



E- Summit

Cascade Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club

GSMDCA 2015 National Specialty!

The Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club of America (GSMDCA) National Specialty took place in Loveland, Colorado on September 21st - 25th. The Specialty week started bright and early on Monday with the Rocky Mountain Independent Specialty and then continued on from Tuesday through Friday with National Specialty competitions and social events. Events included conformation, obedience, rally, herding, weight pull, packing, drafting, fun matches, breeding and handling seminars, etc. All and all a very busy week for all the participants.

Cascade Club members who made the long journey to this prestigious event included: Allison Allen, Jim & Julie Franklin, Bob & Sandy James, Lisa Simonsen, Michele Slate, John & Dorthea Sperline and Holly Webb. The overall entry for this National was 264 Swissys, which is the highest we have ever seen for a National in the West. With this number of Swissys competition was fierce, however the contingent from the Pacific NW did very well and came home with many of the top prizes. You can see all of the results listed at the 2015 GSMDCA National Specialty web site (www.2015gsmdns.com). A special thank you to Debbie Fields for letting us include several of her wonderful National Specialty photos here. See more pictures on the following pages.



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“The world would be a nicer place if everyone had the ability to love as unconditionally as a dog.”

—M.K. Clinton

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GSMDCA 2015 National Specialty



GSMDCA 2015 National Specialty



Sierra



Olaf

Photo by Debbie Fields



Nexpa

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Quota



Artos

Photo by Debbie Fields

President's Message: Lisa Simonsen

Greetings Members,

Well it looks like the holiday season is on us once again! Time to start shopping for that perfect gift for your Swissy, although if yours are like mine ripping the wrapping paper off the gift seems to be more fun than the actual gift itself. And unfortunately with my Swissy crew the paper often lasts just about as long as the toy. My Swissys seem to excel at toy killing and about the only soft toy that holds up through a few play sessions are the Tuffy toys. The Tuffy bat toy is the current favorite at my house and made it all the way through our last litter of puppies, although it's wings and ears are a bit the worse for wear.



Does your Swissy have a favorite toy? If yes, consider purchasing an extra one and bring it along to the upcoming Cascade Club's holiday party on December 13th in Puyallup WA. We will be having a dog toy gift exchange along with several other fun party games. We have done this exchange for the past couple of years and it is always fun and educational to see what toys are working for other folks' Swissys. Plus the added bonus is that one of these toys will go home with your Swissy and just might turn into their new favorite. You can get all the particulars of the party within this newsletter on page 5.

Speaking of fun activities, I along with several other members of the Cascade Club were fortunate enough to attend the most recent Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club of America's (GSMDCA) National Specialty held in Loveland Colorado in September. The National Specialty is a weeklong event, and encompasses pretty much all the types of competition events (such as obedience, rally, weight pull, conformation, herding, packdog, ...) that are available to Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs. Our Swissys from the Pacific NW did us proud and took home many of the top awards from the week. There are too many to list all of them here, however I do want to make mention of one very special award. The 2015 GSMDCA Ambassador of the Breed was awarded to a local Swissy girl owned by Club member Allison Allen, IntCH Seneca's Gypsy Boots CGC, BN, NWPD, NDD, JHD, HTADIsd, HRDI, HTADIIsd, HTDIIId, HTADIIIsd, RN, or better known as "Gypsy Boots". This award is made annually by the GSMDCA to a Greater Swiss Mountain Dog demonstrating extraordinary achievements. As can be seen by all of the titles surrounding Gypsy Boots' name, she is indeed an extraordinary and hardworking Swissy! Congratulations Gypsy Boots and Allison! Check out the pictures of Gypsy Boots and many other PNW Swissys at the National Specialty within this newsletter.

In closing I would like to say thank you to Helen Kramlich and Sandy James for stepping up to help get this newsletter out to everyone. As you all know Helen, the former editor of the Summit, moved to Florida a few months ago. So it was not anticipated that she would have further involvement with the Club newsletter, however, when Helen saw that we were struggling to get out the fall edition she volunteered to give a helping hand. As much as we might wish that Helen could continue with the newsletter indefinitely, it is not realistic so we desperately need to find one or more volunteers to take the lead on the newsletter publication. Unfortunately if we cannot find some members to help out we are looking at the very real possibility of discontinuing the newsletter. So please if you can volunteer contact me at gsmd@paintedswissys.com.

