



Wag 'N' Tongue

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German Shepherd Dog Club of St. Louis, Inc.

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Mission Statement

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

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

Meeting Information

Meetings begin at 8 pm on the third Friday of each month at the American Kennel Club Museum of the Dog, 1721 S. Mason Road in Queeny Park, home of the Museum. It is accessible from Interstate 40/64 at the Mason Rd. exit or from I-270 by taking the Manchester exit to Mason Road.

Our next meeting will be on Friday, May 21, 2010 at the Museum.

Obedience Classes

Obedience Class for all breeds began on March 11, 2010 and will be available to the Public. Classes are held on Thursdays from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM at the AKC Museum of the Dog. Cost for 10-week Novice class: Club Member \$65, Club member puppy buyers \$75, General Public \$85. For more information contact: Danny Rosemann Stlmickey2@charter.net (314) 772-8885.

Spring Specialty Show

Our 2010 shows will be held on Friday and Saturday, May 14 & 15, 2010 at Purina Farms in Gray Summit. Conformation judge on Friday is Jerry Graham and on Saturday is Don Smith. All-Breed Rally and Obedience will be held Saturday and Sunday with Randy Capsel and Rick Garvin will be judging Rally and Obedience on Sunday. The Midwest Futurity will be held on Sunday, May 16th with Greg Harrison doing the amateur judging and Jorge Noya doing the regular Futurity/Maturity judging. Our K-9 services and buffet will be held on Sunday at lunchtime. GSDCA Temperament Test will be held at the Host Hotel after Best Puppy judging on Saturday. Purina Farms will give tours of the new building on Saturday after the show. Hospitality will be held at the Diamond Inn (Host Hotel) on Saturday at 6:30 pm. Gail Stiefferman, Show Chairman, needs help from every member with this show. Home phone 636-274-3292; cell phone 314-660-3305, work phone 636-461-2900, email forstknoll@aol.com. Premium list is on our website (Thanks, Bill!). Show Secretary is Danny Rosemann (314) 772-8885, stlmickey2@charter.net. Futurity show secretary is Gail Rutter 573-470-3505 or ruttergsd@socket.net.



WE NEED YOUR HELP!
Need Ring Stewards, help
with Saturday's Temperament
Test, and so on!

Minutes

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Friday, January 15, 2010

President Rosalind North called the meeting to order at 8:15 pm at the AKC Museum of the Dog. The roll was called with Karen Hynek, and Margaret O'Neill absent. There were no guests. October 30th and November 20th regular meeting minutes were read. Glenn Murphy moved and Robin Weinstein seconded the motion for them to be approved. **Yeas: All**

Treasurer's Report for November was read. Glenn Murphy moved and Pam Aman seconded the motion for it's approval. **Yeas: All**

Treasurer's Report for December was read. Butch Stiefferman moved and Glenn Murphy seconded the motion to approve it with corrections. **Yeas: All**

Kathy Redford, Corresponding Secretary, offered information from "My Personal Pet" about home decorations. She also received correspondence from National Animal Interest Alliance, who asked for a donation. She received some correspondence from AKC regarding our May shows.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Obedience Training: Joan Senyard stated they had one more class. There should be 5 or 6 graduates.

Club Projects: Gail Rutter stated club T-shirts and sweat shirts were available for pick up this evening.

Phone Line: Danny Roseman said she's not received many puppy calls even though some club members now have puppies.

Club Awards: Marcia Hadley stated there has been a date change in the February meeting, which will be the 26th in the Museum's Constellation room (upstairs). Deadline for award entries is Friday, February 5, 2010. No dogs except dogs receiving awards that evening may attend. Pot luck and cake will be held after awards ceremony.

Ways & Means: Chairman Betty Sills asked for more raffle items.

