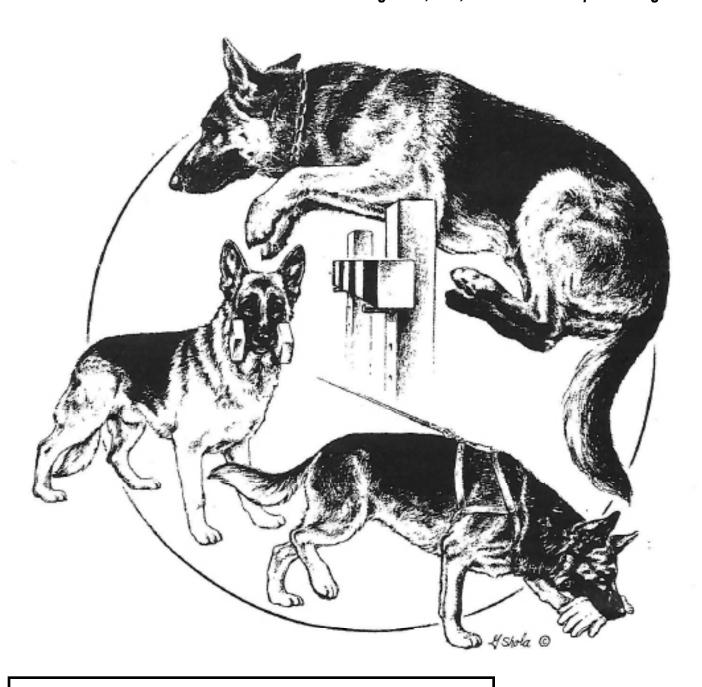


# Tales of Lincolnwood

News from Lincolnwood Training Club, Inc., for German Shepherd Dogs



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### Lincolnwood Training Club, Inc., for German Shepherd Dogs 2017 Indoor Training Schedule -- Winter Session

<u>Time</u> Place/Instructor Class 238 Sanders Road Sunday King's Kennels (01/08/2017 - 04/09/2017) Riverwoods, IL (Every Sunday) 9:00 a.m. Distractions Dave Perry 9:00 a.m. Ring Time/Competition Obedience TBD (Sits and Downs 9:30 a.m.) Rally Obedience 10:00 a.m. **Greg Hayward** 10:00 a.m. Advanced Puppy Anne Feurestein 11:00 a.m. Obedience -- Novice Cathy Stein 11:00 a.m. S.T.A.R. Puppy Anne Feurestein

238 Sanders Road Wednesday King's Kennels (01/11/2017 -- 04/12/2017) Riverwoods, IL

(Please note: no training on the 3rd Wednesday of the month.) (01/11, 01/25, 02/01, 02/08, 02/22, 03/01, 03/08, 03/22, 03/29, 04/05,

04/12)

6:30 p.m. Advanced Puppy Nancy Lane 6:30 p.m. S.T.A.R. Puppy Cathy Stein 7:30 p.m. Obedience -- Novice Dave Perry 7:30 p.m. Beginner Adult Dogs Tim Schaefer

All breeds as well as mixed breeds are welcome to attend our classes. All handlers must bring a copy of a current vet record to the first class.

If classes are cancelled, you will be contacted and there will be a message on the Club phone: 847/299-7273. Questions? Please call Director of Training Cathy Stein at 847-217-0527.



### Club Members Out & About

### 2 New tracking Dogs

Izabela Raczynski-Bell (below, left)) and Apollo and Wendy Israel and Cassidy earned their **Tracking Dog titles** at a Pecatonica Tracking Club test in September. Both are students of Greg Hayward.



Puppy Love



Meet Cathy and Bobby Stevens' new puppy, Lili



## Splish, Splash! Rosie tries Dock jumpine\*

by Mary Merlin

Rosie and I tried this new sport at Suncoast Dock Diving when we were on vacation in North Fort Myers, Florida.

Gypsy loved it! She is so intense it's hard to make her wait. First they put a long line on the dog so they can pull them in if they get scared. Many did.

But Gypsy went right away down the ramp.

When they said she's ready, they took her to the other side where they have to dive. They took the long line off her and off she went after the article they tossed in before her.

They laughed and said we have a dock-diving dog.

The hardest thing is for her to wait. And I don't always throw the article right, so we both need to practice.

