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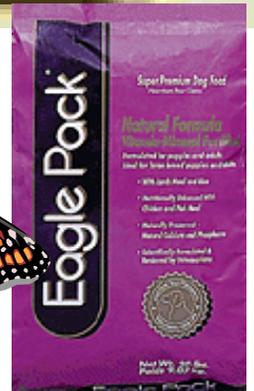
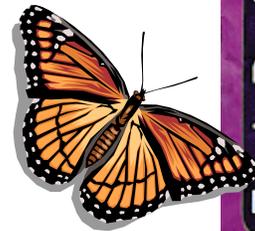
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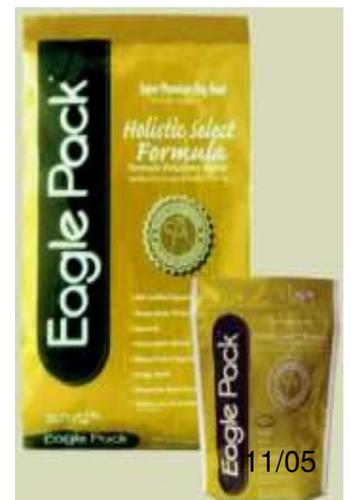
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September 11, 2006

Dr Gaile M. Dailey w/ Heartfelt Healing Arts will be discussing canine chiropractic and alternate healing methods.

October 09, 2006

Gaile LeBarge with the Georgia Canine Coalition will be speaking on legislation issues and how you can keep track of and help fight poor animal legislation.

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You may notice that there is a difference in format this month. You see, I just had way too much time on my hands, was bored to tears and needed a hobby. Well, not really. I wanted to try for a more controlled and a cleaner format that hopefully is a little easier to navigate. As always, any constructive suggestions are appreciated.

As you know, each month we have articles dealing with health, performance, the breed, conformation and legislation. This month, I wanted to concentrate on what is probably the most important issue in owning any dog.....health. Without good health, you don't have a dog. What you have is a broken heart and depleted bank account. From the moment we think of purchasing, adopting or breeding two dogs together, we must consider the health of not only those dogs, but the ones behind them. Your conformation, performance, working dog, and yes, even your cherished companion, cannot perform unless he or she is in peak condition. Although we all have different goals for our dogs, none can be achieved unless they are healthy inside and out. We all know that any living entity is not without flaws and some type of health issue and our breed has health issues no matter what lines they come from. There is no way I can cover even the most important issues our dogs may face in one month, since the issue could run several hundred pages easily. So I have tried to cover at least one concern for each of the normal targets mentioned above that we cover each month. I hope that you not only enjoy what I have gathered up this month, but also come away learning something that you can use to better help you help your dogs become everything you want them to be.

Next month we will be taking a look at some whelping issues and structural problems in the breed.

Denise

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Club Meetings

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

Our next meeting is September 11, 2006

Club Meeting Minutes

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

www.gsdcatlanta.org



The German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta would like to extend our sympathies to Joyce Morris on the loss of her brother, Herb Atkinson on August 28, 2006.

Anyone wishing to send condolences, please mail to:

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

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SOME DOGS CARRY CONTAGIOUS CANCER

Medical anomaly poses no threat Ed Edelson, HealthDay Reports

THURSDAY, Aug. 10 (HealthDay News) -- Researchers are describing what seems to be a real-life medical nightmare: A cancer that spreads from animal to animal like an infection. Luckily for humans, this malignancy occurs only in dogs, and there's no need for people to be worried about it, experts say. "It's a scientific curiosity," said Robin Weiss, professor of viral oncology at University College London, and a member of the team reporting the discovery in the journal *Cell*. "There is no evidence of transfers of human cancers from one person to another, except in very special circumstances, so we should not say that a human cancer patient is dangerous to others."

The cancer, called canine transmissible venereal tumor (CTVT), was first isolated from 16 dogs in Italy, India and Kenya. In each case, a study of the tumors' genetic material showed that it differed from that of the dog in question -- suggesting that it had been passed from another dog. Further study of cancers from 40 other dogs in five continents found that the tumors were almost genetically identi-

cal, meaning that they originally came from a single source and had somehow spread across the globe.

Working with geneticists and computer experts in Chicago, the researchers compared the genetic material of tumors to that of specific breeds of dogs. They concluded that the cancer most likely arose more than 250 years ago -- perhaps as long as 1,000 years ago -- in a wolf or Asian dog such as a Husky or Shih Tzu.

CTVT is transmitted primarily through sexual contact, but experts believe it can also be picked up as dogs lick, bite or sniff tumor-affected areas. It is seldom fatal and usually disappears in three to nine months, just long enough for the dog to pass it on.

"One aspect where this is related to human cancer is not in the mode of transmission, but what it tells us about the nature of cancer," Weiss said. Generally, as cancers become more aggressive, they become less stable genetically, he said. But CTVT has had the same genetic makeup for centuries and is "the oldest tumor cell lineage known to science," which means that it has become genetically stable, Weiss said.

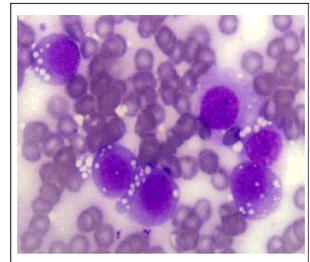
"This questions the theory of instability," he said. "I don't think that instability is inevitable as a tumor gets worse and worse."

The report also raises wildlife conservation issues, added Elaine Ostrander, chief of the cancer genetics branch at the U.S. National

Human Genome Research Institute, who wrote an accompanying commentary.

Similar cancers are known to exist in two other species, the Tasmanian devil and the Syrian hamster, Ostrander said. For these types of endangered species, exposure to CTVT might endanger the population's survival, she wrote.

There appears to be no danger to humans from the sort of cancers seen in these animals, Ostrander said. While CTVT may occur in stray dogs, pedigreed dogs are usually not allowed casual sex, and the cancer "can't be transmitted to humans by handling dogs," she said. "We always wonder when we see something in the animal kingdom if we will see the same thing in humans," Ostrander said. "We don't see any human evidence in this case."



A DIFFERENT TAKE ON TCVT

Imagine a tumor that can be transmitted by touch. For dogs, this is not a matter of imagination; the Transmissible Venereal Tumor has been described since 1876 and is commonly found on both male and female dogs. Transmission is by simple physical contact with the tumor and is most commonly spread during mating but can also be spread during routine sniffing or other contact. Most of the tumor the growth is found on genitals but can also be on noses, mouths, anal areas, and other anatomical sites.

The Transmissible Venereal Tumor, affectionately known as the TVT, may be visible as an external fleshy growth or may simply present as genital bleeding (eventually the tumor will become eroded on the surface). The tumor is common where there are large numbers of roaming dogs or in shelter situations. In most cases the tumor is not malignant and simply grows and bleeds at a local site eventually being rejected by the patient's immune system; however, if the patient is immunosuppressed due to very young age or disease condition then the tumor can indeed spread in a cancerous fashion. Strangely, the tumor cells are not the patient's own cells transformed into cancer cells; tumor cells have their own number of chromosomes. Developing a TVT might analogous to getting bitten by a mosquito and the few mosquito cells left behind actually trying to grow a new mosquito on one's body.

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Diagnosis is made either by biopsy (taking a small piece of tumor tissue for analysis) or by cytology (obtaining a smear of the tumor's cells). The tumor is classified as a "Round Cell Tumor" and is related to more malignant Round cell tumors such as the [Mast Cell Tumor](#) and [Lymphoma](#).

TREATMENT

Treatment of the Transmissible Venereal Tumor is straightforward and generally very rewarding:

- **SURGERY:** Surgery is not as effective as one would expect. In one study of 70 dogs, 22% had recurrence within 5 months. If a tumor is surgically removed and found to be a Transmissible Venereal Tumor, one of the other treatment methods should ensue.
- **VINCRISTINE:** [Vincristine](#) is a chemotherapy agent which must be delivered intravenously. Special IV catheters or butterfly units are placed to deliver the drug as any spillage of the drug into the tissue surrounding the vein results in a painful tissue slough (i.e. a chemical burn occurs). This, however, is the only risk in this treatment and as long as proper IV materials are used this complication is rare. The TVT responds within a treatment or two but generally 3-6 weekly treatments are administered to ensure a cure.
- **RADIATION:** External beam radiation is very effective in curing the TVT but is very expensive and not readily available. If one is near a facility, however, this may be a good option.



Board Meetings

Meetings are held at the homes of the Board Members prior to a regular club meeting and are open to all Club Members.

Club Members wishing to attend must notify the host Board Member prior to attending.

Club Members are not permitted to participate in discussions unless delivering a committee report.

Club Members are not permitted to vote.

GSDC of Atlanta's First Agility Trial Is Coming !!



The Atlanta Doberman Pinscher Club and the German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta are hosting a combined premium trial on November 11 & 12, 2006. The premium has been released and is on the following pages for your convenience or available at www.gsdcatlanta.org in PDF format or www.atlantadpc.com in word or PDF format. There will be two fabulous judges for our trials, Bonnie McDonald and Rhonda Crane! They tend to design courses that are challenging but flowing and just plain fun to run. The trials are in an open sided but covered horse arena, packed dirt footing. On Sunday, The German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta will also be awarding a HIT GSD with a very nice black and red rosette.

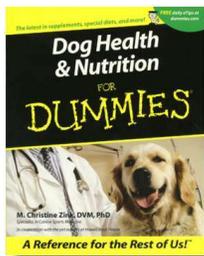
For those of you who may be somewhat new to agility trialing and still in the novice classes, I wanted to explain the HIT (high in trial) award. All Dog entered in the regular classes (not preferred), no matter what level they run in are eligible for this award. A GSD that can run clean and fast in Novice has just as much of a chance as a GSD that can run clean and fast in Excellent. Likewise, Excellent folks, the score tie will be broken by a YPS calculation since that's a fairer method than the "seconds under course time" one.

Volunteers are still needed to assist in the following areas. Please contact Dan Weiss at danalor@msn.com to sign up. Let's make the first one an overwhelming success !

Volunteer openings and the trial premium are located in the back of this issue. Please volunteer your time to help make this a success.

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Early Spay-Neuter Considerations for the Canine Athlete One Veterinarian's Opinion [© 2005 Chris Zink DVM, PhD, DACVP](#)

Those of us with responsibility for the health of canine athletes need to continually read and evaluate new scientific studies to ensure that we are taking the most appropriate care of our performance dogs. This article provides evidence through a number of recent studies to suggest that veterinarians and owners working with canine athletes should revisit the standard protocol in which all dogs that are not intended for breeding are spayed and neutered at or before 6 months of age.

