



E-Summit

Cascade
Greater Swiss
Mountain Dog
Club

Congratulations to Jim, Julie, Zoey & Sierra

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They take 1st Place in Rally pairs at the Portland Show.

Julie and I entered our two swissies Sierra and Zoey in rally pairs at the Portland dog show in January taking first place with a score of 198 out of 200. We nosed out the second place team

who had a score of 197 out of 200. A total of four pair teams were entered. It was a very competitive entry of pair teams.

If you're not familiar with rally, rally is an AKC performance event designed to demonstrate team work between the handler and a dog as they navigate a course performing a variety of exercises. Rally pairs is twice the fun of rally as a single handler navigates a rally course with two dogs instead of one. In rally pairs the dogs have to work as a team as well as working as a team with the handler.

We frequently walk our dogs together on a coupler. Sierra and Zoey had a basic understanding of working together as a team of dogs. To prepare for the Portland show, we started to include rally exercises when we were out for a walk. We would have them sit in unison, do a drop in unison, come front and finish, or practice 270 degree turns. A few weeks before the show, we took them to rally practice matches to work their rally skills on a practice course. Looks like all the practice paid off.

We couldn't be more proud of our girls Sierra and Zoey. They worked well together and had a smile the whole time through the course. Swissies are awesome dogs!!!



Article & Photos by: Jim & Julie Franklin
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The reason a dog has so many friends is that he wags his tail instead of his tongue.

Anonymous

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Presidents Message:



Greetings Cascade Club Members,

Spring is finally here! Along with the nicer weather and longer days, all of us will be out doing more activities with our dogs. April is Pet First Aid Awareness Month so this is a great time to consider organizing or purchasing a Pet First Aid Kit and establishing a safety plan for handling pet related accidents and emergencies.

For those of you with children, it is recommended that you also create a checklist to help them in the event that they are dealing with a pet emergency on their own. Preparing yourself and your family to respond to pet emergencies will help to reduce panic and increase the likelihood of a positive outcome.

Pet owners can reduce the impact and severity of an accident by equipping their homes and cars with a basic pet first aid kit. These kits should be kept easily accessible and restocked with supplies regularly. Items to include in a basic first aid kit are listed here on the Dog Owner's Guide website at www.canismajor.com/dog/fstaidk.html

Many online companies sell pet first aid kits as well. The American Red Cross online store has available an excellent book titled Dog First Aid(see below). This book is a valuable resource and includes a DVD

demonstrating how to perform many of the first aid steps. Hopefully none of us will ever experience a pet emergency however it is very important to be equipped with the supplies and knowledge just in case.

I would like to thank Jim and Julie Franklin for their outstanding volunteer work in organizing both the Rose City and Seattle Kennel Club Breed Booths again this year as well as all of you who brought your Swissys and volunteered time talking to the public about our breed.

Our Annual Club Meeting and BBQ are coming up on June 30th at Fort Borst Park in Centralia. Please plan to attend!

Regards,

Bonnie



Dog First Aid

Dog First Aid is a valuable resource for dog owners. This guide provides information on:

- Symptoms and care for nearly 70 canine ailments and emergencies.
- Instructions for creating a pet first aid kit and giving medications.
- How to recognize and respond to a medical emergency until veterinary care is available.
- Tips to maintaining your pet's health and well-being
- Includes a DVD demonstrating how to perform many of the first aid steps demonstrated in the book : running time: 30 minutes.

For more information go to the Red Cross store
<http://www.redcrossstore.org>

Using Dog Nail Clippers on the Reluctant Dog

Dog nail clipping can be pretty daunting for the uninitiated, but even more so when your dog is uncooperative! It is good to start when dogs are young to get them used to having their feet held and manipulated.

With any dog, start by placing it on a stable table or bench so that it is at a convenient height for you to work from. This also makes it easier to restrain the dog and prevent it from slipping away.

Ensure the dog is calm as possible before you begin. Use a soothing tone to reassure your dog. Have an assistant hold your dog for you if necessary. Remember that dogs need a strong master to be at their happiest so be determined that you will succeed!

To begin, hold your dog firmly against your body. Be patient, and try to make the experience as positive as possible. Reward your dog with a small treat and kind words as soon as they allow you to hold their foot, and after each nail is successfully cut.

Understand the Anatomy of Your Dog's Nails

You need to be familiar with the anatomy of their nails, if you want to avoid hurting your dog while clipping them.



The “quick” is the soft inner core of a dog's nail that carries the blood vessels and tender nerve endings. It is protected by a hard outer cover.

Ideally when clipping dog nails you are aiming to trim them a quarter of an inch (half a centimeter) before the quick irrespective of their current length. This is to avoid cutting into the quick which will not only cause pain to your dog, but also bleed.

In dogs with pale colored nails the quick is easily visible by its pale pink color, and so easy to avoid.

