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From The Editor



People said they liked having a picture of a German Shepherd on the front of the newsletter, but guess what? No one has sent me any. They don't have to be conformation pictures, just a nice picture of a German Shepherd either in the conformation ring or working or posing or...

The specialties are coming up, so save that week end for a two-day of nothing but dogs.

Lorrie Nerney and Amanda can probably still take last-minute donations to the raffle, as long as they come ready to find a new home. Such items in the past have been hanging flower baskets, potted plants, dog blankets, etc. Anything that dogs or their owners would love to have.

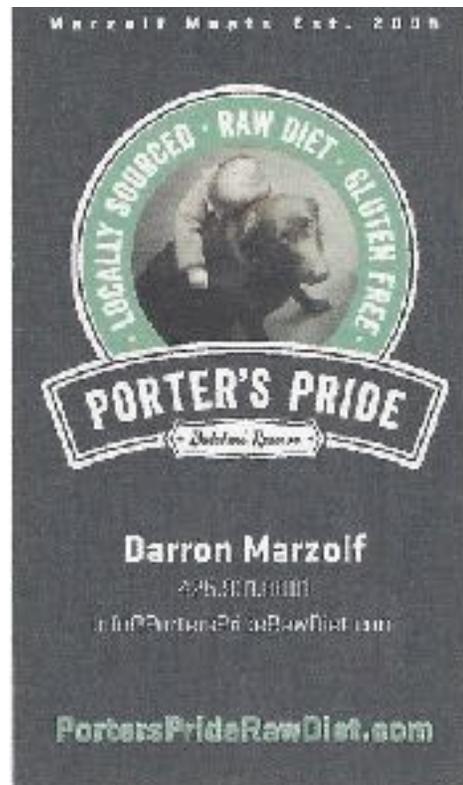
For the lunch on Saturday, anyone who brings a donation for that will get a free lunch ticket. We always have a super lunch at the show. You'll never be able to buy one as yummy for \$5 any where else.

Last month I said anyone who brought a donation to the lunch would be given a free raffle ticket. The board informed me last night I went overboard...**what I should have said** is non-members who help steward will receive a free lunch and raffle ticket. Lunch donors receive a free lunch as mentioned in the paragraph above. Members who help with various jobs — set up, steward, break down, etc. will receive 10 points.

At the membership meeting in April, it was decided that anyone who didn't pay their dues by the adjournment of the March meeting can be reinstated by paying a late fee of \$10 per month for every month past March. Actually, you know, the dues are due on January 1, the end of the March meeting is giving members a two-month grace period. If you were to make it a habit of

paying all your bills two months late, you would have to pay a late fee to your creditors. So be forewarned when it's time for your 2018 dues... they are due at the January, 2018, meeting and delinquent after that.

The members at the April meeting also voted to donate \$50 again this year to NAIA. There was a letter from them in the last issue about it; this group does a great job of keeping tabs on the anti-dog legislation that abounds in this country. I have never understood why lawmakers pass these laws when probably most of them own dogs.



Supplying dogs, dog food, and doggy items and services has to be a multi-billion business taken as a whole, however a lot of the companies are small businesses, thus the need for Patty Strand and the NAIA to represent the interests of animal owners.

See you at the specialty shows. If you aren't currently showing, you can come to the park and cheer on those that are. 🐾

Summer-time by Leslee Hooper

"Summer – Medicine for the Soul"



Even though we have only one day of actual sunshine, spring is working hard to bring new growth and new blossoms all around Lovejoy Acres and the entire Hooper compound.

We love to see the beauty of spring. Summer, in particular, enjoys the sights, the smells and the activity as new life becomes evident.

Harley, Summer and I have started walking after dinner on the compound roads, which involve two pretty good size hills. I am proud to say that we are up to three quarters of a mile, which may not sound like much, but when you consider the hills we have to walk up, it is a major accomplishment for me.

Summer loves to investigate along this walk, which tends to reduce the aerobic effect for me. So, while she sniffs and smells and Harley has to stop because he is holding the leash, I continue to walk. This really bugs Summer because she cannot stand for me to be in front of her so she hurries and walks in front of me. And if you are saying to yourself "oh, that little bitch" no offense taken. I say it myself. We finally solved this problem by me taking the leash. I keep my walking pace so she has to stay in tune with me. Summer now does her investigations on her own time.

This is what she has uncovered so far this spring:

1. We have a family of squirrels living in the maple trees at the bottom of the pasture. They love to run from her and she loves to run after them.
2. The brush and greenery down along the creek are starting to grow back after Harley

cleared it last summer. So, if you aren't careful you can step in thick black mud. Summer has had to have her legs washed many times.

3. The baby deer are starting to make their appearance. One little guy has a brown and blonde splotchy coat. He doesn't appear too healthy but that could just be his age. The herd is growing! And one young male, who has been separated from his original family pack, is living in my father-in-law's yard, bedding down under a clump of rhododendrons.

4. We have a white opossum living in the woods. Thankfully, we have only seen him a couple of times.

5. We have a young, probably 5-month-old coyote, living somewhere on the property. He's actually pretty cute, but I do hope that he moves on.

6. We had a fox sighting. I suspect that with all of the people along Crescent Valley Road starting to keep chickens, this readily available food source is why we are seeing all of these critters.

7. I am very happy that all of my Astilbes and Heuchera plants survived the winter.

Summer's investigative reporting has shown us that mother Earth is alive and well despite the naysayers.

Spring is in the air and along with that comes the joy of new life.

Leslee and Summer



JUNE

- 10 - Sherril Johnson**
- 11 - Jeremy Floyd**
- 15 - Leslee Hooper**



Meeting Dates

Monthly Meeting Dates
(1st Thurs of Month)

Board Meeting
(3rd Mon of Month)

May 4, 2017	May 22, 2017
June 1, 2017	June 19, 2017
July 6, 2017	July 17, 2017
August 3, 2017	August 21, 2017
September 7, 2017	September 18, 2017
October 5, 2017	October 16, 2017
November 2, 2017	November 20, 2017



...**Club Meetings**...guests are always welcome to attend and enjoy our meetings, picnic, auction, and parties. See driving directions to hall on page 9.

...**May 4 Meeting:** Demonstrating how the winners of each conformation class advance to the next level....**YOU** will be the judge!

...**May 13-14:** Our annual two specialty shows and all-breed obedience and rally trials are held on these dates at Carco Park in Renton.

We have a fun raffle and a great lunch on Saturday, with conformation, obedience, and rally competition both days prizes and ribbons for all classes. Also, keep an eye out for great raffle items you can donate. Talk to Lorrie Nerney or Amanda about raffle items, or bring to the May meeting, or if they are "ready to go", just bring them to the show Saturday morning. Let Lorrie or Amanda know you are bringing something to the show.

...**June 1 Meeting:** To be announced. You'll receive this info with your meeting notice.

