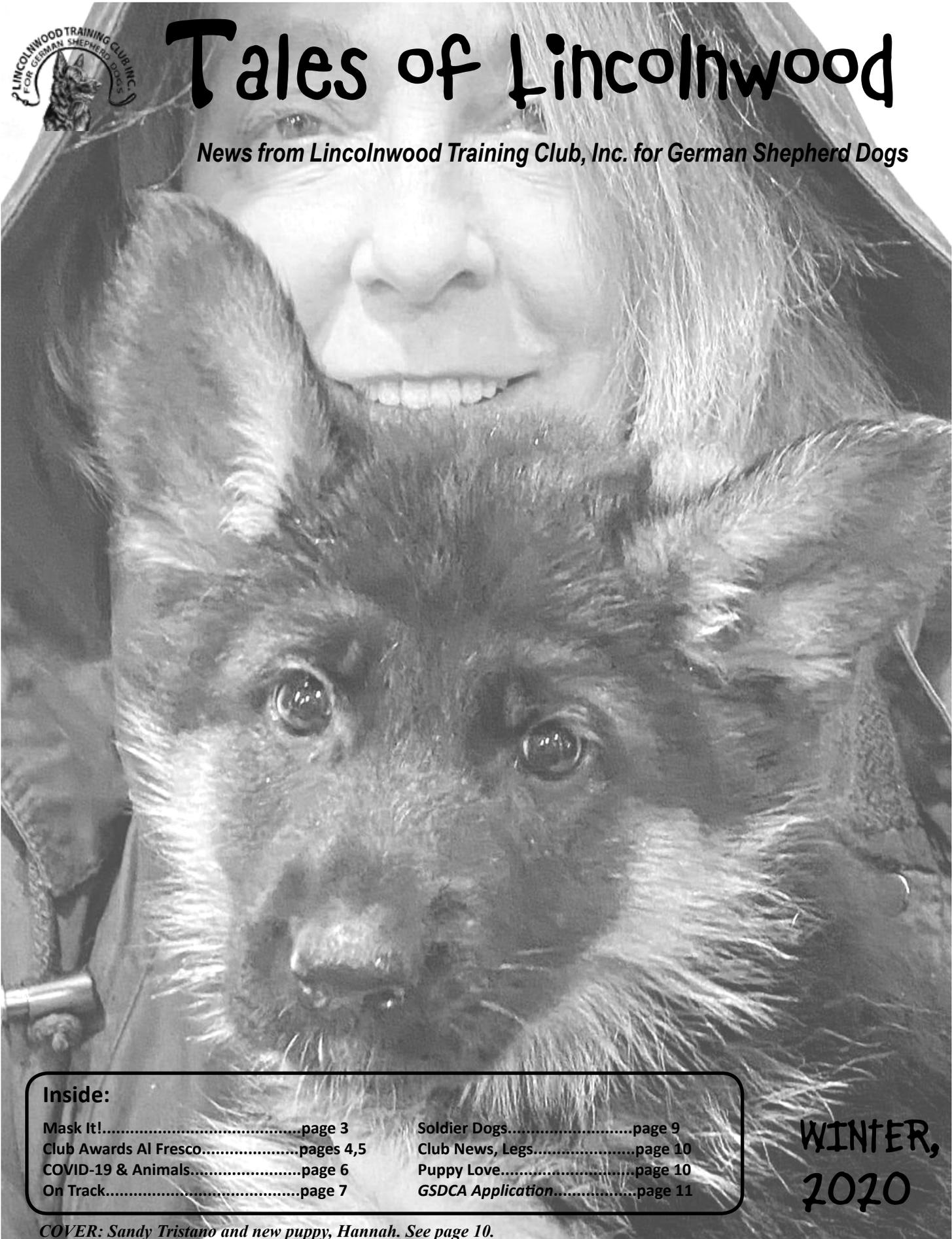




# Tales of Lincolnwood

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



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**WINTER,  
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## Lincolnwood Training Club for German Shepherd Dogs 2020 Outdoor Training Schedule -- Winter Session