For black nails, nibble just a little bit off at a time. Notice the whitish chalky texture of the nail. As you trim dog nails further, the texture becomes blacker and less chalky which is your signal that you have gone far enough.

Clip the nails from below, at an angle of 45 degrees. Always use quick, strong movements when cutting. If your dog nail clipper is not sharp or strong enough you are better to stop right there and wait until you get a pair of quality nail clippers for dogs.

What to Do If You Cut the Quick

Reassure your dog, say sorry and give it a treat. Have on hand something that will rapidly arrest the bleeding. Commercial products for this job are styptic powder or a styptic stick. However, you can also substitute a little flour or cornstarch. Just put a dime-sized amount in the palm of your hand, or in a jam lid, and dip the end of the bleeding claw into it.

*We hope you and your
special someone
had a super
Valentines Day!*



Did you say Snacks!
Training???
Wiggle wiggle~



Liver Snacks for Training

1. Preheat oven to 200° F
2. Line a sheet pan with parchment paper.
3. Cut liver into strips. (1 pound beef liver)
4. Space pieces of liver on sheet pan so they are not touching (see note below regarding Spacing).

Directions

1. Bake for 2 hours, rotating the pan after one hour.
2. Let cool on a wire rack for 10 minutes.
3. Lift the parchment paper off the sheet pan and place on the wire rack to allow the liver training treats to cool completely and dry out on the bottom.

Storing & Yield - These liver dog treats will last for two weeks in the refrigerator. You can freeze them for four months.

The yield really depends on how small you make each training treat. It also depends on how often you have a training session. Just keep in mind that since liver has a unique smell for your dog, a small piece will pack a rewarding flavor punch.

2012 Annual Club Meeting and BBQ

June, 2011

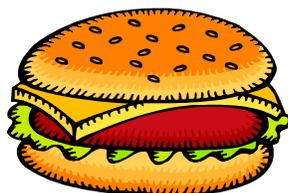
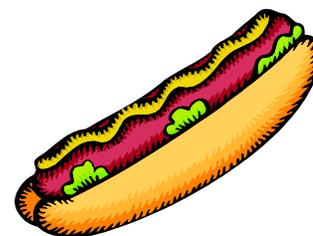


Your Cascade club will provide burgers, dogs, condiments, and drinks.

Bring your favorite side dishes and deserts.
RSVP with Jim and Julie at oreolu@aol.com.
Let them know what you'll be bringing and how many will be attending including dogs.

We will have agility equipment available for you and your swissy to try out.

The picnic hours are from 11 to 2:30.
Both dogs and people always have a good time.



The event will be held at
Fort Borst Park
2020 Borst Ave. Centralia, WA 98531
and we will be at Shelter # 1.
We sure hope to see you there!

Membership Report by Lisa Simonsen

Please welcome the following new members this quarter:

Tony Bove, Seattle WA – Swissy: Summit Farms Alfonzo “Fonzie”
Marisabel Gouverneur & Norman Nelson, Albany OR – Prospective Swissy Owners

It is time to renew your Cascade Club Membership! Send in your renewal fee (\$30 Family, \$20 Individual, \$15 Associate) and updated contact information to: Lisa Simonsen, CGSMDC Membership Chair, 2853 E. South Island Dr., Shelton, WA 98584. You can find the membership renewal application within this newsletter or you can renew on-line via PayPal using the Club's e-mail address cascade-swissy@cascadeswissyclub.com. Renewal fees are on or before July 1, 2012, if payment is not received within 60 days of the due date your membership will lapse. If you have any questions about membership please contact me at gsmd@paintedswissys.com or 360-432-8971. Thanks!

Treasurer's Report to the Membership

Cascade Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club

Balance Sheet & Cash Flow Statement March 31, 2012

Balance Sheet

	<u>Balance 7/1/2011</u>	<u>Balance 03/31/2012</u>
Cash		
PayPal Account Balance	\$ 283.64	\$ 462.04
Bank of America	269.25	209.25
Community Credit Union	7,072.26	10,903.14
Petty Cash	103.00	103.00
Less		
Outstanding Checks	\$ 7,728.15	\$ 11,677.43
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Cash Flow Statement YTD- Club's Fiscal Year - 7/1/2011 - 03/31/2012

Beginning Cash - 7/1/2011	\$ 7,728.15
Receipts:	
Membership	790.00
Ways & Means	
Newsletter Advertising	84.00
Supported Entry Donations	459.30
Working Events	115.00
Interest	16.84
Total Operating Club Receipts	1,465.14
Misc. Receipts:	
Embezzlement Repayment	3,478.29
Interest on Embezzled Funds	53.80
Total Receipts	4,997.23
Disbursements:	
Club Events	108.72
Breed Education	
Supported Entry Expenses	358.09
Insurance	461.00
Supplies	43.54
PayPal/Bank Fees	66.60
State Fee	10.00
Total Disbursements	1,047.95
Ending Cash - 03/31/2012	\$ 11,677.43
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Questions can be directed to the Club's Treasurer Lisa Simonsen at gsmd@paintedswissys.com.

