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

Happy Spring! Welcome warm breezes and green grass for the dogs and us to enjoy. Plan to join us for Rally training again this month at 6pm prior to the regular meeting. All dogs welcome to play!! April 6th is the Easter Egg Hunt for dogs at Waggin' Trail Park, come out and enjoy this fun event. May 11-12 are the dates for our conformation shows this year at Purina Farms in Grey Summit, MO. Please let Bobbie and Lynette know if you are available to help Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning.

### Debbie

#### Meetings

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

North Kansas City Community Building; Ryan Hall at 1201 Clark Ferguson Drive, North Kansas City, MO 64116.

Rally practice at 6pm



## **Brags**

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

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/

# 30 Fun and Fascinating Dog Facts

- 1. The Labrador Retriever has been on the AKC's top 10 most popular breeds list for longer than any other breed.
  - 2. A dog's nose print is unique, much like a person's fingerprint.
    - 3. Forty-five percent of U.S. dogs sleep in their owner's beds.
  - 4. Speaking of sleeping ... all dogs dream, but puppies and senior dogs dream more frequently than adult dogs.
  - 5. Seventy percent of people sign their dog's name on their holiday cards.
- 6. A dog's sense of smell is legendary, but did you know that their nose has as many as 300 million receptors? In comparison, a human nose has about 5 million.
  - 7. Rin Tin Tin, the famous German Shepherd Dog, was nominated for an Academy Award.
  - 8. Dogs' noses can sense heat and thermal radiation, which explains why blind or deaf dogs can still hunt.
  - 9. The French Bulldog was first named the most popular breed in 2022.

- 10. The name Collie means "black." (Collies once tended black-faced sheep.)
- 11. Yawning is contagious even for dogs. Research shows that the sound of a human yawn can trigger one from your dog. And it's four times as likely to happen when it's the yawn of a person your pet knows.
  - 12. The Dandie Dinmont Terrier is the only breed named for a fictional person, a character in the novel "Guy Mannering" by Sir Walter Scott.
- 13. Dogs curl up in a ball when sleeping to protect their organs a holdover from their days in the wild, when they were vulnerable to predator attacks.
- 14. The Basenji is not technically "barkless," as many people think. They can yodel.
- 15. The Australian Shepherd is not actually from Australia. In fact, they are an American breed.
  - 16. ... And the Labrador Retriever is originally from Newfoundland.
- 17. Human blood pressure goes down when petting a dog. And so does the dog's.
- 18. There are over 75 million pet dogs in the U.S. more than in any other country.
  - 19. A person who hunts with a Beagle is known as a "Beagler."
    - 20. Dogs are not color-blind. They can see blue and yellow.

#### 21. All puppies are born deaf.

- 22. Dalmatians are born completely white. They develop their spots as they get older.
- 23. Dogs have about 1,700 taste buds. We humans have between 2,000 and 10,000.
- 24. When dogs kick backward after they go to the bathroom, it's not to cover it up, but to mark their territory, using the scent glands in their feet.
- 25. A study shows that dogs are among a small group of animals who show voluntary unselfish kindness towards others without any reward.
- 26. The Norwegian Lundehund is the only dog breed created for the job of puffin hunting.
- 27. Greyhounds can beat cheetahs in a race. While cheetahs can run twice as fast as Greyhounds, they can only maintain that 70 mph speed for about thirty seconds. A Greyhound can maintain a 35 mph speed for about seven miles. The cheetah may start out first, but the Greyhound would soon overtake them.
  - 28. The Bloodhound's sense of smell is so accurate that the results of its tracking can be used as evidence in a court of law.
- 29. According to Guinness World Records, a Great Dane named Zeus is the world's tallest male dog. Zeus is 3 feet, 5.18 inches tall.
- 30. What about the shortest dog? According to Guinness World Records, the shortest dog ever recorded was Pearl the Chihuahua. She measures 3.59 inches tall.

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