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From
The
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First, thanks to Barbara Donahey who is always sending in material for the newsletter, including the article beginning on page 16 titled "Dogs at War" only this has a different twist. It's about robot dogs they are using to help medics learn how to treat wounded war dogs.

The last of the Seahawks' game schedule is on page 10 if you've been keeping track.

The cute table decoration mentioned in Amanda's "President's Message" made and donated by her friend Cindy McInturf is pictured on page 17. It really was adorable.

Page 15 is dedicated to all those who have recently lost their beloved pets. Non-doggy owners never understand what we go through when we have to say goodbye forever to one of ours.

Thanks to Diane Waid for the pictures she took at the herding trial, a few of which are on page 17. The chairman's report on this event is on page 20.

Amanda provided the photos from the August meeting about hunting rats. I loaned her my new iPad to take the pictures with and then what does she do? She dropped it on the concrete floor at Manhattan. My heart was in my mouth as that was how I broke the glass on my old one. Luckily this fall didn't have the same results.

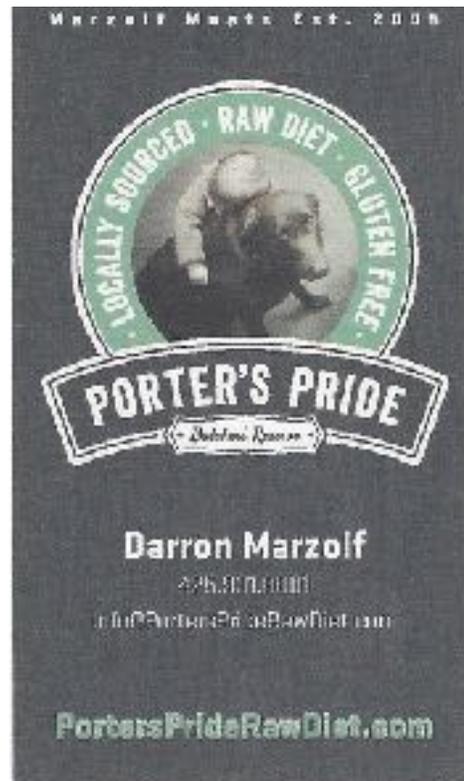
For those of you showing in obedience, on page 21 you'll find two new rules from AKC, one is effective now (as of Sept. 1), the other, about sits and downs, is still in the planning stages.

Is it just this country that is being plagued with hurricanes, floods, and fires? We've been getting a lot of smoke from the fires in Eastern Washington, but luckily they were on days

when the temperature was supposed to go into the 90s; the smoke kept the sun from being so hot.

I don't remember hearing about any other "natural"? disasters in other countries this summer, have you? Are we sure it isn't a conspiracy?

Sharon White of Nevada/Alaska contributed a cartoon and a "saying" to this month's issue of the NSN. Thanks, Sharon.



The October meeting is our annual auction, see flyer on page 19 for details on what to bring for snacks and the auction.

If you have a business or know someone who might be interested, we can run an ad like the one above. Biggest bargain around — \$10 for a year. It will be included somewhere in the newsletter like the one above.

Check out the article on page 16 called "Dogs of War" about "fake" dogs they are making for vets to learn on instead of using cadavers.





Journeys With Jax

By Jax Von
Vinzant

Amanda has turned our van into a shuttle to the meeting. She takes Lorrie/Fee, Patti/Maddie and sometimes Alicia and they all travel together. Too much girl time for me so sometimes I stay home to spend some quality "guy" time with Scott. We have dinner together, play time in the yard, then hang out and watch some television.

Amanda said we were both going to the August meeting because she knew the education program would be something I would be very interested in. She was right! Deidra, Amanda and Norm from the Eatonville Rat Rangers did a program on Barn Hunt. Of course they brought some rats for us dogs to check out too. Early last year Amanda took me and Greta to check it out. It was fun to see Deidra and Amanda who got me really interested in the sport. But unfortunately with my diagnosis that ended that career.

Norm did a great power point presentation. After that Amanda and Deidra got some rats out. Deidra had my favorite thing the rat mobile. That's the first place you start to see if a dog has instinct. I have instinct I was trying to chew the rat mobile up. My

Amanda told me to ease up a bit.

The other Amanda had three tubes out and the dogs' job is to find the live rat and alert your owner so they can say "rat". I checked out the first two tubes and alerted at the third one and I was right!

Some of the other GSDs were wondering about this rat stuff. Eugene's dog Ava was really interested in checking out the rat house. My friend Maddie was a little interested too. Some of the dogs said they didn't want to touch any rats. I told them that they didn't because the rats are contained in protective tubes so they can't get hurt. If your owners feel the same way they don't have worry. Even your owners don't have to touch the tubes. That's what the rat wranglers do.