(\* Dock jumping first appeared in 1997 at an event sponsored by pet food manufacturer Purina. There are now a number of organizations that run dock jumping. North American Diving Dogs was formed in 2014 and offers diving dog titles recognized by the American Kennel Club. There are many divisions, depending on the organization. All teams are ranked according to how far they jump. Source: www.northamericadivingdogs.com)

### Cons-RATS to Cassidy

Wendy Israel's Cassidy earned her **Barn Hunt Master title** in September, becoming the second German Shepherd and first female GSD in Illinois to earn the title!

This new and quickly growing dog sport tests the nose. speed. agility, and surefootedness of dogs. The AKC recognizes titles at four testing levels above

Cassidy

Instinct.





Cathy Stein's Danny Boy earned a **Therapy Dog International Remarkable Volunteer Achievement Award** (TDIRVA) for 250 documented visits to area hospitals, nursing homes, and other facilities.

### Advanced Canine Good Citizen qualifiers

Four Lincolnwood Training Club members, a guest trainer, and their dogs passed the Club's first **AKC Community Canine Test (advanced CGC)** and can list the CGCA initials after their dog's name

AKC Community Canine expands on CGC skills and lays the beginning foundation for obedience, rally, and therapy dog work.

The advanced manners class exercises are simulations of real world skills, with a goal to test the dog's abilities in a natural setting.



Advanced-level Canine Good Citizen program qualifiers were Joe Lim (from left) and Gandolf, guest trainer Terry Sohn and Biscuit, Rosemary Lacey and Ruby, Nancy Lane and Sam, and Karen Melbinger and Bruno (Photo by Richard Lane)

### Club News...

### Welcome New Members, Doss

Lincolnwood Training Club welcomes its newest members and their dogs that were recently voted into membership:

The Roman Osovsky Family of Northbrook, IL, and their GSD, Max, born 9/14/2015, sire: Greco Meister Der Zerstorung, dam: Greta Herrin Der Zerstorung, breeder: Joe Bontrager.

Kevin Lyjak and Bridget Calcott of Chicago, IL, and their bitch, Piper, born 1/12/2016, sire: Sebastian Vom Peccipeke, dam: Ebony Vom Nimble, breeder: Windige Stadt Kennels.

John and Demi Zaino of Deer Park, IL, and bitch, Zoey, born 1/02/2016.

Jane Eastman of Chicago, IL, and her bitch, Bell, born 9/17/2015, sire: Kalmes Acres Panzer, dam: Kalmes Acres Roxie, breeder: Renee Kalmes.

Silva Jelebinkov of Morton Grove, IL, and dog, Balkan, born 6/28/2015.

The Amit and Sumita Bhargava Family of Buffalo Grove, IL, and their GSD, Leo, born 4/02/2016, sire: Valto Vom Landheim, dam: Vesti Aus Dem Haus Zy Gadto, breeder: Laura and William James.

The Brian and Beth Groener Family of Des Plaines, IL, and their GSD, Max, born 8/29/2015, sire: Monty Vom Underland, dam: Die Magdt Von Die Berge, breeder: Martin Yoder.

Also, Club members recording new dogs include Bobby and Cathy Stevens with Lili, a bitch, born 5/07/2016, sire: Gordon Vom Kellnerhof, dam: Adal Vom Flussblick Schwarzwald, breeder: Don Burgess, Black Forest Elite K-9.

Steve Stembridge also recorded GSD Gipp, born 12/17/2015, sire: Valto Vom Landheim, dam: Mira Stadt Spenge, breeders: William and Laura James.

### Leg's Up!

Nancy and Richard Lane and Sam, Beginner Novice B, Leg # 1, 2nd place, Skokie Valley Kennel Club Obedience Trial, Dec. 6, 2015, Judge Fred Buroff.

Nancy and Richard Lane and Sam, Beginner Novice B, Leg #2, 3rd place,

### Birthday Barks



Gina	5/06/2015	Janet Culotta	
Gini	7/11/2008	Rosemary Minzghor	
Jenks	7/11/2014	Christine Filler	
Saoirse	7/12/2013	James/Kathleen Callanan	
Morgen	7/13/2008	Cathy Stein	
Payton	7/29/2007	Ed Lamasky	
Themis	8/01/2014	Cian/Alex Quinn	
Bruno	8/07/2012	Michael/Karen Melbinger	
Gracie	8/12/2004	Mary Even	
Czar	8/14/2005	Louanne Howe	
Elsa	8/15/2006	Elaine Vedder	
Bella	8/15/2014	Christine Hickman	
Becks	8/18/2014	Jason Grochowski	
Grimm Lakota Flair Fergie Faolan Fritzi Ricco Max Bell Cassidy Phineas	9/05/2013 9/06/2015 9/09/2010 9/09/2010 9/09/2010 9/09/2010 9/11/2004 9/14/2015 9/17/2015 9/22/2008 9/29/2010	Peter/Edna Mondlock Violett Skowron Sue Czuchra Pat Speyer Janet Culotta Pat Behles Rosemary Minzghor Roman Osovsky Jane Eastman Wendy Israel Stu Unger Fergie driving	

(We apologize if any of this information is incorrect. Please contact Club Historian Wendy Israel to update information about your dog.)

