



Wag 'N' Tongue

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

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

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

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.

Roster Correction

Dear GSDC Of St. Louis Members:

It has been brought to my attention that there was an error in the roster. I have sent the corrected page to Bill to insert on the website. Please accept my apology for missing two of our Life Members on the original page, and I would like to humbly apologize personally to Fran Foster and Bud Leistner, who were left off the original page. It was a typographic error. It was never my intention to hurt either of these treasured Life Members.

Sincerely, Marcia Hadley

2007 Officers:

President: Marcia Hadley

Vice President: Rosalind North

Recording Secretary: Gina Mills

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Obedience Classes

Obedience Class for all breeds will begin September 19, 2007 at the Nottingham School, 4915 Donovan Ave. and will be available to the Public. Classes are held on Wednesdays from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

If you are interested please contact Helene Bridges 314-832-7268 or hbridges@peoplepc.com; or Lois O'Connor 314-894-2955 or dnlshpherds@sbcglobal.net

Spring Specialty Show 2008

Our two-day shows will be held on Saturday & Sunday, May 10 & 11, 2008 at Purina Farms in Gray Summit. Gail Stiefferman is the Show Chairman. Michael Checks and John Bemont, whom the club approved for judges, are both unable to judge the shows. Cindi Flautt has agreed to judge the show on Saturday, and Christine Carter will be Sunday's judge. Obedience and Rally judges are pending.

Puppy Match

GSDC of St. Louis AKC-Sanctioned B Puppy Match

Date: Sunday, September 30, 2007

Location: Purina Farms, Gray Summit, MO

Judge: David Guempel of High Hill, MO

Closing Date: September 26, 2007 at 6 pm

Entry Fees: \$7 per entry

Mail to: Marcia Hadley,
2828 Parthenon Dr, DeSoto, MO 63020
Lunch: After Match - Chili & Potluck Lunch

Please contact Chairman, Margaret O'Neill, for more information at (636) 497-5152 [or margogsd@yahoo.com](mailto:margogsd@yahoo.com)

August Picnic

Our club's picnic and Meet the Breed Day was held on Sunday, August 26th. Chairman, Judy DeRousse, received wonderful help from Glenn and Kelly Murphy, who barbecued and brought the brats and burgers for the club.

Annual Christmas Party

Please be thinking about the Christmas Party - Yes, it's actually just around the corner! If you (or several members) would chair the event, it would be very much appreciated! Last year, it was held at the AKC Museum of the Dog. The club provided the meat, and everyone carried in a dish. We had games, a raffle, and exchanged gifts. And, once again this year, we need a chairman to make this fun for everyone!

Brag ~ Win Place Show ~

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

Elizabeth went "BEST JUNIOR" over 60 plus kids at Fort Steuben Kennel Assoc., Canfield, Ohio. WAY TO GO !!!!!!!!!!!!!!! ELIZABETH AND CORRINA aka "KENLYN'S COULD IT BE V KALEEF". Thanks to judge, Mrs. Mareth K. Kipp, who told Elizabeth she did a fabulous job with such a hard breed to show in the junior ring. Gail Stiefferman 8/2/07

Caralon/QED The Bad Seed (Shelley) finished this day in Monroe, LA. Really awesome--thank you Michael! The "WINGS" bitch only ended up with 1 GSD and a number of Corgi babes that she took from a very ill MOM. WELL SHELLY WAS THE ONLY GSD in the box. Pictures of Wings, Shelly and the Corgi kids are just awesome. Good job Wings and your daughter did herself proud in the show ring. ~~ Sept 1, 2007

**Sunday, 09/23/07, at St Louis Dog Breeders Assn, DeRousse's Escapade of Faithrock, finished with a 4 pt major under Dr Sam Burke, This was a joint effort with Julie, Fran & Carl Foster, my handlers. Carl had to teach my daughter, Michele, co-owner, how to double. Anyone who knows me, I can't do it!!! Patra's sire is Ch Faithrock-Langlitz Joshua HH & dam is Ch DeRousse's Cut Loose Caralon. Many thanks to my friends & supporters of the St Louis GSD Club. ---
Judy DeRousse Breeder of 10 Champions!!!**



Mari-Fiori's Ruler of Oak Hills (Kohl) and my niece, Emily Via, winning Best Junior Handler on Sunday at Rolla. The day before, she also won Best Junior Handler showing a Schipperkee, Ch. Just Believe (Justin). Way to go Emily and Kohl!
~~ Terri Skinner 08/2007

Board of Directors

- President**.....Marcia Hadley
- Vice-President**.....Rosalind North
- Secretary**.....Gina Mills
- Treasurer**.....Marilee Wilkinson
- Corresponding Secretary**.....Kathy Redford
- Board**.....
Helene Bridges, Larry Duerbeck, Karen Hynek, Glen Murphy, Lois O'Connor, and Margaret O'Neill.

Please offer to help these people this year by volunteering your time and talent to help with club activities and projects.



Whelping Box

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

Breeder's Directory

Club Member ads are **\$15.00 per year**. Ads may be for puppies, stud service, Obedience Training, Handlers, Boarding, etc. Please send two months in advance for publication in the following Wag.

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SEIZURE DISORDERS

By Geneva Coats

Your dog develops a far-away look in his eyes, suddenly collapses and begins to tremor and shake uncontrollably. Before you have a chance to react, the incident is over. He remains lethargic and weak for a while afterwards. What happened?

Seizures, epilepsy, “fits”, convulsions, all different terms referring to the same condition.

