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From The Editor



The program for the May meeting was presented by Tammy Foss of Seattle Fly Dogs. The club is 8 years old and is the largest such club in the Puget Sound area, with 20 dogs which includes some mixed breeds as well.

They do a lot of exhibitions and also have classes for those wanting to teach their dog this fast-paced event. The dogs can earn certificates for three levels, depending on their abilities; first is Mighty Dog, second is Hot Dog, third is Super dog.

Their practice nights are indoors on Sunday and run from 5:00-6:30, lessons come after the practice time. Check out their web site for more information at www.seattleflydogs.com if you think you might be interested.

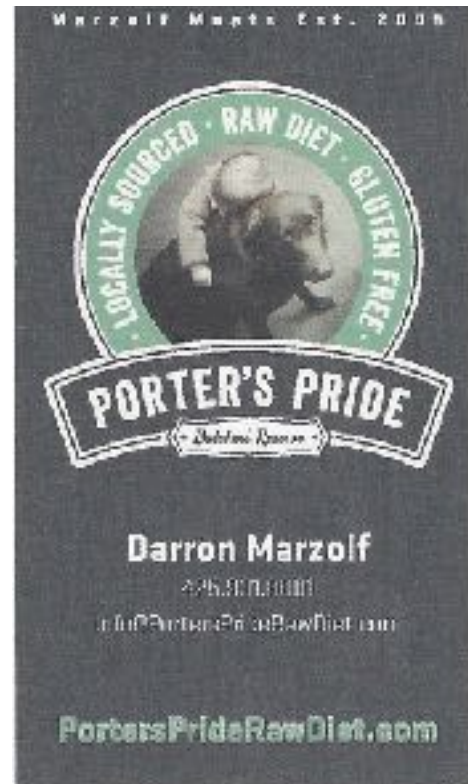
Tammy and her assistant put on a demonstration of just what Flyball is, much enjoyed by those attending.

It's funny that this sport is becoming popular again. Most of you don't remember this far back; when we sponsored the GSDCA National in 1973, our club had at least two scent hurdle teams and we debuted at that event. The audience had never seen this done before and we could hear them in the bleachers betting on their favorite dog. We also ran against some other clubs a few years later at the National held in Dallas, Texas.

Our funnest time was when we raced during half time at the Sonics game. We were completely unprepared for the amount of noise the crowd made cheering their favorites on...we couldn't hear the person next to us even, but the dogs weren't very fazed by it. By this time,

there were some other scent hurdle teams with other breeds that we raced against. At one time I even ran my Miniature Poodle on the GSD team as an honorary GSD.

About this time some groups also started up flyball teams. Maybe it was a little easier for some since scent hurdle involved scent discrimination, not an easy feat when 10,000 people are cheering you on!



But, alas, both soon fell by the wayside, but it looks as if fly ball may be making a comeback... Tammy said they have quite a few competitions they can compete in.

There is a lot to check out in this issue about future club events that are both fun and great fund raisers for the club. Without these fund raising activities, the specialty shows, our plaque awards, and the newsletter would be affected, since they bring in very little income.

Have a fun and safe summer, now that it's finally here!



Summer-time by Leslee Hooper

Summer's 6th Birthday



Summer is finally here. If Summer were here she would say "hey, wait a minute, I've been here for five years" and soon to be six. July is Summer's birthday month. It is hard for me to believe that she is going to be six years old in a few days, but also that she has been with me and Harley for 5 years already.

She is, by far, the healthiest, happiest dog of all the Hooper dogs that have gone before her. That girl has such a zest for life—she puts me to shame.

She can spin in circles up our long driveway, and down our long driveway. Up the driveway is when I come home from work and she runs down to greet my car, then proceeds to spin all the way back up to my parking spot in the carport.

When we go for our evening walk she spins her way down the driveway and then, at the end of the driveway, stops and walks over to me to hook her leash to her collar and the rest of the way we go.

If you or I spun like that girl, or even tried, I guarantee we would have neck aches, backaches, shoulder aches and good old headaches!

Her new thing on our walks is to try to walk out to and stop any cars that are going by on our roads. This is the result of one of the neighbors stopping their car and giving her a

bone out the window--a thank-you to her for helping them catch their little dog who is a master at getting out of their yard! So now, she seems to think that every car that comes up the road must have a bone to give to her.

Summer is our joy. She is a fun little dog, who is never at a loss for ways to entertain and delight.

Happy Fourth of July, and happy summer!
Leslee and Summer

Leslee and Summer 🐾





AUGUST

1 - John Sadler

5 - Caralin Coffey



Meeting Dates

<u>Monthly Meeting Dates</u> <u>(1st Thurs of Month)</u>	<u>Board Meeting</u> <u>(3rd Mon of Month)</u>
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
December 7, 2017 (Christmas Party)	December 18, 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.

August 3 Meeting: TBA

...**Sunday, July 16, 2017:** Temperament Test: at Carco Park. Dogs must be at least 1 year old, no training necessary. Another fun activity. Registration is at 9:00, test begins at 10:00 AM. Check page 15 for entry information on this.

Contact Kerry Southern or Dalene McIntire

...**Saturday, August 12, 2017:** Our annual Herding Instinct Test. Will be held at Ewe-Topia in Roy, Washington. No prior training necessary (that's the whole idea, to see if your dog's herding instinct is alive and well). If there is no flyer in this issue about the Herding Instinct Test, then check out the August issue.

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

2018 Calendar — Time to start thinking about the picture you'd like to put on the 2018 club calendar. I have 7 pages taken already, let me know if you'd like to reserve a page. Cost is \$35 per page which includes one free calendar.. Page can contain multiple clear pictures or just one, all printed in color. Payment and pictures should be submitted to me (Dalene) by the September meeting; then they will be available for sale (\$10 each) beginning with the October meeting.

October Meeting... Club's Annual Auction, always a fun event, plus raises money for club.

SHOW REPORT

Laura Cronin
Vice President/Show Chair

Well, 7:00 AM came really quickly, and with it came an army of helpers ready to put on the GSDCWS 2017 Specialty! We had a little snag; there were issues with the trailer hitch and it was delayed getting to the site. As time ticked on, not only were our helpers waiting, other exhibitors, the superintendent and the judges were there as well. They all looked at us with a mixture of doubt and pity as the trailer pulled in at 8:25AM.

