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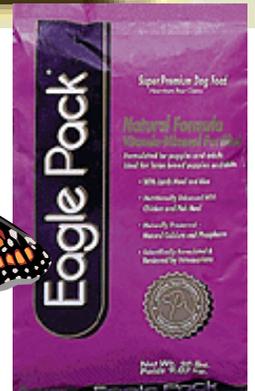
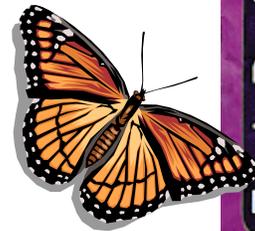
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Our Next Meeting is
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From The Editor.....



Well, another year is coming quickly to a close. We've had our ups and down this year and lost a lot of our dear friends, both human and canine. But we've had some new beginnings too and a lot of promising futures are in store for our members and their dogs in conformation, agility, herding, schutzhund and obedience venues. As we begin the Christmas holiday season, let's keep in mind our newly adopted K-9 unit overseas who can't be home enjoying the season because they are making it safe for us to do so. Don't forget that these men, women and their dogs need us more than just for the holiday season. Let's get those donations in so that we can get the packages out to them every month and let them know how much we care. And as we go into our preparations for the holidays, count your blessings and share them with your family and friends and keep close to your hearts what the spirit of the season is really all about, no matter how you celebrate it. Take a few moments to make that long overdue phone call, send a card, write a letter and give a hug. Those few moments make for a lifetime of memories. Hold your elderly dogs close and treasure the moments you have with them and cuddle that soft puppy as you imagine the future that lays ahead of him. Above all, smile and know that every effort you make is returned a hundred fold. Merry Christmas all !

Denise

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Club Meetings

Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month, except July and December , at The Atlanta Humane Society, 981 Howell Mill RD, Atlanta, GA at 8:00PM. The German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta, Inc., encourages visitors to attend.

Our next meeting is November 13, 2006

Club Meeting Minutes

Club meeting minutes can be found in the members only section of the club website at

www.gsdcatlanta.org



Club Hospitality

Volunteer to provide refreshments for a club meeting. Refreshments need not be elaborate. Chips, cookies and other finger food and drinks is all that's needed. No cooking necessary !

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November : Suzanne Kinman

December : No Meeting

A Beautiful Poem About Our Troops

*The embers glowed softly, and in their dim light, I gazed round the room and I cherished the sight.
 My wife was asleep, her head on my chest, My daughter beside me, angelic in rest.
 Outside the snow fell, a blanket of white, Transforming the yard to a winter delight.
 The sparkling lights in the tree I believe, Completed the magic that was Christmas Eve.
 My eyelids were heavy, my breathing was deep, Secure and surrounded by love I would sleep.
 In perfect contentment, or so it would seem, So I slumbered, perhaps I started to dream.
 The sound wasn't loud, and it wasn't too near, But I opened my eyes when it tickled my ear.
 Perhaps just a cough, I didn't quite know, Then the sure sound of footsteps outside in the snow.
 My soul gave a tremble, I struggled to hear, And I crept to the door just to see who was near.
 Standing out in the cold and the dark of the night, A lone figure stood, his face weary and tight.*

*A soldier, I puzzled, some twenty years old, Perhaps a Marine, huddled here in the cold.
 Alone in the dark, he looked up and smiled, Standing watch over me, and my wife and my child.
 "What are you doing?" I asked without fear, "Come in this moment, it's freezing out here!"
 Put down your pack, brush the snow from your sleeve, You should be at home on a cold Christmas Eve!"*

*For barely a moment I saw his eyes shift, Away from the cold and the snow blown in drifts..
 To the window that danced with a warm fire's light Then he sighed and he said "Its really all right,
 I'm out here by choice. I'm here every night." "It's my duty to stand at the front of the line,
 That separates you from the darkest of times. No one had to ask or beg or implore me,
 I'm proud to stand here like my fathers before me. My Gramps died at 'Pearl on a day in December,"
 Then he sighed, "That's a Christmas 'Gram always remembers.
 " My dad stood his watch in the jungles of 'Nam', And now it is my turn and so, here I am.
 I've not seen my own son in more than a while, But my wife sends me pictures, he's sure got her smile.*

*Then he bent and he carefully pulled from his bag, The red, white, and blue... an American flag.
 I can live through the cold and the being alone, Away from my family, my house and my home.
 I can stand at my post through the rain and the sleet, I can sleep in a foxhole with little to eat.
 I can carry the weight of killing another, Or lay down my life with my sister and brother..
 Who stand at the front against any and all, To ensure for all time that this flag will not fall."*

*"So go back inside," he said, "harbor no fright, Your family is waiting and I'll be all right."
 "But isn't there something I can do, at the least, "Give you money," I asked, "or prepare you a feast?
 It seems all too little for all that you've done, For being away from your wife and your son."
 Then his eye welled a tear that held no regret, "Just tell us you love us, and never forget.
 To fight for our rights back at home while we're gone, To stand your own watch, no matter how long.
 For when we come home, either standing or dead, To know you remember we fought and we bled.
 Is payment enough, and with that we will trust, That we mattered to you as you mattered to us."*

Christmas will be coming soon and some credit is due to our U.S. service men and women for our being able to celebrate these festivities. Let's try in this small way to pay a tiny bit of what we owe. Make people stop and think of our heroes, living and dead, who sacrificed themselves for us.

*LCDR Jeff Giles, SC, USN
 30th Naval Construction Regiment
 OIC, Logistics Cell One
 Al Taqqadum, Iraq.*

Donate To Our Overseas K9 Unit

Don't forget to get your donations in to Denise Kiah for our Unit. It's the Christmas Season, so let's show them our appreciation and give them a slice of home !

Deck The Halls But Do It Safely

ASPCA's Pet Poison Prevention Tips For the Holiday Season

Urbana, Ill., November 27, 2006—There's nothing better than gathering with friends and family for the holidays; eating, drinking, and putting up festive decorations. While enjoying this time of year, it is important to remember the potential hazards that certain goodies and décor can pose to our furry, feathered or scaly companions. To keep pets happy and healthy during the holiday season, The ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center is offering pet owners the following helpful hints:

