

STANDING CLUB RULES



THE GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF WISCONSIN

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In addition to the By-laws of this club, the members have adopted the following rules and regulations.

I. ANNUAL SHOW AND OBEDIENCE TRIAL

- A. We, as a recognized Regional Member Club of the German Shepherd Dog Club of America, Inc., will endeavor to hold a Specialty Show and Obedience Trial each year under the Rules and Regulations of the American Kennel Club.
- B. In the event that cancellation of or change in date for the Annual Specialty Show and Obedience Trial or an additional Specialty Show and Obedience/Performance Trial be contemplated, a notice of such consideration shall be announced in the club's official publication (Shepherd Tails) and/or on the official club website at least seven (7) days prior to the regular monthly meeting at which such consideration is to be voted upon.
- C. Each member may nominate one breed judge and one performance judge for each show and match. Nominations must be in writing and must include the contact information of the nominee at the time of nomination.
- D. To conduct All-breed sanctioned matches and/or trials for Agility and any other performance events for which the club is eligible under the Rules and Regulations of the American Kennel Club.

II. MEMBERSHIP

- A. Annual dues are \$78 for a single Membership; \$96 for a Family Plan Membership. Family Membership may include adults residing in the same household and all dependent children. Regular Membership annual dues shall be payable October 15th.
- B. A one time initiation fee of \$10 per person is payable upon application for membership.
- C. Non-dependent young people reaching the age of eighteen (18), currently training under a parent or guardian's membership must make application for Associate Membership.

- They will not be required to pay the initiation fee, provided their parent or guardian's membership is current.
- D. Associate Members shall be notified at the end of the eleventh (11th) month that their membership expires and that they have thirty (30) days thereafter to make application for Regular Membership.
 - E. Any member resigning after the completion of one full year as an Associate Member may, upon applying for reinstatement, make application for Regular Membership. The presiding board shall, at the time of resignation, make a suitable recommendation for future reference.
 - F. All applications for membership submitted to a qualified officer and not acted upon at the following Board meeting will be dated retroactively to that meeting.
 - G. Any regular member delinquent in paying membership dues will be charged a \$25 fine for regular membership reinstatement after 60 days delinquent.

III. TRAINING

A. Training Policy

- i. Performance training at this club will follow the requirements for the various degrees as set forth by the American Kennel Club
- ii. Training classes shall be open to members with AKC registered or ILP/PAL listing privileged German Shepherd Dogs.
- iii. Training policy and procedure shall be set with the Director of Training as chairperson. These policies and procedures will be incorporated and maintained in a training manual for use by instructors in the conduct of classes and administration of the training program.
- iv. Guests are those persons invited by a club member to the club grounds to train and work a German Shepherd Dog(s) either owned by the guest or the club member.
 - 1. The club member must advise the guest of club's ground rules and policies.
 - 2. A guest may train their dog in either conformation or performance classes with the permission of the class instructor. The fee for guest training is \$10 per person. Guest trainers will be required to sign a release waiver.

B. Training fees—Associate and Regular Members

- i. Associate Member—Associate members training their dogs in performance and/or conformation shall pay a training fee of \$50 in advance, for the initial six (6) month period. Thereafter, training fees shall be prorated at 1/12th the annual rate, until the next semi-annual due date, November 1 or May 1.

- ii. Regular Member—Members training their dogs in performance and/or conformation shall pay \$50 for their initial six (6) month training period. Thereafter, annual training fees shall be \$100, payable in advance in one or two installments of \$50, November 1 and May 1.
- iii. Members paying standard training fees November 1 and May 1 shall be permitted to enter all dogs owned by them in all training classes.
- iv. There will be no refunds for classes missed.
- v. Persons with original membership, continuous or resigned, dated prior to 1965, are exempt from the initial six (6) month training fee.
- vi. Regular instructors, having taken four (4) or more regular classes in performance, two (2) or more classes in puppy and/or conformation in a calendar year are exempt from paying training fees for that year.
- vii. Twenty-year members are exempt from paying training fees.
- viii. In the event a family member is exempt from paying training fees, additional family members are required to pay training fees.

C. Training Regulations

- i. The handler of the dog must be the owner or member of his/her immediate family. Any changes in handlers within a family are at the discretion of the Director of Training.
- ii. In the case of two members training the same dog, both members must pay training fees.
- iii. New handlers in all training classes will not be permitted to train until they have attended the beginner's lecture class.
- iv. Any training of special exhibition classes on regular training nights must be done with the approval of the Director of Training, and at no time shall any regular scheduled classes be disrupted or cancelled.
- v. All training classes (conformation or performance) shall be subject to all rules pertaining thereto.
- vi. Dogs with permanent physical problems (i.e.: dysplasia, arthritis, etc.) will be permitted to participate in Open and Utility classes with the following jump requirements: high jump and bar jump will be no higher than 12" inches. The broad jump will be no longer than 24" inches. A modified achievement trial will be offered and a certificate will be awarded.

