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In the continuing series of presentations we have a panel discussion coming up Sept 23. This is free for all to attend. We are hoping to provide future presentations on various topics. Please let Martha Simonett know if you have ideas.

Sheila is working on getting a conformation sanctioned match approved on Sept 25 at Bo Vujovich's farm in Cannon Falls. More information will be coming soon. A barbecue is planned following the match.

We have several articles in this issue, Economy of Motion supplied by Bo Vujovich and How to know if your dog needs chiropractic. I also found an interesting short piece on the dog nose and how incredibly sensitive it is. I put together a new SOGGY cartoon this month based on his attempt at Fast Cat.

There was a snafu on call-ins for the meeting last month. Please watch for information with the agenda on how to connect prior to this month's meeting.

Our club needs more volunteers to lead and help with various activities such as obedience and rally, matches and trials, anything agility related, the Fun Day, the annual herding trial. Please connect with Bo or one of the other board members to learn how to participate. We have always been an active club with something for everyone.

I had to let my Eywa go last week and connected with a vet who came to the house to put her down. It was far more pleasant than in the vet office. I am thankful that I could spend many hours each day with Eywa for several months prior to letting her go. We watched the squirrels and butterflies while she chewed on her dental toy, consumed lots of organic peanut butter and I read 17 books.

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Sept 9 Membership Meeting at the Animal Inn or by phone

How to Whelp and Raise Winning Puppies ---Tips from Top Breeders September 23

The Breeders Committee is happy to announce the second in its MASTER BREEDER program series---How to Whelp and Raise Winning Puppies---Tips from Top Breeders. Join us for a panel discussion featuring 4 breeders from 4 of our top kennels. This panel brings to the table more than 150 years of combined experience in virtually every aspect of breeding, showing, and judging in conformation and performance/working venues!!!! They will come ready to share their knowledge and answer your questions.

So mark Friday, Sept. 23, 2022 at 6.30 pm at the Animal Inn. Panelists are:

Peggy Simerson of SimCar German Shepherds
Roberta (Bobby) Moore-Riebel of Bmeerhuis German Shepherds
Sheila Williams- Metz of Lindenhill German Shepherd Dogs
Bo Vujovich of Rosewood Shepherds

This exciting presentation is open and free of charge to all GSD enthusiasts!!!!
Hope to see you there!!

The Panel



Bobby) Moore-Riebel

Hi, I'm Roberta (Bobby) Moore-Riebel

I'm the breeder behind Bmeerhuis German Shepherds located in Fridley, MN. My dogs are bred for health, conformation, trainability. I show in conformation and many other venues such as obedience, dock diving, herding and more. The dogs I have bred go on to do great things such as therapy, service dogs, best friends

A little bit about myself.

I have been showing dogs for over 30 years and breeding for over 25. I love the thrill of seeing a dog I bred in the show-ring. My dogs all live in my home and travel with me so personality is a must. I work and play at dog events, my dogs are a big part of my life. Educating people about my breed and dog ownership in general is a passion of mine.

How did I get into breeding?

I was talked into a German Shepherd by a friend who was living with me at the time. I bought a pet from a fabulous local breeder who talked me into going to a dog show. I was hooked. I love the breed, I love puppies, I love seeing a puppy I put my heart and soul into trotting around a big ring. Put all that together and you have a breeder.

What makes my breeding program special?

I want other people to have the experiences I've had with the breed. I breed for health and temperament, a dog that can work then come in - settle down and watch TV with me, or lay at my feet while I work. I don't want puppy buyers to have health issues or training problems any more than I want them with my own dogs. As a breeder, I am always available to help when(if) an issue arises.



Bo Vujovich

Bo Vujovich
Rosewood German Shepherd Dogs
Since 1989
Yikes

I started breeding and showing Shepherds after attending our National Specialty in Philadelphia in 1989. I saw 2 littermate puppies in the 6-9 class that I loved. The breeder was Linda Freyer in Massachusetts. Gorlin was her kennel. After visiting Linda I acquired a puppy from her next litter. My Anna was my foundation bitch. I bred her to Mastercharge and that was the beginning of Rosewood. I have attended every National except the last 2 Covid years. My belief is that a serious breeder needs to evaluate what's producing and the National separates the "men from the boys". I have had Winners Dog, 2 select Champions at the National, A Futurity Victor and numerous Champions. I have bred the #1 AKC conformation dog ...platinum Champion Rosewood's Galileo. There have only been a handful of platinum GSD dogs to date. My males have produced 2 Grand Victoress. When I was 12, i had my first Shepherd Dutchess. There has never been another breed for me since.



