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greater swiss mountain dog club



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“Dogs feel very strongly that they should always go with you in the car, in case the need should arise for them to bark violently at nothing right in your ear.”

— Dave Barry

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HELLO SWISSY PEOPLE!

My name is Bruce Detore, and I am the new President of the Cascade Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club.

Most of us know how great it can be to have a swissy (or two,...or several) in our lives, but in the grand scheme of everyday life, we may forget how many fun things there are in the world to do with them. When I finally brought my Brutus home, I was in no way prepared for all the adventures we would find ourselves on. And there's so many more to come! Now, some folks are into showing or breeding. But that is only the tip of the proverbial iceberg when it comes to these versatile members of the family. Brutus and I have done sheep herding, pack hiking, weight pull, carting (sort of), and fast cat. Soon we'll start training for rally. But whether you are looking to get a weight pull title, make your dog a champion through conformation, or simply snuggle on the couch with your best friend, I want to make the Cascade Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club the place for you to express your love and the special bond you have with your swissies.

We have so many exciting events coming up, which you can see later in the newsletter, or on our website in the events section. If you see something that excites you, join us! If you see something that doesn't, join us anyway! You might find your best friend(s) love it!

Now I know The Cascade Swissy Club covers an awful lot of ground, and sometimes that can make attending events difficult. That's where I need your help. If you haven't been able to attend events because of location, let me know where you are, so we can look to involve you. Or better yet, volunteer and put an event together! I'll pretty much go anywhere if my vehicle is running, so wherever you are, if you have an idea, let's do it! Maybe you just make the best damn burger in 3 states and want to do a BBQ. What swissy wouldn't like that?

By the time you read this Brutus and I will have taken to the road for the 2019 GSMDCA Nationals. We're looking to get our final legs for a pack hike title, and a weight pull title as well. It should be a lot of fun, with a whole lot of adventure along the way. On the way home, we will make a detour (no relation) down south to Sonoma, California to join the Golden Gate Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club for a weekend of wine tasting, weight pull, and camping. As you can see, a swissy can truly open up your world! Maybe we'll see you too!

Don't forget to check out our upcoming events! There's a Herding event at the end of September! We have our Halloween party coming up in the beginning of October! There will be a presentation on drafting, and I will conduct a presentation on pack hiking to prepare you for two different back to back pack hikes in November! If you're into conformation, we have our annual specialty coming up at the Rose City Classic in the beginning of next year!

And finally, thank you for being a part of the Cascade Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club. I am honored to be your President, and excited to share these next couple years with you. But no matter what I do, or what we do together, remember that my first priority will always be to the dogs. After all, they're swissies! - Bruce and Brutus

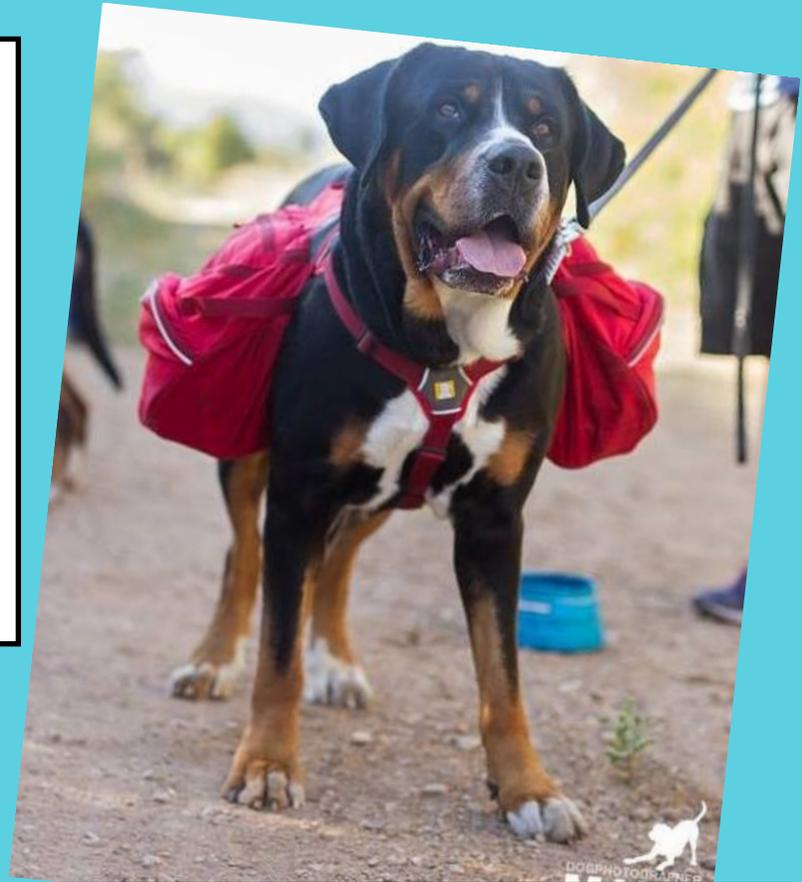


GOOD LUCK

BRUTUS & NASH

NASH —

Wishing Nash along side his handler Luke Baggenstos a successful trip to Ohio for the 25th Annual GSMDCA National Specialty! Shine big in the Top 20 event and have a great time showing your heart out!



BRUTUS —

Cheerleading for the working team of Brutus and Bruce as they get ready to set out on a cross country journey to participate in pack hike and try to set some new weight pull records! Way to go boys, have a terrific time in Ohio!

HERDING SEPT. 29

Brigand's Hideout
9628 NE 156th St.
Battle Ground, WA 98604

SOLD OUT!!!



Dave Viklund, herding instructor and judge, will be conducting herding instinct evaluations so you can find out if this is something you and your swissy would enjoy pursuing. Dave has years of experience as a shepherd and has worked and titled many Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs.

Each swissy will be booked for an approximate 20 min slot for their one on one evaluation of their dog. The cost for each slot is \$25 per dog; this cost is to help cover Dave's fee, the facility usage and the stock fee. A PayPal invoice will be sent to e-mail address listed with registration. Payment due upon receipt.

This will hopefully be a precursor to future herding events! Herding in the falls is a wonderful time, as the weather is fairly mild and typically the ground isn't super muddy. A bonus, this will make for a great opportunity to get some memorable photos of your swissies!





