



Shep-O-Gram

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Pam Magadance passed away last weekend. I have written a short obituary included on this page. Many people didn't know what Pam went through.

This issue covers the fall agility trial and we have our first training article by Amber Eisfeld. I am hoping Amber can provide an article every other month for us.

We have articles on blue green algae and preparing for disaster.

Our annual herding trial is Sept 21-22. Refer to the August issue for a map and directions. Our Fall Obedience and Rally Trials are Oct 26 and 27 and the premium is now out.

The vote on separating Obedience and Rally from the specialty in 2020 and having some trials all-breed has been moved to the November meeting.

Pam Magadance

Dec 1, 1945

- Sept 7, 2019

Pam passed away

at HCMC on

Saturday

September 7.

Pam was in a



car accident in 1997 resulting in soft tissue damage. She developed fibromyalgia and was treated for pain. Her meds eventually damaged her kidneys and she had a transplant. Pam started to have many infections and her anti rejection drugs were reduced to help her immune system. Her kidneys started to fail again. Pam had many ups and downs over the last few years but she kept on fighting to stay alive and be with her beloved dogs. She is an inspiration to keep on fighting.

Pam was a CPA and Attorney, but her passion was her dogs.

Services for Pam will be in the next few weeks in Eau Claire WI. We will let you know when information is available.

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September 13 Membership Meeting Animal Inn 8:00 PM

Fall Agility Trial

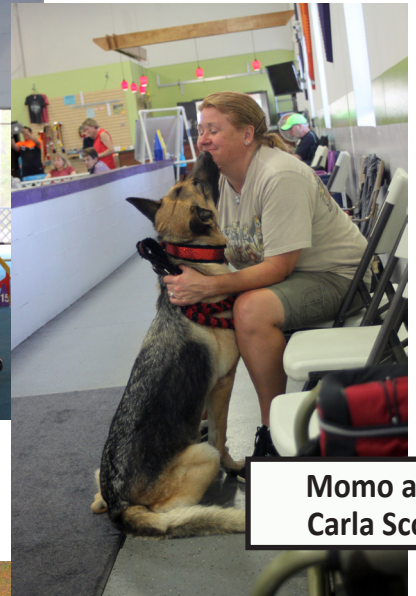
Another successful trial chaired by Rhonda Meath