Peggy Simerson

Peggy Simerson of Simcar
German Shepherds

We have been in the breed since 1997, when we purchased our first GSD from Jecoda Kennels, aka, Connie and Dave Bissonnette. Our first dog became our first champion, American Champion Jecoda's Dutch Chocolate, CD. Dutch got us hooked to the show ring, and Connie and Dave became our mentors in the breed. We bred our first litter in 2003, when we moved to our "dog farm" on 20 acres with plenty of room for the dogs. To date, we have trained and shown over 21 Champions, 17 of our own breeding. We have accomplished 3 Register of Merits on our females and more to come in the future. We enjoy showing at both All-Breed and Specialty Show venues.

We belong to the German Shepherd Dog Club of Minneapolis & St. Paul and the German Shepherd Dog Club of America. We are signers of the Breeder's Code for both clubs. We are AKC Breeders of Merit.



Sheila Williams-Metz

Lindenhill GSD
Michael Metz and Sheila Williams-Metz

Michael and I have been breeding and exhibiting GSDs since 1984. The dog world brought us together and we married and became a team in 1999, Our philosophy as breeders is called the three "T's"; Temperament, type and Transmission. As owners and sellers of dogs we believe in "from the womb to the tomb". We will support and mentor all of our clients throughout the dogs' lifetime--based on their needs and wants, not ours. We are the only Minnesota breeder/owners to go Best of Breed at the U.S. National with our Lily in 2001. I am a believer there is only one Lily per lifetime. We have bred and owned a U.S. Maturity Victor and a U.S. Futurity Victor. I do not remember how many champions we have had, but we have bred 12 U.S. Selects, Canadian Ch. Number 2. During the last few years we have focused on placing and supporting performance clients with very good dogs with success and fun. We are in retirement now and we are grateful to have our Hawaii partner Rick Seki keep us in a little action. Rick will move on with Lindenhill as we age--not too gracefully. We are blessed that many of our clients have become very close friends as well. Just as the GSD is not for everyone, neither is breeding. It takes 80 percent of one's time and money, I would do the same thing all over again!

RON HALLING'S SOCIALIZATION/OBEDIENCE WORKSHOP AUGUST WORKSHOP



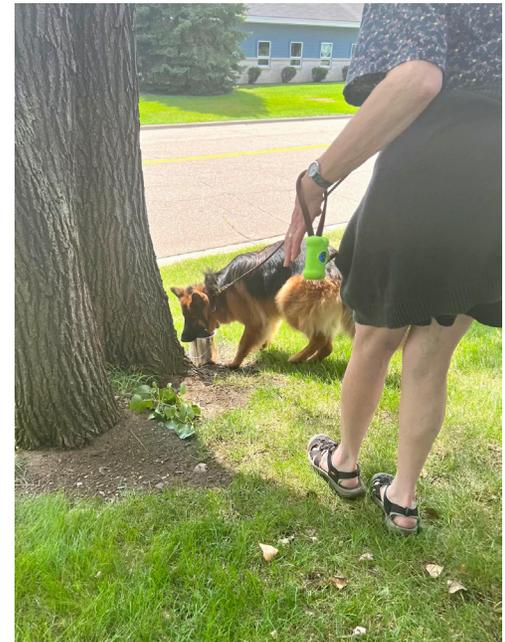
This month's afternoon activity focused on SCENTWORK. Being outdoors offers a new environment full of new challenges and distractions. Scentwork offers a whole world of fun for you and your GSD as they learn to utilize a skill that comes so naturally to them! You can train it into a serious skill for serious situations such as Search and Rescue, or use it as a fun game to "play" with your dog (it's a great way to wear your dog out)! Scentwork is also a fantastic way to build confidence in dogs that are more shy or nervous. We will be using training methods uniquely combined and created for German Shepherds!



Julie Swinland and Tiri demoed more advanced searches. Tiri is a Master level sent work dog



Tiri found the hide placed high.



