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greater swiss mountain dog club



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Don't Underestimate the value of doing nothing, of just going along, listening to all the things you can't hear, and not bothering.
- Winnie the Pooh

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2019 Issue 4

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hey there fellow Swissy folk!

Well, it's that time of year again here in the Northwest, the sun is ducking behind the clouds and spending less time in our skies overall. With the temperature drop, things tend to slow down a little in our world. And when it gets cold in the house, there is nothing better to help warm you up than a big Swissy cuddling up next to you.

But just because the sun has abandoned us for the next few months, doesn't mean there aren't things to do with our best friends. Swissies don't mind a little cold weather. In fact, they seem to handle it pretty well, so don't be afraid to put on an extra layer, maybe some good warm footwear, and get out in the world! There are still places to go, things to see, and your best friend(s) will sure appreciate the extra effort.

The Cascade Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club has a few things planned in the coming months, including pack hikes, a herding event, and our big show in January at the Rose City Classic, so don't think that we're going to be hibernating until spring! Check out the upcoming events page on our website and make plans to join us! Also, don't be afraid to make an event of your own. With snow coming in the mountains soon, I imagine there may be a few impromptu snow days! If you haven't seen your Swissy playing in the snow yet, you are missing out, so keep your eyes and ears up, and maybe we'll see you in the mountains sometime soon.

Speaking of eyes, make sure to check out a new feature in our newsletter which shares stories of daily life with our Swissies. This month Angie and Ross Luengen introduce us to their two Swissies. Striker—their young Swissy boy and Millie—their senior girl and John & Christina write about living with a living with a swissy puppy and their girl Willa.

Colder weather in the Northwest also brings the holidays. And no matter what you celebrate, the holidays aren't the same without the company of family. My Brutus likely doesn't understand the concept of Thanksgiving or Christmas, but that doesn't mean I can't slip him a piece of turkey when nobody's looking, and I imagine he still knows something special is happening. So don't forget to include your best friend(s) in your holiday traditions. Take lots of pictures, and be sure to share them with us, so we can share in the joy with you. Just remember that some of the foods we indulge in this time of year might not be good for sharing with your pups, so be careful what you sneak to them under the table!

The future is looking bright for our club, and I'm excited to share in it with you. We will be planning more events, more get togethers, and more ways to celebrate these incredible creatures that have so graciously brought us together. I look forward to celebrating them with you.

Bruce and Brutus

STRAWBERRY ISLAND



PACK HIKES!

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
- * 10 mile single leg hike offered Saturday only to earn leg 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

As follow-up to our earlier November hike, we'll be offering additional GSMDCA approved pack hikes.

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 Trail 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.

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](#).

[ENTRY FORMS AND FULL DETAILS](#)

[EVITE RSVP](#)

RIDGEFIELD PERFORMANCE WEEKEND

November 29th—December 1st

CLARK COUNTY EVENTS CENTER

17402 NE Delfel Rd., Ridgefield, WA 98642

10:00 AM Sunday - Cascade Club Attending

Mark your calendars now for a wonderful performance weekend offered by The Greater Clark County Kennel Club in Ridgefield, WA! The kennel club offers a variety of activities to try with your dogs including Agility, Barn Hunt, Scent Work and on Saturday and Sunday only Rally, Obedience, Farm Dog, CGC, Open show, 4-6 puppy show, All Breed Sanctioned B match and more! This is a wonderful weekend to try out some new activities with your swissies! Additional information can be found on Onofrio and the [kennel club facebook page](#).

Sunday, December 1st - Janet Oatney of River Rat Barn Hunt will be hosting an intro to barn hunt demo clinic for \$5 per person donation. We'll be holding this clinic in conjunction with our general membership meeting. We are still waiting to confirm the exact room location for our meeting so please be sure to check website for updates.

At our meeting we'll also hold a holiday toy gift exchange—please bring a wrapped item and your favorite holiday snack for sharing. 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!

BARN HUNT CLINIC



WILLAPA HILLS

December 21st

WILLAPA HILLS STATE PARK

Adna Trailhead

(5 miles from I-5 exit 77)

10:00 AM Start Time

- 10 mile pack hike to earn leg towards GSMDCA pack hike titles
- \$10 per dog hiking for title

SINGLE DAY HIKE!

Last hike of 2019 and hopefully we'll have some new dogs titled by the end of it!

Take this as opportunity to burn of some of those extra calories from Turkey Day just in time for the remainder of the holiday season!

Please keep in mind that due to the time of year we'll have to keep the weather in consideration - if it appears to be unsuitable for hiking we'll need to reschedule.

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](#).

All are welcome even if not working towards title, join us for some or all of the hike. The trail is relatively flat and should be easy enough for all skill levels and a variety of swissy ages! There are several access points along the trail accommodating those that don't want to hike full ten miles.

[ENTRY FORM AND FULL DETAILS](#)



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Specialty Date:
JANUARY 18, 2020

Show Dates:
JANUARY 16-19, 2020

Closing Date:
JANUARY 1, 2020

Event Location:
PORTLAND METROPOLITAN
EXPOSITION CENTER

Address:
2060 N MARINE DR.
PORTLAND, OR 97217

Superintendent:
ONOFRIO



DESIGNATED SPECIALTY TAKING PLACE ON SATURDAY JANUARY 18TH WILL INCLUDE PUPPY & VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES, STUD DOG, BROOD BITCH & GENERATIONS

Thank you to our event sponsors!



HERDING TRIALS

SAVE THE DATE!

MARCH 1, 2020—AHBA Herding Trials

- Hosted by Cascade Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club
- Two trials in one day to allow for the possibility of earning two qualifying legs for title!
- Herding Capability Test (HCT) and Junior Herd Dog (JHD)
- Testing stock will be sheep
- Limited to Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs
- Brigand's Hideout - 9802 NE 156th St, Battle Ground, WA 98604

Full details and premium for entry will be available at the first of the year.

