

THE GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF AMERICA
established in 1913

Why you should become a member!

When you read the purpose of the German Shepherd Dog Club of America, printed below, and as stated in it's first Constitution and current By-Laws, then you understand why you should join us. We are a group dedicated to our breed and to our club and it's continued status as the NUMBER ONE German Shepherd Dog organization in the world recognized by the American Kennel Club (AKC) and the World Union Organization of German Shepherd Dogs. (WUSV).

The purpose of the GSDCA:

To encourage, promote, and improve the breeding of quality purebred German Shepherd Dogs, to educate the fancy, and to do all that is possible to bring the natural qualities of the German Shepherd Dog to perfection.

To urge members and breeders to except that Standard of the breed as approved by the American Kennel Club as the only standard of excellence by which the German Shepherd Dog shall be judged.

To do all in it's power to protect and advance the interests of the Breed by encouraging sportsmanlike competition at dog shows, performance events and tracking tests.

To aid with every possible means to demonstrate the German Shepherd Dog's conspicuous abilities to better serve mankind as a companion, war, Red Cross(now known as Search and Rescue), police, drug, and explosive detection, security, herding, and guide dog for the blind.

To conduct shows, obedience trials, demonstrations, etc., under the rules of the American Kennel Club, where applicable and to publish literature and periodicals in the best interest of the German Shepherd Dog.

Your membership will impact the present and future improvement of our breed:

As the 100th Anniversary of our Club nears, we are striving to promote our dogs even further and therefore are working as a group to adhere to these lofty ideals. Please, come and join us in this endeavor!

The Annual National Specialty Show is the main showcase for the variety of abilities of the German Shepherd Dog. It is a celebration on many levels. Along with conformation, the additions of other venues such as Obedience, Rally, Agility, Tracking, Herding and Temperament Certification engage members and their dogs in positive interaction.

The Working Dog Sport under the auspices of the American Kennel Club is an exciting new event starting at the 2007 National and the GSDCA-WDA alliance is a strong association with the same aims, purposes and pursuits as the GSDCA and aimed toward the promotion of working dog trials.

Our members look forward with great anticipation to National Specialty Show events

and the series of preceding Regional Futurity and Maturity shows that showcase breeders and the dogs they have produced.

Ceremonious recognitions for the various awards available to be earned by our members are part of the celebration at the National.

Various committees of the GSDCA are devoted to the health and welfare of our breed. The Canine Health Foundation, of which the GSDCA was a founding member Parent Club, and the American German Shepherd Charitable Foundations were organized to fund health and research issues.

German Shepherd rescue through the American German Shepherd Rescue Association (AGSRA) is a viable link to local rescue groups with a grant program. Starting in 2006, a new committee called Raleef, was formed to aid the membership in opposing the anti breeder, breed specific and other legislation and organizations inconsistent with the interests of the GSDCA. Member involvement through this committee will become of more importance in the years ahead.

The future of any club lies with it's young people and their continued involvement. Therefore, we have an active Juniors program, for any age, with ongoing educational rewards. A Junior membership is also available for those 18 years of age or older.

A major perk for your membership is a subscription to the German Shepherd Dog Review. This is a prestigious and award winning publication that you will receive each month. Various issues spotlight different aspects of our dog's talents, along with articles and stories that serve to educate the fancy. The beautiful dogs advertised, many in color, are an ongoing history of the breed and the issues are cherished by our members.

Please join us in the continued development of that most versatile of breeds the German Shepherd Dog!

