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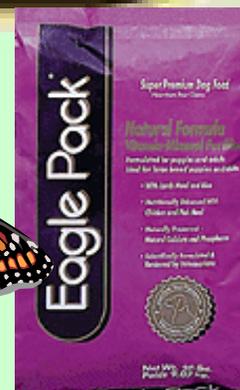
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**Happy
St Patrick's Day !**



**Make Plans To Be At
Our March Club
Meeting on
March 13, 2006
at 8 PM**

**Our guest speaker is
Dr Jeanne Ward
and the topic is
Dog Massage.**

**DON'T MISS OUT ON
THIS ONE !**



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Early Spay-Neuter Considerations for the Canine Athlete

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To neuter or not to neuter...

There are a number of studies that suggest that those of us with canine athletes should be carefully considering our current recommendations to spay or neuter all dogs at 6 months of age or earlier. A study by Salmeri et al in 1991 (Salmeri et al JAVMA 1991;198:1193-1203) found that bitches spayed at 7 weeks were significantly taller than those spayed at 7 months, and that those spayed at 7 months had significantly delayed closure of the growth plates than those not spayed (or presumably spayed after the growth plates had closed). The sex hormones close the growth plates, so the bones of dogs or bitches neutered or spayed before puberty continue to grow. This growth frequently results in a dog that does not have the same body proportions as he/she was genetically meant to. For example, if the femur is normal length at 8 months when a dog gets spayed or neutered, but the tibia, which normally stops growing at 12 to 14 months of age continues to grow, then an abnormal angle may develop at the stifle. In addition, with the extra growth, the lower leg below the stifle becomes heavier (because it is longer), causing increased stresses on the cranial cruciate ligament. This is confirmed by a recent study showing that spayed and neutered dogs have a higher incidence of CCL rupture (Slauterbeck JR, Pankratz K, Xu KT, Bozeman SC, Hardy DM. Canine ovariohysterectomy and orchiectomy increases the prevalence of ACL injury. Clin Orthop Relat Res. 2004 Dec;(429):301-5).

In addition, a study in 2004 in JAVMA (Spain et al. JAVMA 2004;224:380-387) showed that dogs spayed or neutered before 5 1/2 months had a significantly higher incidence of hip dysplasia than dogs spayed or neutered after 5 1/2 months of age. If I were a breeder, I would be very concerned about this, because it would mean that I might be making incorrect breeding decisions if I were considering the hip status of pups I sold that were spayed or neutered early. Interestingly, this same author also identified an increased incidence of sexual behaviors in males and females that were neutered early.

A number of studies, including the one by Spain referenced above, have shown that there is an increase in the incidence of female urinary incontinence in dogs spayed early. This problem is an inconvenience, and not usually life-threatening, but nonetheless one that requires the dog to be medicated for life.

Yes, there is the concern that there is an increased risk of mammary cancer if a dog has a heat cycle. But it is my observation that fewer canine athletes develop mammary cancer as compared to the number that damage their cranial cruciate ligaments. In addition, only about 50 % of mammary tumors are malignant, and those that are malignant don't metastasize very often, particularly in these days when there is early identification and removal of lumps found on our dogs.

In addition, when considering cancer, there is another study of 3218 dogs that showed that dogs that were neutered before a year of age had a significantly increased chance of developing bone cancer (Cooley DM, Beranek BC, Schlittler DL, Glickman NW, Glickman LT, Waters D, Cancer Epidemiol Biomarkers Prev. 2002 Nov;11(11):1434-40), a cancer that is much more life-threatening than mammary cancer, and which affects both genders.

Finally, in another study, unneutered males were significantly less likely than neutered males to suffer cognitive impairment when they were older (Hart BL. J Am Vet Med Assoc. 2001 Jul 1;219(1):51-6). Females were not evaluated in that study.

For these reasons, I have significant concerns with spaying or neutering dogs before puberty, particularly for the canine athlete. And frankly, if something is more healthy for the canine athlete, would we not also want that for pet dogs as well? But, of course, there is the pet overpopulation problem. How can we prevent breeding while still leaving the gonads to produce the hormones that are so important to canine growth and development? The answer is by performing vasectomies in males and tubal ligation in females. The down side is that some unwanted behaviors associated with intact males like dog aggression, marking, humping are not affected by a vasectomy. On the other hand, it has been my experience that females and neutered males participate in these activities too! The other downside is that vets don't normally do this procedure. But some do, and maybe it is time that more learned.

In any case, I think it is important that we assess each situation individually. If a pet dog is going to live with an intelligent, well-informed family that understands the problem of pet overpopulation and can be trusted to keep their dogs under their control at all times and to not breed them, I do not recommend spaying or neutering before 14 months of age. In the case of dogs and bitches that might be going to less vigilant families, vasectomy and tubal ligation will allow proper growth while preventing unwanted pregnancies.

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The GSDC of Atlanta
encourages visitors to
attend.

Our next meeting is March 13, 2006.

Club Meeting Minutes

Club meeting minutes can be found in the
members only section of the club
website at www.gsdcatlanta.us

Please note that our website has
changed to :

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It Wasn't Me !!

IF I DIDN'T HAVE DOGS:

I could walk around the yard barefoot in safety.

**My house could be carpeted
instead of tiled and laminated.**

**All flat surfaces, clothing, furniture,
and cars would be free of dog hair.**

When the doorbell rings, it wouldn't sound like a kennel.

**When the doorbell rings, I could get to the door without
wading through fur bodies who beat me there.**

**I could sit on the couch the way I wanted, without taking
into consideration how much space several of those same
fur bodies would need to get comfortable.**

**I would not be on a first-name basis
with three veterinarians.**

The most used words in my vocabulary would not be:

**"out," "sit," "quiet," "here," "off,"
and "leave him/her/it ALONE."**

**My house would not be quartered off into zones
with baby gates or barriers.**

**My pockets would not contain things like poop bags, dog
treats and an extra leash.**

**I would no longer have to spell out words like B-A-L-L-
F-R-I-S-B-E-E, C-A-R, L-E-A-S-H, R-I-D-E, or W-A-L-K.**

**I would not have as many leaves
INSIDE my house as outside.**

**I'd look forward to spring and the melting of snow in-
stead of dreading "mud season."**

**I would not have to answer the question "Why do you
have so many dogs?" from people who will never have the
joy in their lives of knowing they are loved unconditionally
by something as close to an angel as they will ever get.**

How very empty my life would be.

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to a heavy personal
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Volunteer to provide
refreshments for a club
meeting. Refreshments
need not be elaborate.

Just finger food and drinks.

February : Floyd Pickett

March : Demetria Utley

April : Lee Jewel

May : Peggy Kurz

June : OPEN

Scandal in the Ready Ring is an anthology of articles I have written at various times throughout my encounter with that subculture called "The Dog Show". The German Shepherd Guardian, the club monthly newsletter in Atlanta, was first to publish some of these. Various other club monthlies throughout the "doggie" world in the U.S. and in Europe reprinted some others. A good number are brand new.

I have found that to experience the wonderful world of purebred dogs and dog shows in a healthy way, I must consciously keep my attitude light and somewhat fanciful. To do otherwise destroys my perspective and makes what should be a diversion into the kind of everyday drudgery I mean to escape.

I trust that no one will be offended by any of the characters or comments appearing in here. They are all figments of my imagination intended to amuse you.

"Angels can fly because they take themselves lightly"

-Anon

DOG SHOW TERMINOLOGY

A GUIDE FOR THE NOVICE

or

"LET'S GO MARTHA .. I CAN'T UNDERSTAND A DAMNED WORD!"

Realize it or not, my new friend. .. Like it or not, .. you are about to face a curious mystique that has been silently breeding its own complex, nonstandard vocabulary. I pity you, the wretched dog show novice, who wanders onto our scene with pet in tow .. You, the naive, trusting, even smiling soul, who straight-away is assailed by a mystifying parlance that excites and shocks your pedestrian sensibilities .. What must you think when you hear the announcement, "NOVICE BITCHES TO THE READY RING!" .. and then see that cute young thing in the hot pants bolt up shouting to her sister exhibitors, "THAT'S US!"?

In the interest of you soon-to-be-initiated clods, or, if you get hooked on this "dog show" thing, you soon-to-be-poor clods, I have prepared a short list of terms commonly heard at ringside. I have also drawn upon my years of experience to provide working definitions for you, thereby easing the trauma of that first brush with the "doggy people". Study them well. .. Take notes. .. Show them to your dog.

ANGULATION	The distance in centimeters from the top of your dog's rear to the tip of his right hind foot divided by the number of times the judge has been to your house for dinner.
BALANCE	Your animal's ability to walk and run without tripping or falling down a lot.
BITE	That time when your dog closes his jaws about the judge's fingers. If the judge is able to continue without first-aid, your dog's bite is said to be "poor".
BITCHY DOG	A male animal that is particularly irritable at breakfast. Often carries a small purse. . Might display a penchant for flashy jewelry and show tunes.
BRED BY EXHIBITOR	See " www.woofxx.com ".

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CROSSING OVER	Idiosyncrasy of some dogs causing them to leap continually from the back of the SUV over into the rear seat.
CROUP	When your dog coughs and chokes as he moves, he is said to have "BAD CROUP".
DOGGY BITCH	Lady Breeder.
EAR SET	Each dog of show quality must have one .. consisting of two .. preferably to the right and left respectively.
HIP DYSPLASIA	A genetic fault peculiar to swingers". .. See "PROFESSIONAL HANDLER".
HOCK JOINT	A commercial establishment sometimes used to provide funds for showing dogs.
LOOK OF EAGLES	An expression notable in the eyes of your dog, as if he were saying, "You touch me, you Shmuck, and I'll ..".See "BITE".
LOOSE LEAD	Term cried out by the judge when the dog in the front escapes his handler.
NOVICE	The word used to describe a dog that doesn't know what it's all about .. Sounds more civilized than, "IGNORANT BITCHESTO THE READY RING!" .. Don't you agree?
OPEN	This term is used to describe those dogs and bitches that are completely frank about their personal lives, breeding habits, etc.
OVER SHOT	Describes an obedience dog that has jumped six feet into the air attempting to clear a two-foot obstacle.
SAW HORSED	An obedience dog that has cleared the high hurdle with his front, but has fallen short with his rear, is said to be "SAW HORSED"
SET UP	The term used to describe owners convinced by their "friends" to enter whole litters of puppies in order to inflate the number of points in a match. .. You will hear, "Did you see how he/she was SET UP?".
SHORT COUPLED	A dog with peculiarly undersized co-owners is described as SHORT COUPLED".
UNDER SHOT	An obedience dog that has jumped too soon and has landed still on the near side of the hurdle.
WHELP	The sound made by a show dog at ringside when a spectator treads on his tail.

I sincerely hope that this brief glossary will somehow help. ..
If not, don't be discouraged. .. Show your dog .. What? ..
You remember "SET UP"? .. Well, I guess you *did* learn something.

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I know you'll do what must be done,
To end this fight that can't be won.*

*I don't fear death as humans do,
So let me try to comfort you,
Come: let us take a quiet stroll,
And share some quietness soul to soul.*

*No need for words 'twixt you and I,
No need to say a last good-bye,
We've grown so close in mind and heart,
It seems so cruel that we must part.*

*Be sure I sense the pain you'll feel,
Without me walking at your heel,
The days will feel full of despair,
Your "Champ" simply won't be there.*

*In time the pain will slowly wane,
You'll think of me and smile again,
You'll speak with love and pride of me,
Your extra special G.S.D.*

*Now take me where my needs they'll tend,
And stay there with me till the end,
Hold me close with soft good-byes,
'Till life's bright light has left my eyes.*

*The final sound I need to hear,
Is your soft voice upon my ear.
Your loving face will fade and dim,
As the rush of heaven closes in*



This was what was read at the GSDC of Atlanta Awards Banquet when Champ and Ann received their CD Title."

Champ, my first competition dog!!!!!!

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Whether it be Obedience, Tracking, Herding, Dancing, Therapy Dog work, or just walking in the park, it is always a pleasure to spend time with Champ. He has certainly taught me a lot about life and brought many happy memories to me, my family, and friends. He supports me in whatever I ask of him!