Hope to see you all at the Holiday Party!

Swissys forever,

Lisa

Cascade Annual Holiday Party & General Membership Meeting



Everyone is invited, to come and join in the fun,
so mark your calendars and don't miss anything!

Bring your family and swissies and help us celebrate this years
Holiday Season with games, music, food, friends and good cheer!

There will be a white elephant gift exchange.
Everyone needs to bring a wrapped dog toy for each dog attending.
Price of each gift between \$10.00 - \$15.00.

Club merchandise, as well as other fun items,
will be available to purchase.
Lunch will be served around 12:30

Lunch includes:
Sandwich bar, chips,
dessert & drink

Lunch Price is \$7.00
Collected at the door
Children under 12 free

Please RSVP to: Lisa at GSMD@Paintedswissys.com by Dec. 10th
with number of people, dogs and number that will have lunch

Date: Dec.13th

Time: 11:00-3:00

Location: Win-Star Bed & Biscuit

3602 112th Street East
Tacoma, WA 98446

Directions to Windstar facility:

<http://www.winstarbedandbiscuit.com/iframe/index.html>

Due to the unpredictability of group dynamics when there is a large gathering of dogs of both sexes and various ages. We are requesting that in-season female Swissys be left at home, in tact male Swissys be kept on leash, and all attendees be prepared to leash their Swissy as necessary to keep the rowdiness down to a reasonable level. At-tendees with young puppies under the age of 6 months are cautioned to keep a careful eye on their babies, as young puppy antics and running can bring out the "chase drive" in older bigger Swissys, which can easily lead to injury of the young ones.



Mt. Rainier Working Dog Show



The Cascade Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club supported the entry at the Mt. Rainier Working Dog Club's show in Enumclaw on August 14, 2015. A bevy of Swissies and Swissy lovers converged to the rings of what is said to be one of the biggest dog shows in North America. It was a wonderful day with an early start and Rebecca Martin and her lovely boy Ch. Northwoods Xpedition of Painted Mountain won the Best of Breed Competition. There were several Swissies that visited to offer support and to experience their first dog show.

Everyone had a good time, and had the chance to visit the many dog boutiques and shops that were set up specifically for this show.

Below is the list of the swissy winners:

Best of Breed -

Ch. Northwoods Xpedition of Painted Mtn "Venture" - Owned and Handled by Rebecca Martin

Best Of Opposite Sex -

GCh. RamsGate's Full Moon Rising "Luna" - Owned by Michele Slate & Antoinette Killpatrick

Select Dog & Owner Handler Working Group 2 -

GCh. Painted Mtn's Olaf the Viking Pirate "Olaf" - Owned and Handled by Lisa Simonsen

Best of Winners, Winners Dog -

Artos Vom Kleematthof "Artos" - Owned and Handled by Sandy James

Winners Bitch -

Alki's Ima Fine Ivy Fine "Ivy" - Owned and Handled by Nancy Sturgis

CGSMDC Summer Social

Fun in the Sun! The Cascade Club held a Summer Social on Saturday August 22nd at Penrose Point State Park in Lakebay, WA. Penrose is 165-acre marine park on the shores of the Puget Sound just south of Gig Harbor on Key Peninsula. It was a beautiful day with perfect weather allowing club members and their Swissies to enjoy some nice hiking and wading in the water off the Mayo Cove beach.

A short general membership meeting was held, followed by a presentation with Patrick Stanton and his model Swissy "Slayer" on equipment needs and training necessary for a Swissy to obtain a GSMDCA Pack Dog title. We also had a few members of the public travel out to meet our Swissies and ask numerous questions about the breed. All the Swissies enjoyed the extra attention from adoring new fans!

Overall a great way to spend a lovely summer day!



How to Cart or Not....A Personal Story

By Sandy James

I had been working with Artos on the cart and decided that we were proficient enough to try the Novice Driving Dog Draft test at Nationals in Loveland Colorado. I had been taking the dog out for long mile long walks with the cart, and negotiating around a lot of obstacles with the cart in the yard. YouTube is a great place to see how the carting test is structured, and I had thought that I basically understood the requirements. That included a short on-leash obedience test, an obstacle course in a ring, a group "stay" of dogs with carts sitting/lying down in a line for three minutes, and a draft test, where the dogs actually carry weight and go across country or a trail for several miles.