Amanda was right that I would enjoy this meeting. It was a lot of fun and I was certainly a pooped pup for the drive home. If you missed the meeting, barn hunt might be something you and your dog might like to try. Owners get excited when they see us dogs alert and especially have so much fun. We love it because we get to use our noses to find the rats. We get to jump up on a hay bale and go through a tunnel. Plus when you trial there's nothing better than some together time. You don't even have to trial. Just go to the practice to have some fun. Just give barn hunt a try! 🐾





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Meeting Dates

Monthly Meeting Dates
(1st Thurs of Month)

Board Meeting
(3rd Mon of Month)

October 5, 2017

October 16, 2017

November 2, 2017

November 20, 2017

December 7, 2017

December 18, 2017

(Christmas Party)

January 4, 2018

January 15, 2018

**THEN WE BEGIN ALL OVER
AGAIN IN JANUARY 2019**



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

...**October 5, 2017, Meeting: Club's Annual Auction.** This is a great fund raiser for the club, and a fun time also with all the bidding wars. Start looking for sales or nearly new items you have you can donate. The "theme" that night will be "Oktoberfest" — slip into your lederhosen and join the fun. And don't forget to bring along cash or your check book.

...**November 2, 2017 Meeting:** Will be announced in the October newsletter, no details right now.

...**December 7, 2017 Meeting:** The most **funnest** meeting of all...the club's annual Christmas party and gift exchange and the dogs are included in the gift exchange as well. We will eat well that night, thanks to all the members who so generously donate side dishes to go along with the turkey the club buys and some wonderful member culinary delights.

2018 Calendar — All the pages have been spoken for. Hopefully the calendar will be for sale at the October meeting. They are \$10 each and make great Christmas or birthday presents for friends and family. Put your order in now. We only order a certain number so don't be left out. Add \$4 to the cost if we need to mail your copy to you.

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

The President's Report by Amanda Hackbarth

Well our last big event for the year is over and now we can have a little break before doing it all over again next year. The event being the AHBA herding instinct tests at Ewetopia in Roy. I must say I get a little nervous hoping we fill our 35 spots for the instinct tests and the few spots for the Junior Herd Dog tests; amazingly, we always do. A "HUGE thank "ewe" to Linda Leeman of Ewetopia for promoting our event months in advance. She asks a lot of people that come out herding, announces it where they do demos, and the best one being on the KING 5 show Evening (Magazine).

Thanks also goes out to the trial secretary Laura Jean Cronin. She advertised on Facebook, NW Dog Events, and the club's page, along with doing all the paperwork.

Thanks to the club members that came out to help: Cindy Stratton, Diane Waid, Erika Brennan, and our favorite burger flipper Sherril Johnson. A special thanks to non-club member Sharon Korn, who comes out every year to help Laura.

We had the most successful lunch ever! Thanks to Cindy, Diane, Erika, Sherril, Laura, and Dalene for bringing food. Thanks to Kerry, who was out of town, but still donated two boxes of chips. We ran out of side salads and desserts! Last year we ran out of burgers so this year I bought more. Instead we ran out of everything else.

I'd like to thank a herding friend, Linda Kabrich. She said we did such a great job with our tests she donated \$20 to our club. She was having a herding fun day the weekend after and bought our left over hamburgers for that event. Another thank you from a GSD friend Cindi McInturf. She also donated \$20 to the club. She made Linda a really cute herding cart flower

arrangement complete with ducks, sheep and a cute GSD figurine. I think she should donate another cute cart to the specialty raffle.

Last year we had someone drive up from Reno, NV, to enter the tests. This year someone came all the way from Montana! She just happened to be a former Ewe-Topia student that moved away about 10 years ago. She also did a herding lesson on Sunday before she hit the road. She told everyone there's no place like Ewe-Topia. We are truly blessed to have such a great herding facility in our neck of the woods.

After you read this, our next meeting will be the annual October auction! Am I the only one that thinks this year is blazing by? Our theme for the auction will be Oktoberfest. Get creative and bring a German dish to share with the group. Even if it's not a German dish, please bring something. This is a well attended meeting and it's nice to have an assortment of different dishes to choose from. Hopefully you all will have some really great items to donate to raise some money for the club. Check out the flyer on page 19 for more info. Please contact me if you have any questions. If you can't make the auction but have items to donate, let me know. I'm sure there is someone that can stop by and pick up your donation.

LOTS of sales on right now. Auction items don't all have to be GSD or doggy items. There are members that like holiday items like Halloween, Thanksgiving or Christmas. We now have a separate silent auction table for more valuable items that can even have a reserve. Last year we did different gift baskets. Please feel free to bring a guest(s) along. Guests that win any bids are cash only. I look forward to seeing everyone and all the great items we'll have to bid on.



Tidbits

by Dalene

DID YOU KNOW?

You can clean your silver with "Ketchup". Submerge tarnished flatware in it for 5 to 10 minutes, remove, rinse with warm water, and buff dry.

