



## 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.

Our next meeting will be held on **Friday, February 24, 2012** at the *Museum*. At this meeting, we will have Club Awards and vote on the board. This meeting will be held upstairs. Only dogs receiving awards

should be in attendance. Please contact Marcia Hadley, Annual Awards Chairman, about refreshments -- We're celebrating club members' accomplishments in 2011.

<http://www.gsdctl.org/events.html>

Please note the change in date (the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday, not the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday).

### Obedience Classes

Obedience Class for all breeds will begin on March 7, 2012, at AKC Dog Museum. There is an \$85 fee for 10 week class. For more information contact: Danny Rosemann (314) 772-8885 [Stlmickey2@charter.net](mailto:Stlmickey2@charter.net)  
[http://gsdctl.org/html/obedience\\_classes.html](http://gsdctl.org/html/obedience_classes.html)

### Club Committee Chairmen

Each member's participation in club activities is imperative to a successful club year! Please consider volunteering to chair this year.

Listed are some of the committees: Website, newsletter, K-9 Awards, Property, Audit, Specialty Shows, Membership, Judge Selection, Annual Awards, Meet The Breed, Ways & Means, Monthly Refreshments/Hospitality, Christmas Party, August Picnic, Education, Jr. Handlers, Cards & Flowers, Video, club phone line, Obedience Training, etc.

### Annual Club Dues

Membership dues of \$20 for single or \$30 for family membership are payable to treasurer before **March 1<sup>st</sup>**. Please mail to GSDC of St. Louis, c/o Marilee Wilkinson, 2767 Hwy Z Pevely, MO 63070

### Spring Specialty Show

Our 2012 shows will be held on Saturday and Sunday, May 12 & 13, 2012 at Purina Farms in Gray Summit. Conformation judges on Saturday morning are Tony Monk and on Saturday afternoon is John Bemont. The GSDCA is sponsoring the afternoon show. Sunday's conformation judge is Charles Mardecz. Junior showmanship judging will be held both days.

All-Breed Rally and Obedience will be held Saturday with Gail Brown and Mrs. Jamie Jo Sieveking judging. Obedience judging on Sunday will be by Don Schempp and Gail Brown, and judging Rally will be Mrs. Charlotte A. Mielziner. Call Gail Stiefferman, Show Chairman, to offer your help - let's make this weekend a great success!

More later.....

### WHAT IS A FUTURITY?

First of all, a Futurity is a Puppy Match and a Breeders show. It has come into being through the annals of horse racing. For centuries horse breeders have nominated unborn foals representing the pedigree

mares and fabulous stallions from overseas.

Many, many years ago the German Shepherd Dog Futurities rules required the actual presence of the sires and dams of the individual puppies in the show. We are now only concerned with the puppies themselves. It is a breeder's show because these puppies are the result of a breeder's plan and/or breeding program. Because entire litters are nominated and generally many show, it gives a better picture of the results of the combinations of certain bloodlines (which is not always obtained in the regular show ring where generally there is only one or two of a litter shown at a time).

A Futurity is different from a regular show in many ways. Litters must be nominated for Futurities where in regular competition they need not be. Competition in Futurities is in age groups, while this is not true otherwise. There are no championship points given. Rather than Best of Breed, the winner is designated Best in Futurity.

In order to nominate a litter you must be a member of the German Shepherd Dog Club of America Inc. or apply for membership at time of nomination. A puppy may be entered and shown in only one region even if his litter was nominated in a different region.

Puppies must be entered in their proper age class regardless of development, maturity, or personal preference of the exhibitor. The winners of each class are judged in a combined group with the best male puppy being designated Futurity Male. A Reserve Futurity Male will be designated. Then the puppies of the opposite sex are judged with like results. The Futurity Male and Futurity Female are then eligible to compete for Best in Futurity and Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Futurity.

The Maturity Section is judged after the Futurity judging is finished. This part of the show is for those dogs that have been entered, but not necessarily shown in the previous year's Futurity. The Maturity is divided into two classes only - dogs and bitches. The winners of these classes compete for the title of Best in Maturity and Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Maturity. A Reserve Maturity Male and a Reserve Maturity Female is also designated.

Futurity and Maturity winners and all Futurity and Maturity Reserve winners will be eligible to compete at the GSDC National Specialty for the titles of Futurity Victor and Victrix and Maturity Victor and Victrix.