D. Children as handlers-

- i. Children under eighteen (18) years of age may train only under their parent or guardian's membership. Permission to do so may be requested of the Board of Directors by the parent or guardian, in

writing, at a regular board meeting. Such permission shall be temporary until the Director of Training determines the child's ability to handle the dog. At that time, the Board will make a final decision.

- ii. No child under twelve (12) years of age is permitted to train under any circumstances. A parent or guardian must be on the grounds with children twelve (12) to fifteen (15) years of age, inclusive. The twelve (12) year age requirement may be waived at the discretion of the Director of Training.
- iii. A young person reaching the age of eighteen (18) who is currently training under a parent or guardian's membership must make application and be accepted as an Associate Member in his/her own name, in order to continue training.
- iv. No child under the age of 12 will be permitted to hold or handle any dog on club premises or at events. The above conditions and exceptions take precedence.

E. Class Rules-

- i. Dogs deemed unmanageable by the instructor must be removed from the class promptly.
- ii. Handlers may enter or leave a class only with the permission of the instructor.
- iii. Smoking and/or drinking of alcoholic beverages in class is not permitted.
- iv. A training collar and leash at least four (4) feet long must be used for training, unless otherwise specified by the instructor.

IV. RULES FOR DOGS ON THE GROUNDS

- A. Dogs must be kept on leash at all times when on the club grounds except when doing advanced exercises requiring no leash.
- B. Dogs are not to be tied unattended anywhere on the club grounds.
- C. Dogs that appear to be ill must be removed from the club grounds immediately.
- D. Females in season are not allowed on the club grounds.
- E. If a dog has an accident on the club grounds, the handlers must promptly clean up after it. Disposal methods are provided.
- F. All dogs are to be exercised in the designated area.
- G. There shall be no unauthorized use of training equipment.
- H. Dogs brought on club premises must have either temporary or permanent shots for immunization against distemper, infectious hepatitis, parainfluenza, parvovirus and rabies at the required age.

- I. Demonstrations of protection training are prohibited at club activities or on club premises, without specific prior approval from the board.

V. GENERAL RULES FOR CLUB BUILDINGS, PROPERTIES AND GROUNDS

- A. Dogs or puppies may not be brought to the grounds with intentions to sell.
- B. No soliciting of any kind shall be permitted on the club grounds, except by previous permission of the Board.
- C. The clubhouse may not be used for any purpose other than club activities except by special permission of the Board.
- D. The club or club property shall not be used in any way in connection with any show, exhibition, demonstration, advertisement or display of any kind, either private or public without previous approval of the Board of Directors.
- E. Club property shall not be removed from the premises without permission of the Board.
- F. Only members in good standing can advertise their puppies for sale on the bulletin board. Two (2) members of the Board of Directors must initial all advertisements.
- G. The club cannot be held responsible for any injuries to persons or dogs. Children watching training are the responsibility of the parents and are not to mingle with dogs other than their own.
- H. Fees for use of club premises will be set by the Board of Directors and specified in the rental contract.
- I. While classes are in session, only persons actively involved in training are permitted on the training field. No person shall be allowed on the training field without an instructor except as approved by the Director of Training and the Board of Directors.

VI. CLUB MONIES

- A. No expenditure greater than \$50 can be made without the previous approval of the Board of Directors. Failure to comply shall make the individual member responsible for payment.
- B. If a specified amount of money is allocated for a certain project, no more than that amount will be paid, without permission of the board.
- C. A receipt must accompany all bills or an expense voucher supplied by the Treasurer. These bills will be approved at the Board meeting.
- D. When food and drink is to be served at the club house, prices will be set in advance by the Board on the recommendation of the person in charge. (Example: Social Chairperson).
- E. Instructors will be reimbursed for ½ the cost of the registration fee of one seminar per year. Three instructors per seminar will be allowed. Reimbursement on a first come first served basis, upon notification to the Director of Training with a cap to be determined by the Board.

- F. Any member whose check is returned mark non-sufficient funds must reimburse the club for the amount of the check with a money order, cashier's check, certified check or cash to maintain his/her good standing in the club. Any bad checks are collectible for the amount of the check plus the actual bank collection charges.