German Shepherd Dog Training Club of Chicago Obedience Trial, Feb. 20, 2016, Judge Ronnie Bizer.

Nancy and Richard Lane and Sam, Beginner Novice B, Leg #3, 2nd place, **Beginner Novice (BN) title**, Fox River Valley Kennel Club Obedience Trial, June 4, 2016, Judge David Haddock.

Dawn Jensen and Lexi, Canine Good Citizen test, passed, **Canine Good Citizen** (CGC) title, June 14, 2016, Evaluator Cathy Stu Unger and Lou, Canine Good Citizen test, passed, **Canine Good Citizen (CGC) title**, July 1, 2016, Evaluator Cathy Stein.

Stu Unger and Lou, Therapy Dogs International test, passed, **Therapy Dog International (TDI) title**, July 17, 2016, Evaluator: Cathy Stein.

Pat Behles and Britta, Socialized Pet Obedience Test (SPOT), passed, **SPOT-ON title**, Mid-Lakes Australian Shepherd Club

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#### KNOW YOUR FIELD RULES...

EQUIPMENT: Please do not use any training equipment until your instructor has shown you how to properly train your dog in the use of the equipment. This prevents injuries and avoids developing bad habits that can be difficult to correct.

### Club News Continued...

UKC Conformation Show, June 25, 2016, Judge Jeanne Heger.

Pat Behles and Fritzi, Socialized Pet Obedience Test (SPOT), passed, **SPOT title**, Mid-Lakes Australian Shepherd Club UKC Conformation Show, June 25, 2016, Judge Jeanne Heger

Lana Berger and Harry, Rally Advanced B, Leg #4, and Rally Excellent B, Leg #4, 2nd Place, passed both, Car-Dun-Al Obedience Dog Training Club Rally Trial, April 23, 2016, Judge Suzanne Mayborne.

Lana Berger and Harry, Rally Advanced B, Leg #5, and Rally Excellent B, Leg #5, 3rd Place, passed both, Car-Dun-Al Obedience Dog Training Club, April 24, 2016, Judge Robert Self, Jr.

Lana Berger and Harry, Rally Advanced B, Leg #6, 3rd Place, and Rally Excellent B, Leg #6, 4th Place, passed

both, Rand Park Dog Training Club, April 30, 2016, Judge Sandra Gould.

Stu Unger and Lou, Novice B, Leg #1, 3rd Place, passed, Lincolnwood Training Club for German Shepherd Dogs Obedience Trial, Sept. 18, 2016, Judge Robert Burgin.

Lana Berger and Harry, Rally Advanced B, Leg #7, and Rally Excellent B, Leg #7, passed both, Rand Park Dog Training Club Rally Trial, May 2, 2016, Judge Sandra Gould.

Rosemary Lacey and Ruby, Rally Novice B, Leg #3, 1st Place, passed, Rally Novice (RN) title, Lincolnwood Training Club for German Shepherd Dogs Rally Trial, Sept. 18, 2016, Judge Loretta Lazzara.

#### tracking test Ahead

Lincolnwood Training Club will hold a Tracking Dog and Tracking Dog Excellent

test Sunday, Oct. 30, 2016, at Burnidge/ Paul Wolff Forest Preserve in Elgin, IL.

A total of eight dogs will attempt to find a glove laid earlier in the day at the end of tracks of varying lengths and turns.

Much of this interesting event can be seen from the main pathway.

Judges are Mr. Walter O'Brien and Ms. Eibhlin Glennon. Test chairman and secretary is Bobby Stevens.

#### Need a Club Roster?

Hard copies of Lincolnwood's membership roster are available on request from corresponding secretary Kathy Pairitz and on request at the Club's awards dinner for Club members who need one.

These rosters are updated yearly and are not e-mailed.



### She's Pre++y tricky!

by Pat Behles

In April, my girl, Britta, became a Trick Dog Champion through the organization, Do More With Your Dog.

