



Wag 'N' Tongue

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

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Club Hot Line (314)-319-8485

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

Mission Statement

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

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

Meeting Information

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

**Our next meeting will be on Friday,
November 18th! We need good
attendance numbers in order to
hold the November meeting!**

NOVEMBER 18, 2016 Meetings

**Board Meeting will begin at 7 pm at
the AKC Museum of the Dog.**

Regular Club Meeting will begin at 8 P.M.

Attendance at regular club meetings is important for our club to stay strong ...please make an extra effort to attend the club meetings and volunteer for activities. The club meetings are held the 3rd Fridays of each month, except August and December. Thank you!

Club Board and Officers

*These people have agreed to serve your club. **At the regular November meeting, nominations can be made from the floor for the board and officers.***

Officers: (VOTE FOR 1 FOR EACH OFFICE)

President:..... Herman "Butch" Stiefferman

Vice President:..... Glenn Murphy

Treasurer: Karen Schmaltz

Recording Secretary: Gail Rutter

Corresponding Secretary: ... Gail Stiefferman

Board: (VOTE FOR 7) Elaine Bisbing
Marie Cunningham
Kelly Murphy
Randy Narup
Terry Rock
Laura Shearin

Note: Positions are held for one (1) year and our past president continues to serve as a board member as per policy.

Members have to be at the meeting or (or be available to be contacted during the nomination process) if they're being nominated at this meeting.



CLUB ROSTER

Please **drop** the following from last year's roster:

Bolhofner, GERALYN
Chapman, Cory & Stephanie
Dosing, Shannon
Lamb, Becky
Nelson, Frank & Sue
Owen, Bob & Ruth
Rosemann, Dannie
Zerr, Rod & Jeri



Please **add** the following new members:

Cunningham, Ken 09/16
Marie Cunningham 09/16
10283 Rainbow Spgs
Mineral Point MO 63660
314-471-6403 Kenny
314-471-6153 Marie
cunninghammarie@sbcglobal.net
mariec12322@yahoo.com

Faupl, Jayne 09/16
4207 Sappington Bridge Rd
Bourbon, MO 65441
920-988-6505
GUARDIANFARM
jmfaupl@aol.com

Because of the cost of postage to mail rosters, yours will not be mailed. If you wish to receive one, please let me know.

We'd appreciate your attendance at the November club meeting, where you can pick up your roster.



Christmas Party



On Saturday, December 10, 2016, our Christmas party will be held in a private room at award-winning **Tucker's Place**, 14282 Manchester Road beginning at 1 pm. Please

call **Larry Duerbeck** to let him know you plan to attend.
(<http://tuckersplacestl.com/tuckerswest.htm>)

Annual Club Dues

Membership dues of \$20 for single or \$30 for family membership are payable to treasurer before

March 1st, 2017.

Please mail to GSDC of St. Louis, c/o Karen Schmaltz,
6405 Flagstone Ct, Imperial, MO 63052.

THE GSDCA NATIONAL WILL BE HELD AT
PURINA FARMS IN GRAY SUMMIT, MO
2017 - October 7 – 13



Whelping Box

Litter announcements are **FREE** to all club members!



Breeder's Directory

Ads for members are **\$15.00 per year**. To advertise in the Wag, please contact me. Ads are for puppies, stud service, Obedience Training, Handlers, Boarding, etc.

Braggs ~ Win*Place*Show ~

Braggs are **FREE** to all club members! *Come all, come often!*

Heartworm Prevention in the Winter

Heartworm disease is a serious and potentially fatal condition in dogs and cats and is transmitted by mosquitoes. Because we tend to notice mosquitoes during warmer months, we associate heartworm disease as a summertime threat. Heartworm disease can affect our pets at any time, even during winter months, which is why it is important to continue preventive treatment year-round.

Heartworms are caused by bites from infected mosquitoes that carry microscopic baby heartworms into the bloodstream. After your pet is bitten by an infected mosquito, it takes up to six months for worms to grow to adulthood inside your pet's lungs. Adult worms are about the size of a piece of spaghetti and by living in the blood vessels in the lungs and heart, cause difficulty with blood flow and damage to both organs. The disease manifests somewhat differently in cats and dogs, but the key is that prevention works for both.

Limiting your dog or cat's exposure to mosquitoes, even if your pet is on preventive treatment, will help reduce the chance of infection. Mosquitoes are particularly drawn to water, although this is not the only way your pet could be exposed. Swampy water, ponds, pools and water collected in bird baths or other containers can attract mosquitoes. If mosquitoes are especially bad in your area, bring your pets inside at dusk when mosquitoes tend to be out and consider using a topical, vet recommended spot on product on dogs (not available for cats) that will help repel mosquitoes along with fleas and other pests.

The most common clinical sign of heartworm disease usually is no sign at all until the disease is well advanced. Progressive signs may include chronic coughing, unwillingness to exercise, tiring easily and lethargy, difficulty breathing and an enlarged abdomen in dogs, and coughing and asthma-like symptoms in cats. By the time your dog or cat shows signs of heartworm disease, damage to the lungs has already occurred. There is a treatment available for dogs, although the treatment itself poses some risks.

Veterinarians recommend an annual test that detects the presence of heartworms so that your pet can be treated before showing clinical signs of the disease. The antigen test will detect the presence of protein molecules from adult heartworms in the bloodstream. A second test looks at a small amount of blood under a microscope to check for the presence of immature heartworms. There is a third blood test that checks for the body's immune response to the heartworm and this test is sometimes used in cats. If your dog tests positive for heartworms, aggressive treatment will be required prior to taking a monthly preventive. Fortunately, a monthly pill or topical solution, prescribed by your veterinarian, can be given to dogs and cats to prevent heartworm disease.

Mosquitoes can live in your house for an extended period of time, and you can never be sure exactly when mosquitoes die off in the cold and come back in the spring. If your dog or cat is bitten by a mosquito during spring or summer months, the heartworms will continue to grow well into winter months, hence the need to continue preventive treatment.

Stay one step ahead of this potential threat: Protect your pets from heartworm disease by limiting exposure and providing preventive treatment year-round, even during those chilly winter months.

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Friday, May 20, 2016

Roll was called by President Larry Duerbeck at the *AKC Museum of the Dog*. Gail Rutter was absent.

President Larry Duerbeck welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming tonight. He spoke about the need for members to attend meetings in order to hold quorums to be able to do club business.

The Treasurer's Report was read. Butch Stiefferman moved and Glenn Murphy seconded the motion to approve the report. **Yeas: All**

There was no secretary's report.

Gail Stiefferman reviewed the plans for June's specialty shows. Ribbons were ordered. There will be a raffle on Saturday. Friday's show will start late. Saturday, after the show, there will be a temperament test, and then a pot luck dinner. There was discussion on judges and airline tickets. Laura Shearin will chair the obedience and rally shows in October. We will possibly hold rent-a-ring on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings – with four (4) members volunteering to help.

Barbara Gambill will possibly take over the club's phone line.

Meet the breed will be held August 20th. Larry Duerbeck will chair the picnic.

Had first reading on applications from Marie and Ken Cunningham, and Jayne Faupl.

Braggs netted \$9.00.

Kathy Redford moved and Marilee Wilkinson seconded the motion to adjourn. **Yeas: All.**

GSDCA Renewal

Just a reminder that your membership to the GSDCA, Inc. is due **12/31/16**. Just go to the website (www.gsdca.org) to find more information on how to pay your dues.



**Wishing each of you the best in the
upcoming holidays and a successful
New Year!**

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