ORTHOPEDIC CONSIDERATIONS

A study by Salmeri *et al* in 1991 found that bitches spayed at 7 weeks grew significantly taller than those spayed at 7 months, who were taller than those not spayed (or presumably spayed after the growth plates had closed).(1) A study of 1444 Golden Retrievers performed in 1998 and 1999 also found bitches and dogs spayed and neutered at less than a year of age were significantly taller than those spayed or neutered at more than a year of age.(2) The sex hormones, by communicating with a number of other growth-related hormones, promote the closure of the growth plates at puberty (3), so the bones of dogs or bitches neutered or spayed before puberty continue to grow. Dogs that have been spayed or neutered well before puberty can frequently be identified by their longer limbs, lighter bone structure, narrow chests and narrow skulls. This abnormal growth frequently results in significant alterations in body proportions and particularly the lengths (and therefore weights) of certain bones relative to others. For example, if the femur has achieved its genetically determined normal length at 8 months when a dog gets spayed or neutered, but the tibia, which normally stops growing at 12 to 14 months of age continues to grow, then an abnormal angle may develop at the stifle. In addition, with the extra growth, the lower leg below the stifle likely becomes heavier (because it is longer), and may cause increased stresses on the cranial cruciate ligament. In addition, sex hormones are critical for achieving peak bone density.(4) These structural and physiological alterations may be the reason why at least one recent study showed that spayed and neutered dogs had a higher incidence of **CCL rupture**.(5) Another recent study showed that dogs spayed or neutered before 5 1/2 months had a significantly higher incidence of **hip dysplasia** than those spayed or neutered after 5 1/2 months of age, although it should be noted that in this study there were no standard criteria for the diagnosis of hip dysplasia. (6) Nonetheless, breeders of purebred dogs should be cognizant of these studies and should consider whether or not pups they bred were spayed or neutered when considering breeding decisions.

CANCER CONSIDERATIONS

A retrospective study of cardiac tumors in dogs showed that there was a 5 times greater risk of **hemangiosarcoma**, one of the three most common cancers in dogs, in spayed bitches than intact bitches and a 2.4 times greater risk of hemangiosarcoma in neutered dogs as compared to intact males.(7) A study of 3218 dogs demonstrated that dogs that were neutered before a year of age had a significantly increased chance of developing **bone cancer**.(8) A separate study showed that neutered dogs had a two-fold higher risk of developing bone cancer.(9) Despite the common belief that neutering dogs helps prevent prostate cancer, at least one study suggests that neutering provides no benefit.(10) There certainly is evidence of a slightly increased risk of mammary cancer in female dogs after one heat cycle, and for increased risk with each subsequent heat. While about 30 % of mammary cancers are malignant, as in humans, when caught and surgically removed early the prognosis is very good.(12) Luckily, canine athletes are handled frequently and generally receive prompt veterinary care.

BEHAVIORAL CONSIDERATIONS

The study that identified a higher incidence of cranial cruciate ligament rupture in spayed or neutered dogs also identified an increased incidence of **sexual behaviors in males and females** that were neutered early.(5) Further, the study that identified a higher incidence of hip dysplasia in dogs neutered or spayed before 5 1/2 months also showed that early age gonadectomy was associated with an increased incidence of **noise phobias and undesirable sexual behaviors**.(6) A recent report of the American Kennel Club Canine Health Foundation reported significantly more behavioral problems in spayed and neutered bitches and dogs. The most commonly observed behavioral problem in spayed females was **fearful behavior** and the most common problem in males was **aggression**.(12)

OTHER HEALTH CONSIDERATIONS

A number of studies have shown that there is an increase in the incidence of **female urinary incontinence** in dogs spayed early (13), although this finding has not been universal. Certainly there is evidence that ovarian hormones are critical for maintenance of genital tissue structure and contractility.(14, 15) Neutering also has been associated with an increased likelihood of **urethral sphincter incontinence** in males.(16) This problem is an inconvenience, and not usually life-threatening, but nonetheless one that requires the dog to be medicated for life. A health survey of several thousand Golden Retrievers showed that spayed or neutered dogs were more likely to develop **hypothyroidism**.(2) This study is consistent with the results of another study in which neutering and spaying was determined to be the most significant gender-associated risk factor for development of hypothyroidism.

17) **Infectious diseases** were more common in dogs that were spayed or neutered at 24 weeks or less as opposed to those undergoing gonadectomy at more than 24 weeks.(18) Finally, the AKC-CHF report demonstrated a higher incidence of **adverse reactions to vaccines** in neutered dogs as compared to intact.(12)

I have gathered these studies to show that our practice of routinely spaying or neutering every dog at or before the age of 6 months is not a black-and-white issue. Clearly more studies need to be done to evaluate the effects of prepubertal spaying and neutering, particularly in canine athletes.

Currently, I have significant concerns with spaying or neutering canine athletes before puberty. But of course, there is the pet overpopulation problem. How can we prevent the production of unwanted dogs while still leaving the gonads to produce the hormones that are so important to canine growth and development? One answer would be to perform vasectomies in males and tubal ligation in females, to be followed after maturity by ovariectomy in females to prevent mammary cancer and pyometra. One possible disadvantage is that vasectomy does not prevent some unwanted behaviors associated with males such as marking and humping. On the other hand, females and neutered males frequently participate in these behaviors too. Really, training is the best solution for these issues. Another possible disadvantage is finding a veterinarian who is experienced in performing these procedures. Nonetheless, some do, and if the procedures were in greater demand, more veterinarians would learn them.

I believe it is important that we assess each situation individually. For canine athletes, I currently recommend that dogs and bitches be spayed or neutered after 14 months of age.

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DOING RIGHT BY MOLLY

By Barbara J. Galasso

I remember Poppa telling me that summer of 66' that old Mr. Higgins wanted to see me and I was to go to him right away. I jumped on my rusty bike and peddled just as hard and fast as I could to get to his house. I remember there were people standing outside of his bedroom door as they made way for me to go in to his room. A gentle hand grabbed at my sleeve and said, "Boy, you must be very quiet when you talk to Mr. Higgins. You mustn't get him excited. Is that understood? I shook my head up and down acknowledging what the doctor instructed me to do. I tiptoed across the room to Mr. Higgins big old bed and looked down upon his kind face riddled with the passage of time. I stood there staring at him, not knowing what to say or do. He must have sensed my presence, for he slowly opened his eyes and looked straight at me. His old hands began to shake as he raised one up to touch my arm. His lips began to quiver as he tried to utter a few words. I couldn't hear him. He motioned for me to come down closer to his face. I turned and looked at the doctor, who instructed me to go ahead. As I gingerly lowered my face to his, I could hear him whisper a few sentences to me. He said, in a voice barely audible, "Johnny, you've always loved my German Shepherds. I want you to take Molly home with you and raise her as your own. Your dad said it would be all right." I was about to protest because I knew how much Molly meant to old Mr. Higgins. He raised a single finger to my lips to prevent me from saying anything. "Do right by her Johnny. Do right." He slowly closed his eyes again and the doctor came over to lead me away. Molly came home with me that day, but that was the last time that I got to see old Mr. Higgins. I never got to thank him for his prized dog.

Molly stayed in my room that night and all the nights after. I remember Molly cried for the first few days and then one night she grew restless and began to howl. She whined and scratched at the door. I called out to her, "What is it girl?" She ran to the window and jumped up on the ledge and let out one long sorrowful howl. I went over to her and scratched her neck. She lay down on the floor and for some reason I joined her and laid down next to her as I wrapped her in my arms. The next day, poppa told me old Mr. Higgins had passed away in his sleep the night before. From that day forward, Molly was my dog. She followed me everywhere I went. She was a very smart dog and learned quickly. Poppa said she was only two years old.

One day when I took a bike ride, I took Molly for a walk along side of me. Billy Mulligan and his Doberman by the name of Butch were headed straight for us. Now I knew Billy's dog was meaner than a rabid raccoon, and Billy himself was no angel. I was about to cross the street when Billy called out to me. "Hey Johnny, where you going with that flea bitten dog of yours?" he taunted me. I knew there was no escaping him now. "Oh, hello Billy," I said in a matter of fact way. With his chest puffed out and his head held high in a definite manner, he said, "Look at the new collar I bought for Butch with my allowance." I looked over at Butch who was staring at Molly with his deep dark black eyes. He was wearing one of those spike collars with all the teeth sticking into his neck. "Doesn't that hurt him?" I asked. "Nah, nothing hurts Butch. What do you think; he's a sissy?" "No I don't think he's a sissy. I just think that looks painful." For some reason, that was the wrong thing to say to him. Billy began to scream at me, saying that the only one who was a sissy was me and my scrawny dog Molly. Sensing my uneasiness, Molly started to become restless. When I heard a low menacing growl, I quickly glanced over at Butch. I saw the hackles on his back slowly begin to rise. Molly began to pace and circle around me. Butch was twice the size of Molly, him being a male and all. I knew she'd be no match for him. Butch's lips began to slowly pull back from his jaw exposing his long, sharp white teeth. I started to say something to Billy, and before I knew what was happening, Butch lunged for me. I was knocked to the ground by the sheer force of his weight landing on my chest. I covered my face with my arms. Molly already had her teeth in Butch's back. All I could hear were teeth snapping and jaws cracking and cries from both dogs as they bit hard into one another. Butch had Molly down on the ground by the throat. Without giving any thought to it, I picked up my bike and with all the strength I had in me, I crashed it on to the back of the mean angry dog. It must have been the angle of the bike and the way it landed on him, because he yelled out in pain as the pedal jabbed him in the eye making him release the hold he had on Molly's neck. Just then some of the neighbors had heard the noise and commotion and came running out to assist us. Molly's neck was bleeding as was Butch's eye. Both dogs were in obvious stress. Billy muttered some obscenity in my direction as me and Mr. Clouse got Molly into his car to take her to the vet's office.

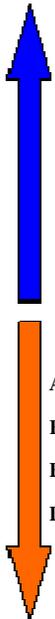
Although Molly was going to be all right, she would be left with a permanent limp in her right front leg because of the torn ligaments and muscles inflicted by her wounds from Butch. It was Butch who wouldn't be as lucky. After hearing from eye witnesses accounts and knowing of this dogs troubled past, the town sheriff decided that Butch was a menace to the general public and that he needed to be put to sleep. It was the first time that anybody seen Billy break down and cry. He vowed to take revenge on me and Molly. Somehow; I don't know why, but I felt sorry for Billy. Then my thoughts turned to old Mr. Higgins. What would he have thought about poor Molly limping for the rest of her life? Somehow I knew this wasn't what he meant when he told me to do right by Molly.