...**Sunday, July 16, 2017:** Temperament Test: at Carco Park. Dogs must be at least 1 year old, no training necessary. Another fun activity. Contact Kerry Southern or Dalene McIntire

...**Saturday, August 12, 2017:** Our annual Herding Instinct Test. Will be held at Ewe-Topia in Roy, Washington.

Club Web Site: GSDCofWS.org You can find information there about club activities, officers, newsletters, etc.

The President's Report by Amanda Hackbarth

In the April newsletter Dalene added the 2017 Roster. Please check your information and make sure your address, phone number and especially your email is correct. There have been a few members with new emails and haven't let me know, so they haven't been receiving the latest and greatest club information. If you don't receive your monthly meeting notice, that I email a week before the meeting, please let me know. As careful as I am, I even made a mistake on an email address.

Can you believe it's already May? That means it's show time. We really need help with our annual specialty show. The lunch list is still pretty bare. We could really use some main dishes such as salads, cold cuts or sandwiches. Members receive a free lunch in return for a food donation.

Our raffle will once again have the popular GSD statue. This one will be in memory of Max Fischbach who worked at the raffle for many years. We have some really great items for the raffle this year! Kerry donated a few nice baskets and wines. Debra Hughes donated a check so Lorrie and I went shopping for items for the gift baskets. Along with some other member's donations we came up with five different themes. Jim and Gail Wells donated some gorgeous cutting boards. They are actually too beautiful to use. They also donated some very awesome Seahawks mugs. Diane Waid donated some beautiful painted wine glasses and some trading cards. One is a Seahawks card with a signature! We will also have two donations of raw diets, one from Porters

Pride and the other from Canine Suppliers. These are just some of the items I know of. I'm hoping for some more fabulous items at the show.

Thank you, to our Obedience chair, Kerry Southern for planning a very successful sanctioned C match. I heard we had over 40 runs!!! I think this is the most entries we've ever had. Thank you to Jim Franklin and Candee Foss for coming out and judging in the rain. Thanks to club members Laura Jean Cronin, Dalene McIntire, Cindy Stratton and Kimberly Seward for helping to make the match run smoothly. Where were all the conformation people? I heard there were only five entries?

Happy Mother's Day to all of our Moms.



Laura's Faith
finding her scent
article...



Erika's Luna
retrieving her
dumbbell...

Thanks to Diane Waid for the above photos
taken at April 29 4-H Match

Tidbits

by Dalene

Wait until you see the really great wooden, lazer engraved cutting boards Jim Wells made that he and Gail are donating to the Saturday raffle, May 13. Absolutely gorgeous, maybe too nice to use, but I'd love to own one just to display.

Eugene had to bail me out again this month...for some reason my computer won't let me sign in so I can add the newsletter.

Our match on April 23 was a success, netting \$345. The "gang" all stepped in and helped set up, steward, take entries, etc., all of which helped make it the success it was. The obedience judge, Jim Franklin, was such a good sport and kept a smile on his face all day during the wind and rain. Candee Foss who was the conformation judge didn't have to worry about the weather as there were only 5 entries in conformation. Later Kerry took over the conformation ring and ran the rally people through since there were so many obedience entries.

We had a lot of other breeds entered and several people came up to me to thank us for having the match and to say how much they enjoyed it...all this while it was raining. I had mud up to my the knees of my jeans and I more or less ruined a new pair of shoes with mud, so they are a goner. I'll guess they will just become my "show" shoes. And I was sitting under a canopy most of the day! And yet, when you looked over the field, it was nice green, grass. Wait! Maybe I can sell the jeans for big bucks, saw an ad on tv the other day where someone is selling jeans that look like they are muddy for only a little over \$200.

After the match, Kerry, Laura, Kimmy, Erika and I went over to Shari's across the street since none of us had eaten all day. We had "warm" food and a nice visit. Little did I know I was

getting into big doo-doo.

When I arrived at home about 6:15, there was a phone message from my daughter Melanie wanting to know if I was lying on the floor dying and couldn't get to the phone. I am so bad — I forgot all about that Melanie and Dionne were taking me out for an early Mother's Day lunch since Melanie will be in Hawaii then (as in every year).

Melanie said I could come down and join them, but I told her she wouldn't want to be seen with me the way I looked after being out in the weather all day. So they came over when they finished eating and brought my presents. I'm lucky they are still talking to me...my kids have always complained about the fact I am always at our specialty shows on Mother's Day, with good reason obviously.

Lorrie Nerney is making up some clever gift baskets for the raffle on our Saturday show and Amanda is making up a Seahawks basket. When I had my nails done, they gave me a free manicure to raffle off as well. Having my nails done is a present from my son mainly...I get gift certificates for every occasion and have not had to pay for any of it for 2 years now.

This raffle is lining up to be one of the best we've ever had. There will also be a GSD statue as we've had for the past year...this year it will be in memory of Max Fischbach who died last August. We're hoping his boys will drop by the show on Saturday.

Brenda Piele was at the match wearing a cute pair of high top tennis shoes that had GSDs all along the sides. I think she said she has two pairs.

Driving home from Marysville in April, there was the brightest and closest rainbow I've ever seen.

OBEDIENCE TRAINING AT YOUR CONVENIENCE

Have a young or old dog to train in obedience? Can't find a class that's convenient for you, whether it's location or time of day? These three DVDs are your answer.

Dogs can begin formal training at 12 weeks of age and any time thereafter if you have kind of let their training slip by.

These three DVDs contain all the novice obedience exercises:

Heel on Leash & Figure 8
Stand for Examination
Heel Off Leash
Recall
Finish
Sit Stay
Down Stay

All the exercises you need if you are interested in showing at dog shows in the AKC Novice Obedience Class or Beginner Novice Class. They are also the basics for any other training you are interested in.

OR

These same exercises will give you a well-trained dog to be your lifetime friend and companion — whether you are interested in showing or not.



Training Without Treats!

You can buy the DVDs for \$75 and train by yourself (at your convenience), or call and set up one or more private lessons, if you wish — either to get you started or to check on your progress after working with the DVDs for a few weeks — at \$30 each.

Using the DVDs, you can train when it's convenient for you, no worry about missing a class and getting behind. You can watch a segment over several times until you're sure you understand it before working with your dog. You can also call me if you have any questions. Once your dog knows the exercises, you can take him/her out to work in public to learn to work around distractions instead of learning to ignore distractions AND trying to learn his lessons at the same time.

PRICE - \$75 for complete DVD set (plus \$4 postage)

Claiburne Kennels

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The numbers are in for the specialty shows. Very poor showing in conformation; obedience is up from last year and rally is down slightly.

Conformation on Saturday is 12, and Sunday is 10. Even the all-breed shows get a better entry in Shepherds than that! What a revolting development that is (to quote Red Skelton). The conformation judges can't say they are overworked this year. Last year the entries were 31 and 27.

For Obedience the Saturday entry is 52 and on Sunday 43. Last year it was 42 and 34.

