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DIAMOND DOG FOODS RECALLED DUE TO AFLATOXIN CONTAMINATION

Diamond Pet Foods Press Release

12/27/2005

Due to the discovery of aflatoxin, Diamond Pet Foods has issued a voluntary recall of certain pet food products manufactured in our Gaston, S.C. facility and distributed to states in the eastern U.S.

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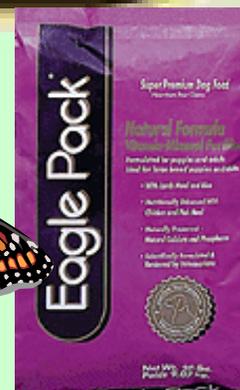
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AFLATOXIN KILLING DOGS !

Dogs keep dying: Too many owners remain unaware of toxic dog food

<http://www.news.cornell.edu/stories/Jan06/dogs.dying.ssl.html>

Jan. 6, 2006

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Even though Diamond, Country Value and Professional brand dog foods have been recalled for containing highly toxic aflatoxins, they have caused at least 100 dog deaths in recent weeks, say Cornell University veterinarians, who are growing increasingly alarmed. Some kennels and consumers around the nation and possibly in more than two dozen other countries remain unaware of the tainted food, and as a result, they continue to give dogs food containing a lethal toxin.

To better screen affected dogs so they can be treated as soon as possible, Cornell veterinarians report that they now have a new test, adapted from one used in humans, to accurately assess aflatoxin poisoning in dogs (see companion story at <http://www.news.cornell.edu/stories/Jan06/PoisonedDogs.bpf.html>). Currently, about two-thirds of dogs that show symptoms after eating the tainted food die.

"Entire kennels have been wiped out, and because of the holiday these past few weeks, the dispersal of recall information was disrupted," says Sharon Center, a professor of veterinary medicine who specializes in liver function and disease at the College of Veterinary Medicine at Cornell, which is emerging as a central clearinghouse for information about the dog food poisoning.

The Cornell Vet College is continually updating its Web site (<http://www.vet.cornell.edu>) to keep the public and veterinarians informed as new information on the poisonings emerge. Cornell's Animal Health Diagnostic Center (AHDC) is analyzing blood and liver samples from sick dogs around the country, testing suspected dog food, conducting autopsies and collecting as many livers as possible from dead dogs to confirm cause of death, tracking dogs that have died and following up on the health of dogs that survive the food poisoning. The AHDC has information for veterinarians on its Web site <http://diaglab.vet.cornell.edu/news.asp>.

"We suspect that dogs have been dying since November, perhaps even October, but it took the perfect storm of circumstances to get the diagnosis," said Karyn Bischoff, the veterinary toxicologist at Cornell who first identified aflatoxin as the culprit in the recent wave of deaths.

Trying to save dogs

Over the recent holiday weeks, Center and her staff worked around-the-clock to try to save the 17 poisoned dogs admitted to Cornell's Hospital for Animals. "I've been working with liver disease in dogs for 30 years, and I've never seen such miserably ill dogs," said Center, noting that severely affected dogs suffer from intractable vomiting and internal bleeding. "Despite our understanding of this complex toxin, we have no direct antidote for this poisoning. This has been an immensely sad holiday and one that will leave an indelible mark on the owners that lost their cherished family members." Of those 17 dogs, Center euthanized 12 when it became clear they could not survive; five are still being treated. Dogs that have survived had consumed a smaller amount of the food than dogs that died, Center said. "Some dogs were stealing food from the kitchen counter. Others just stopped eating the food and begged for treats. Unfortunately, some owners used gravy and other mixers to entice their dogs to consume what they thought was safe, quality dog food." "It's devastating to dog owners who feel responsible for poisoning their beloved dogs," said Bischoff.

Although only about two dozen animal deaths have been officially linked to the tainted pet food, Center and Bischoff know that many more have died or become ill from the tainted food, based on their many communications with veterinarians as far south as Georgia. "Every day, we're hearing reports from veterinarians in the East and Southeast who have treated dogs that have died from liver damage this past month or so," said Center. "We're also concerned about the long-term health of dogs that survive as well as dogs that have eaten the tainted food but show no clinical signs." She suspects that surviving dogs may develop chronic liver disease, perhaps liver cancer, and that many dogs that ate the tainted food appear healthy are nevertheless victims of liver damage. Yet many dog and kennel owners remain unaware that some 19 brands of Diamond, Country Value and Professional dog foods have been recalled. "About half of our clients bringing in sick dogs this past week say that they were not aware of the contaminated dog food problem," said Sara Sanders, one of the veterinarians at Mendon Valley Animal Hospital near Rochester -- the sort of ground zero for the epidemic that resulted in the recall. She first realized that several dogs she was treating for liver problems in December were all eating Diamond food, and she sent food and tissue samples to Cornell, her alma mater, for testing.

Screening ill dogs

Early signs that a dog has been poisoned by aflatoxin include lethargy, loss of appetite and vomiting and, later, orange-colored urine and jaundice (a yellowing of the eyes, gums and nonpigmented skin that reflects substantial liver injury). Severely affected dogs produce a blood-tinged vomit and bloody or blackened stools. "Since dogs can take several days to three weeks to exhibit serious signs of illness, all animals that consumed recalled lots of food should

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The reason a dog has so many friends is that he wags his tail instead of his tongue.

-Anonymous

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

We will be having a question answer session with a panel of our judges on Form Follows Function and how the structure as spelled out in the GSDC Standard of your dog aids him/her in their performance on the field or in everyday life.

DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS ONE !

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Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month ,
except July and December , at the
Atlanta Humane Society,
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The GSDC of Atlanta encourages visitors to
attend. Our next meeting is February 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 :

www.gsdcatlanta.us



From The
Editor's Desk

Dear Readers,

Well, we are on our way into another year now and it looks like we are going to have a rather eventful one ! Not only do we have our Spring and Fall matches to look forward to along with our Back to Back Specialty Shows, we are also looking forward to our very first Agility Match and have been invited to join Bark In The Park ! We have been lucky enough to have obtained some wonderful advertisers that have not only made it possible to have a better looking and larger issue each month, but they offer products and services we and our dogs can use on a daily basis ! We have also been informed that Eagle Pack Dog Foods has agreed to sponsor our club shows and events !

Our members have moved into new territory this year with their dogs and have excelled not only in the conformation and obedience rings, but also in herding, schutzhund, agility and rally obedience. We have members involved in keeping an eye on anti -dog legislation, myself included. It has always been the goal of the GSDC of Atlanta to promote the German Shepherd Dog in mind and body in every venue we can and bring out the best in our dogs and our members. Each year it seems we have more members branching out into new territories, getting their toes wet and jumping right in. This can only benefit ourselves and our dogs and help our club be the best it can be.

Since taking over in August of last year, I have had a blast learning with each and every issue. I had some prior experience in a small weekly newspaper many years ago, but nothing near as detailed as putting together a newsletter like this every month. I feel that a newsletter should be informative , well rounded and interesting. And I have tried hard to make it a publication that everyone can enjoy, learn something with and not get bored with.

I want to thank everyone for their wonderful comments on the issues to date, the suggestions and support.

Denise

NOTICE

General membership notification of intent to address the following so that agility, rally obedience and other AKC venues can be incorporated as normal and regular events:

Proposal to amend the following bylaw to delete "obedience trials" and replace with "all AKC events which the club is eligible"

Article 1—Name and Objectives

Section 2—Objectives

The objectives of the club are to uphold the intents and purposes as stated in the Articles Of Incorporation and to conduct sanctioned and licensed specialty shows and obedience trials under the rules of the American Kennel Club.

Club Hospitality

Contact Susan Morabit at
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To 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

A STANDARD FOR JUDGES

An article by Richard Kurz

".. Show in undt show out, ve are asked about der judgink dat takes platz. .. How can ve giff objectif opinion? .. Ve hat notink mit vich to compare. .. At least das judge hat ein schtandardt to use ven efaluatink der hundten. .."



Dese .. I mean .. *These* words really struck home. The late Wolfgang Klegg, then the president of the Orville County German Shepherd Society, spoke them at the annual convention last year. The place was the Grand Ballroom of the Night Night Motor Inn and Truck Stop in Wadsworth Ohio. ..

".. Why not?" .. I remember thinking then, and I just did it again now. .. "Why not? .. Our fine judges should have at least as good a shake as our fine dogs." For this reason I have assembled the following guide. ..

THE FIRST AMERICAN STANDARD FOR JUDGES

General Appearance:

The first impression of a good German Shepherd Dog judge is that of a tough-minded, but fair; alert, but gentle man or woman. Muscular fitness and nimbleness are desirable, but not mandatory. .. Soft living seems unavoidable.

The judge should be neither too tall nor too short. If, as a rule of thumb, he must sink to his knees to pet the dog, he is probably too tall. On the other hand, if he must leap into the air to check testicles, he is probably too short.

Measurements should be taken from the top of the head with the hair parted or so pushed down that it will show only the actual height of the frame or structure of the judge. A judge of desirable size and of proper flesh should fall between 70 and 340 pounds depending primarily upon gender and upon how fat he or she really is.