- Holiday sweets with chocolate are not for pets. Depending on the dose ingested, chocolate (bakers, semi sweet, milk and dark) can be potentially poisonous to many animals. In general, the less sweet the chocolate, the more toxic it could be. In fact, unsweetened baking chocolate contains almost seven times more theobromine (a substance similar to caffeine) as milk chocolate. Vomiting, diarrhea, seizures, hyperactivity and increased thirst, urination and heart rate can be seen with the ingestion of as little as 1/4 ounce of baking chocolate by a 10-pound dog.
- Keep your pet on its normal diet. Any change of diet, even for one meal, may give your dog or cat severe indigestion and diarrhea. This is particularly true for older animals that have more delicate digestive systems and nutritional requirements.
- Candies and gum containing large amounts of the sweetener xylitol can also be toxic to pets, as ingestions of significant quantities can produce a fairly sudden drop in blood sugar, resulting in depression, uncoordination and seizures. Be sure to keep such products well out of the reach of your pets.
- Don't give pets holiday leftovers, and keep pets out of the garbage. Poultry bones can splinter and cause blockages. Greasy, spicy and fatty foods can cause stomach upset; spoiled or moldy foods could cause food poisoning, tremors or seizures.
- Alcohol and pets do NOT mix. Place unattended alcoholic drinks where pets cannot reach them. If ingested, the animal could become very sick and weak and may go into a coma, possibly resulting in death from respiratory failure.
- Keep aluminum foil and cellophane candy wrappers away from pets. They can cause vomiting and intestinal blockage.
- Be careful with holiday floral arrangements. Lilies are commonly used this time of year and all varieties, including Tiger, Asian, Japanese Show, Stargazer and Casa Blanca can cause kidney failure in cats. Safe alternatives can include artificial flowers made from silk or plastic.
- Common Yuletide plants such as mistletoe and holly berries can be potentially toxic to pets. Should a cat or dog eat mistletoe, they could possibly suffer gastrointestinal upsets and cardiovascular problems. Holly can cause vomiting, nausea, diarrhea and lethargy if ingested.
- Poinsettias are considered to be very low in toxicity. However, they could cause mild vomiting or nausea if ingested by your pet.
- Keep pets away from Christmas tree water. The water may contain fertilizers which, if ingested, can cause a stomach upset. Stagnant tree water can also act as a breeding ground for bacteria and if ingested a pet could end up with nausea, vomiting and diarrhea.
- Consider decorating your tree with ornaments that are relatively less enticing to pets, such as dried non-toxic flowers, wood, fabric or pinecones. Traditional decorations such as ribbons or tinsel, if ingested, can become lodged in the intestines and cause intestinal obstruction. This is a very common problem, particularly with cats.

Although not common, a danger from nature for puppies and all of our animals

Shared by Diane Zdrodowski

Last Friday the 27th, it was a nice, relatively warm October day, so I put my 4-1/2 week old litter of 9 puppies outside in an ex-pen. The ex-pen was located about 20 feet from my back door and was a 4 ft high pen with extra heavy gauge wire. After the pups were out for about an hour, I was about to bring them in when Sarabel looked out the window and noticed a skunk by the puppy pen. I went out, expecting to shoo it away by shouting, but it took no notice of me at all. Then I saw it put its head through the wire and grab a puppy. I ran into the house, grabbed a broom, and smacked the skunk over the head, but it still took little notice of me, not even spraying me. Finally it wandered away, and we rushed out and brought the puppies in.

Then the nightmare began. A phone call to my vet made me very alarmed when the first thing he said was that the skunk might be rabid and to check the puppies very carefully for injuries. On close examination, two puppies had bites/scratches on their faces, one which was an obvious bite. On my vet's advice, I immediately separated those two puppies. The next day, the skunk appeared in my neighbor's yard and walked toward their son as if to attack. The skunk was killed, and on Tuesday the results came back positive for rabies. By that time the girls and I had already started post exposure rabies treatment. The nightmare continued as the more I talked to health officials, vets, and others, the more horrible this story became. It was clear that my puppies were almost certainly going to contract rabies. I have learned more about rabies and how it is transmitted than I ever wanted to know. Young puppies are extremely vulnerable to contracting rabies when exposed as they have no immunities to it and are too young to vaccinate. Vaccination after exposure does nothing to prevent rabies. I also learned that bites on the face, especially near the nose, are the most dangerous. Both puppies were bitten right next to their noses. One of my puppy buyers is a nationally known infectious disease epidemiologist, and he told me that the puppies that had obvious bites would definitely get rabies and the other seven were also in danger. I did not find any obvious injuries on them, but the tiniest unseen scratch would be enough to infect a puppy with rabies. This has been the most difficult week of my life. Saturday morning I had the two bitten puppies euthanized, a decision that I had agonized over all week. After making two previous appointments and not showing up for them, I finally found the courage to do what had to be done. There was no choice; I could not allow those puppies to reach the point of being symptomatic of rabies and contagious, which they most certainly would have in a few weeks. The fate of the remaining seven puppies is unknown at this time. None will be going to their families at 8 weeks. The local health dept. has them quarantined at my home with strict regulations imposed. There are so many unknowns which makes it difficult to know what to do. Because I don't know how long the skunk was there and how many puppies it tried to bite/scratch/grab, it's impossible to know if any or all also been exposed. Puppies naturally mouth, bite, and lick each other, so if they stay together and one becomes rabid, that puppy will immediately infect the rest. There is also a potential risk to our human family. The post exposure treatment is highly effective, but is not 100 percent foolproof. There are cases where it has failed. I am continuing to explore all possible options and to talk to as many knowledgeable people as I can before I make a decision on the seven puppies. All week I have told myself that this has to be a terrible dream and not a reality. Unfortunately it is a reality, and I have learned a terrible lesson. I have now built a pen within a pen creating a double barrier; a six foot high chain link pen surrounding another six foot high pen, with the puppies in the inner pen. I want to warn all breeders to never allow your young puppies to be outside unless they are in a pen with a double barrier or in an extremely secure pen with openings small enough to stop any wild animals from getting heads and claws in. The final outcome...as of today November 10, 2006, all the puppies have been put down.

Alida von Alpensee Leos .

From The Editor.....You can purchase bird netting or deer netting from Home Depot or Lowes that will provide protection against something like this happening.

ASPCA HOLIDAY SAFETY ALERT: THE FINAL WORD ON POINSETTIAS



Attention, poinsettia-loving pet owners! You need not fear this festive holiday plant—rumors of its toxic potential are greatly exaggerated, say ASPCA experts.

As our toxicologists at the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center (APCC) explain, poinsettias were first brought to the United States in the 1820s by J. Robert Poinsett, the U.S. Ambassador to Mexico at the time. The myth of the plant's toxicity began when the two-year-old child of a U.S. Army officer allegedly died from eating a poinsettia leaf.

Says the APCC's Dana B. Farbman, CVT, "In reality, ingestions typically produce only mild to moderate gastrointestinal tract irritation in pets, which may include drooling, vomiting and diarrhea." So while it's still a good idea to keep this plant out of your pets' reach to avoid stomach upset, you need not banish it from your homes.

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One day in heaven, Saint Peter, Saint Paul and Saint John were standing around near the dog kennels, watching the dogs frolic.

"I am certainly bored", stated John. "Me too," Paul chimed in. Peter stood and watched the dogs. "I know!" Peter began. "Why don't we have a dog show?"

Paul and John thought that the idea was great except for one small detail that Paul pointed out - "Who are we to compete against, Peter?" Paul asked.

The trio pondered a moment when Peter realized the answer.

"We will call up Satan and invite him to the dog show. I mean, we have all of the finest dogs here in heaven, all of the World and National Champions are here. His kennel is ridden with the spoiled, difficult and mean dogs. We are certain to win at the show!"

And so the trio calls up Satan on the other realm communication lines and invited him to their dog show. Satan laughed and asked why they would want to be humiliated like that, because he would certainly beat them.

Peter, Paul and John did not understand. "What do you mean, Satan?" Peter asked.

"We have all of the National and World Champion dogs in our kennel in heaven, how could you possibly beat us?"

