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2019 Indoor Training Schedule -- Winter Session

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Registration is required for all classes. Classes are 8-week sessions. All dog breeds as well as mixed breeds are welcome to attend our classes. All handlers must bring a copy of 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: 847-217-0527.

Questions? Call the Club’s Director of Training Cathy Stein at 847-217-0527.

King’s Kennels directions: Take I-94 north and exit at Deerfield Rd., Deerfield Rd. west to Sanders Rd., left on Sanders Rd. to King’s Kennels on the right at 238 Sanders Rd.

Or, take Millwaukee Ave. north to Sanders Rd., turn right on Sanders Rd. and go north to just past Lake-Cook Rd. King’s Kennels is on the left.

GOOD MORNING, MOM. THE BURGLARS WENT THAT WAY. (Judy Braginsky’s Kona, 11 months.)
Agility Coming Back to Lincolnwood!

“We’re excited to announce that next year in 2019 Lincolnwood Training Club will once again be offering training in the dog sport of agility,” said Club Vice President Karen Johnson. Instructor will be Lisa Wagman, who also is the Club’s nosework instructor.

“I can’t say enough good things about Lisa,” Karen said. “She brings many years of experience, along with her supportive, caring personality. Many of her LTC students are earning nose work titles and having lots of fun while doing it.”

Recently, the Club hosted an Octoberfest dinner with brats, sauerkraut, German potato salad, and hot apple cider, followed by an agility demonstration. The fun event included a birthday cake surprise for the Club’s Director of Training Cathy Stein (photo at right).

“We had a beautiful fall evening, and our students got to sample an agility run-through in anticipation of things to come,” Karen said.

Tales of Lincolnwood
Judged Top Newsletter in GSDCA Contest

For the third year in a row, Tales of Lincolnwood was awarded a first place in the German Shepherd Dog Club of America’s annual regional club newsletter competition.

“Your newsletters are chock full of content of interest to a wide range of members,” said contest judge Susan Sacco. “They are really, really good.”

Cited for particular praise was an article on pet legislation in Illinois and also a feature article, “Danny Boy’s Cat.”

“The judges also love your leg reports. People work so hard to get those titles, and to see the achievements in print is very important,” she said.

Training Director Cathy Stein Promotes Therapy Dogs in Schools

Lincolnwood Training Club Director of Training Cathy Stein and her therapy dog, Danny Boy, participated in a presentation on therapy dogs at North Cook Young Adult Academy, an alternative school, in DesPlaines, IL.

The presentations allowed guests and faculty to see first-hand the benefits of partnering with Therapy Dog International and hosting therapy dogs in schools, Cathy said.

“We have been to the facility a couple of times,” Cathy added. “The students came over and sat on the floor with Danny Boy.

“The special presentation included schools from other districts, and teachers asked many questions about Danny and TDI.”

Cathy and Danny Boy are depicted on a poster prepared in advance of the presentation that listed the ways some students felt about therapy dogs in schools:

“Petting the dogs is peaceful.” --- Angel
“These dogs make me feel calm.” --- Farrah
“I like being around the dogs. They make me feel happy.” --- Jessica
“This is a nice and relaxing environment.” --- Brooke
“Dog therapy is very relaxing, and I am comfortable petting Danny Boy.” --- Darnell

Bobby Stevens & Lili
Here Kitty, Kitty

Bobby and Cathy Stevens’ Lili has earned an AKC FAST CAT Title (BCAT) and also is ranked as the 5th speediest GSD in the nation (29.60 mph) in one of AKC’s newest programs. Launched in March of 2016, the FAST CAT is a variation on the Coursing Ability Test. (No, no cats are involved.)

In FAST CAT, dogs chase a lure in a straight line 100-yard dash and the dog’s time is converted to give their average speed for the run in miles per hour.

Owners can then see how their dogs measure up overall, as the top 20 fastest dogs by breed are posted on the AKC website. Dogs can earn titles as well. These coursing ability events tap into one of the dog’s strongest instincts, allowing all dogs to compete and be successful.