The Draft Test in Loveland Colorado was held at a lovely park. There are many volunteers that are required to set up the ring and the obstacles and to mark out the course. Once that was done, the participants are called out in running order and asked to harness up their dogs, and to show the weight that the dogs will be hauling in their carts. You can fail if you cannot harness your dog correctly. I had just changed harness to a Siwash harness produced in Washington State by Nordkyn and I had laughed the first time I used it, as it was actually more complicated than horse harness which I am very familiar with. I passed the harness test, and also had the right weight for Artos to have in his cart, which was 20 per cent of the body weight. After this harness test, the dogs are unhitched and in running order must complete a little obedience course on a loose leash in the driving ring.

I had never done an obedience course without rally signs, and certainly not done obedience in a high wind or with field rabbits outside the ring. Because of my lack of experience without directional signage, my obedience straight lines were very misshapen. The dogs are then put in a sit/stay and then the owner moves away about twenty feet and calls their dog. Artos decided he did not know his name. We recovered from these transgressions and moved onto the obstacles course. You were required to pick up a package and haul it, go through a straight narrow, back the cart up three feet, walk by a photographer with a very long lens, and drop the package off to another steward. We managed to do a good job on this part, and Artos really enjoyed his job moving the cart around.

After all the dogs have completed the obedience and obstacle course, they are all lined up with their carts and put on a long stay. The owners walk away from the dogs and the dogs are required to keep the stay for three minutes and stay down until the owners have returned to their dogs. After this part of the exercise, is the Freight Haul.

I was so surprised to have actually gone through the first components of the drafting test so well. The Freight Haul had the added excitement of having field rabbits close by in the long grasses, and you had to drive the dogs in the chosen running order. You may give verbal commands to the dog, but you must not touch the collar or otherwise interfere with the dog's movement. This was our failing, as Artos was sure he was mandated to pass all the other dogs, and if not chasing rabbits, be the lead dog on the field.

Out of the eight dogs that tested only two of them passed. We need to do some more obedience work and also learn that it is okay to follow other carts and not to overtake them. It was my favorite day in Loveland though, with wonderful judges and stewards who worked very hard to put together a comprehensive test, and participants that were completely interested in learning how to do better teamwork. I have found a group in Seattle that meets every Sunday in Seattle parks, rain or shine to practice carting, and that will be my approach to improving my performance. I have enjoyed carting and I look forward to getting my Novice Draft Dog title-some day.

How to be an Obedience Team

by Sandy James

Under Cascade Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club member Jim Franklin's encouragement, I joined an Obedience Team at the Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Nationals in Loveland Colorado. I have never done obedience before. There were four people and dogs on the obedience team, including Dorothea Sperling from Montana, Sandra Streit from Minnesota and Amy Neal from Illinois. The Team Obedience is the same as the Novice Obedience Test, except for the add on of the recall of the dog from a sit stay-you have to ask the dog to drop down on command half way across the ring.

There were two important factors for us-getting a good name for the team, and getting bright shirts so we would stand out. The name Bad News Swissies seemed to be a good name, and almost every Swissy owner has one of those siren red t-shirts with a big Swiss Cross on them. We also decided to wear matching baseball caps and work gloves to complete our look.

One of the things that I learned from doing Team Obedience is that it really is a good thing if you have already done some kind of obedience. I had not. Luckily my team mates practiced with me to learn the heeling patterns that might be asked for, and to practice the team dog sit/stay and recall. We also decided that since we were not as good as the Swisstastic Four, the other obedience team entered which had expert Obedience team member Jim Franklin and Professor Sierra, that we had to rely on humor and ploy. As we entered the ring we presented the Judges with five mini bottles of champagne in a "bribe or imbibe" basket which we hoped would ease the marking.

Surprisingly we performed very well, and had a lot of fun on the sit stay, and uniformly going back to our dogs in unison. The dogs seemed to enjoy it too, and the judges were so pleased with the bribe of the bottles of champagne that they even agreed to be photographed with the bottles in our official team photo.

I would like to thank Dorothea, Sandra and Amy for their patience and good humor in making the obedience team work such a memorable experience and a whole lot of fun.