For Rally the Saturday entry is 30 and on Sunday it is 29. Last year it was 48 and 37.

Geez, conformation can start at 11:00 AM and be through in time for lunch.

Back to the match on the 23rd, Kerry made up nice armbands that were easy to read and a code letter before the number designating which class it was for. Makes it a lot easier for the stewards as well as the handlers, especially those with more than one entry.

One woman sent Kerry an email complaining that she had been told the match was an event to come down and have fun and socialize your dogs. She then proceeded to take her puppy up to other dogs and said she got tired of hear "leave it" all the time. She would never come again.

And then to balance that individual, Kerry received this one from Neil Evans who's been in obedience for a long time in this area and is very competitive in her scores. She wrote:

*Kerry,
Just wanted to thank you and all the other wonderful volunteers in your club for putting on the obedience run thrus today in the rain and mud! Your judge really had a long,*

unpleasant day. Everyone remained pleasant in spite of the weather! Thanks for giving us the opportunity to work our dogs in a show like setting. I for one learned that my dogs and I need to train a lot more outside!

Neil Evans, Xena and Jack

Former club member Liz Schroeder showed up at the match, haven't seen her for years. She is looking for a puppy and wanted to see the ones entered in conformation; however, they were through showing early and she missed them. Then like a good former member, she ended up jumping in and helping to steward in the obedience ring.

Well done, Liz. She lives in Winlock now, so it's a long way for her to attend club activities.

On page 16 there is a book review on "A Dog's Purpose". The author has quite a few books out, including a sequel called "A Dog's Journey" which I am listening to now. He also wrote "Emory's Gift" which I enjoyed as much or more than the two books about the dogs. Emory is a Grizzly Bear.

Here's a URL from Barb Donkey; click on the dog you like, then scroll down for a message:

https://www.buzzfeed.com/nathanwpyle/which-german-shepherd-should-give-you-an-oddly-specific?utm_term=.mmpWvMAk3#_qg6N38PBe

If you happen to be in Raleigh, North Carolina, the last part of August, you can attend an AKC seminar on rally and obedience. I'm sure you can find the details on AKC.org. No mention of them paying your airfare and hotel though, maybe lunch.

We will be voting on judges for the 2018 specialty at the May meeting. Also nominations for officers and board of directors will be taken at the May voting with voting at the June meeting. Then we're off and running for another year and we all get to do all the fun stuff again!

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**CLUB PINS
AVAILABLE**



Club pins are only \$5 each (pictured at right).

Buy a couple so you don't have to be changing them from one jacket to another. The pins are available from Amanda or Dalene.



Driving Directions to Manhattan Community Hall.



From I-5 driving north: Take the Orilla exit, turn left at end of exit, follow S 188th on across Highway 99 and through tunnel under the runway; stay on this road, which becomes Des Moines Memorial Drive, until you come to the light at 8th Avenue S, turn left, then right on South 186th, right on 4th Avenue S., and right on South 183rd (which is really a gravel driveway at this point), drive to the end to Manhattan Community Hall.

(You are basically making a big circle after you turn onto S. 186th as the hall is at the end of a dead end road.)

From I-5 driving south: Take the Orilla exit, turn right, follow S. 188th the same as above.

There are other ways to drive there, but these are the simplest. Phone number at the hall is **206-433-9900**. If you get lost, whether following these directions or your own, and you want to Google it, the address is 18300 - 4th Avenue South, Burien, WA.



Puppy Pictures submitted by Diane Waid

Not that anyone other than board members ever attend, but just in case — the May board meeting will be held on May 22 as the normal meeting date is the day after the specialties. Meeting a week later will give everyone a chance to recuperate from the week end and to have their reports ready.

Amanda has had three people call her this month after going to our web site. One was a vet who suggested putting down a GSD because of his behavior. Amanda recommended they go to Joe at Ewe-Topia for a makeover. The owner now says it is like a new dog. Amanda also helped another person find their three lost GSDs. Obviously our web site is getting some attention from the general public. Good to know.

I spent April Fool's Day judging German Shepherds at the Sacramento German Shepherd Dog Club's show. I judged the morning show and then after the afternoon show I judged a Temperament Test for the GSDC of Reno. Good turnout of 21 dogs.

Sunday I was able to just sit and watch John Bemont and ___ judge. The club had a pizza place deliver pizza which was a nice touch. Still hot when it was put out for everyone.

At the dinner the night before, John Bemont talked to the group about the GSDCA Board and some of the things the new board is trying to do. It was good to hear that there seems to be a move to go back to working for the members. There will be an election this fall so be sure and vote some more good people on to the board.

My iPad quit working the night before I left home. On Sunday I saw a guy at the hotel in the breakfast area with an iPad with a very worn cover. I went over and asked him if he thought he could fix my iPad. He said he'd give it a try and son of a gun if he wasn't able to fix something Apple said they couldn't do without a lot of information I didn't have. Bless his heart — all I

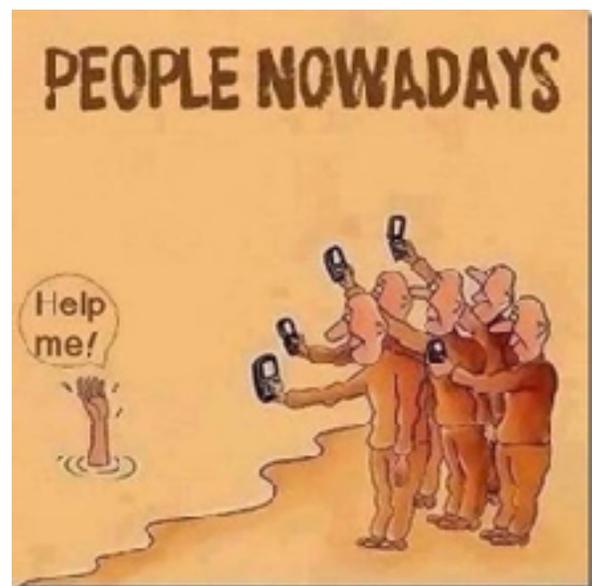
know is his name is Steve, should have found out his email address anyway, just in case I have any more problems with it.

I see on Facebook that Donna Morgan Murray will be moving back to the Pacific Northwest. They bought a horse farm in Woodinville and plan to be all settled in by Memorial Day week end.

I don't envy her the cross-country move...done that 4 times. We moved every year when I was young but we were only going between Washington and Oregon. Only thing in its favor is you sure learn to get rid of whatever you don't want to haul somewhere else. Now I've been in this house for 52 years and it has all caught up with me, which is easy to tell once you walk into my place.

You know, the crooks better watch out...now days there will be at least 5 people there with their smart phones taking their picture. Can't get away with so much anymore. Now they'll have to figure out a way to become invisible. Any of you old enough to remember the radio program, The Invisible Man? He was the precursor to the smart phones of today!

...and the rat's tail fell off...





