



Congratulations on Your New German Shepherd Dog!

The German Shepherd Dog Club of America welcomes you to the proud and happy family of German Shepherd Dog owners. The German Shepherd Dog Club of America (GSDCA) was established in 1913 and is recognized by both the AKC (American Kennel Club) and the WUSV (World Union of German Shepherd Dog Clubs). Its members include breeders, fanciers, trainers and handlers who support the breed and want to help you enjoy your new pet to the fullest.



German Shepherd Dogs originated in 1899, at Karlsruhe, Germany, because of the efforts of Captain Max von Stephanitz (the father of the breed) and others. By carefully breeding selected animals and keeping only the very best, this devoted group of German breeders brought into being the breed known as the German Shepherd Dog (Deutsche Schaferhunde).

Functions

The German Shepherd Dog's original function was to herd and work. But the breed is so versatile that most families today use the dog as companion, pet, obedience or show dog—or all of the above. Today, it is also used in search and rescue work, tracking, as a Seeing Eye dog, a herding dog, a guard dog, and in drug detection. The German Shepherd Dog is noted for its aloof, gentle, and loving disposition, making it an excellent breed for families with children. This dog's desire to please humans is legendary—making



it a top obedience competitor and a first-rate companion dog for adults and children. While the breed can adapt to virtually any living situation, these dogs thrive best when they are given daily exercise to maintain their physical and mental fitness.

Breeding

Breeding dogs is a great responsibility that requires a significant investment of resources. The GSDCA has mentors available near you to help, should you decide to breed or show your dog.

Juniors Program

The GSDCA Juniors Program was designed to stimulate interest, encourage participation, and support young handlers of German shepherds in both conformation and performance events. The GSDCA offers a free membership for juniors who would like to join. The American Kennel Club also offers a Junior Showmanship program.

Spayed and Neutered Dogs

Spayed and neutered dogs are welcome. The AKC permits spayed and neutered animals to participate in all phases of obedience, tracking, field work and junior handling.

Canine Research/Medical Studies

The GSDCA is a strong supporter of the AKC Canine Health Foundation as well as all research and medical studies that look for the cause and prevention of the breeds most debilitating issues.





Training

Training is one of the most important responsibilities you have as a dog owner. Basic obedience training will make your dog a better companion and strengthen the bond between the two of you. Classes—ranging from puppy or kindergarten to adult and advanced obedience training—are available in most cities, offered by local German Shepherd Dog clubs or all-breed kennel clubs.

For the more serious owners, there are competition classes and dog shows. All are available in most areas of the country and are offered by the local GSDCA regional or Kennel clubs.

Please plan to join us at our National & Regional Shows, Trials & Futurities

South Pacific FuturityApril 10, 2015
Gand Canyon GSDC, Tucson, AZ
Naomi Ebertin - naomi@ebertin.net

Southwest FuturityApril 19, 2015
GSDC Austin, Cedar Park, TX
Sherry Moore - smoore@tx-taca.org

Mid-Atlantic FuturityApril 26, 2015
Northern New Jersey GSDC, Bear, DE
Robin Lyle - rlyle@optonline.net

Great Lakes FuturityMay 1, 2015
GSDC Northern Ohio, Macedonia, OH
Suzanne Jambe & Joan Fox - sjambe@hotmail.com

GSDCA National IPO & FH ChampionshipMay 1-2, 2015
GSDCA National Universal Sieger Show..May 3, 2015
Purina Farms, Gray Summit, MO
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Mid-Pacific FuturityMay 15, 2015
Golden State GSDC, Vallejo, CA
Joan Intersimone - rivendellj@comcast.net

Southeast Futurity May 31, 2015
GSDC No. Georgia, Ellijay, GA
Peggy Kurz - mkurzapi@aol.com

Northeast FuturityJune 14, 2015
GSDC Southern New Hampshire, Boxborough, MA
Diane Benoit - dbenoit@hodgescompanies.com

Northwest FuturityJune 14, 2015
GSDC Pacific Northwest, Kent, WA
Lorry Bellah - lenlorshep@aol.com

Midwest FuturityJune 19, 2015
GSDC Minneapolis/St. Paul, Famington, MN
Verna Kubik - vmk4gsds@dishup.us

GSDCA National Specialty Show..... Oct. 9-17, 2015
Purina Farms, Gray Summit, MO

GSDCA Sieger Show..... October 16, 17, 18, 2015
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