That spring Molly had puppies with another one of old Mr. Higgins male dogs that he gave to someone else in the neighborhood. She had six males and one girl. The kids in the neighborhood used to come by to see them. All except for Billy. He never came by much anymore. Then one day I saw him walking down the street as I was playing with Molly and her puppies on our front lawn. I called out to him, and he ignored me. Once again, I called to him. "Come on over here Billy. I've got something to show you." "Go to hell" was his reply. I quickly picked up one of the all black male puppies and ran over to Billy. "Get away from me you murderer," he spat out at me. "Billy, look what I have here in my hands. It's an all black puppy. I know you like black dogs. Come on take a look." He quickly glanced at the squirming ball of fur that I was holding. "That's nothing but a dumb German Shepherd", he sarcastically said. I chose my next words wisely. "Gee, I really need a good home for this boy. Most people don't want a black German Shepherd because they're different", I tell him. "Different?" he asks with a quizzical expression on his face. "Yeah, you know; most people when they think of German Shepherds; they think of them as black and tan. That's why these black dogs are very rare, indeed. Yup, people would stand up and take notice of you with a big old black dog." With that Billy turned around and against his better judgment decided to hold the puppy. The puppy returned the favor by enthusiastically kissing him all over the face. "Oh cut your slobbering," Billy said. "We call him Higgins," I told him.

"Higgins?" "Yeah that's right. It's because he always looked like a little old man ever since he was born. And besides old man Higgins was Molly's breeder. So Higgins is his name." And so began Billy's love affair with the German Shepherd Dog when he took home little old Higgins that day. He and I also became good friends although Molly took longer to warm up to him remembering him from the summer before.

Many summers went by since that summer of 66'. Molly and Higgins are no longer here with us anymore, but her great grandkids are. She and her son were buried next to old Mr. Higgins on the families plot on their estate right where all his other animals were laid to rest. He would have wanted it that way. And besides, I promised him I'd do right by Molly.

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You scramble 8 eggs... (add Parmesan Cheese if wanted) and BAKE them in a toaster oven. About 300 degrees (depending on your toaster) until done. (20 to 30 minutes +)
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Don't thaw them, but feed them as they come out of they come out of the freezer.

Re-Freeze as needed.



RANCH STEAKS

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 pounds beef rib-eye steaks (about 1 inch thick)
- 1 teaspoon seasoned pepper
- 1 teaspoon garlic salt
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1/4 cup pre-diced red onions

Steps

1. Preheat large sauté pan on medium-high 2–3 minutes. Cut steaks into four portions; sprinkle both sides with seasoned pepper and garlic salt. Wash hands.
2. Place butter in pan; swirl to coat. Add steaks and cook 5 minutes. (Do not turn steaks.)
3. Turn steaks; add onions around steaks. Cook 4–5 more minutes or until internal temperature reaches 145°F for medium-rare. Use a meat thermometer to accurately ensure doneness. (Adjust time as needed for desired doneness.) Serve onions over steaks.

CALORIES (per 1/4 recipe) kcal; 477FAT 30g; CHOL 204mg; SODIUM 377mg; CARB 2g; FIBER <1g; PROTEIN 47g; VIT A 4%; VIT C 1%; CALC 4%; IRON 16%

RECOLLECTIONS OF THE 1973 NATIONAL SPECIALTY

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I'll probably never forget the 1973 National German Shepherd Specialty Show. .. I can still feel the excitement, .. the shiver down my spine, .. the lump growing in my throat as my wife boarded the plane for Seattle. She had left me in Atlanta with a kennel full of what we like to think are decent German Shepherds and with four children, also well conformed but of decidedly questionable temperament.

As I drove the thirty-five miles home with my beloved offspring, I thought, ".. Perhaps this dog thing has gone too far. .. Seattle is so distant. .. Could it be that the dogs are affecting our lives? .. " .. My train of thought was shattered when Ronnie, our youngest, threw up all over his crate. .. He never was a good traveler. .. I cracked the windows to clear the air. ..

The rest of the trip home proved uneventful. .. Ronnie slept. .. The other three scratched themselves, their noses pressed through the partially opened window sniffing at the cool evening air. As is my custom, I caught up with the vehicle in front of us to check for those "Caution! Do not tailgate! Show dogs!" stickers on the bumper. We were safe this time. .. It was only a school bus.

I want you to know that at home I am a strict disciplinarian .. no monkey business. .. As soon as we arrived, it was into the tub with those children. .. While they frolicked in the Pine-Sol, I, .. like the good father I am, .. raked out their rooms and set out the bowls of warm milk (They always take their Kerocide better with warm milk.) .. As each exited from the bath, I dried him off with a big towel, .. brushed him thoroughly, ever alert for ear mites and ticks (I'm still not convinced that Ricky isn't just a taste "sub-luxed") .. and then sprayed him well with the old reliable Lysol disinfectant. .. You can't call me an apathetic father. .. No Siree!

With everyone bedded down, I set about the kennel duties. .. People joke with us about having the kennels in the front yard, but actually it is the most convenient spot. .. As I left the house I noted that we needed a new canvas flap on the door. .. Children just wear those out, you know? .. in and out .. in and out. .. I glanced at the kennel checklist my wife had thoughtfully prepared for me: ..

1. Vacuum all carpets.
2. Change sheets every day for Heika. (She's in season.)
3. Put pans in dishwasher.
4. Check air conditioner.
5. Check toilets. (Fritz always forgets to flush.)
6. Make sure burglar alarm is on.

Chores finished I went back to the house. .. I let Ronnie out for a few minutes, .. and then settled down onto my own rug wondering, .. wishing, .. hoping that Peg would enjoy herself. .. That's when I decided it would be fun to keep this diary. "When Peg gets home," I thought, "we can compare what we were doing at various times."

Friday, Oct. 26

.. This is going to be a snap. .. Up with the Sun; fixed lunches for the children: .. peanut butter and cole slaw sandwiches with a little bag of treats in each box: bone flavored for Robbie; fish for Rick; liver cubes for Beth, and a nice chew stick for Ronnie. .. They looked cute today walking down to the bus .. looking into garbage cans .. I don't think Rob missed a single tree.

.. The boss called from work. He wanted to know where I was. He understood once I made it clear that my wife had been stricken with this "condition", and at her monthly group therapy session, a few similarly afflicted souls had hit upon the idea of going to Seattle as a means of purging the "Demon" from their respective psyches. ..

Saturday, Oct. 27

.. An exciting day, Diary. .. Two Little League football games, .. a flute concert with fourth graders, .. Fritz tried to breed a squirrel with very bad hips, and a lady called about a stud service for Sunday. .. Busy, busy, busy. .. The cat got into the Guinea Pig cage again. . . . Supper was a mixed blessing. .. The lamb was undercooked, and I probably put too many anchovies in the gravy. .. The sauerkraut was very good though.. Perhaps just a little more garlic and oregano.

Sunday, Oct. 28

.. Breakfast after church went smoothly. .. Beth did drop her hot dog onto the kitchen floor, but it was good as new once we had washed off the cedar shavings. The lady who called yesterday arrived about noon with some of her girlfriends. .. She wanted to know what all of the dogs were doing here. .. I explained about "stud services" and she left, crossing over badly, very high in the "you-know-where". .. I certainly hope Peg is having a good time. .. We'll have to hose down the living room again before she returns or she'll really be cross. Had a strange dream last night. .. I was handling a very obstreperous dog in the Best of Breed competition. He just would not do anything for me. Then a happy little man with one earring, all dressed in yellow with owls on his britches jumped into the ring, .. took the dog, .. and won everything. .. Hmmm..

Monday, Oct. 29

Peg is home again, Diary. .. I can go back to work now. .. She is still sleeping as I write this. .. I guess she had a fine time. .. When I get home tonight, we'll have to talk about this "dog thing". .. I do think it is becoming too serious. .. Maybe we could get into something less time consuming, .. a little less political, .. less heartbreaking. .. I could run for Mayor.

**CANINE HERPES INFECTION:
SOLVING THE MYSTERY OF THE DISAPPEARING LITTER**
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Most of us are familiar with herpesviruses because of human herpes. Most of us know mucous membrane or fresh body secretion contact (Herpes I causes facial sores and is spread by kissing or sharing food utensils and Herpes II causes genital sores and is spread by sexual contact). In small animals, feline herpes probably gets the most press as it is responsible for at least 50% of feline upper respiratory. It is extremely contagious among cats and is readily spread through the respiratory secretions that are sneezed and sprayed by the infected cat. While canine and feline herpesviruses are closely related, infection cannot be transmitted across species lines. All herpesviruses have the ability to infect the host for life (retreating to the nerve ganglia of the nervous system), though symptoms only periodically emerge.

Canine herpes is more of a reproductive problem than a respiratory one; in fact, most infected dogs do not appear to get sick at all. Instead the infections manifests in the pregnancy as resorption of the litter of puppies, abortion, still birth, or death of puppies within a few weeks of life. Transmission occurs direct contact (sexual contact will do it but the usual route is simply normal nosing, licking, and sniffing) between the infected and uninfected dog. For this reason, it is recommended that a pregnant female dog be isolated from other dogs for the last three weeks of pregnancy and the first three weeks after birth. Let's say that again:

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Puppies can be exposed before, during, or after birth. Just because one member of the litter is infected, this does not mean they all are. The incubation period is 3-7 days following infection. Once symptoms begin (shallow breathing, loss of appetite, vomiting) death follows within 48 hours. Infected puppies uniformly have low platelet counts and may show red spots called "petechiae" which actually represent small bruises.

WHAT TO DO WHEN ONE OF THE PUPPIES DIES SHORTLY AFTER BIRTH:

The necropsy (autopsy) is the only realistic means to finding out what happened. If you want to find out if the other litter members are at risk or if the mother dog can safely be bred again, the dead puppy should be examined.

- Place the remains in a zip-loc plastic bag and refrigerate until you can notify your veterinarian. If the placenta is available, it should be included.
- Expect the mother dog and remaining litter mates to be examined and the dead puppy to be necropsied.

There are many causes for the loss of a near term or newly born litter of puppies: coronavirus, parvovirus, toxoplasmosis, brucellosis, umbilical trauma, genetic disease, etc. Knowing what to do heavily depends on knowing what happened. Puppies that die from canine herpes have characteristic "inclusion bodies" in many

tissues under the microscope. Inclusion bodies are essentially areas of heavy virus reproduction that are actually visible and unique in appearance. The presence of herpes inclusion bodies confirms the diagnosis.

BLOOD TESTING THE ADULT DOG

The ability of an infected dog to maintain antibodies against canine herpes is variable. Some infected dogs show no antibodies after a couple of months and others have antibody levels persisting for years. If the history is suggestive or herpes then any herpes antibodies found in the bloodstream would be considered significant. Without the history of puppy loss, the presence of antibodies simply indicates past exposure to the virus. To get a better sense of how acute an exposure might be and whether or not the antibody level indicates active infection, a second antibody level can be drawn 10-14 days later. An active infection will show a fourfold rise in antibody level. In a breeding kennel situation, it maybe useful to know which dogs have been exposed and which ones haven't so that the risks can be assessed. It is only the unexposed females that are at risk for infection during pregnancy and losing the litter. Checking pre-breeding titers is not a bad idea for both the male and female dog.

If the infection is less than 3 weeks old, it may be possible to actually culture the virus from swab from the nose or vagina. In general, confirming herpes infection in a dead puppy is much easier and faster than trying to confirm the infection in the adult dog.

SAVING THE REST OF THE LITTER?