The judge should be stamped with a look of nobility and justice, difficult to define, but unmistakable after the show. The good judge has a distinct personality marked by a direct and fearless,

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but not hostile expression of self-confidence and that certain aloofness which does not lend itself to immediate and indiscriminate friendships. .. At least it does not belie such friendships until later back at the hotel.

Secondary sex characteristics should be strongly marked lest, when the judge hands you a ribbon, you say, "Thank you, sir. .." to a lady, or conversely.

The question of "monorchids" and "cryptorchids" should of course be left up to your club florist and to just how much you can afford.

Coat:

In cold climes the judge should be equipped with a double coat. The underwear may vary with the season. At no time however should a judge shed in the ring.

Structure:



Personally, I prefer lady judges built along the lines of brick chicken houses. .. As for the gentlemen, .. well, .. I just never have paid that much attention.

Proportion:

The most desirable proportion for a judge is 38- 23-36. You may have to settle for 23-23-23 or, as I have at times, 22-35-48.

Pigment: Let's not get into this again. .. All colors are permissible. .. I have not personally seen a blue one, but there is always that first time.

Gait:

Judges who tend to motivate on all fours should be avoided, as should those who stagger and fall down a lot. Forward motion should be achieved by placing one foot in front of the other. Hopping is also permitted and, in fact, often makes for a much livelier show.

Stance:

While viewing the dogs, the judge should stand in the center of the ring, feet spread as at "Parade Rest". The right hand should be held firmly within the left armpit with the left hand crossing over under the right armpit. The chin must be tucked solidly into the chest, .. eyes squinting.

Once the judge has assumed this viewing posture, the ring steward should begin counting the number of times the class circles. If that count should ever exceed twenty (20), he then might unobtrusively move out from his position at ringside to check on the condition of the judge. Older, more experienced judge specimens have been known to doze off in this position, while members of the younger, party-going set might still be so gassed

Minor Faults:

Mute:

It is better if a judge can speak in audible tones. His vocabulary may be limited to phrases like: "Loose leads!"; "Walk them."; "One more time.", and the numbers one (1) through four (4). If this is impossible, a set of flash cards should be supplied by the sponsoring club.

AWARENESS, QUICK ACTION KEY TO BATTLING CANINE BACTERIAL DISEASE

MANHATTAN -- Saving the life of a dog with Canine Streptococcal Toxic Shock Syndrome requires quick action by the pet owner and awareness of the disease by the attending veterinarian.

That's the word from Dr. Brad Fenwick, Kansas State University veterinarian who has been studying the disease since he first observed it among racing greyhounds. Little is known about transmission or prevention.

"Typically, dogs that develop Canine Streptococcal Toxic Shock Syndrome are healthy prior to being found very sick only a few hours later," Fenwick said. "The course of the disease from initial recognition of disease to death can be as short as six hours. Typically, infected dogs are found lying down, on their side, either too weak to move or experiencing rigidity with mild convulsions. At an early stage vomiting may occur. The dog also may have rapid, uncontrolled fine muscle twitches."

Fenwick said a consistent and important clinical finding is a very high temperature -- greater than 105 degrees F. Treatment at this point with injectable antibiotics, clindamycin or crystalline penicillin-G, is important in order to increase the likelihood of recovery.

As the disease progresses a deep, nonproductive cough typical of pulmonary edema develops. The dog may soon experience spontaneous hemorrhaging including coughing up blood, bleeding from the nose, severe bruising of the skin, and in some cases bloody diarrhea. At this point, antibiotics and even aggressive shock therapy are generally not sufficient to save these dogs. Fenwick said the mortality rate is 70-80 percent for dogs that are not treated quickly and appropriately.

When owners and their veterinarians catch the disease in its early stages, the chances for a recovery are significantly improved, he said.

Although he said the cause may be new strains of Streptococci, Fenwick does not believe Canine Streptococcal Toxic Shock Syndrome is a brand new disease, but rather that it has been misdiagnosed in the past. Cases have been confirmed from as early as 1979.

"It looks very similar to a poisoning -- similar to what can happen when a dog gets into rat poison. It's more of a toxicosis than many other bacterial infections," he said. And although he believes it is more common than once thought -- that cases have been occurring unrecognized for many years, he said it is still relatively uncommon.

"We think it is fairly rare," Fenwick said, "maybe one case in every 50,000 dogs, but that is just a guess, because we do not keep death certificates on dogs, nor do we have reportable statistics on dog deaths. Many veterinarians have never seen a case. Others learn more about it and then recall cases they have had in the past and wonder if a specific case might have been Canine Streptococcal Toxic Shock Syndrome."

Fenwick said some misinformation is being circulated about the syndrome. He said there is no evidence that the disease can be transmitted from dog to dog, from humans to dogs, or from dogs to humans. The human version of the disease first emerged about 10 years ago. Among the victims was Muppet creator Jim Henson. Rapid onset, high fever, hypotension and shock are prominent characteristics of Streptococcal Toxic Shock Syndrome in humans and dogs.

Fenwick does not recommend that dog owners make any changes in their routine to try to prevent the disease.

"There is no justification to do anything differently," he said. "We have no evidence that dog show conditions, crowding, sharing crates or bowls, or stress is a cause of this disease. People should not panic and change what they are doing. There is no reason to stop showing or participating in performance sports."

Also, although Fenwick is conducting research on the disease, dog owners should not expect to see a vaccine for it. The disease is caused by a toxin -- Toxic Shock Toxin -- that is a super-antigen, which short-circuits the immune system. If a vaccine with a super-antigen is injected into an individual, it wouldn't be effective. Fenwick explained that it is the same reason people can get food poisoning over and over again -- the body can't produce an effective immunity against these toxins.

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A tissue sample is required to confirm the diagnosis of Canine Streptococcal Toxic Shock Syndrome.

If you or your veterinarian have questions, or if you think your dog may have the disease, contact Dr. Brad Fenwick, Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine, at (785) 532-4412, or e-mail: fenwick@vet.ksu.edu. Fenwick would like information on any dog who may have or have had Canine Streptococcal Toxic Shock Syndrome, surviving or not. Contact him regarding cultures and tissue samples he needs and where to send them.

Prepared by Cheryl May. For more information contact Fenwick at xxx-xxx-xxxx.

November 2000

"Canine Streptococcal Toxic Shock Syndrome" - Fact sheet

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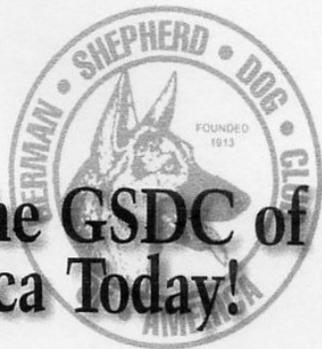
Streptococci are a family of gram-positive bacteria which cause either localized or systemic infections in humans and animals. While some strains rarely cause disease and are often considered to be commensal inhabitants of the skin and mucosal surfaces (oral, nasal, intestinal), other strains are capable of causing life-threatening primary infections. In dogs, Streptococci are known for their ability to occasionally cause septicemia in puppies and a range of localized diseases in adults.

Approximately 10 years ago, new strains of Streptococci (Group A, beta-hemolytic) emerged as the cause of a previously unrecognized disease in humans. The clinical disease became known as Streptococcal Toxic Shock Syndrome (STSS) because it closely mimics the better known "Toxic Shock" in women caused by toxin producing strains of Staphylococci. Rapid onset, high fever, hypotension and shock are prominent characteristics of STSS in humans. At approximately the same time, a number of unusual cases of necrotizing fasciitis (NF) caused by Streptococci were also reported in humans. This syndrome relates to a very aggressive and rapidly advancing infection of subcutaneous tissues with extensive tissue destruction and high mortality rates.

In 1996, Miller and Prescott reported on a series of seven dogs from southern Ontario that had severe systemic disease and shock associated with infection with b-hemolytic Streptococci canis (Group G). In four of these dogs the infection was associated with necrotizing fasciitis. As a result of surgical debridement, supportive medical care, and treatment with antibiotics, all of these dogs survived. In contrast, all three dogs with streptococcal shock without necrotizing fasciitis died or were euthanized within 48 hours. The lungs were considered the primary site of infections in two of these dogs as their clinical signs were related to respiratory distress and shock. Historically, similar disease outbreaks have been reported by Garnett et al (1982) in a group of research dogs, in captive coyotes by Gates and Green in 1979, and in racing Greyhounds in 1981 by Sundberg et al. More recently, multiple outbreaks of fatal STSS occurred in racing Greyhounds in 1992 and again in January/February of 1999. Additional cases have recently been reported in other dog breeds and has become a concern for owners of dogs housed in large groups or participating in shows or performance events. Like in humans, the reason for the emergence/re-emergence of canine STSS/NF is unclear and very little is known about transmission or prevention.

Typically, dogs that develop STSS are healthy prior to being found very sick only a few hours later. The course of the disease of initial recognition of disease to death can be as short as 6 hours. Typically, infected dogs are found in lateral recumbence, either being too weak to move or experiencing rigidity with mild convulsions. At an early stage vomiting may occur. Rapid, uncontrolled fine muscle fasciculations are often noted. A consistent and important clinical finding is a very high temperature (greater than 105 degrees F). Treatment at this point with injectable antibiotics (clindamycin or crystalline penicillin-G) is important in order to increase the likelihood of recovery. As the disease progresses a deep, nonproductive cough typical of pulmonary edema develops. Rapidly, spontaneous hemorrhaging typical of disseminated intravascular coagulation develops which is associated with coughing up blood, bleeding from the nose, severe bruising of the skin, and in some cases bloody diarrhea. Profound hypotension and toxic cardiomyopathy may develop. At this point, antibiotics and even with aggressive shock therapy are generally not sufficient to save these dogs.

