

Wag'n Tongue

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The German Shepherd Dog Club of St. Louis



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German Shepherd Dog Club of St. Louis, Inc.

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March 16, 2001 - Regular Club Meeting at 7:30 P.M. Educational Program: NUTRITION By Dr. Steve Hannah

April 7, 2001 German Shepherd Dog Club of St. Louis Specialty - Judge: DD Ardion

April 8, 2001 Southern Illinois German Shepherd Dog Club Specialty - Judge: Jack Budd. Southern Illinois is also having a Puppy Sweepstakes - Judge: Ken Cunningham. Both shows will be at the Southern Illinois site Collinsville Sports Complex in Collinsville IL.

April 14, 2001 - Be sure to attend the GSDC of St. Louis B/OB Match

April 20, 2001 - Regular Club Meeting at 7:30 P.M. Educational Program: Putting on a Dog Show. This program is to help members who want to volunteer for Show Chairman or Show Secretary, but have no experience.

May 18, 2001 - Regular Club Meeting at 7:30 P.M. Educational Program: Puppy Mill Awareness. Mr. Gary Abelov will speak about his experiences while walking across Missouri from St. Charles to Kansas City. He was accompanied by Scout, his German Shepherd Dog.

October 19, 2001 - Regular Club Meeting at 7:30 P.M. Educational Program: Carmen Battaglia, Board member GSDC of America, and AKC Delegate Carmen will have a slide presentation on the 3 affiliates of the AKC which includes a discussion about DNA policy, Frequently Used sires and cloning.

November 16, 2001 - Regular Club Meeting at 7:30 P.M. Educational Program: Agility, John A. Hoffman will give an Agility program. John is a club member, and his Britta Von Wadekamper OA, HIT was Agility Victrix 2000 National. She will be there signing autographs.

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 indi-

Join the GSDC of America

German Shepherd Dog Club of America, Inc.
Application for Membership

Requirements: Minimum age of 18 years. Must be in good standing with AKC. Membership includes subscription to *The German Shepherd Dog Review*.

Membership Type: (check one)

Single \$66.00 Family* \$100.00

Dues are not tax deductible.

*Family is defined as same household or significant other.

*Make checks payable to GSDCA.

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I (We) hereby make application to the above club and agree, if accepted for membership, to abide by its Bylaws and the Bylaws of the American Kennel Club. Upon application I will be eligible for all privileges except the right to vote. Thirty days after my name has been published in the *Review*, provided no objections have been filed, I will be granted the right to vote.

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Drawing by Marcia Hadley



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**The German Shepherd Dog Club
of St. Louis is on the Web!!
Thank you Bill Harper
<http://members.aol.com/gsdcs/>**

~Wag'N Tongue Information~

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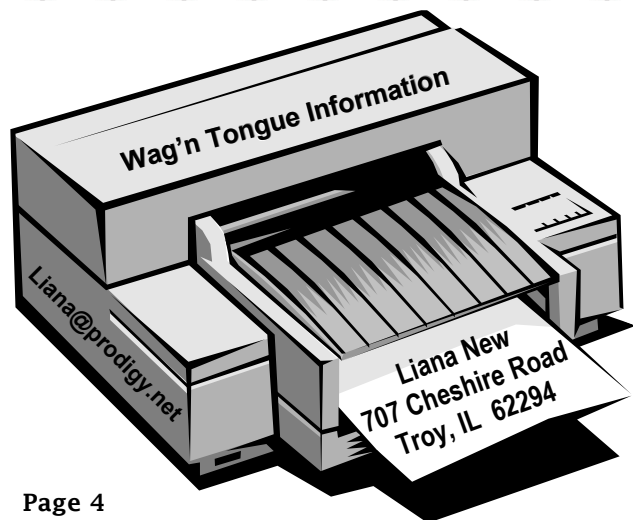
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**THE EIGHTY-EIGHTH
NATIONAL SPECIALTY
SHOW 2001
November 4, 2001
THRU
November 10, 2001
Perry, GA**

2001 GENERAL MEETINGS 7:30 PM

December	January	February	March	April	May	June
-	19	16	16	20	18	15
July	August	September	October	November	December	January
20	-	21	19	16	-	18

2001 BOARD MEETINGS 8:00 PM

December	January	February	March	April	May	June
7	4	1	1	5	3	7
July	August	September	October	November	December	January
5	2	6	4	1 or 8	6	3



TO MY DOG(S):

How do I love thee? Let me count the ways...

I love thee agreeably - enough to let your stinky dog hide on the bed after a run through damp leaves, mud and slug infested gardens.

I love thee steadfastly - enough to devote a year to raising you from a wobbly speck into a strong healthy adult (who promptly attempts to seize control).

I love thee passionately - despite your repeated efforts to probe my ears, eyes and mouth with the same tongue you use for various other atrocities.

I love thee well - despite the amazing odors you produce.

I love thee deeply - though you use me as a napkin at every opportunity.

I love thee madly - despite the various bodily functions you have performed at inappropriate moments - in inappropriate places.

I love thee constantly - despite the dog "bladder curfew" I have lived by for many years.

I love thee truly - despite the "doggie land mines" hidden in the grass.

I love thee absolutely - because you never (well, hardly ever) hog the remote control.

I love thee gratefully - because you stay by my side (or on my side).

I love thee devotedly - more than clean carpeting, clothing, furniture, floors or walls.

I love thee bravely - enough to battle the indomitable flea on your behalf.

I love thee monetarily - enough to put the vet's children through college.

I love thee openly - I will bear any embarrassment for your furry sake.

I love thee totally - more than free time, excess cash or a predictable life.

Hi All!

Be sure to attend the GSDC of St. Louis B/OB match on Saturday, April 14, 2001 (one week after our spring specialty show). Here is a great chance to get out those youngsters and practice for the futurities.

Karen Hynek will do junior handlers and breed judging. Lois O'Connor will do obedience.

Obedience classes will be Novice A, Novice B, and Pre-Novice.

Juniors classes will be Pee-Wee, Novice and Open.

Puppy classes will be 2-4, 4-6, 6-9, & 9-12.

Adult classes will be Bred-By and Open.

For more information, later you can check the St Louis GSDC site at <http://members.aol.com/gsdcs/> and hopefully download a premium list.

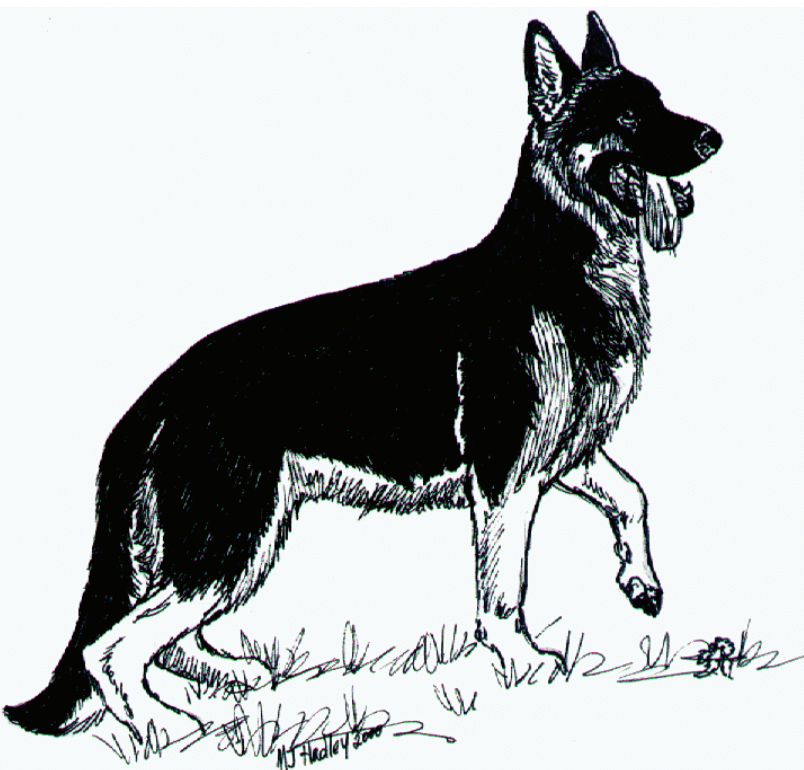
Or for a match premium list or more info, email: sddobbins@ktis.net

Be sure to attend the spring specialties in the St Louis area.

Sat April 7 GSDC of St. Louis, Judge: D.D.Ardoin

Sun April 8 SIGSDC, Judge: Jack Budd

See ya' there!



**BOARD MEETING MINUTES
November 17, 2000**

The monthly Board meeting of the G.S.D.C. of St. Louis, Inc. was called to order at 7:15 PM by President Gail Stiefferman at the Brentwood Recreation Center.

The roll was called. Visitors to the meeting were Jo Ann Leistner and Margaret O'Neill.

The minutes of the October 5, 2000 Board meeting were read and corrected. The minutes of the October 20, 2000 Regular meeting were read.

The Treasurer's Report was read.

Alice Becker, Corresponding Secretary, read a letter from AKC about AKC fees at shows and another letter asking for donations.

Lee Trapp presented a letter over the application of hosting a '03 Futurity/Maturity.

President Stiefferman apologized for arriving late to the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Training: Lois O'Connor reported that the puppy class had held graduation and the Novice class would graduate after Thanksgiving. The next class will begin on January 10.

Wag-n-Tongue: Liana New reported that our Wag had won a First place award at the National.

Education Programs: Lee Trapp mentioned that Steven Hanna would be speaking at the March meeting.

By-Laws: Marilee Wilkinson has the letters that show the changes to the new by-laws ready to be mailed.

Christmas Party: Judy DeRousse has a sign-up sheet for the party, she needs to know how many will be attending the party.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Lee Trapp moved that the club purchase pastries for the Parent Club's Board meeting that is being held January 20-21 at the Wentzville Holiday Inn. The motion was seconded by Ann Douglas and passed.

There being no further business, Marilee Wilkinson moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Lee Trapp and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Redford

Recording Secretary

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
November 17, 2000**

The monthly regular meeting of the G.S.D.C. of St. Louis, Inc. was called to order at 8:05 PM by President Gail Stiefferman at the Brentwood Recreation Center.

The roll was called.

The minutes of the October 5, 2000 Board meeting were read.

The minutes of the October 20, 2000 Regular meeting were read and corrected.

The Treasurer's Report was read.

Alice Becker, Corresponding Secretary, had a letter from AKC about fees for shows and trials, a memo from AKC about judges names, a letter from the Parent Club with an application to submit as a site for the '03 Futurity/Maturity and one more letter asking for donations.

Bill Harper moved that the regular business be put aside for the educational presentation. The motion was seconded by Dyan Harper and passed.

Lee Trapp introduced Dr. Cook who spoke on the major orthopedic problems with GSDs. He was then thanked.

There was a short break.

President Steifferman apologized for missing the October meeting, she then thanked Marcia Hadley, Rosalind North, Bill & Dyan Harper, Lee Trapp and everyone else who had helped with the Fall Specialty.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education Programs: Lee Trapp recognized Dotty Borreson and Ilona Horn for helping with this months presentation. He then mentioned that Dr. Steve Hanna would speak at the March meeting.

Training: Lois O'Connor reported that the Novice class would have their graduation on Wednesday, November 29 and

the next class would begin on January 10.

By-Law: Marcia Hadley reported that the corrections to the by-law changes are being mailed to the club's members.

