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

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### President's Message:

Transitions are hard! Holidays are done, and work has been picking up for most people this week. We've got the weather to contend with and it's crazy...can't make up its mind if it is Winter or Spring! We're moving forward with our new BIG CELEBRATION year! 100th Anniversary of our regional club. Have you heard about all the fun stuff we have planned for this year? Come to the first meeting of 2023 and find out where you and your dogs want to be this year. Your vote counts!

Debbie

### Meetings

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

Our first meeting of 2023 will be Tuesday January 10th

#### Homemade Paw Protecting Wax Recipe Only 4 Ingredients!

With the winter cold, snow and ice: here is a great dyi recipe to keep your dogs paw pads healthy. Here are a couple recipes

#### **Instructions**

Add all ingredients to a small saucepan and melt over low heat being very careful not to burn the wax. It melts fairly fast so you don't want to leave it unattended.

All the beeswax will melt and become clear, pour into half-pint ball jars or small tins. Cool completely before putting a lid on the jar or tin.

2 oz beeswax grated usually come in bars, one bar is equal to 1 oz 2 Tbs olive oil 2 Tbs coconut oil 2 Tbs almond oil



## Awards banquet and gift exchange

We had a great turnout for our awards banquet Congratulations to all on your new titles

Here are a few pictures



















## **BRAGS**

# Sally Hamm

Summer finished her BN at GKCDTC shows on November 19 and 20. She is now Charbo's Long Hot Summer BN, TD, CGC.



My daughter's new puppy bred by Bobbie and currently being called Hank is questioning his role as a reindeer. Happy Holidays!



Please send your brags to me, Tammy Peterson at <a href="mailto:ibperfect1@icloud.com">ibperfect1@icloud.com</a>

### German Shepherd Dog Club of America

If you're not already a member of the GSDCA, you should join. There is very informative articles, what's happening with our breed, show schedules, etc.

https://www.gsdca.org/

Laura with The Dogs' Spot mentioned that they do Dog of the Month every month.

We pick a winner at the beginning of the month and they are featured on our Waggin' Trail Facebook page and receive a prize from The Dogs' Spot. They can enter at www.nkcparksandrec.org/dogofthemonth.



It's a new year and time to start fresh. I bet a vast majority of human resolutions focus on diet, activity and fitness. Fido could benefit from a few similar resolutions too!

Here are some suggestions for your dog's happy and healthy new year!

### 1. No more low quality-commercial food!

switch your commercial dog food for a healthier alternative I've said it before; just as YOU are what you eat, your DOG is too! Food that is packed with corn, soy and other low quality non-nutritive fillers is simply bad food. Poor quality food can lead to poor health and behavior issues. There are tons of great foods out there, AND if you are up for it, cooking for your dog can be quite simple (check out DIY Turkey and Sweet Potato pie recipe!). Whipping up a week or two worth of food, forming little portioned out patties and freezing it can be done in a 1/2hr every two weeks!

### 2. Train your dog

train your dog by taking small steps towards better behaviour. Stop over thinking this project! Honestly, if you have an issue you want to tackle with your dog, take 10 minutes to look it up online or call a trainer and set up a lesson! Both you and your dog will sigh with relief once you do! Each passing day is an opportunity missed at changing your dog's behavior, and it will amaze you what you can accomplish through just a month's worth of effort. Training with a humane and gentle trainer can strengthen the already deep bond you have with Fido. You'll be shocked at how easy training can be when broken into steps properly.

### 3. Remind yourself your dog is a dog

A dog just being himself, you love that bundle of fur kid; but do not forget he is a DOG. This means, he will take opportunities to hump a leg or a slipper, drag your undies into the living room in front of guests, knock over your garbage can, and dart after an unsuspecting bird or squirrel. So, when these little things have you shaking your head with frustration or bewilderment; take a deep breath and remember, HE IS A DOG. I'm not necessarily condoning all of this behavior, and want to remind you of the resolution suggestion above (TRAIN YOUR DOG!), but the truth is – he is doing what his natural wiring tells him to do. Avoid falling into the "but he KNOWS not to do that," trap. Dogs do not feel guilt or know they've been "bad" after peeing on your floor or tearing apart a garbage bag. They just feel relieved their bursting bladder is empty and satisfied after a good treasure hunt. Instead of feeling frustrated, train, manage and guide your dog. Love him and all his dogginess.

### 4. Create dog appropriate energy outlets

A toy that can help your dog to use up energy appropriately All active beings need energy outlets. If your dog is tearing apart your garbage or digging in your garden, he's sending

you a message. "I AM BORED!" My kids send me this message if I try to pick up my phone for an adult conversation in the evening hours. I should be focusing on their activities; dinner, bath time and book time. My kids run, yell and throw things. Similarly, a dog will bark, dig and chew things. If parents don't provide activities, your bored energy ball WILL find something to do.

## 5. Check in on your dog's equipment

Check in on your dogs equipment like their harness or leash. More and more we are looking toward fashionable gear and equipment for our dogs' daily wear. This is all well and good, but be sure what your dog is sporting is of good quality with a focus on safety! Take time to make sure your tags are attached appropriately (on all 15 collars he wears) and be sure the clasps of your leashes are in good functioning order. Oh, and make sure that your microchip information is up-to-date. Did you change office jobs, move, or switch cell numbers this year?! If so, your microchip needs to be updated!

https://moderndogmagazine.com/articles/new-year-new-you-new-dog/89868

Have a blessed day