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# The German Shepherd Dog Club of Central Ohio, Inc.



## Guidelines



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Fall/September 2015

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Guidelines is the official quarterly publication of the German Shepherd Dog Club of Central Ohio, Inc. The object of this club is to urge members and breeders to accept the standard of the breed as put forth by The German Shepherd Dog Club of America, Inc. and the American Kennel Club as the only standard of excellent by which the German Shepherd Dog is bred and judged.

We are to do all in our power to protect and advance the interests of the breed and to educate the public by example with these interests in mind.

No public advertising is accepted from any source in this publication. Litter announcements are offered as a free service for club members in good standing. **Brags!** is a section of our newsletter for members of the club to tell of their mazing accomplishments with their GSDs!

Fellow club members, this is **your** newsletter. Please help me make it educational and informative for our membership with submissions and suggestions!

Material submitted is subject to copyright laws if not a member's own work. The cut-off submission dates per quarter are typically the first full week of the month the newsletter is scheduled to be released (March, June, September, and December). Any material submitted after the cut-off time will be put in the next quarterly newsletter. Thank you for your cooperation.

In this FALL edition you'll find **lots** of good stuff-the upcoming 2015 GSDCA Nationals Advanced Brochure, educational material, activity opportunities, and **lots** more! Get out there and enjoy some fall hikes and parades with your German Shepherd Dog-it's good for the soul!

Information can be submitted to your Editor:

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The club's current official website is: <http://jmadesign.com/gsdcco/>

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## **GSDC OF CENTRAL OHIO INC. ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE**

Meeting Date: Wednesday, September 16

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Place: Iacono's Restaurant, 5068 Cemetery Road, Hilliard

Agenda will include annual election of officers and board. We also want your ideas on how we can best serve our club members and how we can continue to offer training options to both members and the general public. What educational programs interest you? We have discussed holding agility events at Incredipaws. Would you be interested in participating? You may contact me ([boothrosemary@me.com](mailto:boothrosemary@me.com) 740-397-0865) or John Ayotte ([john2@jmadesign.com](mailto:john2@jmadesign.com) 614-855-7690) with suggestions. Bring your ideas to the meeting.

### **OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2016**

President: John Ayotte

Vice President: Jon B. White

Secretary: Rosemary Booth

Treasurer: Sue Clark

Board:

Teri Ayotte

Roy Clark

Joe LaRosa

Marcy Wright

Kathi Jo Zornes

If you want to run for office or nominate someone, you may do so at the meeting. If nominee isn't present, written consent is required.



G.S.D.C. OF CENTRAL OHIO, INC. MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2015

Due to inclement weather the meeting was moved from Weaver Park to Marcy Wright's home. The meeting was called to order by president John Ayotte at 7:40 p.m following a potluck picnic style meal. Not present were Kathi Jo Zornes and Jon White. Guests attending were Ken and Carolyn Farmer, Charlotte LaRosa, and Ed Booth.

Because minutes of the May meeting were published in the newsletter, reading of minutes was dispensed with.

Treasurer's Report: Sue Clark reported that we realized a small profit on our shows even with entries withdrawn from second show due to judging change. Treasury shows a loss for the year. Joe LaRosa moved the report be accepted, seconded by Teri Ayotte. The motion carried.

President's Report: John Ayotte stated that since AKC allows clubs to hold a total of four shows on two separate dates a year, we need to explore possible open dates in the event we choose to hold shows in addition to our spring shows. He also suggested possibly doing a blind auction at our spring specialties as well as the 50/50 raffle.

Secretary's Report: Central Ohio Kennel Club was contacted requesting contract for spring 2016. Contract was completed and returned to coordinator Karen Fischbach along with completed trophy donation information for their November show. E-mail was sent to members announcing change of meeting location from Weaver Park to Marcy Wright's house. An e-mail was sent to AKC asking if there was a minimum interval requirement for additional shows. Kathi Jo Zornes sent her reports to the secretary.

Show Report: There were a number of absentees. We went from 4 point majors in both shows for males to 2 points for both shows. The females held their 4 point majors. It does seem the judge change hurt us. Cincinnati reported some absenteeism but majors held for both their shows. The paperwork was all sent to the AKC & ROM sires and ROM Dam people in timely order. No complaints were received from the AKC. There was an error on the ribbons. Columbus was misspelled. Company needs to be contacted regarding issue so it can be corrected.

Newsletter: The newsletter was put together and sent out a little early. Hard copies were mailed to club members and the postage was \$13.67. Newsletter is also on our website. Our final copy needed for Sue Sacco to judge at Nationals was also mailed as well so she has all 4 issues to judge for this year. Because of early publication of newsletter, Kathi Jo asked anyone with brags to contact her with information so they can be published in fall issue.

Futurity: Sue sent our preferred judges' information to the parent club. She has not received any materials yet. Joan Intersimone is the contact person for the futurity. We have funds set aside to cover our costs.

Training: Annette Severance has informed us there will be no training until fall. Club will address plans for training at the August meeting.

Agility: John Ayotte said that we will not consider doing agility match and trials until 2016. He will meet with Jennifer Crank to consider possible dates and confirm our obligations for holding these events.

New Business: John Ayotte appointed Carolyn Farmer to chair nominating committee for election of officers and board for 2016. All agreed to continue serving except for Jon White, who was not present. He will be contacted to find out if he agrees to continue as vice president. The secretary will send invitation for additional nominees and will forward those to Carolyn.

The audit of books needs to be done in August in preparation for annual meeting. Teri Ayotte was asked to do audit.

There was discussion regarding 2016 show site. It was suggested that since there is a change in management, we get a written agreement with hotel for our two-day event.

Decision was made to hold membership meeting on August 12, allowing us to arrange for training and ads. Meeting will be held at Iacono's at 7:30 p.m.

Joe LaRosa moved the meeting adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Rosemary Booth, Secretary

**G.S.D.C. OF CENTRAL OHIO, INC. MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m. at Iacono's Restaurant in Hilliard by president John Ayotte. There were ten members in attendance.

Minutes of the June 17 minutes were read. Minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report: Sue Clark reported there was no income for the period. Club treasury continues to show loss for the year but is still in good shape. Joe LaRosa moved the report be approved, seconded by Teri Ayotte. The motion carried.