CLICK [HERE](#) FOR MORE INFO ON HCT
CLICK [HERE](#) FOR MORE INFO ON JHD

TIMBER RIDGE GREATER SWISS MOUNTAIN DOGS



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Timber Ridges' Solveig the Enchanted
Gradin Family



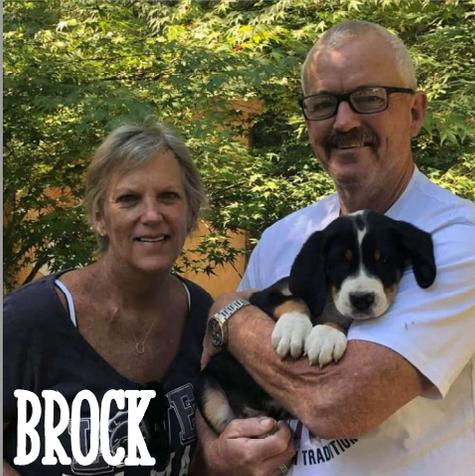
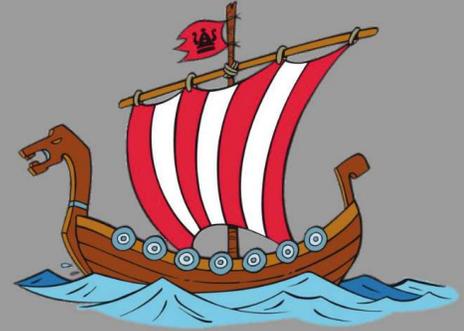
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Timber Ridge's Hiding Harp Angel
Dewar Family

VIKING LITTER

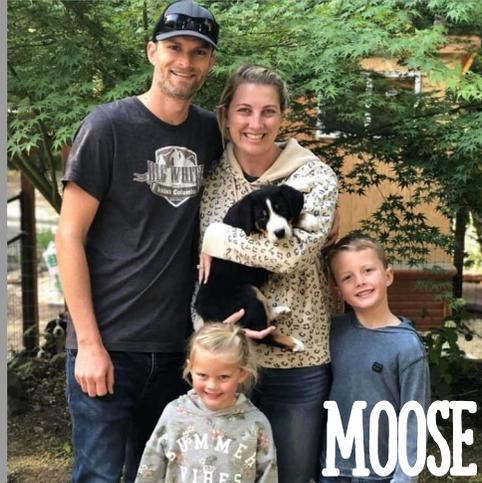
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BROCK

Timber Ridge's Lord Brock the Rock
Bell Family



MOOSE

Timber Ridge's Moose on the Loose
Nuccio Family



INGRID

Timber Ridge's Thorhilde
Aftel Family



MAGNUS

Timber Ridge's Ugo
Billingsley Family



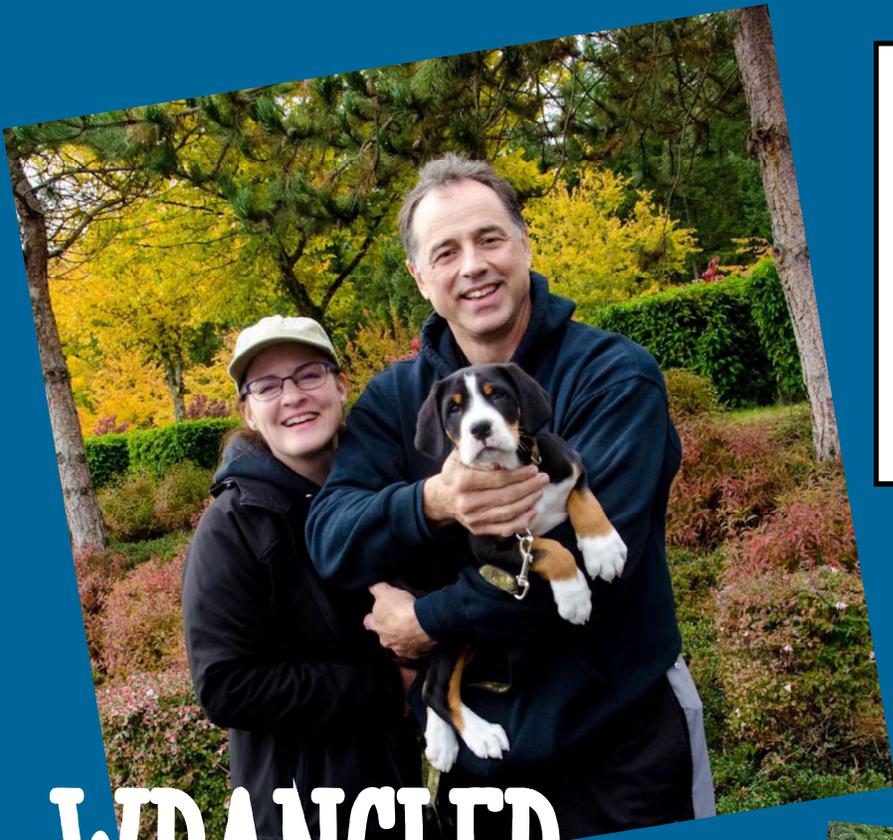
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Timber Ridge's Buck
Hall Family



GORM

Timber Ridge's King Gorm
Buckner Family



LOYAL LITTER

NASH X SNITCH

WHELPED: AUGUST 16, 2019

PAINTED MTN'S LOYAL TO THE END

MCCARTER FAMILY

WRANGLER

KITKAT LITTER

DAGEN X PIPER

WHELPED: JUNE 13, 2019

PAINTED MTN'S GIMME A BREAK

MCKEE FAMILY



KITKAT





CALLIOPE – MASSACHUSETTS

Trout Creek's Poetic Justice at Land's End
Owners: Phreddie & Chloe Sienkewicz

PHOEBE – CALIFORNIA

Trout Creek's Woman In the Moon
Owners: Vieira Family



LORELEI – WASHINGTON

Trout Creek's Alluring Temptress
Owners: Bonnie Huett & Allison Allen

ATLAS – UTAH

Trout Creek's Ocean In the Eye
Owners: Hansen Family



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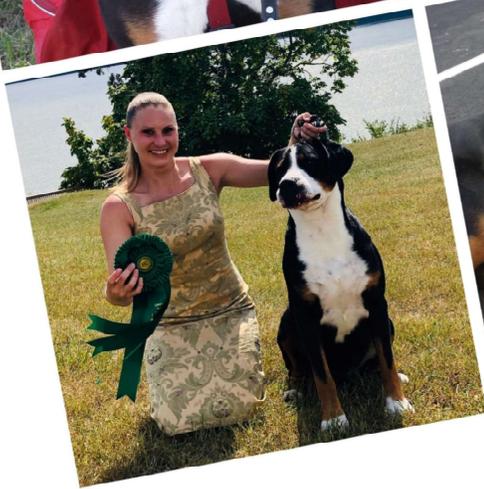
NASH x ODYSSEY

WHELPED: JULY 16, 2019



NATIONAL SPECIALTY RECAP

College Corner, Ohio



CONGRATULATIONS to Cascade GSMD Club Swissies Brutus and Nash on representing in Ohio at the 2019 GSMDCA National Specialty! Brutus completed requirements for his first pack dog and weight pull titles and Nash earned two Award of Merits - way to go!