If only I could love him as much as he loves me !

Thank you to my husband, Brandt, for allowing me the luxury to enjoy a dog like Champ, providing all that you do for both of us! We certainly couldn't do all the fun things we do without your support!

I love you and thank you for this opportunity !!!!

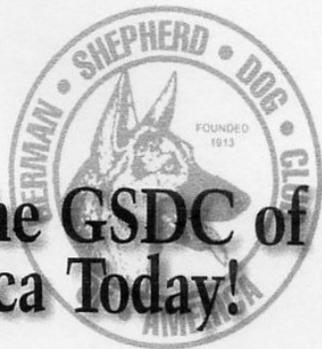
Ann Wilkerson

Our sympathies to Ann and Brandt Wilkerson on their loss of Champ

February 06, 2006

Champ was a wonderful, faithful companion to Ann and Brandt for years and was an awesome ambassador of the breed to so many people at the events that he attended such as Pawfest, Fort Benning dedications, Celebrate Freedom Festivals and so many more. He will be missed by many.

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Got a favorite recipe you want to share ?
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Pee-Not Butter Bones

Prep-time 30 minutes

Ingredients:

2 C whole wheat flour
1 T baking powder
1 C skim milk
1 C creamy peanut butter

Preheat oven to 375 degrees
Combine flour and baking powder in a medium bowl. In another bowl mix peanut butter and milk then slowly add flour mixture and mix well. Turn dough out on lightly floured surface and knead until smooth. Roll out to 1/4" thickness and cut dough into bones or sticks. Place on oiled baking sheet and bake 20 minutes or until lightly brown. Cool on rack and store in airtight container



Pasta with Tomato–Mushroom Sauce

- 1 pound penne
- 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 medium onions, diced
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 8 ounces button mushrooms, sliced
- 1/3 cup dry red wine
- 4 cups torn escarole (optional)
- 3/4 cup chopped fresh herbs (such as parsley and oregano)
- 1 28-ounce can crushed tomatoes
- 1 cup thinly sliced basil leaves
- 1/2 cup freshly grated Pecorino Romano or Parmesan

Cook the penne according to the package directions. Meanwhile, heat the oil in a large saucepan over medium heat. Add the onions, 1/2 teaspoon of the salt, and 1/4 teaspoon of the pepper and cook, covered, until the onions are softened, about 8 minutes. Add the garlic and mushrooms and cook, covered, for 6 minutes more. Add the wine and cook, uncovered, for 3 minutes. Stir in the escarole (if using) and chopped herbs, season with the remaining salt and pepper, and cook for 4 minutes. Add the tomatoes and heat through. Stir in the basil. Transfer the pasta to plates, spoon the sauce over the top, and sprinkle with the cheese.

The German Shepherd Herding Dog

By Ellen Nickelsberg Copyright 1991 Hoflin Publishing Ltd.

The genetic roots of the German shepherd breed today go directly back to the blood of the working shepherd dogs in the fields of Germany. The generic shepherd dog of 100 years ago itself evolved over the centuries out of hunting, protecting, driving and herding dogs, in that order. The energy, temperament and working character of the shepherd dog was so highly regarded by the founder of the breed, von Stephanitz, that 25 years after organizing the SV in 1899 he wrote: "The dogs that are bred by our shepherds are indeed a fountain of rejuvenation for our race, from which it must satisfy its needs again and again in order to remain vigorous." (From *The German Shepherd Dog In Word And Picture*, by v. Stephanitz: p.383; Germany; 1925)

Over the decades the German shepherd dog has earned well-deserved recognition as the most versatile working dog in the world. Today, however, its sheep herding roots have been eclipsed by its successes in many other areas of performance.

In my opinion, there is a great deal that can be learned about the German shepherd dog by understanding its roots and by observing it work under the guidance of a skilled shepherd in the field performing the tasks it was originally bred to do - namely controlling, containing, watching over and protecting the flocks on the road and in the pasture. My observations in the field have convinced me that watching a selectively bred and properly educated German shepherd dog herding sheep is to watch the full repertoire of selected instinctual behavior in the German shepherd dog channeled to be expressed without the effect of, or distortions imposed by, compulsion training.

I have heard the comment many times that HGH dogs are "soft". In my mind that is one of the more uninformed remarks I have ever heard. No dog that is able to control a flock of 200 to 1,000 or more sheep is a "soft" dog. One must be very careful to make the distinction between softness and handler sensitivity. The German shepherd herding dog is most likely to show handler sensitivity because it is selectively bred to have a strong pack drive - a strong willingness to please the shepherd as leader. If training methods are used that ignore and, thereby, abuse the power of that drive, what you will end up with is a dog that will be useless for any kind of independent work, be it herding or protection work - chalked off as a "soft" dog when in reality the training method most likely destroyed the dog's self-confidence to work on its own.

Background

Each year for the past 10 years, I have spent some time with Manfred Heyne in the field in Germany while he tended his sheep with his German shepherd dogs. Manfred Heyne has been a Master Shepherd for over 40 years and has won the Bundesleistungshüten (the German National Sheep Herding Trial) 14 times since its inception in 1954. He takes exceptional pride in his line of German shepherd dogs which he has been breeding for more than 50 years solely for their sheep herding ability or, as he prefers to call it, their instinct. I have watched him work his experienced dogs, all Bundesleistungshüten champions, and watched him develop several young dogs from the beginning of their education in the field. I owe Manfred Heyne an immeasurable debt of gratitude for all he has taught me about the German shepherd herding style. But, mostly I am indebted to him for having given me a glimpse of what I now consider the "art of sheep herding" and the "education of the herding dog". I would like to share as much as I can of what I have learned from Manfred Heyne. The German shepherd herding dog was originally bred to control large flocks of 200 to 1,000 or more sheep. This task not only requires appropriate instincts, but it also requires courage and sound nerves. For example, Manfred Heyne loves to tell the story about how a friend of his brought his SchH III dog to him to show how any trained schutzhund dog could control sheep. Manfred told his friend to place his dog in front of the barn door to prevent the sheep from going in. Manfred proceeded to lead his flock out of the field and back toward the barn. As the large flock approached, the dog got up, ran into the barn and jumped out an open window in the back to escape.

That story is in marked contrast to the following story that Manfred also loves to tell which illustrates the degree of courage and sound nerves expected of the shepherd dog.

In 1930, von Stephanitz was judging the Sieger Show. After putting the dogs through their paces in the ring, von Stephanitz made his decision. The dog he chose was a sheep-herding dog, Herold aus den Nederlandsitz. Some time earlier, von Stephanitz had given the dog the following courage test. The dog was placed in the down position by the owner in the middle of a large field. The owner was sent out of sight while von Stephanitz and another man mounted their horses and began to ride around the dog in smaller and smaller circles. The dog held its down. Then suddenly both riders rode to opposite sides of the field, turned and rode at a slow gallop toward each other with the dog in the middle. Von Stephanitz's horse reached the dog first. Just before his horse was about to run over the dog,

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the dog leaped up, grabbed the horse by the top of the neck with a full grip and held on until von Stephanitz had to knock him off with his crop. This was the kind of dog von Stephanitz knew was needed to improve the character and temperament of the breed at the time. Herold aus den Niederlausitz was selected Sieger again in 1931.

German shepherd herding dogs are used where large flocks must be contained in relatively small grazing areas and kept out of unfenced neighboring crop fields. The working style of the German shepherd herding dog consists primarily of boundary patrol, or flock containment. Since the shepherd must pay the farmer for any damage done to his crops by the sheep, the shepherd cannot afford the expense of keeping a dog that cannot hold a boundary.

German shepherd herding dogs are selected for their strong prey drive since a strong prey drive is fundamental to maintaining a sustained high energy in the dog while working sheep. How the dog naturally expresses, or is allowed to express, his natural prey instinct while working sheep illustrates the fundamental difference between the German shepherd's style and other styles of sheep herding.

Puppy Testing

Manfred breeds only for his own sheep herding needs. He keeps at least two experienced working males and a young dog or two in training. When he needs to replenish his working stock, he looks for and leases, or buys, a breeding bitch selected for her proven working ability. Before making the final breeding decision, he arranges to work the bitch himself for at least a month to make sure she has the instincts he wants to complement his male line. According to Manfred Heyne a top working dog must be bred, it cannot be made by training.

When a litter is whelped, Manfred spends as much time as possible with it every day right from the time it is born to familiarize the pups to him and to the *tones of his voice*. Testing begins at about 3 weeks of age with the following being some of his puppy tests:

1. At 3-4 weeks he puts a pan of food in with the hungry litter. When the puppies are eating and fully intent on the food, he makes a sudden loud noise near them but out of their sight. He does this several times over the course of testing and notes those puppies that *consistently* show *no* concern over the noise;
2. At about 4-6 weeks, he stands by the pen and calls the puppies to see which ones *consistently* come to him. He notes those puppies showing the greatest interest and attraction in being with him;
3. From 4-7 weeks, every other day he puts a lamb in with the litter. He starts with a very young lamb and increases the size of the lamb as the puppies grow. He notes those puppies *consistently* showing only an intense attraction to the lamb - i.e. ones, which approach the lamb with tail wagging and strong eye contact. He repeats this test every other day for 3 weeks to see if interest is maintained with the same intensity; and,
4. After 7 weeks, he puts a size-appropriate lamb in with the litter to see which ones *consistently* grip the lamb in the three places allowed for gripping - the top of the neck, the ribs and just above the hock. He eliminates those puppies that grip in the wrong places

Throughout the many weeks of puppy testing, Manfred constantly watches to see how each puppy relates to him and responds to the tones of his voice. The importance of this can be seen when he discusses the formal education of the dog in the field.

Manfred developed this method of testing his puppies to help him accurately select dogs with strong natural prey drive appropriate for sheep herding, self-confidence and the willingness to accept the shepherd as pack leader. Manfred selects for himself only those puppies that meet his testing criteria 100% - if no puppy tests 100%; he will not keep any. Although Manfred assesses his puppies from the beginning, he acknowledges that he can still only hope for the best because he does not believe that the dog's character, or potential for work, is fully set before the dog is three years old. He does believe, however, that by two years of age the dog's qualities are about 75% set.

One should keep in mind that Manfred's standard of selecting only those dogs that meet his testing criteria 100% is extremely high and probably not realistic for the average hobbyist. One must also keep in mind that a working shepherd must be far more demanding of his dog than the hobby herder. While the hobby herder might demand that the dog concentrate on its work for relatively short periods of time, a working shepherd must know that his dog will maintain its concentration for a whole day, every day. According to Manfred this intense concentration is

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possible only in a dog with the highest instinct/drive/attraction to the sheep. Any dog with some degree of interest in sheep can be *trained* to herd, but that dog will never have the concentration or reliability to work sheep as the dog with the highest drive and attraction to sheep

Raising the Young Dog

The cornerstone of education is the acceptance by the dog of the shepherd as pack leader and the dog's understanding of voice communication. This is why it is so important to expose puppies from birth to the meanings of the intonations of the human voice. Puppies must be exposed from birth the variations and subtleties of the shepherd's voice - the pleased, cooing voice (brava/good) and the displeased, sharp voice (pfui/bad). Just like puppies learn the meaning of the mother's tones of voice, the shepherd's voice must become the means of praise and correction in the education of the shepherd dog - *not* the hand or the crook. If, from the beginning, the shepherd has established himself through trust and confidence as pack leader and has conditioned the dog to understand the meaning of the tones of his voice, there should be no need for physical corrections. During early exposure to sheep in the field, the dog is *restricted* on leash - but the leash must only be used with the voice to *guide* the dog, *not* to punish it. The dog is not taken off the leash until it has learned to view the sheep as subordinate members of its pack - to defend and to keep in order - and until the dog understands the meaning of boundaries - that sheep inside the boundaries are in the proper place and that the sheep outside the boundary are to be put back inside.