It all began several years ago when I realized that I needed to change my methods to get my dogs more engaged with me and to make training fun and more exciting.

*I needed to get rid* of the prong collar and stop jerking my dogs around to get into position.

Searching the internet, I found Do More With Your Dog (DMWYD).

I dug even further. There are four levels of titles: Novice, Intermediate, Advanced, and Expert Trick Dog, plus the Champion title (TDCH).

At each level, there is a long list of possible tricks that you can choose from, and a certain number of tricks that need to be performed to earn a title. Many tricks are simply basic obedience exercises like sit, down, and give.

*Of course, the tricks* get more difficult as you progress to the upper levels.

The great thing about earning the first four titles is that you don't have to take any special class, wait for a show, or need an official judge to pass.

You don't even have to do all the tricks on the same day.

Your best friend or even a family member just follows the simple rules, witnesses, and signs off for each trick your dog does.

**Both Britta, and her daughter**, Fritzi, earned their first three titles in just one day. And like everything, there is a cost. Send the completed list of tricks, plus \$20. The title certificate you'll receive is beautiful.

A Trick Dog Champion is a more complicated and costly accomplishment.

The difference here is that a video of all the required tricks is submitted through YouTube. The staff at DMWYD judge.

*I've got to say, I was* pretty stumped for awhile on how to get Britta to perform a few of the tricks that required six behaviors from a distance, six silent signals, and several behaviors with one cue.

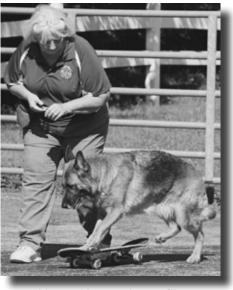
I came up with a plan, worked it, and Britta achieved her TDCH with a perfect score. Here's the link to watch everything she did to reach this goal. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bAVK33bu08M

*Britta's daughter, Fritzi,* is right behind her. One more trick and she, too, will have her TDCH.

To some all this may seem like a lot of foolishness, but I've found that the more

I do to mix things up and keep training exciting and fresh, the more my girls want to learn. It's fun for both of us.

*Oh, rumor has it* that the AKC is looking into making trick dog titles official AKC titles, like they have with Barn Hunt.



Pat Behles and her Trick Dog Champion, Britta, do some skateboarding

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### Bark and Awe...

### Linconwood's 2016 Obedience and Rally trials

Nearly a dozen Club members earned green qualifying ribbons and more in a range of classes – from Novice to Brace to Rally Excellent -- at Lincolnwood Training Club's annual obedience and rally trials held in mid-September on the Club's grounds.

The weather was perfect, our judges (Mr. Robert Burgin for obedience and Ms. Loretta Lazzara for rally) gracious, and trial support from Club members strong, as always.

Congratulations to the following qualifiers and their German Shepherds: Pat Behles and Fritzi, 1st Place, Preferred Open; Stu Unger and Lou, 3rd place, and Kathy Pairitz and Angel, 4th Place, Novice B; and Pat Behles and Fritzi and Britta, 1st Place, Brace.

Also qualifying were Lana Berger and Harry, 1st Place in both Rally Excellent B and Rally Advanced B; Rosemary Lacey and Ruby, 1st Place (and title), Guillermo Zamora and Hardy, 2nd Place, and Nancy Lane and Sam, 3rd Place, Rally Novice B.

Guillermo Zamora and Hardy earned 1st Place, and Rosemary Lacey and Buddy, 2nd Place, in Beginner Novice B.

Give some more applause to Club members lending a hand to help make our trial run like clockwork, starting with our indispensable stewards: Richard Lane, chief obedience steward; Lori Leonard, obedience scorekeeper; and obedience ring stewards Sandy Kalhauge, Leslie Manzara, Mary Merlin, and Adrienne Scheuneman.

For rally, put your paws together for Sandy Tristano, chief rally steward; Anne Feuerstein, rally scorekeeper; Bobby Stevens, rally timekeeper; and rally ring stewards Wendy Israel and Steve Stembridge.

More thank yous to Nancy Lane and Judy Braginsky for overseeing the whole event as trial secretary and trial chairman, respectively.

In addition, Cathy Stevens took care of the kitchen, breakfast, and a very tasty lunch. Karen Johnson produced really spiffy gift bag prizes as well as ordered trophies and ribbons. Cathy Stein looked after the judges

as hospitality chair. And Judy Braginsky produced the premium and the trial catalog and photographed the event.