Wag-n-Tongue: Liana New mentioned that the November/December Wag is almost complete. Liana stated that the Wag had won a first place newsletter award at the National.

Phone Line: Barb Gambill is receiving alot of calls asking for puppies and also some calls from individuals who need to get rid of their own adult dogs.

Nomination: Sydell Pollack asked if everyone had been called for running as on Officer or a Board member..

OLD BUSINESS

President Stiefferman showed the Club's banners. The banner had won a second place in banner competition at the National and a half page in the Review.

Marilee Wilkinson mentioned that the two banners had been donated by two past members. Marilee then moved that the club send a \$100 gift certificate to a florist to Bob & Sally Haas expressing the Club's gratitude for the banners. The motion was seconded by Liana New and passed.

Judy DeRousse mentioned that a sign-up sheet was being passed around for the Christmas party - please sign-up and attend.

Bud Leistner stated that the mileage for judges on the judges contract is 600 miles, he presented a map showing the mileage range. Bud feels that this mileage range needs to be thought about and possibly changing it to a 300 mile range. Rosalind North moved that this issue be tabled. It was seconded by Marilee Wilkinson.

NEW BUSINESS

President Stiefferman reported that the election of new Officers would be held during the New Business agenda in the January meeting, therefore, during the Old Business agenda we will be voting on the by-law changes.

President Stiefferman commented that many local people had attended this years National.

A raffle netted \$55.
Guests were welcomed.
There was a Brag Box.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES December 7, 2000

Marilee Wilkinson moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Ann Douglas and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Redford

Recording Secretary

The monthly Board meeting of the G.S.D.C. of St. Louis, Inc. was called to order at 8:20 PM by President Gail Stiefferman at Uncle Bill's Restaurant.

The roll was called. Marilee Wilkinson and Bud Leistner were excused. Visitors to the meeting were Robin Smith and Butch Stiefferman.

The minutes of the November 17, 2000 Board meeting were approved as read.

The minutes of the November 17, 2000 Regular meeting were read.

Alice Becker, Corresponding Secretary, had a letter from the GSDC of Kansas City asking for a survey to be answered by a few of our club's members. Alice reported that the obedience judge for the '01 Spring Specialty will be Don Schempp. His fee will be \$125 plus expenses.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education: Lee Trapp the April meeting would hold "How To Put On a Dog Show" and Gary Abelou would speak at the May meeting about puppy mill awareness.

Obedience: Lois O'Connor stated that a training committee meeting would be held next Wednesday and the next Novice classes would begin January 10 at Nottingham school.

Wag-n-Tongue: Liana New stated that she may not be able to continue being the Editor for the Wag. The cost of producing a Wag was discussed. Ricky Har-

mittee be put together to find the cost of copy machines. The motion was seconded by Gail Rutter and passed.

Christmas Party: Judy DeRousse mentioned that the party would be held December 17 at 5:00.

OLD BUSINESS

Lee Trapp reported that pastries will not be allowed to be delivered to the Parent Club's meeting that is being held at the Wentzville Holiday Inn.

Gail Rutter asked about the by-law change that causes a Board member to be dropped due to missing meetings. Page 9 Section 3(b)

'01 Spring Specialty volunteers:

Ads - Gail Rutter

Show Secretary - Kathy Redford, as long as someone else would develop the catalog.

Trophy - Judy DeRousse

Chief Ring Steward - Butch Stiefferman

Show Chairperson/Co-Chairperson - Gail Stiefferman & Terry Rock

Obedience Chairperson - Gail Rutter

Lee Trapp had an application for the '03 Futurity/Maturity, but it should be tabled until the next regular meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

President Stiefferman brought up the issue of who should be responsible for the memorial trophy and the club's banners. Ricky Harrison moved that the memorial trophy and club banners should be kept by that years President. The motion was seconded by Judy DeRousse and

BOARD MEETING MINUTES January 4, 2001

passed.

There being no further business, Liana New moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Judy DeRousse and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Redford

Recording Secretary

The monthly Board meeting of the G.S.D.C. of St. Louis, Inc. was called to order at 8:00 PM by President Gail

Stiefferman at Uncle Bill's Restaurant.

The roll was called. Gail Rutter was absent. Butch Stiefferman was a visitor to the meeting.

The minutes of the December 7, 2000 Board meeting were approved as read.

The Treasurer's Report was read.

Alice Becker, Corresponding Secretary, had an Open House invitation from AKC to be held February 11 in NYC, the '01 Spring Specialty has been approved and she had the application for the '01 Fall Specialty.

Marilee Wilkinson had a letter from the Brentwood Recreation stating that room 103 will not be available as of June 1, but a different room is available. The letter also stated that the deadline for the room is 10:00 with cleaning and totally out of the room by 10:30.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Training: Lois O'Connor that the committee's meeting had been canceled, but the next classes will begin January 10.

Education: Lee Trapp reported that all presentations were taken care of until May. In addition at the June meeting it will be about genetic terms and the July presentation will have a few different speakers.

Advertising: President Stiefferman reported that the bill for the Post Dispatch ads have gone up in price to \$96/month. Lee Trapp moved that the paper ad be changed to: GSDC of St. Louis, Obedience, 314-772-8885. The motion was seconded by Ann Douglas and passed.

'01 Spring Specialty: President Stiefferman mentioned that she has not heard back from the S.I.L.G.S.D.C. about having the show sites together. There was a discussion on combining the shows.

OLD BUSINESS

President Stiefferman began a discussion on the By-Law changes.

Bud Leistner asked about cutting the expenses on making the Wag. President Stiefferman has contacted a company on the prices of copy machines. A new machine could be \$5950 with

maintenance fee of \$694/yr. or \$144/month lease (60 months). A used machine would be \$3900 with maintenance fee of \$853/yr. or \$103/month lease (60 months). There was a discussion on the cost of making and mailing the Wag.

Lee Trapp volunteered to serve as the Show Chairperson for the '03 Futurity/Maturity.

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES January 19, 2001

NEW BUSINESS

None

There being no further business, Ann Douglas moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Terry Rock and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Redford

Recording Secretary

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The roll was called.

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The Treasurer's Report was read.

Alice Becker, Corresponding Secretary, read a Thank You note from Marilyn and Fred Balsman, an invitation to the AKC Open House that is being held in NYC and reported that the application for the '01 Fall Specialty has been submitted.

President Stiefferman reported on a phone call that Barb Gambill had received through the club's phone line. The call had concerned a non-member who owned a puppy with a disease who needs special diet and medicine. President Stiefferman asked for any individual donations to this family to help with the dogs medicine.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education: Lee Trapp mentioned that at the February meeting during the Annual

Awards, the only dogs allowed to attend are the ones who have earned an award. The March presentation will cover nutrition, April - Gail Stiefferman will present "How To Do A Dog Show", and at the May meeting Gary Abelou will speak concerning puppy mills.

GSDC Annual Awards: Marcia Hadley is passing out a sign-up sheet for refreshments for the awards evening. She stated that only the dogs receiving the awards may attend. Marcia also stated that the rules to receive the awards may change.

Training: Lois O'Connor reported that there were about 19 dogs in the Novice class and 12 puppies for the Puppy class.

OLD BUSINESS

Marcia Hadley explained how AKC is having the club change the By-Laws. Bud Leistner moved we accept the By-Law changes as revised. The motion was seconded by Marilyn Balsman. The motion was passed with one opposed. President Stiefferman thanked the committee for getting these changes organized.

Lee Trapp presented an application for the '03 Futurity/Maturity and he volunteered as the show chairperson if our club was accepted. Keith Hitt moved that we submit the application for the '03 Futurity/Maturity. The motion was seconded by Terry Rock. The motion was passed with two opposing. Bill Harper thanked Lee for volunteering as the Show Chairperson.

Terry Rock thanked Judy DeRousse for organizing the Christmas party.

NEW BUSINESS

Sydell Pollack asked about some money being put aside for emergency donations. Ricky Harrison moved that this issue be tabled. The motion was seconded by Marilyn Balsman and passed.

President Stiefferman thanked everyone for helping her through this past year. She also thanked Marcia Hadley for all the jobs she had volunteered doing during the year.

Counters for the annual Officers/Board election will be Jeanne North, Margaret O'Neill, and Carl Foster. Voting of the '01 Officers was held.

The Officers will be:

President - Gail Stiefferman
Vice President - Ricky Harrison
Recording Secretary - Kathy Redford
Treasurer - Marilee Wilkinson
Corresponding Secretary - Alice Becker
The voting of the Board of Governors was held.

A raffle netted \$52.

The Guests were welcomed.

President Stiefferman reported that our room is reserved 7:30 - 10:00. President Stiefferman moved that the Regular meeting begin at 7:30 PM on the third Friday in February. The motion was seconded by Terry Rock. The motion passed with 2 opposing.

The Board of Governors for 2001 will be:

Judy DeRousse
Lois O'Connor
Barb Gambill
Lee Trapp
Marcia Hadley
Terry Rock
Liana New

Bill Harper moved that we keep the

Top 10 Reasons To Breed Dogs...