Canine herpes is very bad news for puppies under age 3 weeks of age. Often there is nothing that can be done to stop the sweep of this lethal virus. This does not keep us from fighting, however. Serum from a recovered female dog can be separated and injected into the puppies as a source of anti-herpes antibodies. Warming the puppies may help as the virus cannot survive at body temperature. Antiviral medications such as Acyclovir may help.

PREVENTION

Fortunately, herpesviruses do not live in the environment (it dies at 68° F and is readily killed by common disinfectants); direct contact with an infected host or fresh secretions is needed. Still, once a dog is infected, it will be infected for life. Shedding virus is increased by stress. One more time: all mother dogs should be isolated from the final 3 weeks of pregnancy through the first 3 weeks after birth. In Europe, a vaccine is available for use during canine pregnancy (one dose at the time of breeding and a second 6-7 weeks later, to be repeated with each pregnancy).

Herpes is only a danger to the puppies when the mother is infected during pregnancy. Once the mother has been infected, subsequent pregnancies should be unaffected as she will have made enough antibodies to keep the virus in check.

THE PUPPY

by Virginia Haven

She keeps repeating it over and over again. We've been back to this shelter at least five times. It has been weeks now since we started all of this, the woman told the volunteer. "What is it she keeps asking for?" she asked. "Puppy size!"

"We have plenty of puppies, if that's what she's looking for." "I know. We have seen most of them," she said in frustration. Just then the young child came walking in the office. "Well, did you find one?" "No, not this time," she said with sadness in her voice. "Can we come back on the weekend?" The two women looked at each other, shook their heads and laughed. "You never know when we will get more dogs. Unfortunately, there's always a supply," the volunteer said.

The young child took her Mother by the hand and headed to the door. "Don't worry, I bet we'll find one this weekend," the child said. Over the next few days both mom and dad had long conversations with her. They both felt she was being too particular. "It's this weekend or we're not looking any more," Dad finally said in frustration.

"We don't want to hear anything more about puppy size either," mom added. Sure enough they were the first ones in the shelter on Saturday morning. By now the young child knew her way around, so she ran right for the section that housed the smaller dogs.

Tired of the routine, mom sat in the small waiting room at the end of the first row of cages. There was an observation window so you could see the animals during times when visitors weren't permitted. The young girl walked slowly from cage to cage, kneeling periodically to take a closer look. One by one the dogs were brought out and she held each one. One by one she said, "Sorry, you're not the one." It was the last cage on this last day in search of the perfect pup. The volunteer opened the cage door and the child carefully picked up the dog and held it loosely. This time she it took a little longer.

"Mom, that's it! I found the right puppy! He's the one! I know it!" she screamed with joy. Mom, startled by all the commotion, came running. "What? Are you sure? How do you know?" she asked. "It's the puppy sighs!"

"Yes, it the same size as all the other puppies you held the last weeks," mom said. "No, not size -- sighs. When I held him in my arms he sighed," she said. "So? Don't you remember? When I asked you one day what love is, you told me love depends on the sighs of your heart. The more you love, the bigger the sighs!"

The two women looked at each other for a moment. Mom didn't know whether to laugh or cry. As she stooped down to hug her child she did a little of both. "Mom every time you hold me I sigh. When you and Daddy come home from work and hug each other you both sigh. I knew I would find the right puppy if it sighed when I held it in my arms," she said. Then holding the puppy up close to her face she said, "Mom, he loves me. I heard the sighs of his heart."

Close your eyes for a moment and think about the love that makes you sigh. I not only find it in the arms of my loved ones, but in the caress of a sunset, the kiss of the moonlight and the gentle brush of cool air on a hot day.

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We all know that the German Shepherd Dog has special inherent qualities that separates it from the other breeds, and nutritionally speaking, it is not IF those breed specific genetically predetermined characteristics create different nutritional requirements from the other breeds but HOW MUCH do they change the nutritional requirements of the German Shepherd Dog from the requirements of the other breeds. A breed with a short single coat will need different coat producing nutrients (per kg of body weight) than a German Shepherd Dog. Any one of the six breeds that produce skin oils will need a different dietary intake of fatty acids than the German Shepherd Dog. A "thin boned" breed will need less of the bone building minerals than a German Shepherd Dog. The German Shepherd Dog's unique set of nutritional requirements have been passed on from generation to generation just like the breed's unique coat, body size and temperament. We have found that we can not change the genetic makeup of the animals we are feeding just by exposing them to a different diet for a small amount of time (one or two bags of food or one or two hundred years). Therefore, I suggest that German Shepherd Dog owners try to feed their companions with a diet that contains what this breed requires and do not rely on an all-breed/any-breed commercial food to be properly formulated for the nutritional requirements of a German Shepherd Dog.

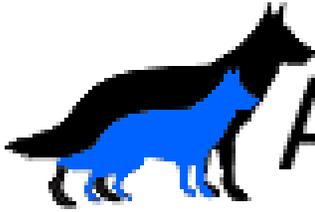
Many all-breed/any-breed dog foods are sold with the claims that they are "complete and balanced" for all-dogs. Some dog food companies are even bringing out foods for breed groups or foods they claim are good for all "Toy Breeds" or "Giant Breeds." The newest of these uses a Labrador Retriever as an example of a dog that should be eating their "Giant Breed" food in a television ad. I personally do not consider a Labrador Retriever or a German Shepherd Dog of the same body weight a "Giant Breed." Never-less stand a Labrador Retriever next to a German Shepherd Dog and logically try to convince yourself that they are identical in any aspect: temperament, energy levels, their glandular systems ability to produce or not produce skin oils, or their nutritional requirements per kG of body weight. Unfortunately, if a Labrador Retriever or a German Shepherd owner asks that dog food company if their food is correct for the animal they are feeding they will both be told it is.

The fact that different dog breeds have different per kg nutritional requirements is well documented. i.e. The U.S. Government National Research Council report NUTRIENT REQUIREMENTS OF DOGS shows that when Fleshman Laboratories was testing the vitamin D requirements of dogs they found that the Collie required over 270 IU/kG of vitamin D and a Fox Terrier only required 28 IU/kG to assimilate a calcium/phosphorus ratio of 1:1.2. Pharmacological testing showed us a German Shepherd Dog requires about 33% of the amount required by a Collie per kilogram of body weight and over 11 times the IU/kG required by breeds that only require what is needed to have an all-breed/any-breed food make the claim it is "complete and balanced" (8 IU/kG).

A food that is nutritionally correct for a Collie could be TOXIC to a German Shepherd Dog and a food formulated to be nutritionally correct for a breed that only requires what is needed to have an all-breed/any-breed food make the claim it is "complete and balanced" would be inadequate for the needs of a German Shepherd Dog. This is VERY IMPORTANT since the vitamin D intake of a dog is directly related to the correct development of the animals skeletal system. This includes the ball and socket joint and in a breed that has a genetic disposition to hip dysplasia feeding the correct amount of bone building minerals and the other nutrients that work with them is VERY IMPORTANT.

The diet of a German Shepherd Dog should contain: (#1) nutrient sources that are similar to those found in the native environment of the breed's ancestors (sources which are not foreign to the digestive and glandular systems of today's German Shepherd Dog and which are easy for them to assimilate) and (#2) the proper balance of protein, carbohydrates, fatty acids, vitamins and minerals that match their breed specific nutritional requirements - those which have been passed on by their ancestors. i.e. the pancreatic response of a German Shepherd Dog to complex carbohydrates in the diet shows us why a German Shepherd Dog uses the complex carbohydrates from potato well but the complex carbohydrates from rice can cause pancreatitis. When you think of the number of rice paddies in the area of the world where the German Shepherd Dog developed you can see the correlation. The Pancreas of a German Shepherd Dog developed to break down the complex carbohydrates found in potato and not rice and as I say at my web site we do not change the animals glandular system to correctly use a "foreign food source" any faster than we change their coat from a double coat to a single coat by taking them to a different environment.

Compounding the "breed specific" nutritional picture and the use of an all-breed/any-breed commercial food is another fact: each individual animal can have different requirements depending on; the sex of the animal; the age (a puppy will have different needs, per kG, than an adolescent, who even though it may be the same size as an adult will have different requirements than the adult); the activity level (if a dog is very active the dog will need more of the B complex than a couch potato of the same breed); stress levels; medical conditions; and other dietary factors (i.e. does the water supply have a high minerals content or is there fluoride in the tap water?). All should be considered when choosing the proper amount of each nutrient for an individual dog's diet. In my book THE BEST DIET FOR A GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG I formulated specific recipe and supplement charts for: A German Shepherd Dog-Puppy (up to 4 months of age), An Adolescent Female German Shepherd Dog (for a Bitch from 4 months to 30 months of age), An Adolescent Male German Shepherd Dog (for a Dog from 4 months to 32 months of age),



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Board O Gram

Written by Tom T. Mesdag

Edited and approved by Lew Bunch

Highlights of the July 2006 Board Meeting

The third regular Board Meeting of the German Shepherd Dog Club of America for 2006 was July 28 - 30 at the City Center Holiday Inn, Columbus Ohio.

Strategic Planning Committee

This Board workshop dealt with issues of membership, declining litter nominations, and the new Working Dog Sport. The thoughts, brainstorming and suggestions put forth could result in new and exciting benefits for the membership.

Corresponding Secretary Report: The Election Agent Selection Committee evaluated all proposals and recommended the Board select Election Services Corporation as the 2006 Election Agent. The Board voted to appoint Election Services Corporation as the GSDCA Election Agent for the 2006 Elections.

President's Report: Royal Canin has joined Purina as a major sponsor of the GSDCA. Royal Canin will sponsor the GSDCA National Victory Dinner and also will support up to 20 GSDCA Regional clubs with cash and prizes for their show weekend. Thank you Royal Canin.

The Purina Alliance Program and Sponsorship of the GSDCA National and the GSDCA Futurities (donating all the trophies and hosting educational seminars) has been extended for an additional three years through 2009 with yearly financial increases equal to the increase in the PPCP which averages 30 percent each year.

The Board approved sending the Board O Gram via email to all members and Regional clubs with email addresses and to place the Board O Gram in the Review instead of mailing via the USPS for those who do not have email addresses. The realized savings are approximately \$2,000 per year.

The Annual Membership Meeting will have a microphone in the room for the membership to speak in an open forum to the Board.

Pat Brown has agreed to design a permanent Show Booth for the GSDCA to be used in the Meet the Breeds Section at the Eukanuba Classic or National Dog Show. This traveling booth also may be used by Regional Clubs at their local fairs and public education events.

AKC Delegate Report: The Working Dog Sport

The WDS program was approved by the AKC board at their meeting in May of 2006.

DNA-Support by the GSDCA for the AKC DNA program will add us to the list of 104 other parent clubs that have taken action to support DNA at their nationals. The American Kennel Club is offering a discounted DNA Profile program to all Parent Breed Clubs. Participating clubs will receive a special discounted rate of \$30 per dog for all DNA samples collected at the National Specialty.