Secretary's Minutes:

Board Meeting 11/05 – Olympia, WA

Attendees:

Bonnie Huett, Allison Allen, Dalena Christenson, Lisa Simonson, Don Rudy, Stuart Kramlich

Summary of Discussion:

Discussion regarding geographical boundaries of the club – ideas on how to bridge and make smaller venues to smaller localized groups instead of 1 or 2 larger functions during the year. Thoughts consisted of a club member hosting a puppy fun day at a local park or home, work-out groups for people interested in packing/herding/etc. The Board acknowledged attendance at some of our events may be lacking due to the distance involved in simply getting to them. Discussions and ideas ongoing.

To engage new puppy owners we discussed free associate membership with no voting privileges for the first year. Allison made motion and Bonnie second approving the motion. No further discussion.

Action for Stuart to look into specialty dates to decide if we want to put one together for the 2012 year. Our typical date/location up in Shelton conflicts with the National Show so our only option would be the Nisqually show.

Stuart made motion to approve new members to which Bonnie second. No discussion. New members approved.

Lisa motioned that the CGSMDC send Ms. Reese a demand letter requiring her to pay back the money she embezzled from our club, Allison seconded. Discussion to send the letter return receipt requested to Ms. Reese. Motion approved

Meeting adjourned

Club Meeting – 01/15/2012. Puyallup, WA

Attendees:

Jim and Julie Franklin, Stuart and Helen Kramlich, Lisa Simonson

Summary of Discussion:

There will be a “Meet the Breed” booth at both Portland & Seattle Shows. Additional Volunteers will be needed to attend both booths to ensure a good presence of Swissys.

Jim Franklin has graciously offered to help build and maintain a new website for our Cascade Swissy Club. Final decisions will be made by the board members as to when & where to start the new site.

Meeting adjourned.

Finding volunteers is not an easy task so please be sure to speak up if you have an interest in anything related to our club!

Please contact Stuart Kramlich if you have any questions regarding the minutes from our club

A dog is the only thing on earth that loves you more than he loves himself.

Henry Wheeler Shaw

Meet The Breed Booth in Portland

Meet the Breed Booth Portland January 21, 2012

The club sponsored a Meet the Breed booth again at the Portland dog show on January 21. We had the booth for an hour starting at 9:00 am. The Meet the Breed booths are an opportunity for the club to educate the public about the swissy breed. We staff the booth with club volunteers to greet the many visitors and we always have sample swissies on hand so the public can get up close and personal with swissy.

We had scores of visitors stopping by our booth inquiring about the breed. We had pamphlets covering the basics of swissy ownership and information about our club. The volunteers also answer the many questions asked by the visitors. The questions range from “is this a short hair Bernese?” to “how much do they eat?”. The volunteers always enjoy talking about their swissies and the swissies enjoy all the attention they get.

The club couldn't do these events without the help of many volunteers. We want to thank all the volunteers who helped this year at the Portland show:

Lisa Simonsen with Munny

Michele Slate with Akeila

Rebecca Martin

Allison and Blake Allen with Gypsy

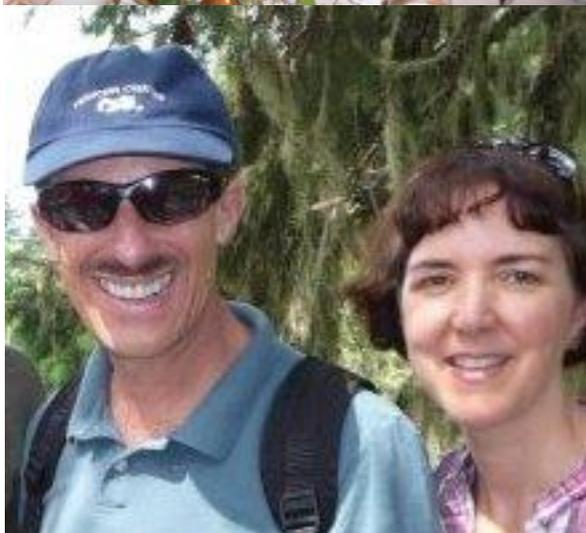
Jeff Eder with Logan

Jim and Julie Franklin with Sierra and Zoey



Get to know your board members

Meet Your CGSMDC Board Member Don Rudee



Its easy to see that Don Rudee's first love is his family. He also loves the swissy breed and especially his swissy girl Bari who will be 13 yrs old this year. He has always been passionate about the swissy breed. He has been a club member for many years, serving on the board many times. We are lucky to have members like Don.