10. Thought the house was too orderly.

9. Never did like having a full nights sleep.

8. Wanted my Vet to get a new BMW.

7. Thought the furniture looked too nice.

6. Love the sounds of puppies in the morning, noon, afternoon, evening, midnight, pre-dawn, etc.

5. Garden and backyard needed renovations, and didn't want to pay a gardener.

4. Neighbors didn't complain enough.

3. Kids weren't enough of a challenge.

2. If you can train & show one dog, why not ten.

1. Wanted to see if spouse really meant those vows.

TENNIS BALLS ARE NOT SAFE FOR BIG DOGS

Diamond State German Shepherd Club Feature Stories By DeTroy Kistner

Please Read this if you have a Ball-crazy German Shepherd, Golden Retriever or Labrador. While I was talking on the phone Sailor my 10-month-old German Shepherd brought me his ball for a game of indoor catch. It was a hard rubber ball about tennis ball size. It had little raised dots of rubber. I was quite sure it was too large for there to be any danger of him swallowing it. I would toss it to him and he'd catch it on the fly. We must have done it thirty times when suddenly I looked at Sailor and saw that he was in great distress. I knew instantly that he must have gotten the ball stuck in his throat on the last toss. His head was down and he was trying to get it out but was unable to do so. I dropped the phone not even taking one second to explain to the caller what was happening. I grabbed my dog and he wriggled free struggling to get air and free himself of the object lodged in his throat. I was wrestling him in his own fight for survival. Three times I grabbed him and three times he got away from me. Finally I got him and pried open his mouth. Trying to get the ball out with my fingers only seemed to cause it to slide further down in his throat. The poor animal was struggling to be free of me and to get air into his lungs again. The ball was now in his throat beyond reach, like an enormous Adam's apple. He had locked his teeth and was trying to swallow it. And of course he could not. By this time I am as desperate and frantic as he is. I live on the fifteenth floor of a pre-war building in mid-Manhattan. There is no vet in the building and none of my neighbors are at home. I know that by the time the elevator operator puts down his newspaper and saunters into the elevator and brings the old machine up 15 stories my beloved young dog will be near death. And then to go down again and try to find a cab that would take me and the dog to a vet or the Animal Medical Center... well, no creature on earth could go for that length of time without air and make it. Never have I felt more alone and scared then I did at that moment. I knew that if couldn't figure out how to save him and do it quickly he was going to die. I grabbed onto him again, straddling him. I put my hand below the hall on the outside of his neck and gently worked the ball up his throat the way you would work a ball through a tube or out of the toe of a sock. It came up part way, but then Sailor reeled away again in his panic and struggle. I grabbed him again and threw him on the couch, again half straddling him to try and hold him. His teeth were clamped down, I seemed to need at least four hands and I only had two. I remember telling God I needed his help RIGHT NOW! I knew that time was running out and the thought of my beautiful young dog dying in my arms while I am powerless to help him gave me a feeling of despair I'd never known before. Again I tried to work the ball up his throat from the outside by squeezing it gently from beneath. Slowly but surely it rose up his throat. I pried his teeth open with my fingers and finally, holding his head against me and keeping one hand under the ball, I was able to reach into his mouth and grab the ball from the back of his throat and pull it out. We sat there for a long time. He kept swallowing and was very quiet. Young as he was he seemed to know how close to death he had come. There was a fair amount of blood on my fingers and I wasn't sure whether it had come from his throat. I thought that perhaps his throat was torn so I took him to the vet immediately. The vet checked him out and found him to be okay, but gave him some antibiotics just in case. He told me that I had saved my dog's life. Most people, he said, try to get help and the dog dies on the way. They just can't get to help fast enough to save their dog. Usually, he said, when I see them they are already dead. I see a lot of golden retrievers with tennis balls that have died on the way. Most of the blood had, I found out later, come from my own fingers that had taken a bit of a beating prying open those clamped sharp baby molars. My fingers were sore for days, but who cared I had my dog and he was alive! I started to warn other owners of big ball-happy dogs in Central Park. Some would respond with, "But he's never swallowed it before." Yes, well the first time could be the LAST time. It only takes one time for your dog to die. He may have caught it for years and then one day he catches it on the fly and it gets beyond his tongue and you can lose your dog. Three weeks later a friend's German shepherd got a tennis ball caught in his throat. The dog is seven years old and has been retrieving tennis balls for years. It happened in Central Park and the NYPD happened to be close by and threw the dog in the patrol car and raced (sometimes literally over the sidewalk) to get it to the Animal Medical Center. The dog was blue and almost gone when they pulled up at the Animal Medical Center. "What did they do?" I asked, expecting to hear about quick major surgery. "Oh, they just worked it up his throat from the outside and it popped right out!" said his owner. So why doesn't anyone tell owners about this? Everyone thinks that a tennis ball is safe. **TENNIS BALLS ARE NOT SAFE FOR BIG DOGS.** I have heard that the Heimlich maneuver can be used to expel something lodged in a dog's throat. I don't know whether it was a method that might

have worked. It is probably good to know as well. But I do know that a major animal hospital used the same method of working it up from the outside that I described. I think big dog owners should know this. Obviously one doesn't take animal medicine into one's own hands when there is a vet at one's elbow. But when your dog is for sure going to die if YOU don't DO something then it is good to know something you can do.- Last week I heard that another Central Park dog died the same way. His owner tried to get the dog from the park into a cab and to a vet and he didn't make it. That's why I wanted to share this, because many people are so panicked that they don't think to even try to work the ball up from the outside. I thought perhaps this might save a dog's life. Now all Sailor's balls are rope balls. They are tennis ball sized but there is a rope attached. One mail order company even sells ones that float. And the rope enables me to throw them further and Sailor gets a longer run.

I hope this alerts many to the hazards small objects can cause. Other such things as rawhide chewies and hooves have caused similar problems. I'm glad my friend DeTroy & Sailor survived this ordeal but my friend Jo lost her dog Taco in her arms. Georgia



Good Evening. My name is _____ and I AM a dogaholic.

I would like to welcome all of you to this month's meeting of Dogaholics Anonymous. Some of you are here tonight because a friend or relative brought you here. You may be sitting here thinking that you are OK and that you really don't need any help. It is not easy to admit that you are a dogaholic and it is even harder to bring yourself to a DAA meeting for help. DAA is here to assist you.

I have some questions to ask. If you can answer YES to more than three of the following, you have come to the right place.

Can you say "Bitch" in public without blushing?

Do you drive a station wagon, van or 4x4 when everyone else drives a real car?

Do you have more than one car? One for you and one for the dogs?

Do you spend your vacations and holidays going to shows, specialties and seminars when everyone else goes on a cruise?

If you do go overseas, is it to London in March to attend Crufts?

Do you discuss things at the dinner table that would make most doctors leave in disgust?

Do you consider formal wear to be clean jeans and freshly washed tennis shoes?

Is your interior decorator R.C. Steele?

Was your furniture and carpeting chosen to match your dogs?

Are your end table really dog crates with tablecloths thrown over them?

Do you know the meaning of CD, CDX, UD, CGC, HIC, WC, JH, MH, CH, and OTCH?

Is your mail made up primarily of dog catalogs, dog magazines and premium lists?

Do you get up before dawn to go to Training Classes? Dog Shows? Seminars?

If you do have dresses, do they all have pockets?

Do those pockets often contain freeze dried liver, Rollover or squeaky toys?

When you meet a new person do you always ask them what kind of dog they have and pity them if they don't have one?

Do you remember the name of their dog sooner than you remember their name?

Do you find non dog people boring?

Do you subscribe to an internet dog mailing list?????

If you answered YES to one of the above, there is still hope.

If you answered YES to two, you are in serious trouble.

If you answered YES to three or more, you have come to the * right place.

My advice to all of you with three or more Yes's is to sit back and smile, turn to the smiling person next to you and know that your life will al-

For those first puppy owners.....How to prepare for a new puppy:

1. Pour cold apple juice on the carpet in several places and walk around barefoot in the dark.

2. Wear a sock to work that has had the toes shredded by a blender.

3. Immediately upon waking, stand outside in the rain and dark saying, "Be a good puppy, go potty now - hurry up - come on, lets go!"

4. Cover all your best suits with dog hair. Dark suits must use white hair, and light suits must use dark hair. Also float some hair in your first cup of coffee in the morning.

5. Play "catch" with a wet ball.

6. Run out in the snow in your bare feet to close the gate.

7. Tip over a basket of clean laundry, scatter clothing all over the floor.

8. Leave your underwear on the living room floor, because that's where the dog will drag it anyway. (Especially when you have company.)

9. Jump out of your chair shortly before the end of your favorite TV program and run to the door shouting, "No no! Do that OUTSIDE!" Miss the end of the program.

10. Put chocolate pudding on the carpet in the morning, and don't try to clean it up until you return from work that evening.

11. Gouge the leg of the dinning room table several times with a screwdriver-it's going to get chewed on anyway.

12. Take a warm and cuddly blanket out of the dryer and immediately wrap it around yourself. This is the feeling you will get when your puppy falls asleep on

An Epitaph found on a pet's tombstone:

"The reason I loved him is plain to see – with all my faults, he found

Inbreeding/ Linebreeding

Everyone has an opinion on breeding. There are as many divergent opinions on how an animal should be bred as there are breeders. I have heard from some very successful people say that they would never inbreed, linebreed or outcross (pick your method). These opinions are literally poles apart.

If there is a principle misunderstood, even by some advocating its use, it is inbreeding.

Inbreeding is the mating of closely related animals to one another. Closely related means parent-offspring, full siblings, and half siblings. If the two dogs are related but not this closely we will define it as linebreeding rather than inbreeding.

Now that we have defined what it is...Why do it?!

Inbreeding is done for a variety of reasons, but two very valid reasons come immediately to mind. First, is to find and identify weaknesses (faults) in structure, conformation, temperament, etc,) or poor recessive genes that may be masked and transferred to another generation of puppies. Second, is to concentrate the genes of one very good dog.

EVERY TRAIT THAT A MAMMAL HAS IS INHERITED IN DUPLICATE!

We, and our dogs, get a gene for every trait from each of our parents. Our dogs will show one trait that is more like one parent and another trait that is more like the other parent. One parent is dominant for one trait and the other parent would be dominant for the second trait. For example, this explains why a puppy can have the head of one parent and the body of the other.

The trait that is exhibited, or that we can see, is referred to as being dominant. The trait that is not exhibited is referred to as being recessive. However, the dog can pass on the recessive traits as easily as the dominant ones. This is where a lot of surprises come from. This is the simplest of cases. Many traits are a combination of more than one gene, sometimes FAR more than one. The technical term for this is "polygenic". Each of the genes that contribute to the trait or characteristic can be inherited from either parent.

By breeding animals that have many of the same genes in common, we can remove many of the variables or possibilities that otherwise might surprise us. (This is probably what Evan meant by inbreeding to remove a fault). In order to breed animals with as many genes in common as possible, you must start with closely related breeding stock.

Since many of the gene combinations will be duplicated, we will find that many of the recessive traits will be REVEALED; revealed - not caused. This is a very, very important distinction to make. The recessive genes which may be faults will be unmasked because they will have been duplicated from both the sire and the dam. However, good traits will also have been inherited in duplicate. If we can > find

the puppy with the good traits that we are seeking from an inbreeding, then we can be fairly confident that the good traits are there in duplicate. We will have a puppy that is plenipotent for the good traits.

The bad side to this coin is that we may also have puppies that have the faults in duplicate and they must be culled from the breeding pool. They must be neutered and not allowed to reproduce, or if the fault is life threatening, they should be humanely euthanized. For this reason, inbreeding is not a plan for the faint of heart.

A puppy receives half of its genes from each parent, 25% from each grandparent, 12.5% from each great-grandparent, etc. If we breed a dog to his daughter, the resulting puppies will receive 50% of their genes from their father. Their dam is already 50% of the sire, so the puppies will have 75% of their genes contributed by their father, who is also their grandfather. This makes them actually more related to their sire than their dam, who is also their half sister. If one of these second generation bitches is bred back to the same sire, he would then be contributing 87.5% of the genetic makeup of that litter of pups.

When the Santa Gertrudis breed of cattle was being developed in South Texas, the ideal bull was developed. He was bred to his daughter, and to her daughter, and to her daughter for six successive generations to set the breed type. Finally, the last generation produced a cow that had 127/128ths of its genetic material donated by the original bull. This is as close to cloning the ideal animal as we can come with breeding.

Problems? The Santa Gertrudis is one of the hardest and largest of all the breeds of cattle. Descendent cattle were just as big and had the same temperament as the original stock. There was no loss of size or of good temperaments resulting from this type of concentrated inbreeding. Since you are not introducing any new combinations, this method cannot cause faults. It will, however, allow you to identify them and then remove them from the existing breeding stock.

This brings to mind a second notion that I have often heard. I hear people tell how many different times a kennel name appears in a pedigree and they consider that a sign of inbreeding or line breeding. If you elect to inbreed, you must select a dog upon which to concentrate your efforts, not a kennel.

It is not possible to inbreed to two or three different dogs simultaneously. Just because a dog carries a kennel name in its pedigree several times does not mean that it has been inbred or linebred. I have heard some people tout their dogs as being from a certain line or kennel because of one of its great grandparents. All that tells me is that 7/8 of the dog's genes came from somewhere else.

I know of some dogs that are not any closer related to a prominent stud dog than seven generations, or a great-great-great-great-great grandparent. A dog in that generation is

only one of 128 ancestors in the 7th generation. Yet, due to the inbreeding and the many times that the dog appeared in the puppies pedigree in the 7th, 8th, 9th, and 10th generations he still accounted for 28% of the genetic makeup of the puppy. With inbreeding, a dog can still have a significant impact upon the breed long, long after it has passed away. Someone with a dominant, ideal stud dog should consider inbreeding to save as much of his genes as possible for future generations. You may have a dog that meets your ideal of the breed standard or you may be able to find the dog that you think most closely matches the standard and breed to it.

