



Wag 'N' Tongue

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German Shepherd Dog Club of St. Louis, Inc.
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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.



Club Calendar

- **Saturday, August 16, 2014:** Club picnic at AKC Museum of the Dog from 11 am to ? Please remember to bring a side dish and something to drink. Please contact Larry Duerbeck so he can develop a list of food to be served.
Thank You!
- **Saturday, August 16, 2014:** Meet the Breed Day at the AKC Museum of the Dog. 10 am – 2 pm. Please contact Elaine Bisbing for more information.
- **Sunday, September 14, 2014 Annual K-9 Awards.** The German Shepherd Dog Club of St Louis will be hosting its Annual Metropolitan K9 Awards at the AKC Museum. Awards will begin around noon. We will be honoring the K-9's for outstanding service around the metropolitan St Louis area. The public is welcome. **PLEASE - NO OTHER DOGS BESIDES THE AWARD RECIPIENTS!** Contact Marilee Wilkinson if you would like to volunteer your help with this worthwhile endeavor, which showcases our local K-9 Police officers. Please contact Roz North to volunteer your help with the buffet our club presents to the officers and their families.
- **September 19, 2014 - Regular Club Meeting** at 8:00 P.M. at the Museum.

Board meeting starts at 7:00 pm.
Meeting will be held downstairs.

- **Friday October 17, 2014** - Regular Club Meeting at 8:00 P.M. at the American Kennel Club Museum of the Dog (downstairs).
- **October 26, 2014** - GSDC of St Louis B Match. Judge, Peggy Langlitz. Match location is TBA. For more Information, please contact Chairman, Marcia Hadley.

Meetings at AKC Museum of the Dog

Beginning with our September meeting, the Museum has changed the time they will be open for our club: **7 to 10 pm!** Thus, regular club meetings can be held from 8-10 pm. When we have a board meeting, it can start at 7 pm. *Thanks to all those involved in this change!*

2014 GSDCA National Specialty



Tuesday, October 7, 2014 GSDCA Regional Show

Judge: Robert Drescher

Wednesday thru Saturday,

October 8 - October 11, 2014

GSDCA National Specialty Show

Wednesday: Futurity & Maturity finals.

Thursday: dog classes. Friday: bitch classes.

Saturday: Breed.

Judges:

Dogs: Michael Chaloux

Bitches: Joan Fox

Breed: Bart Bartley

Agility: October 4 and 5: B McDonald / V MacVicar

October 6 and 7 and 8: M Fletcher (three days)

Obedience: October 9: R Garvin / S Redmer / D MacIntire

October 10, 2014: TBA

Rally: October 9 & October 10, 2014
Charlotte A. Mielziner

HERDING Saturday, October 4:
George "Rusty" Jeffers & Darlene Laurin
Sunday, October 5:
George "Rusty" Jeffers & Darlene Laurin
Monday, October 6:
TBA

TRACKING Saturday, October 4 and Sunday, October 5: Jeanne Durbin Ramirez, Norma Rust, Ken Barna

Show Superintendent
Foy Trent Dog Shows LLC
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Sturgeon, Missouri

573-687-2101

info@foytrentdogshows.com

GSDCA 2014 Sieger Show October 3rd, 4th, and 5th at Purina Farms

Show chair: Frank J Fasano

Assistant Show Chairs: Mary Gattone

Joy Schultz

Gail Stiefferman.

Show secretary: Cindy Schneider

Catalog Design: Carol Schultz

Chief Ring Steward: Cindy Peterson

Club Website

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

June 20, 2014 Meeting Minutes

After a quorum was met, at 7:30 pm, the roll was called. Glenn Murphy, Kelly Murphy, and Bette Sill were absent. Members and guests were welcomed.