**Pre-registration is required for all classes. Please Contact Director of Training Cathy Stein at 847-217-0527 to pre-register.**

| Time            | Class  | Place/Instructor                                    |
|-----------------|--|---|
| <b>Saturday</b> | <b>Lincolnwood Training Club<br/>(Starts 12/05/2020)</b> | <b>Central &amp; Dearlove Rds.<br/>Glenview, IL</b> |
| 1:00 p.m.       | Beginner Adult Dogs                                      | <i>Tim Schaefer</i>                                 |
| 1:00 p.m.       | Advanced Puppy   | <i>Cathy Stein</i>                                  |
| 2:00 p.m.       | S.T.A.R. Puppy   | <i>Anne Feuerstein</i>                              |
| <b>Sunday</b>   | <b>Lincolnwood Training Club<br/>(Starts 12/05/2020)</b> | <b>Central &amp; Dearlove Rds.<br/>Glenview, IL</b> |
| 9:00 a.m.       | Training for Obedience Competition                       | <i>Richard Lane</i>                                 |
| 10:00 a.m.      | Advanced Puppy   | <i>Anne Feuerstein</i>                              |
| 10:00 a.m.      | AKC Obedience, Novice                                    | <i>Cathy Stein</i>                                  |
| 11:00 a.m.      | Beginner   | <i>Jane Eastman</i>                                 |

**PLEASE NOTE:** The S.T.A.R. Puppy class will be held in the Clubhouse. All other training is outdoors. The Clubhouse restrooms will be available through the east entrance. Only one person at a time is allowed in. Park only in the parking lot and enter the field from the parking lot gate. Also:

- \* **Facemasks and 6-foot** socialization are required.
- \* **Hand sanitizer is available** in the restrooms and Clubhouse.
- \* **Only pre-registered dogs** are allowed. No drop-in training.
- \* **All classes are in a ring.** Rings will be spaced a minimum of 8 feet apart.
- \* **Classes will be limited** to 45 minutes, allowing for safe entry and exit.
- \* **Classes will be limited** to 8 dogs.
- \* **Handlers are to leave** the field promptly at the end of the class.
- \* **Classes are normally** 8-week sessions unless otherwise noted.
- \* **The fee and test** is \$125 for S.T.A.R. Puppy.

All dog breeds as well as mixed breeds are welcome to attend our classes. All handlers must bring a copy of the current vet record ("Boarding Pass") 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 the Club's Director of Training Cathy Stein at 847-217-0527.**



# A special track...



Titling your German Shepherd is always cause for celebration.

It says, according to an old adage, that you loved your dog and that you loved to spend time with it and that your dog loved you enough to do the crazy things that please you, however crazy they may have seemed to him.

Titling at a German Shepherd Dog Club of America annual Specialty Show is special, too. Many of us who train dogs aspire to this accomplishment.

Pat Behles and her GSD, Ki (pictured at right), did just that when they earned a Tracking Dog Title at the National's tracking tests held in Springfield, IL, in early October 2020.

Moreover, the team was the only team to qualify at the tracking tests.



## "12 days of...Tracking"

*On the 12th day of tracking, my scent hound found for me...*

- 12 flags a-flapping...
- 11 mice a-squeaking...
- 10 strangers crossing...
- 9 ladies tracking...
- 8 rabbits hopping...
- 7 judges judging...
- 6 geese a-pooing...
- 5 gold rings...
- 4 plastic lids...
- 3 leather gloves...
- 2 holey socks...
- 1 and a start flag for a VST!

*(Adapted from "The 12 Days of Christmas" by tracker Jan July)*

## Mask It!

In case you missed it, (but we're sure you didn't) wearing a protective mask is the new norm during the age of COVID-19.

The masks now come in a variety of decorations and colors, whatever suits your style.

But make sure you wear the mask correctly, like the Editor but not like the Editor's GSD, Kona (both pictured below).

And help protect wildlife by **breaking the loops** before disposal.



## Tales Earns Contest Spot



The Club newsletter, *Tales of Lincolnwood*, was awarded a 2nd place in the 2020 German Shepherd Dog Club of America's regional club newsletter competition, large club division.