1. **Where were you born?** San Francisco
2. **When did you move to the NW or are you a native?** Moved to Seattle in 1977.
3. **Where did you go to school/college?** U.C. San Diego in La Jolla, CA.
4. **What were some of your early jobs?** 16 years old as an Usher and then Assistant Manager of a movie theater. It was a great job; much more fun than most of my friends that started at McDonalds! I then worked in my Grandfather's Pharmacy during summers.
5. **What do you do now?** Destructive testing of major aircraft structures for The Boeing Company.
6. **Any children, family?** Both kids were pretty young when Bari came to our family. Alex is now a Renewable and Alternative Energy Consultant for Southern Cal. Edison. He graduated last year from Pomona College. Talia is a sophomore at Whitman College, in Walla Walla.
7. **When did you get your first Swissy?** We were thrilled to pick up Bari on July 10, 1999.
8. **What were the circumstances?** We felt we were being interviewed for a real adoption. At that time there were few Swissy breeders in the country and they were pretty hard to come by ;-). We had maybe the 3rd Swissy within Seattle city limits.
9. **What made you decide on this breed?** First we wanted a St. Bernard, but couldn't deal with the massive drooling. So did much research and then my daughter and I went to the big Seattle Kennel Club show and saw our first Swissy in person. We met the breeder; fell in love with the breed and then the quest to find the right one started!
10. **What are some other breeds you have had?**
As a child we had 3 miniature poodles (and puppies too at various times).
11. **Are you a breeder or an enthusiast?** "Pet owner" only.
12. **Do you have other animals?** I have been keeping tropical fish and have been a member of the "Greater Seattle Aquarium Society" for 19 years
13. **What activity do you enjoy doing with your swissy?** Dog Park! About 11 years ago a few of us urban Swissy owners began to meet very early Saturday mornings at Marymoor Park to avoid traffic tie-ups. The dogs had a blast running and frolicking in the water. We humans would walk, talk about all things Swissy and sip our Starbucks! Bari and I continued our dog park runs to Magnuson or Marymoor Park until she was about 12 and unable to walk so far.
14. **What is unusual or unique about you, something that no one knows?**
For now at least this is unusual...I have one of the first electric Nissan Leaf's sold in Seattle.
15. **Is there anything that might be important for readers to know about you?**

I just want everyone to know that having a Swissy has been one of the most enriching things in my life, in many ways. Bari will be 13 years old soon, and I don't know if I could have done it without the CGSMDC, the various e-lists and websites and the many people who have helped me along the way, including my great and knowledgeable Vet, Dr. Canfield. I am passionate about the importance of clubs like this, and urge everyone to support the club for the health and happiness of all the future Swissys and Swissy people to come!

Continued from page 1....Jim Franklin with his girls, Sierra & Zoey show how to win 1 st place in Rally Pairs



All Swissy's are "Working Dogs". If your swissy helps around your house please let us know.

We would love to hear more about our swissy community and the "work" that all of our swissy's and their families are doing.

If you and your swissy has a special story to tell or has earned a special title please email or call me to share.

We all want to hear your story.

You can always contact me at:
helenkramlich@gmail.com

It was a long cold winter.

But now that the weather is getting warmer and I don't need my blankets I'm ready to get outside and have some fun.

Here is a list of some Dog Friendly Parks in Oregon & Washington.

Remember to follow all park rules and don't forget to clean up after me.

I would do it myself but I don't have thumbs.

Thanks.



Below is a list of Oregon Parks. I have linked the parks name to their actual website.

OREGON

Off-Leash Dog Areas in Oregon

Off-Leash Areas in Oregon State Parks

Ashland: Dog Friendly Parks

Ashland: The Dog Park

Beaverton: Hazeldale Dog Park

Corvallis Dogs Off-Leash Parks

Eugene Dog Parks

Hillsboro: Hondo Dog Park

Medford: Bear Creek Dog Park

Portland Area Dog Parks

Portland Off-Leash Areas

Salem: Minto-Brown Island Park, Orchard Heights Park

Tigard: Ash Street Dog Park

Tigard: Potso Dog Park

Tigard: Summerlake Park Dog Park

Ten Tips for Dog Park Etiquette:

1. Know each dog park's rules, and follow them. It gives us all a bad name if you don't.
2. Keep your dog leashed until you're inside the park's dog area.
3. Never leave your dog unattended, even in an off-leash dog park.
4. Maintain voice control over your dog at all times. If you can't control your dog by voice command, you are not ready for an off-leash park.
5. If your dog starts to play rough, leash him or her and get control of the situation or leave the park immediately.
6. Don't bring toys or treats that dogs could fight over to the dog park.
7. Keep your dog's vaccinations up-to-date.
8. Never bring a female dog in heat to a dog park.
9. Always clean up after your dog.
10. A dog park is not a great place for small children -- they could get hurt, if children are with you, watch them closely.

Below is a list of Washington Parks.
I have linked the parks name to their actual website.