For info, go to www.akc.org/sports.
Karen Melbinger & Bruno listen to GSDCA Temperament Test evaluator Jim York

Barb Rueckert (at left) & Rye

Pat Speyer (left) mans the hidden noise station, with Test Secretary Wendy Israel & demo dog Cassidy in background

Guillermo Zamora (left) & Reagan approach Patti Barra opening the umbrella
In Good Temper...

By Greg Hayward and Wendy Israel

We had a beautiful fall day for Lincolnwood Training Club’s annual German Shepherd Dog Club of America-sponsored Temperament Test held on Lincolnwood’s field September 22, 2018.

It was sunny and cool, the perfect weather for our four-legged entrants, volunteers, and Jim York, the GSDCA evaluator. Nineteen of the 20 entrants passed the test, which included 15 GSDs and 5 other breeds of dogs.

Pedro Forte (a LTC member since 1995) entered his 17-month-old GSD, Kygo, and said, “Jim is a wonderful evaluator, and LTC is an excellent site for temperament tests. The field conditions are great, there are no delays, and there are happy, smiling people. My kids and wife came to support Kygo and me. It was a great experience.”

Barb Rueckert (LTC member since 2017) entered her GSD, Rye, and said, “That was the greatest experience I have ever had! Jim was a great evaluator; he was very calm, cool, and presentable. I would recommend everyone do the temperament test.”

Jim York said, “No other club does it better! Lincolnwood Training Club has one of the best outdoor facilities anywhere, the event is extremely well organized, the entrants are enthusiastic, and the dedicated volunteers make it all come together for a memorable experience for all the parties involved.”

A special thank-you goes to Jim York and to all our volunteers, including Test Chairman and Steward Greg Hayward, Test Secretary Wendy Israel, and the following:

Check-In: Wendy Israel, Patti Barra and Nancy Lane; Demo Team: Wendy Israel and Cassidy; and the test stations and volunteers that included Neutral Stranger: Cathy Stein; Friendly Strangers: Sandy Tristan and Anne Feuerstein; Hidden Noise: Pat Speyer; Umbrella Opener: Patti Barra; Gun Shots: Bobby Stevens; Surface Testing: no person required; and Scary Stranger: Ken Porrello.

Photography was by Sylvia Olechno.

In addition, Steve Stembridge prepared a delicious lunch of Italian beef and hot dogs, and Club members brought side dishes and desserts.

Samantha Bukowski (top photo, clockwise) & Mischief approach Patti Barra and an umbrella, while Pedro Forte & Kygo meet the Scary Stranger (Ken Porello); an entrant tests her dog’s steadiness on an uneven surface; & Pedro Forte & Kygo walk past Bobby Stevens as Stevens shoots several blank gun shots.
A Look at GSDCA Nationals 2018

By Pat Behles

It is the event of the year no matter if you have German or American lines, working or show lines, conformation or performance dogs... and don’t forget the rescues!!! I’m talking about the German Shepherd Dog Club of America’s Annual National Specialty.

The electricity was in the air as hundreds of people from across the country and Canada gathered at Purina Farms, just west of St. Louis, MO, in October to be part of this great event.

For over a week, almost a dozen different events were held, starting with the first of several days of herding tests and trials.

That first Friday we were herding sheep and ducks, in two tests, in bitter cold and rain, but it didn’t put a damper on anyone’s spirit. Just about everyone titled, some earned a couple of new titles.

Tracking was on Sunday, with three teams going home with 2-foot long rosettes and beautiful silver trays. Monday was the Herding Instinct Tests, and the Agility trial, which went into Tuesday along with the Temperament Test.

Even though all these events had taken place, Wednesday is when things really started to happen with the local Obedience/Rally trials, which was hosted by the GSD Club of St. Louis; Farm Dog Certification Test; Coursing Ability Test, which went 2 days; Dock Diving; and the Conformation Show.

In my opinion, watching the Junior handlers, some as young as 10 years old, expertly gait their dogs around the ring and present them to a judge, was an impressive highlight as these kids are the future of our breed.