Hospitality chairman Cathy Stein (top photo, clockwise, with Judges Mr. Robert Burgin and Ms. Loretta Lazzara; Stu Unger and Lou, with Mr. Burgin; Guillermo Zamora, Hardy, and Ms. Lazarra; Rosemary Lacey and Ruby



#### KNOW YOUR FIELD RULES...

CHILDREN: Bringing small children on the field is discouraged. When children are on the field, they must be accompanied by an adult at all times and kept away from the training area. At no time should children be allowed to run or play on the field.

Bark and Awe Continued ...









Kathy Pairitz (top photo, clockwise) and Angel doing the Figure 8, with Mr. Burgin and obedience ring stewards Sandy Kalhauge (left) and Leslie Manzara; Club president Dean Leonard opening the trial; Pat Behles, Fritzi, and Mr. Burgin; Lana Berger, Harry, and Ms. Lazzara; Nancy Lane, Sam, and Ms. Lazarra (Trial photos by Judy Braginsky)



### Bark and Awe Continued...











#### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

### German Shepherd Dog Club of America, Inc. Application for Membership

Requirements: Minimum age of 18 years. Must be in good standing with AKC. Membership includes subscription to *The German Shepherd Dog Review*. Must be sponsored by two members in good standing of the GSDCA.

Membership Type: (check one)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

PRINTED NAME & SIGNATURE OF SPONSOR\*

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Single \$36.00 Family*\$66.00 Outside the United States add
\$24.
*Family is defined as same household or significant other. Dues are not tax deductible
Make checks payable to GSDCA.
NAME(S)
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I (We) hereby make application to the above Club and agree, if accepted for membership, to abide by all AKC and GSDCA rules and policies. Upon application I will be eligible for all privileges except the right to vote. Thirty days after my name h been published in the <i>Review</i> , provided no objections have been filed, I will be grante the right to vote.
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

Mail to: Dania Karloff 2136 Mt. Pleasant Road Chesapeake, VA 23322 GSDCAMembers@aol.com

\*Per GSDCA policy, if no sponsors are available, membership applications may be signed by the GSDCA President and the Membership Chair.

Obedience trial staffers (top photo, from left, clockwise) included obedience scorekeeper Lori Leonard, obedience ring steward Adrienne Scheuneman, chief obedience ring steward Richard Lane, obedience ring stewards Sandra Kalhauge, Leslie Manzara, and Mary Merlin; kitchen chair Cathy Stevens; chief rally ring steward Sandy Tristano and rally timekeeper Bobby Stevens; obedience trial stewards Mary Merlin (Ifrom left) Leslie Manzara, and Pat Speyer; trophies and prizes chair Karen Johnson





### HEALTH CORNER...

### Skunked? De-Skunk!

Skunks live all over the place, especially along Chicago's North Shore.

And if your dog gets curious about one, she may end up with a face full of stink.

If your dog gets sprayed, there are ways you can rid her of the scent without having to buy up every can of tomato juice in the area, according to the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS).

Here's Lincolnwood's corresponding secretary Kathy Pairitz'experience with her GSD, Angel, along with some skunking tips and a good clean-up recipe from the HSUS:

"We were in the back yard about 7 p.m., when it was still light outside," Kathy says.

"Angel was laying on the patio and I was a couple of feet away from her when she jumped up and started to run to the back of the yard.

"I looked up and saw the black stripe and immediately yelled, 'No, Angel come.' She turned and came back to me and I could see she was very upset."

Angel started rolling in the grass and rubbing her face on the grass while Kathy ran in the house, got a warm rag, and started to wipe Angel's eyes and mouth.

"My son, Tony, came by and we mixed up the solution recommended by the humane society, put on rubber gloves, and washed her face and chest," Kathy says. "We followed the directions and made sure to keep it out of her eyes and to rinse it off immediately.

"When I spoke to the vet, she told me that they are getting a lot of cases of dogs getting skunked. The main thing is that Angel didn't get bit, as vets have had cases where the dog has gotten bit or the dog kills the skunk and then they have to give the dog a rabies booster even if the dog has been vaccinated.

"She told me skunks are out in the day, too, and not only at night, so I guess we all need to be a little extra careful!"

Over-the-counter products, such as *Nature's Miracle Skunk Odor Remover*, are a quick fix. But if you don't have that on hand, you can prepare the solution recommended by the HSUS at right.

Here are some steps to take when this happens:

#### **Step 1: KEEP YOUR DOG OUTSIDE**

You'll probably want to keep your dog outside while you get your ingredients together so she doesn't carry the smell indoors. Check her eyes. If they're irritated or red, immediately flush them with cool water.