Several years ago I wrote the following story for the Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club of America on my experience with Gypsy Boots and herding...needless to say, I was TOTALLY hooked! It's now been many years since her first day herding, her first trial, since her first title, and now even has a couple years behind her since her last trial. The memories I have from her out with the stock are some of my fondest moments in her nearly eleven years. We have since added Nash to our family and Cutter was just a green herding dog himself when I wrote the story, but both boys went on to participate and trial in the herding venue as well – all three have truly LOVED their time in the arena working alongside their shepherd. I felt this story was appropriate to share since we're getting ready for our club herding fun day in Battle Ground and I am sure this will be great day for the dogs and their humans! Watching their hardwired breed heritage as drovers emerge is such a neat thing to see! Whether it be herding, draft, pack hiking, rally, obedience, conformation or even a non-formal activity I think it is worth the effort to do something with your swissy of this nature; it creates an even stronger bond between you, teaches well-rounded life skills, and also gives them a mental and physical outlet that is a break from the routine of homelife. We anticipate having more working events in the near future and really hope you're able to come to a few to see what it's all about, you may just find your new passion! Gypsy Boots is the veteran matriarch of our pack and I'm sure she wishes her body was still able to perform as it used to have few runs with the sheep and her all-time favorite ducks. Cutter is also nearing ten so his herding days are over, but he still shows so much excitement when we visit the farm. Nash has had a break from the herding arena the last year while he's been focusing on other things, but I'm eager to get him back out working since he truly enjoys this activity. - Allison Allen



HERDING ADVENTURES OF GYPSY BOOTS

IntCH Seneca's Gypsy Boots

CD BN RA CGC TKN NDD NWPD HTADIIIsd HTADIIIsd HTADIIsd HTDIIId, HTDIIsd HRDIIs JHD VGS

By Allison Allen

In February 2011 I made a special Valentine's date for Gypsy and some sheep I couldn't think of better way to spend the day. This was going to be her first up close encounter with the unknown sheep and I was positive she was going to love this treat...and let's face it, I also thought "If all else fails, at least it will be a great photo opportunity!" The shepherd took Gypsy to a small round pen with about 8 head of heavy sheep and we quickly discovered Gypsy's love of the stock, she was instantly curious and it was amazing to see the hardwired breed heritage emerge from this city-dwelling swissy. After the first lesson I knew this was something Gypsy *needed* to do so I found a shepherd that was willing to work with her in lessons and potentially at trials. Gypsy and the shepherd, Dave Viklund, seemed to have an instant connection which I believe has been the biggest key to their success; she wants to please him, tries her hardest to be correct and she is more than satisfied with a "That'll Do" from him and a quick pat – the sheep (and now ducks) and Dave give Gypsy motivation to do her job.

We started with baby steps and set small goals based on the upcoming trials in the area –first goal was earning the Junior Herd Dog title. I must admit, this entry into the herding trial world stressed me out more than any of the others. "What will she do? Will she eat poop the whole time? Will she be okay with stock she has never worked before? Will she work at a new facility with an audience?" Well, Gypsy took it all in stride and was successful in her attempts earning her JHD. We then proceeded with them competing at the trial level for Herding Trial Arena Dog, Herding Ranch Dog, and Herding Trial Dog at AHBA events and Gypsy and Dave have been fortunate to come away with ribbons and placements; even earning Combined High in Trial at one of them! Let me tell you, walking into an all-breed herding trial you definitely get the "odd-dog out" look with a Swissy from many of the other competitors, however, every single judge Gypsy has trialed under has taken time to come over and express how happy they were to see a GSMD at their event and they wish they could see more of them!

Although I haven't been the shepherd working Gypsy, I do feel that I've gained a fair amount of knowledge from watching at her lessons and from attending trials, I truly find the whole activity fascinating. Months will go by where she doesn't have a lesson, but once we start up again it is like no time has elapsed—she remembers all the skills she had already proofed. This past fall I thought it would be fun for Gypsy to try working ducks and what an awesome experiment that turned out to be! She **LOVES** ducks! Gypsy definitely has prey drive, but works her stock in such a quiet manner to not excite them and never has gripped any so it was interesting to see her response to working fowl. The ducks increased her overall excitement level and they helped her fine-tune skills she had already learned from working sheep.

Over the past three years these are some of things I've gained as being Gypsy "herding mom"

- Give credit with credit is due! Don't sweat a less than stellar lessons, because sometimes the "tough" lessons yields the best results.
- If given the opportunity to scribe at trial take it! I scribed during advance level runs and I learned so much listening to the judging comments.
- Herding keeps your dog fit! My dogs have never looked as conditioned as they do when herding.
- Trials don't come around everyday like conformation shows so take advantage of trials in your area even if just for experience.
- All dogs work differently so find a method that works best for each...some may take longer to come around - stick with it! For instance, Cutter (Gypsy's half bro) also has his JHD, but his approach to stock was much different... think "bat of out hell"
- Treats shouldn't be needed at a herding lesson, the stock should be the treat. Gypsy is to the point now that she knows when we take the exit for the barn where we are going and she is instantly peppy.
- Find a friend who is interested in taking herding lessons, it can help offset the cost with split lessons, travel expenses, handler fees if you're using on and it is just plain fun to have someone to share the
- experience with. You can laugh at your dog when they take off and have a zoomy, eat mounds of poop, baroo at the stock, etc.
- Keep on going, don't just stop at JHD or PT –your dog has shown they're capable and go out and represent the breed!

TRICK FOR A TREAT OCTOBER 6TH



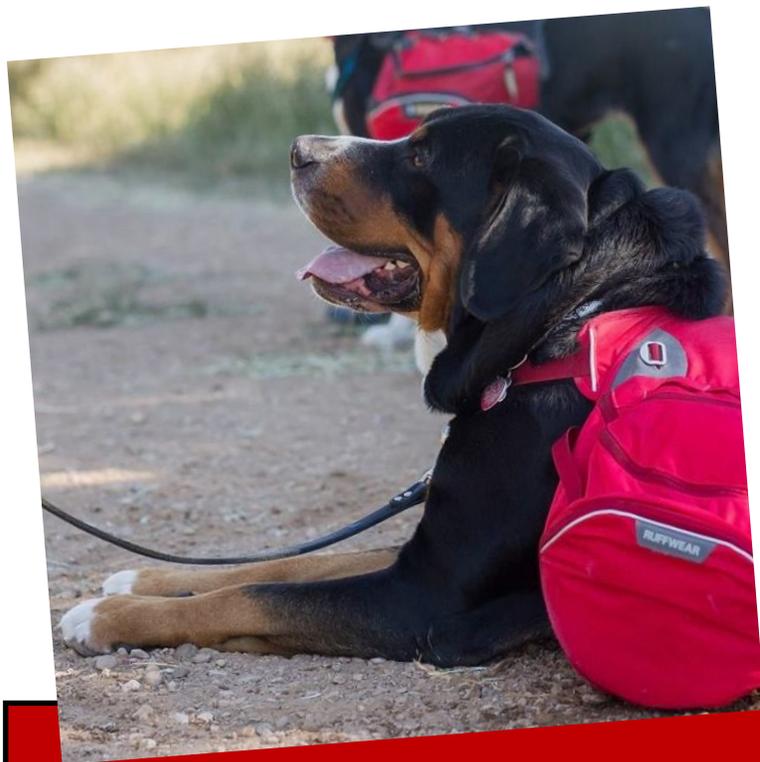
JOIN US for a fabulous fall gathering that will be jammed packed with activities for you to enjoy with your swissy! We'll be providing paint supplies and pumpkins to paint your best swissy with prizes for the winners! We'll have a "Best In Patch" winner and also an award for the most artistic! If you want to bring extra embellishments to decorate your pumpkins feel free! We'll have treat stations where you can show off your dog's skills for some yummy treats. Please RSVP to [evite](#) so we can plan on what supplies to purchase and also to sign up for a potluck item. Additionally, we'll be having two working dog demos, please continue reading to next page for more information!