There is no place, according to Manfred Heyne, for force training or punishment in the education of the shepherd dog. Force training and harsh physical corrections only serve to weaken or destroy the dog's confidence, the dog's willingness to follow its own instincts and the dog's ultimate ability to work on its own - qualities irreplaceable in the shepherd dog. This gets back to the basic reasons for instinct testing: if a dog has the instinct, drive and attraction to the sheep and wants to please the shepherd as pack leader, the instincts only need to be channeled. Force training cannot create instinct, drive or attraction to sheep, it can only serve to distort or suppress them.

During the dog's first year, all obedience work must be play training and building voice communication. Early play training should be aimed at building confidence and establishing a bond of trust and respect between the dog and the shepherd: the dog is praised when it *happens* to do the right thing; the dog is ignored or calmly restricted, but never punished or corrected, when it *happens* to do the wrong thing. The idea being that the dog, because of its desire to please, will eventually correct itself. No corrections other than voice corrections are made, and the dog must always be given the opportunity to work things out for itself. Serious education can begin at any age after the dog is one year old. If the dog has the proper instincts, it can be introduced to sheep at any age and achieve the same results. Serious education should not begin until the dog shows that it is ready - the timing varies with each dog.

Sheep herding should not be obedience training; rather it is the working together of the shepherd and his dog. The dog must be allowed and encouraged to work on its own instincts more than on the commands from the shepherd. The stronger the instinct, the better suited the dog will be to working sheep and the less it must rely on commands. The education of the shepherd dog should be built 100% on the dog's instincts.

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Political Correctness

By David Fritsche

Use any symbol - they are designed to differentiate, define and identify, thus excluding others.

- * Celebrate any tradition - there are those who are of other traditions and who, if you are not with them, will conclude that you are against them, so they will be offended.
- * Use any colloquialism or regional language - If makes those who are not from your parts, feel different and thus offended.
 - * Take off any holiday - Goodness knows, every holiday has some religious connotation, cause or event behind it that is offensive to someone.
 - * Be careful not to talk - people get offended
 - * Be careful not to exhale - your breath might not be sweet enough
 - * Be careful not to go places - someone might see you there and...

We live in a world that, unfortunately, is so fragile that we cannot relax and enjoy being who we are, speaking what we think, thinking what we want and doing what we please, simply because the offended minority think they deserve to live in a vacuum of anything that they do not approve of. Freedom is not freedom from offense, it is freedom to be....



GSDCA Board O Gram
 January 2006 Board Meeting
 Edited and approved by Lew Bunch
 Highlights of the January Board Meeting

The first regular meeting of the German Shepherd Dog Club of America for 2006 was held on January 27 - 29, 2006 at the MCM Elegante' in Beaumont, Tx.. It was preceded by a very successful Budget and Finance Committee meeting on Thursday and Friday. The Budget and Finance is Chaired by Gary Szymczak and the members of the Committee are Carmen Battaglia, Nancy Harper, Nancy Nellis, Dania Karloff, and Bill Pfeiffer.

The GSDCA President, Lew Bunch welcomed the following newly elected board members: Carmen Battaglia, Tish Walker, Joan Fox, Kris Fasano, Carolyn Martello, Rita Sandell, Nancy Harper, Lee Brown, and Paul Root. In addition to the newly elected Board Members, the following Officers and Board Members in attendance were: Lew Bunch, President; Gary Szymczak, Vice President; Bill Pfeiffer, Treasurer; Margery Golant, Recording Secretary; Sharon Allbright, Corresponding Secretary; Helen Gleason, David Landau, Dania Karloff, Nanci Nellis, and Tom Mesdag. All Officers and Directors were present.

Board Meeting At A Glance:

Purina will sponsor ALL Regional Futurities by donating ALL of the Trophies.
 The National has been shortened by one day.
 There will be no cost to enter the Parade of Greats.
 The Conditional Class at the National has been eliminated.
 The Futurity Judging requirements have been changed.

Executive Committee: The Board elected the following Board members to serve on the Executive Committee, President Lew Bunch is Chairman, members are Gary Szymczak, Kris Fasano, Bill Pfeiffer, and Carmen Battaglia.

Committee Chairpersons: All Committees and Committee Chairpersons were approved. The Chairman are: Agility Liaisons - Julie Degen & Jane Jeter; AKC Delegate - Carmen Battaglia; American GSD Charitable Foundation Liaison -Debbie Hokkanen; Award of Excellence (AOE) - Jane Kerner; Blanche Beisswenger Memorial Hero Dog Award - Helen Miller Fisher; Connie Beckhardt Award - Carolyn Martello; Don Cliff Memorial Good Sportsmanship Award - Kris Fasano; Dual Awards - Daphne Szczuka; GSDCA Award of Health - Julie Richards; Lamar Kuhns Award - Rita Sandell; Lloyd Brackett Award - Lee Brown; Newsletters - Ann Mesdag; Performance Award of Merit (PAM) - Lori Nickeson; Roll of Honor - Lew Bunch; Board O Gram/ Bylaws - Thomas Mesdag & Nicky Bunch; Breed Rescue - Linda Kury; Breeders Code - Jamie Walker; Budget and Finance - Gary Szymczak; Canadian Liaison - Peter Crawford; Ethics - Danny Dwier; Futurity - Nancy Harper; Health and Genetics Committee - Barbara Lee Williams; Herding Field Chair - Rosemary Joralemon; Herding Field Chair - Sandy Moore; Herding Liaison - Helen Gleason; History of the GSDCA - Jane Jeter & Mishka Bennett; Insurance - Dan Smith; Internet Chairperson - Bill Pfeiffer; Judges' Education - Helen Gleason; Juniors - Nancy Godek; Legal Affairs - Kris Fasano; Membership - Dania Karloff; Membership Data Base Management - Gail Hardcastle; National Specialty Show Chairman - Nancy Nellis; Obedience - Dalene McIntire; Parent Club Office - Linda Newman & Laura Gilbert; Policy and Procedures Manual - Joan Fox; Procurement and Contracts - Bill Pfeiffer; Products - Gary Szymczak;; Public Education Coordinator (PEC) - Colette Skinner; Public Relations - Beth Reynolds; RALEEF (Responsible Animal Legislation Education Enforcement Foundation) - Paul Root; Rally - Kim McNamara; Red Book - Liz Leschorn; Regional Clubs - Lew Bunch; Acting Review Editor - Susan Casey; Review Editorial - Lee Smith; Review Management - Susan Casey; Review Marketing - Val Manning & Marilyn Smith; ROM Dams - Cappy Pottle & Gloria Birch; ROM Sires - Doris Estabrook ; Search and Rescue - Barbara Balyeat; Select Excellent - Patty Szymczak; National Show Sites Selection Committee/Board Meeting Travel & Orientation - Joan Fox; Strategic Planning - Carmen Battaglia; Temperament Committee Chairperson - Bob Penny; Temperament Committee Assistant - Jim York; Thirteen Club - Carolyn Putnam; Title Pins and Certificates - Pamela Stoesser; Tracking Liaison - Billie Kovacs; Training Achievement Awards - Judith Ecklund; Veterinary Liaison - Joellen Gregory, DVM; Veterinary Liaison Reports and Assistant - Catherine Morton; Video - John Ayotte; WDA Liaison/SV-WUSV Committee Secretary - Martylou Plinski; WDA Liaison, SV, WUSV, COAPA - David Landau; Working Dog Sport -David Landau

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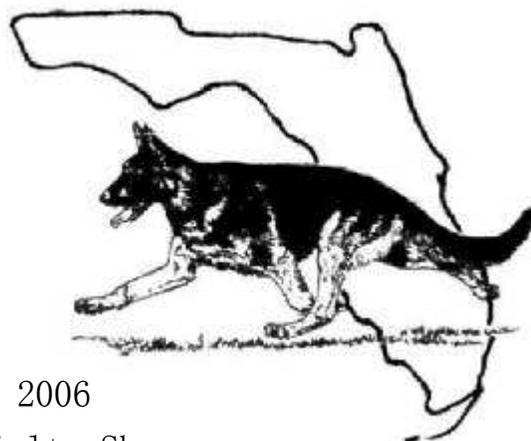
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PERIANAL FISTULA IS A MEDICAL (NOT A SURGICAL) PROBLEM

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Perianal fistula is a chronic inflammatory, ulcerative disease of the perianal tissues that is seen almost exclusively in the German Shepherd dog. The exact etiology of this disease has not been determined as evidenced by the failure of studies that have been performed to investigate a possible immunological, bacterial, endocrine, or anatomic basis for the disease. Consequently, although many different treatment methods have been proposed for this problem, none of those reported are routinely successful in controlling the disease.

Previously reported medical management of perianal fistula has included cleansing the affected area, topical administration of antibiotic and steroid preparations, and the use of tail braces in combination with topical antiseptic and systemic antibiotic therapy. Generally, medical management to this point has been considered to be palliative at best plus it has been suggested that it may be detrimental as it delays surgical intervention.

Historically many different surgical procedures have been described in the veterinary literature for the treatment of perianal fistula. Chronologically, these have included surgical excision, chemical cautery, cryosurgery, tail amputation, electrosurgery, and laser surgery. All of these surgical procedures have, to some degree, been associated with significant postoperative complications, for example, recurrence, anal stricture formation, fecal incontinence, tenesmus and dyschezia and none of them can be considered to be 100% successful at controlling this disease process.

A number of years ago a German Shepherd dog was presented to Michigan State University for treatment of perianal fistula. During the work-up of this patient it was also discovered that the dog had multicentric lymphosarcoma. Multi-drug chemotherapy was initiated to treat the lymphosarcoma. Within 4 weeks of chemotherapy it was noted that the perianal fistula problem had completely resolved. The response seen in this dog stimulated Dr. Ken Harkin and myself to think about whether perianal fistula was, in fact, just an external manifestation of a systemic disease. The German Shepherd breed, besides being uniquely affected with perianal fistula, also has a significant problem with infiltrative/inflammatory bowel diseases, particularly affecting the colon and rectum. Therefore a prospective study was initiated to investigate the possible association between perianal fistula and colitis/proctitis in the German Shepherd dog and to evaluate the response of perianal fistula to high dose prednisone and an alternative protein diet. The results of this prospective clinical trial have been published and can be summarized as follows:

1. A majority of the dogs had clinical signs that could be attributable to either perianal fistula and/or infiltrative/inflammatory large bowel disease.
2. All of the dogs had histologic evidence of mild, severe, chronic, infiltrative/inflammatory large bowel disease on biopsy specimens obtained by colonoscopy/proctoscopy.
3. Inflammatory cell infiltration in the biopsy specimens was composed predominantly of plasma cells and lymphocytes, with eosinophilic infiltration being present in 25% of the cases.
4. In general, there was no significant histopathologic improvement in the post-treatment biopsies when compared to the initial biopsies apart from the substantial decrease in the eosinophilic component when present.
5. The treatment protocol resulted in the following response:
 - 1/3 of the dogs had complete resolution of the perianal fistula lesions and clinical signs.
 - 1/3 of the dogs had resolution of the clinical signs and significant improvement/stabilization of the perianal fistula lesions.
 - 1/3 of the dogs had little or no improvement of clinical signs or perianal lesions.

The findings from this study raised the following points and questions:

1. The results tend support the concept that perianal fistula is not an independent disease entity but is, in fact an external manifestation of a systemic process, namely infiltrative/inflammatory large bowel disease. A similar problem is seen in humans with Crohn's disease who can develop anal fistulae.
2. Perianal fistula may well be an immunologically mediated disease. A food allergy component may need to be considered as an underlying cause.
3. It is known that improvement in clinical signs associated with infiltrative/inflammatory large bowel disease can occur without histologic improvement on biopsy. This suggests that the underlying disease is not cured but only kept under control. The implication of this is that German Shepherds with perianal fistula need to be followed over a long period as relapse is possible. This can be seen clinically, for example, where a dog is free of disease for over two years and then relapses.
4. Could the results of treatment be improved by more aggressively treating the chronic infiltrative/inflammatory large bowel disease, as is done for patients presenting with only colitis?

An attempt is being made to answer the points and questions raised by this first clinical study at Michigan State University, Veterinary Teaching Hospital and Ontario Veterinary College, University of Guelph.