A seizure results from sudden uncontrolled abnormal firing of neurons in the brain. The brain exists in a delicate state of chemical and physical balance. This balance can be upset by a number of factors. If the balance in the brain shifts too far, brain cells (neurons) may become over stimulated, and a seizure may result. This point at which seizures occur is known as the “seizure threshold”.

Seizures are commonly preceded by an “aura” or altered state that may be characterized by restlessness, nervousness, salivation, and anxiety. The “ictus” or actual seizure follows next. The dog will become non-responsive, collapse, and experience involuntary motor movements such as stretching, kicking, or paddling. The motions may vary in intensity from mild tremors to severe jerking movements. Seizures place tremendous stress on the heart, lungs and circulation. The body temperature may get very high from all the muscle activity and the animal may not breathe adequately. This may result (in rare cases) in brain damage and death. The actual seizure itself may last only seconds or minutes. A seizure persisting more than a few minutes is an EMERGENCY, which requires immediate treatment by the closest veterinary facility. The postictal stage is the period of time after the seizure; the dog may remain lethargic and weak, and possibly disoriented.

To be considered a true seizure, there must be an alteration in the level of consciousness. If the dog is conscious, responsive, aware of his surroundings, or is awakened easily from a sleep state, he is not having a true seizure. Heart and lung problems can sometimes result in weakness and collapse, and middle ear infections can cause dizziness. Twitching and jerking motions may occur in a sleep state, and this is considered normal in early neurological development of puppies.

There can also be focal or partial seizures, which affect a certain part of the body. For instance, the face or just one limb may be involved. This may progress to involve the entire body. The fact that the seizure starts in a

local area suggests that a specific area in the brain is damaged, perhaps due to a brain tumor or infection.

Seizures are a sign of irritation of the brain tissue, just as a coughing is a sign of irritation of the respiratory tract. Any of the factors listed below can trigger uncontrolled firing of the neurons of the brain. When a seizure is the result of an identifiable cause, the disorder is known as symptomatic or secondary epilepsy. Seizures may be caused by any of the following:

Brain tumors - more common in dogs over 5 years old.

Head injury

Stroke-can be caused either by bleeding in the brain or by deficiency of the blood flow to the brain tissue. Either condition can be associated with seizures.

Hypoglycemia or low blood glucose (sugar)-common in toy breeds and especially puppies. Rubbing a small amount of sugar or syrup on the lips, gums and tongue may be effective in stopping the seizure if caused by low blood sugar.

Hypoxemia - Low blood oxygen, with resultant lack of oxygen available to the brain. This can be due to poor lung function, or an abnormal cardiac or pulmonary shunting process in a youngster.

Elevated blood ammonia level due to liver infection, cirrhosis or a liver shunt.

Inflammatory or infectious disease of the nervous system, this can include Lyme disease, distemper, rabies, toxoplasmosis, and Rocky Mountain spotted fever, encephalitis and meningitis.

Ingestion of toxins such as lead, caffeine, chocolate

Botulism-toxins are sometimes produced by bacteria in food.

Exposure to pesticides such as organophosphates (many flea control products) and metaldehyde (snail bait)

Congenital problems, such as hydrocephalus, produce increased intracranial pressure.

Intestinal parasites can cause severe anemia and hypoglycemia. Some parasites also migrate to the liver and brain in their larval forms.

Low serum calcium or magnesium levels- for example, eclampsia in a lactating bitch.

Blood sodium or potassium imbalances can be caused by dehydration or kidney problems.

Genetic predisposition as in the MDR-1 mutation common to many herding breeds causes a lack of the protein, which exerts a protective function in the blood-brain barrier and limits the entry of many drugs to the central nervous system. The lack of this protein renders the dog susceptible to the neurotoxic side effects of several drugs including Ivermectin, Moxidectin and Loperamide.

Kidney failure and high levels in the blood of uremic toxins

Hyperthermia as a result of fever or heat stroke

Thyroid hormone deficiency or hyperactive thyroid.

Seizures are a common disorder in dogs. When tests are done and no reason can be found for the seizure, the disorder is referred to as “idiopathic epilepsy”. The term “idiopathic” means that there is no cause for the problem, and that the seizures are not the result of another disease process. This is the type of epilepsy, which is usually

considered to have an inherited basis.

Idiopathic epilepsy is the most common canine seizure disorder, occurring in up to nearly 6% of all dogs. The problem is more prevalent in some breeds than others. There is a suspected genetic basis for idiopathic epilepsy in German Shepherds, Belgian Tervurens, Keeshonden, Beagles, Dachshunds, Pugs, Poodles, St. Bernards, Irish setters, Siberian Huskies, Cocker Spaniels, Wire-Haired Fox Terriers, Labrador and Golden Retrievers, and Australian Shepherds. In breeds that are genetically predisposed, up to 14% of the population may develop epilepsy. As epilepsy has been shown to be an inherited disorder in humans, baboons, mice, rats, rabbits, gerbils, and chickens, it seems logical that it can be an inherited disorder in dogs as well. Test breeding of epileptic dams and sires done by veterinary researchers have produced incidences of epilepsy in the offspring ranging from between 38% (affected to nonaffected) to 100% (breeding together of two affected dogs).

Hereditary epilepsy commonly begins between the ages of 1-3 years. Seizures that begin earlier or later in the dog's life most probably are a result of a disease process such as those listed above. Your vet will likely want to rule out these conditions before deciding that your dog has hereditary epilepsy.