Secretary's Report: AKC sent written confirmation that our 2015 shows have closed out, and we can apply for 2016 shows. Parent club sent notification that since AKC now allows specialty clubs to hold up to four shows a year, two separate dates, that they are discontinuing the Parent Club Specialty Program for regional clubs. AKC sent forms for update of officers and committee chairs for the upcoming year. PDF of was created and tentatively completed pending any changes following our September election. The form will be e-mailed to AKC after election.

Application for our 2016 shows was submitted online. Only \$50 was charged by AKC due to lower entry of one show. Call was made to Tihisa Ashe at Event Plans on August 10 because of popup message on application of conflict with Trumbull County KC and Cincinnati KC. She explained computer program is set up so applications are pulled and manually corrected when there are multiple shows within an area. Both judges were approved. Notification was received on August 11 that both shows are pending.

John Ayotte reported that he had a message that our futurity judge was approved. He also stated there might be an issue with Jerry Guzman judging our specialty. He has been selected to judge Midwest Futurity. John will look into whether that creates a conflict under parent club rules for futurity judges. Sue has not received any communication or materials from futurity committee.

Training: Annette Severance reported she's received a couple of requests regarding possible rally classes. There was a lengthy discussion of when to hold classes. Due to very poor turnout, each training class loses a significant amount of money. None of those that trained the past session got information from area papers! Some options suggested were to raise fees to \$75 for one dog and \$100 for multiple dogs (one handler or household). Also discussed was for members attending conformation classes to pay for session (not by night). However, free training has always been a benefit of membership. Other options are to train outdoors as weather permits. Decision was made to postpone training classes until October so these matters can be fully considered at the September meeting. Members are invited to make suggestions for solutions for training program. Because so much advertising is done on the internet, Joe LaRosa volunteered to look into the possibility of using Craig's List.

New Business: Books need to be audited before the September meeting. Teri Ayotte and Sue Clark will get together on August 26.

President's Report: John Ayotte is looking into the possibility of us and The GSDC Of Greater Cincinnati holding specialties in the evening after Claremont Kennel Club all breed shows in September. Claremont KC has moved their site to Roberts Convention Centre (not Roberts Arena) at the Wilmington exit off I-71. He also raised the question of whether it would be feasible to hold a temperament test with our 2016 shows. There haven't been any temperament tests in the area for several years.

Annette Severance moved the meeting adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Rosemary Booth, Secretary

## **Autumn Festival Opportunities**

### **109th Annual Circleville Pumpkin Show Pet Parade**

**Friday, October 16, 2015**

Dress your GSDs up in their best Halloween regala and let's go have a great time! To get a group together for this event please contact Kathi Jo at (740)372-2176 or email [katjo74@juno.com](mailto:katjo74@juno.com). The dates for the festival itself to go enjoy is Oct 14-17, 2015-there's lots of delicious food, cool sights, rides for kids, live music, parades every evening around 7:00pm, vendors and much more!



### **2nd Annual Boneyfiddle Falloween Pet Parade**

**Saturday, October 24, 2015**

Parade Line-Up: 4:00pm at the Ghost in the Attic Antique Store on 2nd Street, Portsmouth, Ohio. Parade steps off at 5:00pm

Anyone wishing to participate in this event should contact Kathi Jo at (740)372-2176. There will be a parade with dressed up dogs, treats handed out for kids and dogs dressed up, vendors, categories of human costume judging handled by MainStreet Portsmouth, free hay rides & slides for children & more! [This is only a 1-day event]

Need some Costume Ideas for your German Shepherd? Here's a few :



## THE 109<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL



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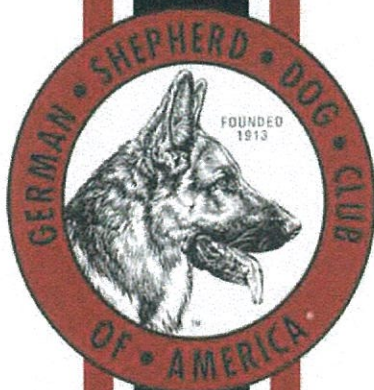
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The Sixty-Eighth Obedience  
Trial

The Twentieth Agility Trial

The Twenty-Sixth Herding Trial

The Eleventh Rally Obedience  
Trial

Fifty-Third Tracking Test

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October 10 – October 17, 2015

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### **Purina Events Center**

300 Checkerboard Loop  
Gray Summit, Missouri 63039

### **Show Superintendent**

Foy Trent Dog Shows LLC  
P.O. Box C  
Sturgeon, Missouri  
573-687-2101  
[info@foytrentdogshows.com](mailto:info@foytrentdogshows.com)

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**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS****Specific Day & Times to be Listed in Judging Program**