How to plan a program to reproduce that dog? First, study the pedigrees of some of our best dogs, and you will be able to use this pedigree as a blueprint to follow: Second, breed a bitch to this "ideal" dog. Hopefully, the bitch will have some common ancestry. Third, take the best bitch puppy of the resulting litter that does not have faults in common with the sire and breed her back to her father/grandfather. You should then get puppies in this second generation that are 75% of the sire and have very few faults in common with their sire. Our dogs do not often live long enough to breed those puppies back to the sire again, unless the owner has the foresight to utilize frozen semen.

But in most cases, from here you will have to search out a sibling or half sibling that again, does not have any common faults and breed them. This will keep the genetic makeup of the original sire well over 50% in any puppies that you produce and you will be able to see this dog's good qualities repeated over and over again.

Outcrossing should be done judiciously, as you are reintroducing many variables. You may get some outstanding puppies, you may also be masking some recessives that will not crop up again for several generations.

I know that many will see the term inbreeding and think of taboos and that it is a program that can be disastrous. Any breeding program will breed mediocrity, if it is done haphazardly without thought, training and study. Patience is the key. No breeding program is going to turn out the ultimate dog, after only one generation, unless you are very, very, fortunate. What you should see though, is a consistent improvement generation to generation. With inbreeding, you should also see uniformity and consistency within a litter. Often, you will see more uniformity from an inbred litter than from another type of breeding simply because there are fewer variables introduced in the genetic makeup

Dear God, How come people love to smell flowers, but seldom, if ever, smell one another? Where are their priorities?

Dear God, When we get to Heaven, can we sit on your couch? Or is it the same old story?

Dear God, Excuse me, but why are there cars named after the jaguar, the cougar, the mustang, the colt, the stingray, and the rabbit, but not one named for a dog? How often do you see a cougar riding around? We dogs love a nice ride! I know every breed cannot have its own model, but it would be easy to rename the Chrysler Eagle the Chrysler Beagle!

Dear God, If a dog barks his head off in the forest and no human hears him, is he still a bad dog?

Dear God, When my foster mom's friend comes over to our house, he smells like musk! What's he been rolling around in?

Dear God, Is it true that in Heaven, dining room tables have on-ramps?

Dear God, If we come back as humans, is that good or bad?

Dear God, More meatballs, less spaghetti, please.

Dear God, When we get to the Pearly Gates, do we have to shake hands to get in?

Dear God, We dogs can understand human verbal instructions, hand signals, whistles, horns, clickers, beepers, scent IDs, electromagnetic energy fields, and Frisbee flight paths. What do humans understand?

Dear God, Are there dogs on other planets, or are we alone? I have been howling at the moon and stars for a long time, but all I ever hear back is the beagle across the street.

Dear God, Are there mailmen in Heaven? If there are, will I have to apologize?

Dear God, Is it true that dogs are not allowed in restaurants because we can't make up our minds what NOT to order? Or is it the carpets again?

Dear God, When my family eats dinner they always bless their food. But they never bless mine. So, I've been wagging my tail extra fast when they fill my bowl. Have you noticed my own blessing?

Dear God, I've always lived at the shelter and I have everything I need. But many of the cats here have names and I don't. Could you give me a name please? It would be good for my self-esteem.

Dear God, The new terrier I live with just peed on the Oriental rug and I have a feeling my family

2000 German Shepherd Dog Club Of St. Louis, Inc. Awards Presentation Submitted By: MJ Hadley, Awards Chair

The year 2000 was both a joyful, and a tragic year for our St. Louis GSDC members. From the excitement of an awesome National Specialty in Ohio, to the profound grief suffered at the loss of beloved member, Bill Pearson, as well as the loss of some of our most treasured dogs. In the spring, we hosted a fantastic Futurity weekend which received "Rave Reviews" from exhibitors across the country. We had one of the most enjoyable hospitality rooms in memory. Thanks to our members, and the members of our sister club, Southern Illinois GSDC working together under the direction of our Futurity Chair Ricky Harrison. There was a great array of home cooked foods, and drinks were served by our capable bartender, Ken Hummel. Our Futurity weekend gives other GSDC Clubs a goal to work toward... Where else would you be entertained by a very masculine Nun with a mustache (Sister Frances)?

In October of 2000, we had our 50th Anniversary Specialty in Kirkwood, which was a huge success in spite of an unforeseen last minute judge change. A very special Thanks to Kathy Potter for stepping in to judge for us when Jerry Graham was unable to attend. Many members worked hard at making these events a huge success.

Before beginning the Awards Presentation for 2000, I would like to make mention of our members who did so well in our National competition in Ohio :

First, the splendid efforts by our Wag 'N' Tongue Editor, Liana New, earned us "Best Newsletter Category I ". This was an honor for us, as well as for our dedicated Editor.

Next, our gorgeous banner, one of two generously created, and donated by former members, Bob, and Sally Haas, earned us second place in the National Banner Competition.

Ann and Mike Douglas' daughter Ashley showed in Junior Handling for her first time in National competition, and WON the Open Junior class. (In spite of having a goofy male dog who was in "lust" with another junior's flirty little female.) Way to go Ashley!!

In Breed ring competition, Terry Rock's lovely puppy, Faithrock Langlitz Joshua HH, who she co-owns with the Langlitz's was second in a large 9-12 puppy dog class just days past his 9 month birthday.

Ricky, and Greg Harrison's Hadori's Stone Cold, AKA Austin, WON the American Bred Dog class to thunderous applause. In spite of having the great Jimmy Moses on the other end of his lead, Austin refused to hold his stack when he went back in for winners. (Showing everyone that he was still very much a teenager...some might even say a juvenile delinquent.)

Perhaps most touching was the Conditional Bitch class...WON by Ch Glendhemere's Dandelion Days, owned by Gail & Butch Stiefferman, and Mary Belle Adelman. Ch. Dandi was very professionally handled by Miss Elizabeth Steifferman, age 9!! I understand the ringside support, and applause for this team was overwhelming.

In performance events, Illona Horn's Andrew Von Dukehorn earned his temperament certificate.

John Hoffman, scored big when his Britta Vom Wadekamper was crowned the 2000 National Agility Victrix competing with blazing speed, on a broken toe. Britta showed the true heart of German Shepherd Dog.

In all, St. Louis was well represented at the 2000 National.

Congratulations to you all.....

Following are the 2000 award winners:

Andrew Von Dukehorn, HIC,TT,TC

Sire: Pacobelos Von Haus Antverpa, Sch.H.III

Dam: All But A Penny Vom Waggoner

Owner/Breeder: Ilona Horn

2000 Award: Temperament Certified

Britta Von Wadekamper, CD,MX,MXJ,TC,HIC,CGC,BH

Sire: Gento Von Haus Larwin IPO I

Dam: Pats von Haus Tremelore,IPO III

Breeder: Wadekamper Kennels

Owner: John Hoffman

2000 Award: German Shepherd Dog Club Of America
National Agility Victrix

Ch. Chilmark's Lyn' Eyes Reata

Sire: AM/Can.Ch. Omega's American Express

Dam: AM/Can.Ch. Von Kaiser's Kimberly

Breeders: Lew & Debbie James

Owner: Karen Hynek

2000 Award: Champion

Ch. Chlomaxxi Estileta Forst Knoll

Sire: Ch.Schokrest Playboy v Chlomaxxi

Dam: Schneiderhof's Final Appeal

Breeders: Gail Steifferman, Nancy Schneider, & Butch Steifferman

Owners : Gail Steifferman, Barbara Gambill, & John LaFata

2000 Award: Champion

Cimarron's Margarita

Sire: Ch. Aztec's Kodak

Dam: Kingdom's Tornado

Breeder/Owner: Steve Dobbins

2000 Award: Royal Hecht Bred By Exhibitor Award

Am/Can Ch. Cimarron's Rhiannon, CD

Sire: Covy -Tucker Hill's Saber

Dam: Von Stefan Haus Edelweiss

Breeder/Owner: Steve Dobbins

2000 Awards: Companion Dog,

GSDC Of St. Louis Novice Obedience Award,

GSDC Of St. Louis Dual Award

1999 SW BIF / 2000 SW BOM Hadori's Stone Cold

Sire: AM & Sel. Can. Ch. Langlitz's Rapid Fire

Dam: Hadori's Chattahoochee

Breeders: Ricky Harrison & Marcia Hadley

Owners: Ricky & Greg Harrison

2000 Award: South West Best Opposite Maturity

Ch. Jadon's Weekend Rendezvous

Sire: Ch. Shaquille Of Old Oak

Dam: Palamor's Haley,ROM

Breeders: Janet Ingalls & Jerry Markowitz

Owners: Ricky Harrison & Janet Ingalls

2000 Award: Champion

LeBarland's Getty Lee

Sire: AM. & Sel. Can. Ch. Lin-Ter's Tiburon Of Chablis

Dam: Jerr-Win's Fresca

Breeders: Barbara & Lee Trapp

Owners: Alice Becker & Barbara & Lee Trapp

2000 Award: GSDC Of St. Louis Best Puppy Award

You Didn't Ask, But...by Dorie Crowe

You didn't ask, but here's what I think:

Every exhibitor who drives a motor home or RV to a dog show should have to work the parking at their local shows at least twice.

Every exhibitor who drives to a dog show and unloads tack, crates and dogs should have to work the unloading area at their local shows at least twice.

Every exhibitor who comes through the admittance gate at a dog show should have to work the gate at their local shows at least twice.

Every exhibitor who chooses to bathe, dry, scissor and/or clipper their dogs at a show should have to clean up the grooming area after their local shows at least twice.

Every exhibitor who roams the grounds or building with their dog should have to work pick-up at their local shows at least twice.

Every exhibitor who believes they should let their dog lift its leg anywhere it chooses should have to help (1) break down the equipment at their local shows at least twice, and (2) help clean up the boxes, barrels, flowers, etc., after their local shows at least twice.

Every exhibitor who complains about the stewards at a show should have to work as a steward at their local shows at least twice.

Every exhibitor who complains about their judging time should have to write a judging schedule at least twice (taking into account club requests, the 27 requests to be first in the eight rings, the 32 requests for an early time, short-nosed dogs, black-coated dogs, meetings and lunches, judges' planes, dogs that need much grooming vs. dogs that need little grooming, separating the varieties, separating certain breeds, etc., etc., etc.).

Every exhibitor who complains about a judging panel should have to work on the committee that chooses judges for their local shows at least twice. (This does not mean choosing judges that benefit you, but judges that will benefit the club with a good entry and benefit exhibitors with good judges, keeping within the club budget, working around all the various schedules and needs of the judges and needs and wants of members and friends.)

Every exhibitor who complains about a substitute judge should have to try to find an approved judge who can take 175 dogs of different Groups who can be on the grounds by 8:30 on show morning. You should have to do this at least twice – once beginning at 4:30 p.m. on the day before the show and once beginning at 6:30 a.m. the morning of the show.

Every exhibitor who complains about a show grounds or show building should have to be part of the site committee of their local shows at least twice – once for an indoor show and once for an outdoor show – and be responsible for finding the ideal (or just plain adequate) site for their shows.