Thursday things went from the local level to the official Nationals. Opening ceremonies with all the pomp and circumstance included honoring the St. Louis Police K-9 Unit, Veteran of the Year, and Hero and Rescue Dogs.

Later in the day was the Top 20 Presentations, featuring the Conformation champions, including Westminster’s 2017 Best in Show winner, Rumor. What a gorgeous girl and representative of the AKC German Shepherd Dog!

The evening events started with a Parade of Greats, which “honors equally those dogs Outstanding in Conformation, Performance, Search and Rescue, and Service Dogs…”

This was originally the only reason I was going to attend Nationals this year. Britta had earned the Performance Award of Honor. Being in the Parade was an once-in-a-lifetime event and an amazing honor.

Standing around with other first-time “Greats”, we expressed our nervousness about being unsure of what to do in front of this huge crowd.

Friday was “the” day to compete in Obedience/Rally. This is what Nationals is all about.

The judges, including Loretta Lazzara and my friend, Rick Cox, just made the day fun, relaxing competitor’s nerves. The best handlers were there, including people who have competed in IPO and the National Obedience Invitational, and Westminster.

As the parade ended, I was stopped by several breeders who, congratulating me, told me that they could breed good-looking dogs but not performance dogs. And I was the one who, with Britta’s 50 titles, was really showing the German Shepherd’s true versatility.

To hear that from some of the country’s best breeders was humbling.

The annual club meeting followed where they awarded clubs and individuals for their accomplishments. Britta, and Keeshia, were again acknowledged for earning the PAM.

Club awards included the Regional Challenge awards that goes to clubs earning the highest points from club events, and from competing members.

The Newsletter Challenge where, for our region and size, Judy Braginsky again this year was awarded 1st place for the outstanding job she does with Lincolnwood Training Club’s newsletter, Tales of Lincolnwood.

Though not announced at the meeting, there is also a challenge for the best club websites. The judges, including Loretta Lazzara and my friend, Rick Cox, just made the day fun, relaxing competitor’s nerves. The best handlers were there, including people who have competed in IPO and the National Obedience Invitational, and Westminster.

The awards in every class for placements, silver engraved bowls and all the rosettes were spectacular.

Special awards were silver platters, large loving cups, and beautiful trophies, along with rosettes that must have been 4 feet tall.

Actually, just about every sport awarded trophies and rosettes.

Overall, for me, as for many times as I’ve gone to Nationals, this was the most exciting one I’ve attended.

We were blessed by qualifying and or titling in every event we entered: three Herding tests, Herding Instinct, and Farm Dog.

And, after not being in the ring in over 2 years, with only 3 weeks of refresher drop-in training, and entering just for the fun of it because we were already there, Fritzi took 191 and 3rd place in Pre-Open, 3rd in Veterans, and along with her mom, Britta, took 2nd in Brace.

So we came home with our share of rosettes and trophies. For icing on the cake, I even won three of four raffles, with one that included a calendar that has Britta pictured as Miss May.

Next year, Nationals will be in Colorado and then it will be back in St. Louis in 2020. The GSDCA is known for holding one of the best National Specialties of any breed.

So whatever sport or level of competition you are at, a novice handler or a well-seasoned competitor, consider making it a goal to attend Nationals at least once.

There is something there for everyone!
By Pat Behles

It was just mentioned in passing. I thought it was already a dead issue. However, while attending a meeting of the German Shepherd Club of America, Lincolnwood Training Club’s parent club, things changed.

When we broke for lunch, several board members sat down to eat with me.

During the conversation, knowing that my girl Britta had earned the Performance Award of Merit, the highest award the GSDCA given to working dogs, they congratulated me, explaining what an accomplishment it really is because by competing in a variety of sports, it shows how versatile the German Shepherd truly is.

Only about a dozen GSDs a year ever achieve it.

I mentioned that even though Britta was my first dog to actually earn a PAM, my first dog, Keesha had met all the requirements but she died before what I realized what this award was.