AKC new online Account services. This new feature allows breeders to maintain their dog information on the AKC web. They have provided a service that will keep all of your dogs and litters in one record. It also lets you keep up with "dogs of interest" that you do not own. The primary goal of this project is to launch a platform for future services.

Record keeping is just one step in the process. All you need is an AKC account. Go to the AKC home page and click on "Create Account" located at the upper right corner of the home page. For help call AKC Customer Care, Telephone: 919-233-9767, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

National Specialty: Please refer to the Advance Brochure and the July issue of the GSD Review for further details.

The deadline to donate TROPHIES for the Lake St Louis National has been extended to August 15.

The GSDCA guest rules form that is at the reception desk of our host hotels each year will require a signature acknowledging that hotel guests who are affiliated with the National show in any way have read and understand the rules. AKC considers hotels/motels (and their grounds) that GSDCA has agreements with to be part of the show site.

If you fly United Airlines to or from AKC shows, call 800-521-4041 and use code 515sp. If you book your flight MORE than 30 days out, you will receive a 7 percent discount. If you book LESS than 30 days out the discount is 2 percent.

A microchip and DNA Clinic will be held in the stall area at the National Friday October 20.

Miguel Betancourt will be the official performance/candid photographer.

Agility: Members of the GSDCA who are interested in receiving information about GSDCA agility via email, should send an email to subscribe to this informational list to: GSDCA-Agility suscribe@yahoo.com If you would like to support agility with a trophy donation or would like to donate your time to help GSDCA agility, please contact either Jane Jeter at j-five@webtv.net or Julie Degen at ejdegen@aol.com. Many trophies are available, First Place is \$50, Second is \$40, Third is \$30 and Fourth is \$20. Your name will be listed in the show catalog as a donor, or you may donate a trophy "in memory of" someone else. Trophy selection is based on a first request, first listed basis, so please list your first, second, and third choices. Also please consider allowing the donation to be used where needed if choices are already taken. Send trophy donations to Jane Jeter, 19 Aunt Molly Road, Hopewell, NJ 08525

Herding: Herding Advisory Committee (HAC) delegate to the AKC representing the GSDCA Herding Program, is Debby Pollard. Jean De Napoli is the alternate. The C Course-GSDCA National September 30 in Battleground Washington - Trial Secretary Barbara White gaely cot@aol.com-402-860-5974

The Herding Trial for A&B course/Ranch Course will be Friday 10/13- Sunday, 10/15 at Wright City MO - Trial Secretary Barbara Witte. Instinct Testing - Tuesday Oct 17 (entries limited to 40) non sanctioned Cost \$45/r start time 10 AM - Location - Entries to be mailed to Sandy Moore; P.O. Box 13; Gardnersville, NV 89410 For more information contact Sandy at sandy@stockdog.com

Obedience: Anyone interested in stewarding for obedience at the 2006 National, please contact Dalene McIntire at 253-852-0605 or dalene.mcintire@verizon.net.

Trophy donations are still needed for the National this year, in particular the Obedience Victor/Victrix Trophy and High In Trial Trophy. There are a few class trophies available also.

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To donate an obedience trophy, please contact Linda Booker at 318-641-9877 or legatogsd@earthlink.net.

If you would like to submit an obedience article for publication in the Review, the editors have asked for more on this subject. If you don't feel you can write it that well, send me the information and I'll be happy to help you out. Send it to Dalene at the email address noted above.

Tracking Test

TRACK LAYERS NEEDED: Volunteer tracklayers are needed for the 2006 GSDCA National Tracking Test at Robertsville State Park and the University of Missouri - St. Louis. PLEASE volunteer to be a tracklayer, contact Kathy Donaldson at MaximusMom1@sbcglobal.net. For everyone who is interested in Tracking, come on out and learn about this wonderful sport, your dogs will love it and you will enjoy the exercise.

National Show Sites: The Board approved The Champions Center at Clark County Fairgrounds, 4122 Laybourne Road, Springfield, OH as the site for the 2009 GSDCA National Specialty Show. Their web site is www.championscenter.net.

Review Editor: The Review Editor Selection Committee evaluated all of the applicants for the position and they recommended the Board offer the Editor position to Susan Casey.

The Board accepted the recommendation of the committee and voted to offer the Review Editor position to Susan Casey.

Futurities: The Board approved a pilot program for the development of a new venue which is called The GSDC Regional Sweepstakes. This venue would occur on the same weekend as each Regional Futurity and would have classes for amateurs only. The winner of each Region would compete in Amateur competition at the GSDC National Specialty. The Futurity chair is to report back to the Board in October for review of the final draft.

HOST CLUBS, DATES, SITES AND JUDGES 2007 FUTURITY/MATURITY

Region 1

Northeast GSDC of Southern New Hampshire Site
Sun, June 17 Linda Bankhead Rochester Fairgrounds
Rochester, NH

Region 2

Mid-Atlantic GSDC of Northern VA Site
Monday, May 28 Martha Rinke Howard Johnson-South
Fredericksburg, VA

Region 3

Southeast GSDC of Louisiana Site
Sunday, April 22 Joan Fox North Park
Denham Springs, LA

Region 4

Great Lakes GSDC of Central Indiana Site
Sat. April 7 Gail Hardcastle Speedway 500
Moose Lodge
Indianapolis, IN 46224

Region 5

Mid West GSDC of the Quad Cities Site
Sat. May 5 Kathy Potter Airport Park
Indian Bluff Road
Moline, IL

Region 6

Southwest GSDC of Beaumont Site
Sun, March 25 Roberta Kindy Holiday Inn Midtown
Beaumont, Texas

Region 7

Southern Pacific San Bernardino/Riverside GSDC Site
Fri, June 8 Michael Metz Claremont Hotel Grounds
Claremont, CA

Region 8

Mid-Pacific Diablo Valley GSDC Site
Fri, June 29 Sandy Anderson Questa Park
Mountain View, CA

Region 9

Northwest GSDC of Washington State Site
Fri, May 11 Paul Root Carco Park
Renton, WA

Awards Committees:

Blanche Beisswenger Memorial Hero Dog Awards:

2006 PET HERO DOG AWARD: GSDCA members Glennon & Kelly Murphy nominate their dog RR Bar's Kohle Schaferhund (COBY). COBY is credited with saving Kelly's life.

2006 GOOD WILL AMBASSADOR HERO DOG AWARD: GSDCA member Marcia Hadley nominates Roberts Brianna Leigh C.D ATT, CGC TDI (Brianna). BRIANNA is owned by Helen T. Rockman, and her daughter Elizabeth A. Rockman. BRIANNA and Helen visit six Hospice patients at Friendship Village in South County every week.

2006 SERVICE HERO DOG AWARD: GSDCA member Dixie Whitman nominates REXDO12, owned by his human partner U.S. Navy Petty Officer MA1 Chris Calloway. REX completed his basic training at Lackland AFB in Narcotics Detection and Patrol. REX and Calloway were deployed to Afghanistan in "Operation Enduring Freedom" in December 2005. During their six month tour, an excess of 10 tons of opium and heroin were found and destroyed.

Don Cliff Good Sportsmanship Award: Applications for 2006 are due by Sept. 1, 2006. Contact Kris Fasano at 515-278-1068 for further info.

Select Excellent Report: The Select Excellent pins have been mailed to the owners. These Selects have completed the requirements for Select Excellent.: Sel. Ex. Ch. Marquis' Here I Am V Surigo, owned by F. Susan Godek and Nancy K Godek; Sel. Ex. Ch. Scher-Lo's Rogue of Karizma owned by Adeline Scherz and Nathalie Lowe; Sel. Ex. Ch. Winaki Hanzel Apfelsine owned by Harolyn Van Avery and B. Kationa. If you will be entering Best of Breed at the National, please be sure to get your paperwork in to Patty Szymczak for the Select Excellent Award.

Health & Genetics: \$4,000 will be donated to Dr. Clemmons for DM research with the "Blood Cards" or FTA papers. The Blue Book for Health Issues will be published this year as hard copy and also will be available on DVD. Funding for these donations will be provided from the Purina Funds Account.

Education Committee: Development of the GSDCA Lending Library

1. Requesting donations of educational materials from the general membership that will be available to member clubs

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and individuals.

2. Addition of Gerald Roach, 1434 Uber Ave., Evansville, IN 47710 to the Education Committee. Gerald will be involved with the collection and dissemination of the educational material using the form which will be on the educational site in the GSDCA.org web site.

3. Please share your wonderful tapes that have been on your shelves with the new people in the breed so that they will learn from your expertise.

Judges Education Seminar: Wednesday morning Oct. 18 at the GSDCA National. All members are welcome to attend. Please look for the registration form at GSDCA.org. A list of GSDCA judges who are willing to give educational seminars is provided on the education site. If your club is planning to have a program please consider these judges when making your selection. We are in the process of developing a list of programs that will be available for regional clubs to use at their meetings.

Legal Affairs: The GSDC of America Logo is a copyrighted logo. It cannot be used on any private web site. Use of same may result in litigation.

Membership Chair Report: Membership Handbook: The publishing of the new Membership Handbook has been delayed but it is in the works and should be out soon.

Renewals: The Membership Committee, together with volunteering board members, followed up on members who did not renew their membership. We expect to increase the number of renewals by this action.

Welcoming Membership Committee: Regional mentors are now contacting new members, providing information, offering assistance and creating a point of contact for all those newly joining our club. We hope this program will increase membership retention in the coming years.

Golden Members: At the GSDCA National the Golden Members' program will recognize members who have supported our breed and our Club for a significant number of years.

Benefits of Membership: The Board was asked to review a comparison list of benefits enjoyed by members of the German Shepherd Dog Club of America versus benefits enjoyed by all. The committee recommends that some of our benefits be limited to GSDCA members only. Board members should review the list of benefits and make recommendations as to how we can increase the value of the GSDCA membership.

Parent Club Office: Notice to all Regional Clubs: The GSDCA Office has tri-fold GSDCA Brochures and Pocket Standards available on request. GSDCA Office; Laura Gilbert; 2448 Johnstown Road; Chesapeake, VA 23322. Phone: 757-421 7854. Email address is GSDCAoffice@gsdca.org. Please be sure to add this address to your club's Premium List mailing.

Policy & Procedures: There are vast changes to report, including page indexing, numbering and further updating to the Policy and Procedures manual. It is now undergoing another major revamping and more corrections and inclusion of materials previously omitted. Mr. Michel Ebertin is helping to put a professional looking manual on line in PDF form and hopefully it will soon be ready for the membership. Products Committee Report: Just a reminder to save your pennies and stop by to see Ann at the Products table. We have some new exciting products that can be used on the way to the show, at the show and

on the way home from the show. A special thank you to the committee, Ann Mesdag, Patty Szymczak and Todd Vigor for finding these exciting items and especially to Todd for securing a vendor.

RALEEF: RALEEF will work with all Regional Clubs, put on an educational program and assist clubs in starting their own RALEEF-styled committee. Contact raleef@bellsouth.net.