ECONOMY OF MOTION

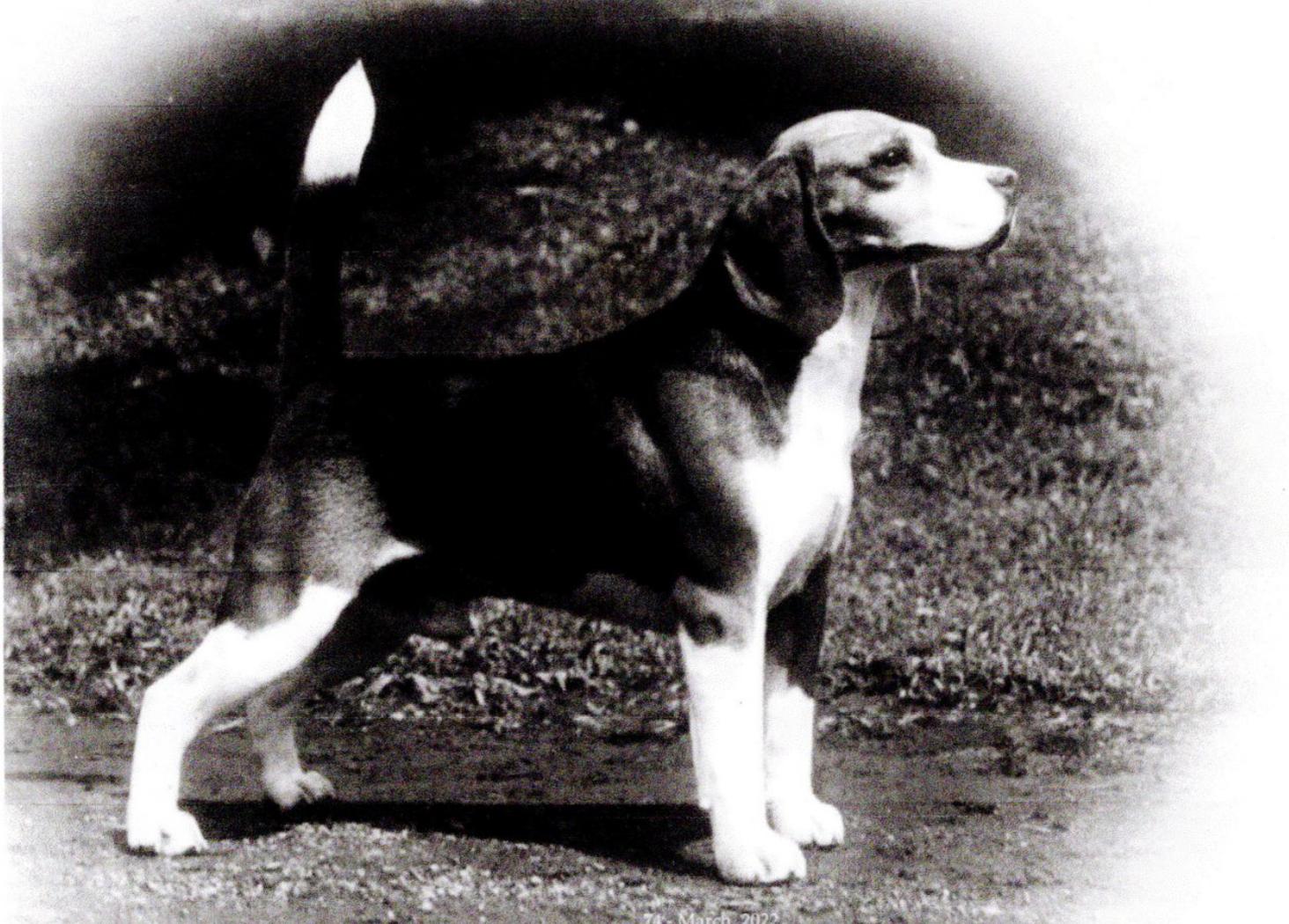
By **Wayne Cavanagh**

Sometimes you find something that you didn't even know you were looking for. Picture the first day of winter when you reach for the coat that's been quietly hiding in your closet and find a twenty-dollar bill in the pocket.