Well, a half hour later, everyone was very impressed that we were ready to go on time at 9:00 AM! That is due to all the members who came out to help and kicked into high gear! I want to give another shout out to you all here, because without you, there is not a specialty! Thank you Rally and Obedience Chairs Kerry Southern and Kimberly Seward; Cindy Stratton, Table Steward for Obedience; Eugene Pipko and his daughter Sophia for Obedience Ring Stewards on Saturday, and Deborah Bukis and Scott Hackbarth for Obedience Ring Stewards on Sunday. Kerry found two wonderful Rally Stewards, Alyssa Were and Kayla Gustafson for both days.

And everyone else who helped set up (and break down) in record time — Patti Burns, Erika Brennen, Diane Waid, Theresa Schaal, Donna Gonzales, Leslee Hooper, and of course, our amazing President, Amanda Hackbarth. Family and friends stepped in to help too, so thank you Cindy Beardsley, Felix Gonzales and Tisa Cronin!

Amanda and Lorrie put on yet another amazing raffle that raised much needed money for the club. And it was a lot of fun sitting back and enjoying the afternoon games together. We even got a sun break for the raffle! I walked away with the Italian themed basket, which made the

perfect Mother's Day gift the next day! My mom was very happy.

A very special thanks to Dalene McIntire who took care of the ribbons again this year. It was hard enough worrying about the trophies and it is such a relief to have Dalene worrying about the ribbons! This kind of support is what makes it possible to keep going!

Speaking of Trophies, I'd like to give a huge shout out to all our members who donated to the trophy fund this year, and by the end, there were a lot of you! And a lot of non-members too! In addition to having your names in the catalogue, we made tags for each trophy so the recipient knew who sponsored that trophy.

If you were there on Saturday, you know what a great spread we had for lunch! Everyone brought such wonderful food; it was quite the feast.

It was really nice to see so many German Shepherds in Obedience and Rally. There was at least one in nearly every class, which has not always been the case. It was really nice to see our newest Member, Erika Brennen, take Highest Scoring GSD! Congrats you two!

While it was disappointing have such low numbers for conformation, it was nice to see the dogs that did come out, and nearly everyone who entered got a prize!

Sherril Johnson and Barb Donahey helped ferry the judges to and fro. We brought the judges to the Marianna Ristorante for dinner on Saturday. We ended up with a table of twelve, which was a nice number for an evening of good food, conversation and company. It's a big effort, but always so worth it.

Looking forward to trying to make next year's even better!

Tidbits

by Dalene

As promised last month, members will have a copy of the new membership roster included in this NSN...incorporating all the changes that came in after the last one was sent out in April. Please check it over and make sure your information is correct. If it isn't, send me the change so we can keep the records up to date.

You'll look at page 12 and wonder why in the world there is a picture of a St. Bernard. It goes along with the notice from AKC about John Cox who is a popular obedience judge in this area and many of you have shown under him. His title is Obedience Independent Contractor, but he will still be able to continue judging and showing.

The first picture shows John with a "herd" of Saints along with Xavier, his current Saint. The picture after the article is Xavier by himself... John should have made it a "selfie" of the two of them.

Now is the time to start taking pictures of your dog(s) so you'll have a great one for the club's 2018 Calendar. They can be formal or casual pictures. Each page is \$35 (still) and you can have as many pictures as you like, remembering that too many pictures may make it look cluttered. Pictures should be submitted to me (Dalene) by the September meeting so we can have them available for sale at the October club meeting. July is taken, actually 7 pages are taken as of today, leaving only 6 left. Hopefully, those will be spoken for at the July meeting this week.

If you already have a picture, that's fine also... just so they are in by the September meeting. People who have bought pages before will have first choice at the 2018 calendar, but there is usually at least a couple available each year.

"When you buy a German Shepherd, you never

have to go to the bathroom alone." I've often wondered about this...do they think there is an escape hatch in the bathroom and you'll go outside without them?

AKC sent out a notice to judges of Boxers regarding their temperament as it is stated in their standard. There aren't a lot of breeds (besides German Shepherds) where temperament is given a complete paragraph describing their temperament.

The first part of June I flew to Hawaii to judge for the GSDC of Hawaii. Saturday there was a temperament test which was successful with 8 dogs passing out of 11. Sunday I judged their obedience trial, and it was fun to see and talk to friends from there. That day Aupuni had the best barbecued hamburgers for lunch for all in attendance. I had great stewards, they always are in Hawaii. Pat Ayers gave me a ride back to the airport on Tuesday.

As usual, the club took all the judges to dinner at a great Chinese restaurant; each table had a lazy suzan of great food that just kept coming around with mouth watering entries.

I learned sad news after my plane landed — Aileen Sylva had had a stroke the previous Monday and was in the hospital. On Monday after the show I took the bus down to the hospital to see her. She has been a friend for many years and I wanted to visit her while I was there. I've since heard from Jane, one of my stewards, who wrote me this week to let me know Aileen had been transferred to a rehab facility. Her nephew Mark has taken Aileen's GSD Pono to visit her a few times which I know must have cheered her up.

I didn't have the bus fare to go back to my hotel
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and walked about a mile in the heat to find a restaurant where I could get change...finally found a place where I bought a bottle of water. By this time I needed the water a lot more than I needed the change. Where were you, Pat, when I needed you?

My sister gave me a copy of a magazine called "Catster" which is, of course, about cats. In the back they have a list of cat breeders which takes up 5 pages with 25 to 38 ads **per page**, depending on the size of the ads! Maybe we're in the wrong "breed". She also loaned me a magazine called "Dogster" and their ads weren't as plentiful, kind of like in our breed rings...smaller entries!

In the June Review in the list of new titles, there were 39 titles people had won in Agility. That's incredible, it would take a dog years to earn that many titles, not to mention the cost of entering that many trials, even if they passed every time! For obedience there were only 10 listed — and one of them under Utility was our own Eugene Pipko and Eva! Yea!! There were 5 in Rally, 2 in Tracking, and 4 in Herding.

I happened to run across an ATTS Temperament Test done for a Corgi Club. They have the same stations as ours, but boy are they done differently. The neutral stranger stood there and shook hands with the handler for about 20 seconds; the friendly stranger bent over and pet the Corgi for about 15-20 seconds; the rattle can was a milk bucket with rocks in it and it was rattled and then thrown out in front of the dog with the can rattler right there in front of the dog; and on it went.

Connie was in Prosser to watch one of her grandsons play baseball. During a hit to the outfield part way through the game, one of the outfielders was shot with a b-b gun by another kid outside the chainlink fence. They caught him and after the "wounded" kid was bandaged, the game went on. Who woulda thought way over there?!

