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Learning What Makes a Well-Balanced German Shepherd Dog

Despite the hot temperatures, it was pleasant in the shade with ocean breezes at the club's Socialization/Obedience Workshop July 23. Some 10 handlers and their dogs participated in the two-hour session led by trainer Dale Proctor.

The Workshop includes a one mile group walk through the 125-acre park located in Del Mar. The next Workshop is scheduled for August 27. For more information, please visit www.GSDClubSD.org.

Artemis Earns Championship, Sire Woody Now Grand Champion

Paladin Artemis Nike Clayfield, HT, earned her championship with three straight majors, finishing at the Pocatello Kennel Club shows in June in Blackfoot, Idaho. At the first Idaho show June 16, she went Winners Bitch and Best of Winners under Sharon Ann Redmer. The next day Artemis repeated her win under judge Deborah Long Gschwender. To complete the circuit, Artemis took a 4 point grand champion major, with three champions defeated, under Bill Shelton. Artemis was bred by Hazel Maloney, Dr. Gloria Rice, and Sharlonna McGaha and is owned by Gloria and Sharlonna.

Not to be outdone by his daughter, CH Tebe Nobe Black Forest Nike Clayfield Paladin, HT, CGC (Woody) was select dog for a 4 point major on the first day of the circuit and completed the requirements for his Grand Championship under Redmer. Woody is bred and owned by Jene and Isabelle Dupzyk, Dr., Gloria Rice and Sharlonna McGaha.

To complete the circuit on Sunday, Paladin Carolina Moon v Kim-Shar (Carlena) captured a 4 point major reserve under Shelton. Carlena also is a Woody daughter, bred and owned by Shirley Poole, Rice and McGaha. Paladin Pythias Nike Clayfield HT, PT(aka Apollo) took two 4 point major reserves under Del Richards and Shelton. Apollo, littermate to Artemis, is owned by Barbara Resnick, Dr. Gloria S. Rice and Sharlonna McGaha.



New AKC Title: Agility Grand Champion

The American Kennel Club has announced a title designed to celebrate the lifetime achievement of dogs that excel across all AKC agility classes – the Agility Grand Champion (AGCH).

To earn the AGCH title, the following number of qualifying scores must be earned:

- Master Standard & Master Jumper with Weaves – 100 qualifying scores from each class
- Master Fast – 75 qualifying scores
- Time 2 Beat – 75 qualifying scores
- Premier Standard and Premier JWW – 50 qualifying scores from each class

Qualifying scores will be grandfathered and may be earned from either the Regular or Preferred classes or a combination of these classes.

"This truly is a lifetime achievement award," says Carrie DeYoung, AKC Director of Agility. "We are looking forward to recognizing each of the teams who have demonstrated this relationship and depth of skill over their agility career."

The new title becomes effective in July. In addition to a title certificate, a plaque will be awarded to each AGCH recipient.

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How To Keep Your Dog Cool In Summer

By Colleen Oakley
WebMD Pet Health Feature

Ready for a summertime game of catch with your favorite four-legged friend? Not so fast. If you're feeling the heat, you can bet your dog is, too. And for him, overheating can be dangerous.

"Heatstroke is by far the greatest concern," says Andrea Hilden, DVM, a veterinarian with Animal Care Center of Green Valley in Arizona. A Hebrew University study found that 50 percent of canines with heatstroke won't survive. Warning signs include fatigue, vomiting, diarrhea, and, at the worst, confusion and seizures. Here's how to keep your dog cool and healthy all summer long:

Follow Fido's lead. "The No. 1 sign that a dog's core temperature is getting too high is fatigue," Hilden says. "If you're out for a hike with your dog on a hot day and he's searching for every shady spot to lie down in, turn around and carry him home." (not so easy with a GSD!) If you're worried that he's overheated, you can use a rectal thermometer to check his temperature when you get home, she adds.

Don't let the temperature fool you. Canines can get too hot in weather as low as 80 degrees. Add in humidity and exercise, and it could be a recipe for disaster. "If you can't comfortably sit outside for an extended period of time, then don't let your dog do it, either," Hilden says.

Change your walking time. Your buddy still needs activity in the summer, but it's best to avoid the hottest parts of the day. "Try going early in the morning or late at night after the sun has set," she says.



VST Tracking Held
At Southwestern College

Sally Nesbitt reports the July 10 VST Tracking Test at Southwestern College resulted in no passes.

“It was a beautiful day and a lovely campus but sadly no passes,” she said. “Every dog did an awesome job and the judges complimented on the great work each team did.”

Volunteers included Marla Cook and Joy Gilmore, secretaries; Kermit Harcos, Geri Zuckerman, Betsy Hartwig and Reegan Ray, tracklayers.

Next General Meeting
Wednesday, July 27

The next club meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July, 27 at San Dieguito County Park, lower level, in Del Mar starting at 6:30 pm. If you bring a dog for socializing, keep in mind it must be on a six-foot leash. The club will be providing food and drink so please let us know in advance if you will be able to attend. Please email Joanne at jofishman18@gmail.com

*“My dogs have been the reason I have woken up every single day
of my life with a smile on my face.”
—Jennifer Skiff*