German Shepherd Dog Club of Washington State's

Annual AKC Specialty Shows May 13-14, 2017

Conformation Obedience Rally



Come on down to the park and enjoy the day watching three rings of activity.

German Shepherds only in the conformation ring,
obedience and rally rings feature competition between many breeds of dogs.

Saturday features a super raffle with doggy and non-doggy items.
Also a great \$5 lunch. No need to bring lunch from home.

Sunday is Mother's Day as well,
bring Mom down to the show as a special treat

Location

*Carco Park-1715 Maple Valley Hwy, Renton WA
(Exit 4 off 167)*



The Origins of Mother's Day

Carnation, the traditional flower for Mother's Day.



Mother's Day, Muttertag, La Festa della Mamma, Mothering Sunday, Fête des Mères, Día de las Madres... it goes by many different names, but however you say it, the expression of love and appreciation is the same.

Motherhood has always been celebrated. In prehistoric tribes the mother Goddess was worshiped as the creator of life. Female goddess figures are found in many archeological digs.

In ancient Egypt, Isis was the Queen of Heaven who ruled over all matters concerning mothering. In ancient Greece Rhea was revered as the mother goddess and in ancient Rome it was Hera, the jealous wife of Zeus, and another mother goddess known as Cybele. Most mothering festivals in early history were in the springtime to celebrate the rebirth of the land and the beginning of the most fertile time of the year. These festivities honored the goddess in all women.

The modern version of Mother's Day with families bringing [Mother's Day flowers](#) and gifts to their moms can be traced back to seventeenth century England. [Mothering Sunday](#) was the fourth Sunday in Lent...a special day when all the strict rules about fasting and penance were put aside. Older children who were away from home learning a trade or working as servants were allowed to return home for Mothering Sunday. The family gathered for a mid-Lenten feast with Mother as the special guest. Along with a rare visit from her children, mothers were given treats of cakes and wildflower bouquets. While

'Mothering Sunday' is still celebrated, most now know it as Mother's Day.

The history of Mother's Day in the rest of the world is a bit different. In the USA, the early English settlers often disapproved of the more secular holidays and the Mothering Sunday tradition never really took hold. Early attempts to have a day to honor mother's were mixed with woman's suffrage and peace movements and were not very popular.

[Julia Ward Howe](#), who wrote the words to the Battle Hymn of the Republic, suggested the idea of an International Mother's day to celebrate peace and motherhood in 1872. There were many other women who were active with local groups holding annual Mother's Day remembrances, but most were more religious gatherings and not the holiday that we know today.

One of the women, who was working on establishing Mother's Day as a national celebration was the mother of [Anna Jarvis](#). Mrs. Jarvis held an annual gathering, Mother's Friendship Day, to heal the pain of the Civil War. After she died in 1905, Anna campaigned for the establishment of an official Mother's Day to commemorate her mother.

"Miss Anna Jarvis was as good as her word. She devoted her entire life to the struggle to have Mother's Day declared a national holiday. In the spring of 1908, Anna wrote to the Superintendent of Andrew's Methodist Church in Grafton, West Virginia, where her mother had taught Sunday School classes for over 20 years. She requested that a Mother's Day service be held in honor of her mother.

Thus, the first official Mother's Day celebration was held at Andrew's Methodist Church on May 10, 1908, with 407 persons in

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Photo of the Month



Spring is Here!
Submitted by Kimmy Seward



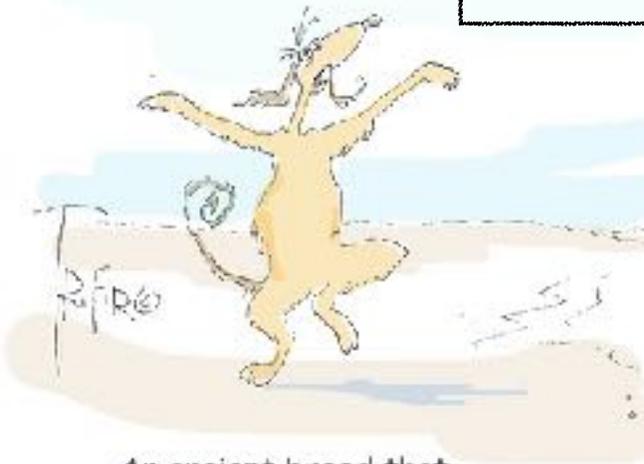
To submit your puppy or dog picture for publication on this page in a future issue, send it either electronically or by snail mail to Dalene McIntire. (dalenemcintire@q.com). Address is on the newsletter masthead.

REMINDERS: Working at club activities earns points toward your club shirt and jacket. However, it is up to you to make sure the chairman has your name on the list of workers so you will receive credit.

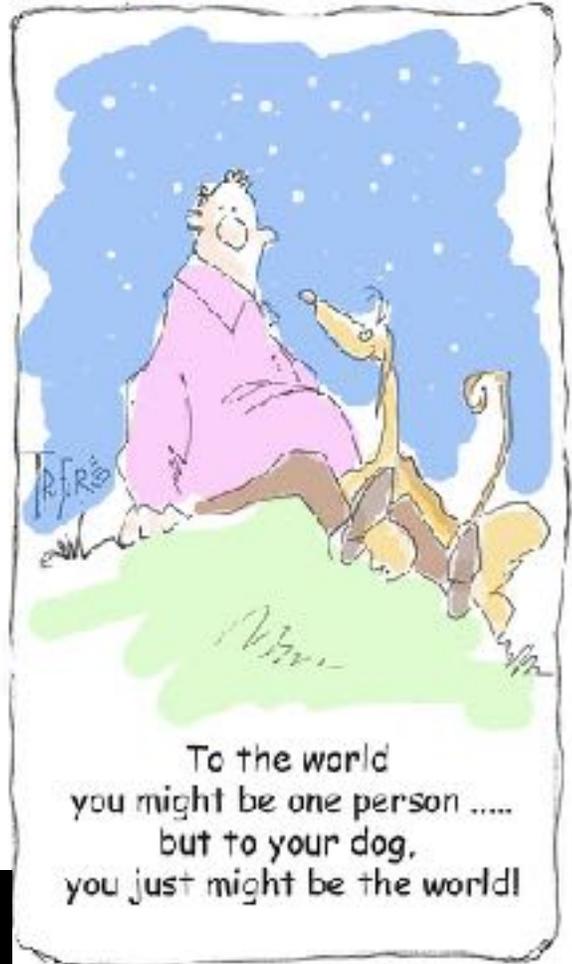
It is also your responsibility to make sure you sign the roster at all club meetings if you want your points for attending. Printing your name will ensure it is readable.

The Afghan Hound;

Trifiro Cartoons



An ancient breed that screams the same way whether they are about to be eaten by a great white shark or when touched by a tiny piece of wet seaweed.



To the world you might be one person but to your dog, you just might be the world!

Be careful when you follow the masses ...sometimes the "M" is silent!