[EVITE RSVP HERE](#)

V.R. LEE COMMUNITY BUILDING
403 N Market Blvd.
Chehalis, WA 98532
11:00 AM to 3:00 PM

WORKING SWISSIES

DRAFT & PACK DEMOS



PACK DOG —

Presentation by Bruce Detore

Our President and upcoming pack hike coordinator Bruce Detore will be holding an informative Q & A on pack hiking with your swissy. This will be an opportunity to discuss training and conditioning, what to pack, and proper fit of equipment, etc. Bruce and Brutus are close to finishing Brutus' title and hope to have many more swissies join in our upcoming scheduled pack hikes!

DRAFT/CARTING —

Presentation by Annie Barnett

Our board member and working events chair Annie Barnett will be offering an introductory demonstration on drafting with your swissy. Annie has several years of experience with drafting and has put impressive Master Draft Dog and Brace titles on her boys Obie and Cosmo at both Swissy and Bernese Mountain Dog trials.

No experience is necessary! We'll have several harnesses and carts available for you to give it a try!



PACK HIKE INFO

With multiple scheduled pack hikes coming up it's a great time to go over some suggested items for your packing adventures. Bruce will be covering much of this in his Q&A and pack presentation, but it wouldn't hurt to explore this topic beforehand. Pack hiking does require some training preparation so your dog (and maybe you too) can build up endurance to carrying a pack and also to help toughen their pads for the various terrains they'll encounter.

The Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club of America has some resources you should read before starting:

- [Training Tips](#)
- [Rules & Regulations](#)

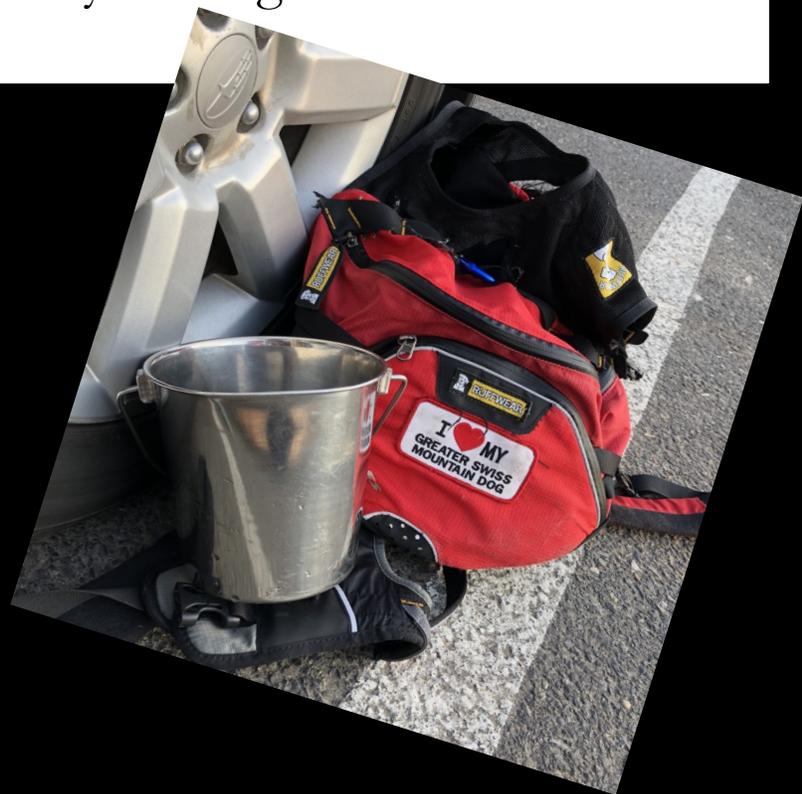
Even if you don't plan on hiking for a title and just want to enjoy hiking your dog with a pack these basic principles apply. It is important to get a high-quality pack with proper fit to minimize discomfort on your dog's joints and rubbing their skin—don't skimp here!

Please consider attending one of our upcoming hikes even if you aren't seeking a title!

HAPPY HIKING!!!

PACK DOG CHECKLIST

- [Ruffwear Palisades Pack](#)
- [Water Bladders](#)
- Collapsible Water Bowl
- Poop Bags
- Carabiner Clip
- Bell if hiking in the backwoods to deter animals
- [PAWZ](#) protective boots in case of pad injury
- [Adjustable weights for training](#)
- Treats for BOTH you and your dog!



POWELL BUTTE

SAVE THE DATE!

November 2nd & 3rd

back-to-back GSMDCA pack hikes



Join fellow Cascade Club members for back-to-back pack hikes at Powell Butte Nature Park located in the city of Portland! This hike offers wide trails to accommodate our dogs with beautiful open views of the city and the Cascade Mountains. Check out these happy swissies on previous adventures there!

Feel free to come along just for fun even if you aren't hiking for a title, you can do a single day or a shorter portion if you and/or your pup aren't quite up to the full hike. This hike is rated easy with very little elevation gain so is great for beginners.

If you plan on packing towards a leg for a title, please be sure to familiarize yourself with the rules, regulations, and helpful tips found on the GSMDCA website [HERE](#).

President, Bruce Detore is the pack coordinator for this hike and he'll also be offering a short pack demo and Q&A at our October 6th event in Chehalis, WA

POWELL BUTTE NATURE PARK
16160 SE Powell Blvd
Portland, OR 97236

10:00 AM Start Time Saturday
9:00 AM Start Time Sunday

- ◆ Back-to-Back pack hikes to earn legs towards GSMDCA pack hike title
- ◆ Cost \$10 per dog hiking towards title (no cost if not working towards title)
- ◆ Gather for lunch at a nearby restaurant and a quick General Membership Meeting afterwards.

[ENTRY FORM](#)



STRAWBERRY ISLAND



SAVE THE DATE! November 23rd & 24th

STRAWBERRY ISLAND LOOP TRAIL

North Bonneville, WA

10:00 AM Start Time Saturday

9:00 AM Start Time Sunday

- * Back-to-Back pack hikes to earn legs towards GSMDCA pack hike title
- * Cost \$10 per dog hiking towards title (no cost if not working towards title)
- * Gather for lunch at local pub in Stevenson, WA afterwards

[ENTRY FORM](#)

As follow-up to our earlier November hike, we'll be offering another GSMDCA endorsed back-to-back pack hike.