If your dog has a seizure, don't panic. Check the clock and make a note of how many seconds or minutes the seizure activity lasts. Keep your dog in a safe environment until the seizure is over. Note what type of abnormal muscular activity happens, so you can describe it for your vet. Do not put anything in your dog's mouth. Remain by your dog to comfort him. Call your vet for further advice. If the seizure lasts more than a few minutes, take your dog to the closest veterinary facility for immediate care. If your dog has recurrent seizures (more than once in 24 hours), again, seek immediate medical assistance.

Determining the cause is essential for making appropriate treatment choices, and to assist in breeding decisions. You should seek the advice of your veterinarian. Your vet will obtain a medical history, and a full exam including a neurological exam. He will do blood tests, a urinalysis and fecal exam to look for any possible cause for the seizures. Other exams may include x-ray or ultrasound of the abdomen, EEG to evaluate brain waves, skull x-ray or head MRI, and a cerebrospinal fluid analysis if infection is suspected. Treatment will depend upon the cause of the seizure.

In the case of idiopathic epilepsy, if your dog experiences seizures more frequently than once a month, your vet may decide to place your dog on seizure medication. Antiepileptic drugs do not cure epilepsy, they simply control the seizures. Life-long therapy may be expected. The drugs increase inhibition in the brain, decrease the seizure threshold, and thus make seizures less likely. This often results in side effects such as sedation, uncoordination of movements and appetite stimulation. These effects lessen with time as the body becomes habituated to the medication. The number of dogs who have serious side effects from the medication is small, and often preventable

through careful health monitoring. Regular rechecks are essential, and a thorough physical should be done at least yearly.

Phenobarbital and Primidone (Mysoline) are considered first line drugs for idiopathic epilepsy. They are eliminated by the liver and over time may cause liver damage. Your vet will want to monitor liver function tests on a regular basis to avoid this problem. Also blood levels of these drugs are checked to help with deciding on the dosage required. Bone marrow depression and anemia may occur, so a blood count should be done yearly as well. Potassium Bromide can be used in dogs. Interestingly, it is not well tolerated by humans, as it causes psychological problems in people. However, this is not a problem for dogs. Salty foods should not be given with bromide. Bromide can be mixed with food, as it sometimes can cause an upset stomach.

Valium (diazepam) is effective in treating the acute phase of seizure activity. It is not as effective when given routinely, and is usually reserved for emergency situations.

Many of the newer antiepileptic drugs, such as Dilantin, Tegretol, and Depakote, are metabolized more quickly by dogs than humans. The need for frequent dosing (and their higher price tag) makes their use impractical for dogs.

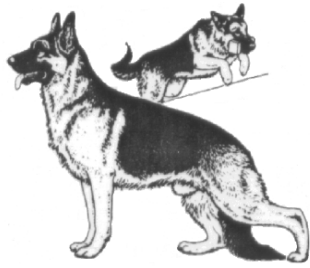


Unless the seizures are due to low blood sugar or low oxygen due to heart/lung disease, there is no reason to restrict activity. Most epileptic seizures occur when the pet is relaxed and quiet, or even sleeping. Most epileptic pets can lead relatively normal lives with careful monitoring, a healthy diet, plenty of fresh air and exercise, and their favorite human nearby.

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A JOKE A DAY



I've seen a look in dogs' eyes, a quickly vanishing look of amazed contempt, and I am convinced that basically dogs think humans are nuts.

~ John Steinbeck

What counts is not necessarily the size of the dog in the fight; it's the size of the fight in the dog.

~ Dwight D. Eisenhower

I think dogs are the most amazing creatures; they give unconditional love. For me, they are the role model for being alive.

~ Gilda Radner

Acquiring a dog may be the only opportunity a human ever has to choose a relative.

~ Mordecai Siegal, *Contemporary Writer*

GSDCA Board-O-Gram

July 2007 Board Meeting

Written by Tom Mesdag

Edited and approved by Lew Bunch

The July Board Meeting of the German Shepherd Dog Club of America Board of Directors was held on July 27, 28, 29 2007 at the Marriot Courtyard West, Salt Lake City, Utah. The Board toured Davis County Events Center for an on site visit located in Farmington, Utah. After the tour the Board met at the Marriot Courtyard West for a Strategic Planning Session chaired by Carmen Battaglia. This session was the third presentation of ideas and suggestions by the Strategic Planning Committee.

The Minutes of the April 2007 Board meeting were reviewed and corrections made.

Nominating Committee Report: All but two seated board members asked to run for another term with the exceptions being Joan Fox and Rita Sandell. The results were as follows:

President - Gail Hardcastle

Vice President - Kris Fasano

Recording Secretary - Margery Golant

The votes for officers were unanimous.

Nominated for the Board of Directors were:

Laura Gilbert

Nancy Harper

Patty Korsch

Carolyn Martello

Michael Metz

Tish Walker

Report of the Corresponding Secretary: Bill Pfeiffer and Sharon Albright have been working with Electronic Services to ensure that all the required paperwork for the 2007 election will be submitted to meet the August 18 deadline. This will hopefully afford the foreign membership ample time to receive and return their ballots. It will also assure that all judges contracts, conformation letters, bios, and petition signatures will have plenty of time to be returned in a timely manner. Please remember to mail a copy of all judges' contracts to Nanci Nellis. Sharon suggested the Board approve the funds Lorraine Schowalter left to the GSDCA be donated to Petpac to aid in the fight against BSL. The Board approved this request.