WASHINGTON

[Anacortes: Anacortes Dog Park](#)

[Bainbridge Island: Eagledale Park Off-Leash Dog Area](#)

[Bellingham Dog Exercise Areas](#)

[Bremerton: Bark Park](#)

[Edmonds: Off-Leash Dog Area](#)

[Everett: Off-Leash Parks](#)

[Federal Way: French Lake Park Off Leash Dog Park](#)

[Lakewood: Fort Steilacoom Park Off-Leash Area](#)

[Mercer Island: Luther Burbank Park](#)

[Port Orchard, Kitsap County: Howe Farm Off-Leash Dog Park](#)

[Poulsbo: Raab Park Bark Park](#)

[Redmond: Marymoor Park Off-Leash Dog Area](#)

[Redmond & SeaTac: Serve Our Dog Areas \(S.O.D.A.\)](#)

[Richland: Tri-City Dog Park, Badger Mountain Community Park](#)

[SeaTac: Grandview Park Off Leash Dog Area](#)

[Seattle Off-Leash Areas For Dogs](#)

[Seattle: Citizens for Off-Leash Areas \(COLA\)](#)

[Seattle: Warren G. Magnuson Park Dog Off-Leash Area](#)

[Seattle: Westcrest Park](#)

[Seattle: Woodland Park Off-Leash Area](#)

[Sequim: Sequim Dog Park at Carrie Blake Park](#)

[Tacoma: Rogers Park Dog Park](#)

[Vancouver-Clark Off Leash Dog Areas](#)

[Whidbey Island Off-Leash Parks](#)

[Whidbey Island: Double Bluff Beach & Dog Park](#)



April is Pet First Aid Awareness Month

Pet First Aid Awareness Month is a perfect time to learn how to protect the family pet from hazards. Additional tips on how to keep pets in good health are located on the Red Cross Pets and Disaster Safety Checklist which is located on the Red Cross web site.

**Take a
Pet First
Aid Course
in Your Area**



April is Pet First Aid Awareness Month and the American Red Cross offers tips to the millions of pet owners as a way to keep their animals safe and healthy, especially as warm weather approaches. As the weather gets warmer, certain dangers for pets become more prevalent.

Many Red Cross chapters across the country offer Pet First Aid courses. The Red Cross has also developed Dog First Aid and Cat First Aid Guides with DVDs to help you care for your pet. From basic responsibilities like spaying/neutering and giving medications, to performing CPR and preparing for disasters, these guides provide the information pet owners need to keep their pets healthy and safe. Contact your local chapter to see when classes are available. The guides are available through your local Red Cross chapter or you can visit the Red Cross Store.

The National Pet Owners Survey compiled by the American Pet Products Manufacturers Association points out that 39 percent of households in the United States own at least one dog and 33 percent own at least one cat. “Warmer weather can bring certain dangers for pets,” says Dr. Deborah Mandell, Pet Safety Advisor for the Red Cross. Mandell reminds pet owners to “Know what is normal for your pet – gum color, heart and pulse rate, body temperature, breathing rate - so you can recognize when something is wrong.”

One of the most common problems pets face in the warmer weather is heat stroke. This is because they are not yet acclimated to the warm temperatures. Some signs of heat stroke include heavy panting and being unable to calm down, even when lying down. The pet’s gum color may be brick red, their pulse rate may be fast, or they may not be able to get up. If someone suspects their pet has heat stroke, take the pet’s temperature rectally. If the temperature is above 105 degrees Fahrenheit, cool the animal down. The easiest way to do this is by using the water hose. Stop cooling the animal when the temperature reaches 103 degrees. Bring the pet to the veterinarian immediately as heat stroke can lead to severe organ dysfunction and damage.

Mandell says that the inside of a car can quickly reach 120 degrees during the warm weather months. Pet owners should not leave their furry friends in the car, even for short trips. This can quickly lead to heatstroke.

At this time of year, windows and doors in the home are more likely to be open. Pet owners should know that animals may try to get outside which increases the risk of trauma from jumping or falling from windows or being hit by vehicles. Some plants and flowers can be hazardous. For instance, many lilies are very poisonous to cats. Visit the [ASPCA Poison Control](#) web site to find out which plants and flowers are poisonous to animals. If someone thinks their animal is ill or may have ingested a poisonous substance, they should contact their veterinarian.

Pet owners can follow these important steps to help keep their pet healthy:

- Give pets plenty of exercise
- Make sure pets have plenty of fresh, cool water
- Make sure pets get regular yearly checkups with their veterinarian, and are up to date on vaccines, especially rabies
- Get pets spayed or neutered
- Keep dogs on leashes outside – another animal may be too much temptation
- Know how to perform CPR and provide basic first aid until veterinary care is available

Don't forget to include pets in emergency plans as well:

- Plan to take pets along if ordered to evacuate.
- Most Red Cross shelters cannot accept pets because of health and safety concerns and other considerations. Know which friends, relatives, hotels, boarding facilities accept pets in an emergency.
- Assemble a portable kit with emergency supplies for pets:
- Leashes, harnesses and/or carriers
- Food, drinking water, bowls, manual can opener
- Medications and copies of medical records
- Current photos of the pets

The Red Cross hopes pets and their owners have a great spring and summer and points out that Pet First Aid Awareness Month is a perfect time to learn how to protect the family pet from hazards. Additional tips on how to keep pets in good health are located on the Red Cross Pets and Disaster Safety [Checklist](#).