Additionally, at the annual GSMDCA Awards Banquet several of our members and their swissies represented in a variety of areas throughout 2018 and we're very proud of them! Kudos to everyone!

Top Ten Breed

#1 Trout Creek's Written Onna Star 'Nash', Dog, A Allen & B Huett, 446

Top Ten All-Breed

#1 Trout Creek's Written Onna Star 'Nash', Dog, A Allen & B Huett, 1810

Top Ten Owner-Handled

#5 Swiss Run's Miracle Dust At Rodeo 'Pixley', Holly Webb & Jeff Webb, 190

Owner-Handled New Champions

Lisa Simonsen, Painted Mtn's Golden Snitch 'Snitch'
Holly Webb, Rodeo's Catch Me Kiss Me Snowy Mtn 'Alta'

Obedience Top Five

#1 Liberty Run's Journey Of Zeeva 'Zeeva' Kimberly Gradin & Glenn Gradin, 180.83

Sire (ROM-D)

Painted Mtn's Reconnaissance 'Recon' Lisa K Simonsen 03/11/18 (Harry, Oz, Splash, Cosmo, Cinder, Maya, Rose, Colt, Orla, Brutus)

Versatility Greater Swiss (VGS)

Ramsgate's Sparkler 'Fredrick' Julie Vonada & Antoinette Killpatrick & Michele Slate 09/18/18

Master Draft Dog (MDD)

Shadetree's Obie 'Obie' Annie Barnett 07/20/18

Brace Draft Dog (BDD)

Shadetree's Obie 'Obie' Annie Barnett 09/18/18

Painted Mtn's Singing in the Rain 'Cosmo' Anne Barnett & Lisa Simonsen 09/18/18

Draft Dog (DD)

Painted Mtn's Singing in the Rain 'Cosmo' Anne Barnett & Lisa Simonsen 04/07/18

Novice Brace Draft Dog (NBDD)

Shadetree's Obie 'Obie' Annie Barnett 04/07/18

Painted Mtn's Singing in the Rain 'Cosmo' Anne Barnett & Lisa Simonsen 04/07/18

Novice Working Pack Dog (NRPD)

Painted Mtn's Give It Up 'Zoltan' Lisa & Glen Simonsen 04/25/18

Trout Creek's Written Onna Star 'Nash' Allison Allen & Bonnie Huett 07/24/18

Working Weight Dog Excellent (WWDX)

Northwoods Like A Boss 'Hugo' Jordan & Anna Lewis 02/17/18

Gold Grand Champion (GCHG)

Trout Creek's Written Onna Star 'Nash' Allison Allen & Bonnie Huett 01/19/18

Silver Grand Champion (GCHS)

Rodeo's All About North Rim Nostalgia 'Nexpa' Holly B Webb & Jeff H Webb 03/08/18

Northwoods Daddy-O Enzo 'Enzo' Erin Stammer & Rebecca Martin 10/19/18

Bronze Grand Champion (GCHB)

Swiss Run's Miracle Dust At Rodeo 'Pixley' Holly Webb & Jeff H Webb 07/15/18

Grand Championship (GCH)

Swiss Run's Miracle Dust At Rodeo 'Pixley' Holly Webb & Jeff H Webb 03/09/18

Rodeo's Bold Highlander At Crown 'Connor' Mike Rusk & Holly B Webb 09/02/18

Painted Mtn's Sizzlin' Hot Briquet, Denise Anderson & Lisa K Simonsen 09/08/18

Championship (CH)

Atticus Our Champions, Laura Bloedel 03/10/18

Trout Creek's Confetti Glitter 'Opal' Bonnie Huett & Rick and Nancy Ruiz

Painted Mountain's Man In Black 'Brutus' Bruce Detore & Lisa K Simonsen 03/11/18

Snowy Mountain's Lady Liberty Of Jura 'Liberty', Norman & Dalena Christensen & Noel Nelson
03/31/18

Ramsgate's Sparkler 'Fredrick' Julie Vonada & Antoinette Killpatrick & Michele Slate 07/07/18

Liberty Run's Journey Of Zeeva 'Zeeva' Kimberly Gradin & Glenn Gradin 08/24/18

Painted Mtn's Golden Snitch 'Snitch' Lisa K Simonsen 09/13/18

Rodeo's Catch The Force 'Obi' Luis Bourdon & Holly B Webb & Karla Bourdon 10/20/18

Trout Creek's A League Of Their Own 'Marla', Bonnie Huett 10/21/18

Painted Mtn's Jubilation For Freedom 'Jubi', Gabriel Hess & Lisa K Simonsen 10/28/18

Rodeo's Catch Me Kiss Me Snowy Mtn 'Alta', Holly B Webb & Jeff H Webb 11/10/18

Painted Mtn's Gambler 'Gus', Joe Snope & Lisa K Simonsen 12/09/18

Companion Dog (CD)

Liberty Run's Journey Of Zeeva 'Zeeva' Kimberly Gradin & Glenn Gradin 01/21/18

Rally Novice (RN)

Swiss Run's Miracle Dust At Rodeo 'Pixley' Holly Webb & Jeff H Webb 04/22/18

Trout Creek's Jazzberry Jam 'Luna' Annika Schmid 04/28/18

Novice Barn Hunt (RATN)

Ramsgate's Sparkler 'Fredrick' Julie Vonada & Antoinette Killpatrick & Michele Slate 02/10/18

Ramsgate's Just A Scoundrel 'Solo' Julie Smith & Antoinette Killpatrick & Michele Slate 03/10/18

Canine Good Citizen Urban (CGCU)

Painted Mtn's Sizzlin' Hot Briquet, Denise Anderson & Lisa K Simonsen 05/31/18

Painted Mtn's Singing In The Rain 'Cosmo' Anne L Barnett & Lisa K Simonsen 06/10/18