Said Contest Judge Susan Sacco: "*Tales of Lincolnwood* totally honors Club members in a very detailed manner. The publication really shines with this focus."

Ms. Sacco cited articles that the judges especially enjoyed, including Corona Virus and Pets, Why is a Coyote Following Me?, Why Are My German Shepherd's Ears Not Going Up?, Zombie Raccoon Alert, and Versatility: Heeling into the Unknown.

Ms. Sacco also cited the column titled All Dogs Go to Heaven. "It's very good to honor dogs that have passed," she said.



Collecting dog sport title and accomplishment awards at Lincolnwood Training Club included Cathy Stein (top photo, left, clockwise), Richard Lane, Agnes Hencz-Szucs, Pat Behles, and Wendy Israel.

# Club 2019 Achievement Awards Go "Al Fresco"



By Pat Behles

COVID-19 caused Lincolnwood to take a different approach to our annual Awards ceremony.

The banquet and raffle had to be put aside this year. But it didn't stop us from coming together.

**A decision was made** at the August Club meeting to hold the event outside on the Club grounds.

It was a beautifully comfortable day to sit outside and enjoy the sunshine and fellowship, while still keeping our social distance and wearing our face masks.

**A nice group of** members was gathered for a simple celebration of each other's accomplishments from 2019.

New members earning their first Club awards, along with Lifetimers, were there. Agnes Hencz-Szucs was also there with her camera to photograph everyone as they stepped up to receive their awards.

**The highlight** of the afternoon was honoring

the members who earned the Club's special awards.

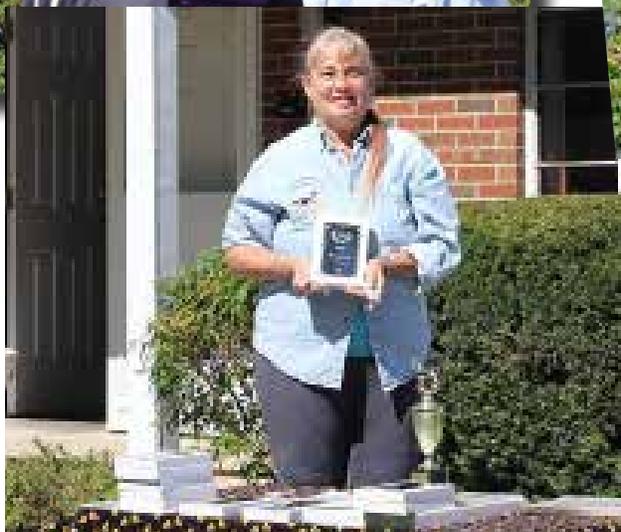
I received both the John Burger Award for earning all three legs with the highest average score towards my title and the Anthony Scarnavack Award for the Club member earning the highest score at our annual obedience trial, for my girl, Fritzi vom Sturm und Drang.

**And the biggest honor** of the day was awarded by Club Trustee Karen Johnson.

With a brief explanation of the Ann Scarnavack Service Award, she announced that the winner of this coveted prize was our President, Jane Eastman.

**Completely** surprised by this acknowledgement of her service, Jane was heard to say that she does what she does for the good of the dogs and the good of the Club. Proof of how well-deserving she is to be acknowledged by Club members to receive this award.

Congratulations to everyone for all their achievements in 2019!!



*Congratulations to Jane Eastman (above, clockwise) for achieving the Anne Scarnavack Award for service to Lincolnwood Training Club, along with award recipients Patti Barra; Pat Behles (left) with Kathy Pairitz; and Julie Cleary.*



# Doggos in the News.....

## New law: Germans Must Walk their Dogs Twice a Day

Dog owners in Germany will be ordered to walk their pets twice a day, according to a new law called the Hundeverordnung, or Dogs Act.

**They won't just be able** to take their pooch for a quick stroll either! They need to walk the dog for an hour each time in order to follow the new rules, due to come in the next year.

The new rules also mean dogs can't be left alone at home all day.

**Keeping dogs on a lead** or chain for long



periods also won't be allowed.

The idea is to ensure the country's 9.4 million dogs are getting enough exercise, with the country's agriculture minister, Julia Klöckner, saying there was evidence that many dogs in Germany were not getting the exercise or stimulation they need.