In this case, it wasn't a winter coat; this gem was hiding in a rule book. I didn't have a need to read the Junior Showmanship rules previously but was thinking about applying to judge Juniors. (I was one once upon a time). A short search and I found an online version of a booklet titled 'Junior Showmanship – Conformation Junior Showmanship Regulations, Guidelines for Judging Juniors in Conformation, Juniors in Performance Event Regulations'. As you can tell by the comprehensive title, it took a few turns, but I found exactly what I was looking for. And lots more.

Printed in all caps in the middle of a paragraph. Page 10, Section 8, were three brilliant words: *ECONOMY OF MOTION*. The best part is that it referred to humans, not canines. The more I read, the better it got. Section 8 is not only a very good piece of writing, but also a superb description of the proper presentation of a show dog that resonates far beyond the parameters of Junior Showmanship. Whoever wrote it deserves a raise!

All of the italicized words throughout this article are from Section 8, pages 10-12, of the Junior's rule book. However, I couldn't help but use them as a set of reminders for a certain segment of adult handlers, professional and amateur, in the conformation ring.



Excerpts from Pages 10-12 Section 8. Judge's Examination and Evaluation

The judge should examine and evaluate the class of Juniors in four basic areas: proper breed presentation, skill in the individual dog's presentation, knowledge of ring procedures, and appearance and conduct. The general rule in evaluating a handler's capabilities is ECONOMY OF MOTION. Handlers who use exaggerated motions and gestures in any phase of their presentation of the dog should be faulted. In essence, the judge should hardly be aware of the capable handler's presence while completing the dog's examination... They present their dogs in a quiet, efficient manner. They are able to keep their dog's attention without dramatic or unnatural movements. They are able to gait their dogs in a collected trot, never distracting or interfering with the judge's vision of the dog.... Excessive grooming of the dog in the ring to gain the judge's attention is inappropriate and should be faulted accordingly... Juniors who exhibit impatience or heavy-handedness with their dogs should be penalized.

should be faulted for their handlers' exaggerated motions and gestures (although in some cases, it's very tempting). And I understand that some in the sport seem to enjoy the incremental shift of emphasis from DOG show to dog SHOW but I for one am not ready to give up the ghost. I love dogs. I would like to see the spotlight on the dogs please, not the dogs' handlers.

In essence, the judge should hardly be aware of the capable handler's presence while completing the dog's examination. If you're thinking that kind of quiet presentation is boring, check out a few dog show videos on AKC.TV and YouTube. Watch the masters including Anne Clark, Dick Cooper, Corky Vroom, George Alston, Tommy Glassford, Bob and Jane Forsyth and so many more. Bob Forsyth and Anne Clark were among the tallest handlers of their generation and had undeniable talent and presence. But they had no problem nearly disappearing while redirecting the attention to a whippet or a miniature poodle. Their style is anything but boring! As for one of my mentors, Bob Forsyth, if he stared at the judge like some handlers do today, it would have left scars. Fortunately, there was no need for him to do so.

As quiet and efficient as these handling legends were, they each had their own unique style, and they adjusted that style to suit each dog they showed. Yes, times and styles change. Even my stubborn traditionalist tastes have adjusted a little to the new normal of 10-foot leads, sequins, bobbles, and bangles. Still, there are a few things I find increasingly annoying.

They are able to gait their dogs in a collected trot, never distracting or interfering with the judge's vision of the dog. Oh, if only that would happen more consistently in the conformation ring. First, has anyone ever heard a judge yell "faster" to an exhibitor? Doubtful. But everyone has heard judges yell "nice and easy" or "slow down!" So why in the world does everyone insist on going full speed ahead? Why?

And then there is this: ... never distracting or interfering with the judge's vision of the dog. The simplest request a judge makes to an exhibitor is "down and back." Seems straightforward because it is. Or it used to be. It used to go something like this. When a dog's individual examination was completed, the judge stepped to the point from which the pattern began. The handler walked the dog over to face the judge for instruction. "Down and back, please," said the judge. The handler turned around, in a lower-case "j" motion, and moved the dog down and back. Degree of difficulty? Zero? ...*interfering with the judge's vision of the dog...Zero.* But somehow, bit by bit, step by step, the "j" is starting to become a circus.

Now, judges complete the examination and move to their spot to observe the down and back. The handler and dog walk toward the judge, turn right, circle behind the judge, and disappear. No one knows where they go but it must be far because the judge stares into an empty corner and waits for the dog and handler to reappear for what seems like an eternity. The handler is actually behind the judge, a place where no one told them to go. And they're very busy back there.