Satan paused a moment and then laughed. "Have you forgotten so soon, gentlemen? I have all the judges!"



The Dangers of Roundworms.....

Not Just A Fat Puppy Belly

When we think of roundworms or nematodes aka *Toxocara canis*, we envision a young puppy with a swollen belly and think a simple safe worming will cure the ill. Not always so. These pests are more dangerous than we think.

What are roundworms? Roundworms are a common intestinal parasite in dogs, cats and many other animals. They look appear in the feces and vomit of puppies or kittens. They are about the diameter of a piece of spaghetti, about 4-7 inches in length and normally white. The female can produce up to 200 thousand eggs a day which are encased in a hard shell and can exist in the soil for years. The larvae are passed to the puppies through the placental blood supply to the fetal lungs or liver. They also go through to the mammary glands and infect the puppies when they nurse. After birth, they migrate to the intestines where they mature and begin to lay eggs. At three weeks you may see tiny white specks in the feces which are eggs passing through the system into the environment which is how they spread. Puppies and the dam can become reinfected by ingesting these feces which start the whole lung/blood supply route again. By the lung blood cycle I mean that wherever the larvae enters, it migrates to the liver via the blood portal system which is the one draining from the stomach, intestines leading to the liver. The larva are then carried by the circulatory system to the lungs where they can pierce the walls of tiny lung blood vessels (capillaries) and gain entry into the airways (alveoli and bronchioles). The cilia (little whiskers that move foreign objects) lining the airways then move the larva up the bronchi and windpipe until they are coughed up and swallowed. Once they are swallowed they have become large enough that they can continue their maturation to adult egg-laying roundworms in the small intestine. Severe infestations are signified by a dull coat, pot belly, vomiting, diarrhea, lethargy, stunted growth, constipation and or thinness.

At 6 months of age, a second type of cycle can occur called the Somatic cycle. When the larvae enters the body, the immune system is alerted and traps it in walled off granulomas that can appear in almost all tissue. Once trapped it can live for years and in females, during the last trimester of pregnancy, migrate into the placental blood supply.

The dewormers we commonly use contain pyrantal pamoate and only kill worms in the stomach.

Nothing will kill the juvenile worms trapped in the granulomas. This is why it is best to worm the bitch prior to breeding and to worms the dam and puppies every three weeks starting at 2 wks of age. This allows the juvenile worms to reach the intestines so that they can be eliminated. Larvae encased in granulomas are not affected by worming treatments and are impossible to detect so there is no way to diagnose it until post mortem.

Roundworms can also blind children and cause other serious health issues when they have contact with eggs when playing in an infected area. Children from ages neonatal to five years of age are most affected since everything goes in their mouths at that age.

On rare occasions the larvae can migrate to vital organs and cause severe damage and/or death. A severe infestation can cause intestinal blockage and death. Occasionally larvae fail to follow the normal blood route and end up in the brain, spinal cord, liver and eye tissue. When the larvae migrate to the brain, they can cause severe epileptic seizures, meningitis, encephalitis and brain damage which in 98% of cases leads to death. Large numbers of juvenile roundworms entering the lungs or other organs can induce inflammation of the organs or cause pneumonia. Adult worms, although rare, can rupture the intestinal tract, enter the peritoneal cavity, cause peritonitis and block the bile ducts. They can also wander up the pancreatic and bile ducts or stomach causing other problems.

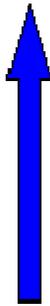
So what can we do to stop this cycle? Well, we can't do anything if Mother Nature takes over and sends the larvae or juvenile worms to the wrong place such as the brain or lungs. We also know that the larvae live in the tissue until the third trimester of gestation and there's nothing we can do there either. What we can do is worm the prospective dam prior to breeding, before the third trimester and after birth and then begin worming BOTH the dam and puppies at 2-3 weeks and every three weeks after that. We can also help by keeping the dog areas clean by scooping the waste as often as possible and keeping our dogs away from suspected infected areas. These eggs are in parks, playgrounds, yards, and homes and there is no way to eradicate them or we would never have to be concerned about them again. So, we must police ourselves and the animals in our care the best that we can.

Twenty Basic Breeding Principles

The following was originally written by the Bull Terrier breeder, Raymond Oppenhiemer, the 20 principles were published in his book "McGuffin and Co."

1. Don't make use of indiscriminate outcrosses. A judicious outcross can be of great value; an injudicious one can produce an aggregation of every imaginable fault in the breed.
2. Don't linebreed just for the sake of linebreeding Linebreeding with complementary types can bring great rewards; with unsuitable ones it will lead to immediate disaster.
3. Don't take advice from people who have always been unsuccessful breeders. If their opinions were worth having they would have proved it by their successes.
4. Don't believe the popular cliché about the brother or sister of the great champion being just as good to breed from. For every one that is, hundreds are not. It depends on the animal concerned.
5. Don't credit your own dogs with virtues they don't possess. Self deceit is a stepping stone to failure.
[This is, in my humble opinion, a 5* principle]
6. Don't breed from mediocrities. THE ABSENCE OF A FAULT DOES NOT IN ANY WAY SIGNIFY THE PRESENCE OF ITS CORRESPONDING VIRTUE. [another 5* principle]
7. Don't try to linebreed to two dogs at the same time; you will end by linebreeding to neither.
8. Don't assess the worth of a stud dog by his inferior progeny. All stud dogs sire rubbish at times. NOT ALL ARE CAPABLE OF SIRING GREATNESS. What matters is how good their BEST efforts are.
9. Don't allow personal feelings to influence your choice of a stud dog.
The right dog for your bitch is the right dog, whoever owns it.
10. Don't allow admiration of a stud dog to blind you to his faults.
If you do you will soon be the victim of auto-intoxication.
11. Don't breed together animals which share the same fault. You are asking for trouble if you do.
12. Don't forget that it is the whole dog that counts. If you forget one virtue while searching for another you will pay for it.
13. Don't search for the perfect dog as a mate for your bitch.
The perfect dog (or bitch) doesn't exist, never has and never will!
14. Don't be frightened of breeding from animals that have obvious faults so long as they have COMPENSATING VIRTUES. A LACK OF VIRTUE IS BY FAR THE GREATEST FAULT OF ALL.
15. Don't breed together non-complementary types. An ability to recognize type at a glance is a breeder's greatest gift.
Ask the successful breeders to explain this subject-there is no other way of learning.
16. Don't forget the necessity to preserve head quality. It will vanish like a dream if you do.
17. Don't forget that substance plus quality should be one of your aims. Any fool can breed one without the other!
18. Don't forget that a great head plus soundness should be another of your aims. Many people can never breed either!
19. Don't ever try to decry a great dog of any breed (Plug in your breed here if you want to personalize this principle)
A THING OF BEAUTY IS NOT ONLY A JOY FOREVER BUT A GREAT DOG OF ANY BREED SHOULD BE A SOURCE OF AESTHETIC PRIDE AND PLEASURE TO ALL TRUE LOVERS OF DOGS.
20. Don't be satisfied with anything but the best. The second best is never good enough.

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Got a favorite recipe you want to share ?