The meeting minutes of May 16 were read. Butch Stiefferman moved and Elaine Bisbing seconded the motion to approve the minutes. **Yeas: All.**

Marilee Wilkinson read the May Treasurer's report and the Obedience/Rally Trial Financial Report. Gail Stiefferman moved and Butch Stiefferman seconded the motion to approve these reports as read. **Yeas: All**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Obedience Training: Dannie Rosemann reported the last class of 5 graduated two weeks ago, and the next class begins 06/24/14.

Education: Dannie Rosemann stated the nose work program will be done in the future and possibly an acupuncture program. The next educational program will be held in July since it will be held in the upstairs meeting room.

2014 Shows/Futurity: Friday show will start at 5 pm and Saturday show starts at 8 am. Elaine Bisbing stated the raffle will be held Saturday and Sunday. Rosalind North gave details of the Hospitality, which will be held at Diamond Inn on Saturday after the show ends.

2015 Shows/Judge Selection: Gail Stiefferman stated the show dates will be May 9th and 10, 2015. Greg Harrison stated a judge selection committee meeting is in the process of being scheduled. Having a Saturday AM and PM show and a Sunday AM show was discussed. Advantages of hiring a show secretary was discussed.

K-9 Awards: Marilee Wilkinson reported this will be held on Sunday, September 14 from 12-5 pm at the AKC Museum. August 17th is the deadline for awards to be submitted. Rosalind is getting donations for the buffet and asked for volunteers.

NEW CLUB MEMBER APPLICATIONS: Had the first reading of membership application for Mark Whitten.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Discussion on University of Missouri – Columbia – Endowment Loan Fund was held. President North stated the Shearin Law Firm has been contacted, and is reviewing the original endowment as well as the legality of subsequent options to change the endowment loan fund. A report will be given at the July meeting to the board and a decision needs to be made.

NEW BUSINESS:

Rosalind North discussed the meeting time change. No vote was taken because we were given no option of hours the AKC Museum would be open, beginning in January, 2014. A new meeting location was discussed.

Marilee Wilkinson moved and Gail Stiefferman seconded the motion to adjourn at 8:45 pm. **Yeas: All**

All-Breed Obedience and Rally Trials

Held Saturday and Sunday May 10-11, 2014 with judges Rick Cox, Robert Self, and Ronnie Bizer. Thank you to all the club members for chairing, volunteering, and donations to make these events a success!

Conformation Shows/Futurity

HELD JUNE 27 & 28 & 29, 2014. June 27th - Judge: Steve Dobbins - Jr. Show, 4 to 6 Puppy, All Breed classes. June 28th - Judge: Susan Godek - Jr. Show, 4 to 6 Puppy, All Breed classes. June 29th - Judge: Art Sinclair - Futurity & Maturity. Fran Foster judged the Midwest Amateur Futurity on June 29th. Thanks to all the club members for their donations, judging, and volunteering to make these shows a great success!

Obedience Training

Classes beginning Thursday, August 22, 2013, 7:30-8:30 PM and Tuesday, September 17, 2013, 7:30-8:30 PM at Affton White-Rodgers Community Center, 9801 Mackenzie Rd, St. Louis, MO 63123. Please contact Dannie Rosemann or GERALYN Bolhofner for more information.



GSDCA (Parent Club) - April 2014 Board O'Gram

Board Members Present: Frank Fasano, Lanalee Jorgensen Law, Laura Gilbert, Dania Karloff, Bill Pfeiffer, Zoe Backman, Carol Moore, Pam O'Dell, Patti Korsch, Bart Bartley, Dean Wylie, Helen Gleason, Dorothy Linn and Lew Bunch; participating via phone were James Moses and Fred Migliore.

Laura Gilbert, Corresponding Secretary

- * Annual meeting will be held October 9. Ballots must be out by September 9. Petitions are due by August 10.
- * We received approval from AKC to ballot the membership regarding the proposed standard change.