Shadetree's Obie 'Obie' Anne Barnett 06/10/18

Ramsgate's Keepsake 'Pearl' Brennan Williams & Michele Slate & Kirsten Williams 08/02/18

Advanced Canine Good Citizen (CGCA)

Painted Mtn's Sizzlin' Hot Briquet, Denise Anderson & Lisa K Simonsen 05/24/18

Ramsgate's Keepsake 'Pearl' Brennan Williams & Michele Slate & Kirsten Williams 07/19/18

Snowy Mountain's Echo 'Echo' Holly B Webb & Jeff H Webb 08/23/18

Atticus Our Champions, Laura Bloedel 11/27/18

Canine Good Citizen (CGC)

Rodeo's All About North Rim Nostalgia 'Nexpa' Holly B Webb & Jeff H Webb 04/01/18

Painted Mtn's Sizzlin' Hot Briquet, Denise Anderson & Lisa K Simonsen 05/17/18

Snowy Mountain's Echo 'Echo' Holly B Webb & Jeff H Webb 06/08/18

Atticus Our Champions, Laura Bloedel 07/10/18

Ramsgate's Keepsake 'Pearl' Brennan Williams & Michele Slate & Kirsten Williams 07/11/18

Ramsgate's Just A Scoundrel 'Solo' Julie Smith & Antoinette Killpatrick & Michele Slate 09/08/18

Rodeo's Catch The Force 'Obi' Luis Bourdon & Holly B Webb & Karla Bourdon 08/26/18

Farm Dog Certified (FDC)

Ramsgate's Sparkler 'Fredrick' Julie Vonada & Antoinette Killpatrick & Michele Slate 12/01/18

Trick Dog Intermediate (TKI)

Atticus Our Champions, Laura Bloedel 10/03/18

Trick Dog Novice (TKN)

Ramsgate's Full Moon Rising 'Luna' Michele Slate & Antoinette Killpatrick 01/04/18

Northwoods Daddy-O Enzo 'Enzo' Erin Stammer & Rebecca Martin 02/02/18

Painted Mountain's Man In Black 'Brutus' Bruce Detore & Lisa K Simonsen 03/27/18

Painted Mtn's Singing In The Rain 'Cosmo' Anne L Barnett & Lisa K Simonsen 04/18/18

Shadetree's Obie 'Obie' Anne Barnett 04/18/18

Seneca's Gypsy Boots 'Gypsy' Allison Allen & Blake Allen 08/20/18

Rodeo's All About North Rim Nostalgia 'Nexpa' Holly B Webb & Jeff H Webb 08/31/18

Atticus Our Champions, Laura Bloedel 09/25/18

Rodeo's Catch The Force 'Obi' Luis Bourdon & Holly B Webb & Karla Bourdon

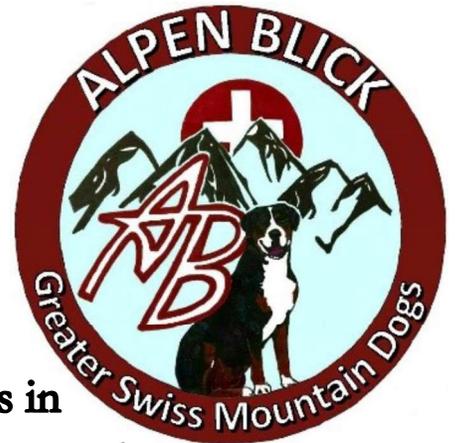
11/01/18



Newton and Luna had a successful weekend at the Boise Kennel Club Show. Newton earned his Rally Novice title and Luna earned her Beginner Novice Obedience and Rally Intermediate Title.

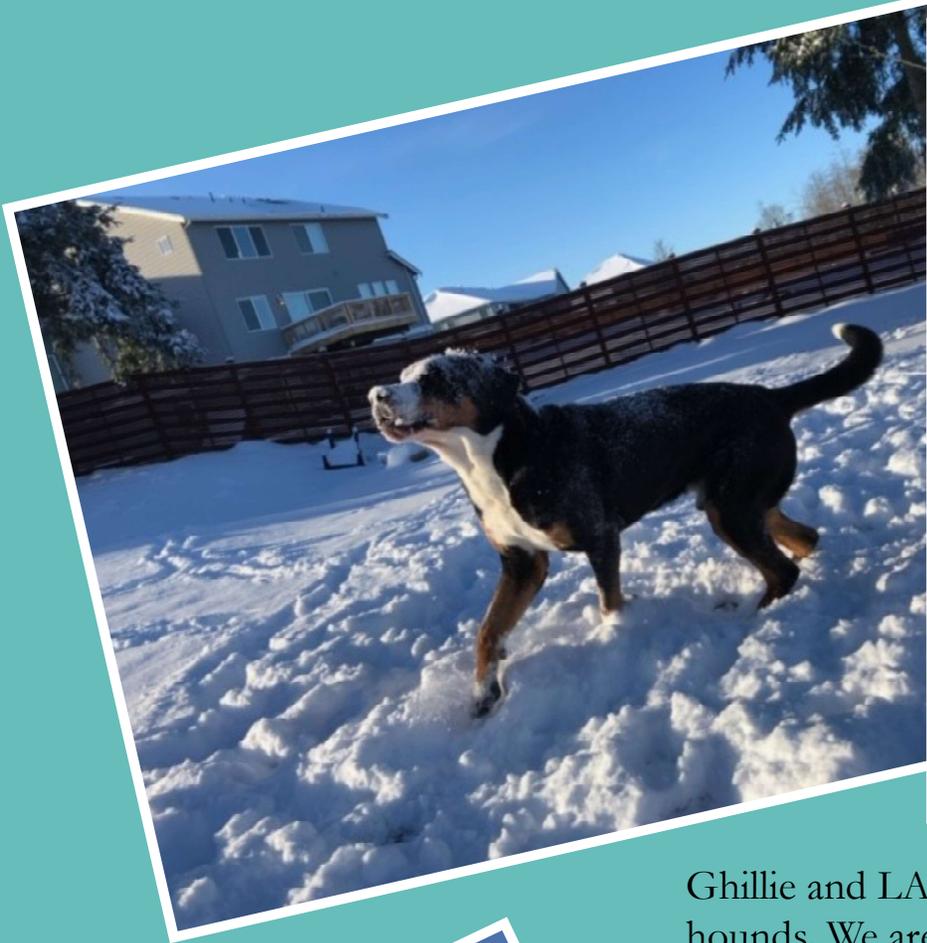


The following weekend, at the GSMDCA Western Regionals in Pleasanton, Luna earned a leg towards her CD title and went High Points Obedience in Specialty.