Saw this in "Mary Jane's Farm" — in Europe some

cafes and coffee shops have started offering discounts for foods and beverages when customers go out of their way to display common — or perhaps uncommon — courtesy. A sidewalk menu board outside CUPS Coffee & Tea in Roanoke, Virginia, reads:

- Small coffee = \$5
- Small coffee = \$3
- Hello, one small coffee, please = \$1.75

Just my luck — I don't like coffee.

Boy, are we planning ahead. Kerry said our next AKC "C" Match will be on April 22, 2018! Yes, that's next year!

Local obedience exhibitgor Janine Prindle died the first part of July. Though she was diebeti, her sudden demise was a shock to all. Janine overcame her blindness and has shown in the obedience rings for many years. She often reminded me when we met at a dog show that she started i one of my obedience classes back in the days of the Aqua Barn (a long time ago).

The board decided not to have a picnic this year instead of our August meeting. The picnics were enjoyed by those attending, but not enough people came to make it worth all the work it takes to plan it and work at it.

Our club members (and I'm sure many other clubs are in the same situation) are too talented maybe, making these events look like it involves very little work so few people volunteer to help out. Every time someone in the club takes on a new responsibility, you can hear them say "boy, I didn't know there was so much involved in this."

Don't forget to check out the MWDTSA web site at "MWDTSA.org" to see the latest this great group is doing for the dogs and handlers in uniform. Very dedicated group, and all are volunteers. What would we do without the volunteers of the world who keep everything going, and going, and going?

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There sure was a lot of noise in the neighborhood on the evening of July 4th. And just the day before on the news they had a story of a young boy who had had 3 fingers blown off by fireworks at one of the Indian "firing grounds" and of a man who had lost both hands from fireworks. Do people not learn these lessons? this happens every year and yet every year we have a new crop of those who must think they are indestructible and it won't happen to them. Maybe people watch and play too many video games full of murder and mayhem and get the idea they really are indestructible..

I had my family and some friends over on the Fourth for a barbeque. The weather didn't turn out as hot as predicted, so it was really quite comfortable. I subscribe to a magazine called "Country Living" and at the beginning of every issue they say there is a hidden horseshoe in it. Each time I start one I say I am going to find it, but then I start reading and forget...never found one accidentally or on purpose. So I put the magazines out and asked others to look for them. Connie and my daughter Melanie were the only ones who could find them — and, yes, when they pointed them out you couldn't believe you didn't see them, they were so obvious. Must go along with that old saying that when you want to hide something, put it where it is obvious!

Erika and I are both planning to show at the shows in Puyallup; I'm only going for two days, she's going whole hog for all 3 days. Cindy Beardsley will be showing two days also in conformation with the dog featured on page 13. Cheer her on if you're there.

How come I always find a mistake usually in most issues of the NSN, but only after they've been mailed out? And then, how come no one ever says anything? How do you expect me to improve if you don't show me my mistakes? Or is that a concept too foreign now days...don't worry about hurting my feelings, it won't be the first time!

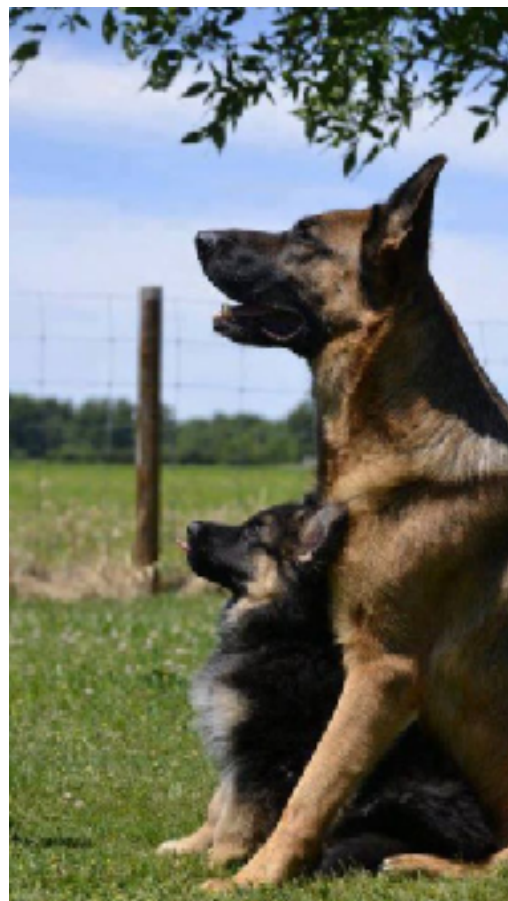
Have you seen the cute video of the woman and GSD from Italy in competition for free style? She's dressed in fatigues and at the end of their routine is shot and while she's lying on the ground the dog is giving her CPR by bouncing on her chest. Just too cute Here's the URL if you'd like to watch it — just type this into your search bar... <https://www.youtube.com/embed/FbzRYrLOHyc?rel=0&controls=0&showinfo=0>

Welcome back, Jax, we're all hoping your have a speedy recovery (see page 11).

If I left any blank spots anywhere, blame it on the Fourth of July...no fair having a holiday in the middle of my time for putting the newsletter together.

See you at the Temperament Test!!!

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





(Above sent in by Barb Donahey)

**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.





Journeys
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By Jax Von
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I bet some of you have been wondering why I haven't been doing my monthly report? Well New Year's day was a life changing experience in a bad way. My right leg swelled up to twice the size. Amanda and Scott thought I might have a soft tissue injury, so off to see my vet. She thought the same thing and I did some laser treatments but they didn't work. We then did x-rays of my knees, hips and back. Again nothing that stood out except for problems that we already knew I had.

I was doing a lot of scratching and licking so I was put on Pred. I've been on it before with no problems but this time all heck broke loose. All of a sudden I couldn't walk and I had difficulties going potty. Amanda sent the doctor a recording of me walking. She immediately said I needed to see a neurologist. Amanda got an appointment the next day. I could barely make it into the clinic. I had an MRI and ultrasound and I stayed the night so I could be watched and I also had IV drips.

From the MRI and ultrasound they came up with a diagnosis of kidney disease. Because of that my body started forming clots. One

got stuck in my pelvic area and that was why I couldn't walk.

All the doctors at the emergency hospital said they haven't seen this in years and they were all so sorry this happened to me. The neurologist said it might take months for me to walk again but they were hopeful. He suggested I see an internist.

Amanda and our good friend Alicia came to pick me up the next day. Amanda was in shock that I was still looking near death. The girls had a hard time getting me out of the van and into the house. I really depended on Amanda and Scott to help get me functional again. I have the best doggy parents. Amanda and Scott had to help me potty, feed me by hand, make sure I had my meds at certain times and I even had a couple of times I had to go back to the ER.