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Judges who point, whoop, and holler; or who laugh hysterically at an exhibitor entering the ring with a particularly poor specimen are disqualified. Likewise a judge who delays proceedings while the handlers make checks out in his name is not permitted to participate further. Any judge who attacks a handler in the ring (Be it he/her, she/him, he/him, or whatever) is warned three times

I have forwarded this first draft of my standard to the British and the German associations. To date I have received no official response, other than one invitation to speak at a rally in Bosnia, and a mysterious note in



German making veiled reference to my relatives in the old country.

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Got a favorite recipe you want to share ?
E-mail and let me know



Peanut Butter Chick Pea Cookies
Courtesy of Grace

1/3 cup chick pea flour
1 AA egg
3 tsp. peanut butter
1/5 tsp salt

You probably don't even need the salt, but I put it in there anyway. Add it all together to end up with a thick pasty....mush. Press pieces of the mushy mixture into flat silver dollar size cookies and bake on a pan coated with canola oil at 350 degrees for about 10-12 min.

They come out firm, yet chewy. My dog loves them. I refrigerate a few, then freeze the rest since there are no preservatives. The peanut butter I use has nothing in it but peanuts, no sugar, no salt. I thought the chick pea flour looked to have some good nutrients a dog can use and seemed to be a good choice in flour to use. There is also quinoa, but I could only find that in a big bag.

Chicken and Dumpling Soup

Ingredients

1 tablespoon butter
1 (10-ounce) bag frozen seasoning blend (contains diced onions, green/red peppers, celery and parsley)
1 teaspoon minced garlic
2 teaspoons chicken base
1 (4-ounce) can mushroom pieces (drained)
1 cup frozen carrot slices
1 tablespoon flour
pepper, to taste
1 (32-ounce) box reduced-sodium chicken broth
2 cups frozen diced chicken breast
1 cup water
1 (16-ounce) box gnocchi
1 tablespoon parsley flakes

Steps

1. Preheat large saucepan on medium-high heat for 2-3 minutes.
2. Place butter, seasoning blend, garlic, chicken base, mushrooms and carrots in pan. Cover and cook 5 minutes, stirring occasionally.
3. Stir in flour and pepper. Cook 2 minutes, stirring often.
4. Increase heat to high. Stir in broth, chicken, water, gnocchi and parsley. Cover and bring to boil.
5. Remove lid and continue boiling 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Serve.

WHAT IS SCHUTZHUND?

Schutzhund is a German word meaning "protection dog." It refers to a sport that focuses on developing and evaluating those traits in dogs that make them more useful and happier companions to their owners.

Schutzhund work concentrates on three parts. Many familiar with the obedience work of the American Kennel Club's affiliates will recognize the first two parts, tracking and obedience. The Schutzhund standards for the third part, protection work, are similar to those for dogs in police work.

While dogs of other breeds are also admitted to Schutzhund trials, this breed evaluation test was developed specifically for the German Shepherd Dog. Schutzhund is intended to demonstrate the dog's intelligence and utility. As a working trial, Schutzhund measures the dog's mental stability, endurance, structural efficiencies, ability to scent, willingness to work, courage and trainability.

This working dog sport offers an opportunity for dog owners to train their dog and compete with each other for recognition of both the handler's ability to train and the dog's ability to perform as required. It is a sport enjoyed by persons of varied professions, who join together in a camaraderie born of their common interest in working with their dogs. Persons of all ages and conditions of life --- even those with significant disabilities --- enjoy Schutzhund as a sport. Often, it is a family sport.

Schutzhund Titles

In addition to the Schutzhund titles, the GSDCA-WDA offers three additional training degrees. Two of these, the **FH1** and **FH2**, are advanced tracking degrees that require the dog to follow tracks over changing terrain, discriminate between cross-tracks and is at least 3 hours old.

The third is the **BH**. The BH is a degree for traffic-safe companion dogs that tests the dogs temperament in and around people. It includes basic formal obedience - heeling on and off leash, sits, downs and recalls - as well as practical tests of the dog's character in everyday situations. These include reaction to normal situations involving crowds of people, strange noises, joggers, cars and other dogs. Before being allowed to enter for a Schutzhund I title, the dog must first have successfully completed the BH.

There are three levels of the Schutzhund test for which titles can be earned.

For **Schutzhund I** the dog must be at least 18 months old and pass an initial temperament test by the judge. The dog must heel on the leash and off, demonstrate the walking sit, the walking down, and the stay tests, as well as, the send-out. It must retrieve on the flat and over a hurdle. In tracking, it must be able to follow a track laid by its handler at least 20 minutes earlier. There are also protection tests.

For **Schutzhund II** the dog must be at least 19 months old and must already have earned its Schutzhund I degree. It must again pass all of the obedience and protection tests required for the Schutzhund I degree, but those tests, for Schutzhund II, are made more difficult and require greater endurance, agility, and above all, control. There is an additional retrieve required over the six foot slanted wall. In tracking, the Schutzhund II candidate must be able to follow a track laid by a stranger at least 30 minutes earlier.

For **Schutzhund III** the master's degree, the dog must be at least 20 months old and must have earned both the Schutzhund I and the Schutzhund II titles. Again, the tests now are made far more difficult. All exercises in obedience and protection are demonstrated off leash. There is the additional of a walking and running stand. In tracking, the dog must follow a track that was laid by a stranger at least 60 minutes earlier. The track has four turns, compared with two turns for Schutzhund I and II, and there are three objects, rather than two, that must be found by the dog. The picture of obedience, strength, eagerness and confidence presented by an excellent Schutzhund III team is a beautiful illustration of the partnership of human and dog.

The Three Parts of a Schutzhund Trial

The **tracking phase** includes a temperament test by the overseeing judge to assure the dog's mental soundness. When approached closely on a loose leash, the dog should not act shyly or aggressively. The track is laid

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earlier by a person walking normally on a natural surface such as dirt or grass. The track includes a number of turns and a number of small, man-made objects left by this person on the track itself. At the end of a 33 foot leash, the handler follows the dog, which is expected to scent the track and indicate the location of the objects, usually by lying down with it between its front paws. The tracking phase is intended to test the dog's trainability and ability to scent, as well as, its mental and physical endurance.

The **obedience phase** includes a series of heeling exercises, some of which are closely in and around a group of people. During the heeling, there is a gun shot test to assure that the dog does not openly react to such sharp noises. There is also a series of field exercises in which the dog is commanded to sit, lie down and stand while the handler continues to move. From these various positions, the dog is recalled to the handler. With dumbbells of various weights, the dog is required to retrieve on a flat surface, over a one-meter hurdle and over a six-foot slanted wall. The dog is also asked to run in a straight direction from its handler on command and lie down on a second command.

Finally, each dog is expected to stay in a lying down position away from its handler, despite distractions, at the other end of the obedience field, while another dog completes the above exercises. All of the obedience exercises are tests of the dog's temperament, structural efficiencies and very importantly, its willingness to serve man or woman.

The **protection phase** tests the dog's courage, physical strength and agility. The handler's control for the dog is absolutely essential. The exercises include a search of hiding places, finding a hidden person (acting as a human decoy), and guarding that decoy while the handler approaches. The dog is expected to pursue the decoy when an escape is attempted and to hold the grip firmly. The decoy is searched and transported to the judge with the handler and dog walking behind and later at the decoy's right side. When the decoy attempts to attack the handler, the dog is expected to stop the attack with a firm grip and no hesitation.

The final test of courage occurs when the decoy is asked to come out of a hiding place by the judge from the opposite end of the trial field. The dog is sent after the decoy when he refuses to listen to the handler's command to stop. The decoy then runs directly at the dog threatening the dog with a stick. All grips during the protection phase are expected to be firmly placed on the padded sleeve and stopped on command and or when the decoy discontinues the fight. The protection tests are intended to assure that the dog is neither a coward nor a criminal menace.

What is the Judge looking for in the Dog?

At all three stages --- Schutzhund I, II and III --- each of the three phases: obedience, tracking and protection, is worth 100 points, for a total of 300 points. If a dog does not receive a minimum of 70% of the points in tracking, 70% of the points in obedience and 70% of the points in protection --- or if the dog fails the pretrial temperament test ---- it is not awarded a degree that day and must repeat the entire test, passing all phases of the test at a later trial. In every event, the Judge is looking for an eager, concentrating and accurate working dog. High ratings and scores are given to the animal that displays a strong willingness and ability to work for its human handler.

The Schutzhund Trained Dog in the Home

Since Schutzhund is the demonstration of the German Shepherd dog's most desirable characteristics, dogs well trained in Schutzhund are usually excellent companions in the home. The German Shepherd Dog --- like any other working dog that possesses mental stability --- has trust and confidence in itself, allowing it to be at peace with its surroundings.