The reversible braided rug was started in 1917 and has it's 100th birthday this year. (Geez, I should have kept mine, it would be 52 years old already).

The gingham pinafore Judy Garland wore in the 1939 Wizard of Oz sold in 2015 for \$1.56 million! (This "tidbits" is from Country Living) Did you know?

Ian Fleming, the author of the James Bond books, was also the author of the children's book "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang"

We set a new record for rainless days in the Seattle area. In August we beat the old record of 51 days, not sure how many days it ended up being, but it's the new record to beat in the future. Another record was in the number of days from June 21 to now where the temperature went above 70°. Actually we set a lot of records, number of 80° and 90° days.

Better begin taking classes in anger management...saw where they figure 1,733 new people move into the Seattle area every MONTH.

As you've probably read by now, our program for the August meeting was Norm Riley, Deidre Callahan, and Amanda Ulrich from Eatonville Rat Rangers with a slide presentation on what's involved in the new AKC sport, Barn Hunt. I thought Wranger would really enjoy looking for a rat, but he could have cared less. Then the other day I went out into the pool area to water

flowers and he flushed out a rat. He chased it as far as the bank of ivy and then gave up. Guess we won't be entered Barn Hunt any time soon!

If you are interested in competing in Barn Hunt, go to Barnhunt.com.

Erika and I watched it for a while when we were competing in obedience at the Olympic KC shows.

What goes around, comes around. That could be the AKC jingle now days. First they began to allow limited registrations, now they are considering doing away with it. First you could not move up to a new class in obedience at the show, now you can. First we had 3 sets of scent articles, then just two, now we're back to 3 again. And on it goes...make up your minds!

I guess all clubs have gone through this, just as ours has, but we are all volunteers, and because of that club personnel changes often, sometimes even the main interest of a club. AKC is not a volunteer organization and it just seems that people who get paid for doing a job should be a little more stable. Or are they more like the government and have lobbyists putting pressure on them to make changes? Or maybe they just sit around and earn their salaries by thinking up changes to make it look like they are earning those salaries?

Went out to start a load of laundry; opened the lid to my washer and there was this gigantic spider in the basket. Tried to get him out with a paper towel, but he ran under the edge of the agitator and I couldn't reach him. Finally gave up and turned on the water. Never did see him come out but when the load is finished, he'll be the cleanest spider in the area (and probably a dead one).

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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.

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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.

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Training Without Treats!

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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

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

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The ballots are out from the GSDCA. If you are a member, be sure to vote. Let's try to vote some people onto the board who will represent all of us and not just a few (who want to stay in St. Louis forever). Ballots are due back by October 5, but don't wait that long, mark and mail yours now.

Former student Susan Fontaine who now lives in College Town, Texas has been hit by 20" of rain as of Sunday, August 27. Connie and I stayed with Susan and George when I judged in Texas last spring. We also stayed with them in Connecticut in 2013 for the GSDCA 100th Anniversary show. Shortly after that, Susan and George moved to College Station where Susan had gone to college at Texas A & M.

Hadn't heard from her for a few days and then saw on Facebook today that she's become very involved in rescue efforts in the area. I was just glad to see she hadn't been flooded out. I checked on a few other friends in Texas and they were okay and not in Harvey's path.

You would think that for a hurricane of this magnitude (the worst ever) they could have had a more magnificent name for it. Harvey sounds like a white rabbit to me (even though Jimmy Stewart was adorable as his "friend"); why not something like Hercules?

Let me know if your birthday hasn't been listed in the NSN when it should have been, or if it was listed on the wrong day/month. These dates are sometimes obtained by nefarious means.

At the OKC show this year, Kimmy Seward placed fourth in Rally and in the same class Gina Sajjadi placed 2nd. I didn't have a chance to talk to them on Sunday to see how they performed.

Which brings up another point for the NSN — information on Brags. It is not a bad thing to brag when your dog has won or qualified at a dog show/obedience trial. So drop a quick note to me at (dalenemcintire@q.com) and let me know. It doesn't have to be fancy, it just keeps everyone up

to date on your doggy activities.

And along that note, I will brag about one of my former students, Stephen Kern, who took quite a few classes with me last year going all the way through Open. Not that he had any ideas of showing, but he felt his dog needed a lot of socializing. This summer he came out for some additional lessons and I talked him into thinking about showing in Beginner Novice and ran him through the routine several times. He bit the bullet and entered BN at the Olympic KC show, passing both days, going first both days, with a score both days of 193. See, good things happen when you listen to your instructor!