Saturday, Oct. 10	Herding Test/Trial (C-Course).....	Purina Farms
	Herding Test/Trial (A/B Course).....	RottiEwe
	Track Plotting.....	Purina Farms
Sunday, Oct. 11	All Breed Agility Trial.....	Great Hall
	All Breed Tracking Trial.....	Purina Farms
	Herding Test/Trial (C-Course ).....	Purina Farms
Monday, Oct. 12	Herding Test/Trial (A/B Course).....	RottiEwe
	All Breed Agility Trial.....	Great Hall
	Herding Instinct Test.....	RottiEwe
Tuesday, Oct. 13	Agility Trial – GSDs only .....	Great Hall
	Agility “Top 20” Third Annual Invitational (evening event).....	Great Hall
	Agility Trial – GSDs only .....	Great Hall
Wednesday, Oct. 14	GSDCA Temperament Test .....	Purina Farms
	GSDCA Specialty Show Before the National .....	Purina Farms
	(Outdoors, regardless of weather)	
Thursday, Oct. 15	Opening Ceremonies & Regional Club Parade .....	Great Hall
	GSDC of St. Louis Obedience & Rally Trial.....	Gateway Hall
	Judge's Education Seminar 9:00AM. ....	Founders Room
Friday, Oct. 16	Futurity & Amateur Futurity Finals.....	Great Hall
	Coursing Ability Test.....	Herding Field
	Purina Presentation: Best In Futurity Breeder.....	Great Hall
Saturday, Oct. 17	Herding Victor or Victrix, Tracking Qualifiers.....	Great Hall
	Rescue Dog Presentation .....	Great Hall
	Maturity & Amateur Maturity Finals.....	Great Hall
Sunday, Oct. 18	Conformation Judging, National Specialty: All Dog Classes	
	Winners Dog, All Veteran Dog Classes .....	Great Hall
	Rally Obedience, GSDs only.....	Gateway Hall
Monday, Oct. 19	Obedience, GSDs only .....	Gateway Hall
	Coursing Ability Test.....	Herding Field
	Presentations:	
Tuesday, Oct. 20	Agility Victor or Victrix, Agility Top 20 Winner.....	Great Hall
	Stud Dog/Brood Bitch Presentation Class .....	Great Hall
	Educational Programs (Time TBA ).....	Founders Room
Wednesday, Oct. 21	Dock Diving (Demo, Instructors to Participate).....	Dock Diving Arena
	Membership Hospitality 5:30 p.m. ....	Great Hall
	Parade of Greats.....	Great Hall
Thursday, Oct. 22	GSDCA Annual Meeting & Club Awards, 8:00p.m. ....	Founder's Room
	Conformation Judging, National Specialty All Bitch Classes,	
	Winners Bitch, All Veteran Bitch Classes .....	Great Hall
Friday, Oct. 23	Obedience, GSDs Only .....	Gateway Hall
	Rally Obedience, GSDs only.....	Gateway Hall
	Juniors Seminar (Time TBA) .....	Great Hall
Saturday, Oct. 24	Departed Members Remembrance .....	Great Hall
	Obedience & Rally Presentations .....	Great Hall
	Conformation Judging: .....	Great Hall
Sunday, Oct. 25	Best of Breed (Select Bitches).....	Great Hall
	Gold Page Luncheon.....	Founders Room
	Junior Showmanship will be during the lunch break .....	Great Hall
Monday, Oct. 26	Award of Excellence Presentation.....	Great Hall
	Best of Breed (Select Dogs) .....	Great Hall
	Best of Breed/Best Opposite/Best of Winners, Best Puppy, Best Bred-By,	
Tuesday, Oct. 27	Joan Ford Memorial Trophy Presentation .....	Great Hall
	Victory Dinner.....	Purina Events Center
	GSDCA Board Meeting .....	Holiday Inn

**CONFORMATION JUDGES - 2015 NATIONAL SPECIALTY SHOW**

Mrs. Rita Sandell - Intersex,  
Mr. Robert Kish - Dogs; Mrs. Vicki Roye - Bitches  
Mrs. Rita Sandell - Best Puppy & Best Bred-By  
Dr. Carmen L. Battaglia - Junior Showmanship  
Mr. Robert Kish-Futurity & Maturity Bitches,  
Mrs. Vicki Roye - Futurity & Maturity Dogs  
Mr. Robert Kish - Best In Futurity & Best In Maturity

**THE JOAN FORD MEMORIAL TROPHY**

The Joan Ford Memorial Trophy is awarded at the US National Specialty for the Best Bred-By as judged by the Intersex Judge.

It is our hope the winner of this Trophy will continue to breed wisely and with the same dedication, love, and devotion to the German Shepherd Dog which was continually demonstrated and practiced by Joan Ford.



**THREE DAYS OF OBEDIENCE**



**AKC OBEDIENCE TRIALS**

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, October 14, 15 & 16, 2015  
Purina Events Center - Gateway Hall

For GSD Only

**OBEDIENCE CO-CHAIRS**

Julia Priest

Phone: 209-712-2667; E-mail: k9julie@earthlink.net

Regina Steiner

Phone: 732-249-5276; E-mail: mobilegrmr@gmail.com

**CLASSES OFFERED**

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: Novice A & B, Open A & B, Utility A & B, Pre-Novice, Graduate Novice,

Beginner Novice A & B, Pre-Open, Graduate Open, Pre-Utility, Versatility

Friday Only: Brace, Veterans, and Team

**OBEDIENCE JUDGES**

Joseph Caputa, 581 Holiday Lane, Hainesville, IL 60073-4700

Karen Anderson, 9724 County Road 5 NE, North Branch, MN 55056-6468

Diane Propst, 2674 Wilson Bend Rd., Gravois Mills, Missouri 65037-6728

Judges for Team will be assigned after entries close

The Entry Form will be included in the Premium List



**THREE DAYS OF RALLY**



**AKC RALLY TRIALS**

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, October 14, 15 & 16, 2015  
Purina Events Center - Gateway Hall

For GSD Only

Rally Chair: Stefanie Kitcher

Phone 314-570-3894; E-mail: stef@poochysmooches.com

**RALLY JUDGE**

Diane Propst, 2674 Wilson Bend Rd., Gravois Mills, Mo. 65037-6728 (Thurs & Fri.)

Charlotte A. Mielziner, 5325 Gutermuth Road, St. Charles, Mo. 63304 (Wed.)

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, October 14, 15, 16, 2015

Purina Events Center

Gray Summit, MO. 63039

CLASSES OFFERED: Novice A & B, Advanced A & B, Excellent A & B  
(Entry Form to be included in the Premium List)

Separate Premium for Wednesday Obedience & Rally Trial will be available at Supt:  
Foy Trent Dog Shows.

**AKC HERDING TRIALS**

**HERDING TRIAL CHAIR A & B COURSE**

Tracy Parciak  
314-604-0664  
[parciak@centurytel.net](mailto:parciak@centurytel.net)

**Saturday October 10 & Sunday, October 11, 2015**

RottiEwe Farm, Wright City, MO  
A-Course Sheep, A-Course Ducks, B-Course Ducks, HT/PT Sheep

**Entry Fees**

A-Course Sheep & HT/PT Sheep \$50.00

A & B-Course Ducks \$45

**Open to all Breeds - Priority Given to GSDs**

**JUDGES**

**Saturday, October 10**

**Judge: Kent Herbel** - A-Course Sheep and HT/PT Sheep,  
A & B-Course Ducks

**Sunday, October 11**

**Judge: Lori Herbel** - A-Course Sheep and HT/PT Sheep,  
A & B-Course Ducks

**A & B COURSE TRIAL SECRETARY**

*Judith K Walker, 1247 Jefferson Street, Washington, Missouri*

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**HERDING TRIAL CHAIR C COURSE**

Julie Degen  
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[ejdegen@aol.com](mailto:ejdegen@aol.com)