In addition to sound structural efficiencies for long, arduous work, the standard for the German Shepherd Dog calls for mental stability and a willingness to work. The dog should be approachable, quietly standing its ground, showing confidence and a willingness to meet overtures without itself necessarily making them. It should be generally calm, but eager and alert when the situation warrants. It should be fearless, but also good with children.

The German Shepherd Dog should not be timid or react nervously to unusual sounds or sights. A dog that is overly aggressive because of its overall fears of people and events can be extremely dangerous. The Schutzhund sport is designed to identify and eliminate such dogs from breeding stock. Because Schutzhund training gives the owner a great deal of control over the dog the owner is able to let the dog have more fun. Not only is Schutzhund training itself enjoyable for the dog, but the Schutzhund trained dog knows how to please its owners, creating a stronger bond between dog and owners.

Courtesy of GSDCA/WDA

LEGISLATION

A SAOVA (Sportsmen and Animal Owners Voting Alliance) 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 Friends,

There are some interesting HSUS-inclined voting statistics below. Did your legislator receive a HSUS award? If you live in New England, the Mid-Atlantic area or on the West Coast, the answer's likely "Yes." In the Mid-west or Rocky Mountain states? Probably "No."

The Southeast is changing. Anti-animal farming, anti-hunting, anti-animal owner Humane Society of the U.S. (H\$U\$) is restructuring its field operations. It's opened a new regional office in Raleigh, North Carolina, headed by a former West Coast director. Senator Elizabeth Dole continues to stone-wall the expressed concerns of Tarheel pet owning constituents over her sponsorship of animal right-ist bill, S1139 (PAWS). See <http://www.northcarolinaspets.com/news/2005/December/paws-legislation.htm> Other previously level headed southerners such as Alabama's Terry Everett, Georgia's David Scott and South Carolina's Henry Brown are sponsoring that same bill. Two Florida Congresswomen, a Democrat and a Republican, have withdrawn their names from PAWS. Please ask your legislators to do the same. See <http://www.nopaws.org/sponsors.htm>

Freely forward and cross post. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Bob Kane
Sportsmen's and Animal Owners' Voting Alliance -
Working to identify and elect supportive legislators
** NO PAWS **

If you think this doesn't impact you.....
this bill is only one of the bills currently in the Georgia Legislature:

HB 78 provides that no person shall import, sell, transport, carry, own, keep, or otherwise possess any live pit bull dog, American Staffordshire Terrier dog or dog having the characteristics of those breeds in this state; it provides for exceptions; it provides that certain dogs shall be neutered and confined; it provides a penalty for violations. The bill was introduced by Rep. Ernest "Coach" Williams who held a number of informal listing sessions on the bill. The bill is assigned to the Non-Civil Judiciary Committee but was not given a subcommittee hearing.

THINK AGAIN.....

How soon do you think it will be before German Shepherds are added

Color Genetics

John Ayotte

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Although basic color genetics in the dog are fairly simple, when you get beyond the basics things can become quite complex. The study of color in the dog is also complicated by the fact that many authors have used the same terms for different genetic results, and many breeds use common terms for colors and patterns to indicate quite different appearances. (What we call a sable in GSD's, for example, has nothing to do with what a collie person refers to as sable... and the terms brown and liver are used in many ways). Since questions about color genetics are asked so often, I've tried to put the most reliable information that I have found down in one place. There are just too many variables to keep in your head. Malcolm B. Willis, Ph.D. is my major source. His 1989 book **GENETICS OF THE DOG**, his 1992 book **PRACTICAL GENETICS FOR DOG BREEDERS**, and his 1991 book **THE GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG, A GENETIC HISTORY** are great references. He does an excellent job of explaining the cases where the data is unclear or contradictory.

There seems to be 11 major gene locations that determine the color and pattern of a dog. At each of these locations from 2 to 6 versions of the gene have been identified. Not all of these versions are present in every breed, a fact that simplifies our discussion of color in the German Shepherd Dog somewhat.

1) The **AGOUTI** series.

This series is thought to contain six variations (or alleles), and in most discussions about GSD color this is the location (locus) we are concerned about. I will list the alleles in order of dominance from the most dominant to the most recessive (meaning that an allele mentioned higher in the list will be expressed in the physical make up of the dog (phenotype) even when it is paired with an allele lower on the list (the actual versions of the genes present make up what is called the genotype)).

A *Dominant Black* not thought to exist in GSD's (see #11 below). "A" would also be called dominant self-color.

ay *Golden* a rarely seen version of sable. "ay" would also be called agouti.

aw *Gray* what we usually call sable in GSD's (both gray and red sables are genetically the same at this locus... red sables carrying the recessive for redder tan - see the Intensity series below). "aw" would also be called agouti.

as *Saddle* our common black and tan GSD's (with the variations in tan color controlled by the intensity series below). While there is probably another locus that controls the amount of saddle, it has not been scientifically documented as far as I know.

at *Bi-Color* while some writers and breeders think that bi-colors are "as" saddles with some other gene controlling the extent of the saddle, others feel that it is a distinct member of the Agouti series. In the real world the results would be the same in either case. A better term for this (and one that would be more consistent with other breeds) would be tan point.

At each locus (in this case, the AGOUTI locus) a dog carries two genes. It inherits one of those genes from its sire and the other from its dam. If a dog inherits an "a" (or recessive black) from each of its parents it will be a black. If it inherits an "a" from one parent, and anything else from the other parent, it will be that other "color". In other words, a dog that has an "a" and an "as" will be a saddle (or black and tan). A dog with an "a" and an "aw" will be a gray (or what we call a sable). The dominance works its way up like this through the whole list. In other words:

a + a = black (self color)
 a + at = bi-color (tan point)
 a + as = black and tan (saddle)
 a + aw = sable (agouti)

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I left "B" and "ay" out of the chart. They are exceedingly rare, if not nonexistent in German Shepherds. You can easily see how they would work if they did turn up.

There are a few practical conclusions that you can draw from this chart:

sables can carry any other color and still be sables

a sable that has two "aw" genes can only pass on "aw" to its offspring... since "aw" will dominate all of the other possible genes the puppies could inherit from their other parent, they will be sables

two black and tans can never produce a sable (since if one of the parents had an "aw" gene to pass on, it would itself be a sable

two blacks can only produce blacks

<http://jmadesign.com/Frankenhaus/colorgen01.html>



A typical **aw** gray sable



An **as** saddle with extended saddle (but not a bi-color)



A typical **at** bi-color (photo courtesy Carolyn Martello)



A typical **as** saddle



A typical **a** recessive black (photo courtesy Carolyn Martello)

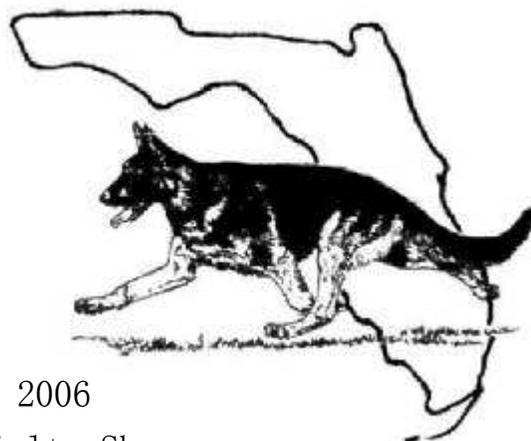


Another **at** bi-color (photo courtesy Fred Migliore)

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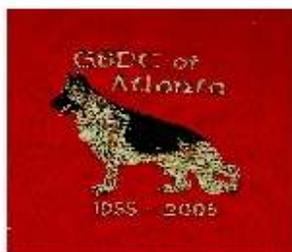
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Total Blindness:

Using a totally blind judge really complicates show preparation. The ring must be set up on concrete so that he can hear the animals gait .. and even then some "wise guy" might show up with a mongrel and take the points.

Disqualifying Faults:

Judges who point, whoop, and holler; or who laugh hysterically at an exhibitor entering the ring with a particularly poor specimen are disqualified. Likewise a judge who delays proceedings while the handlers make checks out in his name is not permitted to participate further. Any judge who attacks a handler in the ring (Be it he/her, she/him, he/him, or whatever) is warned three times in writing after which he must be dismissed. As in obedience competition, a judge who relieves himself in the ring is excused therefrom. This rule has recently been broadened to include ring stewards, so watch out this year.

I have forwarded this first draft of my standard to the British and the German associations. To date I have received no official response, other than one invitation to speak at a rally in Bosnia, and a mysterious note in German making veiled reference to my relatives in the old country.



THE JUDGE

Posed, .. Stretched, Mussed, .. Brushed,
They pass around and around

Contorted, .. Intense, Bent, .. Spent,
He speaks not even a sound.

Here, .. There, Baited, .. Gaited,
They stand expecting his glance.

Unimpressed, .. Puzzled, Glinting, .. Squinting,
He straightens, hitching his pants

Eureka! .. Saved! Prim! .. Trim!
The bitch is catching his eye.

Smooth, .. Suspended, Alive, .. Drive,
That one! .. Just now passing by.

Beauty, .. Body, Grace, .. Face,
He points and the crowd is agog

Shape, .. Angulation, Flouncing, .. Bouncing,
She also has a nice dog!