We saw the internist and she did more bloodwork and put me on my medications that I have to take for the rest of my life. She is hoping that the meds I'm taking dissolve the blood clot. I have to have an ultrasound every three months to see how the clot is doing. They don't operate on dogs like they do on humans.

Fast forward a few months and I'm happy to say that even though the blood clot is still in the same place I do have more function in my rear and I can get up and walk around and run. I've even been able to do a little sheep herding which I was told I would never be able to do again. I also went through some depression. Who wouldn't be depressed, as we also lost my sister Greta in

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February. I really felt lonesome and miss her very much. Another heartache was I had to stop doing obedience which included Amanda and I being on our obedience team. My biggest sadness is having to stop doing my regular therapy dog visits. Amanda and I have done some easy visits including returning to the VA for a visit with my veterans. It actually felt really good to be back seeing all the staff and patients.

In my next report I'll tell you about my experience with physical therapy.



AKC Announces Obedience Independent Contractor



The Companion Events Department is pleased to announce the addition of **Mr. John Cox** of Washington state to the AKC Obedience program. John has been judging AKC obedience for 39

years and has been the owner-handler for multiple Saint Bernards since 1969; achieving multiple conformation Championships, obedience titles (through the Utility Dog Excellent), a VCD2, tracking and Master agility titles in America, and UDs in Canada.

John was the 2016 Companion Events Lifetime Achievement Award recipient. He has been writing the "Dog Talk" and "Random Little Tidbits" articles for "Front & Finish" as informative works for anyone who wishes to learn more about obedience judging. He is a long-time dog fancier and is a dedicated local and national club member.

John brings a wealth of knowledge to this position and an eager zest to assist judges and clubs. As an independent contractor, John will be able to continue to enjoy his role as a judge and exhibitor. Please join us in welcoming John in his new role.

Sincerely,

Pamela Manaton
Director of Obedience, Rally and Tracking

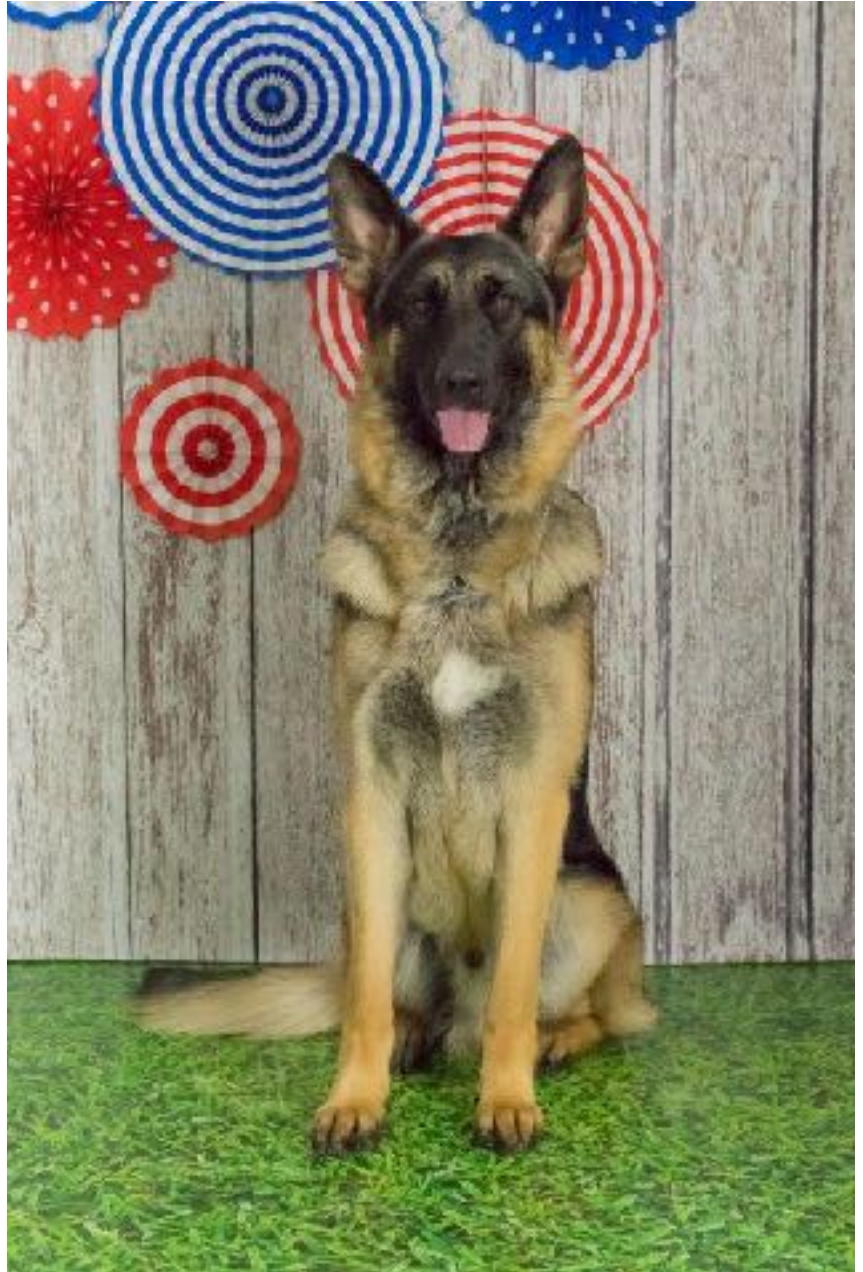


Photo of the Month

**Happy Fourth
of July**



**Photo Submitted
by Cindy Beardsley**



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.

