



E-Summit

Cascade
Greater Swiss
Mountain Dog
Club



CGSMDC Swissmas 2012

By: Zoe Malley

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"Don't accept your dog's admiration as conclusive evidence that you are wonderful."

Ann Landers

Thanks to all who came out for the Swissmas party! We had over 30 people and 15 dogs at this year's event. No better way to celebrate the holiday season than talkin' Swissy to Swissy folk!

Stuart Kramlich led some games, including a race with Swissys in socks! That's right – athletic socks on all four Swissy paws. Now that is entertainment! We continued the fun with a game of musical chairs (or in this case, hoola hoops). Round and round human and Swissy went until they heard "Stop!" and had to find the nearest hoola hoop to sit in.

We tried our luck with a raffle and enjoyed a buffet. The canines even enjoyed some home baked treats from Julie and Jim Franklin. All in all, it was a great time. One family new to Swissys attended and had the opportunity to ask all about what it's like to own a Swissy. These events are a wonderful way to re-connect with those we already know, share our ideas, experiences, and dog treat recipes, and welcome new people to the Swissy Club. We hope you enjoyed the time, and look forward to seeing you in the New Year! Many barks of thanks go to Helen Kramlich and Lisa Simonsen for finding a great (INDOOR!!) venue, Stuart Kramlich for being the Game-Master, and Tom Krusic for being the holiday "Swelf" (Swissy + Elf...I know, I'm pushing it now!) photographer. If you haven't gotten your holiday photographs, feel free to email Zoe Malley at zmalley@gmail.com.

Merry Swissmas
Everyone
&
Happy New Year!



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President's Message:

Greetings Members,

Happy New Year everyone! I hope your resolutions included getting out and doing more with your Swissy. As we all know our dogs are so versatile they are happy to try whatever you can dream up as long as you are right there with them.

Our Club volunteers work hard to provide an avenue for members to participate in more activities with their Swissys. This last fall pack hike events were setup by Working Event co-Chairs Allison Allen and Bonnie Huett to encourage members to get out and enjoy nature with their "Mountain Dogs". For those into social events, the Club sponsored a really fun holiday party in December conducted by Zoe Malley; where Swissys were given the opportunity for lots



of unstructured play time with their Swissy friends and some structured game play with their humans. Upcoming this month there will be a Swissy breed education booth at the Rose City Dog Show in Portland, in which our members' Swissys will have a job that they really enjoy, getting loved on by lots of people. Breed Education co-Chairs Jim and Julie Franklin (OreoLu@aol.com) are still requesting more members to bring their Swissys out to help with this public education opportunity. We are currently pursuing the possibility of a herding seminar/trial in the spring time, to provide our Swissys with some quality "sheep time"!

The Club's Board is always debating on which types of activities will be the most popular among our Club's membership. Not only which activities will be the most fun to participate in but also those which members are willing to volunteer their time to make happen. With this in mind at our last Board meeting we decided to conduct a survey of our membership to determine which types of activities they would be most likely to support in the coming year. A survey will be sent to the e-mail address each member has on file with Club Membership Chair Tom Krusic, sometime within the coming month. (Contact Tom (tomkrusic@gmail.com) as soon as possible if you need to update your e-mail address.)

Please keep an eye out for this survey and take a few minutes to give the Board your opinion. In the mean time if you have any ideas for activities or just suggestions for ways to improve the Club please feel free to contact me (gsmd@paintedswissys.com) or any member of the Board.

I'm hoping to see you all out having fun with your Swissys in the coming year!

Swissys Forever,
Lisa

Liver Leather Recipe

1 Pound beef or chicken liver (beef is preferred)

1 cup tapioca flour or starch (oriental food store will have this if the supermarket doesn't)

Preheat oven to 250F. Puree the liver in a food processor. Add the tapioca flour and mix with the liver in processor. Line a baking sheet with foil and pour the disgusting mess in there. Cook for 1 hour. (The scent is delightful, you will have any loose dogs in the neighborhood howling at your door.) Turn off the oven after an hour and leave overnight. In the morning, peel the leather off of the foil and cut it into small, 1", squares. Freeze in baggies what you won't use in a week. Remember that organ meat is rich so it could give your dog an upset tummy if you give it a lot. These are healthy and high value treats.

Looking for VIP's (Very Important Pup's)

Do you have a Swissy that is at least 10 years old?