But do as I say, not as I do — Wrangler failed the sit stay both days. I mean, this dog has done sits and down with my classes for 4 years. I decided I better take my own advice and start working him in different situations. I'm happy to say when the guy came to put a new battery in my house alarm, Wrangler was on a sit-stay the whole time with no problem. I looked at his eyes and they were riveted on the guy, never looked at anything else. Time will tell, but we're not giving up. He earned his BN in three shows, but there's no sit-stay in that. The two days at OKC he was working on a 192 and 185 until the sits...at this rate he'll never get to do a down stay as now your dog is excused if they leave their position and one judge excused us even though he just layed down in place and didn't even look at the dogs on either side of him.

Diane Waid placed third in Barn Hunt at the OKC show also...this shortly after our club program was on this event...see pictures on page 12. Again, I didn't hear how they did on the other days.

There were probably some other wins and placings, but no one has reported them. So if you're not here, it's your fault.

Linda from Ewe-Topia told Amanda they were featured on King 5's program Evening Magazine on

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July 25. Linda told them to mention our AHBA herding tests on August 12 which helped our herding test entries.

Sad notice about the Longview KC folding up after their show this fall. The way things are going, I'm afraid we'll be seeing more of those notices about all-breed clubs and specialty clubs. Everyone has their idea as to why, whether it's from lack of interest, too many shows, too many other activities people can do with their dogs now, or the cost of showing...but the plain fact is, it is happening and we don't seem to be able to stem the tide.

Former member Sandy Young passed away in August. They had a private funeral so none of the club members attended.

Janine Prindle died in July. Her husband found other homes for her dogs, plus her guide dog is being rehomed with another blind person so it can continue working as a guide dog.

My cat Shadow was out in the garage lurking around in the corners; when he reappeared he was wearing a grey mustache and eyebrows made out of dog hair and cobwebs...never have a camera when you need it!

Did you see the bit on tv about the man who had been an Eagles fan for a long time? He died recently and left a request that 8 Eagles be his pallbearers so they can let him down one more time. Now, there's a man with a sense of humor to the very end!

Forgot to mention that some of the candidates on the GSDCA ballot are sending emails asking for your vote. Read them and vote carefully.

I am judging obedience and a temperament test on Vancouver Island this month. Going to go up and back on the Victoria Clipper...will take my motion sickness pills with me, just in case.



Can't wait for the September meeting, Amanda has decreed it a Seahawks meeting. Will be interesting to see what people come up with. Will have pictures of it next month.

I always knew I'd get old, how fast it happened was a bit of a surprise, though.

To go along with that little tidbit above sent in from Sharon White: My 3 kids gave me a surprise birthday party on the 3rd and 4th of this month. It wasn't entirely a surprise as they had to let me know to save those two days so I wouldn't be committed to some "doggy" activity, so I knew they were giving me the party, just not where it was. Most of the family was there plus 6 friends who came — my kids picked up the entire lunch bill, so nice of them.

After lunch we retired to the "suite" they had reserved for the night at the Woodmark Hotel at Carillon Point in Kirkland. There we had cake and other goodies, I opened my presents, and then we all sat around and visited until early evening when they left. My two girls and I had the luxury of staying in the suite for the night. Around midnight the smoke alarm went off, but there was no fire, so the employees came up and "fixed" it. We stayed up until 2:30 AM gabbing; arose in the morning, had lunch in the restaurant; and then the coach turned into a pumpkin and the horses into mice...and we went home, back to reality.

Heard the new great-granddaughter cry for the first time (she's 8 weeks old now). Funny how fast she finds her way back to her mother when she cries.

See you all at the club auction in October and the Christmas party in December





Seahawks Schedule
(for those of you who care)

Pre-Season Games:

November 26 (Sunday) 1:05 PM, FOX
Seahawks at San Francisco

December 3 (Sunday) 5:30 PM, NBC (Ch. 4)
Seahawks vs Philadelphia Eagles

December 10 (Sunday) 10:00 AM, FOX
Seahawks at Jacksonville Jaguars

December 17 (Sunday) 1:05 PM, FOX
Seahawks vs Los Angeles Rams

December 24 (Sunday) 1:25 PM, FOX
Seahawks at Dallas Cowboys

December 31 (Sunday) 1:25 PM, FOX
Seattle vs Arizona Cardinals

NOTE: The December 10 game begins at 10:00 AM, no sleeping in on that Sunday.

There are Seahawks games on both Christmas Eve (1:25 PM) and New Year's Eve (1:25 PM). There will hopefully be a lot of partying those days, lots to celebrate. I say hopefully because hopefully we'll win both those games!



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 from S. 188th 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.