Trifiro Cartoons





All Breed/Mix Breed Temperament Test

(Dog must be 1 yr. old)

July 16, 2017

Dalene McIntire, Evaluator

Location: Carco Park, Renton
Exit 4 on Hywy 405

Cost per dog: \$30.00

Check in at 9:00

Tests begins at 10:00

To ensure your entry send in pre-entries by July 11th to:

Kerry Southern 16509 245th St E Graham WA 98338

Limit of 40 dogs

For more information call: Kerry Southern vonsudlich@aol.com 360-893-1622

Temperament Test Entry

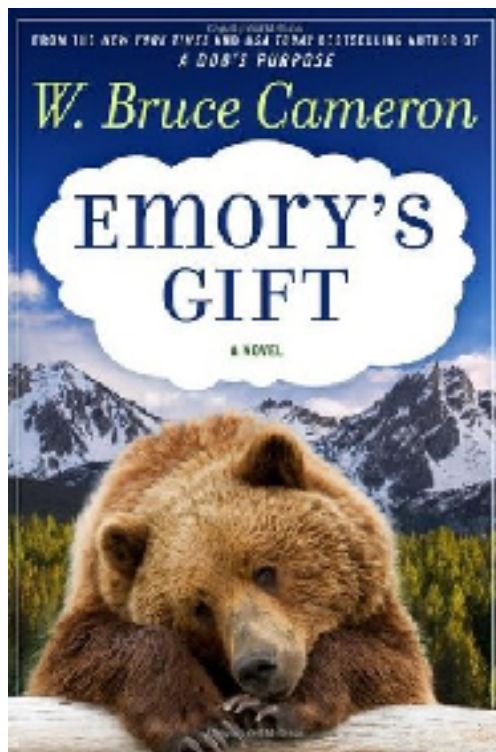
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Owner:				
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City	State	Zip		
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Signature				
Email:			Telephone:	

Call for availability of entries day before test. Refunds will not be made for dogs not present for the test.

In consideration of being permitted to participate in a Temperament Test sponsored by the German Shepherd Dog Club of America, Inc., and the above named regional club, the undersigned agree that the GSDCA and the named Regional Club are not responsible for any injuries or damage suffered by persons or animals participating in any capacity, I waive any right of action against the GSDCA & GSDCWS and will hold the GSDCA & GSDCWS harmless if any action or lack of action by my dog(s) or by me results in any action against the sponsoring club(s).

BOOK REVIEW



After 13-year-old Charlie Hall's mother dies and his father retreats into the silence of grief, Charlie finds himself drifting lost and alone through the brutal halls of junior high school.

But Charlie Hall is not entirely friendless. In the woods behind his house, Charlie is saved from a mountain lion by a grizzly bear, thought to be extinct in northern Idaho.

And this very unusual bear will change Charlie's life forever.

Deeply moving, and interwoven with hope and joy, *Emory's Gift* is not only a heartwarming and charming coming-of-age story, but also a page-turning insightful look at how faith, trust, and unconditional love can heal a broken family and bridge

the gaps that divide us.

I read this book strictly because I had so enjoyed the previous two books by this author which were reviewed in the last two issues of the NSN (*A Dog's Purpose* and *A Dog's Journey*).

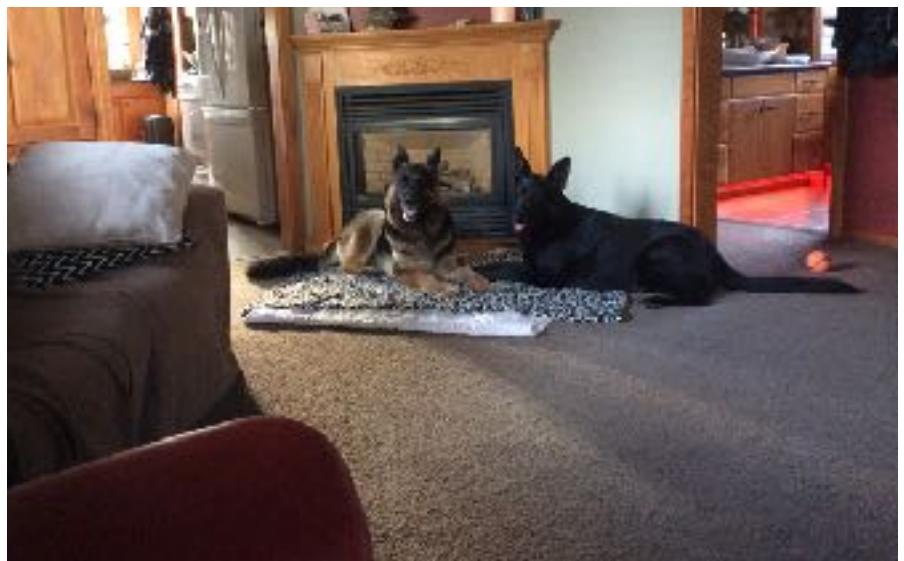
I had misgivings to say the least, but it didn't take long before I was thoroughly immersed in this improbable story. The story not only deals with Charlie's family problems, but also typical problems for a teen age boy in school. How many of us can relate to that time in life? Emory helps Charlie in both areas of his life, and before you know it you are cheering for Emory and Charlie as a team.

After reading it, you may find yourself going up into the woods to try and find you own Emory.

Try it, you'll like it (reading the book, not finding a Grizzly)...let me know what you think about it. (Next month, I'll get back to dog stories.)



(Thanks, Barb for sending the picture below...you can cuddle up to these two a lot easier than you could a grizzly bear.)



Hot Weather Tips for Your Pet

We all love spending the long, sunny days of summer outdoors with our furry companions, but being overeager in hot weather can spell danger, warn ASPCA experts.

"Even the healthiest pets can suffer from dehydration, heat stroke and sunburn if overexposed to the heat," says Dr. Lila Miller, ASPCA Veterinary Advisor, "and heat stroke can be fatal if not treated promptly."

Take these simple precautions, provided by ASPCA experts, to help prevent your pet from overheating. And if you suspect your pet is suffering from heat stroke, get help from your veterinarian immediately.

Visit the Vet

A visit to the veterinarian for a spring or early summer check-up is a must. Make sure your pets get tested for heartworm if they aren't on year-round preventive medication. Do parasites bug your animal companions? Ask your doctor to recommend a safe flea and tick control program.

Made in the Shade

Pets can get dehydrated quickly, so give them plenty of fresh, clean water when it's hot outdoors. Make sure your pets have a shady place to get out of the sun, be careful to not over-exercise them, and keep them indoors when it's extremely hot.

Know the Warning Signs

According to Dr. Lila Miller, "symptoms of overheating in pets include excessive panting or difficulty breathing, increased heart and respiratory rate, drooling, mild weakness, stupor or even collapse. They can also include seizures, bloody diarrhea and vomit along with an elevated body temperature of over 104

degrees." Animals with flat faces, like Pugs and Persian cats, are more susceptible to heat stroke since they cannot pant as effectively. These pets, along with the elderly, the overweight, and those with heart or lung diseases, should be kept cool in air-conditioned rooms as much as possible.

No Parking!

Never leave your animals alone in a parked vehicle. "On a hot day, a parked car can become a furnace in no time-even with the windows open-which could lead to fatal heat stroke," says Dr. Louise Murray, Director of Medicine at ASPCA Bergh Memorial Animal Hospital. Also, leaving pets unattended in cars in extreme weather is illegal in several states.