This article is courtesy of the American Red Cross

About the American Red Cross:

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies more than 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visit redcross.org or join our blog at <http://blog.redcross.org>



Memorial Day May 28

While most of us look at this day as the beginning to our summer vacation months, always remember what it truly is about....Thank you to all that have served and to all their families.

Memorial Day is always held on the last Monday in May each year since mid 1800's. Formerly known as **Decor-ation Day**, it originated after the American Civil War to commemorate the fallen Union Soldiers of the Civil War.

By the 20th century Memorial Day had been extended to honor all Americans who have died in all wars. Memorial Day is a day of remembering the men and women who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces.



“A hero is someone who has given his or her life to something bigger than oneself.”

Joseph Campbell

How a Swissy Welcomes Home a Hero



This is “Elli” sometimes known as “Ellinor Jean May” or “Derby too Rock the Vote”, Elli will be 4 yrs old this year.

This is Justin May. He has been in the Army since 2005. He works as an Avionics Technician on Blackhawk helicopters in Afghanistan.



Every since Elli was a young pup she has always been a little nervous about new & different situations like the wind blowing leaves across the yard and the neighbors moving their car. Things she feels is unexpected and just plain unnecessary.

But the first time she met Justin, who came home from Afghanistan and was in his full uniform she just knew that this was her guy. She was never afraid of Justin or anything else when he is with her and they were both immediately in love and were inseparable, instant buddies. They did everything together whether it was laying around the house, playing outside or taking a walk. Elli and Justin were together. She even sleeps outside his bedroom, right by his door while he is home, waiting patiently for him while he is sleeping. Unfortunately since Justin is still in the service he gets deployed.

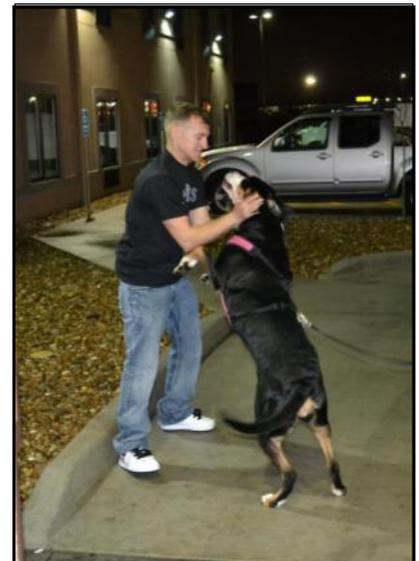
He recently was deployed to Afghanistan. After Justin was taken to the airport Elli sat by the front window watching and waiting for Justin to return. Elli sat looking out the window for many long hours. Unfortunately she couldn't understand that her “boy” wouldn't be back for many months. In fact this time it would be an entire year.



How do you tell her that her “boy” isn't coming home right away?

After the year had passed, Justin's parents (Jim & Marcia May) went to meet him as he returned from his deployment. They came out of the elevator with Elli to meet Justin, when Elli saw her “boy” across the room she tore out after him, full speed!

Someone (I'm not saying who) was so excited about the reunion that the lobby got a little tinkled on. There was so much excitement in the air that the humans decided to continue their greeting outside. Elli shows how she welcomed home her boy. Looks like Elli and all dogs have the right idea of how we should welcome home our countries heroes.



Elli welcomes home her Hero!

Justin's mom always says “you have one pet that becomes the “pet of your heart”. You love so many of them, but one just sneaks in and grabs you. Well, Justin is Elli's human of her heart. She is a typical Swissy who loves everyone, but she just has a bond with him.” She only gets to see him about 3 times a year at most, but she always knows her Justin is home. Then she has pup eyes only for him. Justin's dad says “Me and my wife are just the humans who feed her while he's home.”



Big BAROOO's Go To!



Trout Creek's Kiska CDX RAE NA NAJ

"Sierra"

Sierra completed her Novice Agility title!!!!



Sierra has completed both her novice agility standard title (NA) and her novice jumpers title (NAJ). Agility jumpers has jumps, tunnels and weave poles. Standard agility has all that plus the so called contact obstacles: dog walk, teeter, and a-frame .

Sierra has two of the three legs for her open agility title and one leg of her open jumpers title. She continues to make her way through the series of agility titles. What an adventure you are giving us Sierra. Thanks for all the joy you bring us!!!!

Congratulations Sierra!!!!

We love you.

Jim and Julie Franklin

CH. Painted Mountain Pacific King x. CH. Trout Creek's Tintagel

Bred by Bonnie Huett - Trout Creek Swiss Mountain Dogs

OUR BIG GIRL IS NOW A CHAMPION!

Wookiee!



