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**The Schaferhunde News
The German Shepherd Dog Club of Greater Kansas City
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President's Message:

T-shirts/bags can be paid for and picked up at the May Meeting or the June shows. We will have extra shirts/bags to purchase if you missed ordering on this first printing. Friday morning training continues at the GKCDTC building for all members and guests! Let's get ready to show those skills at the obedience trials in July! Consider joining your GSDCA Parent Club; upcoming proposed changes in breed standards and ROM requirements. We are responsible for the future of this breed that we love. Don't sit on the sidelines; get involved!
Debbie

Meetings

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

May meeting is Tues 5-9-2023

Sign ups

Here are the link to sign up to help at our specialty. We need everyone's help as this will be a big show.

These are the premier events for our club this year, and we are going to celebrate BIG with a silent auction and raffle items each day. The temperament test is included in the premium list

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D4AA5AB2CA4FC1-conformation1>

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D4AA5AB2CA4FC1-potluck>

BRAGS

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

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.

FEELIN' LUCKY?
ENTER TO BE DOG OF THE MONTH!

Winner will be featured on Waggin' Trail's Facebook Page and receive Beer Paw's Peanut Butter Flavor Beer Biscuits. Enter at [nkcparsandrec.org/dogofthemonth](http://nkcparksandrec.org/dogofthemonth).

WAGGIN' TRAIL PARK

The Dogs Spot
Dog Training Center

Dog Safety: The Dangers of Blue-Green Algae Poisoning

Heading to a lake or pond this summer? Beware of this type of algae that can be toxic to dogs.

While most algae are harmless, some species of blue-green algae produce toxins that can kill a dog within minutes. Dogs that survive (who are often exposed to low levels of toxins) may develop health problems such as chronic liver disease and possibly tumors—damage that may go unnoticed until it's severe.

Researchers suspect many deaths are missed because people don't even realize their dogs were exposed. Vets may not recognize the symptoms, and tests to detect the toxins can be costly and complex. (Blue-green algae can be harmful to humans, too, but deaths are rare.)

In recent years, cases of blue-green algae poisoning in dogs have surged due to nutrients like phosphorous and nitrogen being washed into waterways from agriculture, lawns, and other sources. Climate change also plays a role. Below, learn how to keep your dog safe from blue-green algae this summer.

How to Spot Blue-Green Algae

Also known as cyanobacteria, blue-green algae thrives in fresh bodies of water during warm weather. There are plenty of ways to differentiate blue-green algae from harmless green, brown, and other kinds of algae.

For one thing, its color isn't always blue-green. It can also be reddish-purple or brown, and other hues. Normally, algae are equally distributed throughout the water. But blue-green algae produces large blooms that are often concentrated along the water's edge (it may look like slimy paint). These can still taint the water after it looks clear. Blooms may last for a week; their toxins may last three weeks.

Even when blue-green algae isn't floating on the surface, it may lurk below, moving up and down with available light and nutrients. At night, it often floats to the top, forming a scum.

Wind and waves can then concentrate toxic blooms in shallow areas or at the water's edge—right where dogs like to splash, wade or drink. The water doesn't taste bad, vets say, so dogs will lap it up. Some like to gobble down dried algae mats.

How to Protect Your Dog from Blue Green Algae

The Environmental Protection Agency recommends that outings with pets to lakes, rivers and streams include an algae check. Dogs should not drink, swim or wade in water that is discolored, smells bad, or where there are mats of algae, foam or scum. If your dog does get into scummy water, rinse them off with tap water immediately, making sure they don't lick algae from their fur. The toxins can also be absorbed through their skin. If a dog shows signs of poisoning, seek veterinary treatment right away.

Here are the signs of blue-green algae poisoning to lookout for:

Vomiting

Diarrhea

Weakness or staggering

Difficulty breathing

Drooling

Convulsions

Finally, be sure to report any blue-algae incidents to your state's Public Health Department to prevent other dogs from getting sick.

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Have a blessed day