Do not leave pets unsupervised around a pool-not all dogs are good swimmers. Introduce your pets to water gradually and make sure they wear flotation devices when on boats. Rinse your dog off after swimming to remove chlorine or salt from his fur, and try to keep your dog from drinking pool water, which contains chlorine and other chemicals that could cause stomach upset.

Screen Test

"During warmer months, the ASPCA sees an increase in injured animals as a result of High-Rise Syndrome which occurs when pets-mostly cats-fall out of windows or doors and are seriously or fatally injured," says Dr. Murray. "Pet owners need to know that this is completely preventable if they take simple precautions." Keep all unscreened windows or doors in your home closed and make sure adjustable screens are tightly secured.

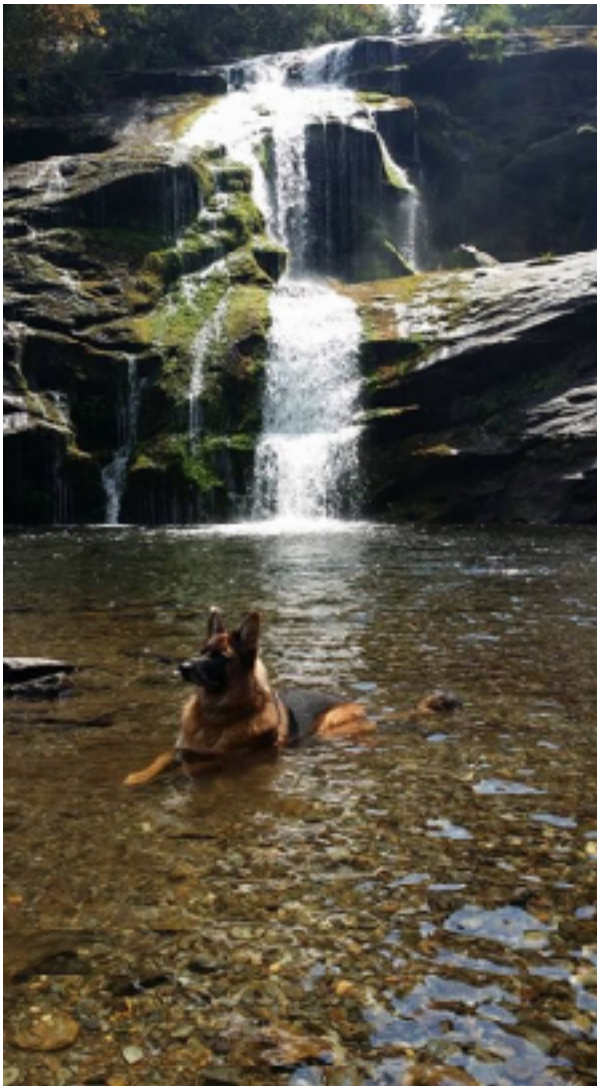
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Summer Style

Giving your dog a lightweight summer haircut helps prevent overheating. Shave down to a one-inch length, never to the skin, so your dog still has some protection from the sun.

(WebMD Veterinary Reference from the ASPCA - Taken from pets.webmd.com)



This picture makes you cooler just looking at it!



Poisonous Plants

Now that summer is here and flowers and shrubs are in bloom, here's a list of a few of those dangerous to your dog or cat:

Sago Palm

Also known as coontie palm, cycad, zamie.

Toxic: to dogs and cats

Cause: cycasin

Signs: vomiting, bloody stool and liver failure



Lily

Also known as day lily, Easter lily

Toxic: to cats

Cause: unknown

Signs: decreased activity, loss of appetite and kidney failure



Hyrangea

also known as hortensia, hills of snow, seven bark

Toxic to dogs and cats

Cause: cyanogenic glycoside

Signs: diarrhea and vomiting



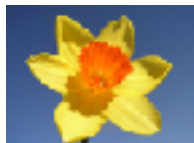
Daffodil

also known as narcissus, jonquil, paper white

Toxic: to dogs and cats

Cause: alkaloids

Signs: vomiting and low blood pressure; convulsions and tremors from ingesting large amounts



Philodendron

also known as cordatum, heartleaf philodendron

Toxic: to dogs and cats

Cause: calcium oxalate crystals

Signs: intense burning and irritation of the mouth, excessive drooling.





Canine Influenza Virus Precautions at AKC Obedience & Rally Events

by PamelaManaton

Dear AKC Obedience and Rally Judges:

A communication was sent to all licensed/member clubs for Obedience and Rally events today. This notice is to remind them to have precautions in place to help prevent the spread of the Canine Influenza Virus at obedience and rally trials. The following statement was provided to them:

"During this outbreak of the canine influenza virus, clubs hosting events are being asked to take extra precautions such as providing hand sanitizers and sanitary wipes ringside. **Clubs should provide a means for judges and stewards to clean their hands between each dog entering the ring.** "It is ultimately up to the club to determine what is best for their event, their club, and their exhibitors given the specifics of their situation."

It is important as a judge at these events to include this information in your steward's briefing to remind them to clean their hands between each dog that enters the ring.

Sincerely,

Pamela Manaton, Director of Obedience, Rally & Tracking

RETIREE'S LAST TRIP TO COSTCO

Yesterday I was at Costco buying a large bag of Purina dog chow for my loyal pet, Necco, The Wonder Dog, which weighs 191 lbs. I was in the check-out line when a woman behind me asked if I had a dog.

What did she think I had, an elephant?

So because I'm retired and have little to do, on impulse I told her that no, I didn't have a dog, I was starting the Purina Diet again. I added that I probably shouldn't, because I ended up in the hospital last time, but that I'd lost 50 pounds before I awakened in an intensive care ward with tubes coming out of most of my orifices and IVs in both arms.

I told her that it was essentially a Perfect Diet and that the way that it works is, to load your jacket pockets with Purina Nuggets and simply eat one or two every time you feel hungry. The food is nutritionally complete so it works well and I was going to try it again. (I should mention here that practically everyone in line was now enthralled with my story.)

Horrorified, she asked if I ended up in intensive care, because the dog food poisoned me. I told her no, I stopped to pee on a fire hydrant and a car hit me.

I thought the guy behind her was going to have a heart attack he was laughing so hard.

Costco won't let me shop there anymore. Better watch what you ask retired people. They have all the time in the world to think of crazy things to say.



"It's all in how they're raised."

"All puppies are blank slates." "If you do everything right with your puppy, you'll have a great adult dog." "If dogs have behavioral issues, we should blame the handle end of the leash." These are common misconceptions I hear as a trainer, and they make me so very sad. Behavior is a combination of nature and nurture, and if we could just take a moment to look logically at these myths, we would see just how silly they are.