Every exhibitor who complains about the restrooms at an indoor facility should have to keep them supplied and clean during the show and then clean up that restroom at the end of the show - at least twice.

Every exhibitor who complains about a typo in their entry information or their ad should have to process entries or ads at least twice (taking into account the entry forms that have been chewed on by the dogs or crossed out one dog's info and adding another, been spilled on, etc., and the ads written in crayon on paper towels, no identification on the photos, etc.).

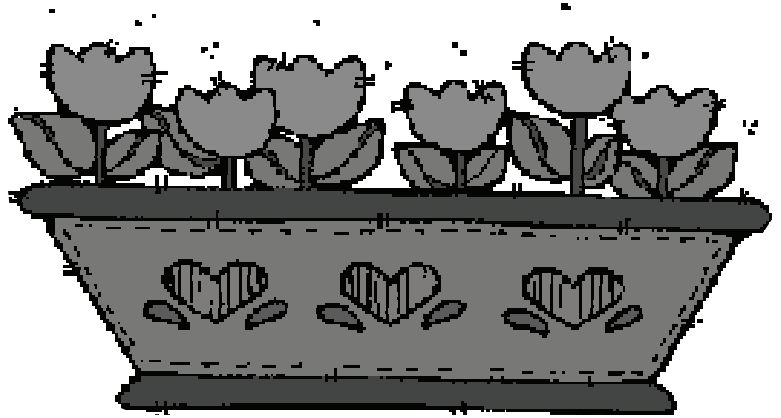
Every exhibitor who stays in a hotel/motel with their dog should have to clean the rooms of other exhibitors at least twice.

Every exhibitor who does actually work at their local shows, devoting their time exclusively to helping the club(s) should be thanked at least twice.

Take them around... one last time...

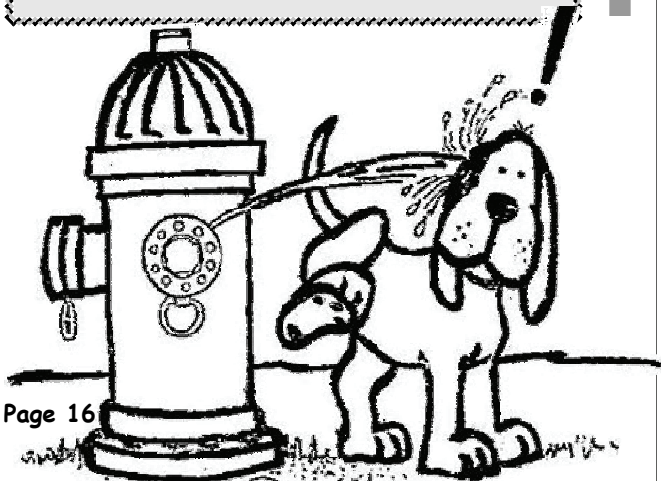
by Maryellen Nichols

Someday (when, you can't be sure),
you will knock on heaven's door.
Then how small or great your sin,
you'll take a quiz to be let in.
So now before this life is through,
here's a test. See how you'll do!
Did you spend lots of time with scoop,
searching for each piece of poop?
Did every single thing you wear,
match or contrast with doggie hair?
Buff or chocolate, red or blue,
to give the judge a better view?
Did you stay up all hours to help,
Your own or some friend's bitch in whelp?
While on earth was it your fate,
to witness many a "doggie date"?
Was the only thing you drove for ages,
chosen to hold the most cages?
Did you keep liver everywhere?
Right in your mouth! You did not care?
When you met good friends face to face,
did they just ask you "how'd you place"?
Have you stood in heat and rain?
Endured every ache and pain?
Drunk coffee cold and soda hot,
and sat in many a porta-pot?
Did you face this kind of thing,
for just a minute in the ring?
Did all you own have dog hair in it?
Yet, you would never trade a minute,
with those who gave you selfless love.
Have you answered "yes" to the above?
Then...
They'll let you in heaven without hesitating.
Expect to be welcomed...



Room in Your Heart

Sorrow fills a barren space;
you close your eyes and see my face
and think of times I made you laugh,
the love we shared, the bond we had,
the special way I needed you -
the friendship shared by just we two.
The day's too quiet, the world seems older,
the wind blows now a little colder.
You gaze into the empty air
and look for me, but I'm not there -
I'm in heaven and I watch you,
and I see the world around you too.
see little souls wearing fur,
souls who bark and souls who purr
born unwanted and unloved -
I see all this and more above -
I watch them suffer, I see them cry,
I see them lost, I watch them die.
I see unwanted thousands born -
and when they die, nobody mourns.
These little souls wearing fur
(Some who bark and some who purr)
are castaways who - unlike me -
will never know love or security.
A few short months they starve and roam,
Or caged in shelters - nobody takes home.
They're special too (furballs of pleasure),
filled with love and each one, a treasure.
My pain and suffering came to an end,
so don't cry for me, my person, my friend.
But think of the living - those souls with fur
(some who bark and some who purr) -
And though our bond can't be broken apart,
make room for another in your home and your
heart.





Chat With Marilee about Mesenteric Torsion

I have been sitting back and reading all the listers have written about MT. I have in front of me two papers on research done on MT by Dept. Of Medicine, College of Veterinary Medicine in Helsinki, Finland and reported in the JAVMA Vol 195 11-15-89 in which the Summary states: Mesenteric torsion was diagnosed in 21 of 199 GSD suffering from exocrine pancreatic insufficiency. Mesenteric torsion (MT) in which the intestines rotate around the longitudinal axis of the mesentery, resulting in sudden death. We reported that MT develops in dogs with exocrine pancreatic insufficiency (EPI).. Despite the fact that MT is rare in dogs, results of this study indicated that MT is a common complication of EPI in GSD. It is not known why dogs with EPI are predisposed to the development of MT. It is possible that these dogs suffer from disorders of intestinal motility. In dogs with EPI, excessive gas in the intestines is not uncommon. Because MT is the most common fatal disease in GSD suffering from EPI, it is important to inform the owners of this entity. In a study at Mich. St. Univ. in Lansing Mich, published in JAAHA shows the MT is a rare, usually fatal disease in the dog involving intestinal rotation at the root of the mesentery and occlusion of the cranial mesenteric artery. The cranial mesenteric artery branches to form the caudal pancreaticoduodenal, jejunal, ileocolic, right colic and middle colic arteries. Obstruction of these vessels impedes blood flow. Mesenteric volvulus followed by vascular occlusion and mechanical obstruction of the affected bowel leads to ischemic necrosis, gastrointestinal toxin release and shock. The conditions has been reported in association with treatment for worm infestation, lymphocytic-plasmacytic duodenitis and an ileocolic carcinoma. In addition, mesenteric volvulus has been reported in association with pancreatic exocrine insufficiency in GSD. Most of dogs with EPI were presented in good body condition and showed no gastrointestinal signs before the MT occurred. Two involved dogs with chronic diaphragmatic hernias which developed 180 degree mesenteric volvulus and subsequent compromise of vascular supply. These were excluded from further review because traumatic displacement of the small intestines and proximal colon probably created the MT. I believe that EPI is genetic, as are other pancreatic problems. JMO I hope this helps you understand a little about MT.

Marilee from Mari-Fiori Shepherds home of
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WHERE - Best Western Colony Inn (870-633-0870). Exit 241A off Interstate 40 at Forrest City, AR. Show site on motel grounds. Make your reservations early and ask for dog show rates including a free breakfast coupon at adjacent Sawmill Restaurant.

JUDGES - Saturday, Mar 31st - Mr. Lew Bunch, JSHW & Conformation

Miss Donna Albro - Obedience Sunday, April 1st - Mr. Gary Szymczak - JSHW and Conformation

SHOW SECRETARY - Clara Dean Hope, both shows, 901-755-4351, or email ccreata@aol.com

CLOSING - March 17th, both shows

HOSPITALITY - Following judging on Saturday, at motel, with free light refreshments and drinks for sale

COMFORTS - Plenty of parking, exercise areas, and local restaurants ~ water hoses and electrical outlets for grooming ~ "small town" prices ~ Super Wal-Mart within walking distance ~ motel just a stone's throw from Interstate 40 ~ Daylight Savings Time for trip home Sunday



Today We Rescued Your Dog

Today we rescued your dog. We don't know where you got him from - maybe you saw him in a pet store window or maybe one of your neighbors bred a few litters a year just to make some vacation money or because they loved their dogs so much that of course they wanted to have puppies. We don't know much about how you cared for him, either, although our vet thought that for such a young dog, his teeth were in pretty bad shape.

The way we heard the story, you moved out of state and didn't want to take him with you. You left him at your grandparents. Maybe you thought a lively, handsome dog was just the thing for them, and under better circumstances it might have been. Maybe they had been cleaning up your messes for your entire life and an unwanted dog was just another mess to clean up.

Did you know they were going to keep him outside? At least it was a pretty mild winter. There were no heavy snows, not much heavy winter rain and only a few days of bitter cold. But for all of those weeks he had no companionship, no care, no love.

For some reason, your grandparents took him to the shelter. Maybe a neighbor complained about him or maybe their own health gave out or maybe they just got tired of him. You know the local shelter is a kill shelter, don't you? You know that their own statistics indicate that about half of the dogs that enter are killed, don't you?

Maybe your grandparents thought he would be adopted quickly. He is a purebred, after all. No one was interested in him, though, maybe since he's an adult dog and not a cute little puppy. No one contacted the purebred rescue group either. They probably would have placed him quickly, since he really is a great boy.

The shelter is a clean place and they take good care of the dogs. They get good food and they're bathed and brushed. It's still a shelter, though and is noisy and chaotic and frightening. He spent two months there in that confusion, away from everyone and everything he had known.

One day, we saw him on the shelter web site. We called and asked about him. The shelter workers were so happy to hear from us and were delighted to agree to bring him to a local pet store where they do adoptions. Do you want to know why they were so accommodating? He was scheduled to be killed that afternoon. He didn't know that, but the shelter workers certainly did. It hurt them and he felt that, so he knew something was wrong.

All of a sudden, though, the shelter workers were happy and excited and so was he. They bathed him and brushed his coat. We think they probably told him this was it - his big chance, or maybe he just knew it somehow. When we met him, we all fell in love.

He had to go to the vet to be neutered, of course, but then he came home. He has his very own 13 year-old boy. You know, it's almost like watching one of those old Lassie movies, seeing how well they've bonded. He's got good food and his own toys. He's taken on walks three times a day, is regularly groomed and is taken to the vet for needed care. We'll be with him always, even if we have to make that last, difficult decision, because, you see, he is our dog and we are his family.

He has a good heart you know, but then he is a dog, so that's to be expected. He's probably forgiven you and, with a dog's grace, doesn't even remember you dumped him. He'd probably even be willing to greet you at the Rainbow Bridge. But you know what? He'll greet us and go with us at the Bridge, and then he'll be with us forever,

Top Ten Reasons Why It's Great To Be A Dog

1. If it itches, you can reach it. And no matter where it itches, no one will be offended if you scratch it in public.
2. No one notices if you have hair growing in weird places as you get older.
3. Personal hygiene is a blast: No one expects you to take a bath every day, and you don't even have to comb your own hair.
4. Having a wet nose is considered a sign of good health.
5. No one thinks less of you for passing gas. Some people might actually think you're cute.
6. Who needs a big home entertainment system? A bone or an old shoe can entertain you for hours.
7. You can spend hours just smelling stuff.
8. No one ever expects you to pay for lunch or dinner. You never have to worry about table manners, and if you gain weight, it's someone else's fault.
9. It doesn't take much to make you happy. You're always excited to see the same old people. All they have to do is leave the room for five minutes and come back.
10. Every garbage can looks like a cold buffet to you.