Vikings Purple Pride Sunday



Bones and Rhonda



Momo and Carla Scott



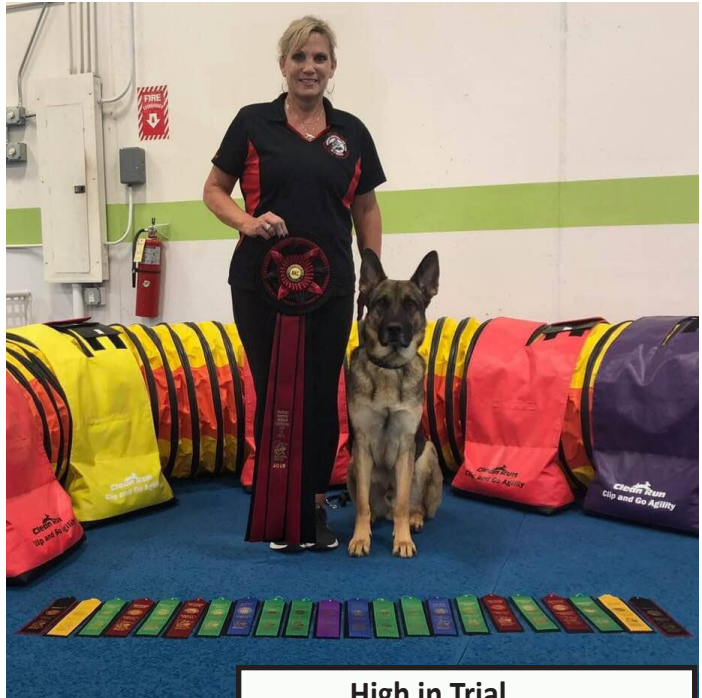
Mary Bente working the gate



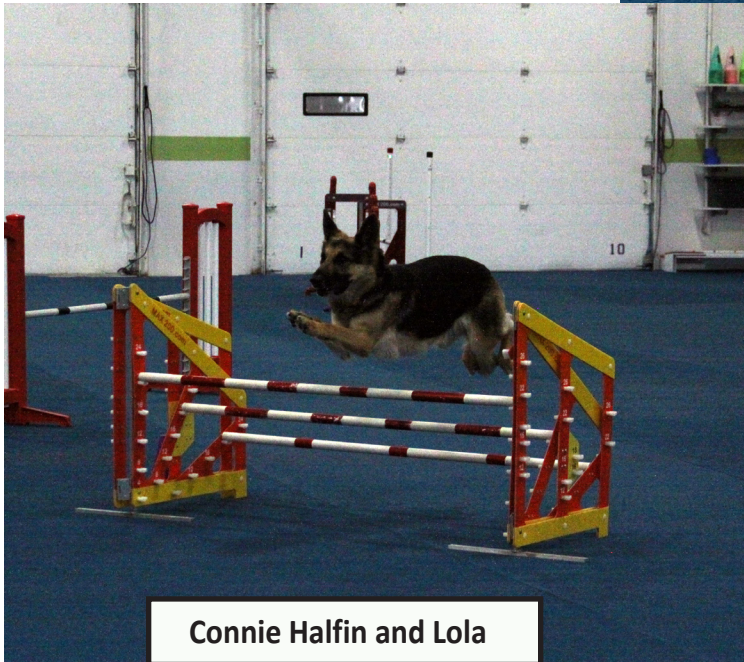
Cathy McKeon and Mannix



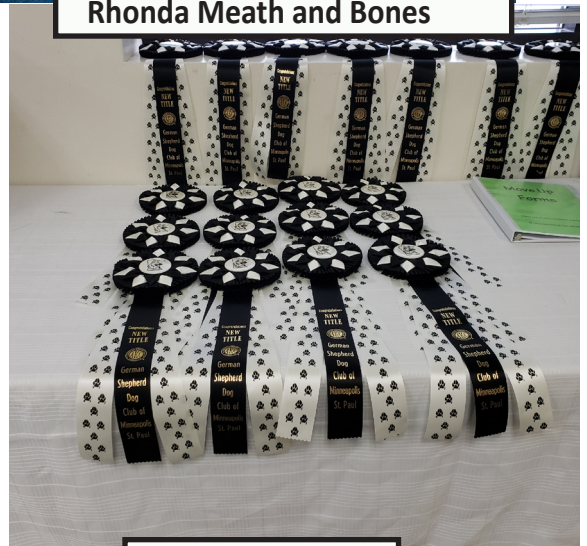
SMITH watching a Sheltie



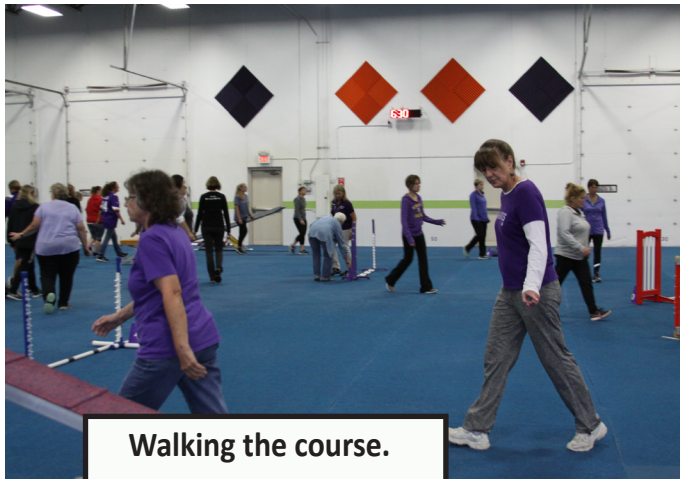
High in Trial Rhonda Meath and Bones



Connie Halfin and Lola



New title ribbons



Walking the course.



Mary Bente's Arrow



Cathy McKeon
Second day



Mary working,
working, working...



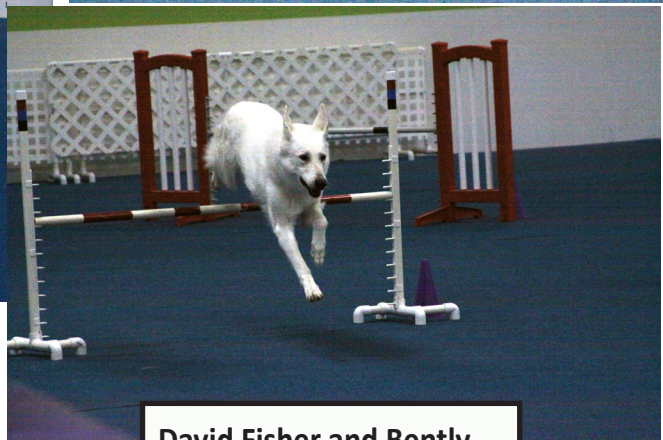
Katie Halfin
and Nova



Dawn Ebbenga and Ozzy



Anita Secord and Arlo



David Fisher and Bently

Feeling frustrated while training?