The AKC requested all Parent Club Board vote for The Annual American Kennel Club's Lifetime Achievement Award. The Board considered all of the highly qualified nominees and then voted for the following:

Conformation: Ed E. Bivin

Companion Events: Mildred (Mid) Rothrock

Performance: Mary Jo Trimble

Report of the President and Executive Committee:

The AKC has approved its first inaugural WDS trial to be held on Oct. 21, 2007 at the GSDCA National Specialty Show.

The Purina Parent Club Partnership Program earnings through June 30, 2007 are \$14,362.24. In addition to the Health Programs sponsored by Purina, they also sponsor the GSDCA Futurity/Maturity and the GSDCA National Specialty Show.

Adam Fellers and Royal Canin have once again agreed to sponsor the GSDCA National Victory Dinner. In addition, Royal Canin will continue their support of 20 GSDCA Regional Club shows in 2008 by donating the following to each GSDCA Regional Club selected:

24 Large (35#) bags of Royal Canin German Shepherd Maxi (value \$44 per bag)

40 small (#5) bags of Royal Canin German Shepherd Maxi (value \$14 per bag)

24 Royal Canin Towels (value \$5 per towel)

4 German Shepherd Dog Encyclopedias (value \$50 each)

\$500.00 to be used for show expenses, judges, etc.

Total value of the regional Club Donation is \$48,720!

Thank You Royal Canin!

Regional clubs needing this wonderful assistance are requested to contact Lew Bunch at Lewieb@aol.com. Send your club information, date of the show, club contact including email and phone number.

The 2007 GSDCA National Specialty Show will be dedicated to Joan Ford, Dick Whalen, and Bob Penny.

Report of the Treasurer: The GSDCA financial position and balance sheet is very solid. We have made some final adjustments to the 2006 P&L which will reduce our net income by some \$10,000 but will

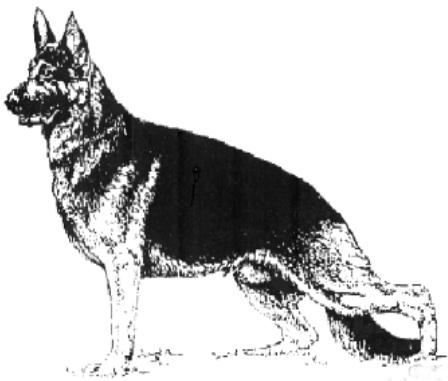
still have had the best financial year on record for the club (\$125,000). We have a number of unanticipated charges in 2007, which resulted in a loss of \$1,900 for the first 6 months. From a profitability perspective we are still solid for the year. Open review receivables are an ongoing issue. We will intensify our focus on this matter to drive them down to a more acceptable level. Because our current bank, Bank of America has established a for profit business relationship with HSUS (Humane Society of the US) we have begun to search for a new financial institution to handle our business. We hope to have clear recommendations by late Third Quarter 2007. Election Services, who handled our elections this past year has been given the contract to do so for 2007. Sharon and Bill through working with them have developed a more aggressive mailing schedule that should permit us to mail the ballots 15 days earlier than prior years. This should help our Canadian members receive their ballots in a more timely manner.

AKC Delegate Report: Maintain Records Online via AKC Online Record Keeping Service. New free online record-keeping service for Breeders Overview is now available. 1) View, create and maintain breeder records, 2) View AKC litter and puppy registration information, 3) View and manage puppy records. Start maintaining your records by *Creating an Account*. For breeders that have an authenticated My AKC Account (or want to start one-just go to the home page on the upper right hand box and start the process), maintaining dog and litter records online are just a click away. Follow these easy steps to get started:

1. Log in to your "My AKC Account" (upper right corner AKC home page.)
2. Sign up for Online Record keeping services from the main page.
3. Go to the My Dogs and Litters section.
4. Click Breeder Records to view, create and maintain breeder records, view AKC litter and puppy registration information, and manage puppy records.

For more information go to:

<http://www.akc.org/services/breederrecords.cfm>



Committee Reports:

Show Chairman Report: NOTE CHANGES in the schedule of events from the listing in the Advance Brochure.

RALLY will be held Thursday, October 18 in the West Pavilion at THE RANCH AGILITY. The match will be Tuesday, October 16 at 3 pm OUTDOORS in the Longhorn Arena. The Wednesday and Thursday agility trial will also be OUTDOORS in the Longhorn Arena. The Ranch at Larimer County Fairgrounds is located between I-25 and County Road 5/Fairgrounds Ave at Crossroads Blvd/Exit 259. THERE IS NO ENTRANCE TO SHOW SITE from the I-25 access road. The Ft Collins/Loveland airport is on the opposite side of I-25 from THE RANCH.

Dr. Greg Burns, a local reproduction and fertility specialist, will be at the show site in Colorado on FRIDAY, October 19 all day to evaluate semen. He will also be available to freeze and store semen. He will either be in the stall area or in a tent set up outside or in the West Pavilion. His location will be announced during the show week. Please call for an appointment at 970-226-6526, e-mail to reprovet@comcast.net.

HOTELS: The membership welcome evening will be Tuesday, October 16 at the headquarters hotel in the atrium. The location is Hilton Ft Collins, 425 W Prospect Rd, Exit 268, 970-482-2626. This is a full service hotel with bar/restaurant/Starbucks. The Hilton is sold out of \$79/\$99 rooms. There are still rooms available at \$149.