CH RODEO's All About North Rim Nostalgia RN "Nexpa"

DOB: 5/29/14

Out of "Mon" x "Wookie"

Bred and owned by Holly and Jeff Webb, RODEO.

Nexpa Rocks Reno with Two AKC Titles!



We took Nexpa to the Biggest Little Dog Show in the World (that's Reno). Boy, did she rock it! TWO Rally performances in the 90s, TWO majors, an AKC Rally title, an AKC championship and a Best of Breed!!

What a way to finish her titles!

We were supported ringside by our great group of Swissy owners and prospective owners. Thank you.



2015 GSMDCA AMBASSADOR OF THE BREED

Seneca's Gypsy Boots

CGC, BN, NWPD, NDD, JHD, HTADIsd, HTDIIsd, HRDIs, HTADIIIsd, HTDIIId, HTADIIIIsd, RN
Owners: Allison & Blake Allen ~ Breeder: Janelle Kaiser / Seneca GSMD



Luna



GCH RamsGate's Full Moon Rising JHDg, HTADIs, HTADIIs, HTADIIIs

Select Bitch at the GSMDCA National Specialty & Rocky Mtn. Supported Entry



Bred & Owned by: Michele Slate & Antoinette Killpatrick * Handled by: Soni Jager



BISS GCh. Painted Mtn's Over the Limit

BEST IN VETERAN SWEEPS

BEST VETERAN

FIRST AWARD OF MERIT



Bred, owned and handled by Lisa Simonsen, Painted Mountain Ranch

BISS Grand Ch. Painted Mtn's Olaf the Viking Pirate



Olaf wins the Rocky Mountain Independent Specialty!

Held during the National Specialty week. Pictured here with his mom Quota who won this same Specialty back in 2012. Like mother like son!



Photo by Debbie Fields

Bred, owned and handled by Lisa Simonsen, Painted Mountain Ranch

Painted Mountain Ranch

Proudly introduces our
"Johnny Cash" Litter

Whelped: June 3, 2015

Sire: Ch. Painted Mtn's Reconnaissance, JHD - "Recon "

Dam: Ch. Painted Mtn Saddle Up - "Munny "



Durling Family
Painted Mtn's Ghost Rider In
the Sky "Moose"



Elaine & Bob Engelmann
Painted Mtn's Daddy Sang Bass
"Tenor"



Melanie Mobley
Painted Mtn's Burning Ring of Fire
"Colt"



Joe & Kim Snope
Painted Mtn's Gambler
"Gus"



Bruce Detore
Painted Mtn's Man in Black
"Brutus"



Skvarla Family
Painted Mtn's Goodnight Irene
"Sadie "



Bred by Lisa Simonsen

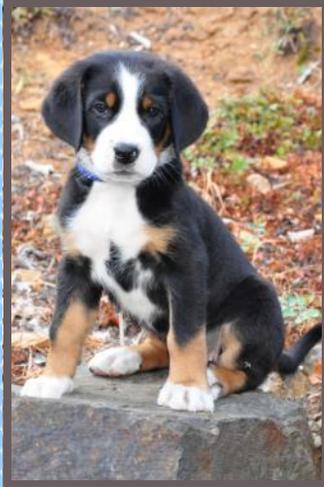
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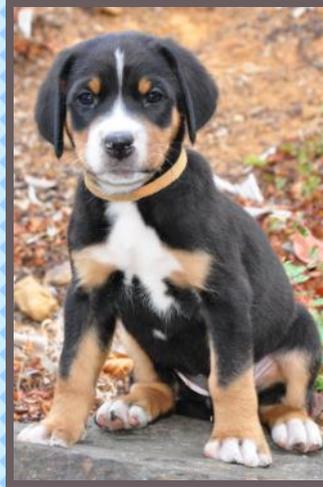


Tang Family
Painted Mtn's General Lee
"Boone"

Tucker x Akeila
GCh. Trout Creeks On A Roll x GCh. RamsGate's Witchy Woman



RamsGate's Irish Coffee
"Blu"



RamsGate's White Russian
On The Rocks "Roxie"

RamsGate's Libations Litter
6/19/15 (6 girls & 4 boys)

Breeders: Michele Slate &
Antoinette Killpatrick



RamsGate's Absinthe
"Freya"



Rams Gate's White Lady
"Lily"