If you nominate your litter(s) for the 2011 Futurities before they are 7 days old. Please keep in mind that, once you have bred your bitch and confirmed that she is in whelp, you may nominate the litter.

*If, Futurities do indeed, "Forecast the future,"*

*this should be an all-important show. It should be important for breeder's competition, an early look at up and coming young dogs, a look at what the breeder's in your geographical location are accomplishing in their breeding programs, and a look at and into what we are doing for and to our breed.*

## Parent Club News

### **January, 2012 GSDCA Board Meeting**

The first regular meeting of the German Shepherd Dog Club of America for 2012 was held on January 27 - 30, 2012 at the Marriott Courtyard Mission Bay in San Diego. The Budget and Finance Committee met on January 25 and 26.

President Frank Fasano welcomed the newly elected board members, Morton Goldfarb and Lew Bunch. All Officers and Directors were present.

### **Executive Committee:**

The Board elected the following Board members to serve on the Executive Committee, President Frank Fasano, Chair members are Gary Szymczak, James Moses, Dean Wylie and Lanalee Jorgensen-Law.

### **Nominating Committee:**

The board approved Gary Szymczak as chair. Members are: East - Karin Wagner (Denise Black-Hollister alternate), Heartland - Bill Pfeiffer (Joe Beccia alternate), Mid America - Gail Stiefferman (Terra Fairburn alternate) and West - Ken Tank (Nancy Godek-McDonald alternate).

### **Committee Chairs**

The following Committee Chairs / co- Chairs were appointed and approved at the January meeting: Gene Gray, Temperament Co-chair; Morton Goldfarb, Education Co-chair; Karin Wagner, assistant to the Chair Centennial Committee; Dawn Van Dyken, Obedience Co-chair.

### **White German Shepherd Dog Federation**

After hearing from representatives of the American White Shepherd Association and the White German Shepherd Dog Federation, the board voted to allow all AKC-registered German Shepherd Dogs, regardless of color or other disqualifying physical faults, to be eligible to compete for the titles of Agility, Herding and Obedience Victor/Victrix at the National trials.

### **Next Regular Board Meeting**

The next regular Board meeting will be conducted using GoToWebinar on April 28, and then continued on May 3, 2012. This will save the costs of travel for board members while allowing the board to conduct the business of the club. Members will be able to hear the board meeting. Detailed instructions will be provided to all members via Constant Contact before the meeting.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The preliminary analysis of the 2011 budget indicates that expenses were less than the amount budgeted.

Unfortunately our income also was significantly less than predicted. Final closing for 2011 will be completed for the April 2012 Board meeting.

#### **Budget and Finance Committee:**

The Budgets for all Committees were reviewed and a preliminary budget was developed. A final budget recommendation will be presented to the Board in April.

#### **Futurities:**

- At the recommendation of the Budget & Finance Committee and Futurity Chair Carol Moore, the motion charge \$15 for a nomination before birth was rescinded and the GSDCA board approved returning to the previous procedure that nominations received before birth are free. The charge of \$30 for litters nominated after they are born and all late fees remain the same.

- Preliminary numbers indicate that our 2011 Futurities were profitable.

- The board approved the recommendation of the Futurity Committee that the Southeast, Midwest and Northwest Regions be invited to participate, along with the Southwest Region, in the Baby Puppy Class in 2012. For details visit [gsdca.org/events/futuritymaturity-information/baby-puppy-class-pilot](http://gsdca.org/events/futuritymaturity-information/baby-puppy-class-pilot).

- Margaret Bleakney and Pam Stoesser are developing a plan to be in place for 2013, where Futurity entries may be made on the GSDCA website and Margaret will act as the Futurity Secretary for all regions. The web site for the GSDCA contains all Futurity information including by region: all judges, accompanying shows, addresses, and entry forms.

- The Futurity Committee announced that you can pay for your Futurity Catalogue ad on line this year or contact your regional chairman or the advertising Chairman, Kelly Knight, [hadderway@comcast.net](mailto:hadderway@comcast.net). The members are asked to support the Regional Clubs both with advertising and with your trophy donations. Carol Moore invited members to contact her at any time at 830-980-4260 or Scharo777@aol.com.