THE ANNUAL MEETING on Thursday, October 18 will be at the Best Western Crossroads Inn Loveland. They are booked and have a waiting list. They will increase the staff to serve us cocktails and dinner at their brand new restaurant and bar prior to the 8 pm meeting. Exit I-25 at Hwy 34 to Loveland. 970-667-7810. The Best Western Crossroads Inn offers a complimentary breakfast and has a large grassy area in back for the dogs.

The following are also our sponsoring host hotels and they have set aside blocks of rooms just for us. Please book your rooms with one of them. DO NOT use the 800# to book. You will NOT get our special reduced prices. Remember to ask what the pet fee if you will have a dog in the room. *CB = complimentary breakfast; ## = complimentary internet

- Ramada Ft Collins 970-484-4660 \$69.99 *CB ##
- Residence Inn-Loveland 970-622-7000 \$108.00 *CB ##
- Mulberry Inn Ft Collins 970-493-9000 \$65/\$70 *CB ##
- Days Inn Ft Collins 970-221-5490 \$65.00 *CB ##
- Plaza Inn Ft Collins 970-221-5490 \$65.00 *CB ##
- Best Western-Kiva Inn Ft Collins 970-484-2444 \$78.00 *CB ## (no grass)
- Holiday Inn Ft Collins 970-225-2200 \$99.00 ##

WORKING DOG SPORT: Be sure to make plans to stay over Sunday, October 21 for the Board Meeting at THE RANCH at 8 am. WDS 1, 2, 3 will be in the main show arena inside beginning at 8 am on Sunday.

Reserved seating for futurity/maturity, conformation and WDS will be on padded chairs INSIDE the arena on the grass with risers @ \$60 each. The Gold Page Luncheon was left off the reservations page in the Advance Brochure. There will be a Gold Page Luncheon at the Colorado National, Saturday, October 20, 2007, 11:30 to 1:30, near the Conformation Arena. Price is \$60 for two. Order tickets from Gail Hardcastle, PO Box 2378, White Salmon, WA 98672 or order online at www.GSDCA.org. Stalls are \$115 Tuesday-Sunday and \$90 Thursday-Sunday.

The Victory Dinner on Saturday Night will be a real celebration of the National and the German Shepherd Dog. Tickets are limited and are only \$25 each. Kenny Cordova and The Olde Rock Band will provide us rock and roll music during the Cocktail Party and for dancing after the Victory Dinner Speeches. Check out Kenny Cordova at <http://kennycordova.com>. Do not Miss the Victory Dinner.

VICTORY DINNER MENU: House salad with sun dried tomato vinaigrette or Ranch dressing. Beef fajitas served with guacamole, pico de gallo, sour cream, cheddar cheese, diced tomatoes and warm tortillas. Grilled chicken breast stuffed with pico de gallo and Jack cheese, topped with cilantro cream sauce, Ranch style beans, South of the Border rice, Homemade tri-color tortilla chips service with fire-roasted salsa, Freshly baked ranch style biscuits, Choice of dessert and drink

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In order to be listed in the catalog as a trophy donor, please submit your information WITH payment to:

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Kim McNamara Agility 770-304-9363

Linda Booker Obedience 318-641-9877

Lori Cruser WDS 303-887-4186

Amy Vose Tracking 815-627-9466

Jennifer Root Herding 925-458-4150

Carrie Adams Rally 303-746-2958 (for general Rally fund)

Select Excellent Report: Sel. Ch. Kaleef's Silver Charm of Tabu has completed the requirements for her Select Excellent Award. Her owners are Norman and Carolyn Herbel.

The Select Excellent Report in the June 2007 Review has 3 names omitted from the list. They are: Sel. Exc. Ch. Winaki Hanzel Apfelsine, Sel Exc. Scher-Lo's Rogue of Karizma and Se. Exc. Ch. Keylis the Big Red Dog. Apologies for the error.

If you have been a previous Select Excellent recipient and you are planning on competing again in Best of Breed at the 2007 National, please let Patty Szymczak know so she can put your dog's name on the list of eligible dogs. If you are competing in Best of Breed and have not sent her your dog's certification papers for hips and elbows, please do as soon as possible. The absolute deadline is Friday night before the Best of Breed competition to be

eligible for the award at the 2007 National.

Obedience Report: Please send in your obedience trophy donations before September 1, 2007, to Linda Booker 474 Donaldson Road Calhoun, LA 71225 legatogsd@hotmail.com 318-623-9402.

There are still some openings for obedience stewards. Contact Dalene McIntire at dalene.mcintire@verizon.net if interested.

Futurities: The Board approved Cheryl Olson to the Futurity Committee as a representative for the NE Region Regional Futurity Clubs earned \$13,784.35 in 2006. The Futurity Committee will meet at the National to discuss and recommend changes to the Futurity system including a reduction the number of Regions. Litter nominations continue to decline.

The GSDC of Detroit was approved to host the 2009 Great Lakes Futurity. This change was recommended due to a conflict with the Mid-Atlantic Region.

Names were presented for judging the 2008 Futurities - Maturities and were approved pending receipt of their signed contracts. Dates, locations, and judge's names will be posted on the PC web site.

Review report: The Board appointed Donna Calabrese to chair the Marketing Committee and Libby Cameron, Janet Lange and Nancy Hubbell as committee members

Awards: Please note that the deadline for the Don Cliff Award for 2007 is August 31, 2007.

Blanche Beisswenger Memorial Hero Dog Awards: Helen Miller Fisher, Chairman presented the Board with nominations in all three categories and the 2007 Winners are:

Pet Hero Dog: Heidi and Hero

Good Will Ambassador Hero Dog: Amanda and Fritz

Service Hero Dog: Cpl. Mike Waddell and K-9 Aryn.