Executive Committee:

- * Ratified the Amateur Futurity Judges
- * Approved National tracking judges' contracts

President's Report:

- * Asked for the creation of a historic record keeping file to track club's internal decisions such as members' complaints, Breeders' Code grievances, awards, etc

Treasurer's Report:

- * The 2012 audit is still ongoing. The books for 2013 are closed.
- * Profit/Loss reports will be sent to committee chairs.
- * Board members acknowledged the need for members to get involved in the inner workings of the club.

Budget and Finance

- * Gary Szymczak, via phone, stated once again that B&F approval is required for all expenditures.
- * In spite of the opposition, he recommends only two face-to-face meetings for the Board.
- * Expenses for the National and the Review need to be controlled.
- * New title awards by the Corresponding Secretary will be done quarterly rather than

monthly.

Breeders' Code:

- * The winner of the Lloyd Brackett award must be a signer of the Breeders Code of Ethics.

2014 National:

- * The pre-National show will be held outdoors on Tuesday.
- * Wednesday: Futurity & Maturity finals.
- Thursday: dog classes. Friday: bitch classes.
- Saturday: Breed.

2015 Judges Slate as proposed by the Board:

- * Conformation: DD Ardoin, Carmen Battaglia, Karen Hynek, Robert Kish, C.R. "Bob" Moore. Vicki Roye, Rita Sandell and Herman "Butch" Stiefferman.
- * Obedience: Karen Anderson, Joseph Caputa, Diane Probst
- * Herding: Kent Herbel and Lori Herbel
- * Agility: Dan Faulkner

Standard Committee:

- * The change to the standard proposal will go to the membership for a vote.
- * The proposed changes will be published in the GSD Review.

Eligibility for GSDCA Awards:

- * The P&P states that all GSDCA awards require that an individual be a GSDCA member to be eligible for GSDCA awards.
- * Non GSDCA members will be allowed to bring matters of concerns to the Ethics Committee when a GSDCA member is involved.

GSD Standard (a select portion)

Head: The head is noble, cleanly chiseled, strong without coarseness, but above all not fine, and in proportion to the body. The head of the male is distinctly masculine, and that of the bitch distinctly feminine. The muzzle is long and strong with the lips firmly fitted, and its top line is parallel to the top line of the skull. Seen from the front, the forehead is only moderately arched, and the skull slopes into

the long, wedge-shaped muzzle without abrupt stop. Jaws are strongly developed.

Ears: Ears are moderately pointed, in proportion to the skull, open toward the front, and carried erect when at attention, the ideal carriage being one in which the center line of the ears, viewed from the front, are parallel to each other and perpendicular to the ground. A dog with cropped or hanging ears must be disqualified.

Eyes: Of medium size, almond-shaped, set a little obliquely and not protruding. The color as dark as possible. The expression keen, intelligent and composed.

Teeth: - 42 in number - 20 upper and 22 lower - are strongly developed and meet in a scissors bite in which part of the inner surface of the upper incisors meet and engage part of the outer surface of the lower incisors. An over-shot jaw or a level bite is undesirable. An under-shot jaw is a disqualifying fault. Complete dentition is to be preferred. Any missing teeth other than first premolars is a serious fault.

Neck: The neck is strong and muscular, clean-cut and relatively long, proportionate in size to the head and without loose folds of skin. When the dog is at attention or excited, the head is raised and the neck carried high; otherwise typical carriage of the head is forward rather than up, but a little higher than the top of the shoulders, particularly in motion.

Color: The German Shepherd Dog varies in color, and most colors are permissible. Strong rich colors are preferred. Nose--black. Pale, washed-out colors and blues and livers are serious faults. A white dog or a dog with a nose that is not predominantly black must be disqualified.