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Ongoing Clinical Study, Michigan State University For the past one and one half years the following protocol has been used for all German Shepherd dogs presenting to Michigan State University for the treatment of perianal fistula:

1. Diet: Dogs are placed on a strict alternative protein/hypoallergenic diet. The diet that is currently recommended is Eukanuba Response Formula FP (Iams Co.). This is a fish and potato based diet. An equivalent home-cooked diet could also be used. The dogs are not allowed any meat or meat by-product containing foods. Any snack type foods must be non-meat containing, for example, vegetables. The dogs remain under strict dietary control for life.

2. Sulfasalazine: Sulfasalazine, 1gm., 3 times daily, orally, for at least 4 months (at least 1 month after the cessation of prednisone therapy). Length of therapy depends upon the resolution of the lesions.

3. Prednisone: Prednisone, 0.5mg/#, once daily, orally, for at least 4 weeks. Treatment at this dose is extended if lesions have not resolved. Prednisone dose is decreased to 0.25mg/#, once daily, orally, for 6-8 weeks. Length of therapy depends upon resolution of the lesions.

4. Follow-Up Evaluations: All dogs are seen at monthly intervals until there is complete resolution of the disease. At the time of re-evaluation the drug therapy may be adjusted depending upon the progress of the patient. After the disease has completely resolved, the dogs are followed by periodic telephone contact with the owners.

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Initial Results:

Since the initiation of this clinical study, no dogs presented with perianal fistula have had surgery for their disease. All of the dogs have had complete resolution of their clinical signs and the vast majority have had complete healing of the perianal lesions. A few dogs have small, persistent, quiescent perianal lesions that are stable. A few dogs have had relapse of the disease as they were tapered off the prednisone. In these dogs, increasing the prednisone dose and extending the period of administration has resulted in healing of the perianal lesions. As this is an ongoing clinical study, long term results are not available at this time.

Cyclosporine Treatment of Perianal Fistula, Ontario Veterinary College:

Cyclosporine has been shown to be of benefit in the treatment of anal fistulae associated with Crohn's disease in humans. Because of this a clinical study was initiated to evaluate the efficacy of cyclosporine treatment for perianal fistula in the German Shepherd dog. This was a prospective, randomized, double-blind, controlled study. Initial results after 4 weeks, showed a significant resolution of the disease in the cyclosporine treated dogs when compared to the placebo treated controls. After 4 weeks, the placebo treated dogs were switched to cyclosporine therapy and demonstrated marked resolution of their disease. Conclusions of the study were that cyclosporine had a dramatic beneficial effect on perianal fistula in the German Shepherd dog.

The results of these two ongoing studies add further evidence to support the theory that perianal fistula in the German shepherd dog is an immune mediated disease as both treatment protocols are directed toward suppression and/or modification of the immune response. Long term follow-up needs to be completed to see if it is possible to keep the disease under control by, for example strict dietary control, or will periodic flare ups occur that need aggressive therapy, as is seen with colitis patients.

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A Rescuer's Poem

**My job is to assist God's creatures
I was born with the drive to fulfill their needs
I take in helpless, unwanted, homeless creatures
without planning or selection
I have bought dog food with my last dime
I have patted a mangy head with a bare hand
I have hugged someone vicious and afraid
I have fallen in love a thousand times
And I have cried into the fur of a lifeless body
too many times to count**

**I have Animal Friends
and friends who have animal friends
I don't often use the word "pet"
I notice those lost at the road side
And my heart aches
I will hand raise a field mouse
And make friends with a vulture
I know of no creature unworthy of my time**

**I want to live forever if there aren't animals in Heaven
But I believe there are
Why would God make something so perfect
and leave it behind
Some may think we are master of the animals,
But the animals have mastered themselves
Something people still haven't learned**

**War and Abuse make me hurt for the world
But a rescue that makes the news
gives me hope for mankind
We are a quiet but determined army
And we are making a difference ever day**

**There is nothing more necessary
than warming an orphan
nothing more rewarding than saving a life
No higher recognition than watching them thrive
There is no greater joy than seeing a baby play
who only days ago, was too weak to eat**

**By the love of those who I've been privileged to rescue,
I have been rescued
I know what true unconditional love really is
for I've seen it shining in the eyes of so many
Grateful for so little.**

**I am an Animal Rescuer
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STUD DOG DIRECTORY

Greenwood's Achilles

Sire: 2x Sel Ch Bilmar's Here Comes Trouble OFA H & E
 Dam: Ch Helmie's Cassandra OFA H & E (Mastercharge daughter)

Killy is a handsome black & tan, medium sized male with medium bone, strong back, handsome head, good shoulder layback, excellent secondary sex characteristics, fully extended front and rear with a long reaching, exciting, low to the ground side gait. He is clean on both ends and has a promising career ahead of him. Killy has several best puppy wins, a 4 point major, a 5 point major reserve and was 2nd Novice dog at the 2005 National Specialty. His 1st litter of 6 males and 3 females is on the ground.

Owners/Breeders: William & Denise Groenewald

Killy is proudly co-Owned with Ken & Delaine Thomson

6652 Vaughn Rd Canton, Georgia 30115

Phone : 770-720-0125

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www.greenwoodshepherds.com



Ch Lorien's Lights Out TC HT PT TDI OFA H(E) & E

Sire: AOE 2x C/A Sel (E) Ch Elvaston's Southern Byrne TC PT OFA H & E
 Dam: Ch Geor-Jan Lorien's Ice Castles ROM (4 champions) OFA H(E) & E

"Curfew" is an impressive very correct solid black with good head and bone, clean coming and going with A strong, easy side-gait. He has a sound temperament that makes him comfortable in any environment. He is the second of 3 in his litter to finish and his Championship gave his dam her ROM. His pedigree is solid and is already showing in his progeny with a black male from his first litter getting a major reserve under an all breed judge and younger progeny showing great promise.

His breeding also shows in how he doing so well in herding and other activities outside the conformation ring. Proof of BC/VC required

Owners: Helen & Michael Chamblee and Twyla Miner (Breeder)

2979 Old Broadnax Mill Rd. Loganville Ga. 30052 Tel. 770-466-0157

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STUD DOG DIRECTORY

Melana's Murphy's Law

OFA GS-71518F25M-PI EL17633M25-PI

Sire: 2x Am/Can GV Ch Marquin's Xtra ! Xtra ! ROM OFA H/E
 Dam: Melana's Obsession v Clihu HIC OFA H/E (2 Ch / 1 qualifier)

8 points / both majors. 2003 GSDCA 2nd 6-9 Month Puppy Dog. Murphy is a large, stallion male with large bone and head, full dentition and coal black eyes. He has a long powerful stride with an exceptional forehead, strong ligamentation and is squeaky clean on both ends. Murphy has sired 5 litters to date and is proving dominant for large bone, substance, topline, angles, movement and great temperament. Watch for his progeny soon in the SE, NE and GL regions. BC/VC required.
 Breeder/Owner : Melissa Campbell, 140 Tyson Rd. Villa Rica, GA 30180
 (770) 459-4330 Mjc114@bellsouth.net



BISS Ch Adlegard's Yancy D von Marquin TC HIC CGC HT

Sire : 2x Am/Can GV Ch Marquin's Xtra ! Xtra ! ROM OFA H/E
 Dam : Schneiderhof's Highland Treasure (Ch Highlander ROM daughter)

Yancy is a multiple BOB winning medium sized (64 cm) male with bone, substance and depth. Yancy has been turning heads all over the SE and to date has 11 Specialty BOB wins in addition to his Best In Show win. He is currently working in rally, tracking, Herding and SAR in addition to occasional forays into the breed ring. Yancy's "New Jersey" litter will be making their debut at the Nationals this year. BC/VC/DVC is required.

Owner: Suzanne Kinman 2320 Georgia Hwy 20 S E Conyers, GA 30094
 (770) 761-5748 tsalisgds@comcast.net www.tsalishepherds.com



Ch Kagen's Boston Pops OFA GS-69003G28M-PI GS-EL16290M28-PI

Sire: Farmil's Stealth of Kagen HIC
 Dam: Kagen's Ragtime, HIC OFA

Boss is a medium sized, deep bodied male with a dark plush coat, excellent bone, strong pasterns, tight compact feet, strong back, good ligamentation and a long striding correct gait. He has proven proficient in both rings with multiple herding group wins as well as specialty breed wins.

Boss, with limited breedings, is producing heavy bone, excellent secondary sex characteristics, dark plush coats and excellent temperament. To date, he has not produced long coats or off colors. VC/BC is required

Breeder/Owners : Gene & Kaye Valentine
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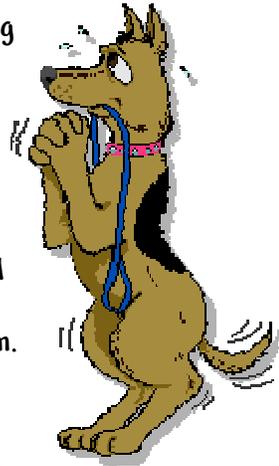


Rescues Available

Jinx -- 9 months. Solid black, compact. Great with kids, good with other dogs (including little ones), but can be dominant with a female GSD. Good with cats.
Crate trained and housetrained. Very energetic.

Shaggy -- Waiting for an update from her foster.

Joe is a black and tan 2 year old male. He does not get along with other dogs, especially males. Joe loves nothing better than to be hugged and get belly rubs. He has a wonderful happy personality, enjoys running and playing and tossing his jolly ball and is great with people of all ages. Joe is crate trained and we are working on leash and house training him.
He will make someone an awesome companion.



Nebari's Princess Chiana, CGC

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My name is Chiana. I am a 10-month-old German Shepherd Puppy. I was found wandering around and a nice woman took me in and fed me. She looked for my family but no one came to get me.

I've been with my foster family since April. It's been fun. I have two other GSDs to play with. **This is very important! I need to be the only girl dog in the house. My foster sister and I got in several scraps to see who was in charge.**

I am about 24 inches tall and weigh about 75 pounds. As you can see, I am mostly black, but have some tan on my legs and tummy. I have been told that I am downright beautiful.



I've met a lot of new people while with my foster family. At first I may bark or shy away, but a minute or two later I see that people are nice and often they have yummy treats and I like them and give them kisses and let them pet me.

Also, when I see a new dog I may bark or hide first, but then I like to run around and play. I have been going to Playful Paws Doggie Daycare in Woodstock three days a week since May. I love the doggie friends I have made. I have been told that I play very well with the other doggies at daycare.

My foster family has a cat. I don't really pay any attention to him. I don't chase him at all, but sometimes I do go in for a quick sniff. He doesn't mind.



I am an inside dog. I spend time in a crate when my foster people aren't home. At night I sleep in my foster people's bedroom. I am completely house trained. I like rawhides, bones and toys.

I passed my Canine Good Citizen® test in July. I am well-trained and love to go to training to learn new things to be a better dog for my family. I have also been through an introduction to agility class. I love agility.

I'm looking for a nice forever home. If you have room for me, I'd love to kiss, um, I mean, meet you.

For more information, contact Chiana's foster family, Ken and Faith Wallace at 678-581-1102.



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Treasurer's Report: Financial condition of the GSDCA Treasury remains solid. Liquid assets rose \$26,000 in 2005. Final closing for 2005 will be completed for the April 2006 Board meeting. The Nationals were positive by \$6,500. Preliminary closing results were presented. Currently our net financial improvement for 2005 was \$21,693. This will be affected by closing year end journal entries and will most likely be lower.

AKC Delegate Report: The following change in the Rules was passed at the AKC Delegates Meeting this month. The Event Committee is the same as the show or bench show committee. The AKC used that language to cover all events rather than having a bench show committee, obedience trial committee, tracking test committee, Hunting test committee, etc." The wording, which is to go at the end of Chapter 11, Section 8A, is:

"Any dog that in the opinion of the event committee, attacks any person or dog, resulting in an injury, and is believed to be a hazard to persons or other dogs, shall be filed with the Executive Secretary of The American Kennel Club. The disqualified dog may not again compete at any AKC event nor be on the grounds of an AKC event unless and until, following application for reinstatement by the owner to The American Kennel Club, the owner receives official notification in writing from AKC that the dog's eligibility has been reinstated."