May Shows and Futurity/Maturity: Gail Stiefferman stated AKC has approved all applications. The conformation shows will be held on the upper level at Purina Farms. If someone would chair a CGC, they need to volunteer right away. Roz North stated she would check into it more. Diamond Inn is to send a room contract. Hospitality is planned for Saturday evening at the Diamond Best Western Inn at a cost of about \$500. From the futurity catalog ads, our club gets 80% of \$125 Midwest ads. Mid-February is ad deadline. Liana New designed the Review ad, which will be in the upcoming issue. Danny Rosemann is the Specialty show secretary on Friday and Saturday. Gail Rutter is the Futurity/Maturity Show Secretary on Sunday. An

Amateur Futurity has been approved with Greg Harrison assigned as judge. This will be held on Sunday before the regular Futurity Show. Gail asked for volunteers to ring steward. K-9 officer awards will be held on Sunday at the noon break. Glenn Murphy moved and Marilee Wilkinson seconded the motion to allow the purchase pork steaks to barbeque. **Yeas: All** Raffle at the shows was discussed.

ELECTION:

Rosalind North thanked the club for the honor of serving them for the past two years. Since she will serve on the board as past board president, she withdrew her name from the vice president slate. Members who volunteered for positions were thanked. Written ballots were used for the election of officers: **President**, Gail Stiefferman; **Vice-President**, Larry Duerbeck; **Recording Secretary**, Helen Abbott; **Corresponding Secretary**, Kathy Redford; and **Treasurer**, Marilee Wilkinson. The following members were elected to serve on the board: Greg Harrison, Glenn Murphy, Marcia Hadley, Danny Rosemann, Betty Sill, Frank Martinez, and Margaret O'Neill. Marilee Wilkinson moved and Glenn Murphy seconded the motion to keep the tally and destroy the ballots. **Yeas: All**

OLD BUSINESS:

Glenn Murphy brought examples of vinyl club decals, which need to be bought in bulk to save money. The club needs to make a selection of one.

NEW BUSINESS:

John Glick presented a flyer listing missing dogs in the area. The club could advertise obedience training, etc. with a \$5 ad on the back page. Danny Rosemann moved and Betty Sill seconded the motion to advertise on the back page in the flyer. **Yeas: All** Helen Abbott announced she and her husband were dog sitting, if anyone was interested.

Meet the Breed will be August 28th (a Saturday) at the Museum. The club needs to decide if they want the annual picnic on Saturday or Sunday.

Braggs made \$9.50.

Marilee Wilkinson moved and Kathy Redford seconded the motion to adjourn. **Yeas: All**

Board of Directors

Welcome to the new 2010-11 Board of Governors of the German Shepherd Dog Club of St. Louis, Inc.

President.....Gail Stiefferman
Vice-President.....Larry Duerbeck
Secretary.....*WE NEED SOMEONE!*
Treasurer.....Marilee Wilkinson
Corresponding Secretary.....Kathy Redford

Board.....Greg Harrison, Glenn Murphy, Marcia Hadley, Danny Rosemann, Betty Sill, Frank Martinez, and Margaret O'Neill.

Please offer to help these people and the Committee Chairmen (listed below) this year by volunteering your time and talent to help with club activities and projects. Please check out the website for committee chairmen and give them a call to volunteer your help!

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

- Ways & Means/Raffle**.....Betty Sill
- Junior Handlers**..... Elizabeth Stiefferman
- Specialty Shows**.....Gail Stiefferman
- Judge Selection**.....Greg Harrison
- PEC (Public Education Coordinator)**
- Cards & Flowers**.....Kelly Murphy
- K-9 Awards** Bill & Dyan Harper
- K-9 Buffet**Rosalind North
- Website** Bill Harper
- Annual Club Awards** Marcia Hadley
- Educational Programs**.....Helen Rockman
- Phone Line** Danny Rosemann
- Meeting Refreshments**..... OPEN
- Puppy Match** Helen Abbott
- Video Library**Kathy Redford
- Halloween Party**..... Marcia Hadley
- August Picnic**.....
- Obedience Training**.....Joan Senyard
- Audit**..... Pam Aman
- Meet the Breed Day**..... Helen Rockman
- Newsletter**.....Gail Rutter
- Christmas Party**.....Helen Abbott
- Property**.....Butch Stiefferman & Roz North
- Membership/Hospitality**.....Carolyn Martinez

Whelping Box

Litter announcements are **FREE** to all club members! Danny Rosemann, phone chairman, has been getting calls from people interested in adding a German Shepherd Dog to their family!