Complete write up and presentations will be made at the GSDCA National Specialty Show.

Breeders Code: Extensive discussion of the Breeders Code was held. Many recommendations were made. The decision is to postpone until after the membership votes on the revised Code of Ethics, which is part of the new Membership Application.

Health and Genetics: The GSDCA Board approved funding of \$22,000 to Dr. Pletcher of Scripps for Bloat and Torsion Research.

UC Davis has been asked to assist with a validation of a 'gene chip' and has requested the help of owners of animals with Hip Dysplasia. The breeds selected for this validation process, Labrador Retrievers and German Shepherds, will have an enormous 'headstart' as they will have their control/normal populations already typed on over 30,000 genetic markers. This lays a powerful foundation to compare with diseased or affected populations. Both GSDs and LRs have been selected as test breeds. We have a one-time opportunity to run these two groups simultaneously if we can collect enough samples to warrant the costs. (ideally 50 to 100 severely affected HD dogs).

Below is listed the sample collection and shipping

details (most vets will draw the blood for no charge for research and we provide a FedEx number for shipping so that there is no cost to the owner or veterinarian.

Protocol for Blood Procurement

Please collect whole blood using an EDTA or ACD vacutainer tube (lavender or yellow top)

Between 3-5 mls of blood is sufficient

Samples can be shipped using STANDARD overnight at ambient temperature (NO ICE)

Please use FedEx #2527-7516-1 (check "bill recipient")

Please ship samples to: c/o Alison Ruhe

VGL Canine Genetics

CCAH/CVG Bldg 2nd Floor

UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine

Davis, CA 95616

(530) 755-8765

** PLEASE INCLUDE:

Owner name

Owner contact information

Dog Breed

Dog Registered name

Dog Registration number

For questions please contact: Alison Ruhe, Canine Genetics

UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine

(530) 754-8765 ph (530) 754-5518 fax Email:

alison@ucdavis.edu

Internet: As you can see from this Board O Gram Email you received, we have solved the AOL and Yahoo emailing problems. We have also obtained software that permits a better presentation of our emails to the membership. If you wish to unsubscribe and cease to receive Parent Club emails, contact me directly at greypines@aol.com. We plan to implement the new Internet Home Page design in the Third Quarter of 2007 on gsdca.org. Significant detail is in the April 2007 Board minutes. We believe it will make navigating the web site easier and more efficient. Because so many spammers have been using board@gsdca.org in their spamming engines we have had to close out this e-mail address that permitted you to reach all the board members. For now at least, you will have to email board members individually. All of the board and committee chairs email address are on the web site. We are looking for a better solution. Special NOTE: We are still seeking a few volunteers to assist on the new web site.

Parent Club: Notice to all Regional Clubs: In accordance with the GSDCA Policy and Procedures Manual, the guidelines for the Bronze Medals are as follows:

The Parent Club Office is to disperse Bronze medallions to Specialty Clubs once a year, upon receiving premium lists. (Bronze medals will be awarded for BOB and Highest Combined Score, Open and Utility - with a qualifying score. If not awarded, medals must be returned.)

Unreturned Bronze Medals: Should a club not award a Bronze medal and not respond to the Parent Club Office's request to return the unused medal, the GSDCA will send them a bill for the medal and inform them that, if they do not pay, they will not receive a bronze medal the next time. Bronze medals are \$7.50 each.

Please be sure to add this address to your club's Premium List mailings:

GSDCA Office

Laura Gilbert Phone: 757-421-7854

2448 Johnstown Road Email: GSDCAOffice@aol.com

Chesapeake, VA 23322

Purina Points Alliance: Report your breedings for the Purina Alliance Points Program through the GSDCA website.

Policy and Procedures: Due to the minutes not being submitted and approved the policy and Procedures manual has not been updated since January 2007

Regional Clubs: The GSDCA Regional Club Challenge has been increased to add the new Intermediate Club Division. This will give more clubs the opportunity to participate. The new Divisions are:

Small Club: 1- 25 Members

Medium Club: 26 - 60 Members

Intermediate Club: 61 - 99 Members

Large Club: 99 + Members

The Winners of the GSDCA Regional Club Challenge will be announced at the Annual Meeting.

The Challenge year runs from August 1, 2006 - July 31, 2007. Titles and paperwork need to be postmarked by August 15th so that we have time to prepare the winners' ribbons for your club!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

If you have any questions, send an email to Kelly Knight at hadderway@comcast.net.

Working Dog Sport Committee: An AKC Working Dog Sport (WDS) trial will be held on Sunday, October 21 at the National Specialty. Any Regional Club with an interest in assisting with the organization of other GSDCA WDS Trials for 2008 should contact the WDS Committee Chair, David Landau 115 Deerfield Rd. Dr. Bogart, GA 30622 or via email:

dlandau@hal.physast.uga.edu.

American GSD Charitable Foundation: The 20th Anniversary Benefit will be held on October 19, 2007 immediately following judging at the Ranch in Loveland, Colorado. Tickets are \$60.00 for two tickets and may be ordered from Van A. Dukeman, AGSDCF, Inc. Treasurer, 1401 South River Oaks Dr., Mahomet, IL 61853

American GSD Rescue Association: A calendar is being formulated for distribution

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the conflict with a huge annual convention the same week. In order to make more rooms available we have moved the show dates to the second week in September, Thursday thru Friday. This will be in effect for the next 5 years. This year's show is September 6th through 8th with Lew Bunch judging Intersex, Bob Eaton judging Males and Fran Ford judging Females. Obedience judges are William Neville and Edward Leslie. Temperament Testing will be by Pando Stepanus and Terry Smith.

