



Club Website

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

Club Logo Change ???

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

Puppy Match & Halloween Party

Marcia Hadley is chairing our puppy match to be held at Arnold Park (Pecan Pavilion) on Sunday, October 28. Match Judge is Anita Clouse. CGC testing will be conducted by Danny Rosemann. Contact Marcia for more information and to volunteer your help to make this event a success! For more information, go to <http://www.gsdctl.org/>.

Change in Meeting Night ???

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

Club Member Reminders.....

- October 19 - Regular Club Meeting**
- October 28 - Puppy Match & Halloween Party.**
CGC Testing available.
- November 16 - Regular Club Meeting**
- December 15 - Christmas Party**

2013 Board & Officers

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

Club Hot Line Number (314) 772-8885
Club Web Site Address: <http://www.gsdctl.org/>

Mission Statement

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

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

Meeting Information

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





Health Matters - Food Storage

Oxidation is the reaction that occurs when chemicals in the food come into direct contact with air and the oxygen molecules. It causes changes in the food's chemical composition which leads to not only a decrease in the nutritional value of the dog food, but it creates a perfect haven for mold, mycotoxins, and bacterial contamination. These potential health risks increase every time you open and close the bag of dog food!

Fats and oils are extremely susceptible to oxidation. When fat oxidizes, the nutritional quality of the food decreases, the food tastes less appealing to the dog, and it can also become rancid making it unsafe for your dog to eat.

Omega fatty acids have excellent health benefits for both humans and dogs. However, again, their quality diminishes rapidly after the food has been opened.

A great selection of safe containers include absolutely airtight storage containers for dry pet foods, metal pet food bins, Glass containers - Glass and metal are both very effective oxygen and humidity barriers. Always store dog food in its' original bag. The premium dog food companies use better quality packaging, including the use of oxygen barrier bags made of petroleum products. This packaging, in particular, is very effective at keeping out oxygen and moisture. After feeding your dog, squeeze as much air out of the bag as possible, re-seal it, or fold the top over very tightly and apply a clip. Place the whole bag into airtight pet food storage containers. The packaging helps protect the kibble from oxygen and humidity. Plastic pet food storage containers are not as effective as, over time, oxygen seeps through the polyethylene walls of the storage bins.

Wash all pet food containers frequently. Old rancid kibble can contaminate fresh, new kibble. Use a gentle detergent and very hot water. Ensure you dry all dog food storage bins completely before refilling. Never ever purchase kibble or dog treats from open food bins at bulk food stores! This is really playing with fire! Not only do you not know what you're really buying, but there's the increased risk of mold and bacterial contamination, diminished nutrients, bugs, etc. Do not leave the food in the open can, or re-use empty cans to store dog food. When canned food has been exposed to oxygen, it causes a chemical reaction and the tin or aluminum from the can, may transfer into the can's contents.

Parent Club News

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



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Most dog foods contain high levels of fat and fat-soluble ingredients (including vitamins A and E).