Breeder's Directory

Ads for members are **\$15.00 per year**. To advertise in the Wag, please contact me. Ads are for puppies, stud service, Obedience Training, Handlers, Boarding, etc.

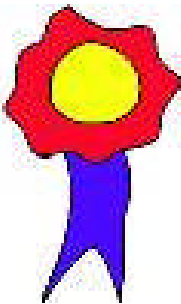
Braggs ~ Win*Place*Show ~

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

Mult BISS, RFD Midwest, Am Ch FaithRock Caralon Good Vibrations, CD, RN, HIC, TC, CGC, CHIC, OFA H/E is number 7 2009 top Futurity/Maturity Sires and Dams in Canada!! ~~ Terry & Larry Rock, FaithRock German Shepherds

On 03/13/2010 at the Columbia KC, Cimarron's Free Fallin' came all so close to getting that last major to finishing her championship. But Shortcake took second in her AmBred bitch class and went on for Reserve Winners Bitch under judge Christopher Neale. Julie Foster showed Shortcake for this almost win.~~Steve Dobbins, Cimarron Shepherds <http://www.cimarron-gsd.com/>

CaralonQED announces our newest Champion daughter by "BAD BOY and WINGS"...CaralonQED On Angel Wings. Angel finished at the Tampa Specialties with back-to-back four point majors. Thank you to our judges: Joanna Rand and Tom Draheim. And a BIG HUG and thank you to Mike and Debbie. Angel is named after Clara Dean and Bill Hope's GV Fettucinni but she has not always lived up to her call name...Angel! And thanks to Tiffany and Joanne for guiding this not always an Angel to her first two majors.



In Memoriam

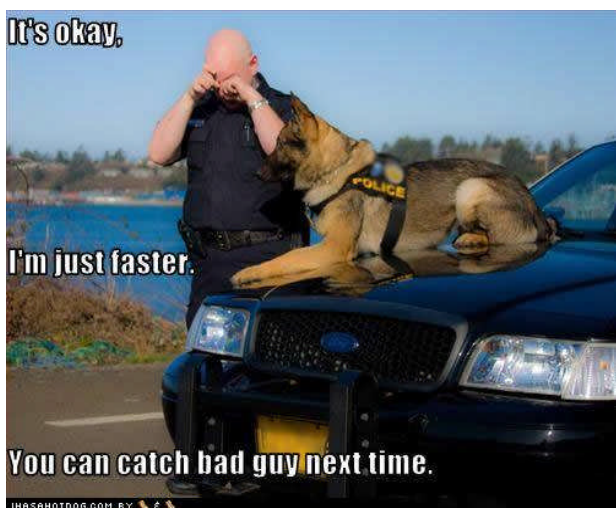
Ch.Winsome's Hucklebeary Finn, TT passed away on March 1st, 2010 after recovering from ehrlichia. Before the correct diagnosis of his illness was made and treatment given, physical breakdown had already begun. He survived six months after recovering, but his body soon gave out because of the extreme damage done by the disease. He was my best friend, "buddy", and a my first champion. He always wanted to make YOU happy - he was a great dog with a great personality. He will be missed for many, many years. by those who knew and loved him He was co-owned by Gail Rutter and Frank Fasano, and Carolyn and Frank Martinez cared for him and loved him, too.