BARN HUNT PROGRAM AT AUGUST 2017 CLUB MEETING



Deidre Callahan, Amanda Ulrich, & Norm Riley of the "Eatonville Rat Rangers"



Eugene Encourages Eva to Find the Rat



Jax Checking Out the Rat Wagon



Patti's Maddie Looking For a Rat



Jax Found the Rat



Wrangler Checks Out the Rat Wagon

COMING SOON

2018 GSDC of Washington State Calendar

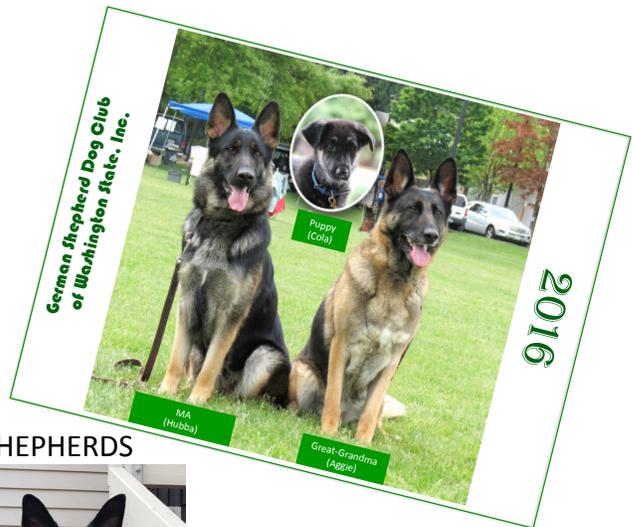
The club's 2018 calendar will be available for sale by October 5

Price is \$10 each

Perfect gift for that special friend or family member for Christmas or their birthday.

Some Samples from previous calendars below...

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KERRY SOUTHERN King Family Dogs www.vonsudlich.com vonsudlich@aol.com



Photo of the Month



Submitted by Tuule Jhme

(Tuula is a former member but a few years ago moved back to Finland, she still keeps in touch with Amanda)

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.

NEWS UPDATE

Trifiro Cartoons



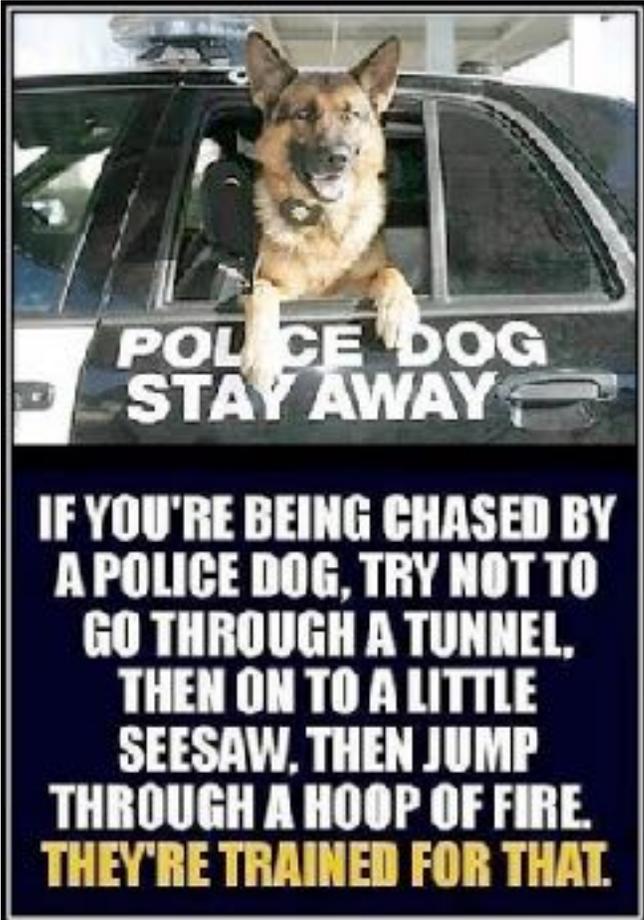
Good news folks, the circus is in town ... oops, sorry, my mistake, it's just the traveling gipsy circus of professional handlers.

TRIFIRO



WE DON'T NEED TO

WORRY ABOUT POLICE RESPONSE TIME



IF YOU'RE BEING CHASED BY A POLICE DOG, TRY NOT TO GO THROUGH A TUNNEL, THEN ON TO A LITTLE SEESAW, THEN JUMP THROUGH A HOOP OF FIRE. THEY'RE TRAINED FOR THAT.

ONE LAST TIME

I remember bringing you home. You were so small and cuddly with your tiny paws and soft fur. You bounced around the room with eyes flashing and ears flopping.

Once in a while, you'd let out a little yelp just to let me know this was your territory.

Making a mess of the house and chewing on everything in sight became a passion, and when I scolded you, you just put your head down and looked up at me with those innocent eyes, as if to say, "I'm sorry, but I'll do it again as soon as you're not watching."

As you grew older, you protected me by looking out the window and barking at everyone who passed. When I had a tough day at work, you would be waiting for me with your tail wagging just to say, "Welcome home, I missed you." You never had a bad day and I could always count on you to be there for me.

When I sat down to read the paper and watch TV, you would hop on my lap looking for attention. You never asked for anything more than for me to pat your head so you could go to sleep with your head over my leg.