Herding Committee: C course Herding will be held in Portland, Oregon, September 30-October 1, 2006, at Brigand's Hideout-sponsored by GSDCA in conjunction with the National.

Budget and Finance Committee: The Budgets for all Committees were reviewed and a preliminary budget was developed. At the January Board Meeting, after committee chairpersons are approved, Gary will share with each chairperson their proposed budget. At the April 2006 meeting, The Budget and Finance Committee will review any changes submitted by chairpersons. A final budget recommendation will be presented to the Board in April.

Futurities: There will be a link on the Parent Club website dedicated to information related to the Futurity/Maturity system. Forms, closing dates, fees, judges, site information, and Specialty shows in conjunction with futurities are an example. Changes in requirements to be eligible to judge Futurity:

A. Candidates that have previously judged a Futurity/Maturity in the US or Canada will not be required to have attended the GSDCA judging seminar.

B. Candidates may now judge 25 total dogs in an AKC sanctioned all breed matches. (Rather than 25 Herding Breeds.) Bios of judges that have assignments will also be listed on this Futurity page.

Grace Fitzgerald has approval as the new West Regional Chair - Host club GSDC of the Quad Cities in 2007. Heidi Kuell is approved as the NE Regional Chair - Host club GSDC of Southern New Hampshire.

Effective immediately, due to the efforts of our President and Correy Krickeberg of Purina, Purina has committed funds which will cover trophy expenses for all Futurity Regions in 2006. Purina has truly become our National Futurity Sponsor. In addition to Sponsorship for our Futurities Purina is working with us to offer exciting educational programs and events in conjunction with our Futurities and to relieve some of the financial burdens that Regional clubs face in hosting Futurities. Your Futurity Chair and the Judges' Education Chair will work together to establish programs to be presented at futurities judging seminars

The Futurity Committee Members are Nancy Harper is the Chair, Futurity Committee Members are Dean Wylie, Carolyn Martello, Kris Fasano, Sherry Nolan, Donna Calabrese, Kelly Knight, D.D. Ardion, Joan Fox, Christine Grainger and Miska Bennett. Tish Walker will serve as an Advisor to the Chair and Kelly Knight will serve as Futurity Advertising Chair.

Futurity Reminder: All Regional Clubs, submit your bid to host a 2008 Futurity.

GSDCA-WDA Liaison

The 2006 GSDCA-WDA National Schutzhund Championship/World Championship Qualification Trial will be held in south Florida from April 21-23.

The GSDCA-WDA is soliciting contributions for travel support for the GSDCA Team at the World Championship in Denmark. Checks should be sent to GSDCA-WDA Treasurer, Martylou Plinski, 245 Deerhill Dr., Bogart, GA 30622, and marked for the World Team Fund.

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History of the GSDCA

: This Committee is revitalizing a project discussed in 2005. History questionnaires will be resent to those who had not already responded last year. Committee members are needed. If you would like to participate on this committee or have ideas for the committee, please contact Jane Jeter at j-five@webtv.net.

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The following is a response to an editorial in a daily newspaper regarding Breed Profiling:

Dear Editor:

I read this article with great interest, primarily because I have been involved with the breeding of German Shepherds for over 50 years. .and have been dedicated to the Welfare of this Premier Working Canine Breed.

While I think Mr. Caldwell wrote an excellent article and I believe was trying to be fair to one and all, he is not a "Dog Man", obviously. So his 'take' on the Dog Aggression Problem is that of an intelligent observer who has not been actually involved in the breeding and training and raising of Canines, particularly the large 'human-aggressive' Dog Breeds, as he defines them.

To Dog people there is an old saying that has served well over the long years,
'There are No BAD DOGS, , Just BAD OWNERS.'

We could well expound on that to add ' "
"There are NO BAD DOGS, , Only BAD BREEDERS.'

So as much as one is against the profiling of Humans and Dogs, according to my understanding of Mr. Caldwell's article, it lacks the vital information so necessary to fully understand the Canine Implications ..In this case, because Mr. Caldwell has only taken one side of the debate, without researching the other Canine side, equally well.

The German Shepherd Breed was brought into existence by Captain Max Von Stephanitz in Germany, over a 100 years ago.. He combined the lines of Sheep-Herding dogs to develop this German Shepherd Breed. They were developed and bred from the crossing of these Herding Lines, to 'GUARD', 'PROTECT' and 'DEFEND' the Sheep in their care. These Characteristics defined the Breed, as they passed on to include their Masters and Families and what their Master owns...

The German Shepherd is the Ultimate Dedicated Working Breed of Canine in the Entire World. They were NEVER bred to be , and are NOT NATURALLY Human Aggressive.

They were ,and are ,Bred solely, by responsible breeders, to Defend and Protect and Guard !!

!When trained properly they are invaluable to the Humans they serve all over the World in many different capacities... They have earned their reputation by countless thousands upon thousands of Acts of Courage , Above and Beyond the Call, to PROTECT and GUARD and DEFEND their Masters and their Family...and possessions...even to the final sacrifice of their own lives. No other Breed serves with that Ultimate and Courageous Devotion in my opinion.

I personally owe my life , not once, but twice, to one of my Beloved German Shepherds...So, let us take a good look at the other side of this coin...

The German Shepherd, as Mr. Caldwell states, is Human -Aggressive. That is absolutely NOT true...and goes against everything the German Shepherd Breed stands for and was bred for since the Breed came into existence.

They were never bred for fighting other dogs, or to be a 'Junk-Yard Dog'.. Nor were they meant to be confined by ropes and chains and tortured by stupid and depraved Human Beings...They are not 'loose cannons' as implied..

The Most INVALUABLE ATTRIBUTES of the CORRECT German Shepherd ,is that :

THEY... ..THINK!!!!!!

THEY... REASON!!!!

THEY are the most SINGULARLY INTELLIGENT and DEVOTED to MAN of ALL THE CANINE BREEDS.

This Great Bred-In Devotion and Dedication of Spirit and their Brave and Courageous Natural Nature...makes them very vulnerable to those who do NOT Deserve their devotion....

Please consider...

Most Normal-Minded Canines are only dangerous and aggressive when in the Hands of Fools. That we have no control over, until the Laws change and stop concentrating on taking the easy way out by putting the dogs to sleep and instead concentrate on penalizing their owners with strict and lengthy terms of confinement.

If this became the way to handle these cases, these people would not keep breeding and using these dogs for their own amusement and power and profit...that would be the most intelligent way to solve the problem.. Otherwise putting the dogs down, and banning the breeds, and allowing those who traffic in these dogs, to simply acquire more of them ,under-cover, for a larger profit because they are illegal.. is putting a Band-Aid on a huge, gaping wound. Futile and Foolish.

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Internet Report: Redesign of the Web site has begun. It is interesting to note that the current site has been in operation for almost 8 years. A new look is due. Average monthly activity has reached over 1,250,000 page hits. Google places our site #2 when you search for German Shepherd Dog (the #1 site is a paid entity).

Internet Help Wanted Need a couple of dedicated and committed assistant web masters to handle specific web site functions.

Also need a C++ Programmer for Special Futurity Project. Please contact Bill Pfeiffer at treasurer@gsdca.org.

Judges Education Committee: Members who are licensed to judge German Shepherd Dogs and who are interested in working with the Judges Education Committee in the presentation of our Breed Standard to prospective judges which will be held at regional futurities, show clusters, regional clubs requesting a program, and judges education groups are asked to contact Helen Gleason at helengleasonus@yahoo.com. Your suggestions are requested to help make this committee a success.

Junior Program Report: Ashley Elizabeth Miller of Cumby, TX is the Robert Hamilton winner for 2005. As a third time winner, she received a \$200.00 savings certificate. Samantha Graham of Freeport, PA is the Performance Award winner for 2005. Ashley Elizabeth Miller won the \$100.00 Savings Certificate for the Highest GPA in the Junior Scholastics Program. Nichole Daniel of Mesa, AZ won the Best Junior at the 2005 National in Concord, NC. Wins are based on fiscal year -- July 1 to June 30, points must be submitted by mail with supporting documentation postmarked August 1, to Nancy Godek, Junior Program Chairperson located at 3616 E. Rockwood Dr., Phoenix, AZ 85050.

Membership Committee: This year we will publish a new Membership Handbook and will, once again, partially finance this project by selling ads. As we did last year, the Membership Committee will follow up (by e-mail and by phone) on members who did not renew their membership. The goal is to encourage renewal and gain information of what we can do to keep members' commitment. We have outlined a Departed Members' program to honor recently deceased members and those who have significantly and positively impacted the breed or the GSDCA.

National Specialty: Dates for the National Specialty Show are October 15 thru 21, 2006 at the National Equestrian Center at Lake St. Louis, MO.

The 2006 Herding Trials will be at Tracy Parciak's RottiEwe Farm in Wright City, MO., October 13, 14, 15. This site is 10 minutes from the show site. Herding Instinct will be at the show site. Herding Instinct Testing and a Herding Seminar will be Monday, October 16, 2006.

Two confirmed hotels for Lake St. Louis are the Holiday Inn Select at St. Peters/St. Charles, MO. The hotel is 15 miles from the show site. They provide airport shuttle. Room rate is \$69. Nanci Nellis is negotiating with 7 other hotel/motels for special rates for us. Next is The Holiday Inn Wentzville which is 2 miles from show site. Standard room rate is \$67.95. Both hotels have a restaurant and lounge. St. Louis Airport (Lambert Field) is 30 minutes from the show site. The Advance Brochure will be mailed in May with all reservation, hotel and transportation information. Special arrangements will be made at the show site for good, clean locations to accommodate our vendors.

Newsletter Committee: We are currently receiving newsletters for this year's contest. The purpose of the contest is to encourage clubs towards better communication and education efforts. We are in a period of changing and improving technology and are trying to address many concerns voiced to us throughout the year. Some clubs have gone to digital versions which save the club the cost of printing so we will accept those digital files as a pdf mailed directly to the Newsletter Committee.

Nominating Committee: The Board nominated and elected the 2006 Nominating Committee as follows: Gary Szymczak, Chairman; Members are Northeast – Michael Cheeks, No Alternate nominated; Heartland – Lanalee Law, Alternate – Bart Bartley; Mid-America – Bill Burggraft, Alternate – Molly Snider; Western – Dorothy Linn, Alternate – Barb Williams.

Products Committee: We are pleased to report that the entire inventory at the National in Concord was a "Sell Out". The new items presented will be available on our website in the very near future. A very special thank you goes out to Ann Mesdag and Sally Bazzell for making the Products table at the National a huge success. And to all of you who supported "Your Club" thank you. Just to let you know.....Ann is already thinking of new products for the 2006 National.

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You do not Ban Elephants because of the Illegality of the Selling of their Ivory.. YOU STOP THE POACHERS!!!! ..Simple, isn't it?

All of this boils down to the Criminal actions and/or the often unbelievably Stupid actions of the owners that cause these problems in Society. We cannot have Intelligent Canines or any Animal, in the hands of the Criminals and the Mentally Ill or those Humans with IQ's barely above that of slugs. .and/or Drug Addicts and Drug-Dealers.... **THAT IS THE PROBLEM...**

There are some dogs, who like Humans, are mentally ill from birth...They are culled by Ethical and Breed Devoted Dog Breeders. Such dogs are recognized very early on as being overly sharp-shy.. or overly aggressive..

Some, who were ,as puppies, whelped normal... are made 'crazy' by their 'crazy' owners who want to show off their 'Macho Dogs', because they themselves are so weak and ineffectual and cruel-minded and mentally challenged and only have the 'Macho Dog' to use as a weapon against the World they personally find overwhelming.

These people are devoid of any redeeming qualities... and are often on Drugs which only accelerate their erratic and inhumane, unforgivable behavior. They should be locked away from the rest of Society . Otherwise they continue to wreak havoc on the defenseless population who adhere to the Laws of Society. That Law-Abiding Society who so often goes unprotected ..because these criminals are allowed to prey on us by a system which allows them to come and go in and out of confinement.

Child Molesters are an excellent example. What happened to Common sense?? Lock these people away forever!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Protect the Children!!!!