Edgewood's Firestorm v Judeen (owned by Gail Rutter) and **CH.DeRousse's Tom Cruise Judeen** (owned by Judy DeRousse) died within months of each other. Both are members of the GSDCA 13 club, the only two in the litter. They had a unique personality, and loved to be around their people. Both will be remembered and are missed much by those who knew and loved them.

Love them while you have them 'cause one day you'll wish they were there to hug!

Health Matters

Cleaning Techniques: Wipe your dog's paws before coming indoors. Vacuum carpet and furniture with a vacuum cleaner that has a HEPA filter. Wash wood floors with Murphy's Oil Soap or a little vinegar in a bucket of warm water. If you have tile or vinyl flooring, use a solution of 3% hydrogen peroxide and water (1 tablespoon per bucket of water). There's no need to rinse and no odor. To remove a bad stain on your carpet, mix 1 cup white vinegar with 4 c water in a spray bottle. Spray the stain, allow to set for a few minutes; then rub with a damp cloth. Sprinkle the area with 1 cup of baking soda. When mixture is completely dry, vacuum. Kill mildew in showers with hydrogen peroxide, too.



History Lesson

Part I: In 1889 **Captain Max von Stephanitz** began the standardization of the breed. It all started at a dog show in Karlsruhe in western Germany. A medium-sized yellow-and-gray wolflike dog caught his attention. The dog was of the primal canine type, supple and powerful, and possessed endurance, steadiness, and intelligence. He was a working sheepherder, born with this ability, requiring no training other than direction and finish to become

proficient at the task. This dog, Hektor Linksrhein, was purchased by von Stephanitz, renamed **Horand von Grafath**, and became the first registered German Shepherd Dog.

Von Stephanitz founded the Verein für Deutsche Sch-ferhunde, SV (German Shepherd Dog Club), becoming the first president, and in a short period of time achieved the standardization of form and type in the breed. A standard was developed based on mental stability and utility. The captain's motto was "Utility and intelligence". To him beauty was secondary, and a dog was worthless if it lacked the intelligence, temperament, and structural efficiency that would make it a good servant of man. A breed standard was developed as a blueprint dictating the exact function and relationship of every aspect of structure, gait, and inherent attitude.

Von Stephanitz inbred heavily on Horand and also Luchs, his brother, to consolidate the bloodline. Horand's best son, Hektor von Schwaben, the second German Sieger, was mated with his half-sister as well as through daughters of his own sons, **Beowulf**, Heinz von Starkenberg, and Pilot III.

The first German Shepherd Dog exhibited in America was in 1907. Mira von Offingen, imported by Otto Gross, was shown by H. Dalrymple, of Port Allegheny, Pennsylvania in the open class at Newcastle and Philadelphia. The first championships awarded German Shepherd Dogs was in 1913. In 1913 the German Shepherd Dog Club of America was formed by Benjamin Throop and Anne Tracy, with 26 charter members. The German Shepherd Dog Club of America's first specialty show was at Greenwich, Connecticut in 1915.

In 1922 Germany introduced a system of regular breed surveys - a criticism of each dog, with a graded description and recommendation for (or against) breeding. This type of system never caught on in America due largely to the cultural differences inherent in American society. However, good dogs were still produced, as German dogs were easily available for American dollars highly sought after in inflationary Germany. (continued...)

WHAT IS A FUTURITY?

First of all, a Futurity is a Puppy Match and a Breeders show. It has come into being through the annals of horse racing. For centuries horse breeders have nominated unborn foals representing the pedigree mares and fabulous stallions from overseas.

Many, many years ago the German Shepherd Dog Futurities rules required the actual presence of the

sires and dams of the individual puppies in the show. We are now only concerned with the puppies themselves. It is a breeder's show because these puppies are the result of a breeder's plan and/or breeding program. Because entire litters are nominated and generally many show, it gives a better picture of the results of the combinations of certain bloodlines (which is not always obtained in the regular show ring where generally there are only one or two of a litter shown at a time).

