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The President's Report, by Amanda Hackbarth

Happy New Year Club Members,

I hope everyone had a great holiday.

I'm excited about the debut of our new online newsletter.

Online will be easier for Dalene because it won't be as complicated to put together. You'll still be able to read about all the happenings of the club and Dalene's Tid Bits.

The February club meeting is our annual awards night. Our food theme is something we haven't done before, a baked potato bar. I'll have a list of food items needed in the February meeting notice. We will also be nominating judges for the 2020 Specialties, 3 judges each for conformation, obedience and rally trials. We will vote on judges at the March meeting.

It's that time of year again when we start asking for trophy donations. Please keep in mind that we have added another day to the specialty this year and we're also hosting the Futurity. Please contact Donna Gonzalez to donate. Her email is knlsunrise@aol.com.

Along with trophy donations we will need more fabulous items for our raffle. Check out those sales.

Hope to see you at the awards night meeting. If at the meeting, or not, send in your judge nominations for all 3 shows to Laura at minadog10@hotmail.com. Have a great Valentine's Day.

Amanda
President GSDCWS



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CLUB PINS AVAILABLE



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

Buy a couple so you don't have to be changing them from one jacket to another.

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 <u>S 188th</u> 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 <u>S.</u> 188th above.

FROM THE EDITOR

Since no one has come forward to take over the editor's job of the club's newsletter, the Board of Directors has asked me to try my hand at putting out a smaller version to be sent out via email to the members. Not sure some computers will be able to open this because of the size. If that's the case, we'll put it on the club's web site as we did in the past. I'll send out a regular email in advance so you know to look for the NSN and can let me know if you did or did not receive it.

This size will not take as much time each month as the old format did, plus I won't have to print them all out, mail them, etc. I'll try this for a couple months and see how it goes. However, it will be up to you out there to submit reports, etc.

Hopefully, there will still be familiar features in the newsletter so it won't seem too different, other than size.

At this point we are planning to keep the President's Report, Editor's report, Tidbits, meeting minutes, any reports chair persons would like to submit, the business card page (Breeders' Directory), and pictures of club events. Maximum size will be 10 pages, as opposed to the 30 pages of previous issues. We just wanted a way to keep the membership informed of club activities. Check out the side bar on page 3 for a list of coming events. Let me know if you have anything to add to it, send it to me by the 18th of the month before the month you want it to be published.

On page 5 there is a list of all the 2019 Futurities; most listings also have the other shows held in conjunction with them.

Let me know what you think about this "new" NSN. We aim to please and keep the membership advised of club activities.

Looking for a match: The collie club is holding a "C" Match at Argus ranch for obedience and rally on Friday, February 22. Enties are \$10. For more information, contact: agilecollie@gmail.com.







Coming Events

February Club Meeting - Feb. 7 Plague Awards and Member of the Year Award. Also: Nominations of Judges for the 2020 specialty shows, bring names of judges you'd like elected.

Snacks: Baked Potato Bar

February 13 - Information due for the premium list for 2019 specialty shows..

March Club Meeting - March 7 Election of Judges for the 2020 shows.

March 13 - Premium list for specialty will be mailed.

March 9-10 - Seattle Kennel Club Shows...Club members man our breed booth both days.

April Club Meeting - April 4 — TBA

April 10 - Any ads for show catalog are due.

April 14 - Club's Obedience and Conformation Match - Carco Park

April 24 - Entries close for Specialties

Specialty Shows - May 11, 12, and 13. Three shows this year, including the Northwest Futurity at Carco Park, Renton, WA. Chairs: Laura Cronin and Donna Gonzalez

Temperament Test - July 14, Carco Park, Renton, WA Contact Kerry Southern for more details.

Tidbits by Dalene

In case you didn't catch it on the club's Facebook, these are the "favors" from the board members Lorrie made for everyone attending the Christmas party. The first picture is how it was packaged and the second is the item itself. Really cute, I keep red candy in mine. These are items left over from

the trophies at the 2018 Specialties.

The newsletter will now be limited to no more than 10 pages so we'll still have room for some "extras" such as articles, pictures, etc.





A big thank you to Erika who put me on to a vet who would come to my house to put Aggie down. The vet's name is Dr. Jason Goodwin. It was all very peaceful. He made a plaster cast of Aggie's paw print for me and clipped some hair to put in a bottle. He's handling the cremation details as well, and will deliver her ashes back to me. Just in case you might be interested in this service. Aggie turned 14 last September; she had a long life and a good life. Many thanks to JoAnn Richards for sending her to me when she was 8 weeks old.