**Saturday, October 10 & Sunday, October 11, 2015**

Purina Farms, Gray Summit, MO

**C-Course Sheep**

**Entry Fees**

C-Course Sheep - \$65

**Open to All Breeds - Priority Given to GSDs**

**Judges**

Saturday, Oct. 10 - Lori Herbel

Sunday, Oct. 11 - Kent Herbel

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**AKC ROUND PEN HERDING INSTINCT TESTS**

**RottiEwe Farm, Wright City, MO**

**Monday, October 12, 2015**

**Open to All Breeds - Priority Given to GSDs**

**Judges**

Sandy Moore & Debbie Ekstrom

**Entry Fees**

Sheep - \$50

**Premiums to be mailed in July, 2015**

**GSDCA ALL BREED AKC AGILITY TRIAL**

**AGILITY CHAIR**

Bob Jeffers

813-390-2225; [rieffers1@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:rieffers1@tampabay.rr.com)

**Secretary:** June Ebert, 813-983-1997 [astibug@msn.com](mailto:astibug@msn.com)

or visit: [www.JunesAgility.com](http://www.JunesAgility.com)

**Saturday, October 10 – Sunday, October 11, 2015**

Purina Farms, Gray Summit MO

**CLASSES OFFERED**

ALL class levels \* of Regular and Preferred, Standard and JWW.

**Sat Only:** All Class levels Regular & Preferred F.A.S.T.

**Sun. Only:** Regular and Preferred, Time2Beat

**Judge: Dan Faulkner**

\*All Class Levels in Regular - Novice A & B, Open, Excellent and Master. Preferred – Novice, Open, Excellent and Master.

\*Offered to dogs in the AKC Canine Partners Program (includes All American Dogs/Mixed Breeds)

**Sunday: ( Proposed “B” Match Sunday Afternoon/Evening Pending AKC Approval, after completion of Trial**

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**GSDCA Specialty AKC AGILITY TRIAL – GSDs ONLY**

**Monday, October 12 & Tuesday, October 13, 2015**

Purina Farms, Gray Summit MO

**Judge: Dan Faulkner**

**CLASSES OFFERED**

ALL Class Levels \* of Regular and Preferred, Standard and JWW.

**Monday. Only:** All Class levels Regular & Preferred F.A.S.T.

**Tuesday. Only:** Regular and Preferred, Time2Beat

\*All Class Levels in Regular - Novice A & B, Open, Excellent and Master. Preferred – Novice, Open, Excellent and Master.

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All entry forms for All Breed, Specialty, and Match  
will be included in the Premium List.

For more information and an entry form, contact:  
June Ebert, 813-983-1997; [astibug@msn.com](mailto:astibug@msn.com)

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**Top 20 Event to be held Monday evening, October 12,  
2015.**

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**We’re looking for a few good men (and women) to be stewards for  
Agility.**

Prior experience NOT required. Volunteer and learn about the excitement  
and fun you can have with your dog.

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**AKC TRACKING TEST**

Sunday, October 11, 2015  
Purina Farms,  
Gray Summit, Mo. 63039  
Open to All Breeds with Preference for GSDs

**JUDGES**

Jeanne Durbin Ramirez, Carol W. Ruthenberg

**TRACKS - TD, TDX (limited to 4 per track with preference to GSDs)**

**Closing Date for Tracking Entries: Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2015**

**GSDCA Tracking Committee Chair:**

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**Tracking - Central Headquarters**

PURINA FARMS, GRAY SUMMIT, MISSOURI 63039

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**COURSING ABILITY TEST (C.A.T.)\***

(\*Pending AKC Approval)

Wednesday & Thursday October 14 & 15, 2015

(Three Trials)

Purina Farms Herding Fields

**C.A.T. Chairperson**

Jennifer Riess

Ph: 573-474-9952 e-mail: [delhaven@msn.com](mailto:delhaven@msn.com)

**JUDGES**

Joe Stewart & Lisa Stewart

For more Information: <http://www.akc.org/events/coursing-ability-test/>

**BACK AGAIN THIS YEAR!**

GSDCA Specialty Show Before the National  
Tuesday, October 13, 2015  
Purina Farms  
Outdoors Regardless of Weather  
Judge: Dr. Carmen L. Battaglia

**Separate Premium List Will Be Available at: [www.gsdca.org](http://www.gsdca.org)**

12-15 Month Class & 15-18 Month Class

Amateur Owner-Handler Class

Special Attraction: 4-6 Month Puppy Class

## Degenerative Myelopathy

By Nancy Kay D.V.M

Degenerative myelopathy (DM) is a slowly progressive spinal cord disorder that resembles Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS or Lou Gehrig's Disease) in people. The inevitable result for dogs with DM is paraplegia- hind end paralysis.

### DOGS AT RISK

DM affects primarily older dogs, with symptoms typically beginning at eight years of age or older. Back in the day (when I was just a pup) we referred to this disease as German Shepherd Myelopathy because we thought it was unique to this breed. We now know that DM occurs in many purebred and mixed breed dogs. The breeds most commonly affected include the German Shepherd, Pembroke Welsh Corgi, Cardigan Welsh Corgi, Boxer, Borzoi, Rhodesian Ridgeback, American Eskimo Dog, Bernese Mountain Dog, Golden Retriever, Great Pyrenees, Kerry Blue Terrier, Poodle, Pug, Shetland Sheepdog, Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier, Wire Fox Terrier, and Chesapeake Bay Retriever.

### SYMPTOMS

DM symptoms progress slowly over the course of months to even years. From beginning to end, DM affected dogs typically remain alert and animated. The symptoms usually progress as follows:

#### Initial

- Loss of coordination (ataxia) in the hind legs.
- Dragging the hind feet causing wearing down of the toenails.
- Hind end weakness (difficulty climbing stairs, jumping up into the car, going for walks).

#### Intermediate

- Knuckling of hind feet (weight bearing on the tops of the feet rather than their undersides).
- Difficulty supporting weight with hind legs.
- Inability to walk without support.
- Urinary and/or fecal incontinence.

#### Advanced

- Paraplegia (paralysis of hind legs).
- Weakness in front legs.

Although this degenerative process is not painful, affected dogs can develop discomfort because of over-use of other body parts attempting to compensate for the hind end weakness.