Trails lead from North Bonneville around Hamilton Island, which was noted as "Strawberry Island" in the journals of Lewis and Clark, who remarked upon the abundance of strawberry runners they saw here. This hike is notable for its views to close by features in the Washington Gorge, such as Beacon Rock, Hamilton Mountain, and Table Mountain, as well as some unique views across to the Oregon side. This hike is relatively easy with limited elevation gain and we'll also cross over to the North Bonneville Heritage Trial which is under old growth forest to make up some of our mileage.

Feel free to come along just for fun even if you aren't hiking for a title, you can do a single day or a shorter portion if you and/or your pup aren't quite up to the full hike.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Please join the Cascade GSMD Club at the Clark County Events Center in Ridgefield, WA!

The Greater Clark County Kennel Club is hosting their annual performance weekend Friday, November 29th to Sunday, December 1st. This is a wonderful weekend full of a variety of areas for you to explore with your swissy including Barn Hunt, Trick Dog, Canine Good Citizen, Farm Dog, Nose-work clinics, puppy matches and much more! Up to date information on the event can be found by visiting [The Greater Clark County Kennel Club](#) page.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1ST

The Cascade Club plans on meeting on Sunday—we're currently looking into having a barn hunt clinic offered to our members, meeting for a holiday gathering with a toy exchange and we'll also include an end of year general membership meeting. We understand this is Thanksgiving weekend, but this event is very public friendly with a lot to watch and experience...could make for a great post Turkey Day outing with your family! Stay tuned for more information as details become available.



BEST OF BREED CONGRATULATIONS!



SOLEIL— CH Remington's Pride Orbiting the Moon at Trout Creek

Congratulations to Soleil on earning her very first Best of Breed at the Clackamas Kennel Club show in June in Canby, Oregon! On her way to her Grand Championship in no time!

FREYA— GCH RamsGate's Absinthe Way to go Freya on earning your 1st BIG Best of Breed Win at Stumptown show this July in Portland, Oregon! Freya is now working towards her Bronze level Grand Championship!



LO— CH Starcrest's Taurus

What a way to start working on a Grand Championship title! Lo's first weekend out as a special she takes Best of Breed at the Longview-Kelso Kennel Club Show in St. Helens, Oregon in August!

WINNERS & BRAGS CONGRATULATIONS!



ROMEO

Painted Mtn's Freedom to Love

Huge shout out to Lisa and Romeo on a terrific trip down to Vallejo, CA in May! Romeo not only went Best of Winners all three days, but Lisa won Best In Show Owner Handler at the Northern California Working Dog Association Show the day of the Golden Gate GSMD Club Supported Entry! Great job! Only one more pesky single point until Romeo can add CH to his name!

NASH

MBISS GCHP Trout Creek's Written Onna Star RN JHD CGC HTADIs TKN NWPD

Way to go, Nash! Nash became one of three Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs to achieve Grand Champion Platinum designation this summer at the Clackamas Kennel Club Show in Canby, Oregon! Congratulations to everyone who makes up "Team Nash" on reaching this milestone!



Puppies Born August 25th, 2019

AKC GCH CH LANDHOF'S HADLEY OF BRUSH
CREEK HCT

#1 GREATER SWISS MOUNTAIN DOG IN CANADA



OFA
Shoulders : Normal
Hips : Good
Elbows : Normal
Eyes: Normal
Chic # 133646



Bred with
"Purpose, Passion, Preservation,
Predictably & Pride"



AKC GCH CH/CKC CH SNOWY MOUNTAIN'S KUDA



OFA
Shoulders : Normal
Hips : Good
Elbows : Normal
Eyes: Normal
Chic # 133034



Kristin & Jerry Poyser
Alyssa Lawrence
Arlington WA

Exceptionally Handled by Tony Carter, Amie McLaughlin,
Courtney Penner, Carly Manner, Marty & Michelle Miller,
Janine Poluszny & Andrew Mansfield

360-651-8844 wtfarms@hotmail.com

Welcome Puppies!!



WTF Farms Maine Anjou Cattle & Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs

Kuda

Grand Champion Snowy Mountain's Kuda
AKC GCH CH / CKC CH Snowy Mountain's Kuda

Hadley

New Grand Champion Landhof's Hadley of Brush Creek
#1 Greater Swiss Mountain Dog in Canada



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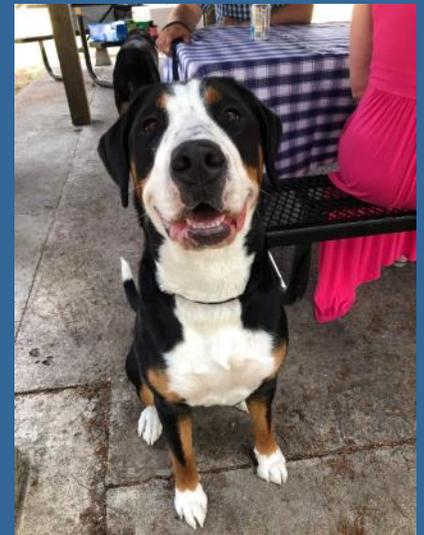


Our Cascade GSMD Club BBQ was held on August 3, 2019 at Fort Borst Park in Centralia, WA.

As often occurs, the Swissy to human count was skewed just a bit in favor of the Swissies. We offer a big thank you to Jim and Julie Franklin for their lead in this event, for their homemade doggy cookies, and for getting everything set up – including the agility play area. The photos taken by Allison Allen attest that all Swissies were at least curious about the tunnels and most eagerly ran through when they discovered the treats waiting at the other end! Also, a special thank you to John and Christina Westbrook for turning this year's BBQ into a Smoked Ribs feast! Humans and Swissies alike were swooning!



THANK YOU!!





GSMD

HEALTH SURVEY

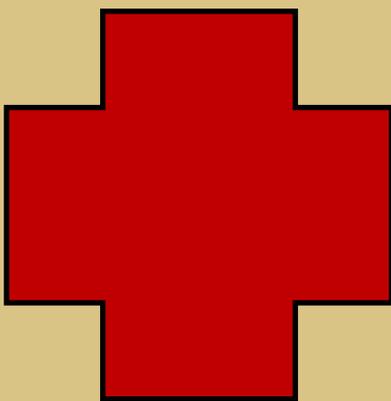


The Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club of America Board of Directors is pleased to announce The Orthopedic Foundation for Animals has populated a new breed health priorities survey for the period of 2013 to present for any Greater Swiss Mountain Dog living during this time period. Please add all GSMDs owned by you living at any time during these years. The last survey was completed for 2008-2012 and this is a complement to the previous information supplied to gain a better understanding on changes in health trends during a new segment of time. If you co-own dogs please work together with co-owners to make sure information is not duplicated.

If your dog was entered in previous survey, but alive during any portion of this term please enter again with current information.