Canine Casserole

ingredients

- 1lb Any meat (beef, venison, chicken)
- 1 Carrot finely chopped
- 1 Small potato finely chopped
- 1 Stick celery
- 1/2 Cups Sliced green beans (stringless)
- 1 T Gravox or steak sauce

directions

Place all ingredients into a large casserole dish. Cover with water and mix. Place lid on casserole. Microwave on high for 10 minutes, mix again and then medium for 10 minutes. This should be cooked at least an hour before feeding so that it is well cooled.

Shrimp Piquant

- 8-10 sprigs fresh Italian parsley
- 1 tablespoon flour
- 1 tablespoon Emeril's Essence® Seasoning
- large zip-top bag
- 1 pound peeled/deveined shrimp (thawed)
- 2 ounces salt pork (2 slices)
- 1 tablespoon canola oil
- 1 tablespoon garlic paste
- 1 (8-ounce) container trinity mix (contains diced onions, bell peppers, and celery)
- 1/4 cup cream sherry
- 1 cup spicy pasta sauce

1. Chop (rinsed) parsley leaves coarsely and measure (2 tablespoons); set aside. Place flour and seasoning in zip-top bag; shake to mix. Add shrimp, seal tightly, and shake to coat; set aside.
2. Preheat large sauté pan on medium-high 2-3 minutes. Cut salt pork into small pieces. Wash hands. Place oil in pan; swirl to coat. Add salt pork (using tongs) and garlic paste; cook 3-4 minutes, stirring occasionally, until browned.
3. Stir in trinity mix; cook 3-4 minutes, stirring occasionally, until tender. Add shrimp, using tongs; cook 2-3 minutes, stirring often, just until shrimp are pink.
4. Stir in sherry and pasta sauce; cook 2-3 minutes or until thoroughly heated and sauce thickens. Stir in parsley and serve.

In Memory

Sir Trevor of Jimmel was not a show dog or even close to show quality, but he was our beloved family companion and protector with the heart, soul, and character of a true German Shepherd dog. All who met him adored him. He had an incredible ball drive, insatiable libido for the ladies (despite being neutered), could escape a crate and scale a 6 foot privacy fence with ease. He warmed our hearts, our couch, and our bed for 11 years and 9 months. We were looking forward to Trevor making the 13 club this coming January but I guess God needed him now. Our house will never be the same.

Melissa Campbell



***Wishing you a very Merry Christmas
and a Wonderful 2007***

Joye and Larry Evans



BOARD-O-GRAM

October 22, 2006, Wentzville, MO
 Annual Meeting, Victory Dinner, Regular Board Meeting
 Written by Tom Mesdag
 Edited by Lew Bunch, President GSDCA

Annual Meeting: Thursday, October 19, 2006

President Lew Bunch opened the meeting by having each Board member stand and introduce themselves. Several Committee Chairmen were asked to present their awards.

Awards:

The newsletter committee started the evening with the ever entertaining and icon of the breed, Ann Mesdag, Awards are as follows:

Division 1

Honorable Mention: "Diamond State GSDC Newsletter", Vivian Holier, editor
 "GSD Gaits", GSDC of Northwestern Pennsylvania, Amy Barney, editor.
 4th Runner Up: "Northwest Shepherd News", The GSDC of Washington State, Kerry Southern, editor.
 3rd Runner Up: "Speak", Southern New Jersey GSDC, Liz Lenard, editor.
 2nd Runner Up: "Tails of Lincolnwood", The Lincolnwood Training Club for GSDs, Judy Braginsky, editor.
 1st Runner Up: "The Northland Shepherd News", The GSDC of Alaska, Kristi Jacobs, editor.
 Best Newsletter: "The Guardian", GSDC of Atlanta, Denise Groenewald editor.

Division 2

2nd Runner Up: "The Newsletter", Delaware Valley GSDC, Loretta Haynes, editor
 1st Runner Up: "K-9 Kapers", Northern NJ GSDC, Virginia McCauley-Cook, editor.
 Best Newsletter: "The Doublehandler", The GSDC of Southern New Hampshire, Becky Tsaros Dickson, editor.

ROM Sires and Dams Report: This year Lew Bunch surprised us with an outstanding DVD giving us a visual kaleidoscope of our new ROM sires and dams. The information was compiled by Cappy Pottle, Gloria Birch and Doris Estabrook and put into DVD format by Pam Stoesser and Susan Casey.

Tony Szczuka announced the Dual Award winners. The complete list will be printed in the Review.

Lori Nickeson announced the Performance of Merit Award recipients. She also noted that the eleven recipients represented the largest number since the inception of the award in 2001.

The PAM recipients for 2006 are:

Xera Vom Haus Kuhn VCD2, UD, TDX, OA, OAJ - Breeder: Adam Kuhn; Owner: Dee Gajda
 LiV Maggie's Always On My Mind VCD1, UDX, TDX, AX, NAJ, HT -- Breeder: Paul & Joyce Wendt; Owner: Dee Gajda
 J-Mar's American Dream VCD2, UD, AX, AXJ, TD -- Breeder: Jean Rodoski; Owner: Jean Rodoski
 Freya Liesl Snee VCD1, TDX, CD, NA, NAJ, RN - Breeder: Louise Lewis; Owner: Thomas Vincent Snee

Orry Vom Kriegerhaus VCD2; UD, TDX, OA, OAJ, SCH1, FH2, KK1 -- Breeder: Pam Hanrahan; Owner: Phyllis Dobbs
 Shasta's Grand Sierra AX, AXJ, HSAs, RN, Nap, NJP (ILP) - Breeder/ Owner: Patty Bensene & Rick Bensene
 BeBrut's Sahli MX, MXJ, PT, RN -- Breeder: Lori Nickeson; Owner: Patty Bensene & Rick Bensene
 MACH Majestic Sierra Von Bonjon UD, RE, HSAs, HAAs, MX, MXJ, BH -- Breeder: Judith Campbell; Owner: Bonnie C. McDonald
 Abel vom Quasliner Moor UD, AX, MXJ, HSCs, HICs, HXCs, Schlll GHG - Breeder: Ulf Kintzel; Owner: Kristin Siarkowicz
 Winsomes Rumer V. Cypress UDT, OJP, RN -- Breeder F & K Fasano, T, Castriota, N. Barnard; Owner: Georgette Hoist
 Dawnhills Motown Magic VCD2, UDT, AXP, AJP, RE - Breeder: Dawn Van Dyken; Owner: Georgette Hoist

The following prestigious awards were presented as follows:
 Bart Bartley was awarded the Don Cliff Memorial Good Sportsmanship Award, presented by Kris Fasano.
 Lori Nickeson was the recipient of the Connie Beckhardt Award, presented by Carolyn Martello.
 Joan Fox received the Lloyd Brackett Award, presented by Lee Brown.