Coat: The ideal dog has a double coat of medium length. The outer coat should be as dense as possible, hair straight, harsh and lying close to the body. A slightly wavy outer coat, often of wiry texture, is permissible. The head, including the inner ear and foreface, and the legs and paws are covered with short hair, and the neck with longer and thicker hair. The rear of the forelegs and hindlegs has somewhat longer hair extending to the pastern and hock, respectively. Faults in coat include soft, silky, too long outer coat, woolly, curly, and open coat.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

Cropped or hanging ears, Undershot jaw, Docked tail, White dogs, Dogs with any nose not predominantly black, Any dog that attempts to bite the judge.



Parent Club News

The parent club sent the following proposal to AKC, and the AKC Board approved the revised proposed revisions to the GSDC standard, which allows the GSDCA to ballot the membership. The following is the only part of the entire currently approved breed standard that parent club members will be asked to vote on in August, as we understand the process. The approved (current) standard is in the previous paragraph. Please note the differences. How do you feel about these changes?

“Head

The head is noble, cleanly chiseled, strong without coarseness, but above all not fine, and in proportion to the body. The head of the male is distinctly masculine, and that of the bitch distinctly feminine. The expression keen, intelligent and composed. Eyes of medium size, almond shaped, set a little obliquely and not protruding. The color is as dark as possible. Ears are moderately pointed, in proportion to the skull, open toward the front, and carried erect when at attention, the ideal carriage being one in which the center lines of the ears, viewed from the front, are parallel to each other and perpendicular to the ground. A dog with cropped or hanging ears must be disqualified.

Seen from the front the forehead is only moderately arched, and the skull slopes into the long, wedge-

shaped muzzle without abrupt stop. The muzzle is long and strong, and its topline is parallel to the topline of the skull. Nose Black. A dog with a nose that is not predominantly black is to be seriously faulted. The lips are firmly fitted. Jaws are strongly developed. Teeth --42 in number--20 upper and 22 lower--are strongly developed and meet in a scissors bite in which part of the inner surface of the upper incisors meet and engage part of the outer surface of the lower incisors. An overshot jaw or a level bite is undesirable. An undershot jaw is a disqualifying fault. Complete dentition is to be preferred. Any missing teeth other than first premolars is a serious fault.

Coat

The ideal dog has a double coat of medium length; a long coat is also permissible. The outer coat should be as dense as possible, hair straight, harsh and lying close to the body. A slightly wavy outer coat, often of wiry texture, is permissible. The head, including the inner ear and foreface, and the legs and paws are covered with short hair, and the neck with longer and thicker hair. The rear of the forelegs and hind legs has somewhat longer hair extending to the pastern and hock, respectively. Faults in coat: soft, silky, curly, open coat and lack of undercoat.

Color

The German Shepherd Dog varies in color, and most colors are permissible. Strong rich colors are preferred. Liver, blues, whites and dogs without predominantly black noses are very serious faults. Dogs exhibiting albino characteristics are to be disqualified.

Disqualifications

Cropped or hanging ears, Undershot jaw, Docked tail, Dogs exhibiting albino characteristics, Any dog that attempts to bite the judge”

Editors Note: There has been a lot of controversy concerning the proposed changes. The Parent Club members will be asked to vote on approval this month. **This could change the entire German Shepherd Dog breed.** Membership applications can be found on their website gsdca.org. If you're NOT a parent club member, please consider joining. This will give you a voice in the future of our beloved breed by being able to vote on important issues/items of interest or changes to our breed.

It is *My opinion* that members should **NOT** approve the standard changes at this time. Not approving them would give time and opportunity to a greater number of the membership to give input to develop a truly agreed-upon proposal. Then, members can vote to make change(s) if they so choose. Again, I would encourage all GSDCA members to vote **NO** on the standard changes to be presented on the August ballot. *We have such a beautiful breed and we need to keep it the way it has been and work on improvement of the faults.*

Why was the White GSD Disqualified in the 1960's? A few reasons I found on the internet include: “The German Shepherd standard disqualifies the white coat based on three of the breed's primary functions: herding, police and military work. Those who herd prefer a dog that is not white because it is difficult in winter to distinguish the dog from the sheep and the snow. The police and military prefer a dark dog because it is not easily seen making the handler and dog less of a target” (used with permission of *K9 Instinct* <http://www.k9instinct.com/>)



Health Matters – Prevention Health Matters

There is a large selection of heartworm, intestinal parasite, flea, and tick prevention products on the market. No one product is perfect for all dogs because each dog – and its companion family – has a different lifestyle and needs.