So, several years later, thinking it never hurts to ask, I had contacted the chairperson who handled this award, asking if it could be awarded posthumously.

The response was no. Oh, well. At least I had tried and that ends that.

Well, hearing this, all the board members said that was not right.

If Keesha had met the requirement, she deserved to also be awarded the PAM. It did not matter that she had died.

But it wasn’t quite that easy.

One member of the board immediately pulled out her phone and called the PAM chair, telling her this needed to be done.

The response was that after all these years she did not want to be the one to set a precedence. If the board voted for it, she had no problem.

So the last item on the agenda of the all-day meeting was Keesha’s PAM eligibility. They voted unanimously to acknowledge her as a 2018 Performance Award of Merit recipient.

As soon as it was official, several of the board member immediately left their seats to congratulate and hug me as the tears flowed.

So 11 years after her passing, the memory of all Keesha’s accomplishment lives on as she continues to rack up titles.

Keesha will forever be remembered as PAM Rena vom Sturm und Drang, AX, MXJ, NAP, OJP, VCD1, RN, TC (a.k.a. Keesha)

Keesha is only the second dog in Lincolnwood’s 80-year history to be awarded this high honor.

The first is my other dog, Britta, who is not only LTC’s first dog ever, but also the only dog at LTC to have titled in every eligible AKC sport.

Both will go down in the GSDCA history books for reaching this pinnacle of success.

None of my dogs has ever been one-trick-ponies.

They’ve succeeded in everything we set out to do and had fun doing it!
Karen Johnson and Jon, AKC Achi-
<br>iev er Dog, August 18, 2018.

Wendy Israel and Cassidy, Barn Hunt Master, Leg #35, Passed, 1st Place, High in Class, Roy’s Run for K-9 Cancer Barn Hunt Trial, September 28, 2018, Judge Patti Burgess

Wendy Israel and Cassidy, Barn Hunt Master, Leg #36, Passed, Roy’s Run for K-9 Cancer Barn Hunt Trial, September 28, 2018, Judge Patti Burgess

Wendy Israel and Cassidy, Barn Hunt Master, Leg #37, Passed, Roy’s Run for K-9 Cancer Barn Hunt Trial, September 29, 2018, Judge Patti Burgess

Guillemo Zamora and Reagan, GSDCA Temperament Test (TC), Passed, Lincolnwood Training Club, September 22, 2018, Evaluator Jim York

Bruno Melbinger and Bruno, GSDCA Temperament Test (TC), Passed, Lin-
<br>colnwood Training Club, September 22, 2018, Evaluator Jim York

Barbara Rueckert and Rye, GSDCA Temperament Test (TC), Passed, Lin-
<br>colnwood Training Club, September 22, 2018, Evaluator Jim York

Samantha Bukowski and Mischief, GSDCA Temperament Test (TC), Passed, September 22, 2018, Evaluator Jim York

Pedro Forte and Kygo, GSDCA Temperament Test (TC), Passed, September 22, 2018, Evaluator Jim York

Bobby Stevens and Lilli, AKC Scent Work Container Advanced, Leg #38, Passed, Paw Power Blues Agility Club of NW Indiana, Scent Work Container Advanced (SCA) Title, October 20, 2018, Judges Shirley Tipsword; Also, Buried Advanced, Leg #1, 3rd Place, October 20, 2018, Judge Jodine Briel; Buried Advanced, Leg #2, 3rd Place, October 20, 2018, Judge Jodine Briel; Buried Advanced, Leg #3, 1st Place, October 20, 2018, Judge Jodine Briel; Buried Advanced, Leg #4, 3rd Place, October 20, 2018, Judge Jodine Briel; Container Excellent, Leg #3, 4th Place, Scent Work Container Excellent (SCE) Title, October 20, 2018, Judge Roger Lautt; Container Excellent, Leg #4, 3rd Place, October 20, 2018, Judge Jodine Briel; Interior Excellent, Leg #1, 3rd Place, October 20, 2018, Judge Roger Lautt; Interior Excellent, Leg #2, 4th Place, October 20, 2018, Judge Jodine Briel; Excellent Exterior, Leg #1, October 20, 2018, Judge Roger Lautt; Excellent Exterior, Leg #2, October 20, 2018, Judge Jodine Briel.