Outside of the show ring, Newton and Luna enjoy their lives with three more Swissy siblings on a farm in Elgin, Oregon. Newton and Luna are loved and owned by Annika Schmid and Tyson Evans.

GHILLIE & LALO



Ghillie and LALO continue to be amazing hounds. We are possibly reaching the end of home chemo for LALO as everything has been stable for a year and a half. Fingers crossed! They loved the snow last winter and we hope to have another good year for them to enjoy it again. - Phillip, Bridget, Ghillie and LALO Bush



ROMEO



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CONGRATULATIONS! To Lisa Simonsen on her newest bred-by exhibitor champion, Romeo! CH Painted Mtn's Freedom To Love earned his new title with ease in a handful of shows being undefeated as Winners Dog!

“You need a Swissy.”

Written by Angie and Ross Luengen

This pronouncement came from a dog trainer in Massachusetts after a brief interrogation (she IS a former police officer, after all) when Ross and I joined a friend and his Aussie for a drop-in rally class. I'd been standing off to the side, getting a little teary as I missed our sweet girls, when she approached and started asking questions. Where do you live? Where are your dogs (we'd said goodbye to both our labs in the past year)? When are you getting another dog? Will you get labs again? Why? What do you like to do with your dogs? And on and on...until she declared we needed a Swissy. Neither Ross nor I were familiar with the breed. We nodded politely, a little dazed from the rapid-fire interview, and privately noted that SHE had Swissys, so we'd take her opinion with a grain of salt. A little while later, she brought one of her dogs in and handed him to me. "Take him for a spin." She proceeded to borrow dogs from their owners and pass their leashes to us for the better part of an hour. All the dogs were wonderful, but the two Swissys made their mark. By the time we had piled back into the car, we were both searching Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs on our phones. She was right. We needed a Swissy!



Strider

Zoning out with his favorite purple dinosaur

Fast forward a few months. Trout Creek has a litter of puppies, but they are all spoken for. Until, someone falls through. We get an email asking if we are still interested in a Trout Creek puppy. Um, YES!! Bonnie needs to meet us, but if all goes well...we have to wait until the weekend to drive down. Our evenings are spent alternately talking excitedly about our new puppy and making lists of what we need to unearth from the garage or buy new and talking one another down from that excitement, remembering he's not ours yet and not to get ahead of ourselves.

Finally, we get to meet him. And his 12 littermates. And his parents. And great-grandma. We are smitten. If we could take them all home, we would. We spend the ride home brainstorming names, refining those lists, and arranging to take the following Friday off from work to bring him home. We simply cannot believe we are so lucky. We figured it would be a year or more before everything came together. Now, the week cannot go by quickly enough!

Enter Strider (aka Trout Creek's Glazed Blueberry Cake). Strider never had to learn to sit. Even as a puppy, his inclination when encountering new things was to sit and observe the situation before engaging. He has the gentlest mouth. Try to give him a baby carrot as a treat? He is so careful about taking it between his teeth that it will generally fall on the floor when you take your hand away. He loves meeting new people. New dogs are even better! His favorite toys are goDogs dinosaurs. In particular, he likes to sit with them in his mouth and knead the floor or dog bed with his front paws. We frequently sing the Tigger-song while he bounces around the living room or down our drive. If we'd known he had springs in his legs, we might have named him Tigger. When he hops in a circle, chasing his tail, we laugh. Every time.



Strider

Sitting pretty in his woods

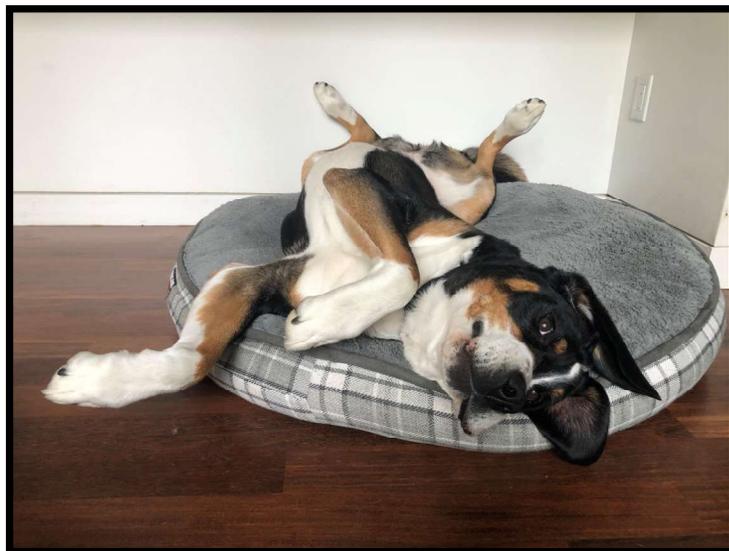
We learned early on that, while not a destroyer of things, Strider is a bit of a thief. Especially of wool. Socks, dryer balls, coasters, my slippers...But he's not a subtle thief. He wants you to know what he has. He'll prance into whatever room you are in with his prize and then trot off to encourage chase. Once, he took the flip-flop off of my coworker's granddaughter's foot at a party. Apparently, she asks about "the doggie who stole her shoe" whenever he sees her. She thought it was hilarious. Thankfully, her grandparents and parents did too!

Strider can be a bit overdramatic. The other day, I was in the basement putting something away in our storage room when I heard a series of terrible cries. Panicked, I sprinted up two flights of stairs, running through worst-case scenarios and wondering how on earth he had managed to hurt himself. I found him in front of our master bedroom door. It was closed, cutting off his access to our bed for napping. Oh, the tragedy!!

We knew we eventually wanted to add a second dog to our little pack, but figured we would be better off waiting until Strider was two or three. Then Bonnie posted about Millie on Trout Creek's private group. Just after Thanksgiving last year, she shared the following:

"Beautiful Millie came back to Trout Creek this summer at no fault of her own, her family had a change in life and were unable to keep her. Millie is 9 years old (will be 10 on 1/24/2019) and is from my "Magic Litter" (Zeus x Shea)She wasn't raised in a pack and the hustle and bustle of our home has proven to be a bit much for her...basically, she would LOVE to be the only dog or one of two or maybe three..."

