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

2022 Officers

President - Debbie McHenry
Vice President - Sally Hamm
Treasurer - Mike Kennedy
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2022 Board Members

Nancy Kennedy
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President's Message:

August heat has slowed us down from our outside routines, just trying to stay hydrated in the shade. Lots of dog events coming up this Fall, stay tuned for dates/times. The GSDCA National Specialty event will take place in Ocala, Florida this year October 7-15 and the GSDCA USA Sieger Show October 14-16 at the same location! It looks like a gorgeous venue, hope some of you will be able to enjoy all the fun planned for that week. We will be having our Wine Pull in August at the Topeka shows August 25-27th, bring your wine bottles to Bobbie S. at the meeting to help support our club and local law enforcement canines. Are you an artist or do you know someone who is? We are looking for original artwork to feature on our t-shirts for our 2023 Futurity. Let me know if you have any ideas for this fundraiser...we need you!

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**GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF GREATER KANSAS CITY
GENERAL MEETING July 12, 2022**

We began the evening with a program put on by Donald Jacot from Kansas Search and Rescue. He brought with him two of his personal dogs. One dog was a cadaver dog and the other dog was a missing persons dog. Each put on a great demo of finding a body part, which in this case it was human teeth and the other dog found Bobbie Schiffelbein, who was hiding. Everyone enjoyed the program. If you would like to follow this organization or need more information they are on Facebook at K-9 SARK (Search And Rescue Kansas). After the program we shared snacks and treats brought to the meeting for all to enjoy. Be sure and join us next month for the Missouri Search and Rescue organization put on by Irene Korotev.

The meeting was then called to order by President Debbie McHenry. In attendance this evening were 17 members and 3 guests.

Secretary, Jeanne Harmon summarized the minutes from our last meeting in May. There was no meeting in June because of our show. There were no additions or corrections to the minutes.

Mike Kennedy, Treasurer reported that we made \$772.00 on the June Show. It was a good weekend.

CONFORMATION: We are wrapping up the June show and waiting on AKC to make it official. Everything went well and thanks go out to all our volunteers who helped.

OBEDIENCE: Nancy Kennedy reported on the 2023 upcoming show. We just need to sign the contract for the Greater Kansas City Dog Training building and then retain a judge. It will be an obedience only show.

TRACKING: The Golden Retriever Club will be putting on the 2022 show. We will be doing the 2023 show.

PICNIC: The annual picnic will be held on 9/ 11/ 22 from 10:00-2:00 at Sarko Park Trails at 87th and Lackman Road in Lenexa Kan. It is on the south side of 87th Street.

WINE PULL: The Topeka Show will be coming up so please bring wine or a donation to the next club meeting and give it to Bobbie Schiffelbein.

NEW BUSINESS: Next year's show in 2023 will be a really big event. It is a Futurity and also our Club's 100th Anniversary. It is where Breeders' Showcase their dogs. We will need to put together a Futurity Committee, and we will need to get ads for the catalog as \$300.00 in ads are a requirement from the parent club. Breeders will be bringing young dogs in and we hope to really have your participation. The first 3 volunteers so far are: Sally Hamm, Bobbi Schiffelbein, and Tammy Peterson.

For the 2024 Shows, we are looking into trying to do a Conformation and Obedience show combination and join with the Heart of America Dog Club to put this on. It would be moved to March from June. It would be an inside show on mats. We would be doing a Specialty and Obedience Show along with the Golden Retriever Club. We will look into pursuing this as an alternative option. Heart of America would rent the facility and there would be a grooming station. The Disadvantage would be we would lose our June show date. Bobbie will research to see if this date would be in conflict with other specialty shows in the area. We would have to split the entry fees with Heart of America.

MEMBERSHIP: Nathan Jarvis and his sister Beth Jarvis were guests at the meeting and we did a first reading on each of them. Along with Monica from Shawnee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/ BRAGS: Bobbie Schiffelbeinn finished her dog Hottie at our June Show. She received her Championship. She is working on her ROM. Hottie's son finished 1st in his class.

