



April 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 Secretary - Jeanne Harmon

2021 Board Members

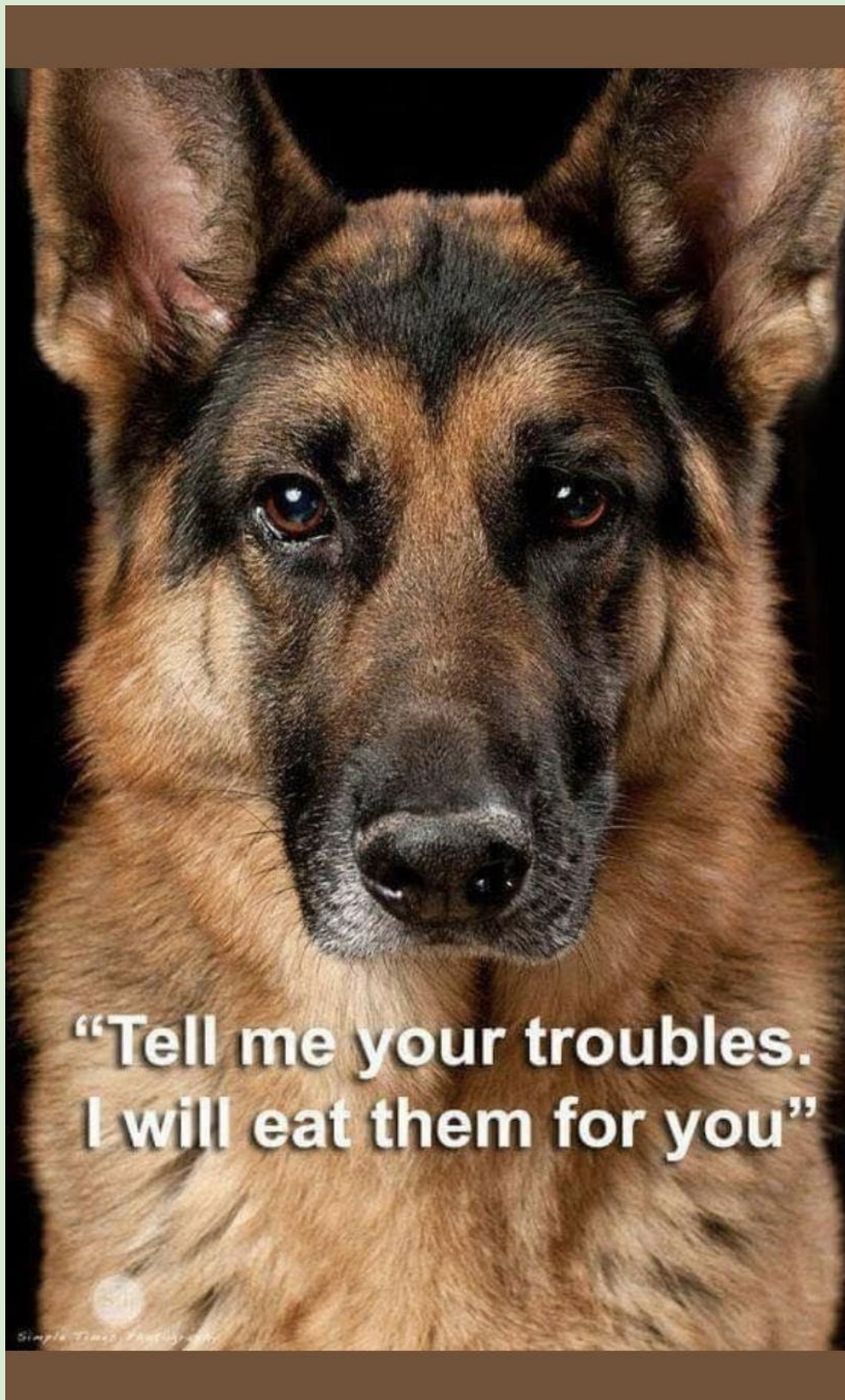
Nancy Kennedy
Jose Lemus

**Lynette Stone
Ken Sanders
Iryna Sanders**

President's Message:

Happy Spring Ya'!!! The daffodils are up, the pansies are planted and the dogs are eating grass...so Spring must be here! We are looking forward to Bonanza on April 9th at the Waggin' Trails Dog Park; come out and see us. Bring your dog and plan to participate in the Easter Egg Hunt for dogs. Our June show is fast approaching, see if you can volunteer some time to help that weekend June 10 - 12th. It should be a lot of fun visiting with old/new friends at the show. See you at the meeting on April 12th. Board meetings are held on Zoom Calls the Sunday prior to general meetings. If you are interested in joining the call, contact Ken Sanders to get the meeting info. Are you enjoying training your GSD in this better weather? Need some help or suggestions where to train? Contact me! We are still looking for a Group Walk Committee Chair. The weather is perfect to get outside and meet your GSD friends for a walk in the park.