Please note this is considered a new survey so when the first question ask "Have you taken this survey previously for another dog or dogs?" you should select "No" if this is first entry for the current survey.

Thank you OFA for your continued support of our breed and canine health!



The survey can be found [HERE](#) by scrolling down to Greater Swiss Mountain Dog. You'll see the new survey now open for input and you'll also see the old closed survey results.

KISSIES FROM SWISSIES

Are You Prepared?

By Bruce Detore

From the day we first pick up our swissies, be it a rescue, or the most adorable puppy in the world, through all the joy and excitement, we know that someday we will have to say goodbye. If all goes well, after a long life full of happiness and adventure, we will sit, kneel, or stand with them as they take their final breath. Just typing the sentence brings tears to my eyes, but that's the plan. That's the way it's supposed to go. And when the day comes, we will all face it in our own ways. Maybe we will find solace in family & friends. Maybe we will sit and cry with another swissy that has joined us along the way. I know that when the day comes, though I'm not proud to admit it, there will be days of tears, more tears, and likely some liquid encouragement to face the oncoming days without him.

But what happens when things don't go according to plan? Because sometimes, fate surprises us, and the plan is flipped on it's head.

That's what happened to me this last March 17th. St. Patrick's Day, go figure. I didn't even get to have a beer. I found myself in the emergency room, and after three and a half hours, The news came down. I was going into emergency surgery, and if for some reason I didn't, I was going to die in a few days. This was not the diagnosis I had expected.

Now, unfortunately I haven't been successful in the girlfriend department. I've never been married. No kids. Just Brutus and I. So upon hearing that I wasn't going home for at least a week, possibly never, my thoughts went to my best friend whom I left home alone thinking I'd be back in a few hours. I also didn't think I would need to be concerned with the battery on my phone, so when my father got it out for me, finding 13% left on the battery only added stress to the situation. I had not prepared. I had no plan for Brutus. Call it human arrogance. Call it plain ol' ignorance. But with a dying battery, my first action was to send a message to my breeder. "Trip to the er tonight. Might be in some trouble. Don't want to sound overdramatic, but if the worst happens, please help find a good home for my Brutus. Still too early to tell, but phone is dying. Will check in as soon add I can." ...Man do I hate spelling and grammatical errors, but in my defense, I was under some stress and in a hurry.

Now not only was this unfair to Brutus, but I sent that message at 6:26am. That wasn't fair to my breeder either, for more than one reason, and after just as quick and ambiguous of a Facebook post, I turned my phone off to focus on the road I was forced upon.

I was lucky though. Not just with my predicament, but I had spent some time finding an experienced and responsible breeder, and I was lucky to have my father, my cousin, and his girlfriend who stepped up immediately to look after my Brutus. To feed him at my 3 meals a day schedule, and to walk him a couple times a day, even for weeks after I came home and couldn't do it myself. I know that if things had gone the other direction, my breeder would've made sure that Brutus got a good loving home, and ultimately, he would've had a good life. But I sure as heck wasn't prepared for it. I was just lucky,... and I sure did miss him for those days,... and I worried.

I wake up every day, and I go to bed just as often knowing that no matter what I do for or with him, it isn't enough. Our swissies give us their quirks, their lives, and their unconditional love. Just one look in the eyes of a swissie, and you can see how special the bond you have with them is. They deserve everything we can give them and more. And for that, they deserve for us to be prepared. I'm not to proud to say that I'm still not prepared myself. But recent history has shown me that I have support. And let's face it,...everyone loves Brutus.

So what's your back up plan? Do you have one? Think about it, even if you don't want to. Then go hold your best friend. Scratch their ears. Scratch that big ol' butt. Look in those big brown (or blue) eyes, and if you can help it, never ever go through with that plan.

TICKS—WE NEED TO BE VIGILANT!

By Annie Barnett

Living in the western states and PNW most of us have been fortunate in that we haven't had to worry much about ticks and fleas, but conditions are changing here. My recent experience is an eye-opening testament to this.

As some of you know, my dog Cosmo had a spine injury last November. He had recovered through rehab but then in June he started getting wobbly in his walk. He walked like a “drunken sailor”. This seemed like another spinal injury and I was devastated. We did a CBC on him which showed an increased white count and signs of dehydration. Our initial thought was inflammation and re-injury, especially with his history. No one thought tick disease. Then he quit eating and lost 15 pounds in two weeks. He was lethargic, had chills and was stumbling. Cosmo would improve slightly one day and then get worse the next. He had a temperature of 104 at one point. I took him to the vet several times over this period of time. We did a second CBC which showed an even higher white count, increased monocytes and increased globulins. He also had an ANA test for autoimmune disease that came back negative.



Cosmo cooling off in a stream

Even though tick disease is not common where I live, I was thinking about the possibility due to his symptoms, and because we had just spent some time in the wooded mountains. My vet was leaning toward an autoimmune disease but, thankfully, she listened to all I had to say. I had talked extensively to Cosmo's breeder, Lisa Simonsen, who suggested that we start doxycycline before we went down the steroid path for autoimmune disease. This conversation most likely saved his life. My vet agreed that we should start the doxy as well as do the ANA test. We agreed that if the ANA test were positive, our plan would be to stop the doxy and start steroids. Once we started the doxycycline, Cosmo started improving within 24 hours. Within 48 hours he was walking straighter, eating and had no fever. He did 5 weeks of doxy (4-6 weeks is recommended). He continued to improve during the entire course of antibiotics. We never did a tick titer and I never found a tick on him but two vets believe he had Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever (RMSF) due to rickettsia. According to my rehab vet in Park City, ticks are abundant this year and cases of RMSF are on the rise here. So, simply be aware of the potential for tick disease if your dog has some weird symptoms and you are at the end of your rope.



Cosmo is doing great today!

Thank you Annie and Cosmo for sharing your experience and alerting us to this important health issue!

Although tick disease has not historically been common in our region, Annie and Cosmo's experience in Utah demonstrates how our knowledge and awareness of tick disease is critical to all of our Swissies' health. Both the migration of ticks into new regions as well as our increased travel with our dogs across regions means there is greater possibility for each of us to experience an unwanted tick encounter!

Fortunately, there are several good resources available for us to learn more. The following organizations provide resources detailing current and relevant detail (through the links provided below) about ticks, tick diseases and prevention to help us understand about the threat to our Swissies and ourselves

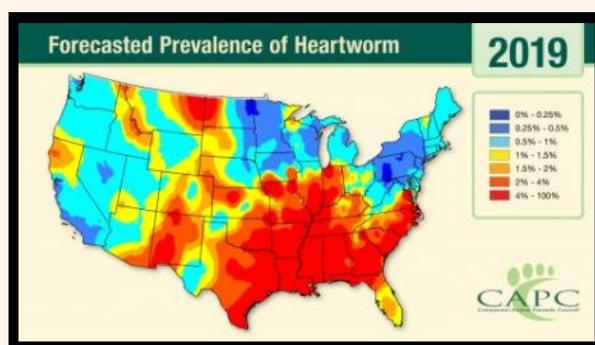


Companion Animal Parasite Council (CAPC)

These CAPC maps provide details on tick migration and what is happening in our region along with other parts of the country where we may be traveling.