### Cause of Degenerative Myelopathy

DM causes degenerative changes within spinal cord axons, structures that transmit information back and forth between the brain and the rest of the body. These degenerative changes begin in the thoracolumbar region of the spinal cord, the portion that lines up with the end of the rib cage. This explains why the hind limbs are more severely affected. Given enough time, the disease progresses towards the head end of the body, causing loss of front leg function as well.

DM is an inherited disease. In 2008 a group of researchers reported that a genetic mutation on the SOD1 gene is a major risk factor for the development of DM. Their study involved Boxers, Pembroke Welsh Corgis, German Shepherds, Chesapeake Bay Retrievers, and Rhodesian Ridgebacks.

The researchers discovered that DM has a recessive mode of inheritance. In order for a dog to be affected, the mutation must be inherited from both dam and sire. What remains unknown is why some dogs who have this "double mutation" never develop symptoms of DM.

### GENETIC TESTING FOR DM

Testing is available to determine an individual dog's SOD1 mutation status. This test is available through the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA). All that is required is a blood sample or cheek swab. The current cost for this testing is \$65.

This DNA test identifies dogs that are normal (have two normal copies of the gene), those who are carriers (have one normal copy of the gene and one mutated copy), and those who are at risk for development of DM (have two mutated copies of the gene). It is important to remember that DNA testing does not diagnose DM. This is because not all dogs with two mutated copies of the gene go on to develop DM.

Responsible breeders utilize DNA testing for DM to help assess whether or not a particular dog is suitable for breeding purposes. If contemplating purchasing a pup of an at-risk breed, it is important to request DM test results for the dam and sire of the litter of interest. It is also reasonable to have the puppy tested prior to purchase, although, if the parents have been tested and have "normal" results, this is unnecessary.

#### MAKING THE DIAGNOSIS

DM is a "rule out diagnosis". What this means is that a presumptive diagnosis of DM can only be made by ruling out other causes of spinal cord disease (e.g., herniated intervertebral disk, tumor, infection, trauma). The only way to definitively diagnose DM is via a spinal cord biopsy collected through an autopsy (post-mortem) examination.

The diagnostics performed to rule out other causes of spinal cord disease often include:

- A thorough physical/neurological examination
- Blood and urine testing
- Advanced imaging (CT or MRI scan)
- Spinal fluid collection and analysis

The cause of spinal cord disease is best diagnosed by a veterinarian who specializes in neurology, internal medicine, or surgery.

#### Treatment

Currently there is no known treatment capable of significantly altering the course of DM. When searching the Internet, one might find a number of approaches that have been tried or are recommended. Unfortunately, there is no scientific evidence that supports their efficacy.

#### PROGNOSIS

Unfortunately, the prognosis for dogs with DM is poor. The quality of life for affected dogs can be enhanced through diligent nursing care, prevention of pressure sores, rehabilitation therapies such as swimming and stretching exercises, massage, acupuncture, monitoring for urinary tract infections (immobilized dogs are more prone), and the use of specialized equipment such as booties, slings, harnesses, and wheelchairs to assist with mobility.

DM becomes so debilitating that most people eventually opt for euthanasia. Exactly when to euthanize is a highly individualized decision based on how adaptive, both physically and psychologically, the involved dog and human(s) are. Some dogs thrive in a well-fitted doggie cart/wheelchair. Others are highly resistant to such an apparatus. For the human caretaker, in addition to the emotional toll that DM takes, there is a great deal of lifting, carrying, and cleaning involved. Everyone responds differently to this challenging situation.

Letting go of a beloved four-legged family member is never easy, but it can be particularly heartbreaking when DM is the cause. Affected dogs typically have good appetites, are pain-free, and their minds remain just as sharp as ever. Letting go of a dog who acts or feels sick is usually a bit easier, simply because the process seems to make more sense.

#### DEGENERATIVE MYELOPATHY AND AMYOTROPHIC LATERAL SCLEROSIS

It so happens that, like dogs with DM, some people with ALS carry the SOD1 gene mutation. Having a canine model for studying ALS has important ramifications. Not only might more be learned about the degenerative process that afflicts people with ALS, the canine model may ultimately prove to be valuable in terms of learning more about therapeutic interventions.

**FOR BREEDERS: UNDERSTANDING THE TEMPERAMENT OF YOUR STOCK VIA TESTING****Volhard Puppy Aptitude Test**

The following is a concise chart explaining each test and the scoring.