**She said new scientific** findings showed that dogs need a "sufficient measure of activity and contact with environmental stimuli," including other animals, nature, and people.

Ms. Klockner said: "Dogs are not cuddly toys. They also have their own needs, which need to be taken into account."

**News of the law has** prompted a lively debate in Germany, with many people unhappy about being told how to look after their pets in this way.

**One newspaper called** the rules, "rubbish," while many people have said their dogs wouldn't be able to go for walks this long due to their age or health conditions.

One politician from the same party as Klockner tweeted: "I will not be taking my Rhodesian Ridgeback for two rounds of walks in 32-degree heat; rather we will jump in the river for a refreshing cool down instead."

**Walther Schweiz said** his dog, a 14-year-old German Shepherd, has cancer and was unable to do more than short walks close to his house in Cologne.

"They should trust people to get on with their own lives," he said. "Next they'll be telling cat owners how often they need to change their litter trays."

**With 19% of German** households having a least one dog, people have also questioned who will check up that the rules are being followed.

A spokeswoman for the agricultural ministry said the authorities in each of Germany's 16 states will be responsible for enforcing the law. (Source of article: [www.bbc.co.uk/newsround](http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround). Submitted by Mary Whalen.)

## COVID-19 & Animals: What You Need to Know

(Editor's note: This continues a series of articles about COVID-19 and animals with some need-to-know info.)

- We do not know the exact source of the current outbreak of coronavirus disease (COVID-19), but we do know that it originally came from an animal, likely a bat.

- At this time, there is no evidence that animals play a significant role in spreading the virus that causes COVID-19.

- Based on limited information available to date, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the risk of animals spreading COVID-19 to people is considered to be low.

- More studies are needed to understand if and how different animals could be affected by COVID-19.

- We are still learning about this virus, but it appears that it can spread from people to animals in some situations.

**Coronaviruses are a large** family of viruses. Some coronaviruses cause cold-like illnesses in people, while others cause illness in certain types of animals, such as

6. cattle, camels, and bats.

Some coronaviruses, such as canine and feline coronaviruses, infect only animals and do not infect humans.

### RISK OF ANIMALS SPREADING COVID-19

Some coronaviruses that infect animals can be spread to humans and then spread between people, but this is rare.

This is what happened with the virus that caused the current outbreak of COVID-19, with the virus likely originating in bats.

**The first reported** infections were linked to a live animal market, but the virus is now spreading from person to person.

The virus that causes COVID-19 spreads mainly from person to person through respiratory droplets from coughing, sneezing, and talking.

Recent studies show that people who are infected but do not have symptoms likely also play a role in the spread of COVID-19.

Next issue: SHOULD I TEST MY PET FOR THE VIRUS?, AND MORE. (Source of article: [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus))



# On track with Lincolnwood's tracking tests



By Donna Kircher

It was a nice weekend for Lincolnwood Training Club's Tracking Tests that were held on Sunday, October 11, 2020, at the Burlington Prairie Forest Preserve in Sycamore, IL – warm, partly sunny, and breezy.

**A big thank-you** to all those who stepped up to the plate from all over to help, including Wally and Gail O'Brien, Pam German, Kirsten, and Amy Voss for laying Tracking Dog Excellent (TDX) tracks, and Wally, (myself), Patti Barra, and Marie Goulden for laying Tracking Dog (TD) tracks.

Also thank-yous to cross-trackers Sandy Tristano, Marla Richardson, Julie Johnson, and Larry Hoseman.

Their jobs were well done and we wish Marla a speedy recovery after falling and jamming a finger.

**There were 5 TDs** and one withdrew, and 4 TDXs. A total of five German Shepherds were entered.

Passing the TD were a corgi and Jane Wiedel; passing the TDX were Debbie Ekstrom and her male shepherd.

**Thank you, too,** to Patty Speyer for helping with hospitality and driving and picking up people.

Congratulations to the passing teams and more thank-yous for all everyone's help.

We couldn't have done it without the help of all those involved.