A note from the Editor:

After reading through Mr Kurz's thoughts in Scandal In The Ring, and laughing myself silly, I have decided that since we all need a little humor in our lives and a different perspective in this sport of dog shows, to include an excerpt each month. I hope everyone enjoys them as much as I did.

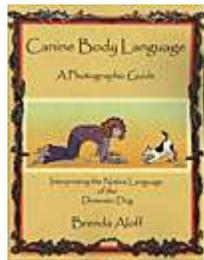
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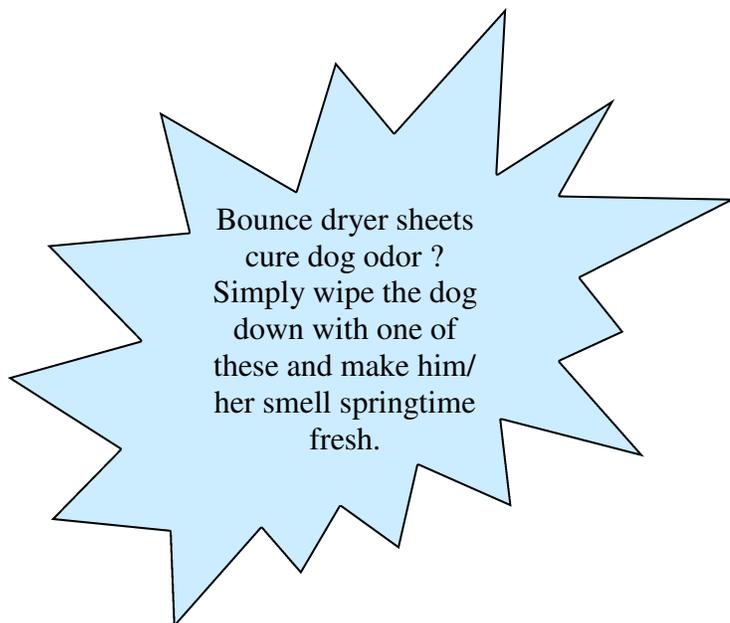
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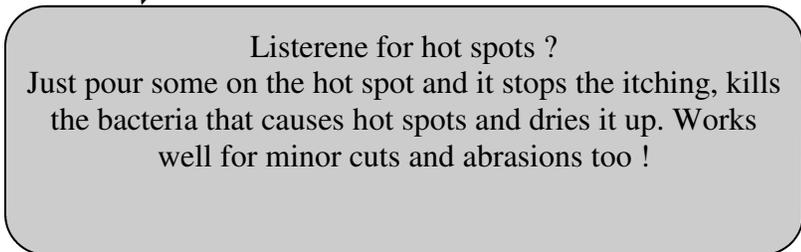


*Our condolences to Janet Barwick
on the loss of her long time rescue boy to cancer*

RangerJanuary 12, 2006

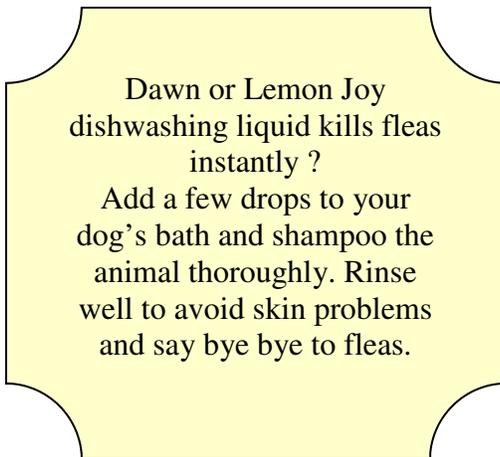


Bounce dryer sheets cure dog odor ?
Simply wipe the dog down with one of these and make him/her smell springtime fresh.



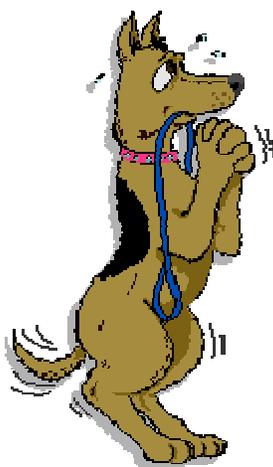
Listerene for hot spots ?
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Dawn or Lemon Joy dishwashing liquid kills fleas instantly ?
Add a few drops to your dog's bath and shampoo the animal thoroughly. Rinse well to avoid skin problems and say bye bye to fleas.

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 housebroken. 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.

Rainbow Bridge for Rescuers

Unlike most days at Rainbow Bridge, this day dawned cold and gray, damp as a swamp and as dismal as could be imagined. All of the recent arrivals had no idea what to think, as they had never experienced a day like this before. But the animals who had been waiting for their beloved people knew exactly what was going on and started to gather at the pathway leading to The Bridge to watch.

It wasn't long before an elderly animal came into view, head hung low and tail dragging. The other animals, the ones who had been there for a while, knew what his story was right away, for they had seen this happen far too often.

He approached slowly, obviously in great emotional pain, but with no sign of injury or illness. Unlike all of the other animals waiting at The Bridge, this animal had not been restored to youth and made healthy and vigorous again. As he walked toward The Bridge, he watched all of the other animals watching him. He knew he was out of place here and the sooner he could cross over, the happier he would be.

But, alas, as he approached The Bridge, his way was barred by the appearance of an Angel who apologized, but told him that he would not be able to pass. Only those animals who were with their people could pass over Rainbow Bridge. With no place else to turn to, the elderly animal turned towards the fields before The Bridge and saw a group of other animals like himself, also elderly and infirm.

They weren't playing, but rather simply lying on the green grass, forlornly staring out at the pathway leading to The Bridge. And so, he took his place among them, watching the pathway and waiting.

One of the newest arrivals at The Bridge didn't understand what he had just witnessed and asked one of the animals that had been there for a while to explain it to him.

"You see, that poor animal was a rescue. He was turned in to rescue just as you see him now, an older animal with his fur graying and his eyes clouding. He never made it out of rescue and passed on with only the love of his rescuer to comfort him as he left his earthly existence. Because he had no family to give his love to, he has no one to escort him across The Bridge."

The first animal thought about this for a minute and then asked, "So what will happen now?" As he was about to receive his answer, the clouds suddenly parted and the gloom lifted. Approaching The Bridge could be seen a single person and among the older animals, a whole group was suddenly bathed in a golden light and they were all young and healthy again, just as they were in the prime of life.

"Watch, and see.", said the second animal. A second group of animals from those waiting came to the pathway and bowed low as the person neared. At each bowed head, the person offered a pat on the head or a scratch behind the ears. The newly restored animals fell into line and followed him towards The Bridge. They all crossed The Bridge together.

"What happened?"

"That was a rescuer. The animals you saw bowing in respect were those who found new homes because of his work. They will cross when their new families arrive. Those you saw restored were those who never found homes. When a rescuer arrives, they are allowed to perform one, final act of rescue. They are allowed to escort those poor animals that they couldn't place on earth across The Rainbow Bridge."

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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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be examined by a veterinarian as early as possible," Center said. "Physical exams and blood tests are necessary to differentiate dogs that have been poisoned from those that have not. Unfortunately, the latent onset of signs may require that an individual dog be evaluated several times." Cornell veterinarians have verified diagnostic tests enabling detection of seriously poisoned dogs. Aflatoxin curtails the production of cholesterol and many proteins that profoundly affect blood clotting. A minimum screening profile should assess the liver enzyme ALT to detect damage to

the liver, serum cholesterol, total bilirubin concentration and the activity of the anticoagulant proteins antithrombin III (ATIII) and protein C. The coagulation protein tests, which have been adapted for dogs by Cornell researchers, have high value in detecting affected dogs but require collection of a special blood sample (citrate plasma sample) and an assessment by Cornell's Animal Health Diagnostic Center. Any dog suspected of aflatoxin poisoning should also have a liver specimen sent to Cornell to definitively confirm the pathologic changes in the liver unique for aflatoxin toxicity, such as fatty degeneration of individual cells.

"Even if dogs show no signs of illness, if they have eaten the affected food, they should have blood tests submitted to detect liver injury," Center stressed. "Dogs that show positive results on any of the above tests should be prescribed liver protectants for two months." For more details, veterinarians should check the Cornell Vet College Web site. Owners also should take cats that might have eaten contaminated dog food to a vet. Two cats that may have eaten the tainted dog food have died, but no cause of death was determined.

To send dog food to Cornell for aflatoxin testing, veterinarians should different parts of the bag. If the food is negative, that does not rule out aflatoxin exposure, Bischoff stressed, because it may take weeks for dogs to become ill and the contaminated food may be long gone. The toxin may also be unevenly dispersed through the food. However, only a liver biopsy can definitively determine cause of death. Center requests that livers from dogs that have died recently from liver damage or suspected food poisoning be sent to Cornell for evaluation of pathologic changes. Veterinarians should check the Vet College Web site for information on sample submission.

The Cornell veterinarians also recommend that any suspected food be labeled as poison and stored away from animals and children. Save labels with lot numbers from bags. Until further information emerges, if food was stored in a wooden container, the container should be destroyed. Plastic and metal containers should be sanitized with bleach.

Blood, tissue, liver and food samples can be sent to the Animal Health Diagnostic Center, College of Veterinary Medicine, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853-5786, phone (607) 253-3900 (check its Web site for a fee schedule). To report animals that might have died recently from the food poisoning, send an e-mail to <diagcenter@cornell.edu>, and the researchers will follow up with a questionnaire.