A Dog's Bill of Rights

I have the right to give and receive unconditional love.

I have the right to a life that is beyond mere survival.

I have the right to be trained so that I do not become the prisoner of my misbehavior.

I have the right to adequate food and medical care.

I have the right to fresh air and green grass.

I have the right to socialize with people and dogs outside my own family.

I have the right to special time with my people.

I have the right to be bred responsibly if at all.

I have the right to be foolish and silly, and to make my person laugh.

I have the right to earn my person's trust and to be trusted in return.

I have the right to be forgiven.

I have the right to die with dignity.

I have the right to be remembered well.

A wealthy man decides to take a hunting safari in Africa, and takes his faithful German Shepherd with him, so he doesn't feel so lonely out in the middle of the bush.

The first day out on the expedition, the dog starts chasing butterflies absentmindedly, and before long discovers that he has become separated from the safari group.

He starts wandering around in the wilderness, lost, when he suddenly notices a leopard a little way off, heading rapidly in his direction, with the obvious intention of making a meal out of him.

"Now I'm in serious trouble!" thinks the GS, and starts wracking his brains to figure a way out of his dire situation. He notices some bones nearby, and an idea hits him: He settles down comfortably to chew on the bones, with his back to the leopard.

Just as the leopard is about to pounce, the GS. exclaims loudly: "Man, that was one delicious leopard I just ate! I wonder if there's any more around here?"

Hearing this, the leopard halts his attack in mid stride, a look of terror on his face, and quietly slinks off into the bush again, thinking: "Whew! That was close! That demon dog almost got me!"

Meanwhile, a monkey that had been watching the whole scene from the top of a nearby tree, figures he can put this information to good use, and trade it with the leopard for protection. So off he scuttles, but the dog sees him heading after the leopard at great speed, and figures something is going on.

The monkey soon catches up with the leopard, cuts a deal, and tells him the whole story.

The leopard, furious at being fooled so easily, exclaims: "That German Shepherd ! I'm gonna get him for that! So the stupid dog thinks he can make a fool of me, lord of the wilderness, does he? We'll show him who eats who around here!"

Come on, monkey: jump on my back, and we'll go get him!" The monkey jumps on, and the two of them head off in search of the GS.

The German Shepherd sees the leopard coming from a long way off, this time with the monkey on his back. "What a sneaky little monkey!", thinks the dog to himself. "Now what am I going to do?" But instead of running, the dog sits down on the ground, his back to the attackers, pretending he hasn't seen them yet, and waits for them to get close enough to hear him.

"Where's that rascal monkey!" exclaims the GS, loudly, "Never could trust him!"

I sent him off half an hour ago to bring me another leopard, and he's still not back!!"

I wasn't a pup when I came to your home,
I'd been dumped on the road, left to roam.
Don't remember the people except the pain.
They left me to die in the cold and the rain.

You were driving down the highway, it was late at
night

When you saw the faintest glimmer of light.

You took a chance and turned around
Got out of the van and knelt to the ground.
My quivering body felt the gentlest of hands.

I knew I need not make any demands.

If your heart, and your home, there was always room

For those who would face certain doom.

You healed my body and you healed my heart.

You gave me what I needed, a fresh start.

When I cried at night, you were always there

With soft words, a kiss, a hug to share.

When I misbehaved and would cower with guilt

You only showed love.....up to the hilt.

You loved and cared for me in sickness and health

Our love for each other was more precious than
wealth.

Even when you were tired and had a bad day

You'd always come home to me and say,

"I missed you my baby. I'm glad to be back."

Then you'd give me kiss, a hug and a pat.

We'd have a nice dinner then go out to play

There was so much love I wanted to stay.

But my eyes, they faded and my heart grew weak

As my time grew closer you could not speak.

You held me tight, tears flowed from your eyes

We both had to say our sad good-byes.

The release from pain we knew must end

No more time on this Earth would we spend

Running in the fields, playing ball

Sitting quietly together at the end of it all.

But our time together is not through

Because I'll be there waiting for you.

At the edge of the Rainbow Bridge I'll stand

Until I once again see those gentle hands.

I'll ran to you with tail held high

We will never again have to say goodbye.

My love at death, it does not end

PROPER WAY TO COOK WITH DOG HAIR

Do you remember the last time you had company for dinner, and how embarrassed you were when you dug several dog hairs from your best gourmet effort? This is because there is a right and a wrong way to cook with dog hairs. First, we must remember each dish calls for a different variety. If you are unfortunate enough to own only one variety, I'm sure you can come up with a friend who will be willing to exchange the proper variety of hair with you - or one could even send off an order for a rare variety as they are light and easy to mail. There are many dishes that are basic to most menus, and these can always be spiced up with the buff variety. Which are especially useful when baking biscuits, pastries and yellow cakes. The black and tan hairs go well with fall dishes, thanksgiving turkey, mince or pumpkin pies or even yams. Black, of course is for your roasts, steaks, ribs and hearty dishes, including stews, which carry blacks well. Naturally chocolate will go well with most desserts unless it is a very light Jell-O type dessert, then go back to the silver buff. If you are especially interested in foreign foods, most varieties can be used in Mexican, Japanese and Chinese cooking. In fact, any nationality food will accept most dog hairs without hurting the flavor. A good rule of thumb to remember which dog hairs go with which dish is-use them as you would a good wine -white wine and light hair with the delicate dishes, dark wine and dark hair with the more robust, heartier dishes. Use your dog hairs in good health!

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A Dog Fancier's Guide To Shakespeare

"To be or not to be, that is the question." (Shall we breed this season?)

"Double, double, toil and trouble, Fire burn and cauldron bubble" (Ringside gossip)

"Methought I heard a voice cry, "Sleep no more ..." (Bitch in season in same house with active stud)

"What fools these mortals be" (They just bought their third dog)

"Out, out damned spot!" (They are housebreaking the third dog)

"What light through yonder window breaks?" (Up all night whelping)

"Much ado about nothing" (False pregnancy)

"Assume a virtue if you have it not" (Be a good loser)

"Play such fantastic tricks before high heaven as make the angels weep" (On seeing some odd judging - or clever handling)

"Small curs are not regarded when they grin" (Unless they have a big-name handler)

"Nor let the rain of heaven wet this place" (The prayer of all outdoor show chairs)

"He hath but a little wee face, with a little yellow beard" (Cairn Terrier)

"Like a fountain with an hundred spouts" (Male dog going for walk)

"A double blessing is a double grace" (Best of Breed AND a group placement)

"I love the sport well; but I shall as soon quarrel at it as any man in England" (Sentiments of the inveterate dog-show enthusiast)

"Young gentlemen, your spirits are too bold for your years" (class of terrier puppies)

"Your father is at Westminster" (But your mother wasn't)

10 Ways to know that Martha Stewart is stalking your dog

10. There's potpourri hanging from his/her collar.

9. The dog's nails have been cut with pinking shears.

8. The dog toys are all stored in McCoy crocks.

7. The pooper scooper has been decorated with raffia.

6. That telltale lemon slice in the new silver water bowl.

5. You find liver and whole wheat dog treats stamped out with copper cookie cutters and decorated with royal icing using a #2 rosette tip.

4. Dog hair has been collected and put into wire baskets for nesting material for the birds.

3. A seasonally appropriate grapevine wreath adorns the front of your dog's crate.

2. Your dog goes outside naked and comes in wearing a thyme colored virgin wool hand knitted sweater with matching boots.

AND THE NUMBER ONE
WAY YOU KNOW THAT
MARTHA STEWART IS
STALKING YOUR DOG
IS...

1. The dog droppings in your backyard have been sculpted into swans.

Outstanding K-9 Service Awards

Each year, the German Shepherd Dog Club of St. Louis, Inc. awards its Outstanding K-9 Service Awards. The awards are open to all German Shepherd K-9 Dogs located/headquartered within the Greater St. Louis Metropolitan Area: this includes the city of St. Louis; the Missouri counties of Franklin, Jefferson, Lincoln, St. Charles, St. Louis, and Warren; and the Illinois counties of Clinton, Jersey, Madison, Monroe, and St. Clair. The Outstanding K-9 Awards will be presented in seven different categories. The Outstanding K-9 Awards have been given to K-9 teams from the Greater St. Louis Metropolitan Area according to categories of performance since 1991.

The German Shepherd Dog Club of St. Louis, Inc., invites K-9 handlers to nominate their dog in the categories listed below for the annual awards which will be given each Fall.

1. Suspect Apprehension

The dog's actions lead to the apprehension of a suspect. This might have been accomplished through a building search, area search, pursuit of a fleeing suspect, etc.

2. Controlled Substance Detection

The dog's actions lead to the detection and/or seizure of materials classified as controlled substances. A conviction is not necessary to submit in this or any of the "detection" categories.

3. Explosive Device Detection

The dog's actions lead to the detection and/or seizure of a device whose purpose it was to explode causing damage/injury. A poorly designed device that never would have exploded is also eligible in this category.

4. Evidence Detection

The dog's actions lead to the detection and/or seizure of items subsequently disclosed to be evidence in a case and is not included in the two above categories.

5. Tracking

The dog's tracking abilities lead to the discovery of a missing person or body, or suspect's location.

6. Protection

The dog acted to physically protect his handler or any other person. This category would require the dog to prevent physical harm or injury to the handler or others.

7. Search and Rescue

The dog who is trained and certified in Search and Rescue Techniques is used to recover victims of a natural disaster, accident, or crime. This category would include search of ruins, caves, water, etc.

After all applications have been received, the names and any other identifications are blocked out. A screening committee selects 3-5 semi-finalists for each category. The Board of Governors of the Club casts the deciding votes for each category. The semi-finalists are invited to the awards ceremony, held in conjunction with our Fall Show and Trial, where the winners are announced. In addition to receiving a certificate, the winners in each category will have their names engraved on traveling plaques which will remain in the possession of the winning officers for the following year.



Board-O-Gram

Approved by Ken Downing, President
Written by Ginny Altman

The first regular GSDCA Board of Directors Meeting was held on January 20 and 21, 2001 at the Holiday Inn, Wentzville in St. Charles, Missouri about 22 miles from the airport in St. Louis. It was preceded by the Budget and Finance Committee meeting on January 18 and 19, 2001.

All Officers and Board members were present except Blanche Beisswenger and Ken Tank.

The following Executive Committee members were elected by the Board: Debbie Hokkanen, Gail Hardcastle, Tish Walker, and Lana Jorgensen.

