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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
Recording Secretary - Jeanne Harmon

2022 Board Members

Nancy Kennedy
Jose Lemus

Lynette Stone
Ken Sanders
Iryna Sanders

President's Message:

Happy Mother's Day to all Moms! Getting ready for warm days/nights and planning for vacation is in full swing around our house. Planting beds are filling up with what we hope will live during the summer heat. Hopefully the hot weather will hold off for our June shows on the 10 - 12th. We need everyone to pitch in this weekend and make our guests welcome as we host three consecutive days of conformation shows. We have lots of jobs to cover, please sign up to help.

Debbie

GSDCGKC GENERAL MEETING APRIL 12, 2022

There were 10 members that attended this meeting. There is no quorum, so we cannot vote on the changes to the bylaws. We will table these amendments and make some additional changes and send them back to committee. They will be printed in the newsletter for all to read and hopefully we will be able to vote next month.

This evening began with our program put on by the Elkhound Ranch Kennel. Kristen, the Kennel Manager and Lee, the Service Dog Trainer presented. They brought along two German Shepherd puppies that were in training. They did a great job and engaged the group. We asked many questions and they were very enlightening. Sorry if you didn't make it out, you really missed a good one!

Next month the program will be put on by the Missouri Search and Rescue K-9 Organization. Hope to see you there.

After the hour program, the meeting was then called to order by president Debbie McHenry. The secretary's report was printed in the newsletter and was accepted as printed.

The Treasure's report was summarized by Sally as Mike was unable to attend. We had expenses for the Donations for the Obedience Trial at GKCDTC. Revenues were from the raffle last month, and a new membership.

Ken Sanders summarized the board meeting, which was held Sunday, April 10, 2022 via zoom. At that meeting we discussed the bylaw changes and the individual committee reports. Mainly the Conformation Committee and the upcoming show in June.

CONFORMATION COMMITTEE:

Sally reported that they have ordered ribbons, however manufacturing is going slow. Tammy found a person to be a photographer. We need to see if Ray can get the trailer to the show sight on Friday morning. The show starts at 4:00. They are still looking at Hotel rooms for the judges. We will also need a recording secretary on sight for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Rosie wondered if the job could be split up because it is a big commitment for

one person. There is a sign -up sheet for Friday's set up. We also need hospitality for Saturday and Sunday, side dishes, water, and pop, and transportation for the judges. There will be a CGC test on Saturday. It was suggested that Sally do an outline and post it in the newsletter regarding the show, and what jobs will be needed. There will be a sign up genius to make it easy.

OBEDIENCE COMMITTEE:

Nancy Kennedy was unable to attend but it was summarized that she has secured a location for the July 14th and 15th, 2023 show. It will be at the GKCDTC. Now we will be looking for a judge.

TRACKING:

The 2023 event on December 3, 2023 now has AKC approval. The 2022 event is hosted this year by The Golden Retriever Club on December 4, 2022.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS:

Jose Lemus was unable to attend. However, since we did not have a quorum this evening, we were unable to vote on the changes that were printed in the newsletter. There were a couple of changes that the board had discussed at the last board meeting, so, we will rewrite the changes and publish them in the newsletter and hopefully be able to vote on the amendments at the May 10th 2022 meeting.

PROGRAMS:

Next month May 10, 2022, the Missouri K-9 Search and Rescue Group will be our guest and Irene Korotev will be the speaker. There will be no meeting in June because of the show. The meeting on July 12, 2022 will be outside at the shelter house in Macken Park and it will be a program put on by the K-9 Search and Rescue Group of Kansas. August will be our ice cream social. September 11, 2022 will be our Picnic. October is the national, so we will not have a meeting except for the Howel-oween event at Wagon Wheel Park. November will be our Thanksgiving Pot Luck Dinner at the NKC Parks and Rec Center (our regular meeting location) December will be our Awards Banquet at Zarda BBQ in Lenexa.

HOSPITALITY: Thanks Pat and Iryna for the sandwiches and brownies this evening. They really hit the spot. Remember if you signed up to bring the hospitality for a meeting, if you are not sure, please contact Iryna Sanders to let her know if you can't.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: We are still looking for a volunteer to put together group walks for those that would like to meet on a weekend and walk as a group at various parks in the area.

