



E- Summit

Cascade Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club

Welcome to the Second edition of the E-Summit for 2018!

E-Summit 2018 Issue 2

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The Swissy Breed Booth at the Seattle Kennel Club Show in March was a popular place for spectators to visit with and learn about our beloved breed. Thank you to the volunteers who spent time educating the public on March 10th and 11th. CGSMDC sponsored a Supported Entry at this show with wonderful prizes for the winners of each class.



See page 6 for photos



“The dog’s agenda is simple, fathomable, overt: I want. “I want to go out, come in, eat something, lie here, play with that, kiss you. There are no ulterior motives with a dog, no mind games, no second-guessing, no complicated negotiations or bargains, and no guilt trips or grudges if a request is denied.”

— Caroline Knapp

CGSMDC conducted a back to back Pack Hike event on March 28-29 and April 24-25 at Willapa Hills Trail in Chehalis, WA.

More photos of the event are on page 8.



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and/or Club page <http://www.cascadeswissclub.com/upcoming-events.html>



President's Message: Patrick Stanton

Greetings CGSMDC Members,

Since the last newsletter, we had the Seattle show where the club had both a Designated Specialty and a Meet the Breed Booth – a big thanks to all the club members (especially Jim and Julie Franklin) that helped in the planning, execution and participation.

Additionally, club members held two back to back pack hikes in March and April.

While at this time we don't have any additional club activities scheduled, we are looking at the calendar and what club members would like to participate in. But don't forget the club will be hosting the Independent Specialty in September in Utah.

On more club related business, we are nearing the two year term for current Officers and Board Members, according to the by-laws we are required to create a nominating committee to select potential Board Members/Officers. If you are interested in being on the nominating committee and/or being on the Board, please reach out to me.

See you at the next event.

-Patrick

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2018 Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club of America National & Independent Specialties! September 17-20, 2018 / Farmington, UT

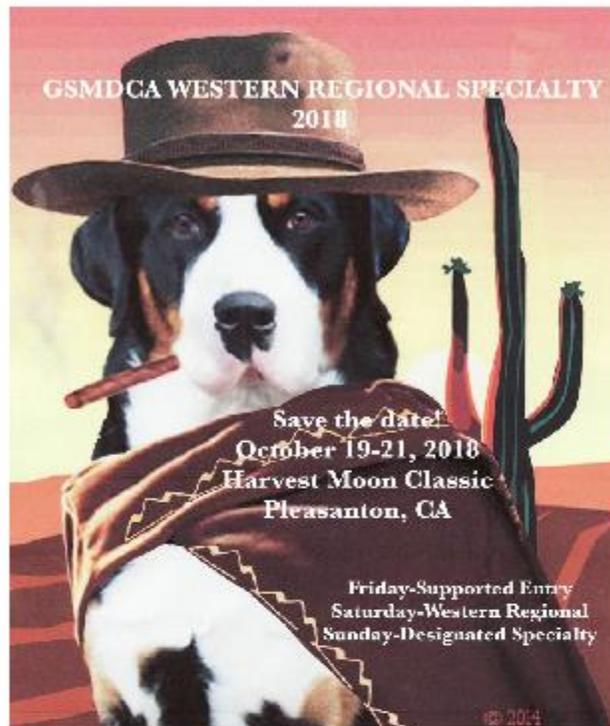


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**Friday, October 19--GGGSMD Club Supported Entry
"Welcome, Pardners!" Luncheon and GGSMD Club Weight Pull**

**Saturday, October 20--GSMDCA Western Regional
Wear your Western duds in the ring!
Sweepstakes and Owner-Handler BOB Perpetual Adam Trophy, educational seminar,
Hoe-Down Party, Raffle, Country Store, Photo Booth, Saloon and Dinner.**

**Sunday, October 21--Designated Specialty
GGGSMD Club Perpetual BOB Trophy
High Points (Rally Obedience) awards and BSMDC NorCal Draft Trials**

Reserve NOW:

**Camping spot in Swissy Town under the Amador Pavilion \$50/day with power
Email Toni Killpatrick, skeeter1113@gmail.com asap. Spots are filling fast.**

**We have an excellent Trophy line up and design templates are already in production!
Please support our awards and sponsor via paypal at <http://www.sjanupgenius.com/go/4090c45a8ac2da6f85-trophy1>
or, send checks made out to GGSMD c/o Erin Stammer 1515 San Ramon Way, Santa Rosa, CA 95409**