On pages 6 and 7 is an article written by a Newfie breeder (I am guessing) titled "But I Don't Want A Show Dog". How many times have you heard that from people who are looking for a pet GSD. I thought Terri Lewin Gilbert explained it very well and am passing it on to you for the next time someone tells you "But I Don't Want A Show Dog".

Dan Smith of Darby Dan Shepherds passed away on January 14. We're slowly (but not slow enough) losing the backbone of the German Shepherd fancy.

Saw this picture on line. In case you can't read it, it says,

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(Tidbits (Continued)

"For Visitors Who Don't Like Dogs".



I see AKC is selling baseball hats and stocking caps with your breed embroidered on it. \$25 and \$20 for the German Shepherd one. Slight boo-boo under each hat: "A stylish way to show of your favorite breed" (should be show "off")

I'm sure you have attended some club meetings when we've had an interesting program. I go to all of them and even those I am not wild about end up being much more interesting than I had anticipated. It's a shame more people don't take advantage of them. If you have a friend that might be interested, let them know about what's going to be presented at our various meetings. Most of them would certainly be of interest to owners of any breed of dog...we've had canine eye doctors, programs on barn hunt, obedience, first aid for dogs, canine nutrition, etc. Our annual obedience trials are open to all breeds; the temperament test is open to all breeds; the herding test is open to most breeds — so why shut out all-breed owners from our programs at the meetings? We don't charge anything for people to attend them, they are free to leave right after the program if they don't want to sit through club business. It's a win-win situation for them! And you for telling them about it

So next time you see what a program is going to be at a future meeting, check with your "doggy

friends and/or neighbors to see if they would be interested in attending. They may even thank you for it.

Here's a bit of trivia for you...the name of Driscoll raspberries you buy in the stores is Wonder Woman in Spanish. The couldn't register it as Wonder Woman because that name was taken, so they just changed it to the same thing in Spanish.

Erika did really well at the Portland shows and the club's Rally team (of which Erika is a member)went 1st place...of course they were the only team.

Then Erika took first place in Rally Novice B in a class of 19 on Saturday, and first in a class of 17 on Sunday. WOW, is that consistency or what? Her highlight of the week end, though, was meeting Kent Boyles and his dog Tony, currently #1 GSD in the country. The club's obedience team also went 1st as well with the same people on the rally team.

The class trophies at our specialty shows in May are going to be coffee mugs with the club's logo on them. Special trophies will be a mug incorporated in a theme basket.

Canine Dan (I didn't catch the town he is in) is named in honor of a policeman named Dan. Canine Dan was responsible for 8 arrests in a recent week.

When a hockey team won a recent game, the fans threw 6,021 teddy bears on the ice at the end of the game. They will be used for kids in the hospital.

Received a dozen beautiful red roses from chewy.com after they learned Aggie had died. So nice and thoughtful and made the tears flow.

New Orleans may have it over the 12's with the noise they made at their playoff game (and lost). It was hard to hear the announcers over them.

...and the rat's tail fell off





GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF AMERICA 2019 FUTURITIES

Available info as of January, 2019. Subject to change. Please check Futurity and Specialty Club Premium Lists.

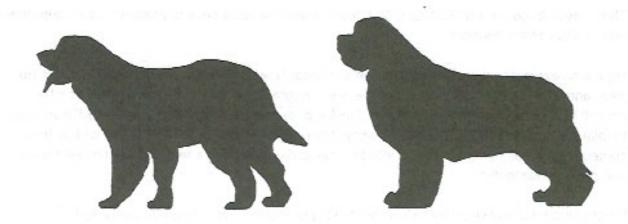
For Questions, email: futurityinfo@gsdca.org