As you grew older, you moved around more slowly. Then, one day, old age finally took its toll, and you couldn't stand on those wobbly legs anymore. I knelt down and patted you lying there, trying to make you young again. You just looked up at me as if to say you were old and tired and that after all these years of not asking for anything, you had to ask me for one last favor. With tears in my eyes, I drove you one last time to the vet. One last time, you were lying next to me.

For some strange reason, you were able to stand up in the animal hospital, perhaps it was your sense of pride.

As the vet led you away, you stopped for an instant, turned your head and looked at me as if to say, "Thank you for taking care of me." I thought, "No...thank you for taking care of me."
(APlaceToLoveDogs.com)



There's something missing in my home,
I feel it day and night.
I know it will take time and strength
before things feel quite right

But just for now I need to mourn.
My heart it needs to mend.
Though some may say "It's just a pet,"
I know I've lost a friend.
You brought such laughter to my home,
and richness to my days.

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My sweet, forever pet

The Dogs of War Are in High Demand

After sending hundreds of canines to post Sept. 11 battlefields, the Pentagon is buying robot pooches to help train medics.

By Kyle Stock

August 28, 2017, 1:00 AM PDT

War is hell for almost everyone who gets near it. This includes animals—especially the hundreds of dogs the U.S. military has sent to serve alongside soldiers in Afghanistan, Iraq, and elsewhere since Sept. 11. Now, the Pentagon is taking steps to make sure more of them come home.

The armed services have had dogs since about day one. At the moment, roughly 1,600 Military War Dogs (MWDs) are either in the field or helping recuperating veterans. That's approximately one dog for every three U.S. soldiers currently in Afghanistan.

These animals are, however, an increasingly precious resource. With terrorists targeting public transportation and tourist sites all over the world, global demand for bomb-sniffing dogs has surged. Canines with finely trained noses now fetch \$25,000 and up on the open market, where border patrol units, the State Department, and private security firms go for canine talent. Even the war on bedbugs scoops up some of the best noses in the business. And that's just U.S. demand.

So, out of necessity, the Department of Defense is buying up lifelike canine mannequins to better train medics that care for furry soldiers when they fall. Since these dog dolls hit the market in January, the Pentagon has purchased about 80 of them from

TraumaFX, an Atlanta-based unit of defense contractor KForce Government Solutions Inc. The company, which employs Hollywood movie designers, is bidding on an additional six proposals at the moment.

"We thought maybe we'd sell 50, but it has just grown overwhelmingly," said KForce Vice President Carolyn Hollander, who added at the project was originally considered just doing the right thing—a "give back."



The U.S. military has 1,600 dogs, roughly one for every three soldiers serving in Afghanistan.

The K9 Hero—Trauma's proxy pooch—is fully articulated, weighs 50 pounds, and costs around \$20,000. It has a pulse and an internal, inflating bag that mimics breathing, plus a host of potential afflictions. Push a button on a remote control and the rubbery pet even bleeds profusely. Next month, the company will deliver Hero's successor, Diesel. Developed specifically for special forces dogs, the animatronic soldier has multiple gunshot wounds, amputatable limbs, and bowels that bloat. It also barks and whimpers.

"The whole point is to build muscle memory in treatment," Hollander said of medics and
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A Few Pictures From the Club's August 2017 Herding Test at Ewe-Topia



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Waiting their turn — or just watching



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The burger flipper extraordinaire, Sherril

handlers who may work on dogs. "If they see something difficult and get desensitized to it in training, they'll be more effective in handling it in a real-life situation."

Our robot dogs, Hero and Diesel, bear a slight resemblance to the famous Star Wars character, Chewbacca, which is no coincidence. The core of TraumaFX's development team, about two dozen employees, came from Industrial Light and Magic, the Hollywood FX shop that helped create Star Wars, Harry Potter and other hit franchises. TraumaFX bought the company's "creature team" in 2014, after seeking their counsel on how to build a prosthetic dog.

"These guys are the real deal," Hollander said. "But their capabilities as modelers were going extinct because of computer-generated graphics."

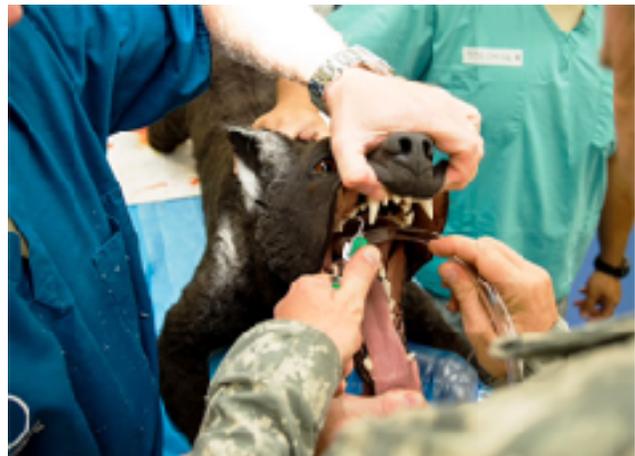
The high demand for trained dogs may play a role in their depleted ranks. The Air Force says the U.S. military's dog allotment is about 38 percent lower than it was at the height of the war in Afghanistan.