VII. ANNUAL DINNER

- A. The club will hold an annual dinner in November; at which time the annual plaques will be presented.
- B. Club members having completed twenty-five (25) years of membership shall be guests of the club at the next annual dinner.
- C. Regular performance instructors having taken twelve (12) or more classes in the calendar year, and regular conformation instructors having taken six (6) or more classes in the calendar year, shall be the guests of the club at the annual dinner.

VIII. HONOR ROLL

- A. The club will honor those persons who have been members for ten (10) or twenty-five (25) consecutive years by placing their names on the Honor Membership Plaque.
- B. The name of the dogs that have attained Breed Champion (CH), Utility Dog Excellent (U.D.X.) Herding Excellent (HX), Masters Agility (MX) and Masters Agility Jumpers (MXJ) – both titles required, Champion Tracker (CT), Rally Advance Excellent (RAE), and Schutzhund III will be placed on the Honor Dog Plaque. The name of the owner or handler will be placed beneath the dog's name.

IX. SHEPHERD TALES/WEBSITE

- A. German shepherds owned by club members are eligible for recognition in any club publication.
- B. Advertising pertaining to the sale of dogs, puppies and stud service is restricted to club members.
- C. All articles taken from publications must be acknowledged.

X. ACHIEVEMENT TRIALS

- A. The club shall hold two (2) Achievement Trials each year, according to AKC Obedience/Performance Regulations. The Achievement Trial will offer members the opportunity to demonstrate their dog's ability to pass full AKC requirements

- B. Only dogs owned by club members are eligible for entry in the Achievement Trials. Dogs will receive the official club Achievement Certificate upon earning a qualifying score.
- C. Certificates must be earned in the proper sequence. No more than one (1) certificate for each level, per dog, will be awarded.
- D. A dog may be entered in only one class per trial.
- E. Dogs with permanent physical problems (i.e. dysplasia, arthritis, etc.) will be permitted to participate in Open and Utility classes with the following jump requirements: high jump and bar jump will be no more than twelve (12") inches high. The broad jump will be no longer than twenty-four (24") inches long. A modified achievement trial will be offered and a certificate will be awarded.

XI. SERIOUS ILLNESS OF DEATH OF A MEMBER

- A. In the case of the death of a member, the club will send flowers or a memorial contribution to a charity not to exceed the cost of \$75.
- B. In the case of serious illness of a member, the club will send flowers not to exceed \$60.

XII. AWARDS

- A. The club will present achievement plaques allocated once per dog with all titles achieved on that plaque on the completion of the initial title on the following basis:
 - i. To the member whose dog has earned a performance title while owned by that member during the awards year of October 1st to September 30th. To receive the award, forms to the historian must be submitted in accordance with standing club rules.
 - ii. To the member whose dog has the championship while owned by that member during the awards year of October 1st to September 30th. To receive the award, forms must be submitted to the club historian in accordance with the standing club rules.
 - iii. Lettering on the plaques is to be as follows:
 - 1. G.S.D.C.W.
 - 2. Member owners name.
 - 3. Dog's call name.
 - 4. Title earned that year.
 - 5. Additional titles to be added to the same plaque, as won.
- B. The following terms, conditions and responsibilities shall apply:
 - i. The annual awarding of plaques is based on a twelve (12) month period from October 1 to the following September 30. It is the responsibility of the member to submit in writing his or her qualifications for annual award to the Historian, within five (5) days after the closing date of each fiscal period.

- ii. Show wins must be submitted to the Historian no later than five (5) days after the close of the fiscal year to be credited to that awards year.
- iii. The club shall bear the cost of engraving all plaques.
- iv. It is the responsibility of the member to submit the perpetual plaque to the Historian at the close of the fiscal year in which the subsequent title was earned for addition of this title to the plaque.
- v. Persons receiving plaques must be members in good standing at the time the award is presented.
- vi. The owners of the dogs or their duly authorized agents must accept plaques on the night of the annual dinner.
- vii. The club will furnish and hang in the clubhouse, picture frames for 8" x 10" photographs of member owned German Shepherds which have earned the AKC titles of Breed Champion (CH), Utility Dog (UD), Utility Dog Excellent (UDX), Herding Excellent (HX), Masters Agility (MX) and Masters Agility Jumpers (MXJ)-both titles required, Champion Tracker (CT) Rally Advanced Excellent (RAE), Schutzhund III, Grand Victor (GV) and Grand Victrix (GVX). These pictures are to be hung in the clubhouse permanently. Also, ROM dogs and bitches owned or co-owned by club members.
- viii. Plaques will be awarded at the annual dinner.