For questions, contact erinstammer@gmail.com

GCH Swiss Run's Miracle Dust at RODEO RN TKN CGC *Pixley Rivera*

at the GSMDCA Eastern Regional Specialty, Timonium MD, April 2018

Best in Puppy Sweeps, Specialty
Best of Opposite, Supported Entry #2
Best of Breed Owner-Handled, Supported Entry #1
New Rally Novice Title



Sire: Leroy,
Bred by RODEO,

Dam: Berkley,
Bred by Swiss Run



Pixley Rivera is owned by Holly and Jeff Webb, RODEO, and bred by Deanna and Ben Never, Swiss Run.
RODEO, Three Rivers, CA
www.rodeoswissy.com

Cascade Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club Meet the Breed Booth March 10th & 11th 2018 Century Link Field Events Center, Seattle, WA



New Champion CH Painted Mountain's Man In Black, TKN BRUTUS

**SIRE: CH PAINTED MTN'S RECONNAISSANCE JHD
DAM: CH PAINTED MTN SADDLE UP**



Brutus was exclusively Owner Handled
Is loved and owned by Bruce Detore

Bred By Painted Mountain, Lisa Simonsen
<https://www.paintedswissys.com/>

PACK DOG HIKE

Willapa Hills Trail, Chehalis, WA

March 28th & 29th, April 24th & 25th



SUMMER TIME TREATS FOR DOGS

Put in a blender or food processor and mix well:

- 1 banana
- 32 ounces plain yogurt (or goat's milk yogurt for much less lactose)
- 2 Tbsp. of peanut butter
- 2 tsp. honey



Pour into ice cube trays and put in freezer. Once the treats are frozen, put them into a freezer bag for easy storage.

VARIATIONS:

- ~Prepare the basic recipe as above, using 32 ounces of yogurt and banana and omit the honey and peanut butter.
- ~Add 1/4 cup strawberries, cranberries or blueberries
- ~Add one can of pumpkin to the basic recipe
- Mix and pour the mixture in the same manner as the basic recipe, and freeze.

Chicken and Wild Rice Dog Treats

- 6-8 oz Cooked chicken, cooled
- 1/2 c Cooked Wild Rice; cooled
- 1/2 c Chicken broth
- 2 1/2 c All Purpose Flour
- 1/4 tsp Salt
- 1-2 Eggs



- ~Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.
- ~Combine chicken, rice and chicken stock in a mini food processor or blender until a paste forms, transfer into a bowl.
- ~Add the flour, salt, egg and mix well.
- ~Put flour on a flat surface and knead dough until it's no longer sticky; flatten with a rolling pin- about 1/2-inch thick.
- ~Use cookie cutter shapes cut dough and place on a baking sheet lined with parchment paper. (or use a knife and cut into strips or squares)
- ~Bake for 25-30 minutes until light brown. Remove from oven and allow to cool completely before serving.

DOG'S EYE VIEW...

A COMPARISON BETWEEN CANINE AND HUMAN VISION IN DOG AGILITY

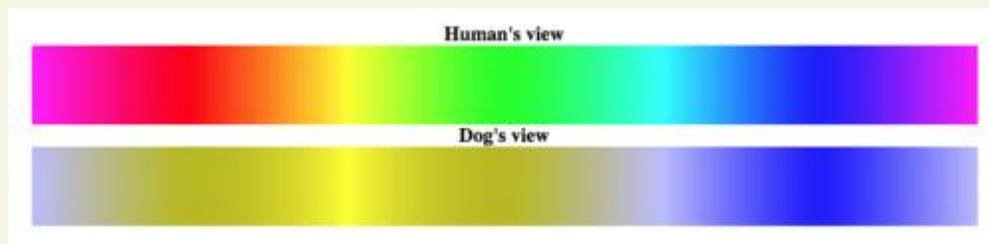
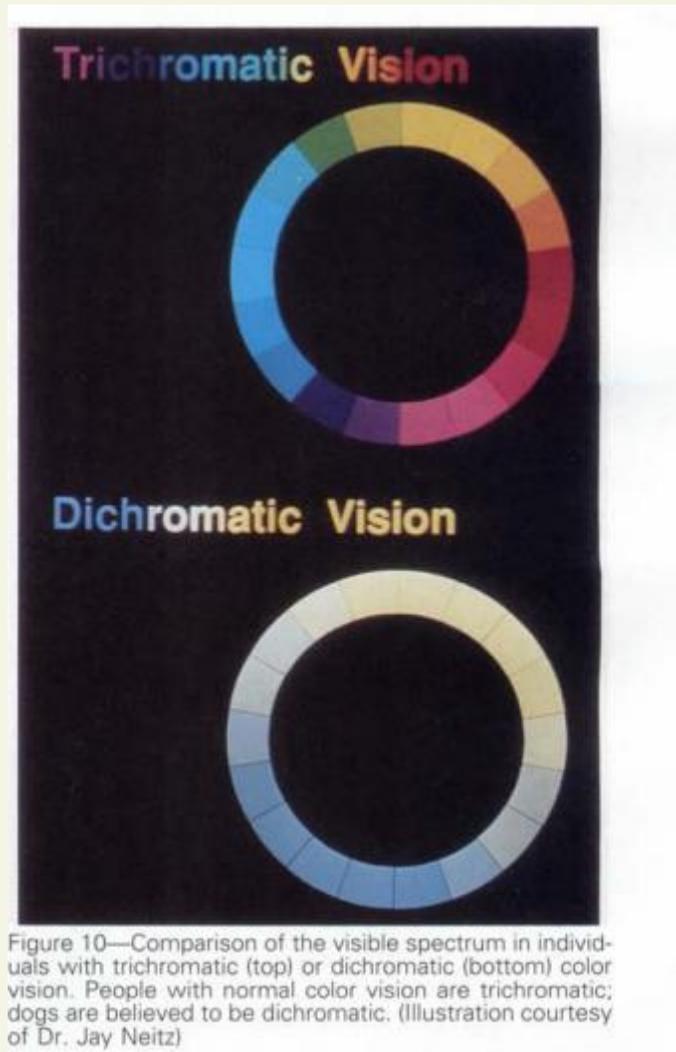
NICKI GURR BSC, BED, MASTERS JUDGE AAC/UKI