Test	Purpose	Score	1
<b>SOCIAL ATTRACTION</b> Place puppy in test area. From a few feet away the testor coaxes the pup to her/him by clapping hands gently and kneeling down. Testor must coax in a direction away from the point where it entered the testing area.	Degree of social attraction, confidence, or dependence.	Came readily, tail up, jumped, bit at hands. Came readily, tail up, pawed, licked at hands. *Came readily, tail up. Came readily, tail down. Came hesitantly, tail down. Didn't come at all.	1 2 3 4 5 6
<b>FOLLOWING</b> Stand up and walk away from the pup in a normal manner. Make sure the pup sees you walk away.	Degree of following attraction. Not following indicates independence.	Followed readily, tail up, got underfoot, bit at feet. Followed readily, tail up, got underfoot. *Followed readily, tail up. Followed readily, tail down. Followed hesitantly, tail down. No follow or went away.	1 2 3 4 5 6
<b>RESTRAINT</b> Crouch down and gently roll the pup on his back and hold it with one hand for a full 30 seconds.	Degree of dominant or submissive tendency. How it accepts stress, when socially/physically dominated.	Struggled fiercely, flailed, bit. Struggled fiercely, flailed. *Settled, struggled, settled with some eye contact. Struggled then settled. No struggle. *No struggle, straining to avoid eye contact.	1 2 3 4 5 6
<b>SOCIAL DOMINANCE</b> Let pup stand up and gently stroke him from the head to back while you crouch beside him. continue stroking until a recognizable behavior is established.	Degree of acceptance of social dominance. Pup may try to dominate by jumping and nipping or is independent and walks away.	Jumped, pawed, bit, growled. Jumped, pawed. *Cuddles up to testor and tries to lick face. Squirmed, licked at hands. Rolled over, licked at hands. Went away and stayed away.	1 2 3 4 5 6
<b>ELEVATION DOMINANCE</b> Bend over and cradle the pup under its belly, fingers interlaced, palms up and elevate it just off the ground. Hold it there for 30 seconds.	Degree of accepting dominance while in position of no control.	Struggled fiercely, bit, growled. Struggled fiercely. *No struggle, relaxed. Struggled, settled, licked. No struggle, licked at hands. *No struggle, froze.	1 2 3 4 5 6
<b>OBEDIENCE APTITUDE</b>			
<b>RETRIEVING</b> Crouch beside pup and attract his attention with crumpled up paper ball. When the pup shows interest and is watching, toss the object 4-6 feet in front of pup.	Degree of willingness to work with a human. High correlation between ability to retrieve and successful guide dogs, obedience dogs, field trial dogs.	Chases object, picks up object and runs away. Chases object, stands over object, does not return. Chases object and returns with object to testor. Chases object and returns without object to testor. Starts to chase object, loses interest. Does not chase object.	1 2 3 4 5 6
<b>TOUCH SENSITIVITY</b> Take puppy's webbing of one front foot and press between finger and thumb lightly then more firmly until you get a response, while you count slowly to 10. Stop as soon as puppy pulls away or shows discomfort.	Degree of sensitivity to touch.	8-10 counts before response. 6-7 counts before response. 5-6 counts before response. 2-4 counts before response. 1-2 counts before response.	1 2 3 4 5
<b>SOUND SENSITIVITY</b> Place pup in the center of area, testor or assistant makes a sharp noise a few feet from the puppy. A large metal spoon struck sharply on a metal pan twice works well.	Degree of sensitivity to sound. (Also can be a rudimentary test for deafness.)	Listens, locates sound, walks toward it barking. Listens, locates sound barks. Listens, locates sound, shows curiosity and walks toward sound Listens, locates the sound. Cringes, backs off, hides. Ignores sound, shows no curiosity.	1 2 3 4 5 6
<b>SIGHT SENSITIVITY</b> Place pup in center of room. Tie a string around a large towel and jerk it across the floor a few feet away from puppy.	Degree of intelligent response to strange object.	Looks, attacks, and bites. Looks, barks, and tail up. Looks curiously, attempts to investigate. Looks, barks, tail-tuck. Runs away, hides.	1 2 3 4 5
<b>STRUCTURE</b> The puppy is gently set in a natural stance and evaluated for structure in the following categories: Straight front, Straight rear, Shoulder layback, Front angulation, Croup angulation, Rear angulation	Degree of structural soundness. Good structure is necessary.	The puppy is correct in structure. The puppy has a slight fault or deviation. The puppy has an extreme fault or deviation	G F P

**GERMAN SHEPHERD****DOG CLUB OF AMERICA**

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## **Highlights of the Board Meeting Held in St. Louis on July 25 and 26, 2015**

### **General**

It was noted that Ken Tank did not serve as a member of the Nominating Committee as he decided to run for the Board - Joan Intersimone took his place representing the Western region.

President Frank Fasano reported that the Purina Partnership program (weight circles) yielded \$10,747.47

GSDCA sponsored regional specialties were temporarily suspended since AKC now allows regional clubs to host four specialties per year.

### **Futurities**

Kathy Potter resigned as Futurity chair citing personal reasons and Karin Wagner has accepted this position. Joan Intersimone will continue as Futurity co-chair.

There were a multitude of requests and suggestions received from the Futurity co-Chair, Joan Intersimone. Some of these were approved, some were denied and some were returned to be reconsidered by the new committee chairs: Karin Wagner and Joan Intersimone. President Fasano recommended to the committee to get input from the most active participants of the Futurities (breeders and exhibitors).

The Board voted to exclude handlers as judges.

The 2016 regional club's recommended slate of Futurity judges was approved as follows:

Northeast - Iza Kabuska - Alternate Martha Simonett  
Mid-Atlantic - Bill Tank - Alternate Judy Teidel  
Southeast - Bart Bartley - Alternate Tiffany Bartley  
Great Lakes - William Petterson - Alternate Robert Slay  
Midwest - Gerry Guzman - Alternate Phil Miller  
Southwest - Danny Dwier - Alternate Edmund Barritt  
SP - Gregg Harrison - Alternate Donna Calabrese  
MP - Steve Whitworth - Alternate Clint Heiman  
Northwest - Donna Calabrese - Alternate Pam Stoesser

The following regional clubs were approved to host the 2017 Futurities:

NE - GSDC of Greater New Haven  
MA - GSDC of Northern New Jersey  
SP - GSDC of San Diego County  
GL - GSDC of Detroit  
MP - Diablo Valley GSDC  
MW - GSDC of St Louis

Still waiting to confirm dates and resolve conflicts:

- SW - GSDC Houston/Beaumont
- NW - GSDC of the Pacific Northwest
- SE - GSDC of Northern Florida

### **Membership Dues**

A motion to re-structure membership dues was approved. Effective January 2016, members will have a choice to receive our GSD Review magazine on-line or in printed/mailed format.

On-line magazine choices will be lower priced while those requesting a printed format will pay slightly higher fees. It was noted that dues' fees have not changed in 22 years. Members will be informed via Constant Contact, US Postal mail and the GSD Review.

We have expanded our accepted methods of payment to include Pay Pal, American Express and Discover, as well as Master Card and Visa.

### **Future National Sites**

Gail Stiefferman presented six different potential National sites in California. Dorothy Linn spoke about the Reno-Sparks Livestock Event Center in Reno, NV - a site that hosts other breeds National shows. Initial information looks good and Gail will look into it.

### **2015 National Show & GSDCA Sieger Show**

Gail Stiefferman reported that all is in place for our big upcoming events: GSDCA National Specialty Show and GSDCA Sieger Show - both at Purina Farms Events Center on October 10-17. We hope everyone comes and join us.



# How to Read a Pet Food Label

Pet food label regulations can create confusion.

