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The Schaferhunde News
The German Shepherd Dog Club of Greater Kansas City
Founded 1923

2021 Officers

President-Debbie McHenry
Vice President-Sally Hamm
Treasurer-Mike Kennedy
Recording Secretary-Jeanne Harmon

2021 Board Members

Nancy Kennedy
Jose Lemus

**Lynette Stone
Ken Sanders
Iryna Sanders**

President's Message:

I want to express my gratitude to everyone who has volunteered for committee chair positions for this upcoming year. Your efforts and your time ensure the club's success and keep us moving forward. Thank You! I also want to welcome new volunteers with with fresh ideas, I am excited to see your commitment and it is appreciated. There is no question that without You, our volunteers, this organization would not exist! Here's to a fabulous 2022!

Debbie



GSDCGKC GENERAL MEETING January 11, 2022
Eleven members attended the general meeting held at the NKC Community Center.

The minutes from the last general meeting were posted in the monthly newsletter and were approved as printed, no opposed.

Mike Kennedy presented the Treasurer's report. We took some money from the CD and put it into the checking account to pay any upcoming expenses for 2022. The Banner Company still has not deposited the check so he will add that back in. The remaining funds were reinvested in the CD.

Tammy Peterson wanted to know about trophies for the June show. What kind and how many. Hodges Badge Company has a winter sale if you order before March. You have to preorder to get the discount.

CONFORMATION COMMITTEE:

We lost the Friday Judge. She dropped out. We are working on getting a new one. All shows are accepted by AKC. The venue at Smithville Lake is a mess right now. Hopefully they will have their parks department repair it before our show.

TRACKING: All is done.

MEMBERSHIP: Nancy reported no new applications. The directory will be out after the Board Meeting.

NEWSLETTER: Going well.

FACEBOOK: We still get people requesting our group.

WEBSITE: Is up and running. If you have any pictures of your dog you would like posted, send them to Pat. Click on gallery and then photo submission form.

HOSPITALITY: Iryna and Ken, Thank you for the most delicious food!!

PROGRAMS: Jeanne is having Laura Devine Hills from The Dog Spot in NKC, come to our February meeting. She has operated this business for years but recently relocated to NKC and has a beautiful new facility and program. She will be here at 7:00 to speak to the Club about her facility, classes, and answer questions about the dog training she offers. This is sure to be a great presentation. Hopefully everyone will be able to attend our February 8th, 2022 meeting. General meeting to follow the presentation.

Future programs are to be announced.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT:

Debbie said she is worried about Covid, as only 11 people showed up for this meeting. Unfinished business: We have Books, Magazines, videos, etc. from previous years available to all club members to check out in our library. Tammy Peterson volunteered to be the Librarian and will bring a box of samples to the next meeting and if you would like to request a specific issue of a Red Magazine or book, etc., just contact her prior to the meeting.

NEW ELECTION: The Ballot was reviewed, and a vote was put forth. All were in favor of accepting the new ballot with no one opposed. The new slate of officers and board members was voted in.

Board meeting will take place from Debbie McHenry's home, via Zoom on Sunday, January 16, 2022 at 1:00.

Regarding the September picnic we can have it at Macken Park, The Festival Shelter.

Debbie will check on the availability.

Meeting was adjourned.

Debbie presented a program on how to access the Parent Club Website for our benefit, and another website. It was very educational. Thank you to Debbie and her husband, Mark who assisted her with the visual demo.

Respectfully Submitted.

Jeanne Harmon

Meetings & Programs

Don't forget that our meetings are held on second Tuesday of the month at the Macken Park Community Building; 7pm:

February 8th Laura from the Dog Spot with training opportunities

March 8th program is Dr. Becker from Independence Animal Hospital with "Everything German Shepherd !!

April 12th program will focus on Boarding Your German Shepherd Dog ...what to know.

April 9th is BONEANZA at Waggin' Trails Dog Park, a fun interactive Easter Egg Hunt event for dogs/people.

Training continues at the Greater Kansas City Dog Training building on Friday morning. Do you need help getting ready for the ring? Contact Debbie for help or if you plan to attend one of our training sessions.

Braggs

Debbie McHenry

Alta-Tollhaus Trumann earned three titles in 2021, Rally Intermediate, and in obedience he earned Beginner Novice (BN) and Companion Dog (CD), with scores that earned him the Top Novice B dog for the Greater Kansas City Dog Training club.

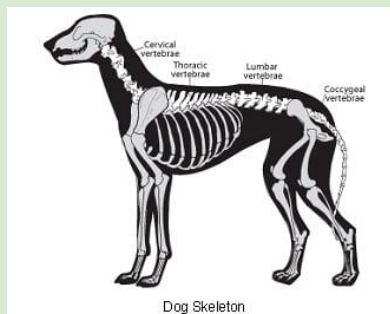


Gero vom Kleinen Holzweg completed his Preferred Utility Dog title in 2021.



Please send your brags to me, Tammy Peterson at ibperfect1@icloud.com

Veterinary Chiropractic Care



What is chiropractic?