I am NOT an Ophthalmologist. I am NOT a Veterinarian. I am just a curious individual (that many years ago enjoyed studying neuro and biopsychology) with 17 years experience watching dogs training and competing in Agility. My goal with this topic is to compare how dogs see the world vs how the we see things, and to relate them to the sport of Agility. I hope that this information may influence choices made designing/choosing equipment for this sport.

COLOUR: A good place to start in comparison of vision in Dogs vs People is with colour. People can see the entire colour spectrum (barring colour blindness) as shown in these spectrum comparisons. Dogs only see part of this spectrum. All of the colours between, and including, Red thru Green appear as YELLOW, in varying brightness.

varying brightness. A dog sees **YELLOWS, BLUES, GREYS, WHITE and BLACK**. Restrictions in colour vision are probably of limited consequence in dogs, as it is likely they respond only to colours of biologic importance to them. *Problems may arise when people attempt to teach working dogs to distinguish among Red, Orange, Yellow and Green solely on the basis of colour*





Left: Trichromatic Vision Right: Dichromatic Vision



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Cooler on grass: Dog's view on Left, Human's View on Right

EYE STRUCTURE: Human eyes have more CONES. Dog eyes have more RODS. Cone cells distinguish Colour. Rod cells require much less light/illumination to detect the Grey spectrum. In twilight or indoor semi-darkness a dog can see more clearly than we can. They can see in light 4X dimmer than us and only need 1/4 of the light we do to see at night. **Rods are also sensitive to MOTION, allowing dogs to detect**

smaller movements and to quickly sense something new that is moving. ie Prey... helpful when hunting at night/dusk. The central Retina area of a dog's eye is 20% cones vs 100% cones in a human eye. The cones work best in mid to high levels of light. Dogs derived from wolves. Wolves are nocturnal and rely more on the ability to see in the dark vs discriminating between colours to see food. It is only since their domestication that tame dogs have become Diurnal (active during the day).

EYE PLACEMENT: A Dog's eyes are set on the front of the face not the sides like a horse, so a dog has good Binocular vision. Binocular vision allows BOTH eyes to simultaneously see an object. But, depending on the distance of that object, a dog may see a blurry outline rather than a discernible object because their ability to focus on detail is not as sharp as ours.

FIELD OF VIEW: Field of View is the area that can be seen when the eye fixes on one point. **A dog's Field of View is up to 270 degrees compared to a Human's at 180 degrees.** Although the Human has less Field of view they have larger vision overlap and that produces better depth perception. Field of View varies by breed due to placement of the eyes in the skull. **Length of nose also interferes with the amount of binocular overlap.**

PUPIL SIZE: Dogs have larger pupils than humans, allowing more light for night vision. **They see objects only in the centre of the image to be in focus** when looking over long distances. Everything else in the image appears fuzzy. Ironically, **while dogs are not able to see in as fine detail as we are, they see things over greater distances than we do IF the object is moving.** Dogs see flickering light better than we do. The human brain does not detect the flicker of motion pictures/TV, but a dog is more sensitive to detect those individual frames thus flickering effect.

