



February 2023

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

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President's Message:

The time for LOVE is in the air! The Chiefs are going to the Super Bowl and Valentine's Day plans are in the works. We have a meeting on Valentine's Day and want to share the love with you. Love to all our members, officers and board members as we work on getting the year off to a great start. Love to our dogs as we work on getting them ready for new challenges in the coming year. Love to our families as they give us love everyday when we need that connection. Love to our friends as they share this crazy passion we have for our dogs/club commitments. Love to see you at our February meeting!

Debbie

Meetings

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

February meeting is Tuesday 2 - 14 2023

Celebration of Life

The celebration of life for former member, Nancy McClure will be February 17th, 4 - 6pm. At Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church 6401 Wornall Terr Kansas City MO.

GSDCA News & Announcements

January 23, 2023

2023 Futurity/Maturity Ads and Donations



GSDCA Futurity/Maturity Shows

2023 Catalog Ads

Please support the Futurity/Maturity Shows by advertising your kennel, puppies, stud dog or upcoming show prospects. Color ads are now available in both double-page and single-page ads.

Center Fold Double Page – Color	\$325.00
Outside Back Cover – Color	\$200.00
Front Inside Cover – Color	\$185.00
Back Inside Cover – Color	\$185.00
Double Page – Color	\$275.00
Single Page – Color	\$150.00
Double Page – Black/White	\$120.00
Single Page – Black/White	\$ 60.00
Single Page for GSDCA Clubs – Black/White	\$ 50.00

Ads may be conveniently paid for through the GSDCA Store Website via PayPal or Credit Card.

Deadline: All ads and payments must be received by **Sunday, February 26th, 2023**. Get your ad in ASAP to avoid any last-minute issues.

Should you have any questions, please contact Holly Bryan at Hollybryan1@aol.com or give me a call at 612-239-5293.

Thank you for supporting the Futurity/Maturity Shows!!!!

2023 Futurity/Maturity **Regional Club Donations**

Every year the Futurities & Maturities bring together as many young animals as possible from different bloodline combinations so that the fancy can share and learn by the accomplishments of each other. They also provide all club members, large breeders or single puppy owners alike, the opportunity to compete year after year under conditions equally favorable to all. With 9 shows from March through the end of June this year, it is time to mark your calendars and support your local upcoming shows!

- Sponsor a Regional Club! Your donation will help that club with costs associated with putting on their Futurity show.
- Do you like all those beautiful wooden PLAQUES our winners get to take home. Your donation helps purchase those for each regional show.

Please, go to the GSDCA Store Website to pay via PayPal or Credit Card, or a Personal Checks can be made out to the GSDCA and mailed to:

Mrs. Cyndi Flautt
213 Lake Terrace Place
Brandon, MS 39047

Should you have any questions, please email me at:
Hollybryani@aol.com or give me a call 612-239-5293.

Holly Bryan
Futurity Committee Fund Raiser

GSDCA www.gsdca.org

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/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 nkcparksandrec.org/dogofthemoth.

WAGGIN' TRAIL PARK
The Dogs Spot
Dog Training Center

Recall Training

Key Points

"Reliable recall" refers to the act of calling your dog to come and always expecting them to respond.

Training games like "find me" or "hot potato" are fun, effective ways of teaching your dog to recall.

Patience, practice, and positivity are all important aspects when working on reliable recall training.

Recall Cue

Learning to come when called, or recall to you, is one of the most important skills your dog can acquire. But teaching a recall can be challenging, as dogs find so much of the world so interesting. Each time we ask our dog to come to us, we are asking them to stop what they are doing and turn away from other stimuli. As a result, to build a reliable recall, we must teach our dogs that being near us is the most fun thing they can do and will bring them the most rewards.

What Is Reliable Recall?

“Reliable recall” means that when you call your dog to come, you are 99.99% sure they are going to enthusiastically respond. Dogs are not robots, so there is never any guarantee that they will listen to your cue. But with a lifesaving skill like recall, we are working towards them being as consistent as possible.

Having a reliable recall is especially important if you want to allow your dog off-leash outside of a fenced yard or dog park. Reliable recall is also important in the event of an emergency.

Alternatives to Off -Leash Play

There is no shame in keeping your dog on-leash if you are not confident in their recall. Instead, let them play in fenced areas or consider using a long leash. These may give your companion more opportunity to explore while staying safe.

Regardless of how strong your dog’s recall is, it is important to respect all local leash laws. This includes your front yard and anywhere else on your property that is not fenced. Local, state, and national parks will usually also have these regulations in effect.

Training Recalls

An important part of teaching recall is to make training a game for your dog. Start your training in a slow, low-distraction environment, like inside your house. First, show your dog a toy or a treat, praise them as they are coming to you, then reward them. After a few repetitions, whenever your dog looks at you and starts to move towards you, add in your chosen verbal cue (“come,” “here,” etc.). Make sure to only add in the cue when you are confident your dog is moving towards you.

You can slowly up the ante by asking your dog to come before showing them the treat. But be sure to reward with a high-value treat like chicken, cheese, or beef liver when they get to you. Also, try slowly adding distance within your low-distraction environment.

Recall Games

Catch Me: While walking your dog on-leash, get their attention, then turn around and run a few steps. As your pup moves with you, say “come!” or another verbal recall. After a few steps, stop and reward with a treat or a toy. Before you run, make sure your dog is paying attention to ensure the leash does not yank at them.

Find Me: Once your dog has gotten the hang of recall, you can build speed by calling them from another room. When your dog finds you, offer lots of praise and rewards. This hide-and-look-like game is a lot of fun for both pups and people!

Hot Potato: Take two or more family members or friends and give them high-value treats. Next, stand apart and take turns calling your dog between you. Reward your companion each time they come to the person who called them.

A common training mistake is to recall your dog, put the leash on, and go home. Dogs will likely learn to view recall as a sign that the fun is over, which may make them less likely to come in the future. One good method of practice is to recall, praise, and give a treat, then release your dog and allow them to return to what they were doing before.

Poisoning The Cue

“Come! COME! Come! Come! Come! Please come!”

If this sounds like your dog’s current recall, you may have a “poisoned cue.” This generally happens unintentionally and occurs when the cue either has an unclear meaning or takes on a negative association for the dog, so they ignore it. The easiest way to poison a cue is to overuse it by repeating the word over and over without your dog responding.

In this case, the best thing to do is to change your verbal cue to something new. For example, if you had previously used “come,” you could shift to something like “here” or “close.” Go back to basics and start at the beginning when introducing the new recall.

Recall Training Tips

Do not repeat yourself. If you have to repeat your recall cue, the environment may be too distracting. Alternatively, your dog may not understand the skill well enough for the level you at which you are trying to train them.

Reward eye contact. When you notice your dog is looking at you or has self-selected to be close to you, verbally praise and give them a treat. You may use a lot of treats at first, but you are reinforcing an important lesson to your dog. Being near you and paying attention to you makes good things happen.

Never punish your dog for coming to you. Even if you are frustrated because your pup took their time before coming, always praise a recall.

Reward!

When training recalls, use high-value treats and toys for your dog. This is especially true when your dog is learning. Always reward the recall, because you want them to associate coming with getting something great.

Practice recalls daily. Slowly increase the difficulty and level of distraction. Moving too quickly is likely to confuse your dog and may lead to less reliability.

If you require recall in an emergency, do not chase your dog. That is likely to make them continue the “game” by moving away from you. Instead, try running away from your dog to inspire them to chase after you.

Have a blessed day