They want to Ban some Breeds of Dogs because they have been known to be responsible for attacking Children and Adults... and yet they allow Pedophiles to roam free like Wild crazed Beasts to attack and torture and often kill our Children...and they put them away for a little bit and then let them back out to prey on their victims, over and over and over...Should we as a Society stop having Children so we can prevent Pedophilia????

Where in The Name of All that is Sane, is our COMMON SENSE???? OUR Priorities????

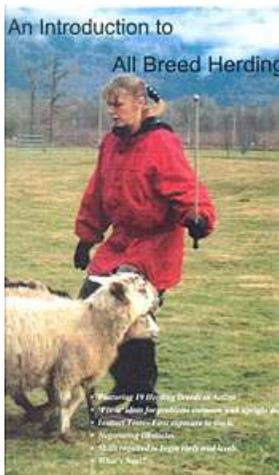
The Dogs, these criminals and misfits, use to protect their criminal activities and enterprises, are **THEIR VICTIMS**, the Same as are We, the Law-Abiding Citizens of this Country. We are All Victims!!!! And all the Band-Aid's in the World will not stop the hemorrhaging... because you have Unethical, Profit-Driven, Breeders who are often involved in Criminal activities and use these Dogs themselves for their own Dark Purposes, breeding and selling these dogs, , to people who themselves are often Mentally Ill.. and/or Criminals and that sets up a Dramatically Deadly Scenario for Future Deadly Events. Does that sound familiar concerning Pedophilia???

So to simply point a finger and blame some of the Dogs for Biting. is like blaming Gun Makers for Shooting Incidents... Neither the Dogs or the Guns go off by themselves..

Because: When "Bad Dog" Events and Ghastly Human Crimes are committed that tragically happen to Innocent children and Adults...There is always:

Somewhere and Someway, Human Involvement , or Lack of Involvement and Human Irresponsibility. and often Human Criminality, that has been left to flourish WITHOUT JUST PENALTY. That is the Crux of the Problems...

Barbara Lee Williams



AN INTRODUCTION TO ALL BREED HERDING VIDEO

by [Lynn Leach](#)

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Shows 19 different herding breeds in action. Starts with a Border Collie & a Kelpie to explain and show how the strong-eyed breeds work. The remainder of the video looks at upright, loose-eyed breeds and ideas to handle problems that are common with them. Starts right with the dog's first introduction to livestock - ideas on what you can do for problems such as quitting work, circling, gripping, splitting the stock. Once the dog is balancing and working for the handler you will learn what skills are needed for arena-type trials and ideas on how to teach those skills. Also discusses instinct tests, negotiating obstacles, and "what's next."

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RALEEF - Responsible Animal Legislation Education Effort Foundation: RALEEF is a new committee established with the full support of the Officers and Board of the GSDCA, Paul Root is the Chairman. We are education oriented and will be offering said education throughout the years events. Look for a RALEEF sign at an event near you. There are groups of people out there who don't want you to own your dogs let alone exhibit them in our sport. They are Animal Rights Activists. Their groups all have names that are shortened with acronyms. Remember there is a huge difference between Animal Rights and Animal Welfare. You are an Animal Welfarist...and that's a good thing. The AR's goals are reflected in the Animal Rights Agenda.

Red Book Committee: 2004 Red Books are completely sold out. A limited number of 2003 Red Books are still available for sale. The 2005 tabulations have been completed and letters sent to the top 20 sires and dams. We have 100% member owners in both the 2005 Futurity/Maturity top 20 and the AKC points top 20 sires and dams. Congratulations to everyone.

Regional Clubs: The GSDCA Regional Club Challenge Program will run from August 1, 2005 through July 31, 2006. Deadline for all clubs to submit their forms and supporting documentation for points earned will be August 15, 2006. Any questions, email Kelly Knight at Hadderway@comcast.net.

Complete GSDCA Regional Club Challenge Guidelines and forms are available at www.gsdca.org, click on Regional Clubs from the Home Page.

Regional Club Committee Members are Lew Bunch, Chairman, Bob Braue, Julie Degen, Beryl Eshom, Kris Fasano, Nancy Harper, Betty Johnson, Dania Karloff, Kelly Knight, Dee Lauffer, Tom Mesdag, Liana New, Laurie Pruett, Amy Safdir, Mary Tripp and Dean Wylie.

Report of COAPA Liaison:

The 2006 COAPA Sieger Show will be in Quito, Ecuador from October 27-29, 2006.

SV/WUSV Liaison:

Important dates for 2006:

SV FCI-Qualification Trial in Lohsa, May 27-28

SV Sieger Show in Oberhausen, September 1-3 followed by the WUSV General Assembly on September 4.

SV Bundesleistungshuten in Haren/Tinnen, September 15-17.

SV Bundessiegerprüfung in Bochum-Wattenscheid, September 22-24.

WUSV World Championship in Randers, Denmark, October 5-8 followed by the WUSV meeting on Working Dog Character on October 9.

SV Bundesfahrtenhundprüfung, in Uffenheim, November 4,5.

Video Committee: Please support the Video program of the GSDCA through your purchase of the VHS tape or DVD. Details for ordering are on the GSDCA website at: <http://gsdca.org/Merchant2/merchant.mv>. Relive the excitement if you were there, experience it if you were not, and study the top German Shepherds of the year at your leisure. The Video Committee is open to suggestions for improvements to the National Video (a product can always be improved). I also invite anyone who would like to assist the Video Committee to get in touch with me as soon as possible, John Ayotte, email: john@jmadesign.com

Remember our Slogan: Let's Encourage, Not Discourage

Respectively submitted,

Lew Bunch

President GSDCA

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WDA Tests

Contributed by Suzanne Kinman

Recently our illustrious editor asked me to write an article about the WDA BH and AD tests. Many thanks to Joy Schultz, WDA Secretary, for offering assistance in editing the article and the use of excerpts from the WDA *Performance Regulations and Guidelines*. The GSDCA WDA, Working Dog Association, is a part of the Parent Club. The WDA was formed to be inclusive of a wide faction of German Shepherd owners in this country and to provide an arena of competition for all the folks who love German Shepherds but choose to compete under International rules, rather than AKC, for consistency in comparing American dogs with those around the world. The WDA supports several different types of events that are similar to AKC sanctioned events from conformation shows to temperament testing, breed surveys, CGC testing and advanced tracking tests, and of course, the sport of Schutzhund. The WDA is not all about 'biting dogs.' Over the next few months we'll be exploring all the events available through the WDA. Hope you enjoy.....

BH title stands for **BEGLEITHUNDE**. A rough translation of the title is Companion Dog. The BH is called the International Companion Dog test and involves two phases. Phase I is actually more complicated than AKC's CD test, requiring a higher level of training. Phase II is the rough equivalent of AKC's Canine Good Citizen Test. Therefore, the BH actually could be considered a rough combination of the CD and CGC tests. Both phases must be passed on the same day for the BH title to be awarded.

Phase I is the Working Dog test. The test includes on lead and off lead heeling both in a pattern and in a group, the walking sit, the walking down, and an 'honor' or long down. German style obedience differs from AKC obedience in one major area. The judge does not "call" a pattern. Two handlers check in at the same time to insure that the judge has the correct score sheets. One dog is selected by the judge to "honor" and moves to the side of the field. On the judge's indication, the dog is placed on a down stay and the handler walks 30 strides away – remaining there with his/her back to the dog until the other dog completes the entire Phase I obedience routine. This is a down stay of approximate 10-minute duration. The second dog begins the working phase I. The heeling pattern is a "J" shape with the handler beginning at the bottom of the "J". At the judge's indication the handler begins the on-lead heeling pattern. The handler gives the dog the heel command and starts counting! The first 'leg' of the heeling pattern is forty strides in a straight line across the field in a normal pace. At the end of forty strides a left about turn is completed (dog proceeds in the normal about turn but the handler turns to the left and completely reverses direction.) The handler immediately speeds up to ten strides fast pace, then slows to ten paces slow pace. Ten 'normal' pace strides follow then into a ninety degree right hand turn. Ten strides forward at normal pace to another right hand turn and ten to twelve paces forward to another left about turn and forward ten paces to the stop and sit. Next comes a forward and ten paces to a left turn. This turn till take you directly into a group of people milling around. The dog must stay in heel position while the handler weaves around among the group. The dog must sit when the handler comes to a halt close to one of the people in the group. The handler then proceeds to heel the dog about five strides out of the group and stops. The dog sits at heel. The leash is removed and the handler completes another turn and heels the dog back through the group weaving among the participants until completing another halt next to a person. The handler/dog team then moves out of the group and complete the same heeling pattern off lead.

Following the off lead heeling the "honor" dog handler is signaled to return to the dog. The dog must remain in the down position until the handler returns. The exercise ends when the dog is commanded from the down to a sit at heel.

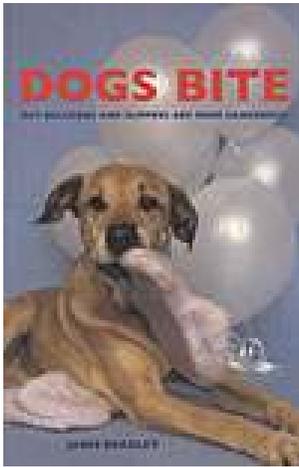
The walking sit is an exercise to show the dog's willingness to respond to commands from the handler without assistance. The handler starts out at one end of the field. The handler commands the dog to heel and moves forward ten paces. He/she then orders the dog to "sit" and without breaking stride must continue 30 strides down field turn and stop facing the dog. Upon the judge's signal the handler returns to the dog. The walking down is conducted in a similar manner. The dog/handler team begins at one end of the field. The handler commands the dog to heel and moves forward 10 paces.

He/she orders the dog to down and without breaking stride must continue thirty strides down the field, turn and face the dog. Here however, the dog must recall from the down, sit front and finish on command. Once the working phase I is complete the dogs switch places and the 'working' dog moves to the honor position with the 'honor' dog moving to the working phase.

Phase II is the temperament test, roughly equivalent to the CGC test. It is conducted in a park setting or along an open road. Tests include a car driving by, a bike rider speeding by while ringing a bike bell, a stranger asking directions and another "friendly" stranger with another dog. The dog must remain calm through all the tests in order to pass. Dogs that exhibit shyness or aggression during the temperament test will not pass. Individual exercises are conducted as follows:

1.) Encounter with a group of people

At the judge's indication the handler walks with his dog, on lead, down a sidewalk or path. At the judge's indication the street may be crossed. The judge follows at an appropriate distance. The dog should be to the left of the handler, on a loose lead, with its shoulder near to the handler's knee, and should willingly follow. The dog should pay no attention to the pedestrian or automobile traffic. While walking, a pedestrian (associated with the trial) shall cut across their path. The dog should remain neutral; i.e. its behavior should be unaffected. The dog and handler should pass through a group of at least 6 people in which one person speaks with the handler and greets him with a handshake. At the handler's command the dog should sit or down and remain quiet during the conversation.



DOGS BITE : BUT BALLOONS AND SLIPPERS ARE MORE DANGEROUS

BY : Janis Bradley
PUBLISHED BY : James & Kenneth
Available At : www.dogwise.com

Dogs enhance the lives of millions more people than even the most inflated estimates of dog bite victims. It's not even close ! Gain a new perspective on this issue and learn strategies to minimize the number of bites that do occur. Dogs can be dangerous. And they are more dangerous to children than to adults. But here's the reality. Dogs almost never kill people. A child is more likely to die choking on a marble or a balloon, and an adult is more likely to die in a bedroom slipper related accident. Your chances of being killed by a dog are roughly one in 18 million. You are five times more likely to be killed by a bolt of lightening. The supposed epidemic numbers of dog bites splashed across the media are absurdly inflated by dubious research and by counting bites that don't actually hurt anyone. Even when dogs do injure people, the vast majority of injuries are at the Band Aid level.

Yet lawmakers, litigators and insurers press for dog ownership. This must stop. We must maintain perspective. Yes, dogs bite. But even party balloons and bedroom slippers are more dangerous.