Wendy Israel and Cassidy, Exterior Excellent, Leg #3, Scent Work Exterior Excellent (SEE) Title, October 20, 2018, Judge Amy Wukotich; Buried Advanced, Leg #3, Scent Work Buried Advanced (SBA) Title, October 28, 2018, Judge Sharon Jonas; Interior Excellent, Leg #3, Scent Work Interior Excellent (SIE) Title, October 28, 2018, Judge Sharon Jonas; Scent Work Advanced (SWA) Title, October 28, 2018.

Wendy Israel and Cassidy, Master B, Leg #38, Happy Feet K-9, November 2, 2018, Judge Sue Fregien; Master B, 4th Place, Leg #39, November 2, 2018, Judge Sue Fregien.

Izabela Racynski-Bell and Argos, Rally Novice B, 2nd Place, Leg #2, Glenbard ABOC, November 3, 2018, Judge Fred Broff; Rally Novice B, 4th Place, Leg #3, Rally Novice (RN) Title, November 4, 2018, Judge Loretta Lazzara.

Richard Lane and Nellie, Glenbard All Breed ABOC, Open A, 1st Place, Leg #2, November 3, 2018, Judge Loretta Lazzara; Open A, 3rd Place, Leg #3, Companion Dog Excellent (CDX) Title, November 4, 2018, Judge Joseph Caputa.

Wendy Israel and Cassidy, Master B, Leg #40, Barn Hunt Champion Excellent 4 (RATCHX4) Title, Yorkville Paws & Claws, November 10, 2018, Judge Kim Holt; Crazy 8’s, 5,500 Points, Crazy 8’s Platinum 2 Gold (CZ8P2G) Title, November 10, 2018, Judge Kim Holt.

Bobby Stevens and Lilli, Rally Intermediate, Leg #2, Car-Dun-Al Obedience DTC, November 10, 2018, Judge Barbara Wedekind Shelton; Rally Intermediate, Leg #3, Rally Intermediate (RI) Title, November 11, 2018, Judge Richard Wood.

Pat Behles and Britta Herding Instinct Test, Herding Instinct Certification (HIC), Wooden Ewe Ranch, July 12, 2018, Judges Dan DeLegge and Debbie Ekstrom.

Pat Behles and Fritzi, Herding Instinct Test, Passed, Herding Instinct Certification (HIC), Wooden Ewe Ranch July 12, 2018, Judges Dan DeLegge and Debbie Ekstrom.


Pat Behles and Britta, AKC Achi-
<br>iev er Dog, July 25, 2018.


Pat Behles and Fritzi, AKC Achi-
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Pat Behles and Britta, GSDCA National Specialty results: Farm Dog Certification Test, Passed, October 12, 2018, Judge Natasha Sullivan; Farm Dog Certification Test, Passed, Farm Dog Certified (FDC) Title, October 17, 2018, Judge Julie Degen; Pre-Trial Herding Test Sheep, Passed, October 12, 2018, Judge Gerard Baudet; Pre-Trial Herding Test Sheep, Passed, Pre-Trial Tested (PT) Title, October 12, 2018, Judge Tracy Parciak; Herding Test Sheep, Passed, Herding Tested (HT) Title, October 12, 2018, Judge Gerard Baudet.

Pat Behles and Fritzi, GSDCA National Specialty, Obedience Brace, 2nd Place, Leg #3, October 19, 2018, Judge Rick Cox.