Debbie



GSDCGKC GENERAL MEETING, MARCH 8, 2022

Dr. Roger Becker from the Independence Animal Hospital was our guest speaker. He spoke about how veterinary offices are changing, he spoke about bloat and torsion in German

Shepherd Dogs and answered questions from the club members. He was so interesting he could have stayed for another hour. Thank you, Dr. Becker, for a great evening. Next month there is a guest speaker from a local boarding kennel regarding boarding your dog.

Hope to see more of you there April 12, 2022.

In attendance tonight were 17 club members.

We began the meeting with Jose Lemus, Board Member, and chairman of the By-Laws and Constitution Committee. He did a power point explanation of all the changes the committee has come up with for 2022. Most of the changes bring the Constitution and By-Laws current to today's society. The changes will be posted in the newsletter this month for all members to review and then we will vote on them at the April general meeting.

Debbie called the meeting to order. The minutes from the February general meeting were printed in the newsletter and were approved as printed.

The treasurer report was read by Mike Kennedy. The expenses were from square space renewal and for printing the 2022 directories. Income received was from the raffle at the last general meeting.

Ken Sanders, Board Chairman was unable to be at this meeting. But a summary of the board meeting on Sunday, March 6, 2022 via zoom were covered by summary. We reviewed the By-Law changes that Jose presented and any additions and changes were fine tuned. We are still looking for a spot for the September picnic.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

TRACKING: The tracking test is closed since we submitted the results. The next tracking test is December, 2023. We need to go ahead and secure the judges for that event at this time.

CONFORMATION: The ribbons are being made. Premium list is being put together and we added a CGC test on Saturday. It will be \$15.00 for club members and show participants and \$20.00 for walk in's or non-club members.

The futurity in 2023, the judges will be Jeff Pyle on Sunday and Ileana Noguerras on Saturday and she will be doing a temperament test after the show Saturday. We still need a judge for Friday. We also will be needing sponsors/ advertising, per the parent club of \$300.00. This would include breeders, clubs, etc.

Another issue we have is Valerie Herrington can be the off-site show secretary but we will be needing an on site secretary. The Futurity is the Sunday Show and our show is Friday and Saturday. We will also be needing a show photographer. A suggestion was made to contact Tori Lee with Hounds in Motion to see if she could be available. This would be for both 2022 and 2023 shows.

Our show for 2022 is June 10, 11, 12, 2022. Please mark your calendars!

OBEDIENCE: The next obedience event will be July 15 & 16, 2023. David Parker is checking with GKCDTC to see if their space will be available at that time. He will get back to us after their board meeting.

MEMBERSHIP & DIRECTORY: We had one new application that came in on the way to the meeting. Jackie Hoddon from Wellsville, KS but she was not in attendance this evening. We now have a current count on the number of membership pins in our inventory.

NEWSLETTER: Tammy reported that the newsletter is going well. We will have the changes of the by-laws posted for all to review. Also please remember to send your pictures to her.

WEBSITE: Payment was made for Go Daddy, our website host, it should be good for 5 years.

PROGRAMS: Next month the program will be a kennel manager from the Elkhound Dog Ranch Kennel, under new owners and management, she will be speaking about kenneling your dog in a commercial kennel and answer any questions you may have regarding that.

May 10th, 2022 we are having Missouri Search and Rescue speak to us regarding their program.

PICNIC: Ken and Iryna checked out the prices for different parks and they will continue to do so as English Landing has been suggested. The picnic is September 11, 2022.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT: Debbie thanked everyone for coming and reminded us that there was a dog show this weekend at Hale Arena.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Bone-anza is on Saturday, April 9, 2022 from 1:00 – 2:30 please come out and support our club with your dog, it is at Wagon Wheel Dog Park in NKC. This is an Easter Event.

NEW BUSINESS: It is suggested to club members that we organize group walks with your dog. We need a person to organize this. We could meet as a group and walk together at a park or trail weekly, once a month, or whenever this could be put together. Sounds like fun! It would be unstructured and we can meet as a social group.

BRAGS: Tanner; owned by Bobbie and Charlie Schiffelbein, took Winners Dog at Purina Farms.

Norman; co-owned by Lynette Stone finished his Championship in Midland Texas.

Nancy Kennedy has a new grandson!