**Happy tracking.**



Lincolnwood Training Club's 2020 tracking tests included test secretary Donna Kircher (top photo) and participants Micelle Cullen, (above, from left), Debbie Ekstrom and German Shepherd, Jane Wiedel and corgi, judges Connie Austin and Ulysses James, and TD tracklayer for the corgi, Marie Goulden.

Sniffs & Giggles



# Soldier Dogs



By Judy Braginsky

*(Editor's note: Lincolnwood Training Club Lifetime member Marianne Perlman runs a Rescue for German Shepherds in need. Since it was founded in 1996, German Shepherd Rescue has rehomed 2,010 needy dogs, to date. Here is one of their stories.)*

Grace is doing a silly wiggle on her sleek, German Shepherd butt, waving four perfect legs in the air as her owner walks in the door from work and grins.

Both dog and master are enjoying being home at last, away from quite different battles they both have fought in their lives.

**As a crippled, homeless puppy,** Grace's battle was to overcome possible amputation of one of her legs and find a forever home.

U.S. Navy officer and military working dog handler Michelle Mruk had to endure multiple bomb-detection deployments to battles fought throughout the mean deserts of Kuwait and Iraq.

Happily, Grace was scooped up by German Shepherd Rescue to safely survive several surgeries to repair the malformed leg. Mruk, safely back home, came to adopt the dog.

**"I've always been a sucker** for the underdog," Mruk explained. She had fostered Grace through her surgeries and tried to explain why she adopted a dog with such a severe medical issue.

"She is such a good dog, even with her surgeries and through her recovery. I fell in love with her. I couldn't let her go."

Mruk knows a good dog.

A military working dog handler for 8 years of her U.S. Navy career, Mruk had partnered with seven mostly German Shepherd MWDs trained in explosive detection and patrol/security. They were assigned to desert battle-grounds as well as naval bases in and around Italy.

**Of her MWD partners** (Irl, Kato, Yuma, Jordan, Lesko, Nitro, and Brit), Mruk was able to adopt Jordan back in 2009 after an unfixable lameness from the job made searching difficult for the dog.

The 9-year-old MWD was sent home to enjoy his golden years with a new status: beloved Mruk family pet.

**"All of my K-9 partners** were good dogs," said Mruk, who was attached to the U.S. Marines. "They were awesome. Really good at bomb detection and really good at patrol."

Grace, meanwhile, was that 5-month-old puppy with a painful limp and no home when she was taken in by German Shepherd Rescue.

**The puppy had been born** with a congenital defect in her front right leg that caused the growth plates in her leg to close early. This resulted in her right leg being shorter than the left one. This made it difficult for the puppy to bear weight on the leg.

Veterinarian Andrew Miz, DVM, of the Animal Medical Center of Skokie, IL, disagreed with veterinarians who had suggested amputation. He thought he could save Grace's leg. And he did.

With an online fundraising effort led

by German Shepherd Rescue Volunteer Brandy Parrish to help pay for the costly surgeries, Grace underwent a successful radial osteotomy. With this procedure, bone is cut to correct the abnormality. A second surgery accommodated a growth spurt.

**Today, Mruk is the Leading** Chief Petty Officer of Security, Recruit Training, at the Naval Station Great Lakes (IL).

Grace is a valued member of the Mruk household, along with cats Nala, adopted in Sicily, Italy, and Rukus, adopted in Virginia Beach, VA, and pet rats Expo and Squeakers.

**Grace's leg** repaired, the limp and pain are long gone, replaced by a normal, playful friskiness that the young German Shepherd has embraced.

So, Semper Fi. All is well.



U.S. Navy Officer and military working dog handler Michelle Mruk (above, clockwise) catching a few winks, Grace recovering from surgery, and Officer Mruk and Grace at home, sweet home.

# Club News, Legs

Bobby Stevens and Lili, NACSW NW2, hosted by Deshpande Trials National Association for Canine Scent Work NW2, October 4, 2020, results: **NW2** Passed, 1st place overall, 2nd Place in Container Search, 4th Place in Exterior Search, and 4th Place in Vehicle Search.