## Ingredients

- Ingredients are listed in descending order by weight
- Because chicken, beef and lamb have high water content, they can weigh more than dry ingredients such as grains, meals and vitamins, so they are often listed first

## Guaranteed Analysis

- Indicates minimum or maximum levels of nutrients
- Not an indication of the actual nutrient content of the pet food
- Not a guarantee of nutritional quality
- Moisture levels in pet foods vary, making it virtually impossible for the average pet owner to accurately compare nutritional information

## AAFCO Statement

- Verifies the method of testing used to determine the nutritional adequacy of a pet food
- Indicates the food provides complete and balanced nutrition for each specific lifestage (growing animals, pregnant and nursing mothers, or adults), or it might say the product is nutritionally adequate for all lifestages

## Pet Nutrition Facts

**Ingredients:** Chicken By-Product Meal, Whole Grain Corn, Brewers Rice, Corn Gluten Meal, Animal Fat (preserved with mixed tocopherols and citric acid), Chicken Liver Flavor, Choline Chloride, Potassium Chloride, Calcium Sulfate, DL-Methionine, Vitamin E Supplement, Iodized Salt, vitamins (L-Ascorbyl-2-Polyphosphate (source of Vitamin C), Vitamin E Supplement, Niacin, Thiamine Mononitrate, Vitamin A Supplement, Calcium Pantothenate, Riboflavin, Biotin, Vitamin B12 Supplement, Pyridoxine Hydrochloride, Folic Acid, Vitamin D3 Supplement), Taurine, minerals (Ferrous Sulfate, Zinc Oxide, Copper Sulfate, Manganous Oxide, Calcium Iodate, Sodium Selenite), preserved with Mixed Tocopherols and Citric Acid, Phosphoric Acid, Beta-Carotene, Rosemary Extract.

### Guaranteed Analysis:

Crude Protein . . . . .	Min.	30.0 %
Crude Fat . . . . .	Min.	19.0 %
Crude Fiber . . . . .	Max.	2.0 %
Moisture . . . . .	Max.	9.5 %
Ash. . . . .	Max.	6.0 %
Calcium . . . . .	Min.	0.6 %
Phosphorus . . . . .	Min.	0.5 %
Phosphorus . . . . .	Max.	1.0 %
Magnesium. . . . .	Max.	0.095 %
Vitamin E. . . . .	Min.	525 IU/kg
Taurine. . . . .	Min.	0.10 %
Ascorbic Acid* (Vitamin C) . . . . .	Min.	85 mg/kg

\*Not recognized as an essential nutrient by the AAFCO Cat Food Nutrient Profiles.

**AAFCO Statement:** Animal feeding tests using AAFCO procedures substantiate that Science Diet® Adult Optimal Care™ Original Cat Food provides complete and balanced nutrition for maintenance of adult cats.

Protect from moisture. Store in a cool, dry place.

**Caution:** Check the statement from the Association of American Feed Control Officials (AAFCO) before you purchase a bag of pet food. If it states that the food is an “all lifestage” product, then the food contains high levels of nutrients designed to support the growth of puppies or kittens, and could result in excess nutrients that may be detrimental to an adult or mature adult pet’s health.



For more information, please visit [HillsPet.com](http://HillsPet.com)

## AAFCO Standards

AAFCO stands for Association of American Feed Control Officials. This organization sets the nutritional standards for pet foods sold in the United States. The nutritional adequacy of a pet food is determined by one of two methods based on nutritional levels and procedures defined by AAFCO.

### Formulation Method

- The formulation method does not require feeding the product to an animal
- This method is less expensive and results are determined more quickly, as actual feeding or digestibility trials are not required
- There is no guarantee of pet acceptance or nutrient bioavailability when utilizing this method

Brand X Dog Formula is **formulated** to meet the nutritional levels established by the Association of American Feed Control Officials Dog Food Nutrient Profiles for **all lifestages**.

### Feeding Trial Method

- The feeding trial method requires feeding the product to animals
- This method is also known as the **Gold Standard** for determining nutritional adequacy and is the preferred method
- The manufacturer must perform an AAFCO protocol feeding trial using the formula being tested as the sole source of nutrition
- Feeding trials are the best way to document how a pet will perform when fed a specific food

**Animal feeding tests** using AAFCO procedures substantiate that Brand Y Adult dog food provides complete and balanced nutrition for **maintenance of adult dogs**.

Reading pet food labels can be confusing. There is no way to determine the true quality of a pet food by reading the ingredient listing or the guaranteed analysis. Individual ingredients do not determine the quality of a pet food. **It's the nutritional value of each ingredient blended together that delivers a product appropriate for a pet's specific age or condition.**



## Local Area Dog Club Website Links

Use these convenient links for researching for upcoming AKC & UKC conformation shows, rally, obedience, agility & barn hunt trials, therapy dog certification opportunities & plenty more:

### **For information about all-breed events & trials, visit these websites:**

- Queen City Dog Training Club, <http://www.qcdtc.org> [Cincinnati]
- Central Ohio Kennel Club, <http://www.centralohiokennelclub.com/> [Columbus]
- Dayton Kennel Club, <http://www.daytonkennelclub.org/> [Dayton]
- Hamilton Dog Training Club, <http://www.hamiltondogtraining.com/> [Cincinnati]
- Dayton Dog Training Club, <http://www.daytondogtraining.com/> [Dayton]
- Gem City Dog Obedience Club, <http://www.gcdoc.com/> [Dayton]
- Clermont County Dog Training Club, <http://www.ccdtc.org> [Cincinnati]
- Licking River Kennel Club, <http://www.lickingriverkennelclub.com/> [central Ohio]
- Warren County Kennel Club, <http://www.wckcoho.org/> [Cincinnati]
- Fort St. Clair Kennel Club, <http://www.fortstclairkc.org>
- Dayton Kennel Club, <http://www.daytonkennelclub.org/default.htm>
- Columbus All Breed Training Club, <http://www.columbusallbreed.com/> [Columbus]
- ARF! Agility & Rally For Fun Dog Training Center, <http://www.arfagility.com/> [Columbus]
- Toledo Kennel Club, <http://www.toledokennelclub.org/> [Toledo]

### **Other AKC German Shepherd Speciality Clubs in Ohio:**

- The German Shepherd Dog Club of Greater Cincinnati, Inc. <http://www.obeydog.com/GSDCGC.htm>  
~~*They usually have AKC Obedience & Rally Trials in early November!*
- The German Shepherd Dog Club of Northern Ohio, Inc., <http://www.gsdco.org/>
- The German Shepherd Dog Club of Toledo, <http://www.germanshepherds.com/forum/events-club-info/108091-german-shepherd-dog-club-toledo-inc.html> [no active links found]

## Columbus Dog Parks

Companion Club Dog Park, LLC, <http://www.columbusdogpark.com/>



# German Shepherd Dog Club of America, Inc.

## Application for Membership & Renewal Form

There shall be two types of memberships:

- **Regular Membership:** Minimum age of (eighteen) 18 years. Must be in good standing with AKC. In addition, applicant (and all renewing members) agrees to abide by the GSDCA by-laws and the Rules and Regulations of the American Kennel Club. Two endorsements of current members must be provided by new applicants. Applicant's name, along with their sponsors, will be published in the Review. Provided no objections have been filed within 30 days of publication in the Review, applicant will be notified in writing by the Corresponding Secretary or Membership Chairman that he/she is eligible for all privileges including the right to vote.
- **Junior:** At least (nine) 9 years of age and not more than (eighteen) 18 years of age and shall subscribe to the same criteria as Regular Membership with the exception of the requirement to pay dues. Junior members cannot vote, hold office, or serve on committees other than junior committees.
- If sponsors (endorsers) are unavailable, applications may be submitted without signatures. Per GSDCA policy, they may be signed by the current GSDCA President & Membership Chair.

