your dog to skip the dog park and spend that time engaging intentionally with you and their surroundings by going on walks, taking a training or general obedience class or even trying a new sport together. Ultimately you’re the only one who can determine if the risks outweigh the benefits of dog parks, but there is no shame in not surrendering your dog to what has become the quintessential urban dog experience: running with dozens of strangers in a small, smelly pen as people stand by, looking at their phones or gossiping. Make the time you have with your dog meaningful and enriching; after all, your dog wants to spend time with you, too.



# Scent Work and Dogs Part 1: What It Is and Why It's So Great To Do with Your Dog!

Johnna Devereaux C.P.N.

February 13, 2020

Hi ho, hi ho, it's off to scent work you go!

So, maybe you've heard about scent work with dogs and think that your four-legged friend is going to be a natural? You're right! If you haven't heard about scent work, the concept is simple: we train our dogs to seek out and locate the source of an odor, whether it's in- or out-of-doors, near or far. Scent work merely focuses on what your dog already does best: smell. Because the nose knows! A few fun facts about dogs and scent work:



Dogs have almost 300 million olfactory receptors in their nose (compare that to humans that have only 6 million olfactory receptors!)

Dogs can smell at a rate 10K to 100K times better than humans

Dogs detect odor in parts per TRILLION (that's science-speak for dogs simply detect a LOT of the mass that makes up the odor smell.)

5 great reasons to get started with scent work

Beginner scent work has three main components:

- teaching your dog a “find” or “seek” cue
- repeating a sit/stay command
- and finally, delivering the “find” or “seek” cue as they search for the hidden treat

When a dog uses their nose to find what they are looking for, they are partaking in a natural behavior that allowed them to find a mate, food, offspring, their pack, and also to avoid predators. Essentially, their sense of smell evolved over time to do super important things, and it's wise, kind, and really fun to give them more opportunities to exercise their brain with their noses.

1. Mental exercise is...exercise.

Did you know that mental stimulation can tire your dog faster than physical exercise? In no way are we suggesting you shirk the daily walk—physical exercise is critical for good health. But, if you have a dog with a lot of energy, or if it's a rainy day—beginner scent work is all you need.

2. A sniffing dog is a confident dog.

Nose work, as it's also called, can help build your dog's confidence. Sadly, many domesticated dogs don't trust that the nose knows. With less opportunities to sniff for something they really need, dogs can lose confidence that their sense of smell is actually an asset. This quickly changes with scent work practice. What's more, it's simply really fun to see your dog “get” what their bodies are designed to do naturally. Once this happens, you might see a small (or big) shift in their overall confidence.

3. A better bond between you and your dog.

Scent work gives you a chance to bond regularly. A key component of scent work is observing your dog's body language and knowing when to give them cues. As you key into how they search with their sniffer, and what will motivate them, you learn more and more about your dog's personal sensibility.

4. Dog's love their J-O-B.

It's called scent work for a reason. Well, that might be because it's work for the both of you, but nevertheless, it's a job and dogs love doing it! Dogs were born to have jobs. In fact, all beings need to feel fulfilled, that their life has purpose. Putting your dog to work with scent work gives their days purpose.

5. A trained dog is a happy dog.

Lastly, scent work sure can come in handy with training your dog, and the more training they receive, the more structure you provide them. Dogs are just like small humans (children) in this way: they tend to thrive on structure. This can also help them with anxiety and desensitizing them to environmental stressors.

This is just the beginning!

**Note: We are hoping to add a beginning Scent Work class to Friday night training in the coming year.**

## Upcoming Events

**Oct 30 Obedience/Socialization Workshop at Animal Inn**  
**Future dates 11/13, 12/18, 01/22, 02/19, 03/26, 04/23**

**Nov 3 Board meeting**

**Nov 11 Membership meeting 7:30 - voting on potential dues increase to \$30 for single and \$35 for Family memberships**

SOGGY by Julie Swinland



# BRAGS



Tess and Ronda Meath 1st Q in Excellent Standard, Notice the fantastic photo background Rhonda created for this trial.



Thatcher – Canadian Select 4, US Select, FV, BIM GCH Kenlyn Marquis' Sultan of Swing Seven Hills OFA, DM & Cardiac Clear  
Owners: Holly & Jay Bryan, Liz Oster



The girls had a good weekend in Dodge County!