Red Book Report: Some people have not yet submitted information on their dogs. Committees may send Liz Leschhorn an article on their committee's responsibilities for publication. Deadline is Aug. 15.

Regional Clubs: DVDs of the 2005 Judges Seminar given by Dave Rinke at the National and recorded by Pam Stoesser and Ed Anderson were sent to all Regional Clubs. Additional copies of this wonderful educational tool are available by sending an email to Laura Gilbert at the GSDCA Office. There is no charge to GSDCA members for this DVD but copies are limited.

Search and Rescue: Our K9 Heroes has planned a special ceremony for September 9, 2006 at 6 p.m., Campbell's Field Baseball Stadium, Camden, New Jersey. Many different types of service dogs and those who worked on 9/11 will be honored. For more information go to <http://ourk9heroes.tripod.com>. Those who are close to Camden please try and attend this event. The Board voted to donate \$1,200 to honor these K9 Heroes.

Video: Please support the Video program of the GSDCA through your purchase of the VHS tape or DVD. Details are at: <http://gsdca.org/Merchant2/merchant.mv>. Relive the excitement if you were there, experience it if you were not, and study the top German Shepherds of the year at your leisure. The Video Committee is open to suggestions for improvements to the National Video, and will be expanding the class coverage beginning with the 2006 National. Anyone who would like to assist the Video Committee please contact John Ayotte ASAP.

The American German Shepherd Rescue Association: The AGSRA is a fund raising/educational organization. The funds we receive are used to advance the work of organizations rescuing German Shepherd Dogs. This meets our goal of protecting the German Shepherd Dog from suffering due to cruelty, homelessness, ignorance, neglect and misuse.

Working Dog Sport Committee: The AKC has approved the Working Dog Sport with regulations that are equivalent to the WUSV Schutzhund rules. The GSDCA is one of four breed clubs approved to host such events. David Landau was approved as the GSDCA representative to the AKC WDS Advisory Committee.

GSDCA-WDA Liaison: The 2006 North American Sieger Show will be at Purina Farms in Eureka, MO from Oct. 27-29. The GSDCA-WDA is soliciting contributions to help support the GSDCA Team at the World Championship in Denmark. Checks can be set to GSDCAWDA Treasurer, Martylou Plinski, 245 Deerhill Dr., Bogart, GA 30622, and marked for the GSDCA World Team Fund.

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Legislation Updates

American Dog Owner's Association Wins Judgment Against City of Englewood, New Jersey To Overturn Breed Specific Law

ADOA granted an interlocutory judgment against the City of Englewood to stay illegal breed ban, a direct violation of New Jersey State law, Docket No. BER-L-5285-06, on behalf of resident dog owners.

* Englewood, NJ (PRWEB) August 13, 2006 -- The American Dog Owners Association (ADOA) and two of its members, Natalie Wells and Mia Rodriguez, who reside in Englewood, New Jersey, were granted an interlocutory judgment against the City Of Englewood in New Jersey Superior Court this week in the challenge to overturn the city's illegal breed specific ordinance, Docket No. BER-L-5285-06. Judge Jonathan Harris found that the city's aggressive dog ordinance, which defined specific breeds of dogs as dangerous, was a clear and direct violation of state law, which explicitly prohibits breed discrimination. The American Dog Owners Association, the country's largest independent dog owner's organization, had asserted that the City of Englewood, New Jersey failed to provide its residents equal protection under the law by denying the residents' applications to license their dogs and has subjected them to harassment.

* "Breed discrimination is illegal in New Jersey, and now all good dog owners with good dogs in Englewood can breathe a sigh of relief", said Maureen Hill-Hauch, ADOA's Executive Director. She noted that New Jersey's Vicious and Potentially Dangerous Dog Act is one of the strongest dangerous dog laws in the country. "The City of Englewood has a duty to protect the public health and safety of all of its citizens, as well as protect the rights of responsible dog owners, regardless of breed. We're so pleased that the court will require the City of Englewood to comply with state law".

* * Breed bans and other breed-specific measures are strongly opposed by all major animal welfare and veterinary medical organizations, as well as the Center For Disease Control, as being ineffective against the prevention of dog bites or attacks. The list of New Jersey-based organizations opposed to breed specific laws and measures includes the New Jersey Federation of Dog Clubs and the New Jersey Veterinary Medical Association.

* The New Jersey Vicious and Potentially Dangerous Dog Act, N.J. S.A. S.S.4:19-36, explicitly prohibits breed discrimination, stating, "any law, ordinance, or regulation concerning vicious or potentially dangerous dogs, any specific breed of dog or any other type of dog inconsistent with this act enacted by any municipality, county or county board of health".

* The City of Englewood argued that it's Ordinance N.99-66 did not violate N.J.S.A.S.S 4:19-26 by defining the following breeds as aggressive: Bull Terriers, Staffordshire Bull Terriers, American Pit Bull Terriers, American Staffordshire Terriers, Rottweilers, or "any dogs of mixed breed which has the appearance or characteristics of being predominately of the breeds", and bans them from being kept within the City of Englewood. * Flora Edwards, counsel for the Plaintiffs, previously told the court that under the city's illegal breed-specific ordinance, even Rufus, this year's winner of Best In Show at the prestigious Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show at Madison Square Garden, would be unwelcome in the City of Englewood, and his owners would run the risk of having the world's top dog seized and impounded. Rufus, a Colored Bull Terrier, resides with his owners in Holmdel, New Jersey.

* An interlocutory judgment was granted the Plaintiffs, the American Dog Owner's Association, Natalie Wells and Mia Rodriguez, on Monday, August 7, by the Honorable Jonathan Harris in Bergen County Superior Court against the City of Englewood. The order prevents the city from enforcing or implementing any section of the city's dangerous dog ordinance. In his ruling, Judge Harris called Englewood's Ordinance 66-99, "outright contradictory".

* Judge Harris cited numerous issues with the Englewood dog ordinance, stating that Ordinance N.66-99 shifts the burden of proof to the pet owner, changes the process by which a dog can be declared dangerous, and provides a different array of sanctions in conflict with state law. Furthermore, he stated that not granting the judgment would subject the dogs to immediate seizure and cause the Plaintiff's irreparable harm.

* The Plaintiffs, Ms. Wells, a stock analyst, and the owner of Sentry, a twelve-year old American Pit Bull Terrier, and Ms. Rodriguez, a respected artist and owner of Cyrus, also a rescued American Pit Bull Terrier, say they both lived in fear that their dogs will be seized by the City of Englewood, and have been subjected to a pattern of harassment by the city's Department of Health since trying to obtain licenses for their dogs. Both dogs are well cared for and well socialized, and pose no threat to the public.

* "Now I can walk Cyrus in public and not worry the police will stop me", said Ms. Rodriguez. Ms Rodriguez rescued her dog, Cyrus, as a puppy and helped nurse him back to health from a near-fatal bout with parvovirus with the help of donated services from a local veterinarian. * Ms. Wells, who suffers from lupus, is looking forward to visiting Englewood's City Hall to obtain a license for Sentry. Ms. Wells bought a home in Englewood late last year and was unaware of the town's breed specific ordinance. "Now I don't have to worry the city will take my dog away".

* Barbara Haywood, ADOA's volunteer communications coordinator, said that the American Dog Owner's Association lawsuit has received tremendous support from dog organizations throughout the country as well as letters of official endorsement from dog clubs, notably the Bull Terrier Club of America, the parent club for the world's top dog, Rufus, the colored Bull Terrier. The ADOA filed suit on behalf of its members, and actively sought other resident dog owners in Englewood with the breeds or mixes of breeds of dogs banned by the city to join the lawsuit free of charge.

* The American Dog Owners Association, ADOA, founded in 1970, is the country's largest independent dog owner organization representing individual dog owners, breeders, handlers, and dog clubs of all breeds, mixes and backgrounds. The American Dog Owners Association recognizes the special relationship between dogs and humans, and advocates for the protection and preservation of responsible dog ownership and education of the public about responsible dog ownership and strong dangerous dog legislation. On the web at www.adoa.org

New Jersey Bill Bad For Breeders

Wednesday, August 02, 2006

Assemblyman Neil Cohen has introduced Assembly Bill 3401, a bill which threatens the rights of responsible breeders in the state of New Jersey. Fanciers, concerned dog owners and responsible breeders should immediately contact their representatives in the New Jersey State Legislature and oppose this bill. The bill defines a "breeder" as any person who sells or offers for sale more than 5 puppies per year. In addition to this incredibly low threshold, the bill requires breeders to comply with a host of restrictive regulations and institutes steep fines for violations. A3401 prohibits any breeder from selling more than 25 dogs in one year.

AKC opposes A3401's attempt to effectively outlaw breeding in the state of New Jersey. Responsible breeders give the individual care and human contact that each puppy needs in order to grow into a healthy, well-adjusted companion and neighbor. Forcing responsible breeders out of business would deprive citizens of a very valuable resource when purchasing a pet.

The American Kennel Club believes that breeding programs should be undertaken responsibly for the purpose of preserving breed characteristics and producing healthy, well-socialized puppies. Responsible breeders are expected to give careful consideration to health issues, temperament, and genetic screening, as well as to the individual care and placement of puppies in responsible homes. AKC supports and promotes these and other responsible breeding practices through breeders' education programs, and commends those who offer similar guidance.

The American Kennel Club opposes the concept of breeding permits, breeding bans or mandatory spay/neuter of purebred dogs. Instead, we support reasonable and enforceable laws that protect the welfare and health of purebred dogs and do not restrict the rights of breeders and owners who take their responsibilities seriously.

A3401 goes beyond encouraging responsible breeding. Under A3401, all breeders would be required to comply with draconian regulations including maintaining specified temperatures, keeping animals only on nonporous surfaces, and circulating air at precise intervals. The measure further mandates the acceptable dimensions for crates and runs and sets minimum socialization standards. Finally, all breeders are required to register annually with the Department of Health. This list will be published and made available to the public.

All breeders are required to furnish specified information to pet purchasers and provide a full refund for any reason for a pet returned within 14 days. Any dog which is sold with a pedigree can be returned for a full refund within 26 months if any congenital or genetic defects are discovered.

Violations can be punished with both monetary fines and suspension of the license to sell pets. A first violation can result in a prohibition on selling cats or dogs for 5 years and subsequent offenses can add an additional 5 years for each violation. Civil penalties may also be administered. For a first offense a breeder shall be fined \$5,000 and for a second offense the breeder may be fined \$10,000 for each subsequent offense. A member of the public who supplies information that results in fines or suspension will be eligible for an award of 10 percent of the civil penalty or \$250, whichever is greater.

Senate Passes Federal "Pet" Act

Monday, August 07, 2006

On August 3, 2006 the U.S. Senate, by unanimous consent, amended H.R. 3858, the House-passed version of the "Pets Evacuation and Transportation Standards Act of 2006" (PETS), to replace the weaker House language with the stronger language of the Senate's PETS Act, S. 2548, which was endorsed and supported by the AKC. The amended bill will now have to go back to the House of Representatives for concurrence with the Senate amendment, which is expected. However, the House of Representatives is in recess until after Labor Day, so House action will not take place until September, at the earliest.