Karen Johnson and Charlie, AKC Good Citizen test, Passed, **AKC Canine Good Citizen (CGC) Title**, You and Your Dog, October 19, 2020, AKC Evaluator Karin Magnuson.

Marianne Perlman and Linc, UKC Scent-work Trial at For Your K9 results: Novice Vehicle A, Pass, 2nd Place, Leg #2, **Novice Vehicle (NV) Title**, July 19, 2020, Judge: Amy Wukotich; Novice Interior A, Pass, 3rd Place, Leg #2, **Novice Interior (NI) Title**, July 19, 2020, Judge: Amy Wukotich; and **Novice Nosework (NN) Title**, July 19, 2020.

Pat Behles and Ki, AKC Farm Dog Test at Flint Creek Dogs results: Farm Dog Certification Test #1, Passed, September 27, 2020, Judge: Audrey P. Vojtech); Farm Dog Certification Test #2, Passed, September 27, 2020, Judge: Sarah Kittner; **Farm Dog Certified (FDC) Title**.

Pat Behles and Ki, German Shepherd Dog Club of America's 58th Tracking Test, Tracking Dog, Passed, **Tracking Dog (TD)**

**Title**, October 11, 2020, Springfield, IL, Judges: Sandy McMillian and Carla Wolter.

Pat Behles and Ki, German Shepherd Dog Club of America Nationals results: Temperament Test, Passed, **(TC)**, October 14, 2020, Judge: Butch Steifferman; Rally Novice B, Leg #2, October 15, 2020, Judge: Leslye Pinnell; and Rally Novice B, 2nd Place, Leg #3, **Rally Novice (RN) Title**, plus highest-scoring dog in Rally with a Tracking Title, October 16, 2020, Judge: Russell Hornfisher.

Pat Behles and Ki, Car-Dun-AI DTC results: Beginner Novice B, 3rd Place, Leg #3, **Beginner Novice (BN) Title**, November 8, 2020, Judge: Lynn Tamms.

## Welcome to Lincolnwood

The Club recently welcomed into membership the following people and their GSDs:

Iwona Sikorski of Glenview and "Woody," dog, born 1/24/2020, sire: Bruno's Shepherd, dam: Fannie Fannie, breeder: Kevin Wingate.

Maria Sundqvist and Mattias Eriksson of Winnetka and "Max," dog, born 2/02/2020, sire: Max Vom Haus Cismar, dam: Zikki Von Neandertal, breeder: Kraftwerk9.

Ewa and Jacob Via of Chicago and Tom Brady Via ("Brady"), dog, born 4/23/2020 sire: Boast Sanders, dam: Bear Kurowski, breeder: Matthew Kurowski.

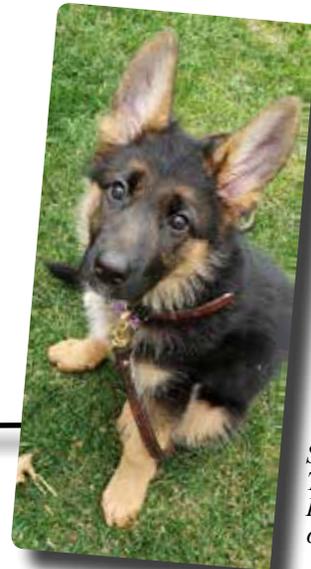
Club members registering new dogs with the Club were Sandy Tristano and Evangeline Belle Chienne v Kavanaugh ("Hannah"), bitch, born 8/24/2020, sire: Jeck v Kavanaugh, dam: Celly

von Oasis, breeder: Judy Kavanaugh, Kavanaugh Shepherds.

Also, Colleen Breslin and Trazz vom Wundersee, ("Razz"), dog, born 8/19/2020, dam: V Lieda Haus Juris IPO1 KKL Lbz, sire: V Utah Haus Juris IPO2 KKL 1, breeders: Robert and Mary Wijas, Haus Juris Chicago.

Georgia Cawley of Hawaii and Hokulani Mimosa Vom Olsonhaus("Hoku"), bitch, born 2/17/2020, sire: Mrazz Haus Juris, dam: Edy Vom Mittelwest !!, CGC, breeder: Christine Olson.