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Diamond Pet Foods Statement on Detection of Aflatoxin in Grain Prior to Recall 01/12/2006

Meta, Mo. (Jan. 12, 2006) – Diamond Pet Foods has seen media reports implying that our company knowingly distributed finished products containing toxic levels of aflatoxin. These reports are false and misleading.

Prior to the initiation of our current voluntary recall, Diamond Pet Foods had no indication that any finished products manufactured by our Gaston, S.C. facility contained toxic levels of aflatoxin.

What we did know is there was a higher prevalence of aflatoxin in last year's corn crop. This information was communicated by many state Departments of Agriculture because of the weather conditions the corn crop experienced during its growing season. These conditions included severe drought followed by high moisture, which contributed to the growth of this fungus in the crop.

Diamond Pet Foods has stringent testing procedures to test loads of corn as they arrive. Last year, our company was rejecting one to two shipments of corn each week because testing revealed high levels of aflatoxin. However, even with stringent testing protocols, aflatoxin can exist in pockets and be missed.

We have strengthened our testing procedures on incoming shipments of corn, and initiated final product testing as an additive step to our procedures. This additional step will provide an extra layer of protection prior to the bagging and shipping of our products.

We know this is a tragic situation for our customers. But we will continue to do the right thing and be fair and consistent with all who are affected.

The following are 2 letters from the gsd-I showlist, printed with permission about the Importance of our GSDCA Membership. It refers to some discussions on the list, but the content is, I think, of vital importance to us all.

The cost for a single renewal is a little under 19 cents a day, and a family renewal is a little under 17 cents a day - FOR A YEAR. Membership costs have changed very little over the years, yet we continue to get more benefits - we receive our communications from the club via e-mail, and our PC Website is a treasure trove of information! Those who are listers, but not members, have nearly as much access to club information via the National Blog, and the PC website.

If you look at any personal costs you may have for belonging to motor clubs, clubs such as Costco, Sam's (or whatever may be the "warehouse" type club in your region) they are about the same as belonging to our breed club.

I do have a suggestion for those who feel they do not wish to receive the Review - there ARE juniors who don't have access to it because their parents are not club members. Juniors who NEED the Review, and have to borrow it. Not all our juniors come from show families.

A few years ago we voted that the club would accept members UNDER 18 - they do not vote or pay dues, but they also don't get the Review. If you truly don't want yours, perhaps you could donate YOUR subscription to a Junior? Our Juniors are busy with school, and they spend their weekends showing. As they cannot accept pay for handling and still retain Junior status, if they have any part time jobs, they are not able to work weekends and that really cuts into any pay they might get working.

Plus, not being able to work weekends on a regular basis makes it harder for them to even GET jobs. Factor in that Fridays are probably out if they are traveling to a show, well, you get the picture.

The price we pay for our membership (per day) is less than a single local phone call. We have futurities. We have the National. The Review. Those are PERSONAL benefits. And what about the breed? We have a fabulous Charitable foundation, national Rescue network, product line, and we are a big leader in donating monies to assist SARwork, and our Military dogs. Most police dogs are German Shepherds.

If you have never seen the PC website then go take a look - look at the photo from 9/11 - the firefighter resting, and grieving the horror. Look at his partner, exhausted from the searching. That photo isn't just on our website - it was a NATIONAL photo.

The German Shepherd Dog is, at once, the single most easily recognized breed in the entire world. To a lost child, and to the family who has learned that their child has been found, the dog who has tracked for hours, is worth a whole heck of a lot more than pittance we pay for our dues!

To the criminal who is backed into a corner, the sight of a German Shepherd is most unwelcome. They know that if they run, that dog will be on them. To the police officer who's partner has four legs, the dog is a partner that can do what a human partner cannot.

To the soldier who curls his or her arms around their dog when they get to sleep a few hours, the dog is a soft, sympathetic soldier who won't question their bravery or courage when they slip off the mask of being a soldier and cry the tears of a human who has seen members of their platoon die in battle.

To the family in the airport who's flight is delayed, the dog is a hero for finding the bomb that would have blown their flight to see their grandparents right out of the sky.

To any one of the people in these situations, the thought of spending 19 cents a day for that dog wouldn't even begin to cover their gratitude.

And our club, through the breeding of good dogs, education, and monetary donations, helps to support all this.

We may spend much of our time on the list debating topics that are specific to showing dogs. That's what the list is for. But please, take a look at the BIGGER picture! The club needs you. The breed needs you. The world needs US.

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The topic of "Why SHOULD I join the club when I can show dogs without being a member?" comes up here as well. You can show dogs, you can do whatever you want. But if you really love this breed, you will do everything you can to make sure that the German Shepherd Dog retains it's reputation as a courageous, loyal, intelligent, versatile breed. WE have come a long way from the days when conformation and obedience participants in one room was like throwing gas on a fire.

We still have a long way to go, and we are getting there. WE face an uphill battle with PAWS and BSL. If you really love this breed, you will not think about what is in it for me, but what will happen if I don't start or continue to participate in the battles that face us now, and in the future.

If you are not sure you want to be part of this club, look into the eyes of your dog. Perhaps you will find the answers there.

Consider too that we do NOT pay to be part of this list. How many of us have received comfort in the middle of the night when a dog is sick, or your bitch is in trouble whelping and you want to check in for immediate feedback, or you have lost a dog and know that the best and only place to spill your grief is to the people who REALLY understand? Some people grieve privately, and do not post their losses. I have posted when I have lost a dog, and the private responses have kept me going when I thought that I could just will my heart to stop beating because it was torn so badly.

Our board members are volunteers. Our list admins are volunteers. We get so very much from the club and the list. I hope that as the old year winds down and the New Year begins, we will be bringing in a year of combining our talents, knowledge, and love for this great breed so that we can ensure the future for all of us.

It doesn't matter if you are brand new to the breed or have been in the breed more years than some members have been alive. If you have a desire to serve the breed, that is enough. There will be some thing, some way, some effort you can make to better the club, and the breed. We, collectively, should not rely on the board, the 20 year and 30 year members, or anyone else to make things happen. We have chosen them to lead, but without our help, their efforts may fail if we do not support the things we ask of them. The board is there to lead the effort, but WE are the GSDCA and anyone who doesn't believe that is fooling themselves.

Our board cannot take action on something they are not aware of, or do not have adequate help to address. We made our choices clear when we voted. Now, we need to get behind our board and give them the help they need to do the things we would like to see done.

Every one of us has life experience, whether it be dog related or not, that we can use to help our board and therefore our breed. If you can speak, you can introduce yourself to someone at a show. You can welcome someone to the sport. If you are new, and find someone even newer, you can make a friend.

We were all given the opportunity to let Lew Bunch know what area(s) we wished to be involved in.

Let's make 2006 the year that the GSDCA has so many people working together for the good of all that the board's e-mail is overflowing with so many offers of help that it takes them all by pleasant surprise.

Kelly Busse
Proud to be GSDCA!

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A letter from Margery Golant in response to a post by Kelly Busse.

The Fancy is comprised of the lovers, supporters, breeders, exhibitors and admirers of the German Shepherd Dog. This is the passion that has shaped the lives of virtually everyone who belongs to the GSDCA and to Showgsd-I. You said it perfectly "But if you really love this breed, you will do everything you can to make sure that the German Shepherd Dog retains its reputation as a courageous, loyal, intelligent, versatile breed." My thoughts here likewise are not meant to attack anyone, but instead to communicate the key concept:
OUR CLUB NEEDS OUR HELP.

Despite our differences, many of which we debate here with vehemence, most of us love this breed. The German Shepherd Dog Club of America exists to support the German Shepherd Dog, not the other way around. Article 1, Section 2 of the GSDCA By-laws says:

"The objects of the Club shall be:

- (a) To encourage, promote, and improve the breeding of quality purebred German Shepherd Dogs, to educate the fancy, and to do all possible to bring the natural qualities of the German Shepherd Dog to perfection
- (b) To urge members and breeders to accept that standard of the breed, as approved by the American Kennel Club, as the only standard of excellence by which the German Shepherd Dog shall be judged
- (c) To do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed by encouraging sportsmanlike competition at dog shows, obedience trials, and tracking tests
- (d) To aid with every possible means in demonstrating the German Shepherd Dog's conspicuous ability as a companion, war, Red Cross, police, drug and explosive detection, security, herding, search and rescue dog, and guide dog for the blind
- (e) To conduct shows, obedience trials, demonstrations, etc., under the rules of the American Kennel Club, where applicable, and
- (f) To publish literature and periodicals in the interest of the German Shepherd Dog."

As Club members and supporters of the German Shepherd Dog, for those of us who really love this breed, it is our job to find ways to HELP the Club, to SUPPORT the breed, and to do everything in our power to ensure that the Breed continues to exist. While we may have differences of opinion as to what the best ways are to do this, we need to keep firmly in mind that it is our job to support the Club so that it can support the Breed, not the other way around. Taking action that is harmful to the Club will, in the long run, be harmful to the Breed. If the GSDCA did not exist, what voice would there be in support of our Standard? What voice would there be to stand against anti-breeder and breed-specific legislation? What body would coordinate with the Regional Clubs, provide Futurities and the National, provide special recognition for our great dogs?