Meanwhile, earlier in the week the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Government Affairs incorporated the language of S. 2548 into the "Post Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act of 2006", S. 3721. Thus, even if the House does not get around to acting on the Senate version of H.R. 3858, the Senate version of PETS is still likely to be enacted into law as part of the post-Katrina emergency relief bill, a must-pass piece of legislation for this Congress.

Even though it now appears that the Senate version of PETS is almost certain to be enacted into law, fanciers should still contact their members of Congress to express continued support for this important legislation. The message to your Representative should be to concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 3858. The message to your Senators should be to retain the provisions of S. 2548 in S. 3721 when it comes to the Senate floor in September, and to promptly enact S. 3721.

With the 2006 hurricane season already well underway, and with a recent AKC survey showing that a majority of pet owners would refuse evacuation orders if they were unable to take their pets with them, it is essential that Congress pass the PETS Act, as well as the post-Katrina relief bill, promptly. The Senate version of PETS not only requires that state and local emergency plans include provisions for persons with pets, but also authorizes appropriations for including the needs of persons with pets in emergency planning, and for provisions for pets in planning, leasing and construction of emergency shelter facilities.

Los Alamos Rewards Responsible Animal Ownership

A victory was won for responsible dog ownership when the Los Alamos County Council voted 7-0 to adopt a new animal control ordinance which focuses on using public education and clear terminology to improve animal ownership in the community. The county has dropped dog licensing, repealed an animal limit law and created innovative programs to allow for off-leash dog training.

The process began three years ago in June of 2003 when the county council decided to establish an Animal Control Task Force in response to citizen complaints about loose dogs and owners who did not clean up after their animals. The task force was composed of county staff, a county councilor, the police chief, dog trainers and concerned citizens.

The Animal Control Task Force conducted a series of public meetings, placed newspaper ads and stuffed flyers in utility bills to solicit input from the public on the issues being addressed. The panel concluded that licenses were unnecessary because there was low compliance, they were only purchased by those who were already responsible animal owners, and the program cost the county more to administer than it brought in.

Limits were discarded as not serving the best interest of the community. In their research, the task force found that limits had been declared unconstitutional in several states and were unequally enforced. Instead the members focused on developing clear, consistent nuisance guidelines and stiff penalties for violators.

When asked why the task force was so successful, Los Alamos Dog Obedience Club member Marsha Boggs said, "The most important thing is to have as much input from the public as you can, take their concerns seriously and don't get defensive. Have your facts in order and do your homework, bring logical arguments and use clear terminology."

A final, important part of the ordinance was an effective leash law. The new law allows for off-leash dog training in specified areas, and establishes a clear definition of verbal control to allow those who have engaged in extensive training to have their dogs off-leash. Dogs and cats are required to be on leash at trail heads and in most public areas.

Ms. Boggs was also instrumental in the formation of the Los Alamos Sport and Working Dog Association (LASWDA), a combination of AKC clubs, obedience clubs, working dog clubs, law enforcement and search and rescue dogs. By working together these groups have taken the lead in conducting much of the public education needed to make this ordinance a success. They also conduct demonstrations of obedience, agility, search and rescue and other working dog activities to educate the public about these rewarding activities.



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Ch 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 Cihu HIC ROM OFA H/E

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

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

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

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

BC/VC/DVC is required.

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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



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BIM Greenwood's Achilles DNA- V421041

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

Killy is a handsome black & tan, medium sized male with medium bone, strong back, handsome head, good shoulder layback, excellent temperament, strong secondary sex characteristics, fully extended front and rear with a long reaching, exciting, low to the ground side gait. He is clean on both ends and has a promising career ahead of him. Killy has won a 3 point major, 4 point major, three 5 point major reserves, 2nd Novice dog at the 2005 National Specialty and 2006 Southeast Best In Maturity. So far Killy is passing on his correct shoulder, powerful long stride, nice bone, excellent secondary sex characteristics and solid temperament. Killy does carry the coat factor.

VC/BC is required. Please call first day of service. Killy's Stud Fee is \$ 550.00

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

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

"Curfew" is an impressive very correct solid black with good head and bone, clean coming and going with A strong, easy side-gait. He has a sound temperament that makes him comfortable in any environment. He is the second of 3 in his litter to finish and his Championship gave his dam her ROM. His pedigree is solid and is already showing in his progeny with a black male from his first litter getting a major reserve under an all breed judge and younger progeny showing great promise. His breeding also shows in how he doing so well in herding and other activities outside the conformation ring. Proof of BC/VC required

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

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

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

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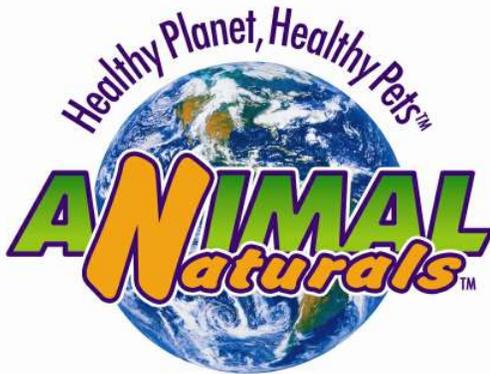
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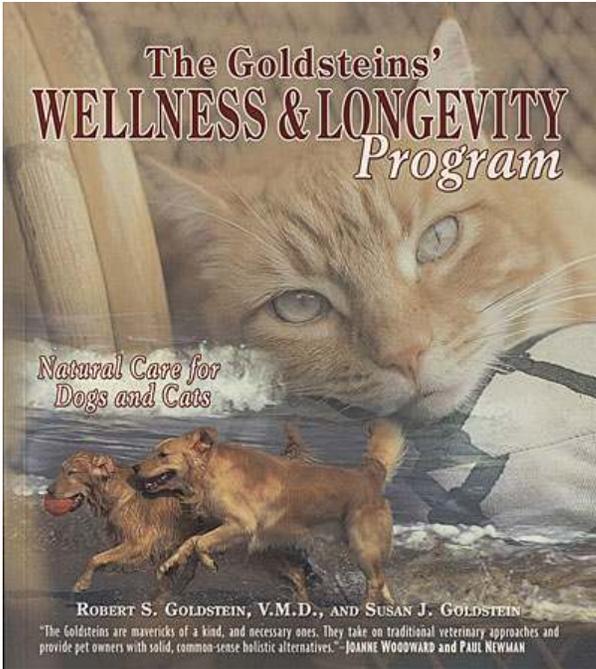
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#1 for an Adult Female German Shepherd Dog (Should be used for a spayed bitch from age 30 months to 15 years living as a typical house pet & Companion Animal), #2 For an Adult Female German Shepherd Dog (Should be used for an intact Bitch from age 30 months to 15 years living as a Working - Companion Animal), #1 for an Adult Male German Shepherd Dog (Should be used for a neutered Dog from age 32 months to 14 years living as a typical house pet & Companion Animal), #2 for an Adult Male German Shepherd Dog (Should be used for an intact Dog from age 32 months to 14 years living as a Working Dog & Companion Animal), The Geriatric German Shepherd Dog (Can be used for either a Dog or Bitch after they are past the age recommended for the recipe used to provide their appropriate Adult Maintenance Diet), For a Pregnant and Lactating German Shepherd Dog Bitch (for a pregnant and lactating Bitch from the start of her third trimester of pregnancy through the end of lactation).

I personally believe that the best diet for a German Shepherd Dog is one that the owner cooks in their own kitchen, using quality ingredients, without preservatives. It only takes about one to two hours a week to cook for a German Shepherd Dog so that both #1 & #2 are met and preparing home cooked meals for a dog can be less expensive than buying an all-breed, any-breed commercial pet food. I hope that you will consider using this option to feed your companion pets correctly.

In the recipe section of my book, THE BEST DIET FOR A GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG, I use food sources sources that have been proven to be easy for a German Shepherd Dog to assimilate and which pharmacological testing has shown give the best bio-nutritive values for a German Shepherd Dog. Some of the ingredients I use in the recipes are: ground beef blended with ground chicken for the meat protein - NO fish or soy, Vegetables like Broccoli (for the male), Spinach Leaf (for the female), yellow squash, and cabbage. Complex carbohydrates from potato - NOT rice.

At my web site (www.wdcusick.com) I have also cited scientific studies which have proven that different breeds will assimilate different sources of vitamins and minerals in different ways. There are over 170 different molecular forms of the mineral "calcium." The source of the mineral calcium that a Labrador Retriever can easily assimilate (oyster shell) can be hard for a German Shepherd Dog to assimilate and thus the German Shepherd Dog can develop kidney stones on the best source of calcium for a Labrador Retriever. The reverse of this is also true. Below you will find a list of the best sources of vitamins and minerals for the dietary requirements of a German Shepherd Dog (amounts not listed - depend upon the factors listed above).

Vitamin:	Source to use:
Vitamin A	Palmitate
Vitamin B-1	Thiamine Hcl
Vitamin B-2	Riboflavin
Vitamin B-6	Pyridoxine Hcl

Vitamin B-12	Cyanocobalamin & Yeast
Vitamin D	D-activated Sterol
Vitamin E	dl-alpha tocopherol acetate
Niacinamide	
Biotin	
Folic Acid	
d-Calcium Pantothenate	
Para Amino Benzoic Acid	

Mineral:	Source to use:
Calcium	Bone Meal
Copper	Gluconate
Iodine	Sea Kelp
Iron	Ferrous Fumerate
Magnesium	Magnesium-Gluconate
Manganese	Manganese-Gluconate
Phosphorus	Bone Meal & Di-Cal Phos
Potassium	Potassium-Gluconate
Zinc	Zinc-Gluconate

PLEASE NOTE: Vitamin C is not listed above. Supplementing the diet of this breed of dog with any vitamin C (ascorbic acid, sodium ascorbate, calcium ascorbate or ascorbal palmitate) can cause kidney and liver damage (see article at web site citing the published research documenting this fact). An NRC publication cites 24 test done with vitamin C and dogs to find out if dog food should contain any vitamin C. The conclusion the members of the National Research Council drew from all of those tests was that dog food should not contain any vitamin C. Supplementing a healthy German Shepherd Dog's diet with vitamin C can do the same damage to the animals liver as supplementing a healthy German Shepherd Dog's diet with synthetic thyroid can do to the animals Thyroid Gland. Since, if fed correctly, the liver of a German Shepherd Dog can produce ALL of the vitamin C the animals body requires the gland will atrophy (the third highest reason for German Shepherd Dogs dying is liver failure and I blame this in part on the commercial foods that are preserved with vitamin C). See what the worlds largest manufacturer of vitamin C states at their web site: <http://www.roche.com/vitamins/what/anh/vits/vitc.html>.