Tammy Peterson got certified from AKC to do Temperament Tests.

We then held our raffle.

See you April 9, 2022 at Bone-anza!!

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanne Harmon

**I don't always
shed...**



**... just kidding,
yes I do!**

**a lot, all the time,
everywhere, twice a
year 6 months at a
time...**

Meetings & Programs

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

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.

June 10-12th. Is our conformation shows at Smithville Lake.

2022 Bylaws Review

We will be voting on this at the meeting.

Dues, Section 2.:

- “During the month of November, the Treasurer shall mail or email each member a statement of their dues for the coming year.

Section 1. Board of Directors:”

“...authority to authorize expenditures and incur obligations in the normal course of club business not to exceed \$200.00 \$500 per calendar month (non -accumulative)

- “Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held whenever the President or any two members of such Board shall consider such meetings necessary or desirable, [ADD] to include virtual platform. “

Elections, Section 5. Nominations:

- “The Nominating Committee shall consist of five four persons who have been Club members for a minimum of six months, and only one of whom may be a member of the Board. The Recording Secretary is not eligible for membership on this committee. Two/one members of this committee are to be selected by the Board of Directors at the regular September Board meeting and three two/three persons are to be elected by the Club members at the regular October business meeting.”

- “The Recording Secretary shall mail or email to every Club member at least two weeks prior to the Annual Meeting, a ballot setting forth the names of all nominees for office. Members may cast absentee ballots by delivering them [ADD] in person, mail or email...”

Meetings, Section 6.:

- “The regular meetings of the Club shall be held on the second Tuesday of each month at such place as the Board of Directors shall determine unless the Board of Directors shall otherwise

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.

BRAGS

Lynette Stone

New Champion – Norman
Chablis Hillside Ti - Cars Watch Closely Now v Jalyn

Owners Tiffany Bartley, Lynette Stone, & Carmi Swift



Pat Robinette

Pat Robinette and Ruger finished their Companion Dog title at the Greater Kansas City Dog Training Club trials; placing first in the class and winning High Scoring German Shepherd Dog. This is Pat's first GSD and FIRST obedience competition dog!



Tammy Peterson

“Trip” CH Chablis Stylistic Chipotle earned his AKC Trick Dog Novice title.



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

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 nkcparksandrec.org/dogofthemonth.





Dog Harassment

Let's set the scene. This may become a bit sensitive for some, and I apologise in advance. You're out somewhere. You might be at a restaurant, a bar, a public park on a sunny day enjoying the sunshine with your family. It may be that you're on your way home from work or trying to catch the bus. You're just minding your own business.

Suddenly, a person comes straight up to you. They give you anxiety. What is this person going to do? I don't know! The person is walking with a friend and the friend sees you're a bit anxious and calls out to you saying "Don't stress, she/he's all good!" But they keep approaching you. And when they finally reach you they randomly hug you. Touch you. Walk circles around you. Start talking to you. Don't let you leave.

What would you call that? Harassment? Assault in severe cases?

How would this make you feel?

Now, after the initial shock you find your courage and you ask the person to go away. Leave you alone. But the person doesn't stop and instead touches your arm or your hair. "Oh come on, we're alright. I'm not doing anything bad I'm friendly! Just let me be around you." You get upset and might push the person. Shout at them. If you're a bit more of an assertive person you might punch them. Who knows.

Then the person and the friend get upset. Well? WHY are you here then? What are you doing in this public space if you don't like being around other people? You have no business to be here, minding your own business in this park with your family without allowing me to sit with you, play with you, touch you, talk to you. Actually, you know what you should do?

You should be more social! You should go more often to random groups of people.

Do you see what I did there?

If you thought any of the above situation is not okay (and I sure as heck hope you do), then why do we think it's okay to let dogs run up to strange dogs and say 'It's okay he's friendly'?

What we do in the dog world is the exact opposite what we should be doing. We label the harassed dog as aggressive and the harassing dog as the victim.

Dogs have emotions. They have feelings. They have their own characters and personalities.

There are many, many dogs that are not interested in making new friends or being with dogs they don't know they can trust.

And sure, some dogs love playing with other dogs. Those are the extroverted dogs. Just like we have people that LOVE hugging or love making new friends even as adults, but to be honest.. how many of those people do you know? I think if you put it into a % its lower than the people that rather just are with their select group of people and be left alone by random strangers in public spaces.

So don't assume the dog your dog is running towards on the beach, is willing to play with your dog. Being in a public space means you need to have your dog under effective control.

And if you can't call your dog back, it should be on a long line until you can.

Courtesy of Lettland German Shepherds

Have a blessed day