RamsGate's Old Fashion at
Trout Creek "Maude"



RamsGate's Bellini
"Bella"



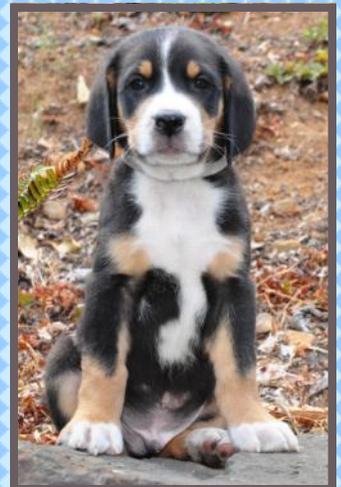
RamsGate's Sober
As A Judge "Mookie"



RamsGate's Make Mine A
Manhattan "Brando"



RamsGate's Vodka Rocks
With Trout Creek "Stoli"



RamsGate's Magic
Moonshine "Bubba"

Northwood's Herb Litter (9/14/15)
Venture x Blossom



GIRLS

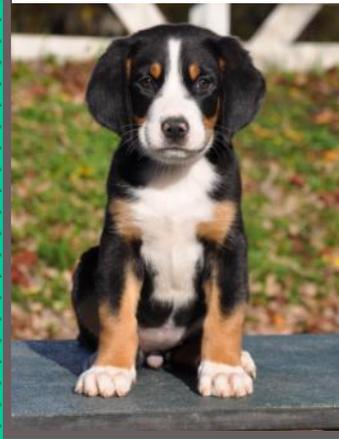
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BOYS

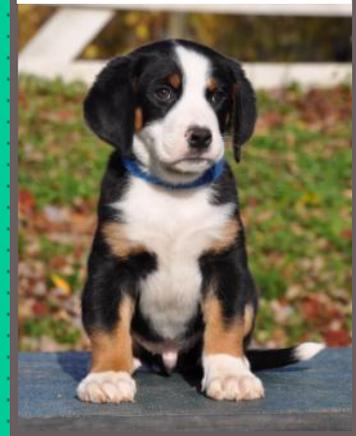
Elliot



Augustus



Trek



Secretary Report: Debby Dodds

Cascade GSMD Club -

Online Board Discussion Forum, Summer – Fall 2015

New Business:

Summer Social Event. Lisa made a motion to approve a Cascade Club Summer Social event on August 22 at Penrose Point State Park, 321 158th Ave. KPS, Lakebay, WA. The event to be held during the hours of 10 am through 2 pm with snacks and drinks to be provided by the Club (\$200 budget). Attendance free for Club members, non-Club members will donate \$5 per person. Helen seconded the motion and it passed with 7 yes votes.

Treasurer's Report. In July, Don Rudee, Club Treasurer submitted to the online forum the CGSMDC mid-year financial statement for review and approval. Helen made a motion to approve and Lisa seconded the motion. It passed with 6 votes (Don, as treasurer abstained).

Holiday Party. Lisa made a motion to approve the Cascade Club Annual Holiday Party at the Winstar in Tacoma on December 13th with a budget of \$300 for building rental, decorations, prizes and food. Helen seconded the motion and it passed with 7 votes.

Conformation Speciality. Lisa introduced for discussion the upcoming 2018 GSMDCA National Speciality. This event is rotated annually through the three regions of the US as defined by the National Club (East, Midwest and West). The event, generally hosted by one or more of the recognized regional clubs was held last week in Loveland Colorado, hosted by the GSMDC of the Rockies. The next Western National to be held will be in 2018.

If we are interested in hosting, the National Club will need a detailed proposal from us within the next few months. We have had some out of the area Swissy folks volunteer to assist our Club (Kelly Nevin, Alison Burns, Sandy Snyder, etc.) and I believe the Golden Gate Club would also provide some help, however we will need many of our own Club members to step up. Lisa noted that there is nothing to vote on at this point, however, the club should start thinking on it now. Lisa will report back on what the search for a possible host location turns up. In the meantime Lisa invited questions or thoughts about other possible locations and the event.

"A Dog is the only thing that can fill the void in your empty heart"

~ Author Unknown

Twelve Days Of Swissmas.

On the first day of Christmas my Swissy gave to me:

A cart with a smelly Swiss cheese.