[Parasite Prevalence Maps](#)

[30 day forecast parasite map](#)



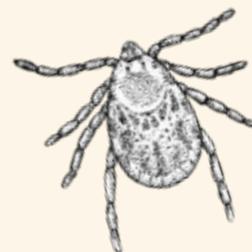
AKC Canine Health Foundation

Our Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club of America provides research support funds to the [AKC Canine Health Foundation Tick Borne Disease Research Initiative](#).

[Tick-Borne Disease: Prevalence, Prevention, and Treatment](#)

“The geographic distribution of ticks is spreading and can change yearly by season and region of the United States.” This initiative started in 2016 focuses on the diagnosis, therapy and prevention of disease carried by the following tick species including:

- American Dog Tick (*Dermacentor variabilis*)
- Deer Tick (or Black-legged Tick) (*Ixodes scapularis*)
- Brown Dog Tick (*Rhipicephalus sanguineus*)
- Gulf Coast Tick (*Amblyomma maculatum*)
- Lone Star Tick (*Amblyomma americanum*)
- Rocky Mountain Wood Tick (*Dermacentor andersoni*)
- Spinose Ear Tick (*Otobius megnini*)
- Western Black-legged Tick (*Ixodes pacificus*)



US Center for Disease Control and Prevention

Ticks are most active during warmer months (April-September) but exposure can happen year-round. The CDC also has maps showing the general distribution of ticks in the contiguous United States: [Which ticks are most common in your area](#) along with specific information on [Preventing Ticks on Your Pets](#).

US Food and Drug Administration

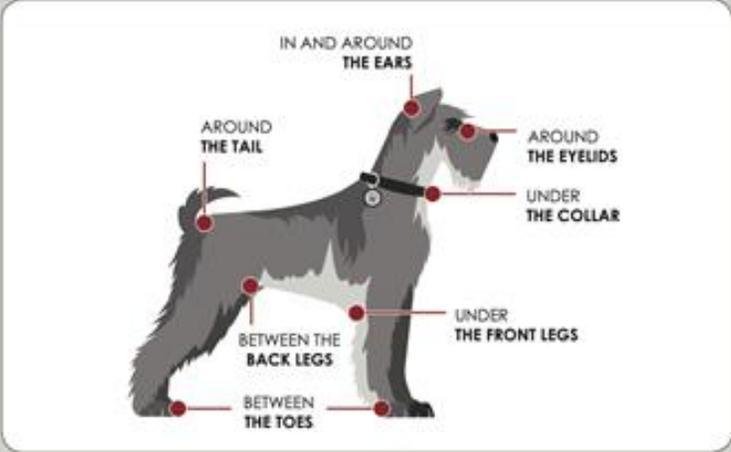
Appropriate use of flea and tick products is important to preventing tick disease. However, Swissy owners must educate themselves on the potential adverse effects of the various types of flea and tick prevention products and discuss any concerns with their veterinarians and breeders prior to use.

Here is an important notification from the FDA about neurological adverse effects (*which can be of particular concern in our breed*) in several popular flea and tick prevention products.

[FDA Fact Sheet for Pet Owners and Veterinarians about Potential Adverse Events Associated with Isoxazoline Flea and Tick Products.](#)

HOW TO CHECK YOUR PET FOR TICKS

- Check your pet for ticks every day, especially after they spend time outdoors.
- Run your fingers through your pet's fur with gentle pressure to feel for any small bumps.
- **Look for ticks in the following areas:**



Ticks can carry diseases that can make people and pets sick. If you find a tick, remove it as soon as possible. **Ask your veterinarian about ways to keep ticks off your pets!**

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U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

PLASTIC, STAINLESS STEEL, STONEWARE,

SILICONE OR CERAMIC BOWLS?

By W. Jean Dodds, DVM on February 17, 2019

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Think back to when you introduced your first companion pet to your home and the food and water bowls you purchased. Did you go with bowls that had cute paw prints painted on them? Did you choose bowls that were shaped like bones? Did you purchase stainless steel to match your appliances? Did you buy the least expensive bowls?

The answer about the best type of bowl material for your companion pet is not so clear cut.

BACTERIA

A study from the United Kingdom examined three different bowl materials: plastic, ceramic and stainless steel. The researchers examined whether bacterial adhesion was more common with a particular material than the others as well as bacterial diversity.

On day 7, the stainless steel bowls had the highest bacterial count, but the measurements taken on day 14 demonstrated that plastic had the highest remaining count. Overall, the researchers found the ceramic bowl had the lowest bacterial count over the 14-day period.

High bacterial count is not the same as bacterial diversity. Bacterial diversity refers to the number of bacteria species present. Interestingly, in this regard, the ceramic bowls had the highest amount of species identified. Also, if plastic, stoneware or ceramic bowls are scratched, chipped or cracked, the crevices can harbor bacteria.

BISPHENOL A

Bisphenol A has been implicated as an endocrine disrupting chemical found in plastic or metals like aluminum that is lined with it to prevent an aluminum taste or corroding. Stainless steel items do not have this lining. In dogs, BPA has been shown to alter the gut microbiome and cause metabolic changes.

However, some studies are showing that the alternatives to BPA may *not*, in fact, be any safer.



PHTHALATES

Phthalates are chemicals used to make plastics more flexible or resilient. Their impact on health is largely unknown. In particular, one phthalate, Di (2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP), is an endocrine disruptor and could cause cancer.

A study by Kim Wooten and Philip Smith at Texas Tech University demonstrated that plastic bumpers on bowls leached both DEHP and BHA when immersed in synthetic saliva. Additionally, they simulated chewing of those bumpers during the immersion, which increased the concentrations of both chemicals compared to unchewed and newer bumpers.

In 2017, The United States Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) issued a final rule that prohibits more than 0.1 percent concentrations of at least five phthalates in children's toys and child care articles.

LEAD

The United States Government regulations are lacking with regard to the importation of certain goods containing lead. Glazes found on ceramics, porcelain, stoneware or earthenware may contain elevated and unacceptable levels of lead. This is of potential concern with goods made in Mexico or China.

According to the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) website (November 2010):

"If the ceramicware contains lead and is properly made, it can be sold in the U.S. The FDA recently published guidance that addresses the safety and labeling concerns for traditional pottery and ornamental ceramicware that may contain lead that can contaminate food. The guidance is entitled '(1) The Safety of Imported Traditional Pottery Intended for Use with Food and the Use of the Term "Lead Free" in the Labeling of Pottery; and (2) Proper Identification of Ornamental and Decorative Ceramicware.'"