Yes, money is tight and the dog fancy gets more expensive every day. Yes, it gets harder and harder to travel with dogs, harder to get them to shows, harder to plan the National. Yes, the Review is going through difficulties, there are (and always will be) struggles between groups within the Club and on the Board. But, please remember that the GSDCA, YOUR CLUB, cannot exist without assets and resources. In order to realize income, it must charge for things. Sure, it could, for a while, lose money on the Nationals by charging nothing for seats, on the Futurities and on the Review. For a while - til there was no money left at all..... And then, when the GSDCA had no money left at all, what do you think would happen to our Breed?

All of the Financials of the GSDCA through 2004 are posted on www.gsdca.org in the Secured Area. Go take a look at them - see how much it costs to keep this Club operating, then see what you can suggest as an alternative to the current methods of providing revenue for the Club. If the Review were not included with every membership, the result would be a net loss to the GSDCA. In whose interest would that be? If seats were free to watch the National, the results would be a net loss to the GSDCA. How do you keep the Club going without income?

The bottom line is that, as the people on the planet who care about the continued existence of the German Shepherd Dog as a Breed, we NEED the GSDCA to continue to be a viable organization, and the GSDCA NEEDS OUR SUPPORT. It cannot possibly be about what MORE the GSDCA can do for US - it needs to be about what MORE WE CAN DO TO IMPROVE AND STRENGTHEN THE GSDCA - so that the GSDCA can continue its mission "To do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed..."

So, now that it is now 2006, please give some thought to your Breed, and to recognition of the fact that, but for the GSDCA, the Breed's continuation would be at serious risk. Then, give some thought to what YOU can do to assist your Club, so that your Club can continue its work of protecting and advancing the interests of the German Shepherd Dog.

Happy New Year.

Margery Golant
Recording Secretary
German Shepherd Dog Club of America, Inc,

Breeders and Litters

STUD DOG DIRECTORY

Greenwood's Achilles

Sire: 2x Sel Ch Bilmar's Here Comes Trouble OFA H & E
 Dam: Ch Helmlic'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

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 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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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.

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**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

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**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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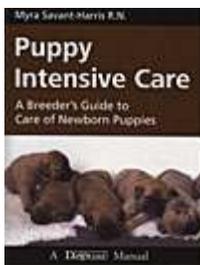


No Litters Listed This Month

PUPPY INTENSIVE CARE:

A BREEDER'S GUIDE TO CARE OF NEWBORN PUPPIES

by [Myra Savant-Harris](#)



Publisher: Dogwise Publishing
Edition: 2006 Paperback, 61 pages

Summary: If puppies are on the way, you want those newborns to have the best possible chance of survival and good health. Learn how to administer simple but effective measures to help puppies in distress if you cannot call upon the services of a vet in a timely manner. What you need to know when you most need to know it delivered in friendly, non-technical terms from a long-time breeder. Comes with a 32 minute DVD to better illustrate the techniques recommended.

Available at www.dogwise.com

Upcoming Events

| Date | Club | Type | Judge | Closing Date |
|-------|--|------|-----------------|--------------|
| 02/11 | GSDC of Greater Miami | S | Ed Barritt | 01/25 |
| 02/12 | GSDC of Greater Miami | S | Kathy Potter | 01/25 |
| 03/04 | GSDC of Tampa Bay | S | Lew Bunch | 02/15 |
| 03/04 | GSDC of Tampa Bay | S-OB | R C O'Mara | 02/15 |
| 03/05 | GSDC of Tampa Bay | S | Don Smith | 02/15 |
| 03/18 | GSDC of Daytona Beach | S | Sandy Dancosse | 03/01 |
| 03/19 | GSDC of Daytona Beach | S | Joe Bihari | 03/01 |
| 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 (F1) | 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 |
| 04/07 | 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 | |

Upcoming Events

Newnan Kennel Club

All Breed, Rally Obedience, Obedience Match and ATTS Temperament Test
 Saturday March 04, 2006 Coweta County Fairgrounds 275 Pine Rd, Newnan, GA 30263
 Pre entries due by February 17, 2006 Conformation 5.00 per entry Juniors FREE
 Registration 9am to 11 AM Conformation day of match 7.00 per entry Juniors FREE
 Conformation classes indoors 4-6 month puppy, 6-9 month puppy, 9-12 month puppy and Open
 Pre-entry 5.00, 4.00 each additional entry of same dog
 Day of match 7.00 per entry, 6.00 each additional entry of same dog.
 Obedience classes outdoors Novice A & B, Open A & B, Pre-Novice & Graduate Novice
 Exhibition only : Dogs w/ CDX may enter Open B but may not compete for prizes.
 Dogs w/ UD may enter Open B or Utility B but may not compete for prizes.
 Rally Obedience classes outdoors Novice A& B, Advanced A & B, Excellent A & B
 ATT Temperament Test Pre-entry 35.00 day of test 45.00
 Minimum age is 18 months Test start time is 9 AM
 Match Chairperson: Kaye Moore 770-254-0349 , ksmoore@mindspring.com
 Mail checks made out to :
 Newnan Kennel Club and mail to : Kay Moore NKC Match Chairperson 692 Walt Carmichael Rd Newnan, GA 30263

Dogwood Rottweiler Club of Metropolitan Atlanta 2 All Breed Herding Test/Trials

Entries open 12:00 PM Friday February 24, 2006 and
 close when the numerical limit is met or 12:00 PM Friday March 17, 2006
 Saturday April 01, 2006 and Sunday April 02, 2006 A-Course * Sheep
 Sugre Herding Facility 6985 Matt Highway Cumming, GA 30040
 Test/Trial Hours 7:30 AM to 7:00 PM w/ first handlers meeting at 8:30 AM
 (NOTE : Daylight savings time will be in effect Sunday 04/02/06,
 so spring forward and check your time !)
 Trial Secretary : Dusty Hawkins P O Box 1876 Cumming , GA 30028-1876
 Hand delivery only : 6985 Matt Hwy Cumming , GA 30040-3122
 770-887-9105 sugre95@aol.com

GSDC of Atlanta Agility A Match March 04, 2006

Wills Park Equestrian Center in Alpharetta Georgia
 Start Time : 5:30 PM
 If you have any questions, please contact
 Dan Weiss at: 770- 304 -8230 Or E-mail Danalor@msn.com
 Match Chairperson : Kim McNamara
 Entry Form on pages 34-38

GSDC of Atlanta Conformation Match 19, 2006

Pine Log Park in Conyers
 Registration 10:30 AM—11:30 AM with judging at noon
 Classes : 3-6 month puppy, 6-9 month puppy, 9-12 month puppy, Novice and Open
 Chairperson : Lee Jewel gemni3549@aol.com
 Conformation Judge : Melissa Campbell
 Obedience / Rally Judge TBA
 Concessions : Floyd Pickett

RALEEF**Responsible Animal Legislation Education Effort Foundation**

RALEEF is a new committee established with the full support of the Officers and Board of the GSDC of America. 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. Here is what they think...

THE ANIMAL RIGHTS AGENDA

1. Abolish all animal research.
2. Abolish all product testing, dissection, or demonstrations on animals.
3. Encourage 'vegetarianism' for ethical, ecological, and healing reasons.
4. Phase out all forms of 'animal agriculture'...i.e. the growing of animals for food.
5. Abolish all pesticides and any form of predator control.
6. Transfer the enforcement of animal welfare legislation from the Department of Agriculture to a new agency created for the protection of animals and the environment.
7. Abolish all trapping and fur ranching.
8. Abolish all 'hunting and fishing' for sport!
9. Save the rain forests and ban all international trade in wildlife or goods produced from exotic animals.
10. **Abolish all breeding of pet or companion animals'...especially purebred or pedigreed dogs or cats!**
11. Abolish the use of animals in sports, entertainment, zoo's, rodeos, coursing, or aquariums.
12. Prohibit the production of genetically manipulated transgenic animals.

Here are some of the ARO's and quotes from their Power People...

Humane Society of the US (HSUS)- This is the 1000 pound Gorilla. It recently merged with the Fund For Animals. HSUS will receive over \$100,000,000 (yep million) in donations this year. Their President is Wayne Pacelle. Here is one of his better quotes..."**We have no ethical obligation to preserve the different breeds of livestock produced through selective breeding. ...One generation and out. We have no problem with the extinction of domestic animals. They are creations of human selective breeding.**" Mr. Pacelle plans on introducing over 2000 pieces of legislation this year and HSUS is a co-sponsor on SB 1139...PAWS.

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) PETA will only draw in \$30 million in donations this year. Their co-founder is Ingrid Newkirk. Ingrid has said some pretty outlandish things... but here is my favorite. "**The bottom line is that people don't have the right to breed dogs or cats. If people want toys, they should buy inanimate objects. If they want companionship, they should seek it with their own kind. One day we will put an end to the breeding of dogs and cats.**" The other founder of PETA is Alec Pacheco. He's on board with the following idea: "**Arson, property destruction, burglary, and theft...are acceptable crimes when performed for the animal cause.**" PETA employees are getting ready to stand trial for killing animals they were supposedly going to "Rescue" from a North Carolina Vet. They have also donated \$45,000 to the legal defense of convicted arsonist Rod Coronado of the ALF (Animal Liberation Front). The ALF is the very militant wing of the ARO's. They are considered a Domestic Terrorist organization and are on the FBI's Most Wanted list.