The handler and dog are off stage, brushing and combing as if the hair doesn't move in motion. This also implies that judges aren't smart enough to evaluate canine locomotion un-

I don't think I've ever read a better description of how purebred breeding stock should be presented for evaluation. It puts the spotlight right back where it belongs—on the dogs. Not on the handlers, on the dogs. There is so much to unpack from so few words, especially when applied to adults in the conformation ring.

Let's start with the three words that are printed in the booklet in all caps: *ECONOMY OF MOTION*. The emphasis is by the rule's authors, not me, and is superb. How and why did we end up with a small but growing number of handlers whose limbs and bodies never stop moving while their dog stands perfectly still? (Again, by "handlers" I mean anyone in the ring with a dog, not just professionals). If you look back at videos of the great handlers from the not-too-distant past, it will jump out at you: *ECONOMY OF MOTION*. Not one handler is dancing around the dog doing the dog show macarena. They know that over-handling is a distraction that takes away from the dog. *Handlers who use exaggerated motions and gestures in any phase of their presentation of the dog should be faulted.* Oh, I wish!

I'm not suggesting that dogs in the conformation ring

less every hair is in place. Insulting actually. Then the handler adjusts the lucky lead, puts the bait, comb, and a photo of the family in the armband so no one can read the number, then kisses the dog on the head for good luck. Then the big windup. Time is ticking, the judge is still staring at the same empty corner, then SWOOSH! The handler and dog fly by having built up speed while behind the judge and sprint down to the corner like Usain Bolt with his pants on fire. And all I wanted to see was how the dog transitioned from a few steps into its normal gait in a straight line.

And that is just the down part. Sometimes they come straight back but not as often as they should. Sometimes they start off as if they are going to come straight back but veer off course halfway so they can begin the sideways turn for the big reveal. Yes, the “back” of “down and back” has become a several-step preamble to the ubiquitous “free stack” or as I call it, the position in which I can’t see the back part of down and back. Down and back has become a ballet of disappear, circle, primp and adjust, swoosh past the judge, hit the corner, then start the spin back for the money shot. Really. And all I wanted to see is how the dog came back and stopped facing me. You know, the kind of thing where the judge gets to see a dog’s front in all its glory.

The super-size helping of stylish, flashy, and fast isn’t just a waste of time, it prevents judges from seeing soundness, construction, and movement. Why can’t judges have the opportunity to observe a dog’s action from a slow start to a full stride going away. Coming back, why shouldn’t they have a chance to see how a dog stops on its front? Judges shouldn’t need to walk around the dog’s sideways position to see its front. Even if they do, the handler and dog often keep moving anyway so it becomes a dance—and we’ve already seen enough of that. No one ever asked for a disappear-circle-swoosh-turn-sideways pattern nor does it contribute one bit to the whelping box.

As for... *Excessive grooming of the dog in the ring to gain the judge’s attention is inappropriate and should be faulted accordingly.* It’s true, you had all week. It’s groomed or it should be—before you walk into the ring. I recently watched a dog being scissored in the group ring. Just set the alarm a few minutes early.

One more important excerpt: *...handlers who exhibit impatience or heavy-handedness with their dogs should be penalized.* A good reminder in Junior Showmanship, but even more important in conformation. I’m sick of seeing dogs being jerked around by impatient, unprepared handlers when it is no fault of the dog. Train, socialize, and establish a bond before you walk into the ring. No one thinks it’s the dog’s fault. When it’s appropriate, the great handlers will do some in-ring training in a way that no one even notices; that’s the right way to do it.

And for the few who still think it’s cool to repeatedly pop your dog under its chin so it will stand hands-free, well, it doesn’t work. Great show dogs are great because they want to please you, because they like you. Whacking a dog under the chin ten times a minute ensures it will never like you. Nor will anyone else who respects dogs. And when they stand still because they were popped, their expression is catatonic anyway. Go back and

In a perfect world, the brilliantly written Section 8 would be posted at the entrance to every conformation ring; a little reminder that judges just want to evaluate the dogs as breeding stock. But that will never happen, so here is a summary for reference.