Modern heartworm preventive medications provide additional benefits to control intestinal parasites in our animal companions. The incidence of companion animal intestinal parasite infection has increased because:

1. Dogs travel with their families to warm weather during the winter months. The burden of intestinal parasites is higher in warmer climates.

2. Working or traveling families often use day care/boarding facilities to offer their dogs exercise and environmental enrichment. Although these facilities diligently disinfect their environments, no disinfectant will kill all parasite eggs. Many of these facilities require year-round prevention for their clients as a means of additional protection for your dog (and your children, who are susceptible to intestinal parasite infection.)

Increased intestinal parasite burdens in our companion dogs are a danger to young children, and to adults who are immunosuppressed (HIV, autoimmune diseases, chemotherapy patients, pregnant women.) None of us wants to risk the health of those we love when we can easily protect our dogs from intestinal parasites with year-round treatment.

A newly identified resistant strain of heartworm found in Georgia, now being used in FDA studies, has prompted the FDA to institute tougher standards for heartworm preventives on the market. We do not know the prevalence of this strain yet, but we do know that we have a higher incidence of heartworm in our part of the country since Hurricane Katrina. Many heartworm-infected homeless dogs were brought to Chicago for adoptions, and therefore our Chicago mosquitoes (the transmitters of heartworm) became infected. Since the institution of these more stringent FDA standards, new products will need to be administered for 3 months after a pet's final seasonal exposure to mosquitoes (instead of the current one month post exposure), which means giving preventive for 9 months instead of 7. With this in mind, as well as the intestinal parasite issue, it is prudent to stay on prevention year round.

Below is a list of the brands of heartworm/flea/intestinal parasite preventives. Please speak with your veterinarian about which products are the best choice for your dog and your family.

Oral heartworm/parasite products: *Heartguard* - heartworm, roundworm, 2 types of hookworm prevention.

Interceptor - heartworm, roundworm, one type of hookworm, whipworm prevention. *Comfortis* - flea control only. *Trifexis* - heartworm, roundworm, one type of hookworm, whipworm, and flea control.

Topical heartworm / parasite products: *Revolution* - heartworm, flea, ear mites and Sarcoptic mange. *Advantage Multi* - heartworm, flea, roundworm, one type of hookworm, whipworms.

Topical Flea / Tick Products (no heartworm preventive): *Frontline* – this is the safest topical

flea/tick product to use if you also have cats. **K9 Advantix** - this is the product of choice for flea/tick control in dogs. **Advantage**- flea control only. The arrival of summer — and along with it all sorts of outdoors activities — also ushers in the arrival of ticks. This guide covers what to do in the event that you find a tick that has already bitten you and embedded itself in your skin. However, the best thing to do is to take a few precautions that'll increase your chances of not having to extricate a tick from your person to begin with:

- Wear long-sleeved clothing — especially pants, as it's often our legs that are most exposed to the grass and plants that we brush up against when outdoors.
- Ticks are particularly prone to moist and humid areas, so be especially careful in those conditions.
- [Use repellent with DEET.](#)
- When you've come indoors after spending time outdoors, check your clothing for ticks.
- After you've checked your clothing, shower soon after, and inspect yourself (including those hard-to-reach areas) for the buggers.

While ticks have been scarily imprinted into our psyche, only one species of tick, and only a minority of that species, actually carry disease. Furthermore, when bitten, if the tick is removed within 24 hours, your chances of receiving a disease decrease even further. While you must be vigilant, following the tips above will ensure you're always safe rather than sorry.