DEPTH PERCEPTION: Depth perception is enhanced in those regions in which the visual fields of the two eyes overlap. This will vary among breeds due to lateral placement of the eyes in the skull. **The binocular overlap in people is approximately 140 degrees (with field of view at 180 degrees). In contrast, the dog with much broader Field of View (monocular fields of 270 degrees) has much narrower Binocular overlap of only 30-60 degrees.** This binocular field (for depth perception) *is tall, narrow and pear shaped. Depth perception is probably greatest when the dogs look straight ahead and is probably blocked by the nose in most breeds when dogs look below the horizontal.*

Author's Note: (Perhaps dogs jumping heights taller than their shoulder will experience this to a greater degree - ie a 20.5'log has eye placement at 23-24"so looking below the horizon to sight the bar at 20-22" may be difficult with a longer nose blocking that viewing area? Will setting a strong colour such as blue/black horizontal bar against clear vertical lines (wings with posts) may assist in spotting the bar for these dogs?

VISUAL ACUITY: This is the ability to resolve shapes over a distance (important in Agility!). **Canine vision is estimated to be 20/75.** To see what this means if you have 20/20 vision corrected vision or blessed with it naturally, look at an object (ie a jump) 20' away from you (a typical distance on course). Notice the detail, the colours. Now move that jump 75' away from you. Can you take in the detail and colour from that distance? So what we see at 75' away is how the dog sees it just 20' away! That is assuming their acuity (sharpness of focus) is on par with our 20/20 (which it is not)... At long distances, dogs rely much more on their higher audio detection capabilities and movement detection. They will not detect camouflaged animals/objects as well as Humans due to our higher colour range. Try playing Hide and Seek outside with your dog wearing Blue or Black vs Yellow/Orange/Red. Modern studies of refractive states in dogs have suggested that most dogs are within 0.5 D of **emmetropia**. : the normal refractive condition of the eye which with accommodation relaxed parallel rays of light are all brought accurately to a focus upon the retina.

SUMMARY: Compared with the visual system in people, a dog's visual system could be considered inferior in such aspects as degree of binocular overlap, colour perception and visual acuity (**depth perception/colour recognition/crisp focus**) However, in other aspects such as ability to function in dim light, field of view ability to differentiate shades of grey and perhaps ability to detect motion, the canine visual system surpasses human making the dog a more proficient predator. *Agility takes advantage of heightened motion sensitivity spotting a moving Handler, but all of the equipment is still. Lighting is often brighter vs dimmer, so that heightened ability is not being used to advantage either.*

(Bruce Dwyer www.dogwalkersmelbourne.com.au) (Leading Edge Medicine JAVMA VOL 207 NO. 12 Dec 15, 1995)

HOW DOES THIS RELATE TO AGILITY?

A dog has several sight advantages over a Human, however, only one of those is of significance on an agility course: their larger Field of View, allowing them to see the Handler with less head movement. Seeing in the dark and detecting subtle motion at great distances are strengths not required on the agility course. Conversely, a dog's inability to see colours other than blue and yellow, their small amount of binocular overlap, narrow/centred area of depth perception, and significantly reduced visual acuity (resolving shapes/colours at distance) are **ALL VERY RELEVANT TO AGILITY**. *Agility is about finding colourful/multidimensional, stationary objects...*

THE COMPONENTS OF AN AGILITY RING FROM A DOG'S EYE VIEW:

(Photos were taken using an Ap Dog Vision HD (free). I used normal acuity for colour comparisons, however, a dog's acuity is less than ours, and in many cases significantly so. This would mean far less definition/contrast as seen by dogs with less acuity. Also to be noted: many comparison shots will have more glare than would actually be the case due to photos being taken from a computer screen. The Ap does not permit importing photos. I am suggesting that to the developers of the Ap.)

SURFACE: Agility takes place most often on Brown Dirt, Brown Sand, White Silica Sand with white fibre, Green Grass, Dead Grass, Artificial Turf (Green) Blue Matting, Black Matting. The Dirt/Sand/Grass - alive or dead/Artificial Turf all appear as tones of Yellow hues. The Blue flooring appears Blue and the Black Flooring appears Black.



Winter grass: green with some lighter areas and some green moss shown with red/white/blue jump uprights



Dog's would see the greens and Red as yellow tones. The white is the same and the blue is a lighter tone of blue.



Sand Fibre mix

The dogs see a much greater degree of lightness/yellow in the mix.



Silica Sand/Fibre White walls - The black really stands out. Less contrast needed on the bars - Solid black bars may provide more information.