CALM DOWN TAKE A DEEP BREATH & HOLD IT FOR ABOUT 20 MINUTES



attendance. Anna Jarvis sent 500 white carnations to the church in Grafton. One was to be worn by each son and daughter and two by each mother in attendance.

Another service was held in Philadelphia later that afternoon where Anna resided with her brother. Anna had requested that the first official service be held in Grafton, where the Jarvis family had lived so much of their lives and where her mother had served for so long as a teacher and public servant." (Mother's Day shrine.org)

Anna Jarvis' campaign is the reason we have a formal holiday. In 1914 President Woodrow Wilson declared that Mother's Day should be celebrated as a national holiday on the second Sunday in May.

It didn't take very long for Mother's Day to change from a semi-religious occasion of prayers for peace and appreciation of the work and love of mothers around the world to a gifts, flowers, candy and dining out extravaganza. Anna Jarvis was actually arrested at a Mother's Day festival while trying to stop women from selling flowers. Jarvis said "I wanted it to be a day of sentiment not profit."

Mother's Day may not have turned out to be the holiday that Julia Ward Howe, Anna Jarvis and countless other women around the world imagined, but it is a celebration of mothers...dedicated to honoring the women who give so much to their families without asking for anything in return. Perhaps every day should be Mother's Day, but most families are too busy with everyday business to say thank you for every meal or every good night kiss.

Once every year, the world stops being busy and says thank you. Flowers, cards and gifts are just the outward signs. What mothers love most is the fact that their families really do notice all that they do and for one day every mom is queen for a day...

Happy Mother's Day!





BOOK REVIEW



"A DOG'S PURPOSE"

BY W. BRUCE CAMERON

Sometimes things just happen and it turns out for the best though you wouldn't think so at the time. This was my experience as I prepared for a trip to Sacramento to judge GSDs and a Temperament Test for the GSDC of Sacramento and the GSDC of Reno.

In preparation, I downloaded a book onto my iPad to read on the plane. The night before I left I opened my iPad to look at something and it said something like "Verification (or Validation) Needed" and I could not get into it. The next morning in the airport I was walking through one of the vendor's booth and spotted "A Dog's Purpose" high up on the rack...I had to ask someone else to reach up to it for me...and thus began my delightful journey into this wonderful book.

Most of you have heard of it as it has become a movie. But usually the book is better than the movie. It is the story of a dog who is reincarnated 4 or 5 times, each time coming back as a different breed and sometimes even a different sex. I thought at the beginning the text was a little on the simple side and put it up to the fact that the author has also written several children's book and that was his style, but the author either improved as he went along or I just was so wrapped up in the book I didn't notice.

The book has it's tearful moments and I was so glad I didn't get any further along in the story while I was on the plane. The portion I read that evening in the hotel had the tears just streaming down my face and that's always embarrassing when sitting next to someone you don't even know. But before you dismiss the book as being too sad, believe it or not, the tears come more from joy than from sadness.

Mr. Cameron did not make the deaths of this dog maudlin; in fact, each time he died you couldn't wait to see what his next adventure was going to be...and each life was definitely full of adventure. You'll laugh and cry right along with the characters in the book over the antics and happenings of the dog(s) and his owner(s).

The story, of course is told from the dog's point of view and this will give you a new insight as to how dogs think about the antics of humans. You will look at your dog differently, I promise you. And, perhaps, even talk to your dog differently.

I know the author has not come upon a magic solution to knowing what dog's think, but what he says makes so much sense you don't really even question whether he is right or wrong. Most of us really don't sit down and try to figure out what our dogs think about the things we do and say. You will if you read this book. You may even think twice before putting on perfume or after shave when you're going somewhere with your dog.

Even though the book may bring you to tears, once you have finished it, you're going to find yourself in a better mood and wish you could read more about the dog.

Well, you're in luck...there is a sequel called "A Dog's Journey" that takes up where the first book leaves off and I am in the middle of listening to it now in audio book form. In one of the dog's lives in the first book he is a German Shepherd.

Oh, what happened to my iPad? Well, on Sunday before I went out to watch the shows, I saw a guy in the hotel's breakfast room with an iPad in a pretty worn cover. I stopped and asked him if he could possibly help me...and he did. He was able to get rid of the iCloud account that was fouling up my iPad, sending me messages on what to do to my old email I haven't had for about 3-4 years. Now it is working great — but if it hadn't quit working I probably would never have read this great book. See, I said sometimes bad things turn out to be good things!

CHIC - Health Award of Merit

The Canine Health Information Center, also known as CHIC, is a centralized canine health database jointly sponsored by the AKC/Canine Health Foundation (AKC/CHF) and the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA). Their mission is to provide a source of health information for owners, breeders, and scientists, that will assist in breeding healthy dogs.

CHIC Goals

- To work with parent clubs in the identification of health issues for which a central information system should be established.
- To establish and maintain a central health information system in a manner that will support research into canine disease and provide health information to owners and breeders.
- To establish scientifically valid diagnostic criteria for the acceptance of information into the database.
- To base the availability of information on individually identified dogs at the consent of the owner.

The CHIC database is a tool that collects health information on individual animals from multiple sources. This centralized pool of data is maintained to assist breeders in making more informed breeding choices, and for scientists in conducting research. In order for data to be included in CHIC, test results must be based on scientifically valid diagnostic criteria.

Breed Specific

Core to the CHIC philosophy is the realization that each breed has different health concerns. Not all diseases have known modes of inheritance, nor do all diseases have screening tests.

Some screening tests are based on phenotypic evaluation, others on genetic testing. With all these variables, a key element of CHIC is to customize or tailor the CHIC requirements to the needs of each breed. These unique requirements are established through input from the parent club prior to the breed's entry into the CHIC program. Breed specific requirements typically consist of the inherited diseases that are of the greatest concern and for which some screening test is available. Each parent club also drives specific screening protocols. As an example, one parent club may allow cardiac exams to be performed by a general practitioner. Another parent club may require the exam to be performed by a board certified cardiologist. A club may also use the CHIC program to maintain information on other health issues for anecdotal purposes. Later, as screening tests become available, the disease may be added to the breed specific requirements.

GSD Specific Requirements

- Hip Dysplasia through OFA evaluation
- Elbow Dysplasia through OFA evaluation
- Congenital Cardiac Database through OFA evaluation
- Autoimmune thyroiditis through OFA evaluation from an approved laboratory yearly
- Temperament Test - Results of GSDCA Temperament test submitted to OFA
- Eye Clearance (Optional) - CERF evaluation each year until 6, thereafter every 2 years
Degenerative Myelopathy (Optional)
- DM Flash - University of FL CVM results submitted to OFA

The above outlines what a CHIC title means for the German Shepherd breed.



**Pierce County Packers 4-H Club
Fundraiser
Dog Fun Match**



**Saturday, June 10, 2017
Southern Training Center**

16509 245th St E. Graham, WA 98338

Entries begin at 8:00 am—Match will begin at 9:00 am

Entries are open to the public. There will be a raffle!

