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

The countdown is on for our June shows, if you haven't signed up to volunteer, it's not too late! We still have jobs that are open on the SignUpGenius site. Here's the link to check out what is needed:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D4AA5AB2CA4FC1> - conformation Plans are in the works for the summer meetings (no Meeting in June due to the shows) and picnic in September, so check your calendar for some outdoor fun with your dogs and dog friends! Looking forward to seeing you at Smithville Lake on June 10 - 12th. Don't forget that we are doing the Canine Good Citizenship Test on Saturday after Best of Breed and lunch.

Debbie

Our Specialty Show is June 10 - 12

GSDC of Greater Kansas City and the GSDCA offering a three show weekend June 10, 11, 12th with judging lineup of Laurie King Telfair, Michael Canalizo and Steve Dobbins at the beautiful Smithville Lake Recreation Area. We are offering a Canine Good Citizenship Test on Saturday after judging. Friday night pizza party and Saturday BBQ.

Please use the link to sign up for food for Saturdays lunch.

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

Come out and have a fun day at the show. There will be different styles of German Shepherds competing. You do not need to be entered in the show to participate in the CGC, also any breed or mixed breed is welcome to test. Here is the 10 things you will do to earn your CGC

CANINE GOOD CITIZEN TEST REQUIREMENTS

TEST 1: ACCEPTING A FRIENDLY STRANGER

This test demonstrates that the dog will allow a friendly stranger to approach it and speak to the handler in a natural, everyday situation. The evaluator and handler exchange pleasantries. The dog must show no sign of resentment or shyness, and must not break position or try to go to the evaluator.

TEST 2: SITTING POLITELY FOR PETTING

This test demonstrates that the dog will allow a friendly stranger to touch it while it is out with its handler. The dog should sit at the handler's side as the evaluator approaches and

begins to pet the dog on the head and body only. The dog may stand in place to accept petting. The dog must not show any shyness or resentment.

TEST 3: APPEARANCE AND GROOMING

This practical test demonstrates that the dog will welcome being groomed and examined and will permit a stranger, such as a veterinarian, groomer or friend of the owner, to do so. It also demonstrates the owner's care, concern and sense of responsibility. The evaluator inspects the dog, then combs or brushes the dog, and lightly examines the ears and each front foot.

TEST 4: OBEEDIENCE FOR A WALK (Walking on a loose leash)

This test demonstrates that the handler is in control of the dog. The dog may be on either side of the handler, whichever the handler prefers. There must be a left turn, a right turn and an about turn, with at least one stop at the end. The dog need not be perfectly aligned with the handler and need not sit when the handler stops.

TEST 5: WALKING THROUGH A CROWD

This test demonstrates that the dog can move about politely in pedestrian traffic and is under control in public places. The dog and handler walk around and pass close to several people (at least three). The dog may show some interest in the strangers, without appearing overly exuberant, shy or resentful. The handler may talk to the dog and encourage or praise the dog throughout the test. The dog should not be straining at the leash.

TEST 6: SIT AND DOWN ON COMMAND/STAYING IN PLACE

This test demonstrates that the dog has training, will respond to the handler's command to sit and down, and will remain in the place commanded by the handler (sit or down position, whichever the handler prefers). The handler may take a reasonable amount of time and use more than one command to make the dog sit and then down. When instructed by the evaluator, the handler tells the dog to stay and walks forward the length of a 20-foot line. The dog must remain in place, but may change positions.

TEST 7: COMING WHEN CALLED

This test demonstrates that the dog will come when called by the handler. The handler will walk 10 feet from the dog, turn to face the dog and then call the dog. The handler may use encouragement to get the dog to come. Handlers may choose to tell the dog to "stay" or "wait" or they may simply walk away, giving no instructions to the dog.

TEST 8: REACTION TO ANOTHER DOG

This test demonstrates that the dog can behave politely around other dogs. Two handlers and their dogs approach each other from a distance of about 10 yards, stop, shake hands (due to Covid it will be a pretend shake), exchange pleasantries, and continue on for about 5 yards. The dogs should show no more than a casual interest in each other.

TEST 9: REACTION TO DISTRACTIONS

This test demonstrates that the dog is confident at all times when faced with common distracting situations, such as the dropping of a large book or a jogger running in front of

the dog. The dog may express a natural interest and curiosity and/or appear slightly startled, but should not panic, try to run away, show aggressiveness or bark.