Pat Behles and Fritzi, GSDCA National Specialty results: Preferred Open, 3rd Place, Leg #6, October 19, 2018, Judge Loretta Lazzara; Veterans, 3rd Place, October 19, 2018, Judge Rick Cox; Farm Dog Certification Test, Passed, October 17, 2018, Judge Natasha Sullivan; Farm Dog Certification Test, Passed, Farm Dog Certified (FDC) Title, October 17, 2018, Judge Julie Degen; Herding Instinct Test, Passed, October 15, 2018, Judge Debbie Ekstrom; Herding Instinct Test, Passed, Herding Instinct Test (IT), October 15, 2018, Judge Gerard Baude.
Pat Behles and Keesha, GSDCA Performance Award of Merit (PAM), July 28, 2018, Judges GSDCA Board of Officers.

Bobby Stevens and Lili, Canine Good Citizen Test, Passed, Canine Good Citizen (CGC) Title, Lincolnwood Training Club, November 14, 2018, Evaluator Cathy Stein.

Curt and Christine Trefelner and Blaze, Canine Good Citizen Test, Passed, Canine Good Citizen (CGC) Title, Lincolnwood Training Club, November 14, 2018, Evaluator Cathy Stein.

Sylvia Olechno and Sasha, Canine Good Citizen Test, Passed, Canine Good Citizen (CGC) Title, Lincolnwood Training Club, November 14, 2018, Evaluator Cathy Stein.

Wendy Israel and Cassidy, Cudahy Kennel Club AKC Scentwork Trial results: Handler Discrimination Novice, Leg #1, 1st Place, November 18, 2018, Judge Dave Conroy; Handler Discrimination Novice, Leg #2, 2nd Place, November 18, 2018, Judge Dave Conroy.

Richard Lane and Nellie, Utility A, 1st Place, Leg #1, Fox Valley DTC, November 18, 2018, Judge Alice Peterson.

Patti Speyer and Frankie, AKC Kennel Club Therapy Dog (50 visits), Therapy Dog (THD) Title, November, 2018.

Happy Birthday!

Connor 10/1/2008 James and Barbara Murray
Guinness 10/5/2013 Peter O’Malley
Mikey 10/11/2016 Donna Kircher
Elke 10/12/2006 Frank Koszyk
Kane 10/15/2016 Mary Even
Ada 10/23/2016 Kathryn Grace
Danny Boy 10/25/2009 Cathy Stein
Jordan 10/29/2015 Ramona and Guillermo Zamora
Gandalf 10/30/2014 Joe and Theresa Lim
Wrigley 10/31/2017 Debra and Tony Marzano
Uli 11/7/2015 Greg and Louisa Hayward
Reye 11/8/2009 Marie Goulden
Lexi 11/8/2013 Kevin and Leah Swanquist
Lexi 11/16/2017 Margaret and Mike Clarewicz
Mitzi 11/17/2017 Ramona and Guillermo Zamora
Shemp 11/20/2009 Larry Hoseman
Zoe 11/21/2006 Linda Witt
X-O 11/21/2013 Jack/Gorby
Nikita 11/27/2012 Theresa Lim
Star 11/30/2011 Patti Barra

Linc 12/9/2012 Marianne and Jason Perlman
Maya 12/14/2013 James and Barbara Murray
Mica 12/16/2006 Margo Tsim
Gipp 12/17/2015 Steve Stembridge
Lies 12/18/2012 Ruth Black and Neda Tkalcevic
Thunder 12/20/2006 Colleen Breslin
Sargent 12/21/2009 Harry and Tina Moore
Bonza 12/24/2017 Saranjara Verren
Buddy 12/25/2010 Rosemary Lacey
Tommy 12/26/2011 Margaret Gibbs
Bear 12/28/2012 William Schlchtman
Asian longhorned Tick Alert

Submitted by Paul Volltrauer
The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention warns of exotic ticks spreading across the nation that threatens to transmit serious disease.

Nine states initially reported finding the Asian longhorned tick. Since then, 53 reports of the tick have been confirmed in seven more states through September, 2018.

Native to China, Japan, Korea, and the Russian Far East, the Asian longhorned tick had never previously been detected in the U.S. before. That changed in August, 2017 when a sheep in New Jersey was found to be infested with them.