We welcomed Millie into our family on Saturday, December 1, 2018, just a little over 7 months after Strider came home with us. We could not have asked for a sweeter girl.



**Millie—keeping a watchful eye
on the front door**

Millie is spunky. While Strider can be dramatic, Millie is our true vocalist. She greets us at the door with a long story when we've been gone for any length of time. She is also super smart – opening doors at the vet is a particular favorite trick. Thankfully, the door handles at our house have her stumped. But not the gate on our dog run. That has to be tied shut with bungee cords to prevent unauthorized excursions. Millie also enjoys the goDogs dinosaurs, but she has to "fix" them first. A new toy with a squeaker? Squeaks for maybe 30 seconds. Once she has silenced the squeaker, she is content to chew on the toy, shake it, fling it about, play tug with Strider. If Strider isn't playing with her, she'll come up behind him with a toy, whack him on the head with her paw, and dangle the dinosaur in front of him until he grabs hold. With his gentle mouth, he generally loses tug-of-war, but he's a good sport and keeps trying. In contrast to her roughhousing, she gives incredibly sweet kisses...though they occasionally involve teeth. Our 2-year old nephew giggles and asks "why the doggie bite me?" Sorry kiddo, she has a little trouble judging distances up close and kind of runs into you with her teeth when going in for licks. Luckily, he loves it!



Strider and Millie are ready to go!

**Cars go fun places! Let's get this adventure
started!**

For all her spunk and sass, Millie also has incredible strength. This first year has not been all sunny walks and wrestling with Strider. When she came to us, she had had a back injury and was on Prednisone. We worked with our vet to wean her off the Prednisone and explore non-steroidal pain management. At her most recent appointment, the vet was amazed at how well she was moving and how her back felt – we’ve made some good progress this year! We’ve cut her back to the lowest dose of Gabapentin. And no one who meets her can believe she is approaching 11. The spring in her step belies her age. During those first vet appointments, she would NOT let the vet get a good look at her teeth. Ultimately, we scheduled x-rays and a teeth cleaning. The x-rays showed such dramatic damage to her molars that the vet thought it might have been the result of trauma, like maybe chomping down on an electrical wire! We were referred to a doggie dentist. Thankfully, the dentist said the damage was NOT from a traumatic event, but simply poor dental hygiene. Unfortunately, Millie needed 6 (!!) teeth extracted. We worried how a 10-year old dog would recover. She surprised us all by bouncing back practically immediately! We had a hard time convincing her to follow doctor’s orders and take it easy (no rough housing with Strider!) for two weeks. We congratulated ourselves on making it through the “crisis” and settled into our new routine.

Then, one summer evening, while scratching her throat, we noticed some swelling. She was still eating and drinking (and talking), so the on-call vet suggested coming in the next day. By the next evening, she was in Seattle having emergency surgery for an abscess in her throat. They never found the cause for the abscess, but we were back to worrying about how she would recover. This surgery was more involved – there was a drain to empty and monitor and a huge line of stitches down her throat. But again, she rallied quickly. And chafed against her confinement. We blocked her off from Strider using two crates and the hallways leading off our front entry. She used her jaws to move the crates and escape. We had to get more creative. After several weeks, she was fully recovered, but still on antibiotics.

She began to have lick fits. Thanks to consultations with Bonnie and our vet, we figured out that the long run of antibiotics was upsetting her tummy, made some adjustments to her medication timing, added a new probiotic and antacid and went back to sleeping through the night. Through it all, she still loves to visit the vet – she especially likes to climb up on the bench in the waiting area, perch her bum on the window ledge, and watch the traffic go by. Everyone at the vet loves her. And has learned to watch her around doors. Overheard when she was having blood drawn? “No, Millie, do not open that door!” I did warn them...

It’s been a wild ride and we wouldn’t trade a minute! Hope to be able to introduce your Swissy to ours at an event soon.

Happy Holidays!



Millie

Loving beach time at Grandma’s



Show and Tell

First hike with Millie, showing her around the neighborhood park

A photograph of three sheep standing in a grassy field. The sheep on the left is brown and white, the middle one is white, and the one on the right is brown. They are all looking towards the camera. The background shows a wire fence and trees.

HERDING FUN DAY

THANK YOU to everyone who came out to our herding fun day at Brigand's Hideout! The weather couldn't have been better, it was a beautiful day all around! Safe to say all the dogs had a terrific time on the farm getting to know the sheep—for most it was their first encounter around stock and they did super! Several owners commented on how surprised they were to see their dogs do so well and respond to the stock so it was neat for them to have this experience. Much appreciate to Nancy Ward, owner of Brigand's, for use of her facility and sheep and to Dave Viklund who worked with all the dogs and also spent some one on one time with everyone.

We look forward to hosting more herding events in the near future and anticipate planning some events that dogs will have the opportunity to earn HCT (herding capability tested) and possibly JHD (junior herd dog) designation!

If anyone has additional interest in pursuing lessons, attending herding trials, etc. please let us know and we'll be happy to assist in providing this information.





LORELEY



FREYA



LOCH



CLUE



BRISCOE



ODYSSEY



CASSIE



MOAB



TRICK FOR A TREAT



WHAT A HOOT We had a fabulous time at our first “Trick For A Treat” with 20 swissies and their families joining! Everyone let their creativity shine painting pumpkins—many with great effort looking like a Greater Swiss Mountain Dog!

Thank you to our club members who worked tirelessly to help make this event a success. Special thank you to Debby Dodds for spending hours making homemade Halloween bandanas for all in attendance, to Annie Barnett for traveling out from Utah to host the drafting clinic, to Bruce Detore for the informative pack hike Q&A and to Glen Simonsen for being the go-to on picking up our supplies. We couldn't host events like this without the support of our membership.

Additionally, we also welcomed some first time attendees and also some new club members to this event so it was wonderful to connect with other swissy families in the area! We had swissies as young as 2.5 months all the way up to 11 years representing our local swissy family and it was wonderful time all around. We were blessed with an absolutely beautiful fall day and dogs that were willing workers to try out drafting for the first time!

