



**January 2022**

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 Secretaries-Jeanne Harmon/JoClair Gipe

Corresponding Secretary-Amy Edwards

## **2021 Board Members**

Nancy Kennedy

Pat Robinette

Lynette Stone

Ken Sanders

Iryna Sanders

## **President's Message:**

Happy 2022 everyone! We have a New Year planned starting with elections in January at our annual meeting. I want to take this opportunity to thank last years' officers and board for their dedication and preservation of our breed and club. To those who seek to serve on future boards, committees or office, I will encourage you to bring honesty, determination and a true dedication to the German Shepherd Dog breed. Set your goals and don't be deterred by others who would seek to erode them, if your goals truly benefit the breed and the club. Working together with you ALL has been a pleasure and I look forward to 2022.

Debbie

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### German Shepherd Dog Club of Greater Kansas City General Meeting 12/14/21

Meeting was held in the NKC Community Center. 18 members and guests attended the last meeting of the year and Holiday Desserts, Awards, and a NKC Police Demonstration took place along with a White Elephant Gift Exchange rounding out the 2021 year.

Debbie McHenry, called the meeting to order. The minutes from the last general meeting in November were printed in the November newsletter and were approved as printed.

The treasurer's report was read by Mike Kennedy. He said that we had revenue which was mostly from dues. Over all we are doing okay.

Tracking: Thanks to Pat we had a successful Tracking event.

Board of Directors meeting was summarized by Sally Hamm. The board met via zoom on 11/18/21. Things that were discussed were the Conformation committee is wanting to change the date from June to May. Obedience committee will not hold an event but will make a donation to the Greater Kansas City Dog Training Club's Obedience Trials. Wine Pull was successful and a \$200.00 ck was presented to the officers from NKC this evening. New Business was to continue to rent the NKC Community center building and to get a 2n debit card for Debbie McHenry. The next board meeting will be held at Debbie's house on 1/16/22.

Conformation Committee: We are waiting on final approval for the upcoming June 2022 show.

Obedience Committee: The GKCDTC will be having 1 rally show on Friday, 1 rally show on Saturday and 3 obedience trials; 1 on Saturday and 2 on Sunday. We will do a donation for

trophies for the March show and for the fall shows for German Shepherd dogs participating.

Tracking: Pat reported that we had a great tracking event, we had good track layers and everything went smoothly. All the T's passed however the X's didn't. Thanks to everyone that helped. Everyone was pleased with the site, judges, weather, and we made money.

Membership: Nancy said we have not had any new applications. The New applications we did have earlier in the year have not shown up after that. Pins for years of service will be awarded at the January meeting. The directory will be published in March 2022.

Newsletter: Thanks to Tammy Peterson it is doing well.

Social Media: Debbie is trying to stay up with the Face Book pages. If you want to post to our Facebook page it must go through Debbie.

President's report: The Tracking Event went fabulous! Every other year we do this event sharing it with the Golden Retriever Club. We will be doing it again in 2023. Unfinished

Business: The nominating committee is putting the slate together. It will consist of

President: Debbie McHenry, Vice President: Sally Hamm, Corresponding and Recording

Secretary: Jeanne Harmon, Treasurer: Mike Kennedy, Board members: Iryna and Ken Sanders, Lynette Stone, Jose Lemus, and Nancy Kennedy. We still need a program director.

Library: Debbie has the club library and Bobbie has brought to her several VHS tapes from years gone by and they are available if anyone wants to borrow books or tapes and she will publish a list of what is available.

Brag: Tammy Peterson's dog Tripp finished his AKC Championship and has 5 pts. towards a Grand Championship.

Sally Hamm's dog Summer finished her TD

Becky James' dog Astrid, got her CD Title, Fray got a 100 in tracking for her IGP1 and a BH JoClair's dog Faolan got her first title in Schutzhsund.

Pat Robinette's dog, Ruger got his Novice Title and took high scoring dog JoClair presented 8 end of the year award certificates.

Meeting was adjourned and the NKC K-9 police officers presented a demonstration with a new officer and his 2 year old dog that has just recently been certified.

After everyone enjoyed the many desserts that were brought, we did a white elephant gift exchange. All had a great time.

Respectfully Submitted.

Jeanne Harmon

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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.