NEW BUSINESS: We discussed locations for the Picnic on September 11, 2022. We also discussed various locations for the Christmas Banquet. Several were brought up along with a specific date. It was voted that we reserve the private room on Sunday December 11, 2022 at Zarda BBQ in Lenexa, KS.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Harmon

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—Freya Von Darkwing CD BN RE CGCA TKN
Received the invite to the 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.



How dogs cool down

Staying cool in the summer is tough on people, but it's especially difficult for dogs. Understanding the limitations of your dog's natural cooling system is important. It enables you to better prepare and help safeguard him against a heat related illness (HRI), particularly if he's exercising outside on a hot summer day.

Keeping cool is a complex process for dogs and it involves numerous body systems like the respiratory, cardiovascular, nervous and other systems.¹ These body systems work together to keep a dog's core body temperature at an optimal range of between 99.5°F - 102.5°F.² That range takes a lot of things into account like breed, size, weight, age, and condition. Proper hydration also plays a vital role in helping a dog's body systems to regulate temperature.

Your dog's core body temperature is influenced by what is scientifically referred to as heat inputs and heat outputs.

HEAT INPUTS

Heat inputs effect the amount of heat your dog's body generates or absorbs and they can be internal or external. Examples include the metabolism of food, exercise intensity, and increased muscle or metabolic activity.³ The air temperature is an example of an external heat input. If the ambient temperature exceeds your dog's body temperature, then he'll begin to absorb heat from the environment.⁴

HEAT OUTPUTS

Heat outputs are how dogs dissipate heat. There are four ways their bodies release heat: radiation, convection, evaporation and conduction.

RADIATION

More than 70% of a dog's body heat is dissipated through his body surface or skin.⁵ As your dog's body temperature increases, the blood vessels in his skin dilate to increase blood flow. That enables heat to be lost from the blood. The body releases that heat from the skin into the environment.⁵

Heat loss through radiation becomes limited when the ambient temperature approaches or exceeds your dog's body temperature. When the external temperature exceeds your dog's body temperature, his ability to dissipate heat through the skin significantly diminishes.⁵

CONVECTION

Dogs also dissipate heat through air or water moving across their skin.⁶ Water conducts heat away from the body much faster than air because it has a greater density and heat capacity.

The limitation of heat loss through convection is that cool breezes aren't always prevalent in the heat of summer. And outdoor adventures with your dog may not always be near water.

EVAPORATION

Unlike humans, dogs lose minimal heat through sweating because they only perspire from their paw pads and nose. As the air temperature meets or exceeds your dog's body temperature, he relies primarily on panting to cool down.⁴

Heat loss through evaporation is also limited. As the heat and humidity rise, panting becomes progressively less effective for dissipating body heat. When the relative humidity is greater than 80%, cooling down through panting becomes ineffective.⁵

CONDUCTION

When your dog lies on a cool surface such as a cold tile floor or a cool, shady patch of grass, his body heat transfers to the cooler surface through conduction.

The limitations of conduction, like convection, is the heat dissipation is dependent on a dog having access to a cooler surface.

TIPS TO HELP KEEP YOUR DOG COOL AS THE SUMMER FUN HEATS UP

Be mindful of your dog's normal environment vs. current environment. Slowly acclimate and condition him to exercising in rising outdoor temperatures.

Enjoy summer activities with your dog in the cooler times of day like the morning or evening. Keep an eye on the air temperature and humidity. One rule of thumb is to avoid strenuous outside activities when the outdoor temperature plus humidity percentage exceeds 140. So if it's 80°F with a humidity of 70%, that's a total of 150 so take it easy outside with your dog and monitor him closely.

Find ways to incorporate water into your summer outings. For example if you like to trail run or hike with your dog, seek out paths near water.

Take regular breaks in cool, shady spots. Find areas to rest that have increased air circulation to get the most from summer breezes.

Hydrate, hydrate, hydrate. A 44 lb. dog can lose between .5 and 1.5 gallons of water per day⁷ so they'll need to drink at least that amount and preferably more during intense outdoor activities. Always have water on hand for your dog when exercising outside in the summer.

Learn how to recognize the signs of heat related illness (HRI) and the steps to take if your dog overheats at [Eukanuba.com/ HRI](http://Eukanuba.com/HRI).

Keeping dogs cool in the summer isn't just important; it's critical. A dog's drive can often override his ability to realize he's overheating. Dogs rely on us, as owners, to help keep them safe in the heat.

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Have a blessed day