

## **Cascade Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club Member Guidelines**

1. Members shall be aware at all times that the Club exists to protect the breed and that these aims are to be reflected in all activities involving the breed.
2. At home and while away from home at shows, lodging establishments, and public places, members will display good sportsmanship and conduct themselves in such a manner as to reflect favorably upon the CGSMDC and the breed.

Members shall:

- a. Be diligent in the handling of their properly restrained GSMD(s) to minimize the risk of trauma, danger, or nuisance to any human being or another animal.
  - b. Recognize their responsibility to protect the name and reputation of the breed.
  - c. Be respectful of all members and be sure that shared assessments of a member's GSMD are constructive.
  - d. Refrain from destructive criticism of another's dog and from personal attacks upon fellow members.
3. GSMD owners and their breeders are encouraged to remain in contact for advice and to update each other on the progress of parents and offspring.
  4. Members are encouraged to seek the advice and assistance of experienced owners and to willingly educate and cooperate with each other.
  5. Members agree to educate the public and to honestly represent the breed at all times. This includes making sure interested persons are aware of all general and genetic health problems. Members asked about the current/future availability of puppies should refer the public to the Club's Recording Secretary or the CGSMDC web site.
  6. Members shall not sell or give away any GSMD/s for raffle prize purposes, or to any dog wholesalers, pet shops, other retailers, or laboratories (other than veterinary research facilities for the betterment of the breed).
  7. If a member becomes aware of the maltreatment, misuse or need for relocation of any GSMD, they will notify any or all of the following for resolution of the problem: the breeder (if known), a Club member actively involved in GSMD rescue, a member of the Board of Directors, or the correct authorities in their area.
  8. Members shall not use Club resources for personal or private gain, nor engage in conduct antithetical to the Club's purpose and/or integrity.
  9. All GSMDs owned or in the care of members shall be given a healthy environment, good nutrition, and veterinary care as well as proper training that include regular contact with people and exposure to the outside world.
    - a. No member's GSMD may be treated in an inhumane manner, abused, or subjected to any conditions likely to endanger the animal's life.
    - b. No member should have more GSMDs than their facilities can adequately hold.