On the second day of Christmas my Swissy gave to me:

Two milk tins and a cart with a smelly Swiss cheese.

On the third day of Christmas my Swissy gave to me:

Three cow bells, two milk tins and a cart with a smelly Swiss cheese.

On the fourth day of Christmas my Swissy gave to me:

Four alphorns, three cow bells, two milk tins and a cart with a smelly Swiss cheese

On the fifth day of Christmas my Swissy gave to me:

Five pooh bags, four alphorns, three cow bells, two milk tins and a cart with a smelly Swiss cheese.

On the sixth day of Christmas my Swissy gave to me:

Six Swiss flags a flying, five pooh bags, four alphorns, three cow bells, two milk tins and a cart with a smelly Swiss cheese.

On the seventh day of Christmas my Swissy gave to me:

Seven cows a milking, six flags a flying, five pooh bags, four alphorns, three cow bells, two milk tins and a cart with a smelly Swiss cheese.

On the eighth day of Christmas my Swissy gave to me:

Eight Swiss maids yodeling, seven cows a milking, six flags a flying, five pooh bags, four alphorns, three cow bells, two milk tins and a cart with a smelly Swiss cheese.

On the ninth day of Christmas my Swissy gave to me:

Nine toblerones, eight Swiss maids yodeling, seven cows a milking, six flags a flying, five pooh bags, four alphorns, three cow bells, two milk tins and a cart with a smelly Swiss cheese.

On the tenth day of Christmas my Swissy gave to me:

Ten edelweiss, nine toblerones, eight Swiss maids yodeling, seven cows a milking, six flags a flying, five pooh bags, four alphorns, three cow bells, two milk tins and a cart with a smelly Swiss cheese.

On the eleventh day of Christmas my Swissy gave to me:

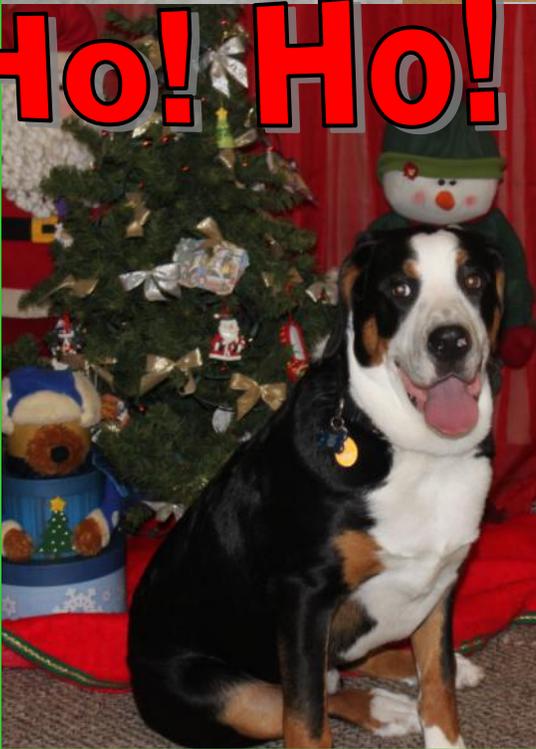
Eleven lederhosen, ten edelweiss, nine toblerones, eight Swiss maids yodeling, seven cows a milking, six flags a flying, five pooh bags, four alphorns, three cow bells, two milk tins and a cart with a smelly Swiss cheese.

On the twelfth day of Christmas my Swissy gave to me:

Twelve cuckoo clocks, eleven lederhosen, ten edelweiss, nine toblerones, eight Swiss maids yodeling, seven cows a milking, six flags a flying, five pooh bags, four alphorns, three cow bells, two milk tins and a cart with a smelly Swiss cheese.



Ho! Ho! Ho! Snow!



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 email to: CascadeSwissyClub@gmail.com or to any CGSMDC board member.

Club Officers :

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

Membership Chair: vacant

Website Admin. Committee: Allison Allen- Helen Kramlich- Don Rudee

E-Newsletter: vacant

Ways & Means: vacant

Working Chairs: vacant

Rescue Chairs: Allison Allen - allikat81@gmail.com



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 []

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

Please ****make checks payable to CGSMDC**** and mail form with your check to:

Don Rudee 3412 35th Ave SW Seattle, WA 98126-2205

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

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.

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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: _____