Lunch will be available for purchase—includes sandwich, chips, drink

SHOW & GO OBEDIENCE

Judging will begin at 9:00 am
All obedience classes will use the
4-H scoring sheet for that class.

Classes offered:

Beginner Novice, Sub-Novice, Pre-Novice,
Novice, Advanced Novice

**There will be a separate ring for long sits
and downs.**

4-H SHOWMANSHIP

Judging will begin at 9:30 am

+ **Cloverbud:** Ages 5-7

+ **Junior:** Ages 8-10

+ **Intermediate:** Ages 11-13

+ **Senior:** Ages 14-19

The Danish System of Judging and
4-H Rules will be used
in Showmanship judging.

CONFORMATION PRACTICE RING

Great practice for puppies!

Ring will run 10:00 am—12:30 pm

One entry is equal to up to
twenty minutes time in the ring.

RALLY PRACTICE RING

Rally Excellent: 9:00—10:00 am

Rally Advanced: 10:15 am—11:15 am

Rally Novice: 11:30 am—12:30 pm

SHOWMANSHIP HANDLING CLINIC

11:00—3:30 pm

Presented by 4-H Leader and AKC Junior Showmanship Judge Mr. Caleb Campbell



Extension programs and employment are available to all without discrimination. Evidence of non-compliance may be reported through your local Extension office. Anyone attending a program that requires auxiliary aids or services should contact Brian Brandt at 253-798-1250 or bbrandt@wsu.edu at least two weeks prior to any event.

Mail entry with check made payable to
Pierce County Packers 4-H Club to:
Caleb Campbell/Pierce County Packers 4-H
PO Box 424, Elbe, WA 98330

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL:
Caleb Campbell 253-329-8595
cws@nrcs.wa.gov

Pierce County Packers 4-H Club Fundraiser Dog Fun Match

16509 245th St E. Graham, WA 98338 — mail pre-entries to PO Box 424, Elbe, WA 98330

PRE-ENTRY FORM (one per dog) - Sorry, no refunds! Pre-entries must be made in by Monday, June 5, 2017.

Pre-Entry: \$5 per entry per dog (does not include seminar)

Day of Match: \$8 per entry per dog (does not include seminar)

Showmanship Clinic: \$12 for pre-entry, \$15 for day-of-entry.

Lunch: \$6 pre-entry; \$8 day-of show

Your Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ Dog's Name: _____
 Dog's Breed: _____ Dog's Age: _____
 Obedience Class: _____
 Additional or other class: _____
 Additional or other class: _____
 4-H Showmanship Class (age level): _____
 SEMINAR? (check box if yes) Lunch? (check if yes)

I acknowledge that I am responsible for my own actions, any children's actions, and the actions of my dog. I agree that Southern Training Center, Washington State 4-H, the Pierce County 4-H Dog Project, and Pierce County Packers 4-H Club are not liable for any injury to my family, animals, or myself while at one of the above events and I understand that by my dog being permitted to participate, I am liable for any and all medical expenses from participants.

Adult Signature: _____ Date: _____

Preventing the Spread of Disease at AKC Events

By Dr. Jerry Klein Chief Veterinary Officer,
American Kennel Club
Judge, owner, breeder. Handler.

Part of the Mission of the American Kennel Club (AKC) is to "advance canine health and well-being." My role as Chief Veterinary Officer of the American Kennel Club, is to assist that mission. As an AKC judge, I am especially interested in this topic.

A recent extensive study published in September 2017 in the Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association (September 2016) provides a guide for how we can promote the health and well-being of dogs at AKC events. The study, titled [Risk reduction and management strategies to prevent transmission of infectious disease among dogs at dog shows, sporting events and other canine group settings](#), was conducted by veterinarians from a variety of locations, including The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine. This study was funded, in part, by the American Kennel Club Canine Health Foundation. It's an important study by veterinarians, and as AKC judges, we should all take note.

As the study points out, the "opportunities for transmission of infectious diseases are amplified when dogs are brought together in a shared environment. Infectious agents introduced into these group settings may lead to disease outbreaks. This effects not only the dogs at the event, but has the potential to further spread into communities where these dogs reside, putting many dogs, and potentially humans, at risk."

The study found that "Some factors found to reduce pathogen spread was the practice of hand hygiene between handling of dogs and the use of effective disinfectants, must complement event-level procedures, such as policies and availability

of disinfectant and hand hygiene products." According to the study, "hand hygiene plays an important role because of the close contact between people and dogs, the likelihood for an individual person to have contact with multiple dogs, and the environmental stability and ease of transmission characteristics of many pathogens of concern."

A simple way to think about this: Would you want your doctor to come in and touch your child without washing his hands after examining another child? Would you go back to a veterinarian who examined your dog without cleaning his or her hands from their previous patient? Is that acceptable to you?

Washing between dogs is nearly impossible. However, using hand sanitizer between classes is a step in the right direction. Another way is to minimize hand to mouth direct contact on examination of bites. Asking handlers to present the bite to judges would help, along with hand sanitization, in trying to accomplish the goal of minimalizing disease spread.

I personally have tried to implement this in my past year of judging and have met no obstacles, either from dogs, owners, or handlers. It may take some adjusting, but familiarity or complacency are not reasons to not change for a larger cause.

We must also strongly consider that this study was supported by the Canine Health Foundation. According to its Mission statement, "The Foundation is dedicated to advancing the health of all dogs and their owners by funding scientific research and supporting the dissemination of health information to prevent, treat, and cure canine disease." The study, performed by a major Veterinary College, does just that.

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To completely ignore the suggestions in this study would be wrong. We must recognize the expertise of those conducting the study and the reality of today's global environment where disease outbreaks can quickly become epidemics, endangering the health of dogs (and potentially people) worldwide.

Embracing this simple recommendation would also be a major step toward getting the veterinary profession to view our sport and life as one that offers assistance, not just to our fancy, but to the general dog and human population at large.

As I said at the beginning, all of us have the similar missions. Working together, we can help achieve our mutual goal of advancing the well-being of dogs and the people who love them. 🐾



COMING OBEDIENCE TRIALS

Spokane Dog Training Club - May 20-21
 Spokane, WA / Dorothea Barrett, Even Sec'y.
 P.O. Box 1263 - Post Falls, ID 83877
 (2080 75508433)

Hurricane Ridge KC of Wash - **OBEDIENCE**
 June 2-3-4 / Event Secy. Chris Cornell, 62 Bon Jon
 View Way, Sequim, WA. cornellc@olympen.com

Emerald Dog Obedience Club - June 17-18
 Eugene, OR / Jill Faulmann, Event Sec'y
 20405 SW 216th Pl; Sherwood, OR 97140

Portland Dog Obedience Club, Inc. - July 22-23
 Portland, OR / Supt: MB-F

Turn to back page for a list of the all-breed conformation/obedience shows.