President Lew Bunch and the Board of Directors recognized our Golden Members of 50 plus years or service. Those present included: Helen Miller Fisher, Anne Mesdag, Wynn Strickland, Bob Penny, Ray Johnson and Ralph Roberts. Those honored but not present were William Collins, Ollie Conti and Theodore Michael.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Election Results:
 Sharon Allbright gave our president a sealed envelope revealing newly elected officers and Board of Directors as tallied by Election Services Corporation, a private election firm. There were 1,330 Envelopes Returned to Election Services Corporation, 59 were voided (58 had no signature on the envelope, 1 was placed in the wrong envelope).
 There were 1252 Ballots Received and tallied for the Officers and Board Election. The results are:
 Treasurer
 Bill Pfeiffer - 989 Votes (Elected)
 Corresponding Secretary
 Sharon Allbright – 670 Votes (Elected)
 Barbara Hefner – 495 Votes
 Board of Directors
 Gail Hardcastle - 857 Votes (Elected)
 Helen Gleason – 757 Votes (Elected)
 Bart Bartley – 733 Votes (Elected)
 Dania Karloff – 700 Votes (Elected)
 Nanci Nellis – 595 Votes (Elected)
 Tom Mesdag - 565 Votes (Elected)
 Paul Root – 544 Votes (Elected)
 Lee Brown – 513 Votes
 Ann Barbash – 429 Votes
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 Ileana Noqueras – 347 Votes
 Cyndy Davis – 280 Votes

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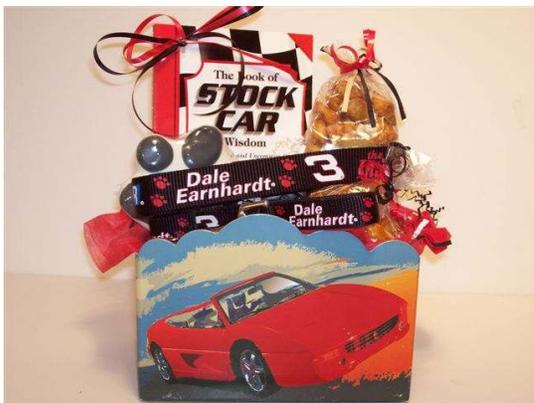


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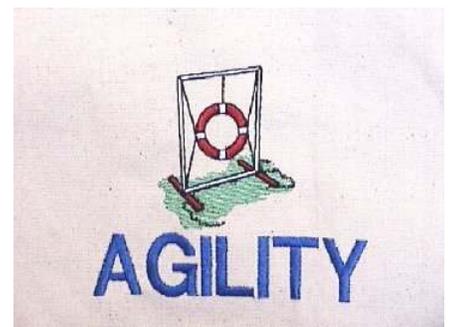
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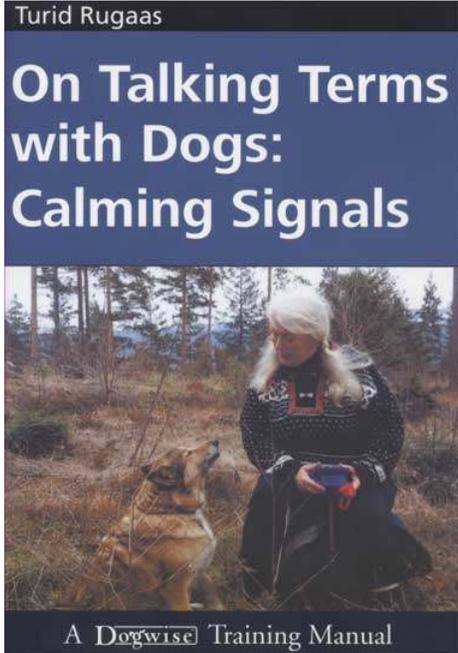
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By: Turid Rugaas



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Sire: 2x Am/Can GV Ch Marquin's Xtra ! Xtra ! ROM OFA H/E
 Dam: Melana's Obsession v Cihu HIC ROM OFA H/E

Murphy finished with wins from both the specialty (2 majors) and the all breed rings, picking up a 2nd Senior MA, Sr Maturity and 2nd GSDCA National placing along the way. He is a large, stallion male with heavy bone, masculine head, full dentention, coal black eyes and strong feet and pasterns. His stride is very long, low and powerful with an exceptional forehand, strong ligamentation and he is squeaky clean coming and going. Bred very sparingly, he has multiple young progeny with many class wins, including 2 with reserves from the puppy class and a 2nd NE Jr Futurity Bitch. His progeny are typically large boned, plush, richly pigmented, well angulated with nice toplines, correct secondary characteristics, strong ligamentation, nice movement and sound temperaments. Please call 1st day of season.BC/VC required.

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BIS/BISS Ch Adlegard's Yancy D von Marquin TC HIC CGC HT PT RN BH

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 medium sized, dark sable male, with a head to die for ! He has won under Specialty and All Breed judges alike, amassing a win record that is still growing. So far, Yancy has titled at every event for which we've trained with more performance titles coming in the next year! His first crop of youngsters have just hit the ring with one major reserve winner from the 6-9 class and several pointed. Yancy is producing his body style and working ability !

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

Sire: Farmil's Stealth of Kagen HIC
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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



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BIM Greenwood's Achilles DNA- V421041 OFA GS-75239G27M-PI

Sire: 2x Sel Ch Bilmar's Here Comes Trouble OFA H & E
 Dam: Ch Helmic'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 temperament, strong 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 won a 3 point major, 4 point major, three 5 point major reserves, 2nd Novice dog at the 2005 National Specialty and 2006 Southeast Best In Maturity. So far Killy is passing on his correct shoulder, powerful long stride, nice bone, excellent secondary sex characteristics and solid temperament. Killy does carry the coat factor.

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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

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Ch. Van Cleve's Dashiell Hammiett, OFA Prelims, DNA

Sire : 2003 Fut. Ch O Danny Boy of Heinerburg, OFA Prelim DNA certified
 Dam: Van Cleve's Cassandra v Kaleef ROM, OFA, DNA certified

"Dash" is from a litter of 7. Two of his littermates finished quickly making his mother an ROM with her first litter. In the repeat breeding to Ch O Danny Boy of Heinerburg, there are 4 more qualifiers. Dash's breeding is called a formula breeding (line bred) on: "Dallas" , BIS Am/Can Sel. Ch. Kismet's Sight For Sore Eyes ROM, OFA DNA certified. Dash is expected to be one of the better producers. He finished quickly and placed second in his Futurity. His mother has a new litter of 10 (2-8) having been bred to BOS Fut, Ch Hi-Cliff's Bronson v Keleef . Pups available in August 2006.

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Ernie Planck of Purina was the next guest speaker, introducing the Purina Alliance Program. The growth of participating members between the years 2002 and 2006 has been substantial. In that four year period the contribution from Purina including Futurity, Maturity and the standard program has brought to our club benefits amounting to more than \$97,000! Since this amount represents only the small fraction of participants who actually redeem their points, imagine the return if everyone was diligent to send in their redemption points. Purina is so committed to their partnership with the GSDCA that they are currently helping to sponsor the GSDCA-WDA National Shows in St. Louis, Missouri and will also help sponsor the GSDCA National and donate all the Futurity Trophies in 2007, 2008 and 2009.

Suggestions and comments from the audience were solicited and it was recommended that attendees to the next year's National Specialty bring a flag representing their country of residence. President Lew Bunch recognized the numerous countries in attendance to our Nationals this year and agreed that a display of their flags would demonstrate the broad participation of our competitors and guests.