*We hold her head,
look into her eyes and
whisper to her:
You are Wookiee,
daughter of Ruby, of
Truly, of Kendra, of
Jewels, of
Ember. And also from
Gunner, of Hogan and
Grace, of Katie.*

*You come from the
deep heart of love—
Snowy Mountain.*



GCH Northwood's Azyrel Basel x Snowy Mountain's Ruby dob 9/7/10

Bred by Norman & DaLena Christensen, Bob & Debbie Erickson.

Loved & owned by Holly and Jeff Webb, now of North Rim, AZ

Owner-handled CH by Holly Beck Webb

Finished at 17 months with three majors

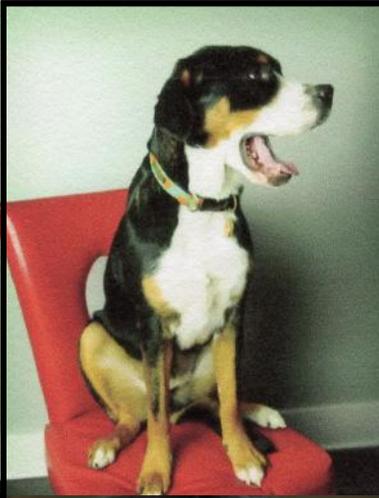
2011 Nationals: 1st 12-15 Sweeps class, Rally Qualifier

At 18 mo. 127 pounds, 26.75 inches at the shoulder

(and still has her filling out to come!)

**Wookiee to be bred to Hero, Fall
2012. Inquires to Holly at
holly@yosemitecpa.com**

*Special thank you to Pat Hastings who choose Wookiee as her Winner's
Bitch and Best of Breed at two shows and finished her Championship.*



*It came to me that every time I
lose a dog they take a piece of
my heart with them.*

*And every new dog who comes into
my life gifts me with a piece of their
heart.*

*If I live long enough, all the
components of my heart will be dog,*

*and I will become as generous and
loving as they are.*

Author: Unknown



**It's that time of year again to find
members who would like to volunteer
for the CGSMDC board of directors positions.
These positions will be for the upcoming two year term
that will begin July 2012.**

If you are interested in being part of the leadership team of the club
contact the nominating committee.

Lisa Simonsen at: gsmd@paintedswissys.com

Or

Helen Kramlich at: HelenKramlich@gmail.com

Happy Birthday Bennett!

**Summit Farms Benn There Done That
“Bennett”**

Whelped: March 16, 2011

Hard to believe you are already 1 yr old.



The only one to survive....
you have enough
personality for the
whole litter!

You are a joy to know
and
A joy to watch grow!



Ch. Painted Mountain Shanti Paramita CGC TT X Ch. Painted Trout Crimes of the Heart

Owned and Loved By: Aaron & Devon Aldrich

Bred By: Stuart & Helen Kramlich- Summit Farms GSMD

Swissy V. I. P.

(Very Important Pup)

In Honor of Our Seniors And Their Many "Tails"

Ch. Trout Creek's Jet Black CGC



"Jet"

Happy 10th!!

DOB: January 6, 2002.

Owned By: Andy & Austen Potter

Bred By: Bonnie Huett
Trout Creek Swiss Mountain Dogs
www.troutcreekswissmountaindogs.com

Jetty, or Ch Trout Creeks Jet Black, has done a little of everything. He has earned titles in conformation, herding and pack dog hiking. He has his Temperament Testing through the German Sheppard Dog Club of America and has even tried some rally. Today Jet enjoys a quick walk through the neighborhood, and will lay for hours in the back of the truck or just sunning himself on the deck. He does scare me at times in that he still loves to jump... jump on to the bed, jump off, jump into the back of the truck, jump out... He is by far our "cave dog" who will pace the house if the door to his crate is closed and he can't get into his place. Jet is the definition of a grumpy old man at times. When he wants to play, he will run with Kiefer and Brie and when he doesn't he just goes to his quiet place...

Jet has always been Austen's favorite... And he will follow Austen around outside to try and keep an eye on his comings and goings.



From a Dog's Point of View

1. My life is likely to last 10-15 years (possible less if I am a large breed). Regular separation from you will be painful and can even cause depression. Think before you buy me.

2. Give me time to understand what you want from me don't be impatient, short-tempered or irritable.

3. Place your trust in me and I will always trust you back, respect is earned not given as some sort of inalienable right.

4. Don't be angry with me for long, and don't lock me up as punishment. I am not capable of understanding why I am being locked up. I only know I have been rejected. You have your work, entertainment and friends. I only have you.

5. Talk to me sometimes. Even if I don't understand your words, I do understand your tone. "You only have to look at my tail" to know that.

6. Be aware that however you treat me, I will never forget, if that treatment is unjust or bad, it may spoil the special bond between us.

7. Please do not hit me. I cannot hit back, but I can bite and scratch and I don't ever want to feel the need to do that.