The following committees and chairpersons were approved: Budget and Finance - Ken Downing, National Specialty & Show Sites - Debbie Hokkanen, Agility - Sue Sacco, Herding Chair - Dorothy Linn, Herding Field Chair - Kelly Malone, Obedience - Jane Jeter, Lori Nickeson, Tracking - Dixie and Jerry Whitman, Board Meeting Sites - Debbie Hokkanen, Review Marketing - Gary Szymczak, Review Management - Bob Eaton, Review Editorial - Lee Smith, Futurities - Tish Walker, ADOA - Kathy Casteel, Award of Excellence - Jane Kerner, Awards - Don Cliff Memorial Good Sportsmanship Award - Ginny Altman, Connie Beckhardt Award - Rita Sandell, LaMar Kuhns Award - Dave Rinke,

Board-O-Gram - Ginny Altman, Breeders Code - Jamie Walker, Bylaws - Didier Ardoin, Education/ABJAC/ PEC - Lana Jorgensen, Ethics - Danny Dwier, Health - Tony Cherubini, Hero Dog - Blanche Beisswenger, Insurance - Dan Smith, Internet - Bill Pfeiffer, Juniors - Ken Tank, Legal Affairs - LaMar Frederick, Membership - Gail Hardcastle, Newsletter - Ann Mesdag, Orientation - Dorothy Linn, Parent Club Office - Dorothy Linn, Policy & Procedure Manual - Kim McNamara and Ginny Altman, Products - Lew Bunch, Publicity - Debbie Hokkanen, Red Book - Ellie Goede Carson, Regional Clubs - Dania Karloff, Roll of Honor - Rita Sandell, ROM- Sires - Doris Estabrook, ROM-Dams - Cap-py Pottle, Gloria Birch, Temperament Committee - Bob Penny, Thirteen Club - Lissa Cunningham, Title Pins, Certificates, and Dual Award - Blanche Beisswenger, Training Achievement Award - Judith Ecklund, Video - Carmen Battaglia, Breed Rescue - Linda Kury, Canadian - Peter Crawford, Foundation - Sue Godek, President, Search & Rescue - Barbie Balyeat, SV & WUSV - Martylou Plinski, David Landau, Veterinary - Carl Anderson, D.V.M., WDA - David Landau and Martylou Plinski, COAPA - Dania Karloff.

The AKC will be holding a Health Conference in St. Louis in 2001. The Board elected delegates Lana Jorgensen and Scootie Sherlock to represent GSDCA at this Health Conference.

The Budget and Finance Committee reported on the work of the committee which began at noon on Thursday and finished at noon on Friday. Ken Downing complimented

all of the GSDCA committees for their use of synergy in managing their budgets very closely. Ken reported the very good news that there was a positive net of \$65,000 in the 2000 budget and cautioned the Board to continue this effort because the club is not caught up from the financial position it was in four years ago. The budget for 2001 projects a positive balance of approximately \$10,000.

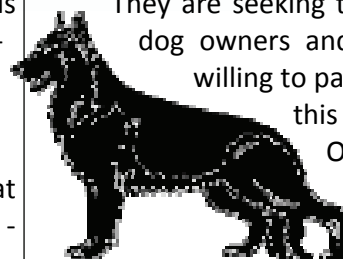
The Membership Roster was not distributed until September of 2000. The membership roster will be kept up to date continuously on the website and the Roster will be printed and distributed early in 2002.

Debbie Hokkanen reported on a very successful National which was held in Columbus. She noted that we had additional expenses of approximately \$3000 to cover the cost of room usage. This was a result of the membership not using the block of rooms set aside for the GSDCA by contracting for their own rooms instead of using the officially approved hotels with whom contracts have been written and signed.

The 2001 Futurities and Maturity finals are planned for Tuesday evening at the 88th GSDCA National Specialty in Perry, Georgia. Watch for further details in the Review.

The Board approved the 2002 National to be held on October 13 - 20 in St. Charles, Missouri. The Board approved the 2001 Herding Liaison Committee: Dorothy Linn (Chair), Dorothy DeLisle, Gloria

<p>Rice, Jennifer Root, Theresa Royer, Linda Rorem, and Field and Trial Chair; Kelly Malone. Our Herding Advisory Delegate is Linda Rorem.</p> <p>The National Herding Trial dates are: Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, November 4, 5, and 6, 2001, on site at the Agricenter in Perry, Georgia. Instinct Tests will commence on Tuesday afternoon and will be conducted into the evening.</p> <p>Any GSDCA member who is a herding exhibitor and wishes to participate in the current AKC Herding Rules /Regulations polling discussion may contact Linda Rorem immediately to be placed on the mailing list for polling forms. Contact Linda (email:Pacifica19@aol.com or 650-355-9563)</p> <p>The Board approved the method for selection of Herding Trial Judges for the National Herding Trial to parallel that of the method of selecting Obedience Trial Judges for the National, (a Herding judge panel is submitted to the Board for their selection on a slate at the April Board meeting, with the petition process from members as for any other judge put on the slate as described in the membership manual under the Method for Election of Judges for the National Specialty Show.) The slate would be sent out at the same time as that of conformation and obedience judges for membership vote.</p> <p>Gail Sprock reported on a very successful year for the German Shepherd Dog Review. She said that the February issue will feature complete coverage of the 2000 National. The additional work required means that the February issue will be a little late in delivery but it will</p>	<p>be a very special issue.</p> <p>Tish Walker reviewed the changes that would be taking place with the 2001 Futurities.</p> <p>1) Regional stud dog / brood bitch presentation class.</p> <p>2) Reserves will be sent to the National to compete in the National Futurity / Maturity Sweepstakes.</p> <p>The Futurity committee and the Temperament committee are working together to assure that Judges follow the temperament testing procedures as outlined in their contracts. An instructional video is being developed to assist Judges in utilizing the proper procedure. Procedures were developed for observation and reporting at this year's Futurities. Penalties will apply for failing to adhere to the contract.</p> <p>Lana Jorgensen proposed the idea that the Board consider developing ideas for a updated Illustrated Standard. There was interest expressed in this project which may take several years to accomplish.</p> <p>The Board approved the expansion of credit card activity on the GSDCA website to include membership renewal and sales of GSDCA products such as the Red Book. Credit card Membership applications continued to increase.</p> <p>The Board approved the process by which the first Dual Award earned by a dog would be recognized with a plaque and all subsequent awards would be recognized with a engraved wood bar which would attach and hang from the plaque.</p> <p>The SV / WUSV liaison reported that the Sieger Show will be held Sept. 7 -</p>	<p>9 in Dusseldorf and that the WUSV Championship will be held Oct. 3 - 7, in Maribor, Slovenia.</p> <p>The GSDCA-WDA reported that the National Schutzhund Championship / WUSV Qualifying Trial will be held April 20 - 22, 2001 in Centralia, Washington. The 2001 North American Sieger Show will be held in San Diego, CA on Nov. 16 - 18.</p> <p>The GSDCA-WDA National Schutzhund Invitational in Perry, Georgia will be held on Monday Nov. 5, 2001 and will be judged by Rudy Mueller. This promises to be an event that will attract many spectators including representatives of the AKC.</p> <p>The following members and alternates were elected to the Nominating Committee. Chairperson, Debbie Hokkanen. Northeast: Danny Dwier, alternate - John Vaught Heartland: Libby Cameron, alternate - Charlotte LaRosa Mid-America: Lee Trapp, alternate - Sam Colvin Western: Jack Newton, alternate - Linda Kury</p> <p>Hip dysplasia research is being conducted at the University of Michigan and VetGen, one of the foremost canine genetic research laboratories. They have a very good record for DNA canine research and DNA test development and are researching the genetic causes of Canine Hip Dysplasia in German Shepherd Dogs, among other breeds. They are seeking the help of dog owners and breeders willing to participate in this research. Once they have lo-</p>
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BE PREPARED

By Dr. Carmen L. Battaglia

Some have said that never before in history has humanity been so unprepared for so many of our new technologies. In little more than a generation what we thought were the limits of our world have been transformed into new ways of doing things. Some have been unique opportunities to directly apply some of the new technologies to many of our most practical problems.

Most of us never expect to lose our pet or to be directly affected by a natural disaster. When the unexpected happens the facts show that most owners were caught by surprise and unprepared. Statistics for America show that thousands of pets are lost each year and the problem may be getting worse only because owners have not taken a simple preventative action. The material below focuses on a new era of technology for our pets and a new way to ensure their future. It also explains how a tiny microchip has revolutionized the way owners can protect their pets.

USING MICROCHIP TECHNOLOGY

The microchip has many uses but when the American Kennel Club adopted it for the Companion Animal Recovery (CAR) program pet owners were given a new way to protect their pets. This technology can be used in any kind of animal at any age and it will last for their life. The microchip is an effective form of permanent identification. It is slightly larger than a grain of rice and is placed just under the skin by a veterinarian. It is unique because it has an anti-migration cap that helps prevent movement within the pet's body. Each chip is encoded with a unique and unalterable identification code that can only be activated when read by a scanner. For these reasons, the AKC recommends the HomeAgain® microchip, which is marketed by the Schering-Plough Animal Health Corporation.

HOW DOES CAR WORK?

CAR was founded in June 1995 by the AKC to help reunite lost pets with their owners. As a not-for-profit organizational affiliate to the American Kennel Club, CAR is dedicated to providing lifetime recovery services for microchipped and tattooed pets. After a pet has been microchipped or tattooed, the ID number is enrolled with CAR who maintains a worldwide enrollment database and a recovery service that works 24-hours-a-day, 365-days-a-year. Shelters and veterinarians throughout the United States use scanners when a lost pet is found. A call to the 800 number of CAR is simple and efficient. AKC/CAR has as its goal to eliminate those "LOST PET" signs from our neighborhoods by encouraging owners to ID their pet(s) with a microchip.

WHY IS MICROCHIPPING RECOMMENDED?

We know from experience that microchipped pets have the best chance of recovery because the microchip is a permanent form of identification, which is easily scanned. While tattoos are a good form of identification lost pets are usually frightened and reluctant to let strangers search their bodies for their identification. Not only are tattoos difficult to find but many fade or blur over time. Collar tags also work but many come loose and are lost. Tags and tattoos should be considered the *second* form of protection and identification.

The problem for most owners is that they do not expect to lose their pet, and when they do, it becomes their worst nightmare. Think back to the number of signs that we have all seen in our own neighborhoods. That "LOST PET" sign is a reminder that something went wrong. The unfortunate part of this is that thousands of unidentified pets are lost and may never be recovered. Some fall victim to theft, others are displaced during hurricanes, floods, tornadoes, and other natural disasters. Those "Lost Pet" signs serve as a constant reminder that someone is missing a beloved pet. Our pets deserve better.

WHO SCANS FOR MICROCHIPS?

Animal shelters, rescue agencies, animal control officers, and veterinarians are increasingly and routinely scanning found pets. In 1995, CAR established a scanner fund to place scanners at this "front line." Thanks to the efforts of CAR who donated over \$1 million toward this important initiative, many shelters in America use scanners to check every new admission for a microchip.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN MY PET IS FOUND?

When pets are found CAR can respond if the pet is identified. In the first years (1995-2000) CAR enrolled over 800,000 pets. What makes the CAR program work for owners and those who recover a lost pet is the *toll-free 800 number and the CAR staff of Recovery Coordinators who are available 24 hours a day. They expedite your pet's return home.* Once CAR is contacted, phone calls, FAX and email technology goes into action to immediately notify the owner. Does it work? You bet, over 45,000 pets have already been returned to their owners.

THE NEXT STEP

Take your pet to a veterinarian and have it microchipped. Next, enroll your pet in CAR and use the discount coupon below. Those who chip and enroll protect themselves and their pet from that worst nightmare. Remember any pet of any species can be microchipped and enrolled in CAR.