Victory Dinner, Saturday, October 21, 2006

The AOE Committee was pleased to announce five AOE Award winners in 2006.

Sel. Ex. Ch. Castlehill's Tuff Cookie TC, PT, HT, OFA - Breeders: Gail Hardcastle, Mary Stoll, Karen Taylor and Jerry Guzman; Owner: Patty Korsch US

Grand Victor Ch. Marquin's Xtra Xtra ROM, HT, RA, TC, OFA - Breeders: Barbara & Mark Hefner and Kevin Reynolds; Owners: Barbara & Mark Hefner, Kevin Reynolds

Sel. Ex. Ch. Debonair's Surprize Package RN, TC, OFA - Breeder: Rose H. Quigley; Owner: Ann E. Solt

Sel Ex. Ch. Lenlor's Maximus TC, CD, OFA - Breeders: Lorry Bellah and Joanne Hess; Owners: Lorry and Lenny Bellah

Sel. Ex. Ch Marquis' Here I Am Surigo TC, RN, OFA— Breeders: Paul R. Johnson & Doug Oster; Owners: F. Susan Godek & Nancy K, Godek

Roll of Honor:

Gail Hardcastle in recognition of her many years of service to the GSDCA and its members was added to the GSDCA Roll of Honor by President Lew Bunch.

Lamar Kuhns Award:

Fran Foster was the recipient of this award due to her many years of helping others and promoting the German Shepherd Dog. The entire Foster family was there to share this honor with Fran and she was escorted to the front of the room by her daughter Julie.

Certificate of Appreciation:

Kris Fasano and Helen Miller Fisher were honored with Certificates of Appreciation for their service to the GSDCA and the Office of the President.

President's Award:

Bill Pfeiffer in recognition of his many years of service as Treasurer, Webmaster, National Reporter, and Contract Chairman was presented a President's Award.

Dr. David Landau in recognition of his 8 years serving as a GSDCA Board member, the SV and WDA Liaison and the newly elected WUSV Board Member and Vice President was presented a President's Award.

SV/WUSV: Most exciting news! The team from the United States of America WON the WUSV World Championship in Randers, Denmark for the first time ever! Dr. David Landau, SV/WUSV Liaison for the GSDCA hoisted the World Championship Trophy won by the United States of America Team from the GSDCA and the USCA.

Election of Judges for 2007 National Specialty Show: Sharon Allbright gave our president a sealed envelope revealing newly elected 2007 National Specialty Judges as tallied by Election Services Corporation, a private election firm.

There were 1247 Ballots Received for the Judges Election, 28 Ballots were voided (4 were blank, 24 were incorrectly marked, 1 was the incorrect ballot). The results are:

Confirmation Judges/Futurity Finals

Ed Barritt – 997 Points – Elected for Intersex

Carmen Battaglia – 910 Points – Elected for Dogs, Junior Showmanship, Futurity/Maturity Bitch Finals

Robert Kish – 864 Points – Elected for Bitches, Futurity/Maturity Dog Finals

Nancy Harper – 683 Points

Lee Brown – 613 Points

Charlotte LaRosa – 579 Points

Kathy Potter – 543 Points

Edwina Trocki – 498 Points

Lamar Frederick – 367 Points

Jerry Graham – 363 Points

Dick Jones – 293 Points

Robert Funk 214 Points

Thomas McPheron – 135 Points

Obedience Judges

William T. Beauchamp – 1077 Points (Elected)

DeeDee Rose – 887 Points (Elected)

Susan Oviat 766 Points (Elected)

Janice Anthes – 701 Points

Stephan Piccivolo – 603 Points

Herding Judges

Kent Herbel – 1277 Points (Elected)

Lori Herbel – 1037 Points (Elected)

Mary Weir Anderson – 627 Points

Peggy Taylor – 527 Points

Judy Vanderford – 458 Points

Dorothy M. Delisle – 414 Points

Agility Judge:

Carol Mount – 2040 Points (Elected)

Regular Board Meeting, Sunday, October 22, 2006

AKC Delegate Report:

Carmen reported that the problem between members over puppies, stud fees, and breeding could be reduced with a sales contract, co-ownership or lease agreements.

Lew Bunch appointed an AD Hoc Committee chaired by Jamie Walker to update the Breeder's Code and work with the Ethics Committee for enforcement guidelines.

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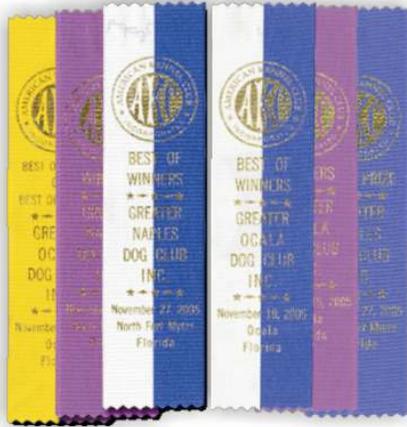


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Committee Reports:

National Specialty: Our long time show photographer, Cary Manaton will not be with us next year at his request. We will be accepting applications with credentials and samples of work from profession all photographers for the 2007 National Specialty Show in Colorado. Applications should be sent to Nancy Nellis with copies to Lew Bunch, Bill Pfeiffer and Susan Casey. These will be reviewed prior to the January Board Meeting with recommendations made to the Board at that time.

National Show Site Selection Committee: The goal of this committee has been to set up three permanent show sites that the Nationals could rotate between as per membership requests. This includes focusing on finding sites where all venues can be on one property. In the meantime, National Show dates scheduled for 2007 at Fort Collins, Colorado are October 15th thru 20th. In 2008 the dates are November 3rd thru 8th, at the Ford Center in Beaumont, Texas, Herding and tracking dates will be announced later. Springfield, Ohio has been approved for the 2009 site.

Board Meeting Sites: January 2007 is planned for Tunica, Miss, (close to Memphis, TN). The April and July meetings will be either in Salt Lake City, Utah or Laughlin, Nevada.

Legal Affairs: The Board ratified contracts for the 2007 National at Fort Collins, Colorado; the 2009 National at Springfield, Ohio and for Susan Casey as the GSD Review Editor. The contract for the 2008 National at Beaumont, TX will be discussed at the January Board Meeting, the Board is asking for clarification on a couple of contract issues.

Herding: We are looking forward to the 2007 Nationals which will be held at Ft. Lupton, Colorado at Cathy Balliu's facility. This farm can hold A, B and C Course as well. Theresa Royer has cordially agreed to be the trial secretary for this event. All herding Premiums will be sent out separately.

Obedience: Dalene McIntire, Obedience Chairman, is still anxiously awaiting your cute, funny, nostalgic anecdotes involving your dog in obedience training. She will accept them in any form by any means available, even a phone call. Don't keep those charming tales to yourselves, let us all enjoy them with you. Of the many fine Obedience judges, Dalene is looking for names of judges who have a special interest in our breed. She would like to at least offer a few German Shepherd people's names on the ballot each year for consideration to judge the National Show.