This book addresses :

- Dog bites—big danger or cultural phobia:
- The actual numbers:
- Fear factors, why don't dogs hurt people more often :
- What is aggression:
- The current state of research on dog bites:
- Legal liability questions:
- Why do we want dogs anyway:
- Simple strategies for reducing dog bites and more.

I ran across this when I was looking for a non chemical way to control fleas.

I suggested it to someone who had tried lots of other methods and spent a lot of money but found this to be the most effective ;o)))

Try the safe soapy water and light bulb flea controller. Hang light bulb 1 foot above a low container (about a foot wide and 2-3 inches deep and with at least 1 inch of soapy water in it. It is moved around about 5 feet a day or have several and the fleas jump to the light (heat) and fall in the soapy water (very old method of getting rid of fleas.)



Best places indoors is within 5 feet of where your pet sleeps and you sleep, rather they drown in the bowl than getting bit.

Best places to put the soapy water traps in outdoors areas Remember that fleas are not found in your driveway gravel or in the open. The larvae do not survive high temperatures. They are found in shaded areas, like under porches, decks, car ports, at the edges of woods, and especially in places where your pets lay down outdoors.

Works very well :o))) It was suggested you put it in a wire crate to keep the other animals out of it.

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2. Encounter with a bicycle rider

A short time later a bicycle rider (associated with the trial) shall pass close to them coming from behind. This should happen in such a way that the dog is between the handler and the bicycle rider. As the bicycle passes the bicycle bell should be rung. The bicycle rider turns around and passes the dog from the opposite direction. The dog's behavior should remain unaffected.

3. Encounter with automobiles

The handler, with his dog on lead, passes several automobiles. During this, one car is started and the door of a second car is slammed. A car then stops and the driver lowers the window and asks for directions. At the handler's indication the dog is to sit or down. The dog is to remain calm and neutral towards the noises.

4. Encounter with joggers or in-line skaters

The handler with his dog on lead walks his dog down a quiet path and at least two joggers pass him from behind without changing their speed. Then the joggers pass the dog and handler from the front. The dog needn't heel exactly, and the handler may sit or down the dog during the encounter. (Instead of joggers, in-line skaters may be used.)

5. Encounter with other dogs

When passing another dog, both from behind as well as from the front, the dog must remain neutral. The handler may give multiple "heel" commands or sit or down the dog during the encounter

6. Behavior of a dog when tied up and left alone; behavior towards other animals

At the judge's indication the handler walks with his dog on lead down a path with slight traffic. After a short distance the handler stops and ties the end of the lead to a fence, post, etc. The handler then departs, staying out of sight of the dog while he enters a shop or entrance to a house. The dog may stand, sit, or lie down. During the absence of the handler a passer-by (associated with the trial) with a dog walks by at a distance of about five paces from the dog being tested. During the absence of the handler the dog is to remain calm and should allow the second dog to pass by (an aggressive passer-by dog should not be used) without showing signs of aggression (straining against the lead, continuous barking, etc.). At the judge's indication the handler returns to the dog and puts it on lead.

AD stands for **Ausdauer Prufung** and is the SV endurance test. This test is a requirement for the breed survey. The test requires completion of a 20-kilometer (12.5 mile) stretch at a speed of 12-15 km/hr (7.5-9.4 mi/hr). The purpose of this test is to demonstrate that the dog is in condition to withstand a certain physical exertion without showing severe exhaustion as a result. This stress tests the dog's internal organs such as the heart and lungs as well as the dog's temperament and desire. During the summer months the AD should be run early in the morning or late in the afternoon. If possible, the temperature should not exceed 22C (72° F). The minimum age for entry is 16 months and the maximum age is 6 years. No points are awarded and the test is "pass-fail". The guidelines for the execution of the AD are simple and are described below.

The dog is to be on a lead and is to trot next to the handler who is on a bicycle. According to German rules of traffic the dog should be on the right of the bicycle. Too fast a tempo is to be avoided. The lead should be long enough that the dog can maintain an appropriate tempo. A slight forging (pulling on the lead) is not faulty, but continual lagging is undesirable. After 8 km (5 miles) have been completed, there is to be a 15-minute pause. During this break the judge is to examine the dogs for signs of over-exhaustion and to exclude such dogs from further participation.

After another 7 km (4 miles) have been completed a second, 20-minute pause is called for. During this time the dog is to be given the opportunity to move around freely. Shortly before the end of the rest period the judge is to check the dogs for over-exhaustion and for damaged pads. Dogs that are overtired or have scraped their pads raw may not continue.

After the entire distance has been completed there is to be a 15-minute period during which time the judge is to again examine the dogs for over-exhaustion. During the AD the dog-handler team is to be accompanied by the trial chairman and the judge in an automobile, if possible, so that dogs that do not have the physical endurance to complete the AD can be put into the car and taken to the destination.

Following completion of the gaiting and upon the judge's indication, each participant is to demonstrate the "off-lead" heeling exercise (but without gunfire). In addition, the judge is to use his/her best judgment to verify that the dog is still in good psychological condition.

GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF NORTH GEORGIA Obedience Training Classes

Our club sponsors dog obedience classes open to all breeds. We teach you how to train your dog. We only use positive training techniques, as we want your dog to have a good mental out look toward working with his family. You will be surprised how much your dog will love to please you. This will give you a great chance to bond with your dog, and learn to work together.

Come and let our experienced, caring instructors help you turn your pup into all he can be.

Registration: Saturday, March 18th, 2006

Time: 10:30 a.m./ registration - training begins at 11:00 a.m.

Where: Dupree Park on Neese Rd. Woodstock, Ga.

Fee: \$75.00 for 8 weeks course

\$50.00 for puppy class

\$25.00 for members of the GSDC of North Georgia

Offering: Puppy, Novice, Intermediate and Conformation Classes

Note: Current proof of Vaccination and Bordatella Required Along with Current proof of Rabies vaccination.

Pre-register to avoid disappointment

For more information, directions and pre-registration, contact,
Ann Cranford, Training Director, 770-992-3359.

Directions: I-75 to I-575 North
East on Exit 7 Georgia Rt. 92
Cross over Canton Hwy. (rte.5)
Turn Left onto Neese Rd.
Dupree Park is about 1.5 miles on the right

Bring clean up material, water and bowl,
Training treats and training equipment.
Responsible pet ownership includes safety,
and clean up.



This I Know For Sure

by
Barbara J. Galasso

No matter how nice a breeding looks on paper,
the results may not be what the dogs pedigrees dictate
they should be.

No matter how great the two animals are that you breed
together,
a champion it does not guarantee.

You can breed a decent male to a decent female,
and get a superstar offspring.

Most litters produce more pet puppies than show pup-
pies,
and all puppies regardless of quality belong in the best
homes we as breeders can find for them.

Sometimes in this sport of dog shows,
it's not always what you know, but who you know.

No matter how long you've been in this breed,
some people never have a champion.

No matter how short of a time you've been in this breed,
some people have more champions than those who
have been in it longer and never had one.

When you show under a certain judge one day and he
puts your dog up for Winners, he's your hero,
when you show under him another time, and you're dead
last, he's a bum and a crook.

No handler was more colorful or knew how to set up a
dog like LaMar, no handler is more of a marketer than
Jimmy
.....both knowing how to be at the top of their game.

Long gone are the days that we used to see 20 -25 dogs
in the Open class at a regional Specialty,
now we're lucky if you see this many in the Open class
at the National Specialty level.

Most dogs are given a call name like "Lucky", "Gin", or
"Duke",
but rarely hear those names because the owners names
of endearment are used instead like, "sweetie pie",
"baby cakes", or "munch berry."

The above names of endearment can be easily replaced
with profanity by the disgruntled sore sport when his dog
has just been dumped.

Dog folks can be a fickle group of people, nice to your
face, and later that same day making AT&T wealthy by
tying up the telephone lines
with the latest gossip that includes your name.

Dog shows can bring out the best in the worst of
people, and
can bring out the worst in the best of people.

Many long standing friendships have been lost,
because they have allowed the dogs to come be-
tween them.

Sometimes judges are chosen strictly because of
their "name" and popularity,
not necessarily because they are the best judge to
do the job.

No matter how long a breeder has been breeding
dogs, if someone asks
what problems their lines carry,
they will tell you their lines don't carry any major
faults, just maybe
a long coat here or there.

Honesty among breeders about their animals good
qualities as well as the
faults of the lines,
will insure for years to come the betterment of the
health of our
beloved breed.

When given a choice and asked which one would
you rather keep, your
husband, wife or your dogs,
most will say their dogs. (JUST SEEING IF
YOU'RE STILL WITH ME FOLKS)!

This I know for sure: we have the best breed in
the world. There's not
even a close second.
This I know for sure: ALL OF THE ABOVE IS
JUST MY OPINION!

Dear God:

We dogs can understand human verbal
instructions, hand signals, whistles, horns, clickers,
beepers, scent ID's, electromagnetic energy fields, and
Frisbee flight paths.
What do humans understand?



Pre-Registration Requested

German Shepherd Dog Club Of Atlanta, Inc.

Sanctioned B-OB Match

Sunday March 19, 2006

Pine Log Park Conyers, GA

Lee Jewel—Match Chairperson

Call 770-345-4310 or e-mail gemni3549@aol.com for information

Registration is from 10:00 am until 11:30 am with judging starting at noon.

Conformation Judge : Melissa Campbell

Obedience and Rally Obedience Judge : Diane Pegram

Entry Fee : \$ 5.00 per class per dog. Make check payable to GSDC of Atlanta, Inc.

Mail to : 6654 Vaughn Rd Canton, GA 30115-9266

Dog's Name: _____

Sex : (circle one) Dog Bitch Birth Date : _____

Sire : _____

Dam : _____

Breeder : _____

Owner : _____

Address _____

Circle Class or Classes Entered

Conformation (divided by sex)		Obedience	Rally Obedience	
<u>Puppy</u>	<u>Adult</u>	Pre Novice	Novice A	Excellent A
3-6 Months	Novice	Novice	Novice B	Excellent B
6-9 Months	Open	Open	Advanced A	
9-12 Months		Utility	Advanced B	

I understand that the German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta assumes no responsibility for losses, damages or injuries incurred by exhibitors or their dogs during any portion of this event and that the undersigned individual(s) shall hold harmless and indemnify the German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta, it's officers, members or assigns from any and all liabilities that may ensue by virtue of this match and it's participants and observers.

Club Use Only	
Payment :	Cash
	Check # _____
	Arm Band # _____

Directions To Match : From Atlanta take I-20 East to Exit 82 Highway 138 (used to be Exit 42). Turn north (left if you are coming from Atlanta, Pine Log Park is located about 3/4 of a mile on the left.

ALL DOGS MUST BE CRATED OR ON A LEASH AND IN THE CARE OF AN ADULT.

A SAOVA message to sportsmen, pet owners and farmers concerned about protecting their traditions, avocations and livelihoods from anti-hunting, anti-breeding, animal guardianship advocates. Forwarding and cross posting, with attribution, encouraged.

Dear SAOVA Friends,

The oft-postponed release AKC-HSUS-Santorum PAWS II "discussion draft" continues. If AKC consultant James Holt's latest PAWS spin and Secretary Crowley's message aren't in response to SAOVA's February 6, 2006 critique of AKC's management, they must be timed to coincide with the Westminster Kennel Club Show. That extravaganza begins today in NYC. Rumors of anti-PAWS demonstrators and press conferences at that staid event persist.

The following first-hand report from a New England AKC delegate was widely circulated last week. My remarks are appended.

Re: PAWS update. Notes from Jim Holt's talk in NH last night

Feel free to cross post.

This is a really interesting message as I was in NH last night (Feb.9) where Mr. Holt spoke at the invitation of the Merrimack Valley Kennel Club. Mr. Holt stated that he had spoken with Sen. Santorum's aide yesterday morning and that a revised draft would be out in a day or two and then he backed up later in the evening and said 7-10 days. That does not compute with this release dated the previous day.