#### **Public Relations**

The GSDCA now has a presence on Facebook, thanks to the efforts of Ken and Kathy Tank. Visit us at [www.facebook.com/GermanShepherdDogClubofAmerica](http://www.facebook.com/GermanShepherdDogClubofAmerica)

#### **Membership Committee**

- The board has approved sending 2012 Membership Cards by email. These should be sent within the next few days. Those members who do not have an email address on file with the GSDCA will receive their cards by regular mail. This will result in a savings to the club of several hundred dollars.

- The 2013 renewal notice will be distributed in the September, October and November GSD Review and WILL NOT sent out in a separate mailing. Dania Karloff informed the Board that after Dec. 31 reminders to non-renewing members are sent electronically to those who have email and by post card to those members who do not have email.

- For 2012, new applicants for membership will be offered a one-time-only a reduced membership fee of \$36.

#### **AKC Delegates Meeting**

The Board instructed the AKC Delegate Carmen Battaglia to vote at the next Delegates meeting in favor of the AKC proposal that at one National event designated by the Club, three point major be awarded to RWD and RWB provided that the entry for that show was twice the number of dogs required for a five point major in that region.

#### **Centennial National Event**

The Board adopted a motion to allow members to vote for a seven judge panel for the Centennial National event. Other Breed Clubs have changed the way they host these special events by expanding the number of judges thus allowing more judges to participate and give honor to their breed.

#### **AOE Recipient Recognition**

At the request of Helen Franklin, Chair of AOE, the Board approved recognizing new AOE recipients during the award presentations on camera, just prior to the Parade of Greats.

#### **GSDCA AKC Judges**

The education committee asks member AKC judges to verify their listing under the Education tab on the GSDCA website.

#### **Regional Club Dues**

Because Regional Clubs vary considerably in size, the Board approved a sliding scale for Regional Club dues based on the number of members, with the largest clubs paying the current Regional Club dues of \$80 and the smallest clubs paying \$20. This will enable the smaller clubs to continue their affiliation with the GSDCA with less financial hardship.

#### **GSD Review Combined Issue**

At the joint meeting of the Boards of the GSDCA and the WDA it was suggested that the idea of a combined issue of the GSD Review and the WDA "The Complete German Shepherd Dog" magazine be explored. The members of the task force to explore this possibility were approved. They are Susan Casey, Joy Schultz, Mary Gattone, Jimmy Moses and John Henkel and Frank Fasano.

#### **Canadian Futurity/Maturity & Nat'l Show Schedule**

Bob Stevenson, Canadian Liaison reported in writing on the Canadian Futurity/Maturity and National Show schedules in Canada for 2012.

Regional Futurity/Maturity shows are as follows;

Saturday June 9 Mid-West Region Edmonton, AB Judge: J. R. Alcantra

Saturday June 30 Ontario Region Guelph, Ont. Judge: Iza Kabuska

Saturday June 30 Eastern Region Milford, NS Judge: Maureen Charlton

Saturday July 28 Western Region Surrey, BC Judge: Jerry Guzman

Saturday July 28 E. Ont/Que Region Trois-Rivieres, QC Judge: Morris Bartucci

Friday August 17 Central Region East St. Paul, Man. Judge: Donna Cameron

There will be accompanying Specialty Shows and all breed

shows, obedience and agility trials held in conjunction with the Futurity/Maturity shows.

2012 National Specialty Show and Obedience Trials will be returning to the Kitchener Memorial Auditorium, Kitchener, Ontario on Sept. 13-15.

The judges for 2012 conformation show are Susan Godek, Karin Wagner and Frank Fasano.

The Obedience Trial judges are still to be determined at this time. Our Agility and Rally Obedience Trials will be held on the weekend before the National this year in Barrie, Ontario on September 8th and 9th. The judges for these events are also still to be determined.

<b>Editor News</b>
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Hopefully, you found our club's newsletter to be informative and something to help keep our club members informed and unified.

If some members prefer to have the newsletter e-mailed, please send me permission at [ruttergsd@hughes.net](mailto:ruttergsd@hughes.net) or call (573) 470-3505. Also, Steve Dobbins will be putting it on the club's website. If you would prefer simply to look at it on the website or print a copy for yourself there, this would save the club the cost of printing and postage. Please let me know if the alternate methods of delivery would be permissible. I look forward to a having lots of fun with this.

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*Gail Rutter, Editor*