



**March 2024**

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

**2023 Officers**

**President-Debbie McHenry  
Vice President- Valerie Shultz  
Treasurer-Pat Robinette  
Recording Secretary-Jeanne Harmon**

**2024 Board Members**

**Lynette Stone  
Rosi von Fintel  
Nelson Hinman Jr.**

**President's Message:**

Happy March! We are getting closer to our May conformation shows in Gray Summit, Missouri on May 11-12th. Hope to see you there to support the club. In preparation for our Rally trials in July, we are offering FREE Rally training each month prior to the meeting. We will meet outside in the parking lot of the building if the weather is favorable. Bring your trained dogs, untrained dogs, or puppies...everyone is welcome and did I say FREE!!! Looking forward to a great program this month with the K9 Officers ...don't miss it.

Debbie

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**Meeting Reminder**

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.

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**Reminders**

**FREE Rally instruction for all members EVERY month starting with the March meeting at 6pm in the Parking lot adjacent to the building (if weather is bad we will meet inside in the meeting room). Bring lots of small training treats, training collar/lead and your dog! Please dress appropriately for the weather and training surface (no sandals or bare feet).**

**We need raffle items for the conformation shows to put together baskets! Bring your raffle items to the March/April meetings to Bobbie Schiffelbein who will assemble the baskets.**

**Trophy donations are being accepted for the upcoming Conformation Shows, if you would like to sponsor a trophy/prize in honor or memory of someone, please contact Pat Robinette, our treasurer. [pjrsts@aol.com](mailto:pjrsts@aol.com)**

## **AKC 101 Show Chair Seminar:**

### **Greater Emporia Kennel Club and Jesse James Kennel Club**

AKC 101 Show Chair Seminar/AKC Club Development

**Date:** April 5 & 6, 2024.

**Location:** Douglas Co Fairgrounds

Douglas County 4-H Fairgrounds

1930 Harper ST

Lawrence, KS 66041

**Time:** 9:00 AM both days.

- Understanding AKC Event Applications
- Superintendent or Show Secretary
- Premium Lists
- Judging Schedules
- Show Manual
- Offering Multiple events on a weekend.
- Club Membership
- Club Relations



Come join us for a fun Spring Dog Activity in the Park! We will have a booth and encourage all members to bring their dogs for a fun afternoon.

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### **Braggs**

Debbie McHenry

Alta-Tollhaus Guardian of the Galaxy “Lexi”, passed her very first Tracking Dog Test, on February 25,2024 at just 10 months old! Thank you to our friend and club member, Rosi Von Fintel for encouraging us to certify (even though we NEVER think they are ready!) Thanks also to club members, Pat Robinette for Chairing the test and Sally Hamm and Nelson Hinman for laying track, for our sister club, Greater Kansas City Dog Training Club. It was a beautiful day to be out in the field with our dogs and friends!



Please send your brags to me, Tammy Peterson at [ibperfect1@icloud.com](mailto:ibperfect1@icloud.com)

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### **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/>

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### **AKC Rally Obedience**

Link here to learn more.

<https://www.akc.org/sports/rally/get-started/>

Think of an AKC Rally event as any team sport: You and your dog navigate a course, side-by-side, as you steer him through a course of 10-20 different signs. Each of these signs provides instructions regarding the next skill that is to be performed. The dog and handler move continuously throughout the course with the dog under control at the handler's left side. There is a clear sense of teamwork between the dog and handler both during and between the numbered signs. Although each performance is timed, having a good

race time is not the goal; it's all about working as a team while performing the skills, with the dog under control.

As one of the world's most famous basketball players, Michael Jordan, once said, "Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence win championships." When you participate in an AKC Rally event, you get to show off both: Your dog's talents *and* the teamwork between you.

Started in 2005, AKC Rally is a fun family sport and participation increases each year. All dogs are welcome to participate in AKC Rally, whether purebred or mixed breed. It's a perfect starting point for those who are new to canine sports, as AKC Rally provides a challenging introduction to all [AKC Companion Events](#) for dogs and handlers to strengthen their skills.