A Futurity is different from a regular show in many ways. Litters must be nominated for Futurities where in regular competition they need not be. Competition in Futurities is in age groups, while this is not true otherwise. There are no championship points given. Rather than Best of Breed, the winner is designated Best in Futurity.

In order to nominate a litter you must be a member of the German Shepherd Dog Club of America Inc. or apply for membership at time of nomination. A puppy may be entered and shown in only one region even if his litter was nominated in a different region.

Puppies must be entered in their proper age class regardless of development, maturity, or personal preference of the exhibitor. The winners of each class are judged in a combined group with the best male puppy being designated Futurity Male. A Reserve Futurity Male will be designated. Then the puppies of the opposite sex are judged with like results. The Futurity Male and Futurity Female are then eligible to compete for Best in Futurity and Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Futurity.

The Maturity Section is judged after the Futurity judging is finished. This part of the show is for those dogs that have been entered, but not necessarily shown in the previous years Futurity. The Maturity is divided into two classes only - dogs and bitches. The winners of these classes compete for the title of Best in Maturity and Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Maturity. A Reserve Maturity Male and a Reserve Maturity Female is also designated.

Futurity and Maturity winners and all Futurity and Maturity Reserve winners will be eligible to compete at the GSDC National Specialty for the titles of Futurity Victor and Victrix and Maturity Victor and Victrix.

If you nominate your litter(s) for the 2011 Futurities before they are 7 days old, the nomination is FREE, thanks to Purina! Please keep in mind that, once you have bred your bitch and confirmed that she is in whelp, you may nominate the litter even before the

pups are born and you guessed it ... it's FREE!

If, Futurities do indeed, "Forecast the future," this should be an all-important show. It should be important for breeder's competition, an early look at up and coming young dogs, a look at what the breeder's in your geographical location are accomplishing in their breeding programs, and a look at and into what we are doing for and to our breed.

A JOKE A DAY

A man with a German Shepherd walks into a bar and sits down at the counter. The bartender says, "Hey Pal, you can't bring that dog in here!"

The man replies, "But this is a Seeing Eye dog!" The bartender skeptically replies, "Well, all right, I guess you both can stay."

After a while, the man and his dog get up to leave. Passing through the door, another man with a small Poodle is coming in.

The man with the German Shepherd says, "The bartender won't like you bringing in your dog, but if you tell him it's a Seeing Eye dog he'll let it go."

The man with the poodle acknowledges this and thanking the man he passes and enters the bar. The bartender sees the dog and says, "Hey Buddy! You can't bring that Poodle in here!"

The man stares straight ahead and shaking his head says, "What! They gave me a Poodle?"

Parent Club News



2010 National will be held at Farmington, UT (10/10 - 16) at the Davis County Legacy Events Center, 151 South 1100 West, Farmington, Utah 84025

Happy Birthday!

JANUARY

Marilee Wilkinson

FEBRUARY

Annette LaBruyere

MARCH

Greg Harrison
Marcia Hadley

APRIL

Steve Dobbins
Peri Harrison
Frank Martinez
Pat Parsons

Please let me know what month your birthday is in if I've missed you! Thanks!

Editor News

Hopefully, you found our club's newsletter to be informative and something to help keep our club members informed and unified.

I need ideas, cartoons, educational information, brags, anything that would make this newsletter something you would look forward to getting! If anyone has software for a publishing program (i.e. pagemaker) and/or clipart, I would appreciate being able to use it to do a more professional issue of the newsletter.

If some members prefer to have the newsletter e-mailed, please send me permission at ruttergsd@socket.net or call (573) 470-3505. Also, Bill Harper will be putting it on the club's website. If you would prefer simply to look at it on the website or print a copy for yourself there, this would save the club the cost of printing and postage. Please let me know if the alternate methods of delivery would be permissible. I look forward to a having lots of fun with this.

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