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### **Brag**

I didn't receive any brags for this newsletter so I am posting pictures of our Thanksgiving and Christmas parties

# Thanksgiving











**Christmas party/Awards/Presenting donation NKC K9 Unit**



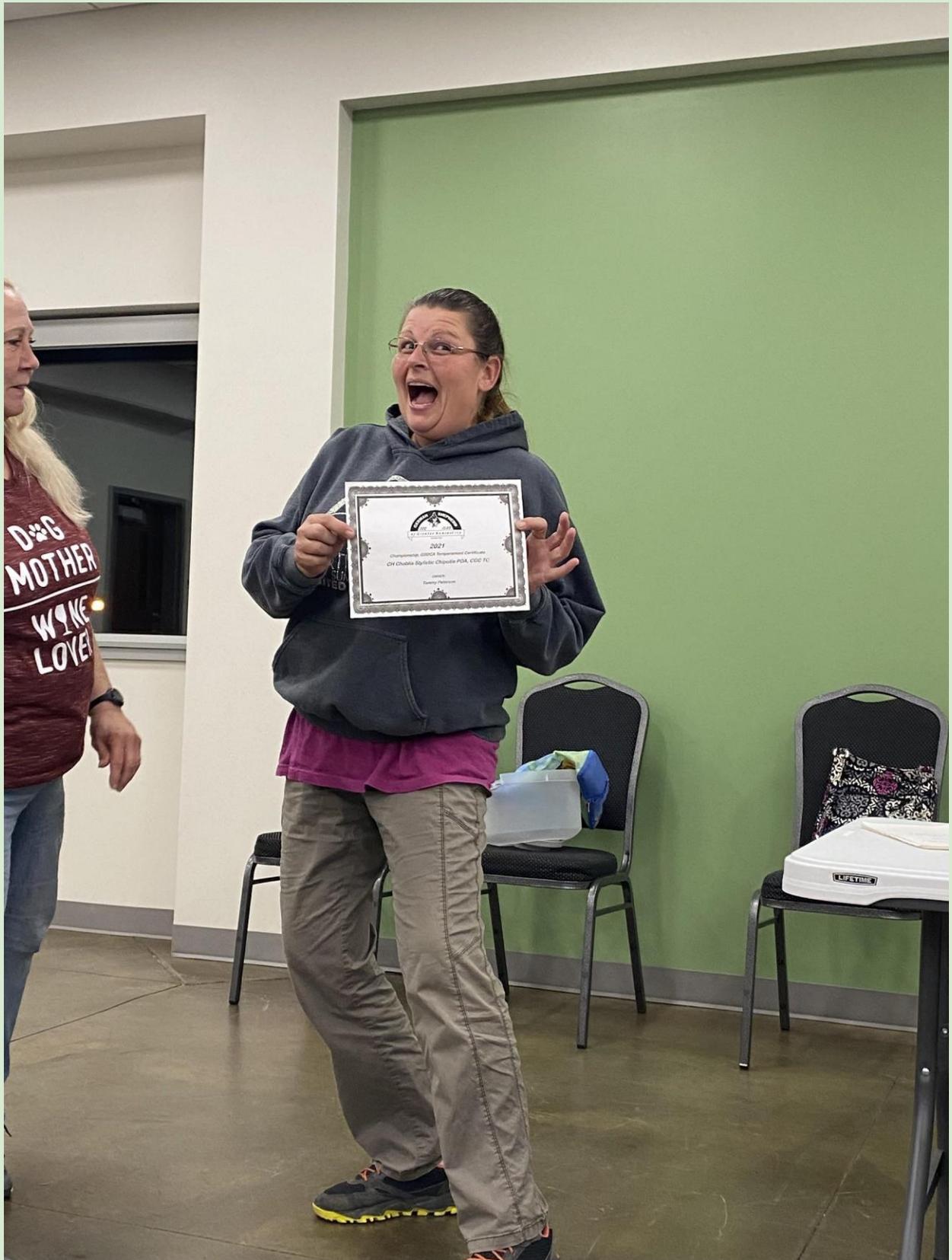












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MOTHER  
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2021  
Championship OBGCA Temperament Certificate  
CH Chihuahua Spitzler Chipotle PDA, CVD IV  
JAMES  
Dennis Anderson

LIFETIME



  
GERMAN SHEPHERD CLUB OF AMERICA  
OF GREAT BRITAIN LTD  
2021  
Tracking Dog, Canine Good Citizen  
Charbo's Long Hot Summer  
TO CGC  
Presented  
Sally Hamer



GERMAN SHEPHERD  
DOG CLUB  
OF GREATER KANSAS CITY  
2021  
Preferred Utility Dog  
Gero Vom Kleinen Holzweg  
CDX PUTD BN GN RAE TDX CA CGC  
OWNERS:  
Debbie and Mark McHenry