The American Kennel Club Announces Scent Work as New Sport

The American Kennel Club, the leading authority on dogs, is pleased to announce the launch of its newest sport, AKC Scent Work. Scent Work is a sport that mimics the task of working Detection Dogs - such as narcotics dogs or explosives dogs - to find a specific scent and communicate to the handler that the scent has been found. It is a positive, challenging activity that allows dogs the opportunity to use their strongest natural sense in a way that is fun, engaging, and that builds and strengthens a foundation of trust between the handler and the dog.

In AKC Scent Work the dog is searching in a pre-defined search area for the hidden odor, which is either an essential oil or handler scent, depending on the class. Searches take place in a variety of environments, including an area with Containers, Interior, Exterior, and Buried. There are four difficulty levels for each element—Novice, Advanced, Excellent, and Master—and factors such as the size of the search area, the number of hides, whether the number of hides is known or unknown to the handler, and the maximum height of the hides will change with the difficulty level. The most accomplished dogs will also be eligible for The Detective Class, which contains many hides in a variety of environments.

All dogs (purebred and mixed breeds) can participate provided they are AKC-registered, enrolled with AKC Canine Partners, listed in the Purebred Alternative Listing (PAL) program or recorded in the Foundation Stock Service (FSS) program.

"We have already received significant interest from clubs, participants, and potential judges," said Stephanie Kennerley, Sports and Events Project Coordinator in charge of Scent Work. "Scent Work provides a stimulating activity for dogs. Owners will enjoy watching their dogs use their nose to solve these unique puzzles. We are excited to make this activity a new AKC sport."

Because of the tremendous interest, the sport will be ramped up in phases. The AKC is currently accepting applications from existing and new clubs seeking to become licensed to hold Scent Work trials. Approved clubs are being notified and Scent Work will be added to their club profiles beginning May 1. Applications are also being accepted for Scent Work judges. A judge's education class is under development and is tentatively scheduled to be available by May 1. A list of approved judges will be available on the AKC website after June 1. Processing of event applications will begin on August 1. Scent Work trials can be held on or after October 1, 2017.

"AKC Scent Work is a modern day performance event in which bred-for traits like working drive, concentration and response to distractions are redeployed into roles relevant for the twenty-first century," said Doug Ljungren, Vice President of Sports and Events. "While the sport of Scent Work will not prepare your dog to be a working detection dog, we hope it serves to demonstrate to the public the value that these purpose-bred dogs can provide to the security of our nation."

To learn more about AKC Scent Work or to find the appropriate applications, please visit our website. 



Event Operations

Event Operations would like to take this opportunity to update your club on changes in the sport, including items recently passed by the Board of Directors. Any questions should be sent to eventnews@akc.org.

Obedience & Rally Closing Dates

Currently, the sports of obedience and rally are governed by the Rules Applying to Dog Shows regarding a closing date and time for events. However, an option that would benefit stand-alone obedience and rally events where the secretary is typically a club member, was approved at the April AKC Board of Directors meeting allowing clubs the option of moving the closing time for their obedience and rally trials to no later than 11:59 pm on the third Wednesday prior to the event; while events handled by superintendents could still close at noon. This amendment to the Obedience Regulations and Rally Regulations is effective May 1, 2017. That is, starting May 1, 2017 clubs holding obedience and/or rally trials may apply for events with a later closing time.

Rally Regulations – Chapter 1. Section 3.

Premium Lists, Closing of Entries and Catalogs. (Insert as paragraph 2)

Obedience Regulations - Chapter 1, Section 3.

Premium Lists, Entries, Closing of Entries. (Insert as paragraph 5)

Every premium list shall specify the date and time at which entries for a trial shall close. The premium list shall also specify the name and address of the Superintendent or Trial Secretary who is to receive the entries. For all trials the specified closing date and time must be no later than as outlined in the following schedule:

For a trial which opens on Friday, Saturday,

Sunday, or Monday, entries accepted not later than 11:59PM on the third Wednesday prior to the trial.

For a trial which opens on Tuesday, entries accepted not later than 11:59PM on the third Thursday prior to the trial.

For a trial which opens on Wednesday, entries accepted not later than 11:59PM the third Friday prior to the trial.

For a trial which opens on Thursday, entries accepted not later than 11:59PM on the third Wednesday prior to the trial.

Clubs in a cluster of no more than five consecutive days have the option of closing no later than 11:59PM on the third Wednesday prior to the last trial in the cluster.

Whenever the closing day noted above falls on a postal holiday, entries received in any form up to 24 hours from the published closing date and time may be accepted.

If your club has further questions regarding this please email obedience@akc.org.

Concurrent B Matches

Clubs now have the option to offer a conformation B Match concurrently with their conformation events. This option provides clubs increased flexibility in offering beginner level competitions. This also provides new match exhibitors a preview of point competition. Clubs can hold matches concurrently with their own show or two clubs can work together, one club offering a concurrent match during the other clubs point show. Additionally, clubs offering a concurrent B Match or evening B Match will fulfill an additional activity for the Eligibility Requirements to Hold Future Dog Shows. 🐾

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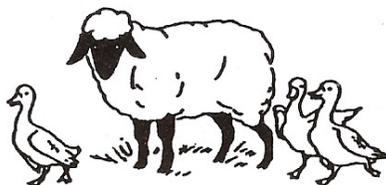
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**Application for Membership
German Shepherd Dog Club of Washington State, Inc.**

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Cell _____ E-Mail _____

Why do you want to join this club? _____

How many German Shepherds do you own? _____ Females _____ Males _____ Puppies

How long have you owned German Shepherds? _____

Do you own more than one breed? _____ If so, what? _____

How many litters a year do you breed? _____

Check which areas you are working your dog in _____Conformation _____Rally _____Herding
_____Agility _____Obedience _____Therapy _____Tracking _____Schutzhund _____Other

Please list any other dog clubs you belong to: _____

Proposed for Membership by: _____

How long have you known this person? _____

Areas of Interest you are willing to help with? (please mark all that apply)

_____Obedience _____Rally _____Conformation _____Herding _____Hospitality (Meetings)
_____ Shows _____Other Events

Applicants must attend a meeting to be introduced to the members; voting on your membership will be on the following month. A condition of membership is to have an "active" status in the club, which means attending club functions, meetings, and participating by helping with different functions as needed.

Members are required to attend at least 2 club meetings in a calendar year and support two club events either by donations or working at them (excluding the auction and Christmas party) in order to renew their membership the following year.

Membership dues are (\$35 single - \$50 household) payable to the German Shepherd Dog Club of Wash. State, Inc. (Dues will be refunded if membership process is not completed within 6 months of receipt of check.)