The FDA recently issued an Import Alert on October 22, 2018:

"FDA has identified dietary lead exposure as a significant public health issue. Lead and cadmium are components of the glaze used in making ceramicware, and can leach into foods in significant amounts when the glaze is improperly formulated, applied, or fired. Lead can also leach from the colors used to make patterns in some ceramicware. In FY'93, approximately 15% of the imported lots analyzed were found violative for lead and/or cadmium. Districts may detain, without physical examination, ceramicware for food use from the manufacturers and/or shippers identified in the Red List to this alert."

SILICONE

At this point in time, silicone is considered safe. Several blog sites like Mind Body Green discuss studies that have been conducted. The authors admit that they continue to sell silicone products because they are better than plastic and pose less of a health risk. They do say that the silicone should be high quality, ideally "medical grade" but at least "food grade."



HEMOPET SUGGESTIONS

Which type of bowl to choose? It really depends on your lifestyle, but we aim for stainless steel. No matter what material you choose, you should follow some guidelines:

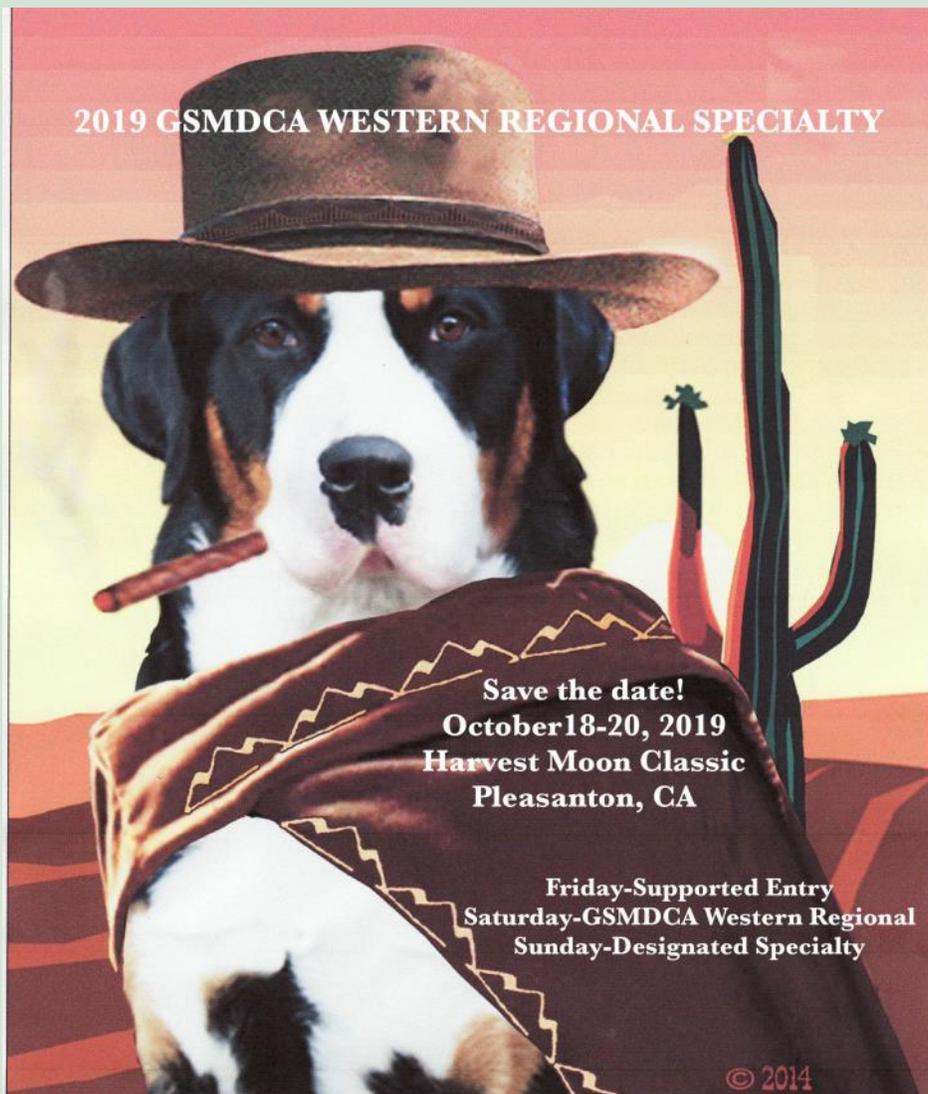
1. Scratched or cracked plastic bowls should be recycled.
2. Do not use cracked or chipped ceramics, earthenware or stoneware.
3. Look for “BPA and Phthalate Free” for plastic bowls. However, this is a leap of faith since that marketing claim is not regulated.
4. If you choose ceramic, earthenware or stoneware, make sure it is made in a country that has lead laws similar to the United States. Remember, the bowls can still contain lead.
5. Choose “BPA and Phthalate Free” products even though the alternatives may not be the best

Wash, wash, wash the bowls daily!

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**Friday, October 18--GGGSMD Club Supported Entry
“Welcome, Pardners!” Luncheon and GGSMD Club Weight Pull**

**Saturday, October 19--GSMDCA Western Regional
Wear your Western duds in the ring!
Sweepstakes and educational seminar, Hoe-Down Party, Raffle,
Country Store, Photo Booth, Saloon and Dinner.**

**Sunday, October 20--Designated Specialty
GGGSMD Club Perpetual BOB Trophy
High Points (Rally Obedience) awards and BSMDC NorCal Draft Trials**

Reserve your camping space NOW!

Camp with us in Swissy Town under the Amador Pavilion.

All members of the Swiss-bred family and their friends are welcome.

Please visit: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c45a8ac2da6f85-2019>

We have an excellent Trophy line up and design templates are already in production!
Please support our awards and sponsor via Paypal at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c45a8ac2da6f85-trophy2>
or, send checks made out to GGSMD c/o Erin Stammer 1515 San Ramon Way, Santa Rosa, CA 95409
For questions, contact erinstammer@gmail.com

CLUB OBJECTIVES

The Cascade Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club (CGSMDC) is a group of Swissy loving folks who enjoy working with, playing with, and just plain spoiling their Swissy!

The CGSMDC was formed on January 17, 1998, with nine founding members.

During the first meeting held in Portland Oregon, seven of the nine members were immediately drafted into Officer/Director positions! Within a few months, membership increased to 27 members. Today the club continues to grow with new members .