It is not uncommon for people to become frustrated with their puppy or dog while training. In fact, dog training comes with many opportunities for us to be frustrated. We didn't expect our puppy to chew on everything, bark at everything, or have accidents all over the house. As they age, we don't expect them to not listen when we give them a command, especially if they have had some training. Even I will admit I have felt very frustrated while training, but part of the solution to creating good habits and having good training sessions with your dog so you are not the problem!

What does "you are not the problem" mean?

1. **Don't train your dog when you are not in a good mood** unless you can change that mood before you start to train. It's not fair to the dog if your mind is off somewhere else. Chances are, whatever frustration you are feeling will come out in an unwanted outburst, harsh words, or even a leash correction. This kind of frustration can lead to your dog becoming timid, shy, fearful, and/or reactive.
2. **Don't multi-task while training.** We are all busy. You should be able to find the time to train for 10-20 minutes a day (depending on the age of the dog). After all, you are the one that invested in the dog. Put your phone away, turn off the tv and truly focus on committing that time to training.
3. Many people say to me "**but my dog does it at home!**" This leads us to think that the dog should know the command we gave them. Let me fill you in on a little secret...dogs are situational! This means what you teach them in one environment is not directly translated to the next environment. Every new command or exercise you teach a puppy or dog has to be trained in different environments for them to learn...sometimes going back to the basics even though you may think they know the command.

Our dogs will give us a couple of hints that it's time to take a break:

- The dog looks confused. If your dog literally looks like he is trying but just doesn't understand what you are asking, it is safe to say he is confused. This is where you can help him out with what you are asking so he can be successful.
- If you decided to go to the park down the street that has a lot of distractions and your dog does not listen to anything you are saying...chances are that you moved too quickly and you need to go to an environment that does not have as many distractions and start from the basics.

What to do if you find yourself becoming frustrated?

Relax and breathe. Frustration and stress can affect our breathing, which affects our body language – something our dogs pick up on very quickly.

Pay attention to your dog's behavior. Dogs often respond to stress with different signals. Yawning, lip licking, sniffing the ground, shaking, whining, etc. If you feel stressed your dog will automatically pick up on that stress and start to behave differently. If you are too stressed to train...don't train!]

Most importantly, **it's okay to stop.** If things are going well end on a positive note.

When things aren't going well, sometimes the best thing to do is stop training for the day.

You can always pick up tomorrow.

As I say "Don't blame the dog! Train the dog!"

Until next time,

Amber



Save the Date January 18, 2020 Annual Awards Banquet Lake Elmo Event Center

SOGGY by Julie Swinland



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Dog owners beware of slimy blue-green algae



The MPCA recently received a report of a suspected dog death as a result of exposure to blue-green algae. Although the Department of Health has not confirmed the cause of death, if you are a dog owner, it's better to be safe than sorry. Be sure to check water conditions when your dog is playing near lakes or slow-flowing streams.

Blue-green algae "blooms" have a thick, cloudy appearance that can look like green paint, pea soup, or floating mats of scum. Some, but not all, species of blue-green algae contain potent toxins that can be deadly to dogs, livestock, and other animals within hours of contact.

If possible, keep your pets away from algae-laden water entirely. If your dog does go into water with heavy algae growth, hose it off right away, before it has a chance to lick itself clean. Animals become ill when they ingest the toxins, so preventing them from drinking affected water or licking toxins from their coat is key to preventing illness.

If you are concerned that your pet has been exposed to harmful blue-green algae, take the animal to a veterinarian immediately.



What causes blue-green algae?

Blue-green algae blooms can occur anytime during the summer, though they are normally associated with warm weather and low rainfall. Algae are a natural part of the ecosystem, but under certain conditions, algae populations can “bloom” with dramatic growth. Most blue-green algae are not toxic, but there is no way to visually identify whether a particular bloom contains toxins that are harmful to people or animals.

Algal blooms develop when lakes contain excessive levels of nutrients such as phosphorus. The best way to prevent them over the long term is to reduce the amount of nutrients that run off into lakes from fertilizers and organic materials like leaves and yard waste. Once a bloom has developed, there is no way to correct it. Blooms often come and go quickly, so the best option is to stay away from the water until rainfall, wind shifts, or cooler temperatures disrupt the algae’s growth.

4 Avoid contact

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Human deaths from exposure to blue-green algae are extremely rare, since the unpleasant odor and appearance of a blue-green algal bloom tend to keep people out of the water. If people do come into contact with toxic blue-green algae, they can experience skin irritation, nausea, and eye, nose, and throat irritation. People should never swim in water if they suspect a blue-green algae bloom.