The vertical lines of black frame the horizontal line/bar well.



Yellow works great on BLUE flooring. It does not have good contrast on Grass/Sand or Dirt



Indoors: White walls, brown dirt. Dog's Eye View of dirt is Yellow. The red contacts appear solid yellow. The Yellow contact zone at the end of the teeter disappears under the lights with a white wall in the distance. The red markings on the bars blend in with the footing. The judge is very visible wearing darker colours.

CONTACTS: AFRAME/DOGWALK/TEETER -All three pieces of Contact equipment have contrasting colours. In Agility in Canada, the contact zones are Yellow. As seen in the photos above, much of a dog's world is viewed in tones of Yellow, including the surface. Yellow on Yellow is the opposite of contrasting. It is continuous. Yellow IS contrasting to Blue or Black. The dog does not need to see Yellow on the equipment to help it discriminate from Dirt/Sand/Grass/Turf. The judge needs to identify the zone to make a call. It might be easier for the dogs to have the entire board be Blue or Black so they CAN distinguish more easily/quickly where the ground is if on the piece, or where the board begins if on the ground. This would be of more value to those dogs with less visual acuity. For Judging purposes, a line drawn at the top of the contact zone area and extended onto the sides of the ramp would work to see if a foot is in/out/over the contact zone. I also wonder with running contacts and visual acuity, if cleaner delineation of ground (yellow tones) vs equipment (blue or black) would encourage deeper reach? 2020 may be easier with sharper contrast between blue or black boards and yellowish footing.



Dog's view of Blue and Yellow Dogwalk (glare due to camera angle)



Dog's view of Blue Aframe with blue Jump bar/Noodle in front. The Blue bar shows very well but makes it difficult to judge depth of Aframe



Contrasting in blue tones works



Teeter or Dogwalk? Open wall beyond and bright light above. 8/9 dogs had flyoffs because of colour/light



I put a black cover over the Yellow which shows a significant improvement in contrast against surface.



Making the Aframe Black sets if off from the surface (if the entire ramp was black) and the blue bar.



The Pink gets lost / blends with the surface. This could be very difficult.



Orange appears as yellow and blends with ground

TUNNELS: Bright Yellow Tunnels with Black ribbing, Lighter Blue tunnels with Black or Yellow Ribbing, brighter purple with Black Ribbing appear visually obvious. Darker Blue are easily seen but not safe to perform in low light conditions/bends in the tunnel. This is perhaps due to the sudden change from high levels of light to darkness at speed, before the rods can adapt? My tunnels all have Yellow Ribbing which blends in with the footing too much and is not as obvious as black would be to define the shape of the Tunnel.



Sky Blue tunnel/yellow ribbing with Red Tunnel Bags/Green bags and white bags.



Dog's vision sees it as a more grey blue. The Red and Green bags look yellowish and the white bag remains white.

The yellow rings would be better seen in black.



Bright Purple with Blue and Yellow bags



Purple is Grey tone and bags remain blue/yellow.



Teal with black ribbing has Great contrast

TIRE: The tire obstacle also has to factor in the frame holding it.. Tires come in Flat faced foam and 3 Dimensional (Round ducting material). The tires are banded in colour to assist the dogs (hopefully!) to navigate thru the centre. There are several issues with tires: 1. Shape - Depending on colours used, the flat faced tire can be harder to spot than the 3 Dimensional tire. I have judged MANY trials over the years and seen thousands of tire performances. Many dogs take off early on this obstacle which signifies they are struggling to locate what to jump and where it is. The jumping arc should be centred over the jump/bar. Considering the information above re: colours, designing tires using Red/Yellow on footings of Sand/Grass/Turf/Dirt is providing very little information for the dog to pick a take off spot. Last summer I took a photograph of a red/yellow painted flat faced tire. In dog vision the yellow blended with the grass and the red appeared greyish like hovering shadows between "floating" pieces of yellow. It was quite difficult to discern what it was and it did not look like a tire to jump thru. Compounding this puzzle is the frame holding the tire. If it is a style with protruding legs the dog needs to find the tire BEHIND the legs (which are at the dog's eye level) to pick a take off spot. You can teach a dog to ignore the tire frame but that is of little use if it only pops up in a trial situation and never in training.



This is the same red frame above. The tire is flat foam painted Red and Yellow. This is a sharply focussed image for colour comparison.

It does not represent the acuity of a dog looking at it.