Several expressed interest in both pack hiking and draft so we hope to hold more clinics for draft and look forward to seeing some new faces on our upcoming pack hikes this fall.

We debuted our new club t-shirts and they've sold with great success for members to show their Cascade GSMD Club pride while out with their swissies. If you're interested in any of the club merchandise contact member [Christina Westbrook](#) for availability.



SUPER CASCADE JOB! GSMD

Several members of the Cascade Club traveled south to Pleasanton, CA to attend the annual Golden Gate GSMD Club event—a great time was had by all! Sincere appreciation to the GGGSMDC for being such welcoming host and inviting us to your activities! Our Cascade Club members and their dogs represented in a variety of areas including FastCAT, Rally, Obedience, Weight Pull, Costume Contest, & Conformation, 4-6 Puppy.

SUPPORTED ENTRY

- Cayenne - Select Bitch (owners: Kim & Glenn Gradin)
- Freya - Award of Merit (owners: Tammi Escalle & Michele Slate)

GSMDCA WESTERN REGIONAL

- Alta - Best of Opposite Sex & Best of Breed Owner Handled (owners: Holly & Jeff Webb)
- Nash - Select Dog (owners: Allison Allen & Bonnie Huett)
- Nexpa - Select Bitch (owners: Holly & Jeff Webb)
- Geordi - Award of Merit (owners: Holly Webb & Terrie Strom)
- Luna - High In Trial Obedience (owner: Annika Schmid)
- Shay - High in Rally (owners: Jim & Julie Franklin)

GOLDEN GATE GSMD CLUB SPECIALTY

- Nash - Best in Specialty Show (owners: Allison Allen & Bonnie Huett)
- Freya - Best of Opposite Sex (owners: Tammi Escalle & Michele Slate)
- Cayenne - Select Bitch (owners: Kim & Glenn Gradin)
- Cassie - Award of Merit (owner: Tammi Escalle)



SHAY



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POWELL BUTTE

The Back-to-Back pack hikes at Powell Butte Nature Park are the in books! We couldn't have asked for more beautiful weather, the sun was shining and the temperatures were just right for hiking! This location is such a great find offering a wide variety of views from lush forest to open brush areas with views of the Cascade mountain ranges on all sides. Added bonus, the park is actually in the city of Portland!

Our two resident swissies, Brutus and Nash, both earned two legs towards the GSMDCA intermediate pack title (WPD) this weekend representing the GSMDs packing for titles. Pleasantly, we were also joined by Cessie the Newfoundland, Atticus the Smooth Coated Collie, and Sparrow the Australian Shepherd who all earned two legs towards the GSMDCA novice pack title (NWPD)! A great reminder, if you have another breed aside from a swissy they are also welcome to participate and will get the same certificate and rosette from our parent club! Additionally, we had several other local swissies and their families join for portions of the hikes each day. It was wonderful to have a variety of purebred dogs out representing and being great and willing workers.

We're looking forward to our upcoming pack hike events scheduled in November and December and plan on having several more next year starting in the spring. If there are hikes you're interested in scouting out and submitting to the board please feel free! Pack hikes are a super way to get out with your dog and be active and don't require too much effort in planning and the cost is very minimal to the club!



Living with a Swissy Puppy

Written by Christina and John Westbrook

It is that sweet face and soft fuzz. Or maybe the kisses and warm bellies that make puppies melt your heart. Whatever it is, living with a new puppy is full of joys and surprises. Willa is our first puppy and we have learned a lot in the 14 months since we brought her home.

First of all, everything Swissy owners told you is true. They are not into fetch, take forever to potty train, and need lots of training and socialization, but make a loving forever friend. We diligently went through the supply list for bringing puppy home, including hours of research into the “perfect” crate, water dish, and home-coming supplies but it was the toys that tripped me up. What toys do dogs that do not play fetch need? Turns out a puppy sample pack did the trick; rope balls, squeaky duck plush toy, small tug, and a carrot made of rope were enough to learn what she is into.



Willa with the carrot:
Willa at 2.5 months soon after we brought her home, playing with her favorite rope carrot. It survived about 4 weeks



Willa on the beach:
Willa at 4 months on the beach in Pacific City, OR. She loves everything about the beach except for the water. Sand tug and eating sea foam are the best. There are so many smells and flavors how could it not be a dog's favorite place?

We were fortunate that Willa quickly understood where to go potty; it was us getting her there timely that was the biggest challenge to potty training. When she was going potty on command on the lawn Day 2, we thought we were pretty fantastic dog parents but she had other ideas. Remember that part of “everything Swissy owners told you is true,” well that their sphincters are slow to mature is a thing. How I wish she would be like the puppies I had as a kid that would pee in a corner. A Swissy accident entails walking around the entire house without knowing anything is happening. It is not in a puddle in the corner, it is EVERYWHERE, and the boys are worse. Invest in enzyme spray and absorbent towels. If you have the slightest feeling of, “hmmm I wonder...” take the pup out before it hears your thoughts. I do not care if it has been 20 minutes from the last time, there is a reason you thought the thought.

One of our biggest challenges at first was finding ways to socialize a young puppy before all the parvo vaccinations were administered. Early days are so important to socialize your puppy with people and things so they take all in stride but the dangers of parvo are severe. Our favorite social calls were to Home Depot where she could ride around in the shopping cart while we searched the aisles. Folks were very friendly and some employees carry treats in their aprons so Willa was able to meet many different people with both pets and treats as a reward. Make sure going potty in the parking lot is a priority before heading into the store.



Willa in front of the fireplace:
Willa at 6 months sitting in front of the fire after an afternoon playing in the snow. Fireplace is a fun game. 5 minutes right in front to heat up; 25 minutes a few feet away to cool off.
Repeat, repeat, repeat.

We started Willa in obedience training only a couple weeks after bringing her home as a way to get in front of dog training and to continue socialization. At just over 3 months, she was the youngest in the puppy training class but it was fun to watch her with the other dogs. She at 3 months was as big or bigger than others 4, 6, 9 months old. You could definitely see a difference developmentally but she did really well as we stuck to our homework. In-class training is teaching us dog parents what to do all week to get a solid obedience foundation. You do get out of it what you put into it.