Futurities: The Board approved the holding of the Amateur Futurity for the Midwest Great Lakes & Southern Pacific Regions for year 2007 with the approval for all nine regions in year 2008 provided the pilot program in 2007 is successful.

Strategic Planning: Carmen reported that in 2007 we will continue to put emphasis on growing and sustaining the membership. Clubs should review the committee reports and recommendations.

Temperament: It would be a great experience for your club to include a Temperament Test in your plans for 2007. It can be a great rallying point for your club, as well as a profitable venture. We hope you will consider this suggestion in the coming year. Contact Robert E. Penny for details.

Working Dog Sport: Carmen announced that there will be a meeting on 12/02/06 in Long Beach, California to discuss the new working dog sport regulations and Parent Club responses. Lew Bunch and Dr. David Landau will attend.

RALEEF: In a letter from GSDCA President Lew Bunch, RALEEF has also begun an effort to unite Breed Parent Clubs around the country in a coalition to fight the Animal Rights Organization and their minions. It is so important that the Fancy "step up to the plate" and offer alternatives to Mandatory Spay and Neuter laws being proposed all throughout the USA. RALEEF will be the GSDCA conduit to such action. RALEEF is working with the GSDCA webmaster and will soon have information on legislation and methods for GSDCA members to respond on the GSDCA website.

Regional Clubs: Kelly Knight was approved as the new Regional Club Chairman.

Membership: This year a variety of new' programs to promote our club, retain membership, honor departed members and celebrate long term members were launched. Please encourage all the German Shepherd people you know to become a member and support our great breed.

Education Committee-Helen Gleason chairperson
helengleasonus@yahoo.com

The Judges Education Seminar was well received with 40 participants. Members, Specialty Judges and Group and BIS judges attended. A special thank you to my Assistant Chairperson Diane Mehra, Ed Anderson and Pam Stoesser for all of their help in organization and technical assistance. The new DVD will be ready before the 1st of the year and will be distributed to all Specialty clubs. Thank you also to Dave Rinke, Bob Penny, and Ed Barritt for assisting me with the presentations. We welcome all members who are interested to please attend next year. Please watch for all educational programs to be posted on the www.gsdca.org site under the Education button.

We are working on the development of a rental library which will now be housed at the GSDCA office with Laura Gilbert as the manager of the program.

If you are looking for a speaker for your club or a Specialty judge to officiate at your show please also check the website for information. Thank you for your support.

Parent Club Office: Regional Clubs are asked to please add the GSDCA Office to your Premium List Mailings. By doing so, they will not have to apply for their Bronze Medals. If the Bronze Medals are listed in your premium list, they will automatically be sent to your Show Secretary. Questions should be directed to: GSDCA Office
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Legislation Updates

On Monday, November 27, 2006, the President signed into law: S. 3880, the "Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act," which expands criminal prohibitions against the use of force, violence, and threats involving animal enterprises and increases penalties for violations of these prohibitions.

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the 'Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act'.

SEC. 2. INCLUSION OF ECONOMIC DAMAGE TO ANIMAL ENTERPRISES AND THREATS OF DEATH AND SERIOUS BODILY INJURY TO ASSOCIATED PERSONS.

(a) In General- Section 43 of title 18, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

SEC. 43. FORCE, VIOLENCE, AND THREATS INVOLVING ANIMAL ENTERPRISES

(a) Offense- Whoever travels in interstate or foreign commerce, or uses or causes to be used the mail or any facility of interstate or foreign commerce--

.....(1) for the purpose of damaging or interfering with the operations of an animal enterprise; and

.....(2) in connection with such purpose--

.....(A) intentionally damages or causes the loss of any real or personal property (including animals or records) used by an animal enterprise, or any real or personal property of a person or entity having a connection to, relationship with, or transactions with an animal enterprise;

.....(B) intentionally places a person in reasonable fear of the death of, or serious bodily injury to that person, a member of the immediate family (as defined in section 115) of that person, or a spouse or intimate partner of that person by a course of conduct involving threats, acts of vandalism, property damage, criminal trespass, harassment, or intimidation; or

.....(C) conspires or attempts to do so; shall be punished as provided for in subsection (b).

.....(b) Penalties- The punishment for a violation of section (a) or an attempt or conspiracy to violate subsection (a) shall be--

.....(1) a fine under this title or imprisonment not more than 1 year, or both, if the offense does not instill in another the reasonable fear of serious bodily injury or death and--

.....(A) the offense results in no economic damage or bodily injury; or

.....(B) the offense results in economic damage that does not exceed \$10,000;

.....(2) a fine under this title or imprisonment for not more than 5 years, or both, if no bodily injury occurs and--

.....(A) the offense results in economic damage exceeding \$10,000 but not exceeding \$100,000; or

.....(B) the offense instills in another the reasonable fear of serious bodily injury or death;

.....(3) a fine under this title or imprisonment for not more than 10 years, or both, if--

.....(A) the offense results in economic damage exceeding \$100,000; or

.....(B) the offense results in substantial bodily injury to another individual;

.....(4) a fine under this title or imprisonment for not more than 20 years, or both, if--

.....(A) the offense results in serious bodily injury to another individual; or

.....(B) the offense results in economic damage exceeding \$1,000,000; and` (5) imprisonment for life or for any terms of years, a fine under this title, or both, if the offense results in death of another individual.

.....(c) Restitution- An order of restitution under section 3663 or 3663A of this title with respect to a violation of this section may also include restitution--

.....(1) for the reasonable cost of repeating any experimentation that was interrupted or invalidated as a result of the offense;

.....(2) for the loss of food production or farm income reasonably attributable to the offense; and

.....(3) for any other economic damage, including any losses or costs caused by economic disruption, resulting from the offense.

.....(d) Definitions- As used in this section--

.....(1) the term `animal enterprise' means--

.....(A) a commercial or academic enterprise that uses or sells animals or animal products for profit, food or fiber production, agriculture, education, research, or testing;

.....(B) a zoo, aquarium, animal shelter, pet store, breeder, furrier, circus, or rodeo, or other lawful competitive animal event; or

.....(C) any fair or similar event intended to advance agricultural arts and sciences;

.....(2) the term `course of conduct' means a pattern of conduct composed of 2 or more acts, evidencing a continuity of purpose;

.....(3) the term `economic damage'--

.....(A) means the replacement costs of lost or damaged property or records, the costs of repeating an interrupted or invalidated experiment, the loss of profits, or increased costs, including losses and increased costs resulting from threats, acts or vandalism, property damage, trespass, harassment, or intimidation taken against a person or entity on account of that person's or entity's connection to, relationship with, or transactions with the animal enterprise; but

.....(B) does not include any lawful economic disruption (including a lawful boycott) that results from lawful public, governmental, or business reaction to the disclosure of information about an animal enterprise;

.....(4) the term `serious bodily injury' means--

.....(A) injury posing a substantial risk of death;

.....(B) extreme physical pain;

.....(C) protracted and obvious disfigurement; or

.....(D) protracted loss or impairment of the function of a bodily member, organ, or mental faculty; and

.....(5) the term `substantial bodily injury' means--

.....(A) deep cuts and serious burns or abrasions;

.....(B) short-term or nonobvious disfigurement;

.....(C) fractured or dislocated bones, or torn members of the body;

.....(D) significant physical pain;

.....(E) illness;

.....(F) short-term loss or impairment of the function of a bodily member, organ, or mental faculty; or

.....(G) any other significant injury to the body.