Dog's view photo taken with lower acuity/focus. Red frame and red contrast on tire appear like shadows. The yellow pieces appear to be hovering. The horizontal line thru the tire is the Dogwalk in the background.



some Popular colour choices for tires on the left. How they are seen by the dogs on the Right. Red/Yellow are very similar to the grass (yellow). The black and blue are easily seen. Black with Blue, or Black with Purple would combine well visually.

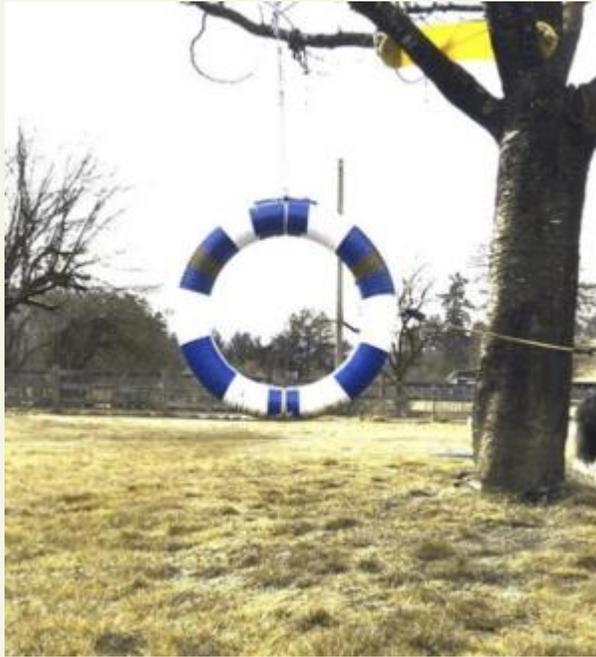


The black and white, and solid black would be the easiest visually for the dogs.



as the dogs would see them... the solid black tire outlines the target area (circular) the best imo

Here is a comparison of a red striped tire top half/blue striped bottom half in a red metal frame with forward 45 degree legs. vs Blue striping all the way around the tire without a tire frame. After removing the tire from the frame, I taped the top half blue over the red and hung it from a tree branch. I set up a jump grid of equal distances I ran a few days prior: 15', 17' 19' spacing at 20". I wanted to see if she would arc closer to the tire without the frame present, because it appeared the frame was dominant over the tire in her set point choices. Next, I put the new blue wrapped tire back into the frame and compared if the set point on the blue was better than her take off spots on the red.



as it appeared with new blue colour on top half/no frame to hold it.



Dog's view: Red banding on top of tire blends in with red frame. The bottom half of the tire is more obvious than the top, also the white blends in with the grey sky. The white fencing pattern is adding more information to process at speed as well.

Now to put the Blue striped tired back in the original tire frame and see if the colour alone can improve the take off (dominate the focal point vs the protruding legs of the frame...)
I was surprised in a GOOD way to see every pass on the blue tire/red frame was more centred over the tire than the red tire/red frame. I think the Blue was dominant and easier to find/focus on than the red tire frame :)



Adding Blue to the top half of the tire outlines the entire inner diameter. The Black bars define the top of the jump and contrast it from the tire

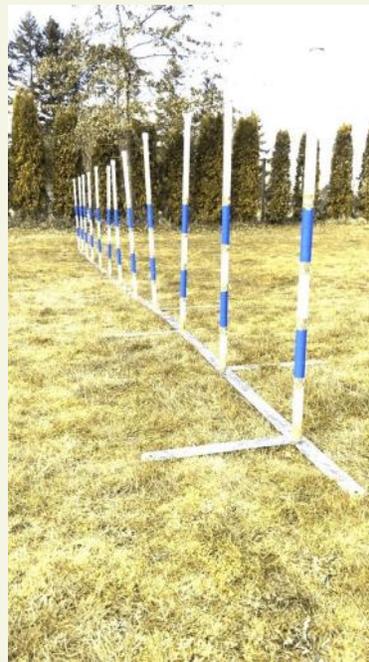


This design is Great!! Colour is the same to dogs. The legs of the frame are pretty long however, and may affect smaller dogs' take off points. This tire in Yellow will be far less contrasting/apparent on grass/sand/dirt

WEAVE POLES



Blue and Black are excellent choices on weave poles. They have great contrast against the surface. Solid poles vs contrasting poles still needs to be tested.



Dog's Eye View

JUMPS: Wingless and Winged. White works but depending on surface glare, lightness of sand/dead grass, can be harder to spot. Horizontal lines are easier found in relationship to vertical ones. *The wing jumps with vertical posts frame the horizontal bar beautifully.* Taping accents of white jumps help greatly to outline the shape. But narrow banding blurs at distance. **Bar colour: Best seen is Blue, Purple or black on dirt/sand/grass/turf.** Perhaps combinations of white/black/Blue with more black/blue would help them stand out the most?