8. Before you tell me off me for being uncooperative, obstinate, or lazy, ask yourself if something might be wrong with me. Perhaps I'm not getting the right food or I've been out in the sun too long, maybe my heart is getting old and weak, or maybe I'm just dog-tired.

9. Take care of me when I get old. You too will grow old and will also want care, love, and affection.

10. Go with me on difficult journeys. Never say, "I can't bear to watch" or "Let it happen in my absence".

Everything is easier for me if you are there. Remember, Irrespective of what you do, I will always love you.





Winter Fun!

The things that swissys do.

Join in the fun!

Join the Cascade Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club?

For membership information contact
Lisa Simonsen at gsmd@paintedswissys.com
Membership forms are located at the end of this
newsletter or

Visit our club website!

[Www.cascadeswissyclub.com](http://www.cascadeswissyclub.com)

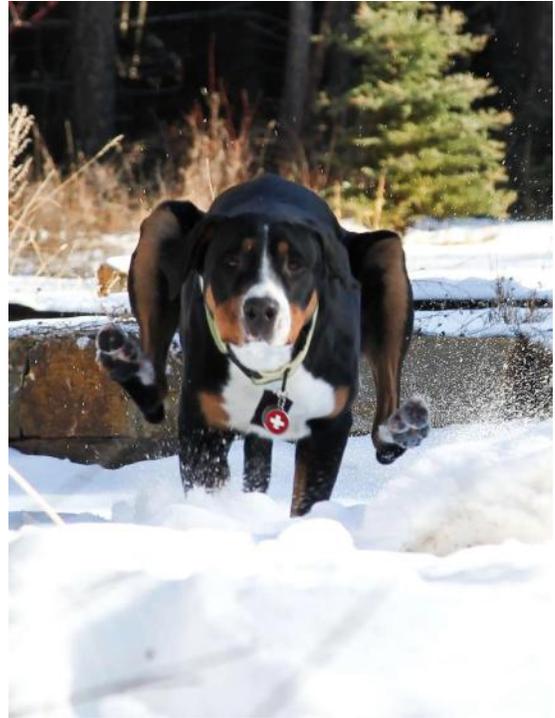
**Join the Yahoo Group for on-line
discussion with CGSMDC Members!**

Visit

groups.yahoo.com/group/CascadeSwissyClub/

Follow us on Facebook!

Cascade Greater Swiss Mt Dog Club



**Greater Swiss Mountain Dog
Rescue Organizations**

Greater Swiss Mountain Dog
Rescue Foundation.
www.gsmdrescue.org

**Cascade Greater Swiss Mountain
Dog Club Rescue**

Allison Allen - allikat81@gmail.com
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**ASPCA
Animal Poison Control
Center**

**24 Hrs. a day
1-888-426-4435**

(A consultation fee may be charged)

**For a poison emergency
in the U.S. call AAPCC
American Association of
Poison Control Centers**

1-800-222-1212



April 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Easter 	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

May 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Mother's Day 	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 Mem. Day 	29	30	31		

June 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 Father's Day 	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 Club Annual BBQ & Meeting 

Schedule of Events

April

- Pet First Aid Awareness Month
- 8th- Easter

May

- 13th- Mothers Day
- 23rd- Memorial Day

June

- 17th- Father's Day
- 30th- Annual Club Meeting & BBQ

Fort Borst Park
2020 Borst Ave. Centralia, WA 98531
and we will be at Shelter # 1.

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Questions, comments or ideas?
Contact: HelenKramlich@gmail.com or any CGSMDC board member.

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.

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.*

Club Officers

President: Bonnie Huett– troutcreek@hughes.net

Vice President: Allison Allen– allikat81@gmail.com

Secretary: Stuart Kramlich– jetrep@gmail.com

Treasurer: Lisa Simonsen – gsmd@paintedswissys.com

Board of Directors

DaLena Christensen– snowymtn588@cs.com

Don Rudee– gsmd_bari@yahoo.com

Michele Slate– wolfpack1313@msn.com

Andy Potter– jet.kiefer@gmail.com

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Public Education: Jim & Julie Franklin – OreLu@aol.com

Breeder Resources & BIC list: Lisa Simonsen – gsmd@paintedswissys.com

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Bonnie Huett - troutcreek@hughes.net

Andy Potter - jet.kiefer@gmail.com,

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Bonnie Huett - troutcreek@hughes.net



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 (*While membership is unrestricted as to residence, the Cascade Greater Swiss Mountain Dog strongly encourages members outside of the Greater Seattle area to apply for Associate Membership*)

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. All memberships receive our quarterly newsletter and an invitation to join the club listserv!

Family (2 Votes) - \$30 []

Individual (1 Vote) - \$20 []

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

Out of Country (non-voting)- \$25 []

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

Please mail form with your check to:

****make checks payable to CGSMDC****

Lisa Simonsen, CGSMDC Membership Chair
2853 E. South Island Dr. Shelton, WA 98584
(360) 432-8971 gsmd@paintedswissys.com

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: _____