- **It’s about the dog, not you.**
 - **Stop overdoing everything including constantly moving around, over-handling, and pointing at what you think are your dogs’ virtues. They might not actually be virtues; but even if they are, it’s insulting to any competent judge. A good handler knows the subtleties of “selling” virtues, subtleties being the key word.**
 - **Staring at the judge doesn’t make a judge look at your dog, it makes them wish you weren’t staring at them so they could see your dog.**
 - **Slow down and do an actual down and back. We’ll tell you if and when it’s time for stupid pet tricks.**
 - **And above all, respect each other, the judges, and most important, the dogs.**
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watch the masters, if they decide to go hands-free with a dog’s head, they slowly and consistently stroke the dog from its neck and under its chin. Respect.

The good news is that our sport currently has an excellent crop of owner-handlers and professional handlers who abide by the guidelines that happen to appear in a booklet of junior showmanship rules. Watching those with quiet hands fade into the background as they make their dogs look better than ever is a treat to behold and we get to see plenty of it. But for the minority of adults who keep pushing the limits and thinking it looks good, you might want to spend some time absorbing the gem hidden in Section 8, Pages 10,11, and 12. You may not look as cool as you think. And again, a tip of the hat to the many who get it right.

August Group walk at the Stone Arch Bridge



If you attend one of the morning sessions of the Ron Halling monthly workshops you could be eligible to participate in a group walk.





How Do I Know If My Pet Needs Chiropractic?

This is by far the most frequently asked question that I get from pet owners. They go on to say, "They cannot tell you. Can they?" The fact is that your pets do tell you when they need help! You just need to know what to look for. Following are three signs that your pet may benefit from a visit to the animal chiropractor.

Incomplete Stretches and Shakes

We have all observed how cats stand and stretch. It's the first thing they do in the morning. Absence of this full, high-arching stretch is one of the first indications of a spinal or joint problem. The "shake" that dogs and some cats exhibit is frequently observed but not consciously appreciated by owners. The shake that starts at the head and progresses without interruption through the lumbar and the tail is a healthy shake. Dogs that stop a shake somewhere along the spine may be self-splinting a spinal or joint problem. The body's protective reaction is to splint the area through muscle spasm, so as to prevent further injury.

Swelling, Heat and Muscle Spasm

Through observation, touch, and massage, we can sometimes detect early signs of a treatable problem. When joints are damaged or injured, inflammation and swelling ensues. Significant swelling can often be seen and felt in the extremities, less often in the spine. A more common sign of inflammation in the spinal region is felt as heat or warmth in the tissues overlying the area. The easiest way to feel the heat is to take the back of your fingers and run them slowing down your pet's spine, noting any significant differences in temperature. To heighten your sense of touch, close your eyes as you run your hand down the spine. Injured joints in the extremities also exhibit warmth when inflamed. Through touch and massage, you can also feel muscle spasms, or "hypertonic muscles." Muscle spasms are a sign of the splinting action mentioned previously.

Altered Joint Position Sense

With dogs there is a simple and very useful test that provides early clues to nervous system dysfunction. With your dog standing, flip over one paw so it is "knuckled over." Repeat with the other paws. A normal reaction in a dog with a healthy nervous system is to immediately "flip" the foot back over to its normal position. If your animal takes longer than two seconds to flip its paw back, its "proprioception" or joint position sense, is compromised. Joint position sense is the brain's ability to know where the limbs are at all times. When a dog has spinal problems, this sensation is the first to go. Your doctor will typically refer to this sensation as "C.P." Ideally, you should test your pet's C.P. at least once per month after the age of two.

It's extremely important to understand that all of the above signs typically go unnoticed by most owners. But these signs precede more severe signs and symptoms of pain and weakness. By the time I first see many animals, their condition has already progressed to weakness, paralysis of a limb or multiple limbs, gait abnormalities, severe pain, and often loss of bowel and bladder control. While a vast

majority of these animals respond effectively to chiropractic and veterinary intervention, the earlier the treatment begins, the better the prognosis.

In a perfect world, our goal is to prevent these problems from occurring in the first place. Prevention is a primary goal of many pet owners that have working or performance dogs, show dogs, or have breeds with a hereditary predilection to various maladies. Dachshunds, for instance, have a very high predisposition to thoraco-lumbar disc herniations. German shepherds are prone to hip dysplasia and “degenerative myelopathy.” Small breeds are often susceptible to “luxating patellas.” Labrador retrievers, due to the way they grasp a fetched object, are prone to upper cervical and jaw problems. With any breed, prevention and early detection is the key.