The main objectives of the club are :

- To encourage and promote quality breeding of the purebred GSMD, and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection.
 - To urge members and breeders to accept the standard of the breed as approved by the AKC as the only standard of excellence by which the GSMD shall be judged.
 - To do all in its power to protect and advance the interest of the breed. To encourage sportsmanlike conduct at dog events and encourage goodwill, support and cooperation among GSMD owners and fanciers.
 - To conduct sanctioned matches and specialty shows and other AKC events for which the club is eligible under the Rules and Regulations of The American Kennel Club.
 - To provide a source of information to GSMD owners and the interested public.
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Send all correspondence by [E-MAIL](#)

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Cascade Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club
General Meeting Minutes
August 3, 2019

Opening:

The general membership meeting of the Cascade Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club was called to order at 12:30 am on August 3, 2019, at Fort Borst Park, Centralia, WA by Bruce Detore.

Present:

Lisa Simonsen, Debby Dodds, Bruce Detore, Tammi Escalle, Christina Westbrook, John Westbrook, Jim Franklin, Julie Franklin, Tammy Remund, Whitney Gassaway, Ross Luengen, Angie Luengen, Allison Allen

Committee Reports:

- None

Discussion Items:

- Bruce thanked everyone for coming to the BBQ and thanked those that helped, especially Jim and Julie Franklin.

- Events:
 - o Seattle Kennel Club will no longer have a stand-alone show, so they have discontinued their annual "Meet the Breed" booths. Discussions ensued regarding other breed education opportunities and events.
 - o Pet Palooza in May might be a good alternative, Jim and Julie Franklin will look into the details of participation.
 - o Washington State Fair meet the breed was also discussed, but the timing for this year was tight. It would be a good public education event with lots of visitors.
 - o There is also a Berner event in May.
 - o Bruce asked members to let him know of any working dog events they hear of that we may be able to partner with.

- Newsletter:
 - o Members were asked to let Debby or Elaine know if they go on any dog-friendly fun hikes that can be put in the newsletter.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 1:05 pm by Bruce Detore.

Minutes submitted by: Tammi Escalle, Secretary

Approved by: Board

Cascade Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club

Balance Sheet & Cash Flow Statement

July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019



Balance Sheet

	Balance 7/1/2018	Balance 9/30/2018	Balance 1/31/2019	Balance 3/31/2019	Balance 6/30/2019
Cash					
PayPal Account Balance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 306.21
Community Credit Union	13,324.56	10,890.16	9,578.47	9,361.16	9,238.51
Petty Cash	163.15	163.15	163.15	163.15	163.15
Outstanding Checks		(1,068.05)			
Total Cash	13,487.71	9,985.26	9,741.62	9,524.31	9,707.87
Less					
Designated for 2018 Specialties - Oregon					
Designated for 2018 Specialty - Utah		(418.20)			
Available Cash	<u>\$ 13,487.71</u>	<u>\$ 9,567.06</u>	<u>\$ 9,741.62</u>	<u>\$ 9,524.31</u>	<u>\$ 9,707.87</u>

	7/1 - 9/30 2018	10/1 - 1/31 2019	2/1-3/31 2019	4/1-6/30 2019	For the YE 6/30/2019
<u>Cash Flow Statement</u>					
Beginning Cash	\$ 13,487.71	\$ 9,985.26	\$ 9,741.62	\$ 9,524.31	\$ 13,487.71
Receipts:					
Membership		80.00		335.00	415.00
GSMDCA 2018 Specialty Revenue Share		608.13			608.13
Jan 2019 Specialty Sweeps entry fees		37.18			37.18
Interest	3.21	3.43	1.55	2.35	10.54
Total Receipts	<u>3.21</u>	<u>728.74</u>	<u>1.55</u>	<u>337.35</u>	<u>1,070.85</u>
Disbursements:					
Club Events:					
Membership Parties		150.00		130.00	280.00
2018 Utah Specialty		2,324.70			2,324.70
2019 Oregon Specialties		1,180.96	276.14	218.86	1,675.96
Seattle KC Breed Booth		215.00			215.00
Web Site Domain Name		13.02			13.02
Insurance		315.00			315.00
State Fee				10.00	10.00
Paypal & Bank Fees		3.22		13.79	17.01
Total Disbursements		<u>3,505.66</u>	<u>972.38</u>	<u>218.86</u>	<u>4,850.69</u>
Receipts over (under) Disbursements	(3,502.45)	(243.64)	(217.31)	183.56	(3,779.84)
Ending Cash	<u>\$ 9,985.26</u>	<u>\$ 9,741.62</u>	<u>\$ 9,524.31</u>	<u>\$ 9,707.87</u>	<u>\$ 9,707.87</u>

Cascade Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club Membership Application



Name (s) _____

Occupation _____

Address: Street, City, State, Zip _____

Telephone (_____) _____

E-Mail Address _____

Tell us about your dogs. Breed(s), registered name (s), call name (s), titles, etc.

Any information you wish to share (other club affiliations, interests, etc.)

Membership Level: Applicants for all levels must be at least 18 years of age. Ownership of a GSMD is required for all voting levels. All New Individual and Family Membership applications must be supported by two sponsors who are currently voting members in good standing of the CGSMDC.

Family (2 Votes) - \$30 []

Associate (non-voting) - \$15 []

Individual (1 Vote) - \$20 []

Out of Country/Associate (non-voting)- \$15 []

Sponsors (New Voting Memberships – renewals need not provide):

(1) Name _____

(2) Name _____

Phone _____

Phone _____

Address _____

Address _____

Signature (1) _____

Signature (2) _____

Date _____

Date _____

I (we) agree to abide by the Constitution and Bylaws of the CGSMDC and the Rules of the American Kennel Club. Additionally, I (we) have read, signed, and agree to abide by the CGSMDC Member Guidelines located on the second page of this form. I (we) give specific consent for the CGSMDC to use electronic communication for notices, newsletters and other general membership information.

I (we) understand that it is my (our) sole responsibility to maintain a current functioning e-mail address on file with the Membership Chair.

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Or you can join or renew online at: <http://www.cascadeswissyclub.com/membership-renewal.html>

Mailing Address: 3300 Taylor Rd., Oak Harbor, WA 98277

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 Corresponding 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 includes 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.

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____



Optional Information

Areas of Interest:

- | | | | | | |
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| Obedience | <input type="checkbox"/> | Conformation | <input type="checkbox"/> | Agility | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Breeding Info | <input type="checkbox"/> | Breed Education | <input type="checkbox"/> | Pack Dog | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Weight Pull | <input type="checkbox"/> | Fun Activities | <input type="checkbox"/> | Herding | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Rescue | <input type="checkbox"/> | Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> | Draft Work | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Will Volunteer to Assist With:

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| Rescue | <input type="checkbox"/> | Working Events | <input type="checkbox"/> | Specialty/Supported Entries | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Annual BBQ | <input type="checkbox"/> | Holiday Party | <input type="checkbox"/> | Social Events | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> | Web Site | <input type="checkbox"/> | Club Management | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Breed Booths | <input type="checkbox"/> | Ways & Means | <input type="checkbox"/> | Public Education | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Other: _____