The place we took Willa for obedience training also has daycare. John primarily works from home so we had not considered puppy daycare until we learned their 6-month and under discount at the same time he had off-site work come up. One of the best things we did for her socialization was to take Willa to puppy daycare every Monday. The daycare she went to was large enough they split the dogs up by temperament and had inside



Willa and her brother, Moab, at 8 months. Nothing like spending quality time with your brother, Moab, at a dog show. It was hard but everyone behaved themselves.



Willa in front of the rock wall: Willa at 14.5 months taking a break from yard work. Supervising is hard work!

and outside access along with webcams for us parents to keep an eye on her. At first she was shy but after a few weeks began to come out of her shell.

Interacting with different dogs taught her how to read their play styles. She learned to not just jump on top of another dog if she wants to play but to encourage the other dog to engage. Dog parks can be very hit and miss so daycare requiring evidence of shots and fecal sample, paired with temperament tests of all first-timers into daycare gave us relief that she was learning in a safe environment. It also gave us a much needed break from puppy rearing.

What surprised me the most about a Swissy puppy was how fast they grow. In my head I thought I knew what it would look like for a 30 pound puppy to reach 100 pounds in a year but I was wrong. Some days we wake up and Willa is VISIBLY bigger than the day before.

We have adjusted her food based on her growth spurts and have fed her between 5 and 7 cups a day for months now, switching types of large breed puppy food every couple of bags. They tell us it will slow down some day but it has not happened yet.

We have been over the moon with Willa. Even for a puppy she is very well behaved; does not dig holes in the yard, escape, jump up on folks, chew up shoes, or other classic puppy headaches. Except for the time we took her to meet my parents. She ate their manicured lawn by the roots. Not nibbling off of the top, full on monster ripping grass out by the roots and leaving discarded tufts of lawn.

It is the cuddles, joy in squeaky toys, bright brown eyes, and constant puppy awkwardness that makes it all worth it. Swissy owners are right, Willa is a wonderful addition to our family.



Family photo: John, Willa, Zoe, and I at the Fall meet up learning to pull a cart. Willa loved pulling the cart and cannot wait for next summer to pull yard waste in a cart.

GSMD

HEALTH SURVEY

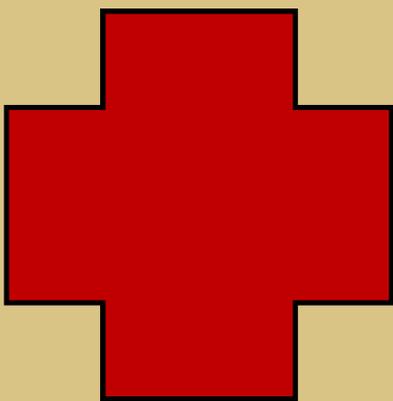


The Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club of America Board of Directors is pleased to announce The Orthopedic Foundation for Animals has populated a new breed health priorities survey for the period of 2013 to present for any Greater Swiss Mountain Dog living during this time period. Please add all GSMDs owned 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.



Frozen Pumpkin Treats

Ingredients

- 1 cup Yogurt
- 1 can, 16 ounces real pumpkin
- 1/3 cup Brewer's Yeast
- 1/2 cup Salmon Oil



Instructions

- Use a blender to blend all ingredients until smooth.
- Fill any mold, silicone is good, any shape mold but bone shape is always fun
- Freeze all until solid.
- Once frozen throughout put pumpkin dog treats into to a container or zip top bag and Store in the freezer, Serve Frozen.



These are fast and easy to make and your kids will love to help!

Ingredients:

- 1/2 Cup Peanut Butter
- 1 Cup Canned Pure Pumpkin (not pumpkin pie filling!)
- 1 Tbsp. Honey
- 2 1/2 Cups Oats



You can also switch it up and add Banana or blueberries

Mix all ingredients together, except a small amount of oats which you will roll balls into. Once thoroughly mixed make small balls and then roll in remaining oats...this is where the kids really get to help....size of balls depends on the size of your dog.

Store in freezer or refrigerator



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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CGSMDC members are encouraged to submit for publication articles, letters, photos, recipes, cartoons or advertisements of your Swissy's accomplishments. Advertisements are complimentary for CGSMDC members, provided that such advertisement is limited to subjects which do not confer direct financial benefit to the member (such as "for sale" ads). Please contact the Editor for non-member rates.

The CGSMDC through the E-Summit Editor, retain the right to edit all submissions for length, content, layout and number of submissions per member. Preferred method of receiving pictures is in jpeg format and articles in Word.

Send all correspondence by [E-MAIL](#)

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Secretary Report

The board has been busy since the last secretary's report in August.

Events discussed and approved:

- October trick or treat event that was held October 6th
- Several pack hikes have been scheduled
- A Barn Hunt Demo at the performance weekend on December 1st
- Herding trial in March 2020.

New Members Welcomed:

- Colleen Meservey & Charlie Blaylock
- Kevin Donovan & Diane Kendall
- Tom Roberts
- Kris Rector
- Amy and Mike Viera
- Kelly Gardner
- Laura & Matt Machado De Wright
- Nicole Campbell
- Bradley and Zorica Shelton

Specialty:

- The board applied and received approval for holding a specialty at the Rose City show in January. It will be one day this year.
- We will be participating in the Meet the Breed event at the Rose City Show with the help of Jim and Julie Franklin

Financials:

- The board approved the first quarter financials

Cascade Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club
Balance Sheet & Cash Flow Statement
June 30, 2019 - September 30, 2019

Balance Sheet

	Balance <u>6/30/2019</u>	Balance <u>9/30/2019</u>
Cash		
PayPal Account Balance	\$ 306.21	\$ 960.54
Community Credit Union	9,238.51	10,292.69
Petty Cash	163.15	163.15
Outstanding Checks		(505.00)
Available Cash	<u>\$ 9,707.87</u>	<u>\$ 10,911.38</u>

Cash Flow Statement

	<u>7/1-9/30</u> <u>2019</u>
Beginning Cash	\$ 9,707.87
Receipts:	
Membership	675.00
Merchandise	900.00
2020 Oregon Specialties	683.20
Herding	425.00
Interest	3.13
Total Receipts	<u>2,686.33</u>
Disbursements:	
Club Events:	
Herding	465.00
Membership Parties	73.91
Merchandise	833.24
Paypal & Bank Fees	110.67
Total Disbursements	<u>1,482.82</u>
Receipts over (under) Disbursements	1,203.51
Ending Cash	<u>\$ 10,911.38</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:

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:

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: _____