### **Step 2: MIX THE INGREDIENTS**

Mix together ingredients listed in box at upper right per instructions.

Caution: Do NOT store this mixture or make it ahead of time because the mixture could explode if left in a bottle.

### **Step 3: CLEAN AND RINSE**

Rub the mixture through the dog's hair, but don't leave it on too long because peroxide can bleach hair.

Rinse the dog thoroughly.

### **Step 4: SHAMPOO**

Next, wash your dog with pet shampoo and rinse thoroughly.

By now your dog should be deskunked and smelling sweet.

Thoroughly towel-dry your dog, and be sure to place her in a warm, sunny room for the next couple of hours so that she doesn't get chilled.

#### OWNER CLEANUP.

If your dog has rubbed some of the stink onto you, you can rid your clothes of the smell by using regular laundry detergent mixed with a half-cup of baking soda.

(Source: Humane Society of the United States



### HSUS De-skunking Recipe

- \* 1 quart of 3% hydrogen peroxide (available at any pharmacy)
- \* cup baking soda
- \* 1 teaspoon liquid dish-washing soap, like *Dawn*.

Mix ingredients together.

Wear rubber gloves and wash your dog with this solution immediately after the dog's been sprayed.

DO NOT get the solution in your dog's eyes.

(If you don't have peroxide, baking soda, and liquid soap on hand, use vinegar diluted with water.)



Kathy Pairitz and Angel

### to Your german Shepherd's Good Health

Various committees of the German Shepherd Dog Club of America are devoted to the health and welfare of our breed.

**The Canine Health** Foundation, of which the GSDCA was a founding member, and the American German Shepherd Charitable Foundation were

organized to fund health research issues such as bloat and anal fistulas.

**The GSDCA also maintains** a website section on health and general topics of interest to German Shepherd owners. It is easily accessible by going to gsdca.org/german-shepherd-dogs/health.

Topics include rabies vaccination

requirements by state, lifesaving tips for your dog, a compilation of the health issues of spay/neuter in dogs, canine cancer treatment news, information on canine hemangiosarcoma from the University of Minnesota veterinary school, and a quick reference guide for GDV (bloat). The guide is printed below.



Quick Reference Guide For GDV BLOAT			Vet's Emergency Telephone Number	
	What Is Happening	What The Dog Does	What You Should Do	Treatment
Stress	Stometh function is normal.	Dog behaves as usual.	Keep the dog quiet; Do not leave the dog alone; Give Antacid if your vet agrees.	During this period the dog may recover without going on to develop
Exchement >>> Vigorous Exercise >>> Large Meals >>> Long Drink >>>> Swallowed Air >>>> Familial Tendency >>>>	does not empty as it should.	Seems slightly uncomfortable.	Be aware of Phase I symptoms.	Gaside Volvulus.
PHASE I GDV	Stomach starts to dilate. (Gastric Dilatation) Stomach twists. (Gastric Volvulus)	Anxious, restless, pacing; Trying to vomit-may bring up stiff white foam but no food; Salivating; Abdomen may be swollen.	Call your vet, tell him what you suspect and why. Take the dog to the vet without further delay.	During this period the dog may recover if your vet releases the pressure with a stomach tube.
PHASE II GDV	Blood suppy to part of stomach is cut off. Stomach tissue is damaged. Portal vein, vena cava and splenic vein become com- pressed and twisted. Spleen becomes engorged. Shock begins to develop	Very restless; whining & panting; Salivating copiously; Tries to vomit every 2-3 min; Stands with legs apart & head hanging down; Abdomen swollen & sounds hollow if tapped; Gums dark red; Heart rate 80-100 beats/min; Temperature raised (104°f)	Get someone to tell your vet you are on your way and why.  Take the dog to the vet as quickly as possible.	During this period the vet will need to relieve the stomach pressure, start an intravenous drip and perform surgery to untwist the stomach.
PHASE III GDV	Spleen and stomach tissue become Necrotic. Shock now very severe. Heart failure develops. Shock now irreversible. Death	Unable to stand or stands shakily with legs apart; Abdomen very swollen; Breathing shallow; Gums white or blue; Heart rateover 100 beats / minute; Pulse very weak; Temperature drops (98°f)	Death is imminent.  Get someone to tell your vet you are your way and why.  Take the dog to the vet as quickly as possible.	As well as doing every- thing above, the vet will need to remove part of the stomach and the spleen. He will also need to use powerful drugs to counteract shock. It is no longer possible to save the dog's life.









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