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

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## President's Message:

Fall is in the air with cooler temperatures and Wow do the dogs feel it! Get out to some Fall activities with your buddies, the KC Park department has Walktober every Sunday in October at a different park/greenway...so much fun for our dogs to get out and see new places. The board has voted to move forward with two conformation shows in 2024 with the St. Louis Club at Purina on Mother's Day weekend and two obedience trials in July at Greater Kansas City Dog Training Club. Are you interested in finding out more about these events and how they are organized? Please see a board member...we need YOU! Howl-o-ween on October 14th in North Kansas City Waggin' Trails Dog Park at 1pm. Dress up the dogs and come out for some fun!!! Don't forget our Tracking test is coming in December. Pat Robinette is chairing this event, so she will need help. All you hardy souls who love the outdoors on a crisp winter day....bundle up and come see dogs doing what dogs do best....SMELL

STUFF! Debbie

#### **Meetings**

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

No meeting in October due to the GSDCA National, see you in November.

#### Howl-O-Ween

Dress your pooch in costume for a day out at Waggin' Trail Dog Park! Participate in a costume contest, raffles, photo op, vendors, and more. Each dog will receive a trick-or-treat bag with a donation. Large Dog Costume Contest will be at 1:30 pm and Small Dog Costume Contest will be at 1:45 pm.

NO children under age of 5 allowed inside the designated dog area. All dogs must be accompanied by owner while inside dog park.



#### **BRAGS**

# **Sally Hamm**

Charbo's I Believe was WD and BOW on Sunday August 27<sup>th</sup> at Topeka KC's all-breed shows for a 3 pt. major from the 9-12 puppy class.

Thanks, Bobbie for letting my daughter's family raise this beautiful boy and Melissa and Justin Bridges for allowing me to play with him in Topeka.

A big thanks, also, to Nikki Bedea for handling him under GSD judge Linda Clark.



# **Becky James**

SG Freya Von Darkwing IGP1 UPr1 FPr1 BN CD RE CGCA TKI TC We had 3 Triple Q wins in rally advanced, Excellent & Masters all 3 trials at GKCDTC-Greater Kansas City Dog Training Club last month. Earned our 9th leg toward masters. Will be going to GSDCA National for 2 days showing in all 3 rally classes toward our RACH & hopefully earn our 10th Master to earn our Rally Master title.



Please send your brags to me, Tammy Peterson at <a href="mailto:ibperfect1@icloud.com">ibperfect1@icloud.com</a>

## 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/

# **Dogtober Fest**

https://www.makeyourdayhere.com/Events-Attractions/Outdoor-Education/Dogtober-Fest

Who let the DOGS out? Join more than 3,000 dogs and dog lovers for a doggone good time at the Kemper Outdoor Education Center! Explore more than 75 booths featuring everything from pet photos and pet supplies to pet sitters and rescue. Take part in contests like Best Trick, Best Kisser, Best Tailwagger, Best Biscuit Eater, Dog/Owner Look-alikes, and the popular Halloween Costume Contest! Try Gunny Sack Races, Bobbing for Biscuits, Musical Discs and more!

It's FUN for your dogs... FUN for their Pets (that would be YOU!)... and FUN FOR ALL!

Sunday, October 22, 2023; 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Kemper Outdoor Education Center in Fleming Park

8201 S. Jasper Bell Road, Blue Springs, MO 64015

**FREE ADMISSION** with your donation of dry or canned dog food for our Dog Food Drive to benefit area animal shelters. Some activities require a registration fee.

**DOGTOBER FEST BENEFITS** the Kemper Outdoor Education Center, Lee's Summit Animal Shelter, and many other local shelters and rescues.

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https://www.akc.org/sports/coursing/fast-cat/