Signature of Applicant/s _____ Date _____

Date Received _____ Date Presented _____ Date Approved _____

Send completed form to: Amanda Hackbarth
7723 - 202nd Street Ct. E.
Spanaway, WA 98387



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

There are two types of membership. **Regular Members:** Minimum age of 18 years. Must be in good standing with AKC. Applicant (and renewing members) agrees to abide by the GSDCA by-laws and the Rules and Regulations of the American Kennel Club. Two endorsements by current members must be provided by new applicants. Applicant's name will be published in the German Shepherd Dog Review. Provided no objections have been filed within 30 days of publication in the Review, applicant will be notified that he/she is eligible for all privileges including the right to vote. **Junior Members:** Must be 10 years of age and not more than 18 years of age and shall subscribe to the same criteria as Regular Membership with the exception of the requirement to pay dues. Junior members cannot vote, hold office, or serve on committees other than junior committees.

To apply and pay ONLINE with a credit card, please go to gsdca.org/join-the-gsdca/apply-online.
You can MAIL this form to Dana Karloff, 2136 Mt. Pleasant Road, Chesapeake, VA 23322

Circle Your Desired Membership Type:

Membership Category	Review Delivery	One year	Three year	Five year
Single	Online only	\$15	\$130	\$215
Single	Print & online	\$75	\$215	\$355
Family	Online only	\$70	\$200	\$335
Family	Print & online	\$115	\$325	\$545
		Additional delivery charges		
		Delivery in poly wrap: \$5.00		
		1 st Class delivery: \$36.00		
		Outside United States: \$28.00		

Membership Information (please print)

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle Initial: _____

Date of Birth: _____ (Juniors Only)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP/Postal Code _____

Country: _____ Telephone: _____ Email: _____

For FAMILY Memberships, provide 2nd member information. (Family membership is defined as 2 people living in the same household – principal & one other person).

Last Name _____ First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____

Telephone _____ Email: _____

What activities do you enjoy with your GSD? (Circle all that apply) Agility Conformation Herding
House Pet Obedience Rally Schutzhund/Working Dog Sport Tracking Other

Endorser 1 Printed Name & Signature: _____

Endorser 2 Printed Name & Signature: _____

Applicant/ Member Signature: _____ Date: _____

GSDCA.org

The GSDC of America's website with information on club activities, results of specialty shows, and much more.



**ANOTHER
WEB SITE OF
INTEREST:**

GSDCOFWS.org

The GSDC of Washington State's website with information on club activities, etc. There is also a Face Book page under German Shepherd Dog Club of Washington State.

AKC.org

The website for the American Kennel Club where you can look up show regulations; judges' names, addresses, phone numbers, future and past judging assignments; articles of interest about the canine world, check on information for your dog (titles, points, etc).

COMING SHOWS IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST

MAY - 2017

German Shepherd Dog Club of Wa. State
May 13-14, Renton, Washington / Supt: BaRay

Bell Vernon Kennel Assoc. - May 19-20
 Lynden, WA / Supt: BaRa

Mt. Baker Kennel Club, Inc. - May 21-22
 Lynden, WA / Supt: BaRay

Spokane Dog Training Club - May 20-21
 Spokane, WA / See club's web site for supt:

German Shepherd Dog Club of the Pac. NW
May 27 -Kent, WA / Event Sec'y.: Ann Akerill,
PO Box 1310, Centralia, WA 98531

Spokane Kennel Club - May 27-28
 Spokane, WA / Supt: Onofrio

Coeur D'Alene Dog Fanciers — May 29-30
 Coeur D'Alene, Idaho / Supt: Onofrio

JUNE - 2017

Yakima Valley KC - June 3-4
 Ellensburg, WA / Supt. BaRay

Tacoma KC - June 10
 Spanaway, WA / Event Sec'y. Jane Riffle,
 5903 - 316th St. E; Eatonville, WA 98328

Eagle Rock KC - June 15-16
 Blackfoot, Id / Supt. Onofrio

Pocatello K.C. - June 17-18
 Blackfoot, ID / Supt. Onofrio

Clackamas KC - June 24-25
 Canby, OR / Supt. Onofrio

Mt. Bachelor KC - June 30 - July 1, 2
 Redmond, OR / Supt. BaRay

JULY - 2017

Gig Harbor KC - July 8
 Puyallup, WA / Supt. BaRay

Tacoma KC - July 9
 Puyallup, WA / Supt. BaRay

Puyallup Valley Dog Fanciers - July 10
 Puyallup, WA / Supt. BaRay

Coos Kennel Club - July 13-14-15-16
 Bandon, Oregon / Supt. BaRay

Inland Empire Kennel Assoc. - July 15-16
 Coeur D'Alene / Supt: Onofrio

GSDC of Greater Eugene
Albany, OR / Supt: July 15-16
 Judi James, Event Secretary
 1337 Madison St NE #165
 Salem, OR 97301

Portland K.C. July 22-23
 Portland Oregon / Supt: MB-F

Hurricane Ridge K.C. - July 29-30
 Sequim, WA / Supt: BaRay

SUPERINTENDENTS:

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If you wish more information about the shows in this list, go to AKC.org and check the events calendar, or go to the show-giving club's web site.

Obedience only shows are listed on page 20..

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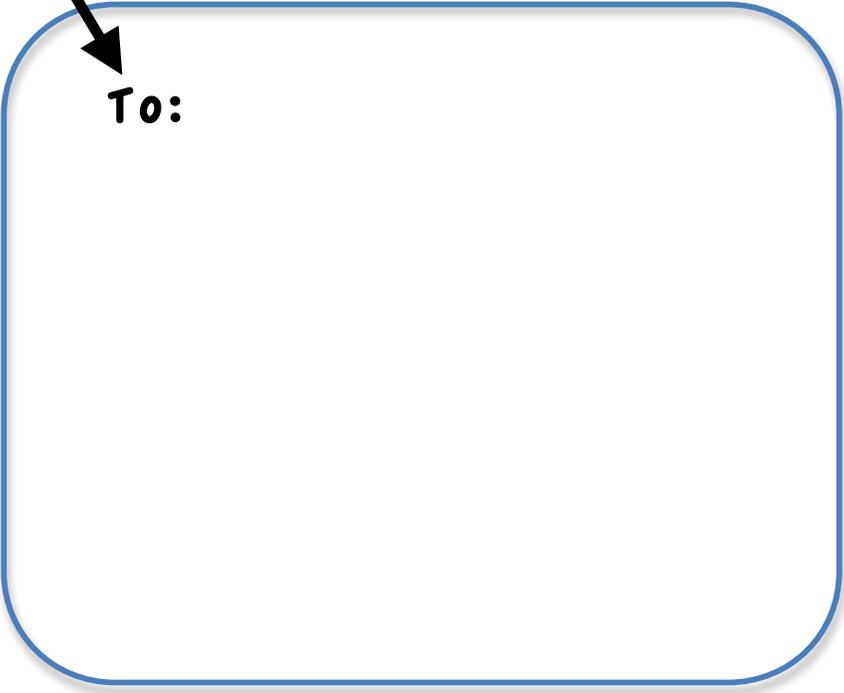
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