Exacerbating the economics for the Pentagon, the U.S. still isn't very good at producing war dogs. Although the Air Force has begun a breeding program in Texas, most of the country's working dogs are imports, primarily from Central and Eastern Europe—where dog-training culture runs deep. Military procurement officers make four trips a year to stock up on European puppies.

In a 2016 Senate hearing, Cynthia Otto, a veterinarian and executive director of the Penn Vet Working Dog Center, said the availability of good dogs was becoming a critical challenge. "The risks of relying on foreign sources of dogs to support our national security are high," she said.

Once it has a promising pup, the Pentagon spends an additional \$42,000 to train a K9 unit, a process that starts with obedience and drug and/or bomb detection at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. Some of the dogs get a second round of training in how to patrol, detain an enemy and attack. A "dual-purpose" dog spends about 120 days completing both training cycles.

When all is said and done, a fully trained military dog costs about as much as a small missile. Keeping them in the field as long as possible is increasingly good business. (The Air Force declined to discuss canine casualty rates.)



A team of former Star Wars designers at Trauma FX made the K9 Hero, a lifelike

Military commanders know all too well how expensive it is when a war dog is killed, to say nothing of damage to troop morale, explained Bob Bryant, co-founder of Mission K9 Rescue, a Houston-based nonprofit that helps rehabilitate and find homes for retired working dogs. "The military treats its dogs like gold," he explained. "Fully trained, they expect that asset to last them at least eight or nine years."

And that's no easy task. Of the hundreds of four-legged privates that Mission K9 has placed

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OCTOBER CLUB MEETING - OCTOBER 5, 2017

“WURST ANNUAL AUCTION”



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in homes, 60 percent left service under injury—not because they were too old. “They tear tendons, they ruin their hips, they get aggressive spondylosis and it seems like there’s a higher prevalence of cancer for some reason,” Bryant said.

He cites an additional, dark reality when war dogs die in battle: “When there is a dog casualty, the handler often dies, too.”

Many war dogs, including Bryant’s dog Oreo before he retired, are used to locate bombs, which present a further level of potential trauma. Oreo was sniffing out improvised explosive devices in Iraq before he developed post traumatic stress disorder.

These days, Oreo and Bryant’s other service dog are patrolling his neighborhood near Los Angeles. They often grow alert and mark parked cars, leaving Bryant to wonder what’s inside—one of the many features not available with run-of-the mill rescue dogs.

TraumaFX, meanwhile, has started selling its dog dummy to veterinary schools for use in lieu of cadavers. Foreign militaries are placing orders as well. “Usually, an agency or military branch will buy five or 10 of them and then ship them around,” Hollander said. “We call it a litter.”



U.S. Army Specialist Justin Coletti, of a K-9 combat tracker team, rests with Dasty, a Belgian Malinois, at an airfield in Afghanistan following an overnight mission.

CHAIRMAN REPORT

We were blessed with cooler weather for our AHBA Herding Instinct Test held on August 12 and it was once again a great day for our club. With the combined efforts of our club members pushing the event, and the tireless effort of Linda Leeman of Ewetopia, we were at capacity once again. It was wonderful to meet new people and their dogs who are just being introduced to herding and to see old friends bring their new dogs to be tested. Thank you to all club members who came out to herd with their dogs and to help spread the word. A HUGE THANK YOU to our Judges, Joe Kapelos, Becky Lohse and Linda Leeman! That was a lot of dogs to evaluate! We had five dogs go for their Jr. Herd Dog title! Many people mentioned how well the event was run. Thank you to our club members who helped make that happen, Cindy Stratton, Sherril Johnson, Erika Brennan, Diane Waid and Amanda Hackbarth. Sharon Korn, showed up to volunteer for a fourth year in a row even though she is not a member! With all this help I actually was able to enjoy some of the runs and talk to people! Amanda Hackbarth organized the lunch this year and Sherril cooked up the delicious burgers, yum! Thank you Amanda and Sherril for feeding the masses and to everyone who brought a dish to share. We could have used a few more salads and sides. At least we know everyone enjoyed the food, no leftovers this year! After the herding test wrapped, us helpers were able to sign our dogs up to herd and they all had a blast! Even the labradoodle impressed the crowds with his herding gumption. And the club raised \$1,544.71! I look forward to next year’s event, which will take place on Saturday, August 11, 2018, so mark your calendars! We hope to see even more members come out to herd!

Laura Jean Cronin, VP
Herding Chair



Obedience and Rally Regulation Changes Effective September 1, 2017

The following is a change to Regulations and was approved by the AKC Board at the August 2017 meeting. These regulation changes become effective **September 1, 2017**.