He did not mention that there had been a briefing of sponsors or that it had been given to USDA to review. We did ask if USDA had been consulted for their viewpoint and he skirted around the question and never gave a direct answer. We also asked him if home based breeders who might be regulated would also be subject to the Freedom of Information Act through AKC (which would make their names and addresses available to HSUS, PETA, DDAL etc.) He ducked that question a couple of times. Then he stated that AKC breeders who are inspected by AKC would be exempted altogether and so not subject to PAWS. Then when asked the question of whether current USDA inspected breeders who breed AKC dogs would also be exempted he said no (?) So you get a lot of stories, we certainly did last night, and no clear picture of any "unintended consequences."

He did say DDAL was opposed to AKC being exempted and he said they were also opposed to this bill. When asked if he thought they would sue he said they may well do that. He was also asked if AKC's performance standards on their inspections will have to be adjusted to be USDA engineering standards (crate size etc.) and he said that is a risk in all of this. USDA would have to write regulations for this and there is the risk that any approved 3rd party inspector is going to have to be using whatever standards USDA comes up with and we don't know what they may be. Then he went on to say he thought USDA would like to move away from engineering standards to performance standards. He also made a big point of saying he did not work for AKC but that he was a paid lobbyist working for a lobbying firm. He also numerous times stated that this bill was authored by Senators Santorum and Durbin.

He used Sen. Durbin's name quite a lot of times which is also interesting. I guess it is because Sen. Santorum is in a tight race and might not even be in the Senate next term. He wanted to make clear to us that even without Santorum this would be pushed on. He said he thought it had a good chance of passing this term by being attached to another piece of legislation and if it went to the next term and Sen. Santorum was gone, Sen. Durbin would push it.

Someone in the audience brought up that Santorum had taken HSUS money. Mr. Holt told us Sen. Santorum's last Aide, a Miss Hershey, an ardent animal rights campaigner, was referred to as the 3rd Senator from Pennsylvania during the time of the PPA. Mr. Holt also went over various historical points including that AKC used to be the name in town for Purebred dogs and now it is just one of 23 registries and that AKC doesn't attract the same kind of respect it did in the past.

He said not for profit rescues and shelters would be exempt if they didn't import more than 25 dogs meaning if they brought in more than 25 they would be dealers.. Then I also asked about shelters and rescues and mentioned that the Save-A-Sato group admitted to 8,000 stray and feral street dogs being shipped to Massachusetts shelters and then he went back and said not for profit groups would all be exempt including operations like Save-A-Sato. So it is not clear what the shelter-rescue situation is going to be or if purebred rescues will be exempt if they place more than 25. Oh, and he did say that PAWS would not effect Mr. Hunte or his operation.

On the timeline of PAWS, I pointedly asked about that and he said the numbers 25/6 were not added until last April just before the bill was announced. Prior to that it was just the business of pet store source records and enforcement provisions. He called the HSUS and DDAL "strange bedfellows." Isn't that funny when they have been so busy making nice with AKC. And I will add here that HSUS, dear friend that Wayne Pacelle is, has sent out alerts on the Vermont Cropping bill. They also showed bloody ear cropping films to legislators.

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The HSUS lobbyist in Vermont was asked by someone if the cropping bill would include tail docking and she was quoted as saying that will come later.

Ron Menaker has requested that I forward this update on PAWS from Dr. Jim Holt for your information.
Jim Crowley

PAWS Update
February 8, 2006

Senator Santorum's staff and Senate legislative counsel have completed a draft of the revised PAWS bill. The draft was provided to the US Department of Agriculture and the 26 Senate co-sponsors of PAWS at a briefing last week for their review and comment. The Discussion Draft of PAWS will be made public after input from the USDA and the co-sponsors is reviewed. Senator Santorum's staff has told us they expect this to be accomplished in the next few days.

The revised PAWS draft includes all of the provisions outlined in Senator Santorum's letter to AKC Chairman Ron Menaker on January 13, 2006. These include deleting all references to hunting, breeding and security dogs, both in PAWS and in the existing Animal Welfare Act; clarifying the numerical standards for the exemption of small retailers and breeders; clarifying the exemption for shelter and rescue organizations; and including an exemption for persons selling dogs and cats at retail who are in compliance with the standards of not-for-profit organizations such as the AKC which the Secretary of Agriculture has certified have standards and inspection protocols which provide at least equivalent protection to dogs and cats as are provided by the USDA's standards.

The above referenced PAWS briefing was held on February 1, 2006 in the Dirksen Senate Office Building. Neither SAOVA or a cat fancy representative was invited. To the best of my knowledge, no one from USDA attended. Another absent group with crucial PAWS role was the Department of Justice. AKC's scheme to exempt its registrants from USDA inspections and employ a separate, less-costly standard for its registrants can't possibly pass DOJ/Anti-Trust scrutiny, as previously outlined. AKC has painted itself into a very awkward corner with HSUS-DDAL's help. Unfortunately, this entire PAWS fiasco seriously threatens us and our sport far more than it does AKC's entrenched management.

Pet owners concerned about federal mandatory micro-chipping will be interested in
AVMA pays visit to AKC's NY Office http://www.akc.org/news/index.cfm?article_id=2792

Sincerely,

Bob Kane, President
Virginia Hunting Dog Owners' Association
<http://vhdoa.uplandbirddog.com/>
Sportsmen's and Animal Owners' Voting Alliance -
Working to identify and elect supportive legislators
** NO PAWS **
<http://saova.org/1139.html>
<http://www.nopaws.org>



Upcoming Events

Date	Club	Type	Judge	Closing Date
03/21	Danville Kennel Club (NC)	AB	B Phillips	03/08
03/23	Almanance Kennel Club (NC)	AB	R Gschwender	03/08
03/24	Durham Kennel Club (NC)	AB	K L Rayner	03/08
03/24	GSDC of Greater Raleigh	S	Ed Barritt	03/08
03/25	GSDC of Greater Raleigh	S	J D Jones	03/08
03/25	Raleigh Kennel Club (NC)	AB	Kathleen Steen	03/08
03/25	GSDC of Northern Florida	S	Phil Miller	03/08
03/26	GSDC of Northern Florida	S	Peggy Kurz	03/08
03/26	Ft Myers GSDC (FL)	S	TBA	03/08
03/26	Fayetteville Kennel Club (NC)	AB	Randy Darnell	03/08
03/27	Salisbury North Carolina Kennel Club	AB	V Clemente	03/08
04/01	Newnan Kennel Club	AB	Charles E Doran Jr	03/15
04/01	GSDC of Little Rock	S	Ken Raynor	
04/01	GSDC of Memphis	M	Michael Metz	
04/02	GSDC of Memphis	S	Robert Slay	
04/02	Douglasville Kennel Club	AB	Susan Godek	03/15
04/07	Treasure Coast GSDC	S	Jack Newton	03/15
04/08	Treasure Coast GSDC	S	Walter Falk	03/15
04/09	SE Futurity hosted by Treasure Coast GSDC	F	Charles Mardecz	
04/13	Valdosta Kennel Club	AB	Meredith Johnson-Snyder	03/29
04/14	Augusta Kennel Club	AB	Helen Lee James	03/29
04/15	Atlanta Kennel Club	AB	Thomas A Kilcullen	03/29

AKC CODE OF CONDUCT

Every sport has a Code of Sportsmanship. Some are unwritten, informal guidelines that people learn along the way in their journey to learning a new sport. Others are more formal and rigorous, written out for all to see, appreciate and embrace.

The Board of Directors, as a result of the Chairman's Committee on Conflict of Interest, approved this month the first-ever written Code of Sportsmanship for our sport of purebred dogs. I have included the new code in its entirety:

AKC Code of Sportsmanship

PREFACE: The sport of purebred dog competitive events dates prior to 1884, the year of AKC's birth. Shared values of those involved in the sport include principles of sportsmanship. They are practiced in all sectors of our sport: conformation, performance and companion. Many believe that these principles of sportsmanship are the prime reason why our sport has thrived for over one hundred years. With the belief that it is useful to periodically articulate the fundamentals of our sport, this code is presented.

- Sportsmen respect the history, traditions and integrity of the sport of purebred dogs.
 - Sportsmen commit themselves to values of fair play, honesty, courtesy, and vigorous competition, as well as winning and losing with grace.
 - Sportsmen refuse to compromise their commitment and obligation to the sport of purebred dogs by injecting personal advantage or consideration into their decisions or behavior.
 - The sportsman judge judges only on the merits of the dogs and considers no other factors.
 - The sportsman judge or exhibitor accepts constructive criticism.
 - The sportsman exhibitor declines to enter or exhibit under a judge where it might reasonably appear that the judge's placements could be based on something other than the merits of the dogs.
 - The sportsman exhibitor refuses to compromise the impartiality of a judge.
 - The sportsman respects the AKC bylaws, rules, regulations and policies governing the sport of purebred dogs.
 - Sportsmen find that vigorous competition and civility are not inconsistent and are able to appreciate the merit of their competition and the effort of competitors.
 - Sportsmen welcome, encourage and support newcomers to the sport.
 - Sportsmen will deal fairly with all those who trade with them.
 - Sportsmen are willing to share honest and open appraisals of both the strengths and weaknesses of his breeding stock.
 - Sportsmen spurn any opportunity to take personal advantage of positions offered or bestowed upon them.
 - Sportsmen always consider as paramount the welfare of their dog.
 - Sportsmen refuse to embarrass the sport, the American Kennel Club, or themselves while taking part in the sport.
- I hope everyone in the fancy will take time to read and practice the new code and appreciate the value a Code of Sportsmanship adds to the experience of being a member of "the fancy." Enjoy!

Sincerely,



Ronald H. Menaker

Premium List**NORTH GEORGIA ALL BREED HERDING DOG ASSOCIATION**

Licensed by the American Kennel Club

**Saturday – May 13, 2006**

Event #2006620204

Sunday – May 14, 2006

Event #2006620205

Outdoor Trial**Course A - Sheep**Herding Test, Pre-Trial
Started, Intermediate, Advanced**Course A – Ducks**

Started, Intermediate, Advanced

Woods End Farm2221 Salem Road
Watkinsville, GA 30677**Event Hours:** 8:00am to Conclusion of tests/trials
Trial Grounds available at 7:00am**Run Limits: 50 Runs - 30 Sheep and 20 Duck runs.**

If Sheep runs do not fill, remaining runs will go to Duck runs.

If Duck runs do not fill, remaining runs will go to Sheep runs.

OPEN TO: All breeds eligible under Chapter 1, Section 3 of the *AKC Herding Regulations*. Registered AKC Herding Group Breeds and herding breeds eligible to compete in the Conformation Miscellaneous Class, Samoyeds, Rottweilers & dogs with ILP#s of these breeds. Dogs must be at least 9 months of age or older.

ENTRIES OPEN: 9:00am, March 21, 2006**ENTRIES CLOSE: 5:00pm, April 23, 2006** after which time entries cannot be Accepted, Canceled, Altered or Substituted except as provided for in Chapter 14, Sec. 8 of the Dog Show Rules and Chapter 3, Section 1, of the Regulations Herding Test and Trials.**No Hand Delivered Entries Accepted****ALL OVERNITE OR REGISTERED MAIL MUST WAIVE SIGNATURE!**

Draw for running order will be at the Trial Secretary's home, April 23, 2006 at 6:00pm.

**AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB CERTIFICATION**

Permission is granted by the American Kennel Club for the holding of this Event under the American Kennel Club rules and regulations.

James P. Crowley, Secretary

OFFICIAL AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB ENTRY FORM



Check which day(s) this entry is for. Please use a new entry form for each dog entered!

- NGABHDA Herding Test & Trial Saturday, May 13, 2006: 2006620204
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BREED: VARIETY SEX

TEST CLASS (Circle Class) STOCK OR TRIAL CLASS (Circle One Each) STOCK
Herding Test Started Intermediate AND Sheep
Pre-Trial Advanced Ducks

FULL NAME OF DOG

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DATE OF BIRTH: PLACE OF BIRTH: (Check one)
CALL NAME: Enter Number Below

BREEDER SIRE DAM

ACTUAL OWNER(S) (Please print CLEARLY)

ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP

NAME OF HANDLER (if not same as owner)

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Signature of owner or the agent duly authorized to make this entry. Telephone: () EMAIL

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