Region	Location	Futurity Host Club	Date	Judge
Northeast	Boxboro, MA	GSDC of Southern New Hampshire		
		Specialty	6/14/2019	Candee Foss
		Specialty AM	6/15/2019	not available
		Specialty PM	6/15/2019	not available
		Futurity	6/16/2019	Adlin Bartley
Mid Atlantic	West Windsor Township, NJ	Northern New Jersey GSDC		
		Specialty AM	5/3/2019	John Bemont
		Specialty PM	5/3/2019	Didi Ardoin
		Futurity	5/4/2019	Vicki Bemont
		All Breed	5/5/2019	James Moses
Southeast	Raleigh, NC	GSDC of Raleigh		
		Specialty	3/22/2019	Steve Bloom
		Specialty	3/23/2019	Dick Jones
		Futurity	3/24/2019	Richard Lortie
Great Lakes	Wilmington, OH	GSDC of Central Ohio		
		Specialty AM	5/25/2019	Butch Stiefferman
		Specialty PM	5/25/2019	Karin Wagner
		Specialty AM	5/26/2019	Diane Silver-Strasser
		Specialty PM	5/26/2016	Jack Kilgour
		Futurity	5/27/2019	Jamie Walker
Mid West	Farmington, MN	GSDC of Minneapolis-St Paul		
		Futurity	6/21/2019	Lorry Bellah
		Specialty AM	6/22/2019	Jack Kilgour
		Specialty PM	6/22/2019	Tony Monk
		Specialty	6/23/2019	Carmen Battaglia
Southwest	Austin, TX	GSDC of Austin		
		Specialty AM	4/6/2019	Frank Fasano
		Specialty PM	4/6/2019	Ardlin Bartley
		Futurity	4/7/2019	Donna Calabrese
South Pacific	Claremont, CA	GSDC of San Gabriel Valley		
		Specialty AM	4/20/2019	Ardlin Bartley
		Specialty PM	4/20/2019	Charlotte LaRosa
		Futurity	4/21/2019	
Mid Pacific	Sacramento, CA	GSDC of Sacramento Valley		
THE POSITION	againments, ar	Futurity	3/29/2019	Jim Hall
		Specialty AM	3/30/2019	Ellie Carson
		Specialty PM	3/30/2019	Max Thompson
		Specialty AM	3/31/2019	Kay Reamensnyder
		Specialty PM	3/31/2019	David Coleman
Northwest	Panton WA	GSDC of Washington State	0,02,000	
	Renton, WA	Specialty	5/10/2019	Tedi Ginsburg
		Specialty AM	5/11/2019	Jerry Guzman
		Specialty PM	5/11/2019	Cyndi Flautt
		Futurity	5/12/2019	Tiffany Bartley

But I Don't Need a Show Dog!

Written by: Terri Lewin Gilbert



Why do people recommend choosing a breeder who shows and titles their dogs to folks who are just looking for a pet and have no interest in showing? Why should breeding to breed standard be important to a pet home? Does it seem excessive, or "snobby"?

It's not, and here's why.

Dog shows are a means of evaluating dogs against the breed standard, to evaluate soundness, movement/gait, type, and temperament.

Soundness: The state of physical and mental health when all organs and faculties are functioning properly, each in its rightful relation to each other.

<u>Type:</u> <u>Breed type</u> encompasses appearance, character, condition, bone structure, temperament, and movement; "breed type is all these things." Breed type also includes a character specific to each breed, a combination of behaviour, temperament and carriage that demonstrate an essence of the breed.

Gait: The gait of a dog is its quality of movement. You want to see ease of movement, unimpaired by illness or poor structure.

<u>Temperament:</u> The general attitude a dog has towards other animals and people. From the Newfoundland Breed Standard: "Sweetness of temperament is the hallmark of the Newfoundland; this is the single most important characteristic of the breed. The Newfoundland is a sweet-dispositioned dog that acts neither dull nor ill tempered. He is a devoted companion." So. That's a very basic intro to what goes on at a show... why does this matter? You want a pet, a companion, not a show dog, right? Well, you chose Newfoundlands for a reason. You've done your research, and have read that they're great with kids and other animals, they're gentle giants, not aggressive, they make excellent companions and love spending time with their people. That their good and kind nature predisposes many Newfs to be excellent therapy dogs. That they're large, and STRONG. Good, responsible breeders seek to preserve those definitive and positive characteristics.

Here's an example—there are aggressive and aloof Newfoundlands. An aggressive dog is no joke, and a 140lb. aggressive dog even less so. Aggression can run in lines. Wouldn't it be difficult to show an aggressive, reactive, fearful, or excessively shy Newfoundland? Do you want to take the gamble and trust someone about their dog's history, or would you rather buy from someone who has taken their dogs into the ring and had the dog's temperament proven over and over, consistently?

What about type and structure? How the dog is put together, able to move freely and comfortably? Would you rather buy from someone who has proven publicly, over time, that the dog they're breeding can move well, free of limp, or a structural problem? Or just trust someone who has no interest in proving their dogs? It's your puppy's quality of life and comfort (as well as your wallet) that's at stake.

