



Wag 'N' Tongue

A publication for the
German Shepherd Dog Club of St. Louis, Inc.

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Club Hot Line Number (314) 772-8885

Club Web Site Address: <http://www.gsdctl.org/>

Mission Statement

The object of the Club shall be to encourage and promote the breeding of purebred German Shepherd Dogs and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection, to urge members and breeders to accept the standard of the breed as adopted by the German Shepherd Dog Club of America and approved by the American Kennel Club as the only standard of excellence by which the German Shepherd Dog shall be judged. To do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed by encouraging sportsmanlike competition at dog shows, obedience trials, and tracking tests, to aid with every possible means in demonstrating the German Shepherd Dog's conspicuous ability as a companion, war, Red Cross, police, herding, rescue dog, and lead dog for the blind. To conduct shows, obedience trials, demonstrations, etc., under the rules of the American Kennel Club, to publish literature and periodicals in the interests of the German Shepherd Dog. The Club shall not be conducted or operated for a profit, and no part of any profits or remainder or residue from dues or donations to the Club shall inure to the benefit of any member or individual.

To be considered for membership, turn in an application. Yearly dues (\$20 for individuals & \$30 for families) must accompany application.

Meeting Information

Meetings begin at 8 pm on the third Friday of each month at the American Kennel Club Museum of the Dog, 1721 S. Mason Road in Queeny Park, home of the Museum. It is accessible from Interstate 40/64 at the Mason Rd. exit or from I-270 by taking the Manchester exit to Mason Road.

Obedience Classes

The Fall Obedience Class for all breeds will begin September 5, 2012 and will be held every Wednesday at American Kennel Club *Museum* of the Dog. Classes will last for 10 weeks and are Available to the Public. For more information on our club's obedience classes contact: Danny Rosemann (314) 772-8885 Stlmickey2@charter.net
http://gsdctl.org/html/obedience_classes.html



K-9 Awards

K-9 awards will be held at the AKC *Museum* of the Dog on October 7. A buffet luncheon will be held for the officers and their families. More information will be placed on the club's website.

Club Picnic & Meet the Breed

Our August meeting is actually a club picnic - no regular meeting! It will be held on Saturday, August 18 at the AKC Museum of the Dog. Meet the Breed will also be held - contact Helen Rockman for more information about Meet the Breed. Plan to eat at 2 pm. Please bring a dish to share and whatever you'll be drinking. The club will provide the meat and ice for drinks. As always, club members' dogs are invited to attend.

Club Website

<http://www.gsdctl.org/> We are in need of GSD pictures for the website. Please send to Steve Dobbins Cimarrongsd@ktis.net.

Club Logo Change ???

At the July club meeting, members viewed options to the current club's logo or keeping the logo the same. The options voted upon at the July meeting will soon be on the club's website. A decision is anticipated to occur at the October regular meeting.

Puppy Match & Halloween Party

Marcia Hadley is chairing our puppy match to be held at Arnold Park (Pecan Pavilion) on Sunday, October 28. Contact Marcia for more information and to volunteer your help to make this event a success!



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Change in Meeting Night ???

Several times, our meetings have included discussion on a change in the meeting night. Larry Duerbeck has been gathering information from nearby all-breed as well as specialty clubs regarding their meeting night. Do you have an opinion on this? The AKC *Museum* will be in contact with Larry regarding availability of meeting rooms. At the September meeting, more information will be presented to the membership on this matter. The possibility exists there could be a decision then to change the meeting night, so please be present to express your preference.



Club Member Reminders.....

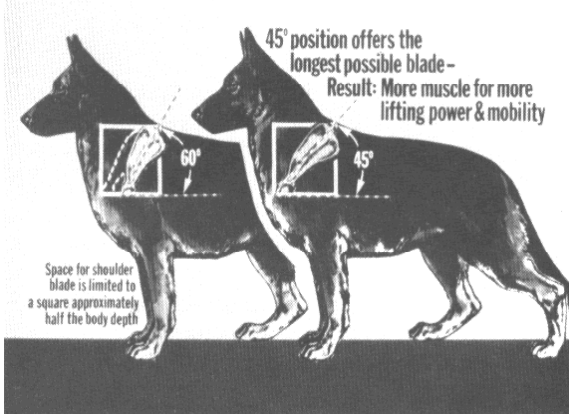
August 18 - Club Picnic and Meet the Breed
September 5 - Obedience Class Begins
September 21 - Regular Club Meeting
October 7 - K-9 Awards
October 19 - Regular Club Meeting
October 28 - Puppy Match & Halloween Party
November 3 - Trivia Night
November 16 - Regular Club Meeting
December 15 - Christmas Party

2013 Board & Officers

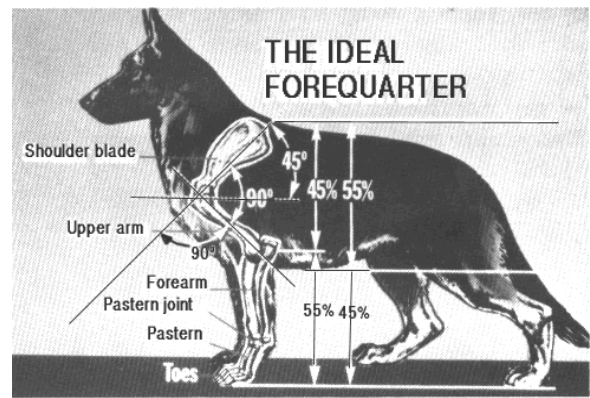
Please be thinking about serving as an officer, on the board, or as a committee chairman next year, Elections will be held at the regular January, 2013 club meeting. Nominations will be presented at the November club meeting.