GERMAN SHEPHERD CLUB  
OF GREATER KANSAS CITY

2021  
Rally Excellent, IGP1  
SG Freya Von Darkwing  
IGP1 FPY1 UPY1 BH CD BN RE CGCA TKI TC  
OWNER:  
Rebecca James

GERMAN SHEPHERD CLUB  
OF GREATER KANSAS CITY

2021  
COMPANION DOG  
SG Astrid Von Darkwing  
BH CD BN RI CGCA TKN  
OWNER:  
Rebecca James

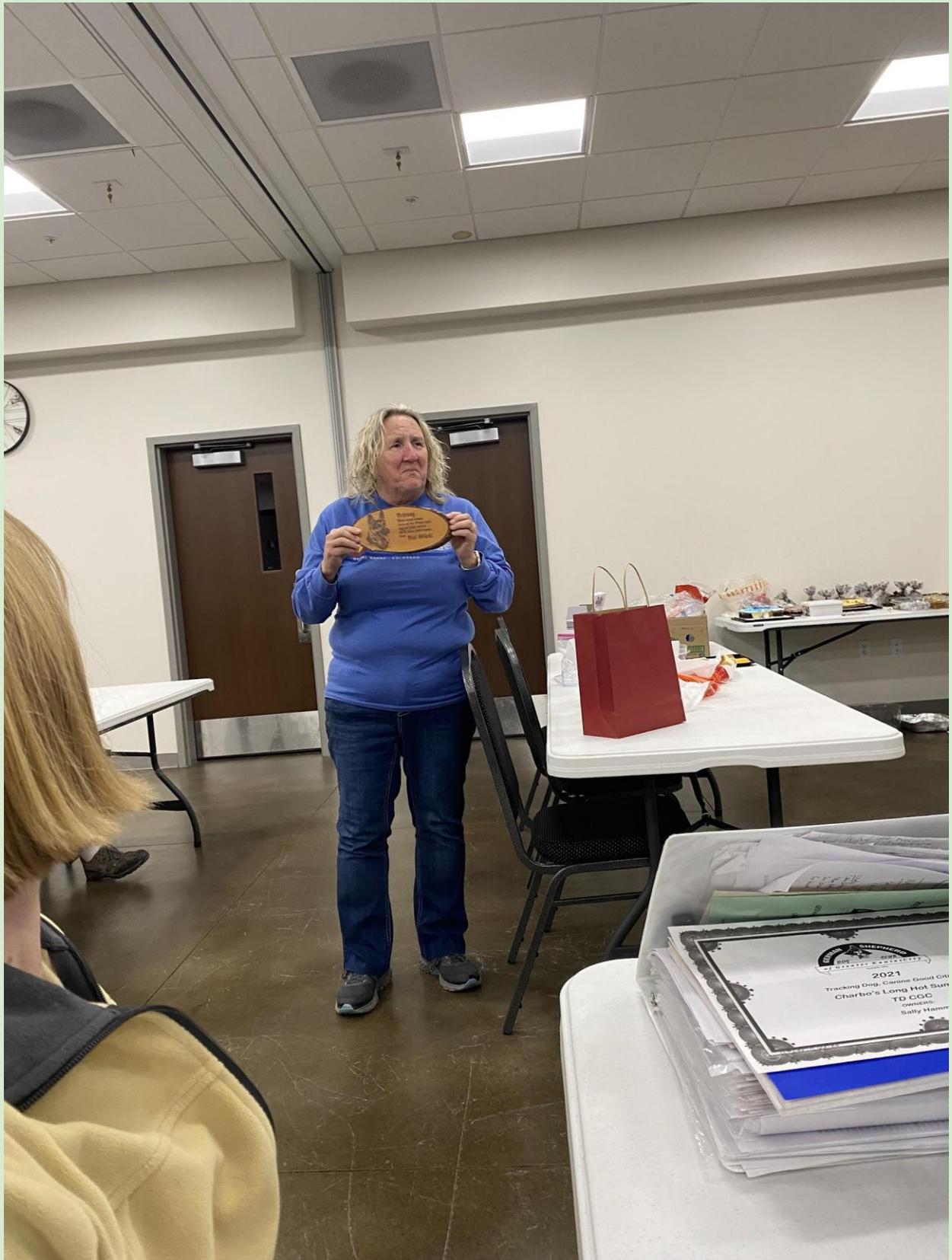


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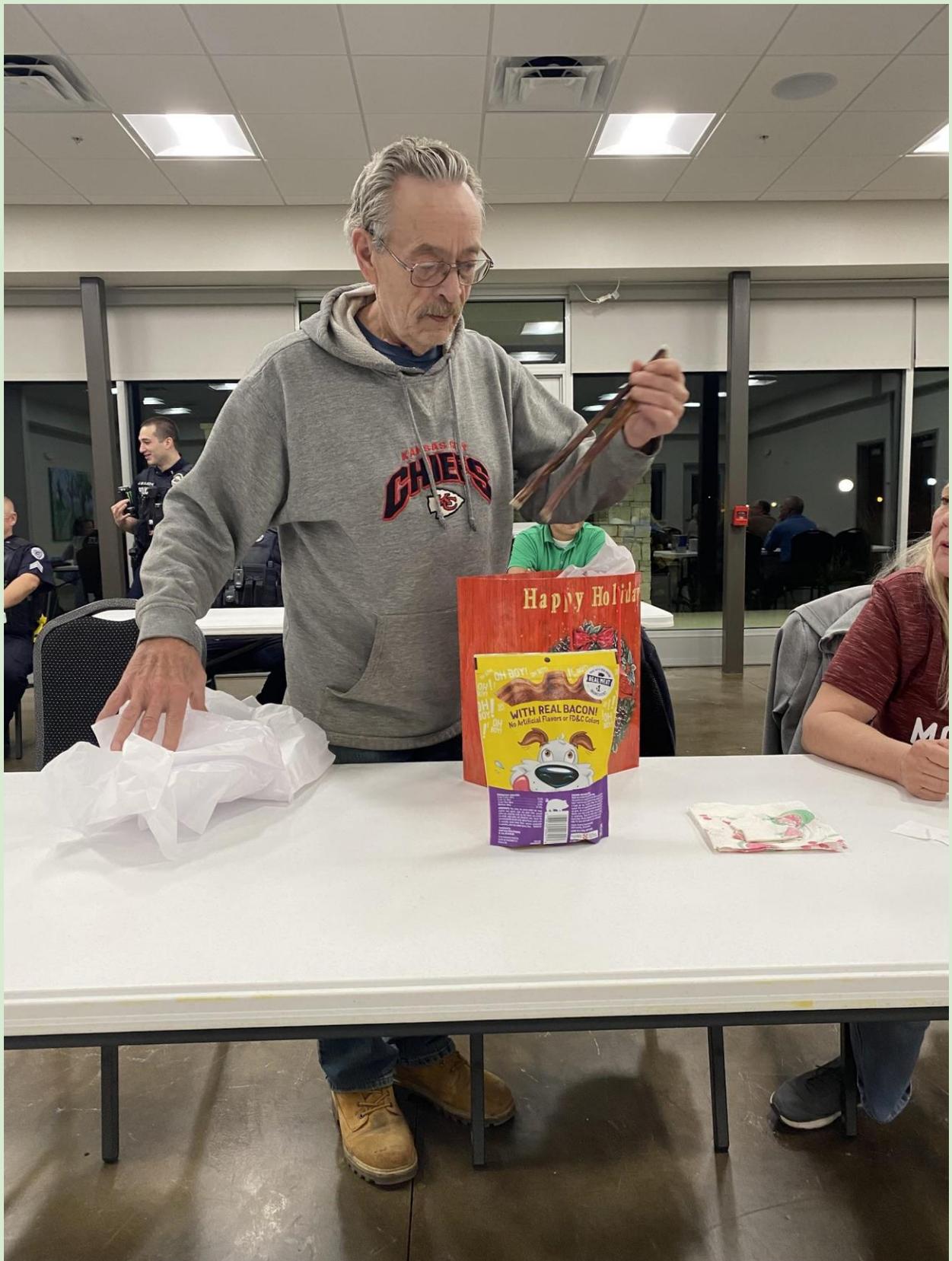
















**2021**  
Excellent, LCP 1  
SIG Freya Von Darkwing  
Jawhai  
PT UPR-1 BH CD BN RE OCGA TKI TC  
Rebecca James







Please send your brags to me, Tammy Peterson at [ibperfect1@icloud.com](mailto:ibperfect1@icloud.com)

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### **Are Pet-Safe Ice Melts Completely Safe?**

The short answer is no, pet-safe ice melts are not completely safe. While some ice melts are “safer” for pets than others, they all carry some risk, notes Dr. Sarah Gorman, associate veterinarian at Boston Animal Hospital. “The ASPCA’s Animal Poison Control Center classifies all ice melt products as being chemical irritants that can cause gastrointestinal signs, like vomiting and diarrhea, and topical irritation to the paw pads and skin,” she explains. “Prolonged exposure to the skin for any of these compounds can cause chemical burns.”

However, this doesn’t mean that pet owners shouldn’t know which ice melts are safest for their pets. They should be aware of the types of ice melt that are available, as well as what sort of impact they can have on their pet’s health.