According to the American Veterinary Chiropractic Association, chiropractic may be appropriate for:



- neck, back, leg, and tail pain
- muscle problems, nerve problems
- disc problems, joint problems
- limping and gait abnormalities
- injuries from slips, falls, and accidents
- jaw problems, difficult chewing
- bowel, bladder and digestive problems

- post-surgical care and rehab
- event or sports injuries
- seizures
- maintenance of joint and spinal health



Chiropractic care does not attempt to replace traditional veterinary care. Animal chiropractors work with your veterinarian to ensure your pet has the most complete care.

As a final note, we all realize that animals age at a much faster rate than we do. Therefore, prevention and early recognition of problems is imperative. Chiropractic is a very useful adjunct to traditional veterinary care to maximize your pets “golden years.”

The next issue of *The Talebone* will answer frequently asked questions regarding animal chiropractic. In future editions, we will discuss specific conditions, prevention, treatment, stretching, and exercise programs, and other topics.

Until next time, wishing you and your four-legged friend the best of health.

Dr. Mark “Bones” LaVallie, DC, CVSMT (651) 332-1633

RON HALLING'S SOCIALIZATION/OBEDIENCE WORKSHOP WITH GSDCMSP

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



August 20 at Veterans Park in Apply Valley
September 18 Veterans Park in Apply Valley

AUGUST WORKSHOP

Summer is flying by everyone! We only have a couple more workshops left in our outdoor series for this !

The next workshop is Saturday, August 20th @ the American Legion post 1776, 14521 Granada Dr, Apple Valley (link to directions below). Being outdoors provides our dogs with a different environment to socialize and work in. It also allows us to play and work outside with our dogs during the nice weather!

This month's afternoon session will focus on SCENTWORK and will include a ONE ON ONE BREAK AWAY ACTIVITY! Come have fun with your GSD learning to utilize a skill that comes so naturally to them.

MORE DETAILS BELOW.

Here is a brief overview with detailed descriptions below.

Morning Session:

9:30 - 9:55 am: Mini session for dogs not quite ready for a class setting and is for super shy to aggressive dogs and everything in between.. (NOTE - time change)

10:00 am: Lecture - How to raise a GSD by GSD experts and we do problem solving with any and all issues.

11:00 am: Morning session where you learn training techniques talked about in the lecture and teach how to communicate with your dog through the "marker system".

12:00 - 12:30: Lunch break. Bring a lunch, order takeout from the Legion or there are many restaurants nearby.

Afternoon Session:

12:30 pm: Afternoon Session is for ANYONE who has attended a morning session (including that same day). Focus this month is SCENTWORK.

Break Away Session: More challenging searches with one on one guidance.

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/>.

BRAGS



Gabe graduated from Beginners Obedience class last night! He passed with an "excellent" in all 8 skill levels! 6 months old & doing awesome work! So proud of this boy!!!



Tess earned her Rally Novice title today at the Lochland Shetland Sheepdog Club ~ scored a 99 with a 2nd placement !! Super happy with her last run in the novice class ~ On to Advanced.



Jade and I are pleased to announce that after 8 weeks of therapy dog training, we passed our evaluation. We are now a registered therapy dog team with Pet Partners. Linda Koestler



Carla Scott and MoMo
PACH 2!



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Anneliese earned her UDX title at the Bellevue Dog Obedience club in Council Bluffs Iowa. Ginny Beck



Gia and Cathy McKeon finished the Excellent Exterior element title and picked up a few more Excellent qualifying runs. A 3rd place in Excellent Exterior!! Casamoko Take A Chance On Me RN SBN SCN SIN SEN SWN SBA SIA SCA SEA SWA SIE SEE TKI CGC.