GSD Standard



Size, Proportion, Substance – The desired height for males at the top of the highest point of the shoulder blade is 24 to 26 inches; and for bitches, 22 to 24 inches. The German Shepherd Dog is longer than tall, with the most desirable proportion as 10 to 8 1/2. The length is measured from the point of the prosternum or breastbone to the rear edge of the pelvis, the ischial tuberosity. The desirable long proportion is not derived from a long back, but from overall length with relation to height, which is achieved by length of forequarter and length of withers and hindquarter, viewed from the side.



Forequarters – The shoulder blades are long and obliquely angled, laid on flat and not placed forward. The upper arm joins the shoulder blade at about a right angle. Both the upper arm and the shoulder blade are well muscled. The forelegs, viewed from all sides, are straight and the bone oval rather than round. The pasterns are strong and springy and angulated at approximately a 24-degree angle from the vertical. Dewclaws on the forelegs may be removed, but are normally left on. The feet are short, compact, with toes well arched, pads thick and firm, nails short and dark.

Hindquarters – The whole assembly of thigh, viewed from the side, is broad, with both upper and lower thigh well muscled, forming as nearly as possible a right angle. The upper thigh bone parallels the shoulder blade while the lower thigh bone parallels the upper arm. The metatarsus (the unit between the hock joint and the foot) is short, strong, and tightly articulated. The dewclaws, if any, should be removed from the hind legs.

Color – The German Shepherd Dog varies in color, and most colors are permissible. Strong rich colors are preferred. Pale, washed-out colors or blues and livers are serious faults. A white dog must be disqualified.

Temperament – The breed has a distinct personality marked by direct and fearless, but not hostile, expression, self-confidence, and a certain aloofness that does not lend itself to immediate and indiscriminate friendships. The dog must be approachable, quietly standing its ground and showing confidence and willingness to meet overtures without itself making them. It is poised, but when the occasion demands, eager and alert; both fit and willing to serve in its capacity as a companion, watchdog, blind leader, herding dog, or guardian, whichever the circumstances may demand. The dog must not be timid, shrinking behind its master or handler; it should not be nervous, looking about or upward with anxious expression or showing nervous reactions, such as tucking of tail, to strange sounds or sights. Lack of confidence under any surroundings is not typical of good character. Any of the above deficiencies of character which indicate shyness must be penalized as very serious faults, and any dog exhibiting pronounced indications of these must be excused from the ring. It must be possible for the judge to observe the teeth and to determine that both testicles are descended. Any dog that attempts to bite the judge must be disqualified. The ideal dog is a working animal with an incorruptible character combined with body and gait suitable for the arduous work that constitutes its primary purpose.



their first Nose work trial at a future date. ~Judy McDowell prairiehome@charter.net

AKC News

The comment period for the U.S. Department of Agriculture proposed rule that would categorize many small/hobby breeders as commercial breeders and subject them to unnecessary licensing, regulation and inspections will close on August 15.

It is imperative that any breeder or owner who is concerned about this proposal provide comments to the USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) before August 15. We also urge you to sign AKC's petition to Protect Responsible Small Breeders. (Scroll down for details.)

AKC CONCERNS ABOUT THE PROPOSED RULE

The AKC shares the USDA's concerns about substandard internet pet retailers. However, the current proposal is overly broad, difficult to enforce and does little to address the actual wellbeing of animals sold.

The AKC believes that the USDA's "one size fits all" proposal is not in the best interest of all dogs, responsible breeders, or puppy buyers. It is unreasonable and virtually impossible for many small hobby breeders to comply with the strict kennel engineering standards that were designed for large commercial operations. It would create unreasonable hardships that could threaten genetic diversity, the future of a vast number of responsible small hobby breeders, and the very existence of some rare breeds.

It would require all who own more than four "breeding females" and sell even one animal "sight unseen" to be regulated as a commercial breeder and be subject to federal commercial breeder licensing, regulation and inspections. The term "breeding female" is not defined, so it is unclear how USDA or even breeders themselves would determine who falls under these regulations. The term also includes multiple species (including cats, dogs, and other small mammals). This means, for example, that a person would not have to own more than four intact female dogs to be regulated for the sale of a single puppy sight unseen.