Not every dog in a well-bred litter is going to be show quality- there will ALWAYS be pet-quality puppies. Well-bred, but maybe with a slight imperfection, and those are the puppies placed in pet homes. You don't have to want a show-quality puppy to get a well-bred puppy!

Here's the bottom line.... every day, Newf rescue is seeing more and more aggressive Newfs. Newfs in pain because they were poorly bred. Newfs requiring extensive vet care, expensive surgery. People having to remand their dogs to breed rescue because they can't manage the dog, fear the dog, or found out the dog needs costly vet care they can't afford.

This is not about being snobby, being elitist, thinking that one dog is "better" than another, it's about ensuring you get a puppy that acts and looks like the breed you fell in love with. It's about ensuring that all Newf puppies have the best start in life, and will grow into a loving family member. It's about loving our breed enough to want to see everything that's good about them preserved for future generations to enjoy. If you want a healthy dog, with a properly sweet temperament, choose your breeder wisely.

(Note: the two dogs pictured in silhouette above... the one on the right came from a breeder who shows and titles her dogs. He's sweet, healthy, can move freely... he had a good start in life. He looks and acts like a Newf, and will pass those qualities onto his offspring.)

I do not know the author of this article, but I thought it was well written and pertains to any purebred breed. Gives you some good answers when people tell you they are not interested in buying from a breeder, they "just want a pet".

Canine Breed Specific Laws in Washington State Legislature

(This report was submitted by member Diane Waid regarding BSL legislation before our State Legislature. Diane is a lobbyest who goes to Olympia every year when it is in session. This report concerns a new proposed bill on exempting certain dogs from BSL's — Breed Specific Legislation.)

Hello, as we all know BSL (Breed Specific Laws) is dog profiling. These are laws that have been passed in Wa. State jurisdictions that judge dogs on their appearance, or breed, NOT on their behavior.

There is a bill being proposed to this year's session concerning the use of Breed Specific Laws (BLS) in specific jurisdictions. This would allow local authorities BLS control, BUT adds an exemption process. It is proposed that exemptions can be made by allowing dogs to obtain the AKC CGC, or CGC's. Here is a brief summary of the proposed bill;

This bill would preempt local authorities to prohibit possession of a specific breed of dog, to declare a breed of dog to be dangerous or potentially dangerous, or impose other requirements associated with possession of a specific dog breed or breeds, unless a reasonable exemption process is adopted and maintained.

House bill 1026 would allow localities to still pass BSL's (breed specific laws), BUT only if they do all of the following;

- Establish a reasonable process for exempting a dog from BLS, if the dog passes the AKC Canine Good Citizen (CGC) program or a equivalent
- 2. Allow dogs that pass the CGC or equivalent to be exempt from BLS for two years
- 3. Gave owners the opportunity to re-test to maintain their exemption, and
- 4. Give owners whose dogs fail the test the opportunity to re-test in a reasonable time period.

If this bill passes it would be the first step in stopping BSL in WashingtonState, allowing the state to join 19 other states which have eliminated BSL's.

I have to say that, after spending the last 7 some years lobbying for or against bills, in Olympia, I am pretty sure this bill will not get anywhere this year. The way the bill has been written, there are too many grey areas, and uncovered issues for this bill to pass this year (like what is to be done with a dog if it doesn't pass, or during the wait for a new test, required minimum age to test etc.). I see this as a great step and the beginning of eliminating dog profiling in our state! Obtaining the AKC temperament test is one good way of proving individual dog's temperaments as safe for the general public and for allowing such dogs to reside in areas with BSL's. As we all know, this does nothing to stop bad people from making bad dogs, but it is a great beginning to start banishing BSL's from our state! We need to watch for this bill to come back in the 2020 legislative session, as I am sure that it will be rewritten to cover the grey areas and concerns of the Representatives and Senators that were pointed out this year, and of course if and when you talk to your districts Reps and Senator, feel free to tell them your opinion on BLS's, a few comments is all it takes to get their attention, letting them know how the average people feel on different subjects!

(Diane has offered to submit a writeup on the following law for next month's issue). This new law went into affect January 1, 2019 concerning the misrepresentation of service dogs, which allows fines and criminal action to be taken if you are found to be misrepresenting a service dog. Thanks for the offer, Diane...we'll take you up on it.)









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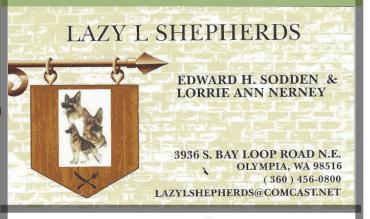
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