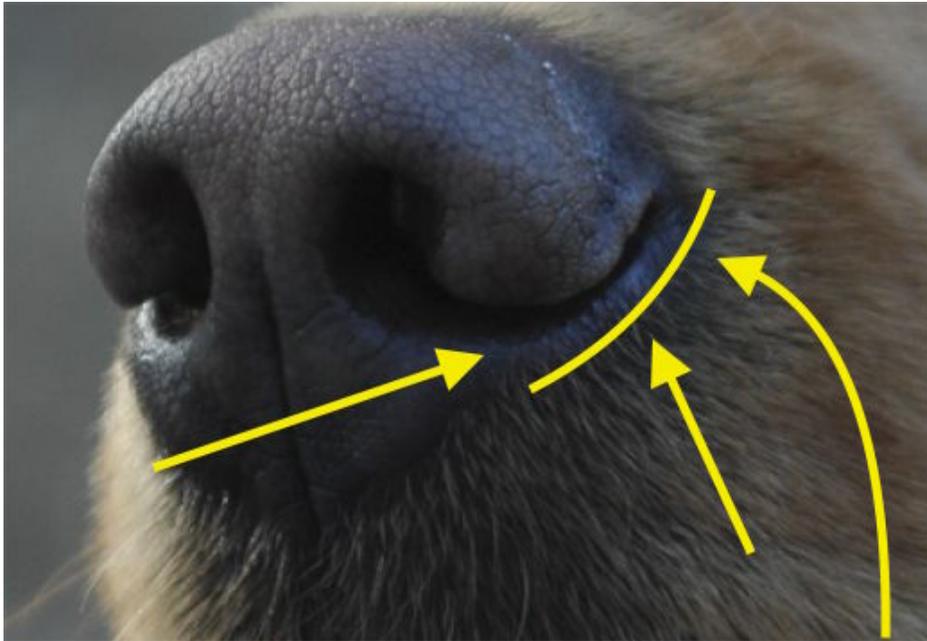
NEW AKC RALLY CHAMPION! □
I am so proud of my Linea! she has finished her AKC Rally Championship this last weekend.
Melissa McEntyre



Also proud of my Arya, on Saturday at Albert Lea dog show, she earned High combined and high triple scoring rally:-)

The Dogs Nose

This came from Facebook, National Dog Day



Ever noticed those slits at the sides of a dog's nose? Why do dogs have them? Once again, nature proves her elegance in the design of our dogs. When we humans inhale and exhale, air comes in the same way it goes out. Any smells that come in through our mouths are forced out as we exhale. When a dog exhales through his nose, however, the exhaled air is released through those slits and off to the side so that nice, smelly air going into the dog's nostrils doesn't get diluted with the outgoing air. Put another way,

the slits allow the dog to avoid smelling what he just exhaled.

The slits help the dog hold scent particles in the nostrils even as exhaled air passing out the slits creates a swirling air turbulence allowing interesting odors to be inhaled directly into the centre of each nostril. Since dogs breathe faster when trying to sniff a certain smell, they widen their nostrils to pull in more air which makes it possible for a dog searching for smells to have a steady stream of air coming in for up to 40 seconds, maybe even longer.

The slits also allow dogs to wiggle each nostril independently which gives them the ability to know which nostril a smell entered. This is how a dog can pinpoint where a smell is coming from, and why a dog searching for smells on the ground will weave back and forth as he follows a trail.

We all know the superb smelling abilities of dogs, but let's use an analogy between scent and sight to really put it into perspective: What we as humans can see at a third of a mile, our dog can see more than 3,000 miles away and still see as well.

SOGGY by Julie Swinland



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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-Grams: 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 Mnps & 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 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: _____

Upcoming Events

Sept 9 Membership meeting 7:30

Sept 18 Workshop at Veterans Park in Apple Valley

Sept 23 Seminar 6:30-7:30 Free Animal Inn

Sept 25 Sanctioned Conformation Match at Bo's

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

HOW TO WALK A HUMAN *A Dogs Guide*

Humans need exercise. If they don't get it they become "chubby". It's up to you to save them.



1. Allow your human to tether themselves to you. This keeps them from wondering off or running away.
2. Your human probably needs breaks. Be considerate and stop and sniff often.
3. Bark frequently. Humans have a short attention span.
4. When you go to the bathroom, walk away. If you have trained your human correctly, they will pick it up. Good aerobics.
5. Periodically drag your human as fast as you can. This is called interval training.
6. Do not allow your human to shorten the walk. They are being lazy. Sit in protest if you must.
7. Once you are home, allow your human to remove their tether, then lick their face many times. This is positive reinforcement for a job well done.