Mail form and dues to: GSDCA Membership Dania Karloff 2136 Mt Pleasant Road Chesapeake, VA 23322

Phone: 757-482-3966 Email: GSDCAmembers@aol.com

If you would like to apply and pay online & pay with a credit card, please go to <http://gsdca.org/join-the-gsdca/apply-online>.

### Select Membership Type:

- ☐ **NEW** Single Membership (includes a GSD Review Subscription) (\$36.00) \*\*
- ☐ **NEW** Family Membership (includes a GSD Review Subscription) (\$66.00) \*\*
- ☐ **Renewal** Single Membership (includes a GSD Review Subscription) (\$66.00)
- ☐ **Renewal** Family Membership (includes a GSD Review Subscription) (\$100.00)
- ☐ **Junior** Membership (no charge) (Does not include Review Subscription)

\*\* This is a special offer for new members only. Offer expires 12/31/2014. Review delivery option prices still apply for all memberships.

### Select GSD Review Delivery:

- ☐ Standard US Delivery with label on rear cover (no charge)
- ☐ Standard US Delivery in a POLY wrapper (bag) (+ \$5.00)
- ☐ 1st Class US Delivery (bag included) (+ \$36.00)
- ☐ Delivery Outside the US (+ \$24.00) (\* required for non-US)

Membership: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ + Delivery: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ = Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(NOTE: Former GSDCA members are eligible if their membership has lapsed for at least 12 months prior to application.)

Dues are NOT tax deductible. Please note that all administrative work for the GSDCA is done by volunteers and it may take up to 60 days to completely process your membership application. Enclose your dues payment for the amount shown with the membership type you have selected above with this application. Checks should be made out to: German Shepherd Dog Club of America.

#### Membership Information (please print)

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Middle Initial: \_\_\_\_\_ \*\* Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
(\*\* REQUIRED for Juniors)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

What other regional/national dog organizations do you belong to? \_\_\_\_\_

Why are you interested in joining the GSDCA? \_\_\_\_\_

What Activities do you enjoy with your GSD? (you may choose multiple items) ☐ Agility ☐ Conformation ☐ Herding ☐ House Pet

☐ Obedience ☐ Rally ☐ Schutzhund/Working Dog Sport

☐ Tracking ☐ Other

For FAMILY Memberships, provide 2nd member information. (Family membership is defined as 2 people living in the same household (principal & one (1) other person).

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Middle Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Endorser 1 Name/Address: \_\_\_\_\_

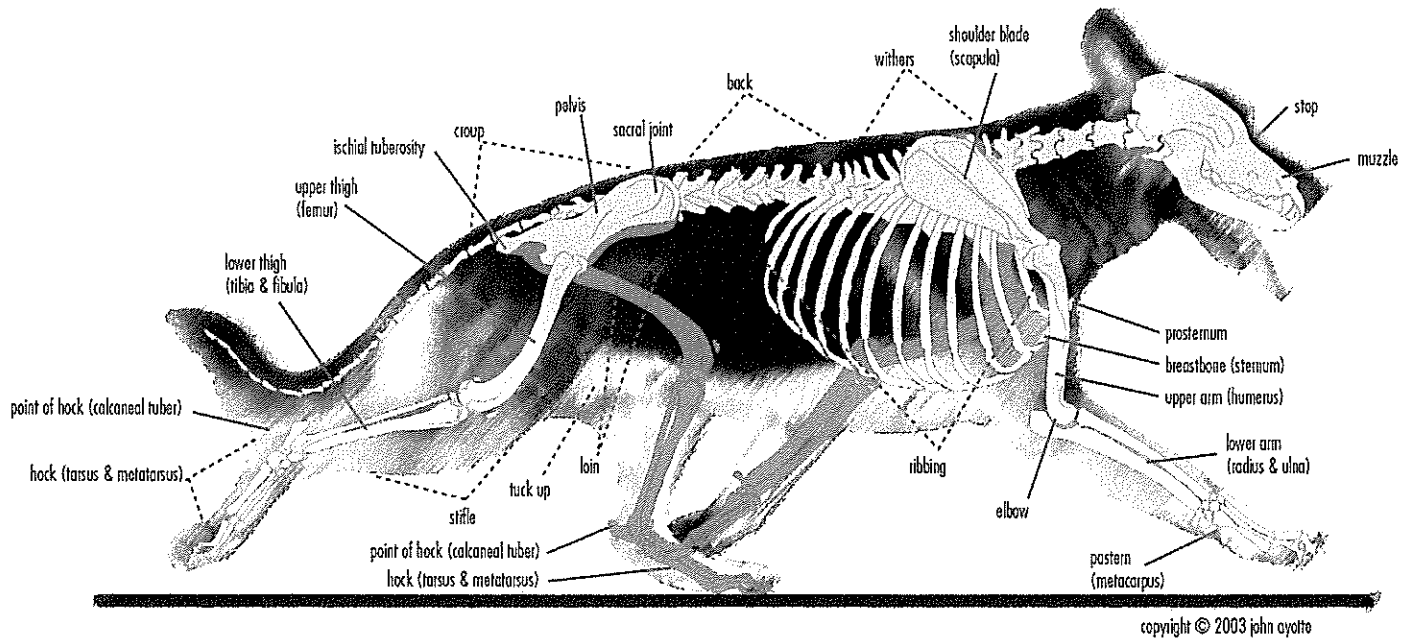
Endorser 2 Name/Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: GSDCA members agree to abide by all AKC and GSDCA rules and policies

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