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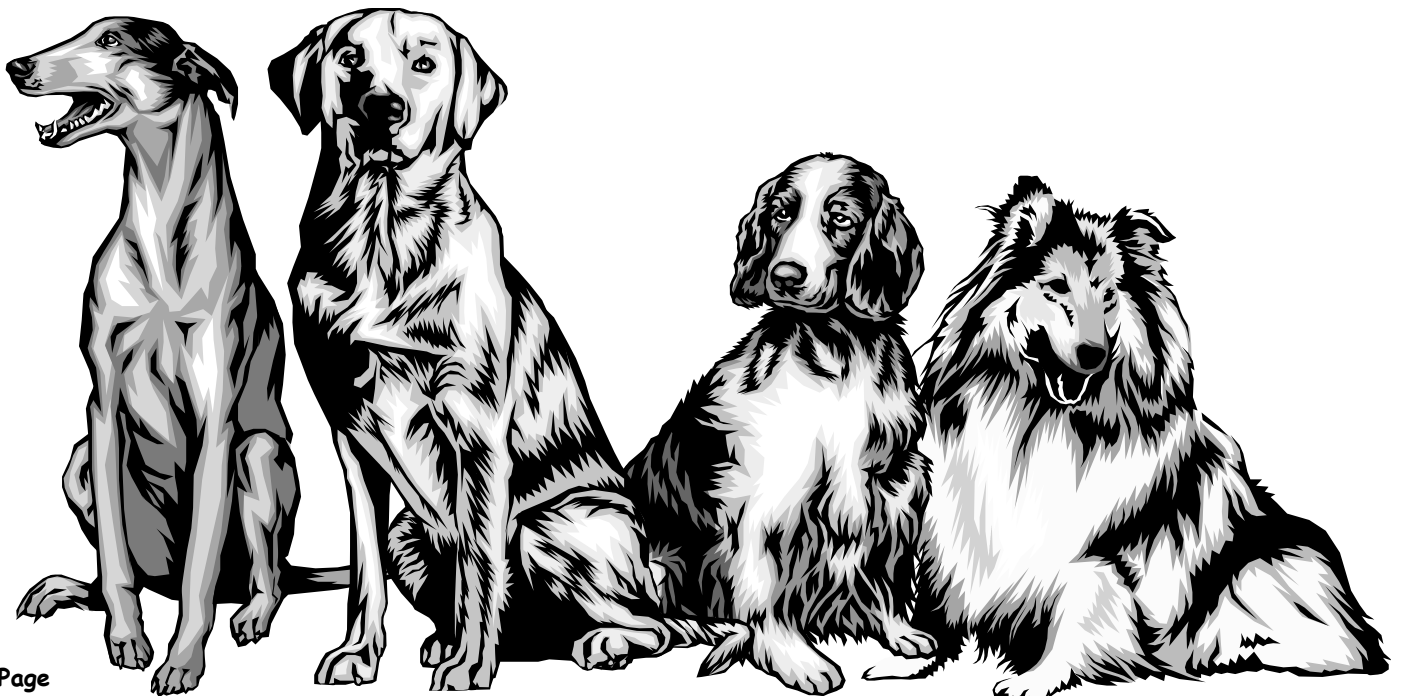
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Just want to brag that Cimarron's Margarita (aka Coyote), GSD owned and bred by Steve Dobbins,

I would like to brag about the following:

Am/Can CH Cimarron's Rhiannon got 4 legs toward her C.D. title in the obedience Novice B class under judges:

Mr. John Beard on 12-8-00 (Panhandle Kennel Club), score 184.

Mrs Judith Brown on 12-9-00 (Panhandle Kennel Club), score 183.

Ms Peggy McConnell 12-10-00 (Clovis Portales Kennel Club), score 187.

Ms Lora Cunningham-Osburn (Clovis Portales Kennel Club), score 185.

Am/Can CH Cimarron's Rhiannon earned her Companion Dog title on 12-9-00 under J. Brown at the

I would like to brag about the following from this past weekend:

Cimarron's Magician, GSD owned and bred by Steve Dobbins, went RWD from the Bred-By class at the West Central Oklahoma KC on 12-16-00 under judge Dr RD Smith.

Cimarron's Margarita, GSD owned and bred by Steve Dobbins, went WB, BOW, BOS from the Bred-By class at the West Central Oklahoma KC on 12-16-00 under judge Dr RD Smith.

Cimarron's Maggie Mae, GSD owned and bred by Steve Dobbins, went RWB from the AmBred class at the West Central Oklahoma KC on 12-16-00 under judge Dr RD Smith.

Cimarron's Magician, GSD owned and bred by Steve Dobbins, went RWD from the Bred-By class at

I would like to do a little more bragging.

Cimarron's Magician, GSD owned and bred by Steve Dobbins, went RWD under judge R Moore at the Arkansas KC on 1-6-01.

Cimarron's Margarita, GSD owned and bred by Steve Dobbins, went WB under judge Col Weiss at the

I just got a call from Fran Foster, yesterday in Arkansas She Finished Hadori's Chyna. Chyna is a litter sister To Hadori's Stone Cold She is co-owned with Roger Schroder, Fran Foster and myself.

Page 28 Thanks Fran! Hadori Shepherds,

I would like to do a brag about the following:

Cimarron's Magician, GSD owned and bred by Steve Dobbins, went RWD under judge RD Smith at the SE Arkansas KC on Saturday, Feb 3, 2001.

Getty takes his third major Sunday at Paducah under the judge, Nancy Harper!!!!

Thank you Nancy!!! A special thanks to Steve Grainger who handled and Chris Grainger who groomed Getty to perfection. Getty Lee now has 3 majors, all from 12-18 month classes. Getty's sire is Can. Sel./ Am. Ch. Lin-Ter's Tiburon of Chablis' OFA, and his dam is Jerr Wen's Fresca, a High Roller/Cross Timbers' Chuey Clihu ROM daughter.

Thank you to Getty's owner, Alice Becker, who also owns the 12-18 month bitch class winner, LeBarland's Sensation!!!! aka KC who is also out of Fresca, same dam as the G Litter.

LeBarland's Ginzi, Getty's full sister was second in the Amer. Bred Bitch class and she is owned by Thurban and Mercedes Warrick from Las Vegas.

Also look for LeBarland's Gabor, owned by Margo Maidlow. aka Beanie has many Best Puppy wins, and is the third G in this litter.

The Trapp's extend our thank you's to the owners of these fine animals, and thanks to the judges who have given them Class Wins, Best Puppies, and Get-

Caralons Jennabrix DeRousse TC CD ROM just received her certificate for the Thirteen Club from GSDCA. Her mother, Caralons Little Girl was also in the Thirteen Club, Healthy old girls just like their

Don't know where to start first. Here it goes:

FaithRock-Fire's Eternal Flame "Faith" - Best Puppy and a Group 3 Last weekend in Belleville, Il Fun Match, Second time in the ring - just 6 months old.

Sire: Can. Sel. Am & Can Ch Langlitz's Rapid Fire TC Dam: Judeen's Sunny Delight

OFA Brags: Prelimbs, Good Hip Joint Conformation - Negative for Elbow Dysplasia. FaithRock Langlitz's Joshua HH "Josh"

Sire: Can. Sel. Am & Can Ch Langlitz's Rapid Fire TC Dam: Esmeralda of the Basic Fours (sister to Sel CH Avia Basic Four)

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FaithRock's Legacy of Fire "Rocky"

Sire: Can. Sel. Am & Can Ch Langlitz's Rapid Fire TC

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 GV Hickory Hills Bull Durham x Mari-Fiori's
 Hello Darlin on 1-11-01
 5 boys, 1 girl, mostly black/tan.
 Couple of the boys are going to be dark.
 CH. Dan-Ann's Nasdaq x Mari-Fiori's Sunday
 Sylance on 1-17-01
 1 boy, 1 girl both are probably bi-colors
 Marilee from Mari-Fiori Shepherds home of
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 Judeen, OFA H/E/C/T/ HIC: AM/CAN CH Mari-
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 are below:
 Sire: Forest Knoll Black Tie Affair
 Dam: Victorys Burning Love (AKA-
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Brittany's parents -

Sire: Champion Wynstorms Montequé LeBarland

Dam: Katrina's Gypsy



Drawing by
Marcia Hadley

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Am/Can Ch Mari-Fiori's Bold Ruler Judeen

OFA HIPS GS50384G25M-T MC, ELBOWS SGEL7590-T

Sire: Sel Am/Sel Can Ch Winning Way's Chimo OFA, H/E/T/Cx

Dam: Can Sel/Am Ch Mari-Fiori's Ruffian of Judeen, OFA, H/E/T/C HIC

medium sized, extremely masculine bi-color, with noble head/expressive eyes (and produces) plush coat, high wither attached to a strong back and long saber tail. He produces his clean correct movement, nicely curved stifles and good forehands. Carries recessive for solid blacks.

A young Champion, his pups are awesome!!

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Mari-Fiori's Cigar**

OFA HIPS GS54734G24M-T, ELBOWS GSEL9414-T

Sire: Sel Am/Sel Can Ch Winning Way's Chimo OFA, H/E/T/Cx

Dam: Can Sel/Am Ch Mari-Fiori's Ruffian of Judeen, OFA, H/E/T/C HIC

large, balanced young dog with deep, rich pigment a sweet temperament and a great sense of humor. Cigar has a beautiful forehand and a powerful athletic side gait, a nice dark eye and full and correct dentition. He should provide improvement in size and masculinity, proper angle, lay back of shoulder and of course movement and temperament.

Dan and Liana New and Marilee Wilkinson

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CH Lin-Ier's Tiburon of Chablis'

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Ch Majors Max of Jennabeau

GS51920G38M-T GS-EL8223-T

Sire: Champion Caralon's Beau of Judeen ROM

Dam: Caralon's Jennabrix DeRousse C. D.

Max is a big boned, low stationed black and tan with a large masculine head. He carries the black recessive and has a good shoulder.

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OFA HIPS GS57521G29M-T, ELBOWS GSEL10625-T

Sire: Black Oak's De'Niro of Judeen OFA GS E44M-T

Dam: Hadori's Chattahoochee, Prelims Normal

Joey is a correct to the standard, masculine young dog (25 1/2" and 85 Pounds) Joey has alot to offer including a bold fearless temperament, iron back, beautiful black and red plush coat, and correctly angled shoulder (Seldom seen today). A two year old with valuable old blood lines. Including Select Champion Lothario of Heinerburg, CD ROM AOE, Select Champion Bel Vista's Joey Baby ROM, and is heavily line bred on Champion Kubistaum's Kane ROM.

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Jokare's Captain Hook v Blu Bella

OFA HIPS GS-55182G24M-T, ELBOWS GS-EL9616-T

Sire: Schokrest Santa Cruz (Ch Pete/Schokrest Vision ROM)

Dam: Odds On Obie (Am BIF/Can BOF Am/Can Ch Woodsides Country Music OFA, CD, TC, HIC/Langlitz Pascha-Zeto Grandaughter)

Ok is an average size male, masculine head, large bone, plush, strong back, topline, powerful sidegait, very dark blk/tan

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Schokrest Vision

OFA HIPS GS-55434E24M-T, ELBOWS GS-EL9729-T

Sire: Sel Ch Schokrest Denver OFA H/E

Dam: Schokrest Vogue OFA H/E

MONTY is a replica to his Father. Large Blk/Tan/Red male, masculine head, large bone, topline, strong back, very powerful sidegate. Monty has a very strong OFA background. Like his mother, he also OFA'd EXCELLENT Vogue is a full litter sister to Schokrest Vision, ROM. Monty does not carry the coat factor.

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