The images below show the difference between human and dog acuity. Humans can see about 30 cycles (or lines) per degree (top image) while dogs can only view up to 12 cycles per degree. (bottom image) (ref 2). For instance if a dog and a human are looking at this page and you (the human) can just make out separate lines on the bottom image, then the top image would appear as being all blurred together to your dog and a uniform grey colour. The images below are from ref 2.

Human Resolution



Dog Resolution



Dogs lower acuity means broader banding of colour contrasting will be more obvious than narrower banding. Depth of field is narrow. Dominant colour should be in the centre third and also appear to the edges of the bar.

Contrast can be in 2-3'widths in 2-3 locations, but should not be prominent.



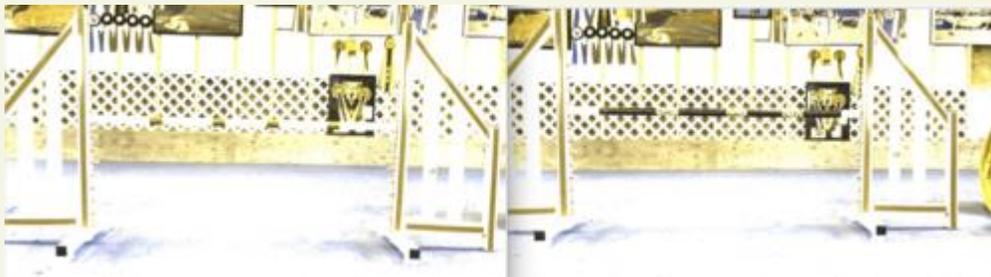
The red Taping helps to outline the white wing shape. The colours on the jump bars do not contrast against the surface (grass). The bottom two bars pink/red are very similar to the grass. The Green chair has more contrast/depth behind the jump than the white chair.



With a Roll of Black Duct Tape SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT in visibility of bars!



First picture from Dog's Eye View: Bar 1 (Top) Black/White, Bar 2 Purple/White, Bar 3 Red/White, Bar 4 Red/White Spiral, Bars 5/6 Black/White. With cross bars on Doubles or ascending jumps, the bottom bars should not visually outweigh the height bars. All the same or darkest colours on the top. (Black/Dark Purple or Blue)



There is so much background 'noise'- it makes finding a bar a more difficult task. The red stripes on the white bar coincidentally line up with the wall studs.



Black jump bars with red/white narrow contrasts shown in full spectrum on Left, and Dog's Eye View on Right. Even at 60 feet, the furthest black bar is clearly visible!



Orange or Green Barrier Fencing blends in with most surfaces. White fencing can make spotting jump depth more difficult.

Summary of Thoughts: I think I now have more questions to answer than I did when I began looking up a few things! Some of my big 'take aways' from this research are: environmental colours can overshadow the equipment colours - footing/walls/fencing/sky, ring crew chairs will blend in better if green vs white. Ring barriers in orange or green will not create depth issues when jumping towards the fence line. Minimizing 'noise' under orange tarps (equipment not in use during the course being run) will also create more focus on the stuff that matters. Emphasizing the bars TO jump with blues and blacks (and the crossbars with Red/Orange/pink/green will help the dog focus on the important piece of the obstacle. Contrast between the ground and the contact ramps is VERY important, more so than contrasting the board itself with a contact zone. For dogs with acuity deficiencies greater than the 'average dog' (and they ALL have less acuity than people do, contrasts of black/blues or bright, darker purples would set depth for mounting or dismounting the contacts from the ground colour - 2020 or Running Contacts would both benefit with crisp delineation of board/ground. For Judging purposes, only a line is required across the ramp wrapping the sides of the ramp.

The big jumps, including the tire need to be clearly seen. I'd like to see the colour pattern on jump bars be different for single jumps vs the bigger jumps. ie black/white markings for regular jumps and blue/white for tire, double, spread, triple. The dominant colour needs to be substantial - approx 75% of bar length. It would be amazing if that became standardized so in all agility rings the dogs would know by bar colour what they were approaching. The tire should be addressed in the same manner. The entire inside diameter should be a dominant colour, such as blue, black or dark purple. Small amounts of effective contrast can be added. The tire MUST be more prominent over its frame. Tire Frames that are "T Style" will draw less on the dog's focus vs 45 degree angled supports. Strong coloured Tires can really assist the dog navigating the tire's location from the frame holding it. The Tire Frame colour should blend with the environment and not compete for the dog's attention. ie red/orange/green/pink on grass/dirt or sand. A strong colour on the tire will allow the dog to be more accurate in setting up for its take off point.