### **Types of Ice Melt**

There are many, many kinds of ice melt on the market. One of the most popular is composed of sodium chloride—common rock salt. Unfortunately, rock salt is also one of the least pet-friendly ice melts out there. “Prolonged exposure to rock salt can have an irritating effect on a dog’s paws,” says Dr. Daniel Inman, a veterinarian at Burlington Emergency Veterinary Specialists in Williston, Vermont. “And ingestion can lead to gastrointestinal irritation in minor cases and, in more severe cases in which a dog ingests a large amount of rock salt, hypernatremia—the official term for elevated blood sodium levels. Hypernatremia can lead to a number of health problems, including advanced GI issues and neurologic dysfunction.”

While some of the other ice melts out there are easier on dogs’ and cats’ paws than rock salt, they are much more dangerous when ingested. Ethylene glycol-based ice melts contain the same active ingredient as antifreeze, which is very deadly if ingested. “It’s one of the deadliest toxins we see at our office,” Inman notes.

Some of the safest of ice melts are the ones with a propylene glycol base, Gorman says. However, it should be noted that propylene glycol ice melts often include urea as the active ingredient, which, while generally recognized as relatively pet-safe, is not as effective as other ice melt options, according to some chemical companies. And propylene glycol itself is not without some concerns. While it is quite safe for dogs, propylene glycol can damage a cat’s red blood cells when ingested.

Gorman adds that while these types of ice melts are some of the safest to use around dogs and cats, they are very dangerous for ruminants—e.g., goats and cows—if ingested. “This is

because the urea can cause ammonia toxicosis. It has to do with the fermentation process that occurs within these animals' digestive tract.”

### **Potential Ice Melt-Related Health Issues**

There are two common issues that may arise from ice melt exposure in pets. The first is topical, meaning irritation to the skin, paw pads, and other body surfaces. Especially after repeat or prolonged exposure, most types of ice melts will cause irritation, and some of the more dangerous ice melts can cause the chemical burns that Gorman mentions. Gorman also says that most city sidewalks, as well as sidewalks maintained by local businesses, are not using pet-safe products. “So if you have a dog that goes on lots of walks on wet winter sidewalks, it is always best to rinse and wipe off their feet, including in between the toes and around the central pad. Some companies also make dog paw wipes that are helpful with this.”

Dr. Liz Alton, owner and practicing veterinarian at Green Mountain Animal Hospital in Burlington, Vermont, says that owners should keep a close eye on their dogs in the wintertime, especially if they start licking at their feet or walking gingerly. “If the animal's feet look red, irritated, or rashy, or if the dog just doesn't seem to be acting right, that's the time to bring him in to the vet. We might not be able to say for sure what caused the irritation, but we can certainly treat it and ensure it heals properly.”

The second common potential health issue is gastrointestinal irritation. The impact of GI issues can vary, depending on the type and amount of ice melt the animal ingested. Inman says that a good resource for pet owners who suspect their dog or cat may have ingested ice melt is the Pet Poison Helpline. “They'll tell you what might lead to minor irritation and what constitutes a toxic dose,” he says. “It's the difference between a pet with a little bit of gastrointestinal upset and a pet that needs to be on IV fluids to bring down her salt level gradually in a hospital setting.”

In rare cases, signs of generalized toxicity may develop after a pet ingests a large amount of ice melt. For example, the high blood sodium levels that can develop after ingestion of rock salt may result in neurologic symptoms like lethargy, weakness, unsteadiness, behavior changes, muscle twitches, seizures, and coma.

### **What Can Pet Owners Do?**

While it is true that no ice melt is entirely pet-safe, owners can take steps to mitigate ice melt-related dangers. First, as mentioned before, if your dog goes on a walk through an area treated with ice-melt products, you should take a few minutes to wash your dog's feet once you return home.

There are also some products available for owners looking to take preventative measures. Alton mentions paw wax, which protects paws from ice and salt and is often used in very cold environments, as well as dog booties that keep paws safe and dry on walks. However, it can be difficult to predict whether a dog will take to booties, she says. “A lot of dogs think they can't walk when they have dog booties on, and others just don't like it and will chew them, trying to get them off,” she describes. “This could lead to the dog eating parts of the bootie, which is also not good.”

In terms of ingestion, dogs should be prevented from eating ice melt when out on walks, and all chemicals should be kept locked up and out of reach of pets when not in use. If a pet does get into ice melt, our experts urge pet owners to call their veterinarian or the Pet Poison Helpline, and, if the pet has ingested a large amount, head straight to their vet or nearest animal hospital.

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Have a blessed day