"Chiropractic refers to the practice of manipulating the spine to treat disease." The term chiropractic comes from the Greek words "cheir" which means 'hand' and "praxis" which means 'practice' or 'done by' and refers to the practice of manipulating the spine to treat disease. Chiropractors base their theories of disease on the connections between various body structures and the nervous system via the spinal column, and on the role of the spine in biomechanics and movement. Therapy is directed at the spine in order to modify the progression of disease.

What is the history of chiropractic in veterinary medicine?

Spinal manipulation has been practiced for centuries in many cultures, including the early Chinese and Greeks. However, there is a distinct lack of historical documentation of its

early use in animal species. In its modern form, chiropractic theory and practice have developed within the last century. Early practitioners of modern chiropractic investigated its use in various animal species. As a distinct practice specialty, veterinary chiropractic is a young profession that is undergoing rapid growth and evolution.

On which species of animals is chiropractic practiced regularly?

Chiropractic manipulation is frequently performed on horses, dogs, and cats, but can theoretically be performed on any vertebrate species.

Who practices veterinary chiropractic and do I need a referral?

Chiropractors who work on animals must have specific training in both chiropractic theories and animal anatomy so that they are knowledgeable about the differences in biomechanics and neuromusculoskeletal function between humans and animals. In North America, a certification process is in place to ensure that practitioners possess the appropriate knowledge and skill to treat animals. The organization responsible for this certification is the American Veterinary Chiropractic Association, with specific designation of its members depending on their level of training, as follows: "Animal Chiropractor" is a Doctor of Chiropractic with AVCA certification; "Veterinarian Certified in Animal Chiropractic" is a DVM / VMD certified by AVCA; and "Veterinary Chiropractor" is both a Doctor of Chiropractic and Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. In some North American jurisdictions, certified Animal Chiropractors may be permitted to perform treatments without supervision; in other jurisdictions, chiropractors must be supervised by licensed veterinarians. The need for a referral varies by jurisdiction.

What conditions are most often treated with chiropractic?

Conditions with a neurologic or biomechanical origin are amenable to chiropractic manipulation. These conditions include degenerative joint diseases such as hip dysplasia and spondylosis; cervical instability; acute neck pain; intervertebral disk disease; autonomic nervous system problems such as urinary and fecal incontinence; musculoskeletal weakness or pain that resists conventional diagnosis and treatment; and chronic back and neck pain.

How can my pet benefit from chiropractic?

Chiropractic is one of the few modalities in veterinary medicine where results are often immediate and are often seen within minutes of treatment. In general, improvements are defined as an improved gait and an apparent reduction in pain. In orthopedic conditions such as fractures or ligament tears, chiropractic care may not replace the need for surgery, but will be useful in correcting secondary problems caused by compensation or overcompensation to the injury.

Animals used for athletic performance or other working purposes are ideal candidates for chiropractic treatment. By regularly assessing and maintaining maximum flexibility in these animals, injuries may be avoided. Animal athletes include horses used for racing, dressage or pleasure riding, and dogs used in racing, agility training or field trials.

How successful is chiropractic?

Like many holistic practitioners, chiropractors see the patient as a functional whole, rather than as a sum of its parts. Ensuring normal range of motion of vertebrae helps optimize

function of lymphatics, blood vessels and nerves, which communicate between the spine and various body structures, allowing the body to function optimally to the point that further interventions may not be required. Applied correctly, chiropractic adjustments can alleviate or eliminate the need for long-term drug or hormone treatments. The success of treatment depends upon the degree of pathology present and the duration of the condition.

How safe is chiropractic?

When performed by an experienced, trained veterinary professional, chiropractic manipulation is generally considered to be safe. If adjustments are performed with the appropriate force, the patient will require a series of treatments, which will gradually result in restoration of health. However, if the force of an adjustment is excessive or the adjustment is applied at an incorrect angle, time, or location, serious and possibly irreversible damage to the patient can occur. Temporary low-grade discomfort (lasting 24 to 48 hours) may be experienced in a minority of patients following chiropractic treatment.

What is the cost of chiropractic?

Comprehensive chiropractic treatment involves a thorough history taking and physical examination, followed by a patient assessment and formulation of a treatment plan. It rarely involves a single visit, and costs will vary according to the specific condition being treated and the response of the patient. The fees associated with chiropractic treatment are set by the individual practitioner and will often reflect the experience and skill of the chiropractor. Chiropractic is usually very affordable and is certainly a cost effective way of managing and resolving pain and weakness.

Can chiropractic be combined with other types of veterinary medicine?

Chiropractic therapy is often combined with other forms of traditional and alternative veterinary medicine.

There appears to be a particularly strong synergy between acupuncture and chiropractic. When multiple types of treatments are used, it may be difficult to determine the efficacy of a chiropractic treatment, unless the treatments are performed at different times. Certified veterinary chiropractors have the knowledge and skill to understand the interactions between different forms of treatment and to interpret the patient's response to therapy. If your pet is receiving chiropractic treatment from a practitioner other than your regular veterinarian, it is imperative that both individuals are kept updated about the ongoing treatment in order to provide coordinated care of your pet, to allow proper evaluation of treatment and to minimize any avoidable interactions or interferences.

How can I find out more information about veterinary chiropractic?

Please speak to your veterinary healthcare team if you are interested in learning more about chiropractic care for your dog.

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Have a blessed day