In many cases, geographic distance makes it difficult for a purchaser to personally visit or pick up a puppy at a breeder's facility. Such scenarios are particularly common for breeders and fanciers of rare breeds and others who may be purchasing a second pet from the same breeder or already have an established relationship with a breeder. Requiring such individuals to comply with regulations designed for large commercial breeder/dealer facilities may not be appropriate.

The Regulatory Impact Analysis provided in the proposed rule vastly underestimates both the number of individuals who will be impacted and the expense to occasional breeders to establish commercial-level facilities.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Submit Comments Directly to USDA/APHIS by August 15 – You may also mail comments to:

**Docket No. APHIS-2011-0003
Regulatory Analysis and Development
PPD, APHIS, Station 3A-03.8
4700 River Road, Unit 118
Riverdale, MD 20737-1238**

Sign the AKC's Petition by August 13 – If you have not already done so, visit

Braggs ~ Win*Place*Show ~

Danni Rosemann passed her AKC Canine Good Citizen Evaluator test and is now able to give CGC testing! Congratulations!

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7-15-2012 by Steve Dobbins: Just want to brag that my boy, Cimarron's Any Way You Want It, aka 'Journey', won his AmBred class on Friday the thirteenth and went on for Winners Dog and Best of Winners for his first major. Journey was professionally shown by Julia Foster-Hess at the Blackhawk KC under judge James Maloney. At the same set of shows, his uncle, Ch Cimarron's I Won't Back Down, aka 'Butkus', went Best of Opposite all three days to a bitch shown by Kent Boyles. The judges were Jim Maloney, Polly Smith, and Robert Vandiver. Butkus got two more majors this weekend to go along with the three he already had. This was more than enough to complete the necessary requirements for his Grand Championship. I finished Butkus from the Bred By class last October and he became the eighth champion out of a litter of ten.

Mari-Fiori's RamjeTeko of Prairie Home (*bred by Marilee Wilkinson*) had a very successful weekend in Sedalia MO at the Jefferson City/Sedalia Kennel Club Shows and received his first two points towards his conformation title. Friday, under Judge Jean Fournier, he won the AmBred class and went on to win Reserve Winners' Dog. He also had his photo taken while in the ring for the local paper, the Sedalia Democrat. Saturday, the really BIG day, he not only won his AmBred class, but got his points as Winners' Dog from Judge James Noe. In addition, he also was awarded Best of Opposite Sex in the BOB class, and this was over a specials dog. How exciting! Sunday, the final day, he won the AmBred class under Judge James Frederiksen, but unfortunately could not progress any further. As always, handled to perfection by Julia Foster-Hess.

July 15, 2012 The Columbia (MO) Canine Sports Center held its second NACSW (National Association of Canine Scent Work) Odor Recognition Test (ORT) (birch) Saturday July 14, with a total of 31 dog/handler teams entered. The judge was Ron Gaunt, one of the co-founders of NASCW. JMac's RB Rocket J Shepherd (Rocky) finally located the correct box in a time of 2:21:57 after checking out everything else. Almost embarrassing, considering the run time is limited to three minutes. Mari-Fiori's RamjeTeko of PrairieHome (Teko) performed much better, and smashed the correct box with his paw in a time of 0:16:70. Both boys are now eligible to compete in

<http://www.akc.org/petition> and join more than 69,000 people who have signed our online petition in support of responsible breeders.

Both actions are important in helping send a strong, clear message to APHIS on this issue. Direct comments will help educate the USDA regarding exactly how this proposal will impact responsible breeders, dog owners, and puppy buyers. The petition, which will be submitted with the AKC's formal comments to the USDA, will demonstrate the immense number of people who are concerned about this issue.

AKC Government Relations (AKC GR) will provide more information as it becomes available. For more information, visit [AKC's USDA/APHIS Regulations Resource Page](#).

Further questions may be directed to AKC GR at (919) 816-3720 or doglaw@akc.org

- 3 people in the room - Only \$15 more (\$129 per night)
- 4 people in the room - Only \$30 more (\$144 per night)

Check out the [guest amenities](#) and see [room pictures](#) Call 1-970-593-6200 for reservations and tell them it's for the 'National Specialty GSD'.

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Please welcome new members:

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Parent Club News

THE GSDCA NATIONAL WILL BE HELD AT PURINA FARMS IN GRAY SUMMIT, MO IN 2014, 2015, AND 2016!

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Gail Rutter, Editor



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GSDCA National Show in Loveland, Colorado
– Oct 7 - 14, 2012

Reservations at the 2012 Host Hotel

GSDCA has a block of rooms at the Embassy Suites Loveland Hotel & Conference Center, right on the show grounds. The rooms are all 2-room suites ('great' room & bedroom) and include extras:

- A Complimentary Managers Reception each evening with cocktails and light snacks for every guest
- A Complimentary Cooked-to-Order Breakfast each morning for every guest
- The suite bedroom has either 2 queen beds or a king bed and there is a pullout sofa sleeper in the 'great' room
- A mini-fridge, microwave, and coffee maker

When you factor in breakfast each morning and the evening reception for each person, it's an amazing deal:

- 1 or 2 people in the room - \$114 per night