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Doris Day Animal League (DDAL) the members of DDAL would not resemble the Doris Day we loved in Pillow Talk or Lover Come Back. They are one of the co-sponsors of SB 1139...the Pet Animal Welfare Statute or PAWS. If passed, PAWS would redefine the term "Hobby Breeder" completely and you could find yourself a Commercial Breeder in Uncle Sam's eyes.

Animal Legal Defense Fund (ALDF) While ALDF doesn't compare in size or wealth with the other ARO's listed here...they could be the most dangerous ARO of all. Their members don't hide in the shadows waiting to free lab animals. They don't protest outside a KFC or give children an "Unhappy Meal" with Ronald McDonald cutting off the head of a chicken. Their words of protest are "I object" and they wear 3 piece suits. They have chapters at major Law Schools across the country. They are being funded with multi million dollar grants from benefactors like "The Price Is Right" Bob Barker who now has an Animal Rights Chair at the Yale Law School.

The bottom line is that these groups and their sycophants are well funded and committed to take away our animals and our sport. I laud the Officers and the Board of the Parent Club for addressing this situation. We need the same kind of commitment to defeat the ARO's and their goals.

WE NEED YOU!

Paul Root- Chairman
RALEEF

Education..... Education..... Education.....

I have been named the Coordinator for the South East Region for RALEEF.

It is our goal to keep track of all anti dog legislation and Animal Rights sponsored legislation.

It is our hope to incorporate some of the following throughout our Regional Clubs to bring awareness to this serious problem by :

Staffing booths or doing a seminar at multi day events as they take place. This would include Specialty Shows, Futurity/Maturity weekends, Herding Tests and Trials, Rally, Agility, WDA events and All Breed Shows. Also local pet events such as Pet Fairs, local Humane Society events and Bark In The Park events.

Putting information regarding current legislation alerts into the Regional newsletters.

Utilizing our Juniors in educating their peers. We would like to see a "Responsible Pet Ownership 101" taught in schools around the country.

Providing more public exposure for our breed through Meet The Breed. The more the public knows, the more interest we can generate in our club and the more informed the general public is about the true nature of these groups.

We welcome any and all suggestions and volunteers to help.

Unless we step up now and educate ourselves and the general public, our rights to own, breed, show or trial our dogs may continue to erode to the point that we'll have none.

We will have no need for Dog Clubs.

And that would be very sad indeed.

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.



Match Chairperson
Lee Jewel
6654 Vaughn Rd
Canton, GA 30115-9266

ENTRIES OPEN: 9:00 am Wednesday, January 11, 2006 at the match secretary's address. Entries received prior to the opening date and time are invalid entries and will be returned.

ENTRIES CLOSE: 12:00 PM (Noon) Wednesday, February 15, 2006 at the match secretary's address. Entries received after that time cannot be accepted, cancelled, altered or substituted except as provided for in Chapter 11, Section 6 of the Dog Show Rules. Envelopes containing more than the ten dog maximum shall be treated as an invalid entry and shall be returned to sender.

Kim McNamara, Match Secretary
 596 Cedar Creek Road
 Newnan GA 30263

Premium List



The German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta
Sanctioned Agility "A" Match

Scores awarded at Sanctioned Matches do not count as credit toward any agility titles.

March 4, 2006
 Agility Event #2006085905

Wills Park Equestrian Center
 11915 Wills Road
 Alpharetta, GA 30004

Match is outdoors and undercover on hard packed dirt.
 Ring Size: 100' x 100'

Match Hours
 5:30 pm to 9:00 pm

Method Of Entry
 First Received

Entries Limited As Follows
 50 runs per day total
 25 Standard and 25 JWWV

Electronic timers will be used at this match.



American Kennel Club Certification
 Permission is granted by the American Kennel Club for the holding
 of this event under American Kennel Club rules and regulations.
 James P. Crowley, Secretary

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 5555 Kent Rock Road
 Loganville, GA 30052

Assignment: Judging all classes

Classes Offered

Regular Standard & JWW - Novice A & B, Open, Excellent A & B
 Preferred Standard & JWW - Novice, Open, Excellent A & B
 Non-regular classes are not offered at this match.

Move-Ups

All move-up requests must be received in writing by Monday, February 27, 2006 12:00 (Noon) by Match Secretary Kim McNamara. Either the US Postal Service or e-mail is acceptable. Move-ups from Novice A to Novice B after the closing date are not permitted per AKC rules.

Prizes

Ribbons (rose, brown, light green, gray) will be awarded to the 1st through 4th place dogs in each jump height in each class. Green with pink edges qualifying ribbons will be awarded to all dogs receiving a qualifying score. Dogs must qualify to receive a placement ribbon. A dog toy with value not to exceed \$5 will be awarded to the 1st - 4th place dog in each jump height. All prizes must be claimed the day of the match. None will be mailed. **No title legs awarded. Qualifying scores do not count toward AKC titles.**

Schedule

Class sequence shall be as follows:
 Excellent Standard, Excellent JWW, Open Standard, Open JWW, Novice Standard, Novice JWW Measuring: 5:00 pm and as announced
 First Walk Through and Judge's Briefing: 5:15 pm
 Judging Begins: 5:30 pm

Dogs Eligible To Enter

These trials are open to all dogs over the age of 12 months that are registered with the American Kennel Club or are registerable breeds that have obtained AKC or ILP numbers, except bitches in season, aggressive dogs, or dogs suffering from any deformity, injury, or illness which may affect the dog's physical or mental performance.

Fees

\$10.00 for first entry, \$4.00 for each additional entry per dog. Entry fees will not be refunded in the event that the dog is absent, disqualified, excused or barred from competition by the action of the Match Committee. Checks will not be cashed until closing.

Cancellations must be received on or before the closing date (February 15th) in order to receive a full refund. Entry fees will not be refunded in the event that a dog is absent, disqualified, excused, or barred from competition by the action of the Trial Committee.

No entry fee will be refunded if the match cannot open or be completed by reason of riots, civil disturbances, fire, an act of God, public emergency, act of a public enemy, or any other cause beyond the control of the Trial Committee.

Since Bitches in season are not permitted to compete in Agility Trials, the club will refund all but \$2.00 of the entry fee for bitches unable to compete for that reason. The Match Secretary must receive written certification from a veterinarian no later than Wednesday, March 1st, at 12:00 PM (Noon) for a refund to be issued

Returned checks do not constitute a valid entry fee. The Match Secretary will add a \$25.00 collection fee to the amount of each returned check. The only acceptable replacement of returned checks will be a Money Order. Subsequent returned checks from the same exhibitors may result in their being put on a cash only basis.

Exhibitors are responsible for complete, accurate, and legible information on their entry forms. Illegible or incomplete entries will not be accepted. All entries must be made on an Official AKC entry form or copy and **must include the Agreement and Rules**. No entry shall be made or accepted which specifies any conditions as to its acceptance. Full and immediately negotiable funds must accompany each entry.

Veterinarian

Crabtree Animal Hospital
 12280 Houze Road
 Alpharetta, GA 30004
 770-751-1031

On Call

(From Friday 6:00 pm to Monday 8:00 am)

Height Divisions

Handlers may opt to run dogs entered in the regular classes in a higher height division, but not in a division lower than their proper height division. Dogs entered in the preferred classes **may not** run in a higher height division.

| Regular Classes | Preferred Classes | For Dogs measuring.... |
|-----------------|-------------------|------------------------------|
| 8" | 4" | 10" and under at the withers |
| 12" | 8" | 14" and under at the withers |
| 16" | 12" | 18" and under at the withers |
| 20" | 16" | 22" and under at the withers |
| 24" | 20" | Over 22" at the withers |

Notice to Participants

Enrollment or withdrawal from a research study is a voluntary decision. It requires that you are free of coercion and external pressures and that you understand the consequences of your decision.

Participants in this study have been recruited only if they provided informed consent to participate in this study.

Right to Withdraw

The safety of the study is our primary concern. By entering the study, you are acknowledging that you are familiar with the risks and procedures of this study and that you agree to participate in the study.

Participants are free to withdraw at any time without penalty. Please notify the research team if you wish to withdraw from the study.

All data will be kept confidential and will not be shared with others in the study.

It is generally understood that participants in research studies are responsible for their own safety and that of others. Participants are responsible for their own safety and that of others. Participants are responsible for their own safety and that of others.

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Consent to Participate

Participants in this study are responsible for their own safety and that of others. Participants are responsible for their own safety and that of others.

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Study Description

This study is a randomized controlled trial. Participants are responsible for their own safety and that of others.

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The purpose of this study is to evaluate the effectiveness of the intervention. Participants are responsible for their own safety and that of others.

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Objectives

The primary objective of this study is to evaluate the effectiveness of the intervention. Participants are responsible for their own safety and that of others.

Study Design

This study is a randomized controlled trial. Participants are responsible for their own safety and that of others.

Study Location

The study will be conducted at the University of California, Los Angeles. Participants are responsible for their own safety and that of others.

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Study Results

The results of this study are as follows. Participants are responsible for their own safety and that of others.

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