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GSDCA-WDA Liaison: The 2007 North American Sieger Show will be held at Purina Farms from October 12-14. World Team Fund contributions should be sent to Martylou Plinski 245 Deerhill Dr. Bogard, GA 30622.

The National Canine Police dog trials will be held in Raleigh, NC on September 7 thru 12, 2008.

Sincerely,

Lew Bunch
President
German Shepherd Dog Club of America (GSDCA)

2007 GSDCA National Information

October 14 - 20, 2007

Location: Ft. Collins, Colorado: Larimer County Fairgrounds and Events Complex at "The Ranch".

The GSD Breed Standard (Part I)

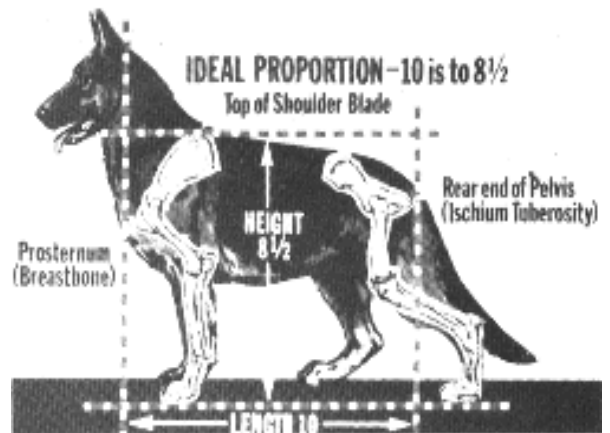
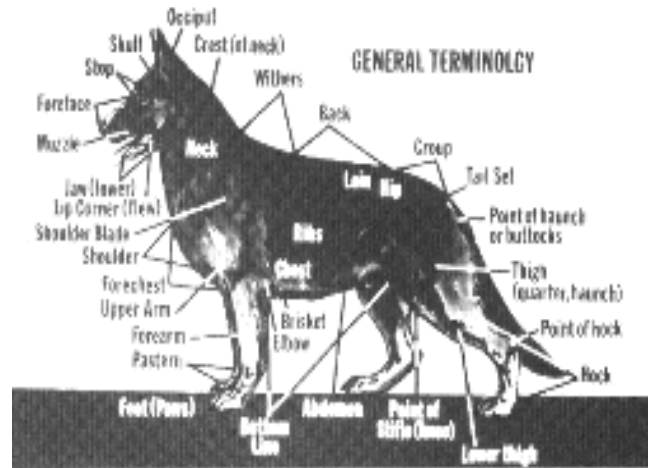
The German Shepherd Dog Breed Standard is a guideline for every breed fancier to use, study, and commit to memory.

The **Size, Proportion, Substance** part of the standard (there are several parts to the standard) is listed below. Also, the two illustrations list body parts. Subsequent issues of the *Wag 'N Tongue* will have continued illustrations of other sections of our breed's standard.

"The desired height for males at the top of the highest point of the shoulder blade is 24 to 26 inches; and for bitches, 22 to 24 inches.

The German Shepherd Dog is longer than tall, with the most desirable proportion as 10 to 8 1/2. The length is measured from the point of the prosternum or breastbone to the rear edge of the pelvis, the ischial tuberosity.

The desirable long proportion is not derived from a long back, but from overall length with relation to height, which is achieved by length of forequarter and length of withers and hindquarter, viewed from the side."



GSDCA Membership

The GSDC of St. Louis is a regional club. Regional clubs are under the GSDCA, which is under the AKC. Of our GSDC of St. Louis members, twenty-seven are, also, GSDCA members: Alice Becker, Elaine Bisbing, Judy DeRousse, Steve Dobbins, Fran Foster, Carl Foster, Mark Gilmore, Marcia Hadley, Bill Harper, Dyan Harper, Greg Harrison, Karen Hynek, Phyllis Kalmes, Carolyn Martinez, Gina Mills, Randy Narup, Rosalind North, Lois O'Conner, Margaret O'Neill, Dr. Pat Parsons, Kathy Redford, Helen Rockman, Gail Rutter, Helen "Scootie" Sherlock, Herman "Butch" Stiefferman, Gail Stiefferman, and Marilee Wilkinson. *(If you are a GSDCA member and your name has been omitted, please let me know. I used the latest list from the GSDCA website.)*

Several new members indicated an interest in joining the GSDCA. Attached is an application, which you can complete and mail in with your dues of \$66. Upon acceptance to the membership, you will receive a monthly copy of *The Review*, an award-winning publication that publishes minutes, articles, photos, pedigrees, dog advertisements, show schedules, and much more information. Also, as a member, you can nominate your litters for futurities and qualify to participate in the ROM awards for your stud dog/brood bitch.

THE GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF AMERICA

FOUNDED IN 1913

WHY SHOULD YOU BECOME A MEMBER?