Konnie finished her UCD with 2 qualifying legs (3rd & 4th place) Having not practiced rally in 1.5+ years she got a 1st(100) and 2nd(97, my fault on the 3pts as I had her sit at the end of an exercise), finished her UR02 and got HIGH IN TRIAL

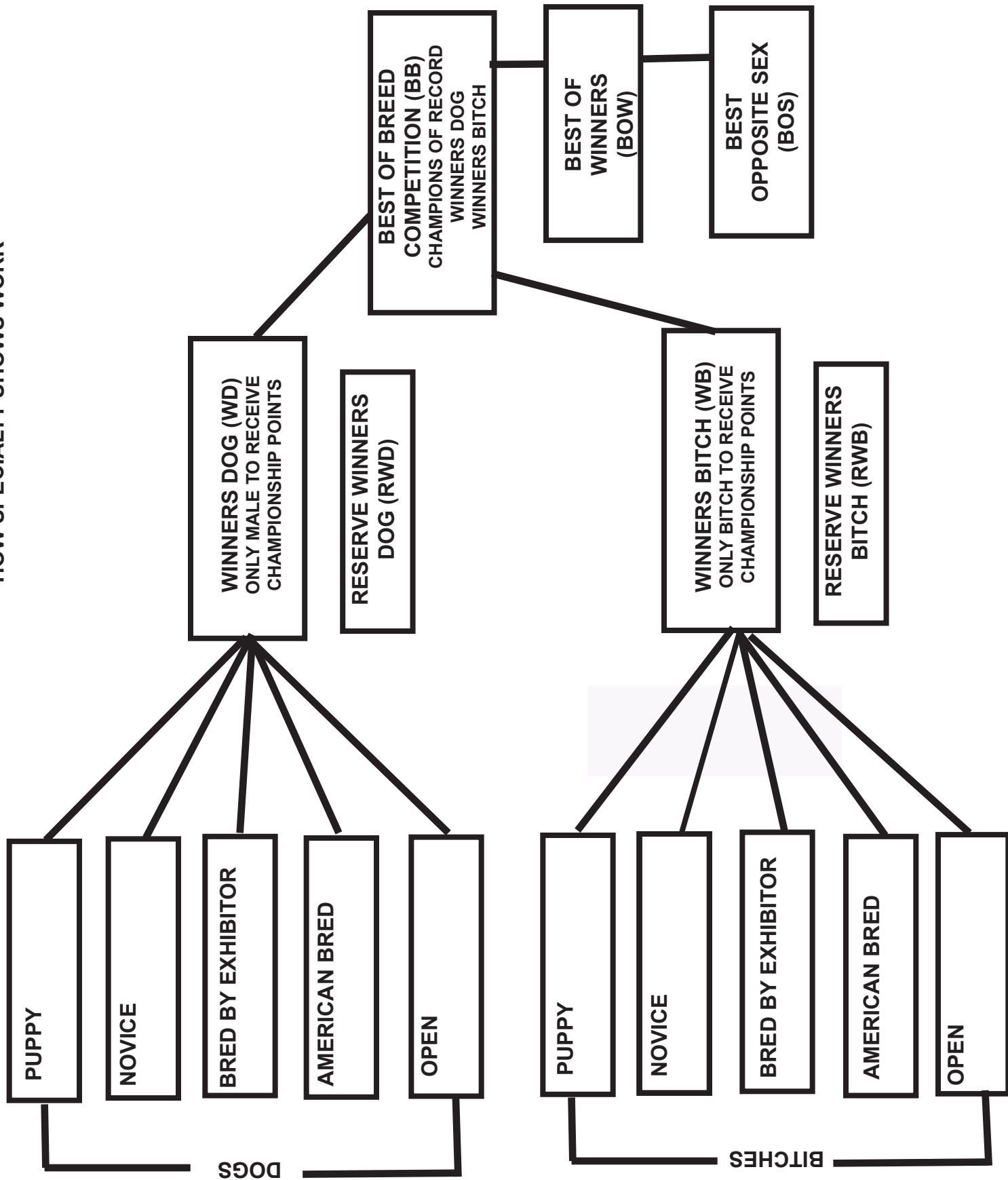
Brags from Taylor Schnichlels



Karen went best Female 2x and Reserve 2x as well as starting and finishing her URO1 with a 1st & 2nd, getting her Total Dog both days!

Have you wondered how dog shows work? Check out this chart. It shows how Specialty shows progress from class winner, to Winner's Dog and Winner's Bitch and on to Best of Breed. All breed shows go from there to Best in Group and Best in Show.

HOW SPECIALTY SHOWS WORK





# 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  Sleep-O-Grass  Training   
Hospitality  Fundraising  Fun Day  State Fair

**PLEASE INDICATE HOW YOU HEARD ABOUT THE CLUB:**

Breeder  Club Member  Facebook  Trainer  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.gsdcmapjv.org](http://www.gsdcmapjv.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 [gsdcmapjv@gsdcmapjv.org](mailto:gsdcmapjv@gsdcmapjv.org)

**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-gsdcaonline](http://gsdca.org/join-the-gsdcaonline). 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: \_\_\_\_\_

### GSDCMSP Class Schedule

Register online. <http://gsdcmisp.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**



### 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/>.