Genetics influence behavior. This is part of the reason we have breeds: if you want a dog to work your sheep, you're going to choose a Border Collie, not a Brittany Spaniel. Even though the two dogs have the same basic size and shape, one is more likely to have the instinctive motor patterns to do the work than the other. Getting a Border Collie whose parents successfully work sheep further increases the likelihood of your dog having the necessary genetic ability to be a great shepherd.

In the 1970's, Murphree and colleagues began to study the difference between normal and fearful lines of Pointers. In cross-fostering experiments, puppies from fearful parents were raised by normal mothers. These puppies still turned out fearful, in spite of proper socialization and a confident role model.

Interestingly, puppies from normal parents who were raised by fearful mothers also turned out fearful. **Environment also influences behavior, and the best genetics in the world can't create the perfect dog without a supportive upbringing.**

If we believe that the way a dog is raised is solely responsible for his adult behavior, how can the tremendous success of the Pit Bulls from Michael Vick's kennel and many other fighting operations be explained? With their neglectful and abusive upbringing, we would expect these dogs to be

vicious and unsalvageable. Yet many of them have gone on to become wonderful pets. Some compete in agility or work as certified therapy dogs. Many Pit Bull enthusiasts are adamant that it's all in how the dogs are raised, yet the success of many former fighting dogs tells us that it's more than just that. These amazing, resilient dogs also have to have a sound genetic basis to explain their ability to overcome adversity.

On the other end of the spectrum, many of my clients have done everything right, yet continue to struggle with anxiety or aggression issues in their dogs. Certain lines of Golden Retrievers are known for severe resource guarding issues that often show up even in tiny puppies. Most of my German Shepherd behavioral consults occur when these dogs hit 12-18 months and growl at or bite a stranger. Miniature Australian Shepherds are likely to come to me due to extreme fear issues at 6-10 months of age. Terrier owners often call me when their dog hits social maturity and begins fighting with housemate dogs. While these traits may be common in my area, trainers in other areas of the country report completely different issues in the same breeds due to different lines of dogs with different genetic potentials living and being bred near them. I also see hundreds of friendly, stable, solid Goldens, German Shepherds, mini Aussies, and terriers in our Beginning Obedience and Puppy Kindergarten classes.

The truth is that **dogs are born with a certain genetic potential that will influence which behavioral traits they display.** This could include a dog's sociability towards people, dogs, or other animals; their level of boldness or fearfulness; their likelihood to display anxious or compulsive behaviors; whether they are calm and confident or nervous and neurotic; and many other behavioral factors.

Let's look at one trait to make this more clear. We know that dogs born from fearful parents are

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more likely to be fearful and that dogs with bold parents are more likely to be bold. There is a behavioral continuum, with boldness on one end and fearfulness on the other. Here's what that spectrum would look like. A dog on the left end of the spectrum would be incredibly fearful, while a dog on the right end would be exceedingly confident. Most dogs wind up somewhere in the middle, and dogs on both ends of the spectrum present challenges for their owners.

A dog with bold parents is born with the potential to be quite bold. He is physically capable of bold behavior. However, that doesn't necessarily mean that he will become a bold dog. If his experiences as a puppy and young adult are very limited or if he has negative, scary experiences, he may develop into a fearful adult due to environmental influence. His genetic potential gave him the ability to be bold, but his environment did not nurture that ability.

On the other hand, consider a dog who is born from fearful parents. This dog does not have the genetic potential to be bold. Even given an incredibly supportive and nurturing environment as a puppy and young adult, this dog will always be somewhat fearful because the physical ability to be bold is just not there.

These dogs may present identically when we look at their behavior, in spite of the very different levels of dedication their owners had to socializing and supporting their puppies. However, the genetically bold dog may make a lot of progress with appropriate behavioral interventions, while the genetically fearful dog makes little or none. **This has nothing to do with the skill level of each dog's owner, but rather with the raw material each dog started with.** (This is also, by the way, why ethical trainers do not make guarantees: without knowing what genetic package a dog starts with, there's no way to know how much progress that dog can make until we try.) Do you see how very unfair statements about

how "it's all in how they're raised" are to committed, wonderful dog owners who have dogs with more difficult baselines? Just because your dog flew through a behavior mod program doesn't mean every dog can or will, and assuming that it's all because of the owner is unrealistic and downright cruel. I regularly work with wonderful people who do the best they can with difficult dogs, and that adage about walking a mile in someone's shoes is applicable to their situation. As if living with and training a more difficult dog weren't enough, these people are often subjected to comments and insinuations that if they were just a better handler, a better trainer, or a better leader, their dog would be perfectly fine. This is untrue and incredibly hurtful, and it needs to stop. Do you know anything about your dog's parents? What environmental and genetic factors do you think contributed to your dog's behavior?

(This article was posted in GSD Open Forum by Lisa Correia and originally printed by Paws Ability in Minnesota)

So do you have anything to add to this? There were 163 reviews on the article, but we don't have that much room in the newsletter. If you would like to read some of them, go to: [GSD Open Forum on Facebook](#) and look for this posting.

If you notice in the Review now they are asking for the names of the sire and dam of dogs advertised in it because people like to see that information, Kathleen said. It seems now days some people don't seem to care who is behind their dogs, don't even know the names of their own dog's sire and dam. What they say here about temperament also goes for most other features of your dog...color, missing teeth, monorchidism, structure...genetics are responsible for them.



LITTER BOX

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Whelped: 3/26/17

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Dam: DiWaid's Southern My-Ahh Girl, BN, CD, PCD, RN,
RA, CGC, HTC, Prelim H&E (Good)

Diane Waid, Roy, Washington

diwaid@yahoo.com

Whelped: 4/20/17

Sire: Hurican von den Wolfen, SchH3 OPO3, KKL1
2X BSP, 4X LGA, A Normal H&E, DM Clear

Dam: Hershey von der Hearts, CGC, HIT, HCT,
OFA H&E, DM-Clear

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PLEASE NOTE: The listings of litters in this newsletter are a courtesy to members. A listing does not constitute an endorsement of either the dogs or the breeders by the German Shepherd Dog Club of Washington State.

Two litters per year may be listed in the "Litter Box" for two months for free. After that there is a charge of \$10 per month. Send info to Dalene (editor) and/or to the club's Web Site, gsdcfws.org.

NOTE: New requirements: both the dam **and** sire of litters posted here must be OFA certified and a copy of certificates sent to editor.