Marianne Perlman and Skylar ("Sky"), dog, born 8/08/2020, sire: Poncho, dam: Lassie, Rescue adoption.



Sandy Tristano's Hannah (also on cover)

## Puppy Love

Lincolnwood Training Club for German Shepherd Dogs welcomes these new puppies into Club membership and the world of positive training.



10. Colleen Breslin's Razz



Georgia Cawley's Hoku



Marianne Perlman's Sky

## SWEET, SWEET PUPPY

Today  
Sweet puppy  
I'm proud of you.  
Today  
You didn't  
Chase the cat.  
You didn't bark  
Or jump on me.  
When I said sit,  
You smiled and sat.

Today  
Sweet puppy  
I'm proud of you.  
You didn't  
Leave mud  
On my bed.  
You are such  
A sweet,  
Sweet puppy.  
Let me kiss  
Your fuzzy head.

---- Amy Ludwig VanDerwater



*Donn Kircher's  
Mikey, 4*



*Cathy Stein's  
Danny Boy, 11*

## Happy Birthday!



|           |            |                                     |
|-----------|------------|-------------------------------------|
| Guinness  | 10/05/2013 | Peter O'Malley                      |
| Madison   | 10/08/2016 | Peter & Linda Faraci                |
| Mikey     | 10/11/2016 | Donna Kircher                       |
| Elke      | 10/12/2006 | Frank Koszyk                        |
| Kane      | 10/15/2016 | Mary Even                           |
| Indy      | 10/23/2019 | Kathryn Grace                       |
| Danny Boy | 10/25/2009 | Cathy Stein                         |
| Gandalf   | 10/30/2014 | Joe Lim                             |
|           |            |                                     |
| Gus       | 11/01/2018 | Ksenia Banes                        |
| Uli       | 11/07/2015 | Greg & Louisa Hayward               |
| Reye      | 11/08/2009 | Marie Goulden                       |
| Lexi      | 11/08/2013 | Kevin & Leah Swanquist              |
| Shemp     | 11/20/2009 | Larry Hoseman                       |
| X-O       | 11/21/2013 | Jack & Laurie Gorby                 |
| Star      | 11/30/2011 | Patti Barra                         |
|           |            |                                     |
| Linc      | 12/09/2012 | Marianne & Jason Perlman            |
| Lainey    | 12/12/2018 | Margarita Gamba<br>& Daniel Sieburg |
| Maya      | 12/14/2013 | James & Barbara Murray              |
| Cinda     | 2/17/2013  | Patricia Revis                      |
| Gipp      | 12/17/2015 | Steve Stenbridge                    |
| Liesl     | 12/18/2012 | Ruth Black & Neda Tkalcevic         |
| Buddy     | 12/25/2010 | Rosemary Lacey                      |
| Tommy     | 12/26/2011 | Margaret Gibbs                      |

### 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 with the GSDCA.

CHECK your desired Membership Type (with *Review* delivery):

- Single/online only, 1 year, \$45 (3/\$130 & 5/\$215)
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CITY \_\_\_\_\_

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

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT \_\_\_\_\_

PRINTED NAME & SIGNATURE OF ENDORSER \_\_\_\_\_

PRINTED NAME & SIGNATURE OF ENDORSER \_\_\_\_\_

## CHRISTMAS DOG

by Shel Silverstein

Tonight's my first night as a  
watchdog,  
And here it is Christmas Eve.  
The children are sleepin' all cozy  
upstairs,  
While I'm guardin' the stockin's and  
tree.  
What's that now—footsteps on the  
rooftop?  
Could it be a cat or a mouse?  
Who's this down the chimney?  
A thief with a beard—  
And a big sack for robbin' the house?

I'm barkin' I'm growlin' I'm bittin' his  
butt.  
He howls and jumps back in his sleigh.  
I scare his strange horses, they leap in  
the air.  
I've frightened the whole bunch away.  
Now the house is all peaceful and quiet  
again,  
The stockin's are safe as can be.  
Won't the kiddies be glad when they  
wake up tomorrow  
And see how I've guarded the tree.

*(“Christmas Dog” appears in Shel  
Silverstein's collection, Falling Up.)*



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