In other parts of the world where the Asian longhorned tick is common, it is a serious threat to livestock and can reduce production in dairy cattle by 25%.

In Asia, this tick is known to carry a dangerous virus that kills 15% of the people it bites.

On the positive side, the CDC report states that there’s no evidence the Asian longhorned tick has transmitted disease to humans or animals in the U.S.

According to a recent report from the lab testing service Quest Diagnostics, Lyme disease rates, however, have skyrocketed in recent years. Positive test results have now been reported in all 50 states as well as Washington, DC.

Other conditions spread by different types of native ticks, like Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever and alpha-gal syndrome (which involves a sudden allergy to red meat), have also seen increases in recent years.

These are scary statistics and the real reason people need to be vigilant about ticks that might be lurking in their yards, and in nearby grasses and forests, said John Aucott, M.D., director of the Lyme Disease Research Center at Johns Hopkins University Medical Center.

“We certainly don’t want this new tick species spreading all over the country,” he said. “Yet people should be paying more attention to actually protecting themselves from much bigger threats.”

Wintertime Dog Tricks

Suggestions for brain work & tricks to do with your dog
By Marja Tomikowski
As we all know, German Shepherds are active dogs that need lots of exercise, both physical and mental.

Here is a collection of activities you can do with your dog when you just want to have fun with him on a winter day, especially if your highly intelligent companion seems bored.

When he’s mastered one thing, think of something new instead of just repeating old routines.

Some of these tricks may require lots of time to learn, but don’t worry. That’s exactly why they are so useful. In order to master the trick, your dog needs to really concentrate and use his brain.

And don’t forget to reward your dog when he makes some progress.

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Here goes:
* Tired of collecting all of your dog’s chew toys and tennis balls? Teach your dog to do it himself, putting his toys into a box on one command.
  * Teach your dog to lift up each of his feet on command (“right,” “left,” etc.). This is useful when you clip his nails or need to wash or wipe him.
  * Teach your dog to find the keys. This also is good for accustoming dogs to metal articles in their mouth for dog sport utility work.
  * My dog will also bring me the box of Kleenex when I sneeze.
  * When you go out for a walk, let your dog fetch his own collar and leash.
  * Teach your dog to stop and look before crossing a road. You can first teach your dog the directions (“look right” and “look left”). Then, combine the commands to sit and look right and left before giving permission to cross.

Deer ticks, for example, can spread Lyme disease and more. Their numbers are on the rise throughout the United States, as are the diseases they carry, he said.

Help protect yourself and your pets from ticks by:
  * USING EPA-REGISTERED insect repellents containing DEET, and always follow product instructions.
  * TREATING CLOTHING and gear with products containing 0.5% permethrin, or buy permethrin-treated clothing and gear.
  * CHECKING YOUR BODY and clothing for ticks upon return from potentially tick-infested areas, including your own back yard.
  * SHOWERING SOON AFTER being outdoors. It’s also a good time to do a tick check.

TALKING TO YOUR VETERINARIAN about tickborne diseases in your area and prevention products for your dog.
(Sources: www.CDC.gov/media; www.health.com/condition/lyme-disease)
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)
___ 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) __________________________________________
ADDRESS _________________________________________
CITY _____________________________________________
PHONE(S) _________________________________________
FAX ______________________________________________
EMAIL ____________________________________________

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 has been published in the Review, provided no objections have been filed, I will be granted the right to vote.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT _____________________________________________
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*Per GSDCA policy, if no sponsors are available, membership applications may be signed by the GSDCA President and the Membership Chair.
A big hand to all the volunteers who helped ensure that the 2018 GSDCA Temperament Test held at the Club in late September ran smoothly, including (from left) Nancy Lane, Bobby Stevens, Sandy Tristano, Ann Feuerstein, Steve Stembridge, Pat Speyer, Karen Johnson, Cathy Stein, GSDCA evaluator Jim York, Greg Hayward, Patti Barra, Wendy Israel & Cassidy, & Ken Porrello. (Photography by Sylvia Olechno)