Having OFA hips and elbows is very important and since it can be a selling point (and it is too easy to just say they are), proof must be supplied. Such copies will be kept on file so they need not be supplied with subsequent listings for that particular dog.



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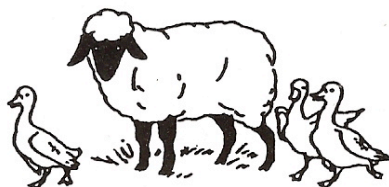
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**Application for Membership
German Shepherd Dog Club of Washington State, Inc.**

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
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Single	Print & online	\$75	\$215	\$355
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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)

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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

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

AUGUST - 2017

St. Bernard Club Specialty and
All-Breed Obedience/Rally
Rainier Sportsman's Club in Rainier, WA
Entries Close July 26, 2017
Show Secy: P.O. Box 88183, Tukwila Station
Seattle, WA 09218-2183

Nisqually Kennel Club - Aug. 12-13
Rainier, WA / Supt: BaRay

Olympic K.C. - Aug. 19-20
Enumclaw, WA / Supt: BaRay

Sammamish K.C. - August 26-27
Snohomish, WA / Supt: BaRay

SEPTEMBER - 2017

Longview-Kelso K.C. - Sept 2-3
St. Helens, OR / supt: M-BF

Eugene K.C. - Sept. 9-10
St. Helens, OR / Supt: SM-B

Timberland Valley Dog Fanciers - Sept 16-17
Chehalis, WA / Supt: BaRay

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

SPECIALTY OBEDIENCE TRIALS

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

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

WSTC Obedience & Rally Trial - Nov. 24, 25, 26

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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.

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To:

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2008, 2010

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The club also has t-shirts available with the club pin picture printed on the front, on the back, or both. This is a new item in our Ways & Means list of club t-shirts (both short and long sleeves), sweatshirts, jackets, etc. also featuring our club logo as seen on the front cover of this newsletter.

While these items are silk screen, you can also purchase polo shirts, vests, jackets, etc. with an embroidered GSD on it along with your name, and/or the club's name, --it's your choice. These items are only available through the club by special order. You've probably seen other members wearing them. They are very reasonably priced.

See Amanda or Kerry at club meetings to order your club and German Shepherd item(s).

Wearing these items is also good publicity for the club, getting our name out to the public.

**OLYMPIC KENNEL CLUB & EASTSIDE
HUSHPUPIES 4-H CLUB
Sanctioned B Match
March 5, 2017**

For those of you who aren't sure, a Sanctioned B Match means it is run like a regular show except no titles or points are awarded to the winners; ribbons are given out; and you can enter the day of the show. It's too late for pre entries, but you can enter on that day at \$10 per dog and an additional \$4 for same dog in second class.

This match is the week end before the Seattle Kennel Club show. If you plan to enter that show, then this will be a good place to enter for some last-minute practice.

The sponsoring clubs provide full concessions and a SPECTACULAR basket drawing



ALSO

The Washington State Obedience club will be holding an AKC Sanctioned Obedience Match on Saturday, April 22 (a Saturday) at Canine College in Redmond (pending AKC approval).

Judges will be Laurie Weaver and Debbie Addicoat (pending AKC approval).

More details in the next issue. Good match to enter 3 weeks before our specialties, still time to enter them if you think your dog might be ready.

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







Summer-time

by Leslee Hooper

"Pavlov, Smavlov"

Summer snubs her nose at Pavlovian conditioning. No one needs to use her as a laboratory experiment. No sir! She watches and waits and then, when the time is perfect, she demonstrates just how getting food, or her special treats, is done! While Pavlov's dogs may have started salivating the moment they saw him or his assistants, Summer says that is simply disgusting and she will have no part of it. And so, The Summer Technique (the name that she has picked for her own experimental training process) was put into place. Summer's assistants, whose names should surprise no one - are Harley and Leslee. She knows them quite well and observes their every move.

Harley is working on Leslee's kitchen. It has not been updated since, well, since it was built in 1964! So he is texturing, painting (Leslee loves the new color), and will be installing new Formica countertops. All of this has required some remodeling and removing of cabinets and shelves; in fact, the very shelves that used to hold Summer's most favored Newman's Own dog treats.

The cabinet beneath those shelves had to be removed. This created a bit of an inconvenience, and so Harley put that cabinet, now a free standing piece, back temporarily for storage purposes. The door of that sad, old cabinet now creaks when the door is opened and it doesn't close tightly. The Newman's Own treats are inside this cabinet.

If you listen closely at any given time of the day or evening, you will hear a faint "creak, creak, creak" sound coming from the kitchen. Then



Harley or Leslee obediently get up and find Summer sitting at that cabinet nudging the door with her nose. This automatically causes Harley or Leslee to dispense the desired treat. Mission accomplished! The Summer Technique has worked. If the door is not completely closed, Summer can open it without any need for her dutiful assistants.

As Pavlov continued to work on his experiment, The Summer Technique is also a work in progress. Summer intends to widen her experimental parameters and prove that she has the knowledge to actually get the treat out of the bag without any help. She still has much work to do before execution of this phase will be complete and ready for publication.

Leslee (as dictated by Summer)



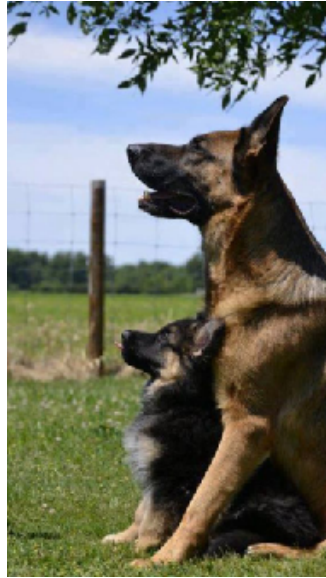


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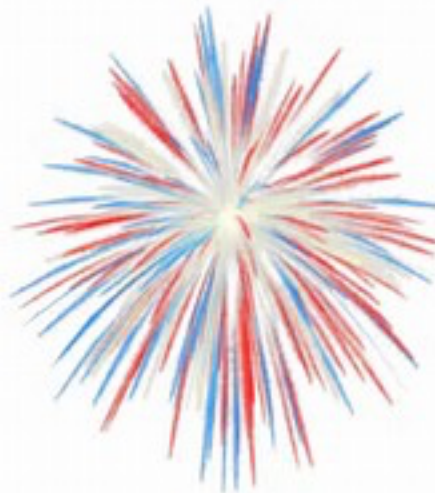
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