...(e) Rules of Construction- Nothing in this section shall be construed--

.....(1) to prohibit any expressive conduct (including peaceful picketing or other peaceful demonstration) protected from legal prohibition by the First Amendment to the Constitution;

.....(2) to create new remedies for interference with activities protected by the free speech or free exercise clauses of the First Amendment to the Constitution, regardless of the point of view expressed, or to limit any existing legal remedies for such interference; or

.....(3) to provide exclusive criminal penalties or civil remedies with respect to the conduct prohibited by this action, or to preempt State or local laws that may provide such penalties or remedies.'

.....(b) Clerical Amendment- The item relating to section 43 in the table of sections at the beginning of chapter 3 of title 18, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

43. Force, violence, and threats involving animal enterprises.'

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SYNOPSIS

Scent in a bottle, hereafter referred to as SIAB, is a totally different approach to tracking training. First you get good and sweaty, take off your shirt and immerse in a gallon of distilled water, wring out, wipe the sweat off again, and immerse/wring again. Now you have your scent in a bottle.

For your first lesson, you take undiluted SIAB and put it in a spray bottle (clean, new) and set it to stream. You shoot a stream in a line right before you, as you walk, so that not only is there a stream of scent, but also a place for your skin rafts to adhere to as you walk over it. You bring the dog out to the start (marked or unmarked, scent article or not, your preference) and wait for the dog to investigate—click and treat—then you work on lengthening the duration of the behavior. You progress by both increasing the mist factor (widening the path of the spray) and by diluting the SIAB, until you aren't misting at all anymore.

A purist uses the CR and treat at the end (or every article), while a not-so-purist uses occasional food drops. You start on a relatively untraveled concrete surface, and progress from concrete surface to asphalt to packed dirt to loose dirt to gravel to grass.

This may sound a little wacky, but think about it...rather than a lot of initial confusion over exactly *what* scent the dog is following (is it crushed vegetation, disturbed dirt, what???) the dog is learning that the human scent is *the* element to be tracked. You start with a relatively pristine surface, and you can see the line yourself to "help" if need be. After watching Alix track on asphalt with a deep nose and total concentration, I became a believer.

I must give total credit to Steve White, K-9 Handler and Trainer, for the name and the concept. It was Steve who introduced me to the idea of tracking without food drops—something I was very uncomfortable with at first. Now that I've done it, I see a definite application for this type of training. In many ways, I feel that this is a wonderful way to teach a dog how to discriminate among scents. I think it's a great skill to develop before going into any other scent detection arena.

Alix was my test dog. I was reluctant to use her as my "trial" of SIAB but I was also looking at the total picture—I wanted her to be able to track anywhere and anything. I've started dozens of dogs on food drop tracking. I even started Alix out with the food drop method...but I wasn't happy with the results. She was so interested in scent, period, that she was overwhelmed with the possibilities she found in grass. EVERYTHING was something to track. The food made her frantic, as she debated whether scent or food was more important.

STARTING OUT

I'll try to address the questions I had when I was starting out.

1. Surface. Concrete pads are wonderful—business parks, or school basketball courts if they're around, are very nice, and have good crevices for hiding treats. This is a little different from how Steve does it, but I like to hide a treat in a crack or crevice at random intervals. I don't like my dogs turning to look at me on a track, and that's why I do this. This requires that I know where these are so that I can click at the appropriate time.

2. Length of tracks/turns. My inclination is to start small. I usually start with a 20 or 30 foot track, max, unless the dog is teeny-tiny, because it's really hard work. Alix had maybe three conventional tracks under her belt before I started SIAB, and they were basically abysmal. She was ALL over the place investigating interesting scents. So I laid three tracks initially on a concrete half-basketball court. I laid each using paint lines or crevices as visual markers for myself, because it was warm enough that the SIAB evaporates by the time you're done. (there's still a good bit of scent, but no visual cue). I tucked soft, small treats into the occasional crevice, and each track was about 30 feet, going in different directions so that she'd have experience with differing wind conditions. Remember, this was as much a test of the method as a way to train her, for me. She did so well, and tracked with such concentration, that I tied her to a post and laid another track, this time with a 90 degree left turn, first leg about 20 feet, second leg about 40 feet. She never lifted her nose through the turn, just followed her head. That's when I was convinced.

3. Progression. Let the dog determine. Some dogs have excellent stamina at scentwork, others do not. You don't want to discourage your dog. Help when needed, but don't be in too big a rush to assist. I found that initially I was letting Alix plow ahead after treats, when she needed to regroup a little—so by not moving until the head was back down all the way, she learned to regulate herself. Some people believe in serpentine. Do NOT do these unless you absolutely know where they are, because of visual clues on the pavement, or **something**. It's too easy to forget where everything is, and reinforce incorrectly. As far as surface progression goes—take it as you feel you can. I tried asphalt within a week of concrete, and I waited a month to go to grass because I wanted the style to be really *there* before going back to a surface with so much "background noise." Once I tried grass, I started to mix tracking surfaces, so that we'd start on short grass, move to long grass, through dirt patches, then concrete, then back to grass.

For Alix, I think SIAB was really a concentration exercise. She learned how to focus, and she really needed that. In the years since I started Alix in SIAB I've started a number of other dogs, and have changed some of my technique. Instead of spending a lot of time with SIAB, I use SIAB for the introduction to hard surface and move very quickly to stocking feet tracklaying in the Dutch tradition (Jan de Bruin, Rotterdam Police Dog Training Center). How fast I move to regular tracklaying depends on the dog. My most recent dog had four tracking training sessions (two SIAB, two stocking feet) before attending a two-day VST seminar with regular tracklaying, and did just fine.

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12/03	Ft Myers GSDC	Lee Civic Center Jct SR 31 / SR 78 N Ft Myers, FL	Amy Safdir				11/15/06
01/04	Orlando GSDC	Trotters Park 2701 Lee Rd Orlando, FL	Tom McPheron				12/20/06
01/05	Treasure Coast GSDC	Trotters Park 2701 Lee Rd Orlando, FL	Temperament Test				ringside
01/06	Orlando GSDC	Trotters Park 2701 Lee Rd Orlando, FL	Dick Jones				12/20/06
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01/07	N. Florida GSDC	Trotters Park 2701 Lee Rd Orlando, FL	Gary Szymczak AM Show				12/20/06
01/07	Treasure Coast GSDC	Trotters Park 2701 Lee Rd Orlando, FL	Fred Migliore PM Show				12/20/06
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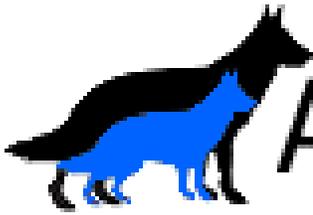
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When : Saturday January 20, 2007 10:00 am—5:00 pm

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Where : North East Georgia Schutzhund Club

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Dr Carmen Battaglia, AKC Board of Directors

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12:00 pm—1:00 pm

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