Congratulations on owning a German Shepherd Dog. Some of the first things you brought home with your dog were food, a food and water bowl and a collar..... And there is one more thing you need to do for your new best friend. Join the German Shepherd Dog Club of America. (GSDCA)

When you read the purpose of the GSDCA, printed below, as stated in its first Constitution and current By-Laws, then you will understand why you should join us. We are a group dedicated to our breed and to our Club and its continued status as the NUMBER ONE German Shepherd Dog organization recognized by the American Kennel Club (AKC) and the World Union Organization of German Shepherd Dogs. (WUSV) If you are 18 years old or older and in good standing with the AKC, your next step is to learn more by joining the GSDCA.

THE PURPOSE OF JOINING

To encourage, promote and improve the breeding of quality purebred German Shepherd Dogs, to educate the fancy and to do all that is possible to bring the natural qualities of the German Shepherd Dog to perfection.

To urge members and breeders to accept the Standard of the breed as approved by the AKC 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, performance events and tracking tests.

To aid with every possible means to demonstrate the German shepherd Dogs conspicuous abilities to better serve mankind as a companion, war, Search and Rescue, police, drug and explosive detection, security, herding and guide dog to the blind.

To conduct dog shows, performance trials including obedience, rally, herding, etc., under the rules of the American Kennel Club and to publish literature and periodicals in the best interest of the

German Shepherd Dog.

We, as members, tackle difficult health problems, debate structure of dogs, discuss upcoming events, share in the excellence of a new litter and comfort each other as a dog passes. Each member contributes a unique insight so that our breed can continue to move forward. The GSDCA provides a venue that allows breeders, owners, handlers and judges to contribute freely any information relevant to the breed. It is through a conglomeration of ideas that you, the new member, will formulate your plan for the betterment of the breed we so dearly love.

YOUR MEMBERSHIP IMPACTS THE FUTURE OF THE BREED

As the 100th Anniversary of our Club nears, we are striving to promote our dogs even further and therefore are working as a group to adhere to these lofty ideals. Join us in this endeavor!

The yearly National Specialty show is the main showcase for the variety of abilities of the German Shepherd Dog. It is a celebration on many levels. Along with Confirmation, the additions of other venues such as Obedience, Rally, Tracking, Herding and Temperament Certification engage members and their dogs in positive interaction. The Working Dog sport under the auspices of the AKC is an exciting new event starting with the 2007 National Specialty Show.

Members look forward with great anticipation to the National and the series of preceding Regional Futurity and Maturity shows that showcase breeders and the dogs they have produced.

National recognitions for the various awards available to be earned by our members are part of the ceremonies.

Various committees of the GSDCA are devoted to the health and welfare of our breed. The Canine Health Foundation, of which the GSDCA was a founding member Parent Club, and the American German Shepherd Charitable Foundations were organized to fund health research issues.

The American German Shepherd Rescue Association (AGSRA) is a viable link to local rescue groups with a grant program.

Starting in 2006 a new committee was formed to aid the membership in opposing the anti-breeder, breed specific and other legislation and organizations inconsistent with the best interests of the GSDCA. The name of the committee is

Responsible Animal Legislative Education Effort Federation (RALEEF). Member involvement through this committee will become of more importance in the years ahead.

The future of this Club lies with its young people and their continued involvement. Therefore, we have an active Juniors program, for anyone under the age of 18, with ongoing educational rewards. A Junior membership in the GSDCA is also available.

The German Shepherd Dog Review is a prestigious and award winning publication that you will receive each month with your membership. Various issues spotlight different aspects of our dog's talents, along with articles and stories that serve to educate the fancy. The beautiful dogs advertised, many in color, are an ongoing history of the breed.

There are myriads of people who love the German Shepherd Dog and are looking for mentorship, friendship and a sense of belonging. The GSDCA is the guild for this group. It can provide the links to connect the fanciers to form a chain of support and common interest dedicated to the preservation of the breed we hold so close to our hearts.

PLEASE JOIN US IN THE CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF THE MOST VERSITILE OF BREEDS "THE GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG" SERVING AND PROTECTING MANKIND

Written by Joan Fox along with Didier Ardoin II, Gail Rutter, Val Manning and Rene Ruth.

Reference: <http://www.gsdca.org/> updated 8-26-02



GSDCA Membership Application
Type Application

- **Individual USA - \$66.00**
- **Family USA - \$100.00**

Family membership is defined as same household or significant other and includes the principle and

one additional person.

I 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.

Mail To: Gail Hardcastle
49 Lakeview Rd.
White Salmon, WA 98672
(509)-493-2114
Membership@gsdca.org

Make Checks Payable to "GSDCA "

Name(s) _____
Address _____
City _____
Country _____
Phone(s) _____
Email _____
Signature(s) _____

Note:
Requirements: Minimum age of 18 years. Must be in good standing with the AKC. Membership includes subscription to *The German Shepherd Dog Review*.
Dues are not tax deductible.

Happy Birthday!

October
Lois O'Connor
Margaret O'Neill
Helen Rockman
Angela Mills
Gail Rutter
Megan Rutter
Scootie Sherlock

Please let me know when your birthday is if I've missed you! Thanks!

Welcome New Members!

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***Welcome to Each
New Member! Each
of us needs to
reach out to these
new members and
make them feel
welcome!***

Editor Notes

Please remember...Braggs and litter announcements are **FREE**. Great value in this day and age!

Members who would prefer it e-mailed, please send me permission at ruttergsd@daffron.net or call (573) 324-2240. Also, Bill Harper will be putting it on the club's website. If you would prefer to view it on the website or print a copy for yourself there, this would save the club the cost of printing and postage. Please let me know if an alternate method of delivery would be permissible.

Until the November issue, good luck in your endeavors with your dogs of our great breed!

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Gail Rutter, Editor