Dog Show Classes

Dog shows (conformation events) are intended to evaluate breeding stock. The size of these events ranges from large shows, with hundreds of dogs entered, to

small specialty club shows, with only German Shepherd Dogs. The dog's conformation (overall appearance and structure), an indication of the dog's ability to produce quality puppies, is judged. The dogs closest to the [Breed Standard](#) (written word picture of the German Shepherd Dog) on that day should be rewarded with wins and placements.

Each dog presented to a judge is exhibited ("handled") by its owner, breeder or a hired professional.

Most dogs in competition at conformation shows are competing for points toward their AKC championships. It takes fifteen points, including two majors (wins of three, four or five points) awarded by at least three different judges, to become a Champion. The number of championship points awarded at a show depends on the number of German Shepherd Dogs in competition. The larger the entry, the greater the number of points a male or a female can win. The maximum number of points awarded to a dog at any show is 5 points.

Males and females compete separately within their respective breeds, in seven regular classes. The following classes are offered, and are divided by sex:

Puppy - For dogs between six and twelve months of age, that are not yet champions (optional class).

Twelve-To-Eighteen Months - For dogs twelve to eighteen months of age, that are not yet champions (optional class).

Novice - For dogs six months of age and over, which have not, prior to the date of closing of entries, won three first prizes in the Novice Class, a first prize in Bred-by-Exhibitor, American-bred, or Open Classes, nor one or more points toward their championship (optional class).

Amateur-Owner-Handler – For dogs that are at least six months of age that are not champions. Dogs must be handled in the class by the registered owner of the dog and is limited to exhibitors who have not, at any point in time, been a professional dog handler, AKC approved conformation judge, or employed as an assistant to a professional handler (effective January 1, 2009) (optional class).

Bred By Exhibitor - For dogs that are exhibited by their owner and breeder, that are not yet champions (optional class).

American-Bred - For dogs born in the United States from a mating which took place in the United States, that are not yet champions (mandatory class).

Open - For any dog of the breed, at least 6 months of age

(mandatory class).

After these classes are judged, all the dogs that won first place in a class compete again to see who is the best of the winning dogs. Males and females are judged separately. Only the best male (Winners Dog) and the best female (Winners Bitch) receive championship points. The **Winners Dog** and **Winners Bitch** then compete with the champions for the Best of Breed award. At the end of the Best of Breed Competition, three awards are usually given:

Best of Breed - the dog judged as the best in its breed category.

Best of Winners - the dog judged as the better of the Winners Dog and Winners Bitch.

Best of Opposite Sex - the best dog that is the opposite sex to the Best of Breed winner.

How Many Teeth Do Dogs Have

Puppy Teeth: When a puppy is born, it doesn't have a tooth in its head – they won't start appearing until he's around two or three weeks old. The teeth will keep coming until he has a full set of puppy teeth, of which there are only 28. As the puppy grows, he will start to lose these teeth as the adult teeth come through and push them out, making way for the full set of 42.

The Incisors: The incisors are the small, sharp teeth at the very front of the dog's mouth – there are six in the upper jaw and six in the lower jaw. If you've ever seen a dog strip a bone completely clean of every scrap of meat by tearing it off, it's the incisor teeth that get the job done.

They're also the teeth a dog will use when he grooms himself – when you see him biting at his coat, he's using his incisor teeth to help get rid of burrs and fleas, etc. If you notice that your dog is regularly biting at his skin in this way, it could be an indication that he has a skin irritation, so do take a closer look for yourself, or get it checked out by your veterinarian.

The Canines: Also known as 'fangs', the canine teeth are used for biting into things – these are the teeth which have the ability to pierce or break stuff. There are two canine teeth in the upper jaw and two in the lower jaw, located at either side of the incisor teeth.

The Premolars: Give your dog a chew toy, and it's the premolar teeth that will get to work on it first. There are 16 of these teeth, eight in the upper jaw and eight in the lower jaw, located behind the canines.