If the contacts are Blue, Jump bars on singles should be black to help with the depth of the jump in front of the contact. If the contacts are black, the bars could be blue. I could not find any photos online of black contacts, tho I have come across them in videos. Black is a GREAT choice (visually) for contacts!!

Red/Orange/Pink/Green disappear against dirt/sand/grass/turf. They hold up better as shades of yellow against blue or black mats/flooring.

I am going to continue to work with colour schemes and jumping. Perhaps colour can make jumping an easier task for dogs with less binocular overlap (depth perception), and less acuity (focus).

Making my home environment as comfortable as possible may make it more challenging going into trial environments. It reminds me of the introduction of rubber over sand/paint on the contacts: training on rubber at home but trialling on sand was challenging/surprising for the dogs trying to decelerate (if stopped contacts). Now all venues in Canada use Rubber so there is consistency. Perhaps in the future, colours on trial fields will become standardized too :) Dream Big! In the mean time, I will expose my dogs to the typical colours seen in our trials, but I will train more frequently with more black and blue on our jumps/tires/weaves.

I hope this information will help you choose agility equipment with your dog's eye view in mind. Please share with friends, coaches, Trial Hosts and your equipment suppliers.

[NEW! CLICK HERE FOR JUMP BAR COLOUR STUDY](#)

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Cascade Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club
 Balance Sheet & Cash Flow Statement
 July 1, 2017—March 31, 2018



<u>Balance Sheet</u>						
		Balance		Balance	Balance	Balance
		<u>7/1/2017</u>		<u>9/30/2017</u>	<u>12/31/2017</u>	<u>3/31/2018</u>
Cash						
	PayPal Account Balance	\$ 1,311.39		\$ 820.86	\$ 994.14	\$ 295.87
	Community Credit Union	13,907.00		14,013.17	13,948.68	13,491.28
	Petty Cash	163.15		163.15	163.15	163.15
Total Cash		15,381.54		14,997.18	15,105.97	13,950.30
Less						
	Outstanding Checks					
	Designated for 2018 Specialties	(100.00)				
	Designated for 2018 Specialties	(1,115.00)		(852.45)	(890.99)	(689.91)
Available Cash		<u>\$ 14,166.54</u>		<u>\$ 14,144.73</u>	<u>\$ 14,214.98</u>	<u>\$ 13,260.39</u>
				7/1 - 9/30	10/1 - 12/31	1/1 - 3/31
				<u>2017</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Beginning Cash				\$ 15,381.54	\$ 14,997.18	\$ 15,105.97
Receipts:						
	Membership			360.00	60.00	75.00
	Ways & Means					
	Specialty Donations:					
	Jan 2018 Local Specialties - Oregon			1,080.00	125.00	
	Sept 2018 Independent Specialty - Utah			1,150.00	40.00	
	Raffle					
	Interest			3.59	3.53	3.38
Total Receipts				2,593.59	228.53	78.38
Disbursements:						
	Club Events:					
	Annual BBQ			191.99		
	Holiday Party				100.00	
	2018 Oregon Specialty			1323.26		328.00
	2018 Utah Specialty			1372.17		201.08
	Seattle KC Breed Booth					177.50
	Seattle KC Supported Entry					120.56
	Mt Rainer Working Group Supported Entry					90.00
	Web Site Hosting Fee (2 years)					
	Web Site Domain Name				13.02	
	Insurance					315.00
	State Fee					
	Paypal & Bank Fees			90.53	6.72	1.91
Total Disbursements				2,977.95	119.74	1,234.05
Receipts over (under) Disbursements				(384.36)	108.79	(1,155.67)
Ending Cash				\$ 14,997.18	\$ 15,105.97	\$ 13,950.30

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 :

President: Patrick Stanton — pstanton@gmail.com

Vice President: Rebecca Martin - northwoodsswissy@yahoo.com

Secretary: vacant

Treasurer: Lisa Simonsen— gsmd@paintedswissys.com

Directors :

Bruce Detore—detore344@yahoo.com

Allison Allen—allikat81@gmail.com

Noel Nelson— horsfoole@msn.com

Director Position—vacant

Appointed Positions :

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

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

Membership Chair: vacant

Website Admin. Committee: Allison Allen

E-Newsletter: Elaine Engelmann— engelmann123@gmail.com

Ways & Means: vacant

Working Chairs: vacant

Rescue Chair: 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:

Lisa Simonsen — gsmd@paintedswissys.com

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.

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: _____