For more information

Find out more on MPCA's webpage about [blue-green algae blooms](#).

Preparing for Disaster from Countryside Veterinary Clinic

The peak of Atlantic hurricane season is here which is why it's important to take some time to reflect on disaster preparedness. As unlikely as it may seem, a disaster can strike at any moment. Whether it's a fire, tornado, hurricane, flood, or blizzard, it's critical to be prepared and have a plan in place.

Unfortunately, pets are sometimes unintentionally left out of their owners' disaster preparedness plans which makes it difficult to know what to do with them during an emergency.

Luckily, you can [plan ahead](#) for your pets using these tips:

1. Listen to your veterinarian

Make sure your pet wears a collar with up to date information on it, get them microchipped, and have them vaccinated. These recommendations will come in handy during a disaster and help you avoid any potential pitfalls, such as being unable to get into a shelter with an unvaccinated pet or losing them during an evacuation. If possible, take your pet's medical records with you and attach their rabies tag to their collar.

2. Find out which shelters allow pets

Do some research into where you can safely evacuate with your pet during a state of emergency before a disaster occurs. Your local police department can typically give you this information. If not, they'll likely be able to point you in the direction of

someone who can. Though unfortunate, it is not true that hotels must accept pets during evacuations, so please keep that in mind while [planning ahead](#).

3. Prepare a pet disaster kit

In a suitcase or other easily movable storage container, pack food and water bowls, a manual can opener, two weeks' worth of canned food and bottled water per pet, plastic poop bags (for dogs), litter and a small litter box (for cats), and two weeks' worth of any medications your pet may need. You should also pack cleaning items, sturdy leashes and harnesses, toys, and a copy of your pet's medical records. For small animals and cats, have a carrier ready. Use this [checklist](#) to prepare.

4. Create handouts

Create an identification handout and a boarding instruction handout. Have both ready to go at a moment's notice. They should contain important information, such as your pet's name, age, sex, markings, microchip number, allergies, and vaccination status.

If you get separated from your pet, make sure you're safe before you begin your search. If you're in a shelter that houses pets, inform a caretaker and provide them with the identification handout. Once you've been given the OK to leave the shelter and return home, contact animal control and call the microchip company to make sure all information about you and your pet is current.

Stay safe out there!

Braggs



Arlo and Anita Secord received a second and third place in Jumpers with Weaves at the GSDCMSP Agility Trial.

Ozzy and Bones Nationals bound for the Top 20 Agility Competition



Ozzy Von Vormundhaus MXP MJP XFP
 ~Ozzy~
 # 12 AKC Preferred German Shepherd Dog
 Owned & handled by Dawn Ebbenga

Konas Mann Aus Stahl Vom Knochen
 BN RAE MX MXB MXJ XF T2B CGC TKI
 ~ Bones~
 # 20 AKC German Shepherd Dog
 # 5 AKC Rally Advance
 Owned & handled by Rhonda Meath

Rhonda & Dawn are heading to compete in agility at the 2019 GSDCA Nationals held at The Ranch in Loveland CO ~ Oct 5th & 6th All Breed and Oct 7th & 8th GSD's only. Top Twenty competition is on Tuesday Oct 8th immediately following the agility trial.

Rhonda is also the Co-Trial Agility Chair & has been the Co-Trial Agility Chair for the past 3 years.

Bones was also High in Trial at the fall agility rial and he and Rhonda earned:
 QQQQ on Friday
 QQQ on Saturday
 QQ on Sunday
 You can see him with all his ribbons on page 3. This was the second time Bones was High in Trial at our trials.





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 & Trails: Fun Marches: Programs: Sheep-O-Gram: Training:
- Hospitality: Fundraising: Fun Day: State Fair:
- Breeder: Club Member: Facebook: Trainer: Rescuer: State Fair: Friend:
- Show/Trial: Fun Day: Socialization/Obedience Workshop: Vet:

PLEASE INDICATE HOW YOU HEARD ABOUT THE CLUB:

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. 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	One year	Three year	Five year
Single Delivery	\$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

Sept 13 Membership Meeting
Sept 20 Fall block of training starts
Sept 28 Ron Halling Workshop
Sept 21-22 Herding Trial

Oct 25 Membership Meeting
Oct 26-27 Obedience/Rally Trials
January 18 Annual Banquet Lake Elmo

GSDC MSP Class Schedule

Ring 1 and 2

Amber Eisfeld & Kelly McDuff

Puppy 1 & 26:00-6:45

Beginning Obedience7:00-8:00

Intermediate/Novice.....8:00-9:00

Ring 3

Rally Julie Swinland6:00-7:30

Conformation Ginny Altman...7:30-

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