TEST 10: SUPERVISED SEPARATION

This test demonstrates that the dog can be left with a trusted person, if necessary, and will maintain its training and good manners. Evaluators are encouraged to say something like "Would you like me to watch your dog?" and then take hold of the dog's leash. The owner will go out of sight for 3 minutes. The dog does not have to stay in position, but should not continually bark, whine, or show anything stronger than mild agitation or nervousness.

All Breed Dog Show in Topeka

STORMONT VAIL EVENTS CENTER COMPLEX LANDON ARENA, EXHIBITION HALL
ONE EXPOCENTRE DRIVE, TOPEKA KS 66612

June 2-5 2022

Ring/times for German Shepherds

Thursday ring 4 @10:05am

Friday ring 4 @9:00am

Saturday ring 2 @9:00am

Sunday ring 4 @9:00am

Come cheer us on :)

Meetings & Programs

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

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

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

Becky and Freya—SG Freya Von Darkwing IGP1 BH UPr1 FPr1 BN CD RE CGCA CGCU TC TKN Have been selected for the (they were in the wait list) AKC Rally National Championships in Wilmington OH July 8th 2022. They will be competing in Rally Excellent.



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/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

Can Gastropexy Prevent Bloat in Dogs?

Bloat is one of the leading causes of death in deep-chested dogs. Dr. Michael Willard explains how this elective surgery can lower the risk.

The last thing any pet parent wants to think about is gastric dilatation and volvulus (GDV), commonly known as bloat. But for those with deep-chested dogs—including Great Danes, Labradors, and Weimaraners—it's a fear that's always lurking.

What Exactly is Bloat?

GDV is quickly fatal and one of the leading causes of death in dogs of these breeds. During an episode of bloat, a dog's stomach dilates and fills with air or fluid. Occasionally the condition stops there, but often it progresses into volvulus, full GDV. During this stage, the stomach twists upon itself. Bloat can kill a dog within hours if not treated immediately. The treatment for bloat is called a gastropexy.

So, What is a Gastropexy?

During this surgical procedure, the dog's stomach is sutured to the wall of the body to prevent twisting. Prior to applying the suture, the veterinarian will untwist the stomach returning it to its normal position. A gastropexy is most commonly performed as an emergency surgery in response to an episode of bloat but preventative surgery called prophylactic gastropexy is an option to prevent a future episode. Often veterinarians will perform a prophylactic gastropexy at the time of spay/neuter. But for dogs that have already been altered, a laparoscopic option is available which is minimally invasive with only small incisions made. With a laparoscopic gastropexy, only minor complications have occurred—most commonly a temporary skin fold.

Does A Gastropexy Work?

While the gastropexy is not effective at preventing bloat of the stomach (filling up with gas), it does prevent the life-threatening twisting of the stomach. And that's a good thing. But Dr. Michael Willard, professor at Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences adds an important caveat: "Prophylactic gastropexy may greatly lessen the risk of recurrence, but it does not completely eliminate it."

So, how much does preventative gastropexy lessen the risk? It can decrease the rate of recurrence from 55% to 4%. When it comes to determining if a prophylactic gastropexy is a good solution for your dog, your first stop should be your veterinarian. Talk with your vet about your concerns. They can help review your dog's health and the potential occurrence and risk factors with you.

What Dogs Are Most at Risk for Bloat?

Large-breed dogs have a 24% chance at developing GDV, and that risk increases with age. Dog breeds predisposed to bloat include Great Danes, St. Bernards, Weimaraners, Rottweilers, Irish Setters, Gordon Setters, Boxers, Standard Poodles, Basset Hounds, Doberman Pinschers, German Shepherds, Bloodhounds, Newfoundlands, and Old English Sheepdogs.

Willard estimates the average cost of treating a GDV case with surgery to be between \$2,000 and \$5,000, but if there are complications, the cost could be much higher. Beyond the general risk of surgery and anesthesia, gastropexy is generally well tolerated by most dogs, though some dogs have experienced gastrointestinal issues. If you're thinking about getting a gastropexy for your dog, seek an experienced veterinarian surgeon. Remember: If bloating of the stomach occurs in your dog, seek out veterinary attention immediately regardless of if your dog has had a gastropexy. It could save your pup's life.

BY DANIELA LOPEZ
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<https://www.thewildest.com/dog-health/should-dog-get-gastropexy-prevent-bloat>

Have a blessed day