Tammy Peterson and Hadas took Reserve Winner's Bitch in the Friday show and also received her CGC

Sally Hamm's Summer took 1st in the American Bred Class.

Becky James' Halina received her CGC also.

Thanks to Rosie for overseeing the CGC on Saturday.

Debbie McHenry's Truman placed first in Novice Class on all three days and received # 2 in Novice Obedience with the GSDC of America for 2021.

The raffle basket this evening, donated by Rosie, was awarded to Jeanne Harmon.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted, Jeanne Harmon

Meetings & Programs

Don't forget that our meetings are held on second Tuesday of the month at the large Festival shelter at Mackenzie Park; 7pm:

**Meeting August 9th, 2022.
Ice cream social**

Board meeting at 6pm, everyone welcome. General meeting at 7pm in the large Festival Shelter outside at Macken Park. Bring water for your dogs!! Program at 7pm prior to the business meeting. See you there!

Debbie

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

Becky James

The pups added more letters to their names!

Halina & Chance earned their TKN Trick dog novice title

Halina Mae Von Darkwing CGC TKN

Haz Chance Von Darkwing TKN





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 schedule s, 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/dogofthemoth.

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/dogofthemoth](http://nkcparksandrec.org/dogofthemoth).

WAGGIN' TRAIL PARK

The Dogs Spot
Dog Training Center

Creature Comforts

Talking with Dogs

When author KJ Dell'Antonia sets out to train her new pup, Zion, the teacher becomes the student.

Named after the Utah national park, Zion was a playful 12-pound, roly-poly, tumbly lump of adorable, as all puppies are. When we brought him home in May 2020, he was such a delight—in a world that was otherwise very much not—that I would have let him get away with anything. But. That adorable face, those giant paws—I swear, four of those 12 pounds were paws—were attached to what would one day become a hefty, 90-pound German Shepherd. There was no way around it: I had to train this dog. Plus, I wanted to train him. Like, all the way to train him. Zion was going to be *that dog*—the one who waits patiently outside the coffee shop and is happily welcomed on any farm. Who wears a leash, but never really needs one.

Thankfully, Zion was already a pretty good pup. So when I started reading up on training, it was with one eyebrow raised. Why did I need to tell him where to lay if he was already lying down? What difference did it make which side of me he walked on? Why, if we were bumbling along together so well, did I have to take charge? Because, the books insisted, if I didn't, he would. And Zion's choices about certain things, like chasing my chickens or taking my sandwich, would definitely be different from mine.

So, I tried. The basics went great: Sit. Stay. Down. Heel. I thought we had it figured out until I leashed him up and took him into our chicken yard. My goal was to teach Zion not to chase our other pets, but he nearly yanked my shoulder out

of its socket in his pursuits. It happened again and again, leaving us both frustrated. "What part of no," I demanded, like the dad in a sitcom, "do you not understand?" A return to the training manuals I'd questioned clued me in: "No" was not enough. I couldn't just tell Zion what I didn't want. I needed to tell him what I did want. That's not a thing I do much. With four teenagers in the house and a busy writing career, I'm constantly balancing everyone else's needs against my own.

I don't ask for what I want, I take what I can get. This time, though, that wouldn't be enough.

When we next visited the chicken yard, I stopped Zion at the gate. "Sit," I commanded. "Stay." If he wasn't sitting, the gate did not open. Once it did, another directive: "Heel." In we marched. Every time his attention turned to the hens clucking around him, I gave another command—and rewarded him handsomely when he obeyed.

Zion learned faster than I did, but once I understood what he needed, it was just a matter of time—and cut-up hot dogs—before he was holding a flawless down-stay in the midst of the flock. Our lesson, as it turned out, was 20 percent about him and 80 percent about me. If I wanted Zion to be *that dog*, I had to be *that girl*. The one who knows what she wants, and asks for it.

— KJ Dell'Antonia is The New York Times best-selling author of *The Chicken Sisters*. Her new book, *In Her Boots*, comes out in July.



Have a blessed day