German Shepherd Dog owners who feed their companion pets correctly can save a lot of money. Many dogs are taken to the vet, suffering from nutritionally related problems, and the vet bills can be huge. i.e. dry/itchy/flaky skin, hot spots, yeast infections in the ear, thyroid - liver - kidney problems, just to name a few, cost the average dog owner hundreds of dollars every year. That is why I recommend that German Shepherd Dog owners learn about the nutritional needs of the specific animal they are feeding before deciding on the diet they will feed their loved one. Whenwe first learn what our companion pet needs and then choose a diet that is correct for the animal being fed, it is a win-win situation: the dogs are healthier, live longer and the owners save money.

Yours truly,
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A photograph and story about the recipients in each of the five categories; Exemplary Companion, Law Enforcement, Search and Rescue, Service, and Therapy are shown at www.akc.org along with photos of this year's Honorable Mentions. The five recipients will receive their engraved silver collar medallions and \$1,000 cash awards at a presentation ceremony at the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship in Long Beach, California, on December 2-3, 2006. A local presentation will also be held for each recipient at an AKC dog show near their hometown.

Law Enforcement Dog: Rex

German Shepherd Dog
Owner: Jamie Dana of Colorado Springs, Colorado

Rex is a retired military working dog. With his partner Tech Sgt Jamie Dana, Rex served in the United States Air Force as a bomb detection dog. The pair worked for three years on assignments in the US and abroad before Jamie volunteered for a tour of duty in Iraq.

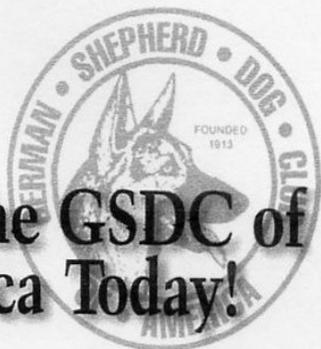


Months passed and Rex saved countless lives by detecting bombs planted by insurgents. One day on the way back to base, Rex and Jamie's humvee was hit by a roadside bomb. It was demolished by the sudden blast and Jamie suffered life threatening injuries. Barely clinging to life, she was rushed to a field hospital. When she asked about Rex, she was told that he did not survive the blast. Little did she know, the faithful canine had been thrown clear of the wreckage and narrowly escaped with only minor injuries. Soon afterwards, it became apparent that the insurgents real target had been Rex.

Rex was sent to Walter Reed Hospital to comfort Jamie as she recovered. She asked if she could adopt Rex, knowing that they would soon be separated by Rex's obligations as a military working dog. The Air Force declined her request because Rex still had another 5 years to work. As a result of this devastating news, Jamie's family and friends went to Congress and successfully urged them to pass legislation that would allow Jamie to take Rex home. Passage of Sec. 599 of Public Law 109-163 now allows handlers who wish to adopt their dogs to do the same.

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Judges

Rhonda Crane 921 South 26 th Street West Des Moines, IA 50265	Bonnie McDonald 7025 Mushinski Road Tampa, FL 33625-3941
Saturday: All JMW	Saturday: All Standard
Sunday: All Standard	Sunday: All JMW

Classes Offered

Regular Standard & JMW - Novice A & B, Open, Excellent A & B
 Preferred Standard & JMW - Novice, Open, Excellent A & B

Prizes

All trial days: Rosettes and dog toys (value not to exceed \$5) will be awarded to the 1st through 4th place dog in each class. Qualifying rosettes will be awarded to all dogs receiving a qualifying score. A MACH rosette and MACH bar will be awarded to dogs that achieve a MACH title. A medalion with the club logo will be awarded to all dogs that achieve a new title at the trial.

Saturday only: For Doberman Pinschers only a High in Trial Doberman Pinscher will be awarded a rosette, a dog toy (value not to exceed \$5) and a medalion from the Doberman Pinscher Club of America. The high in trial Doberman shall be determined by the qualifying run with the highest score in the regular classes (not preferred) and then, to break ties, the most yards per second.

Sunday only: For German Shepherd Dogs only a High in Trial German Shepherd Dog will be awarded a rosette and a dog toy (value not to exceed \$5). The high in trial German Shepherd Dog shall be determined by the qualifying run with the highest score in the regular classes (not preferred) and then, to break ties, the most yards per second.

SCHEDULE

Registration	7:30 a.m.
First Judges briefing & walk through	8:00 a.m.
Judging Begins	8:30 a.m.

RUNNING ORDER - BOTH DAYS:

Ring 1 - Standard	Ring 2 - JMW
Excellent	Open
Open	Novice
Novice	Excellent

Saturday dogs will run tall to small - Sunday will run small to tall

Veterinarians On Call

Animal Medical Care 984 Thompson Bridge Road Gainesville, GA 30501 770-532-1217	An-Emerge Animal Emergency Center 275 Pearl Nix Parkway SW Gainesville, GA 30501 770-534-2911
Monday - Friday 7:30 am to 6:00 pm Saturday 8:00 am to 1:00 pm	Friday 6:00 pm to Saturday 8:00 am Saturday 12:00pm (noon) to Monday 8:00 am

Directions from trial site to Animal Medical Care:

Turn right out of Chicopee Wood entrance onto Calvary Church Road. Turn left at traffic light onto GA-60/Queen City Parkway. Take Northbound entry ramp to I-985/US-23/GA-385 North. Get off highway at Exit 22 (US-129), toward Gainesville/Jefferson. Turn left onto US-129/Sycamore St/GA-11N. Continue on this road for about a mile. Take slight left onto GA-60/Thompson Bridge Road. This is about 7 miles from the trial site.

Directions from trial site to An-Emerge:

Turn right out of Chicopee Wood entrance onto Calvary Church Road. Turn left at traffic light onto GA-60/Queen City Parkway. Continue on this road for about 1.8 miles. Turn left onto Myrtle Street. Turn right onto Auburn Avenue. Turn left onto Jesse Jewell Parkway SW / Atlanta Hwy / GA-13. Turn Slight Right onto GA-369 / Browns Bridge Road. Turn right onto West Byp / Pearl Nix Pkwy. This is about 4 1/2 miles from the trial site.

Exhibitors should follow their veterinarians' recommendation to assure their dogs are free of internal and external parasites, and communicable diseases, and have appropriate vaccinations.

Area Motels Accepting Dogs

(Information confirmed via telephone 773/1/06)

Days Inn	Quality Inn	Ramada Inn
520 Queen City Pkwy	809 Jesse Jewell Pkwy	766 Jesse Jewell Pkwy
Gainesville, GA 30501	Gainesville, GA 30501	Gainesville, GA 30501
770-535-8100	770-536-4451	770-287-3205
\$10.00 per night per pet	\$25 one time chg	\$10.00 per night per pet
\$65.00 sngl or dbl	\$69.99 sngl or dbl	\$45.99 1 king bed
		\$55.99 2 dbl beds

REGS

REGS FOR THE 1st series of each dog (per dog) shall be \$2.00 A/C (including local \$12.00 for 2nd series of the same dog. For summary purposes \$1.20 shall be included for 1st entry fees will not be returned in the event that the dog is assigned to another class. Entries of dogs that are withdrawn by the owner of the Trial Committee. Entries will not be returned until closing.

Committees must be present on or before the closing date (October 15th) in order to receive a full report. Entry fees will not be returned to the owner if a dog is absent, disqualified, suspended, or barred from competition by the action of the Trial Committee.

The entry fee will be returned if the trial record open or be completed by receipt of trial, trial observations, the set of trial, public information, and of the public entry, or any other valid reasons that are stated in the Trial Committee.

Owner entries in excess of the permitted in writing Trial, the club will return all but \$7.00 of the entry fee for future use for competition for that season. The Trial Committee must be notified of a dog's status for return of the entry or by return of the dog to the Trial Committee 14 days. The request must be accompanied by a signed statement of intent.

Participants should be notified of a valid entry fee. The Trial Committee will not accept any entry fee to the amount of entry returned to the club. Participants who withdraw from the trial should notify the club in writing prior to the closing date. A valid entry fee will be returned to the club.

NOTICE TO PARTICIPANTS

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12 inches	6 inches	For dogs 12 inches and under at the entrance
12 inches	12 inches	For dogs 12 inches and under at the entrance
12 inches	18 inches	For dogs 12 inches and under at the entrance
12 inches	24 inches	For dogs 12 inches and under at the entrance
12 inches	30 inches	For dogs 12 inches and under at the entrance
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TRIAL SITE

Chicopee Woods Agricultural Center is a large covered outdoor horse arena. Grandstand seating is available. The two rings (each 90' X 100') will be on packed dirt. Concessions are available on site.

All aisles and roadways around the arena and barns must be kept open at all times due to fire regulations. Owners risk being towed or fined or both.

All dogs must be on a leash at all times except when in the ring or when in the designated agility warm-up area.

DIRECTIONS TO TRIAL SITE

From Atlanta, take I-85 North to I-985 North and go 19.7 miles to Exit 20 (Hwy 60). Take a right off the exit ramp onto Queen City Parkway. Go 1/4 mile and turn right onto Calvary Church Rd. Go 1.8 miles (keep to the right at the fork in the road). Chicopee Woods is on the left. The trial is in the front covered arena.

Vendor Space Reservation

Vendor space is available at \$30.00 per day for 10' X 10' space. No sales activity is permitted without payment of vendor fee. Reservations should be made with Nancy Bousquet - (770) 559-0345 or agilitydobe@comcast.net

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Dan Weiss, 58 Delray Circle, Newnan, GA 30265.

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Name:	Fee enclosed:	\$
RV model:	License:	
Address:		
Email:		

Worker Appreciation and Incentives

We know that we can't successfully host an agility trial without assistance from the wonderful people who volunteer to fill the various worker positions!

Worker Raffle: We will be having a worker raffle at the end of each trial day. There will be cash and dog related items in the raffle. For each hour or portion of an hour worked, volunteers will be given one ticket. Anyone who comes on Friday to help unload and set up at 10:00 am will get **double tickets** as will anyone who commits to staying to help break down and load the equipment into the trailer after the trial has concluded on Sunday.

Worker lunch: We will be providing lunch for all our workers. We will also have beverages and snacks available all day for our workers.

Please check any/all jobs you would like to do:

Timer	Scribe Sheet Runner
Scribe	Leash Runner
Assistant Scribe	Course Building
Gate Steward	Unloading/Set up on Friday at 10:00am
Ring Crew	Loading on Sunday when trial finishes

Please fill in the jump height and put a check in the classes entered for each of your dogs. The person doing the worker schedule will not have access to your entry form so, we want this information so that we can be sure to schedule you in a way that won't conflict with your own runs!

	Jump Height	Excellent Standard	Open Standard	Novice Standard	Excellent JWW	Open JWW	Novice JWW
Your Dog # 1							
Your Dog # 2							
Your Dog #3							

This form will be separated from your entry form, so please fill in the following information legibly and return it with your entry form.

NAME:

E-Mail Address:

Phone:



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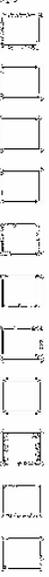
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