The Molars: Give a dog a bone and it's the molar teeth that will do all the work. These teeth are used for chewing, and breaking apart, hard items such as bones.

Even in a small dog, the molars are very powerful and can make short work of bones and hard biscuits or chews. There are 10 molars in total; two are located on either side of the top jaw and three on either side of the lower jaw.

Poisonous/Toxic Plant Warning

The following plants are the most toxic to dogs and should never be made available to them under any circumstances: Castor bean or castor oil plant (*Ricinus communis*), Cyclamen (*Cyclamen* spp.), Dumbcane (*Dieffenbachia*), Hemlock (*Conium maculatum*), English Ivy (both leaves and berries (*Hedera helix*)), Mistletoe (*Viscum album*), Oleander (*Nerium oleander*), Thorn apple or jimsonweed (*Datura stramonium*), Yew (*Taxus* spp.), any mushroom you cannot identify as safe.

These types of vegetation are to be avoided for a variety of reasons. Do not plant them near your home or bring them inside as plants or cut flowers: Amaryllis (*Amaryllis* spp.), Autumn crocus (*Colochicum autumnale*), Bleeding heart (*Dicentra spectabilis*), Bloodroot (*Sanguinaria canadensis*), Chrysanthemum (*Compositae* spp.), Flower bulbs of any kind, Foxglove (*Digitalis purpurea*), Jerusalem cherry (*Solanum pseudocapsicum*), Larkspur (*Delphinium*), Lily of the valley (*Convallaria majalis*), Marijuana (*Cannabis sativa*), Peace Lily or Mauna Loa Peace Lily (*Spathiphyllum* spp.), Pothos (both *Scindapsus* and *Epipremnum*), Rhubarb (*Rheum rhaponticum*), Schefflera (*Schefflera* and *Brassaia actinophylla*), Stinging nettles (*Urtica dioica*), Tulip/Narcissus bulbs (*Tulipa/Narcissus* spp.), Virginia creeper (*Parthenocissus quinquefolia*).



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When you see symptoms such as vomiting, diarrhea, difficult breathing, abnormal urine

(color, smell, frequency, etc.), salivation, weakness, and any other abnormal condition - take your dog to the veterinarian because it may be poisoned

De-Skunk Solution

Submitted by Rosalind North: This was given to me by a friend. It works!

Here it is: 1 Quart 3% hydrogen peroxide
1/4 Cup baking soda
1-2 Teaspoons ivory dish soap

Apply to dry dog, working in well. Let sit for 5 minutes. Rinse, repeat if necessary. Do not store mixture.

Join the Fight to Protect Your Dog and Your Rights in Missouri Dear Missouri Kennel Clubs

Our rights as responsible dog owners, fanciers and breeders continue to be threatened by animal rights advocacy and legislation. The AKC Government Relations Department is currently tracking more than 1,500 bills at the local, state, and federal level that could directly impact your ability to continue to own, breed, exhibit and train your purebred dogs.

The AKC works hard to protect your rights, but we can't do it alone! Some of our greatest assets are the AKC state federations – a coalition of residents and clubs on the ground in *your* state working together and partnering with the AKC to protect the rights of dog owners and breeders at the state and local levels.

The Missouri Federation of Animal Owners serves as your state federation. For more information on how you can get involved, contact the following:

Missouri Federation of Animal Owners

www.mofed.org

Karen Strange

(573) 480-2389

kkeeper@yhti.net

Working together helps demonstrate that dog owners and breeders nationally and in your state and community are united in supporting the future of responsible dog ownership and breeding.

We urge you to support your state federation and help ensure a strong, unified voice for dogs and dog owners in Missouri. Together we can work to preserve our right to own, breed, and exhibit our beloved dogs for years to come.

Sincerely,
Sheila Goffe, Director
AKC Government Relations

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