OBEDIENCE REGULATIONS

Chapter 1. General Regulations

Section 10. Identification. Club clothing, AKC event clothing, or breed clothing may be worn by anyone exhibiting a dog or by ring stewards.

Clothing may display the person's name, the dog's call name and/or the dog's picture. Titles may not be displayed. Writing or graphics on the clothing must not be in poor taste or contain profanity. Clothing must not display any information that would be in conflict with a sponsor of the trial.

AKC RALLY REGULATIONS

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Sincerely, Pamela Manaton
Director of Obedience, Rally and Tracking



AKC Reviews Changes to the Obedience Group Stay Exercises

By PamelaManaton on July 6, 2017

The AKC convened a task force of five judges, exhibitors and trainers to explore changes that could maximize safety, while still testing the

important aspect of the "stay" skill.

Mindful of the concerns and suggestions sent to the AKC from all sectors of the sport, the Task Force members spent three days exploring and formulating changes.

In today's culture of diverse dog training methods and philosophies that variously impact the behavior of dogs coming to trials, the AKC recognizes exhibitor concerns for stronger safety measures to protect all dogs from interference of any kind in the ring during competition. At the same time, there is also a strong consensus in the sport that the impulse control and obedience demonstrated in group stays must be preserved.

The committee's work resulted in the following recommendations:

- The creation of new individual exercises for Novice and Open that will test a stay with distance between dog and handler.
- That one group exercise be retained in Novice that will test both sit and down stays in the presence of other dogs, with spacing and leash use to ensure safety, and a formation option that will allow up to ten dogs in the ring.
- That open out-of-sight stays be replaced by an individual exercise also testing sit and down skills, and a command discrimination exercise that will demonstrate steadiness and obedience at a distance with skills performed in place. For Open A dogs the exercise creates a stepping stone toward Utility. For the Open B dogs, a randomized order of skills is designed to challenge experienced teams at least as much as the group exercises do now.

The recommended changes will streamline scheduling for judges, reduce conflicts for exhibitors showing multiple dogs, and maintain a level of challenge appropriate to the class. With more confidence in their dogs' safety in the ring, we hope that concerned owners will re-engage in AKC obedience and feel inspired to pursue their goals.

More details will be published when descriptions have been fine-tuned by AKC. It is anticipated this will occur around the beginning of September.



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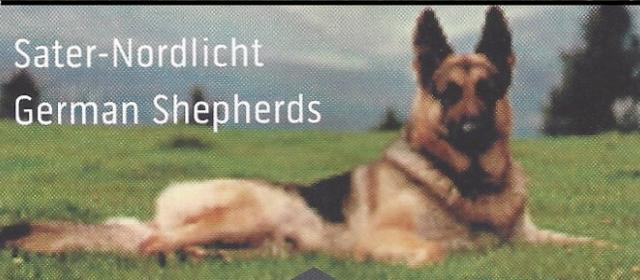


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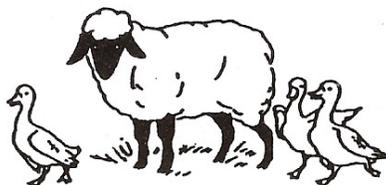
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Phone _____ Cell _____ E-Mail _____

Why do you want to join this club? _____

How many German Shepherds do your 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: _____

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How long have you known this person? _____

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

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Applicants must attend a meeting to be introduced to the members; voting on your membership will be on the following month.

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
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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.

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SEPTEMBER - 2017

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St. Helens, OR / Supt: MB-F

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Chehalis, WA / Supt: BaRay

OCTOBER

Richland K.C - Sept 30 & Oct 1
Kennewick, WA / Supt: BaRay

Lizard Butte Kennel Club - Oct 12-13
Boise, Idaho / Supt: MB-F

Idaho Capital City KC - October 14-15
Boise, Idaho / MB-F

Wenatchee Kennel Club - Oct 21-22
Cashmere, WA / Supt: BaRay

Vancouver Kennel Club - Oct 28-29
Ridgefield, WA / Supt: Onofrio

NOVEMBER

Rogue Valley Kennel Club - Nov 2-3
Central Point, OR / Supt: MB-F

Southern Oregon Kennel Club - Nov 4-5
Central Point, OR / Supt MB-F

Umpqua Kennel Club - Nov 16-17-18-19
Roseburg, OR / Supt: MB-F

Whidbey Island K C - Nov 18-19
Monroe, WA / Supt: BaRay

DECEMBER

Greater Clark K C = Dec/ 9-10
Ridgefield, WA - Supt: Onofrio



STAND ALONE OBEDIENCE TRIALS

Columbia Basin Dog Training Club - Sept 30-Oct 1
Kennewick, WA / Supt: BaRay

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