We would love to feature your special swissy friend and it's life story in our next newsletter.

They deserve our recognition.

All 10 + yr old veteran feature ads are complimentary.

Send photo and a little info about your Veteran to: HelenKramlich@gmail.com



Join in the fun!

Join the Cascade Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club?

For membership information contact
Tom at tomkrusic@gmail.com

Membership forms are located at the end of this
newsletter or

Visit our club website!

www.cascadeswissyclub.com

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

Visit groups.yahoo.com/group/CascadeSwissyClub/

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Cascade Greater Swiss Mt Dog Club



Rose City Classic

Saturday, January 19th

Portland Expo Center
2060 North Marine Dr.
Portland, OR 97217

CONTACT:

Jim & Julie Franklin
oreolu@aol.com

MEET THE BREED BOOTH



WANT TO SHOW OFF YOUR SWISSY?

Volunteer for the Meet the Breed Booth this January at the Rose City Classic show at the Portland Expo Center. This is only about an hour time commitment and is a great opportunity for GSMD's owners to do community outreach for potential owners. The start time won't be determined until after ring times are posted. Please contact the Franklins if you want to volunteer for this event! **SATURDAY, JAN. 19th.**

Holiday Party Pictures



*Special "Thanks" to
Zoe Malley
&
Tom Krusic
For all their hard work in organizing the
Holiday Party!*



SANTA'S ELVES

- Pam, Jeff & Austin with Skye
- Reiswig Family with Shasta & Tessa
- Blake & Allison with Cutter & Gypsy
- Michele & Toni with Jury & Quinn
- Bonnie with Quest & Klaus
- John & Penny with Bono

Santa's Big Baroos



HOLIDAY LIGHT PARADE Members from Northwest Oregon and Southwest Washington along with fellow swissy friends of the Cascade Club participated in a light parade to kick off the holiday season. We had an awesome turnout with ten Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs in attendance ranging from 8 month to 8 years!

hand out candy in a quintessential small town gathering. Thank you to all that joined in the festivities and a special thanks to John & Penny Forrest for organizing the event and for opening their home for yummy refreshments!

Parades are wonderful opportunity to get out in the community to show off your pride and joy; be on the look out in your town for Memorial Day and 4th of July parades that we might be able to participate in!



The weather didn't cooperate in the slightest with typical northwest rainy winter weather and we were all drenched by the end of the parade; all the pups were fantastic sports and were a happy to strut their stuff along Main Street to



SWISSIES ON PARADE





Everyday Obedience: The Doorbell Rang Now What?

By: Professor Sierra

My name is Sierra and I'm a trained Swissy.

As swissies we have a native instinct to alert our people when threats enter our domain. When the doorbell rings we are on High Alert as our people want to let strangers in our domain who inevitably will sit on our couch or in our favorite chair. To stop this, we make as much ferocious noise and commotion as we can. Most of the time our people do not like it when we behave this way. My people have trained me to be quiet and lay down when somebody comes to the door.

The good news for my fellow swissies is that this training requires lots and lots of treats and praise and that is always a good thing. For me, my people decided they wanted me on a down stay when somebody comes to the door. The spot they picked for me to stay still lets me see who is at the door just in case a bad person is at the door I have a straight shot at them if they decide to be bad. Even though I'm down, I can give the person at the door the old stink-eye.

To start the training my person made sure I had a good down stay. To teach me to down, they would hold a treat in front of me where I could barely reach it and lower the treat to the ground while applying gentle pressure on my shoulders. As soon as all four legs were on the ground they gave me lots of yummy treats on the ground in front of me with "good". Once I started dropping on my own, they would say "down" just before I dropped to the ground so that I learned that "down" means drop to the ground.

Once I knew down, my person would stand and take a step away. If I tried to get up, they would gently put pressure on my shoulders so I went down. They didn't repeat "down" because I know what that means. I just didn't know that when they stood up, I had to stay down. They waited a second and the treats were placed in front of me on the ground with a "good down!" Soon I learned after "down" they could stand up while I was down.

We repeated this. Sometimes they would wait a second before a treat would come; sometimes I had to wait 5 seconds for the treat to come; sometimes I waited 30 seconds for the treat to come...the treat always comes. I just don't know how long I'll have to wait for the treat as my people randomize the waiting period. If I ever try to stand up they put gentle pressure on my shoulder to remind me to be on the ground.

After the exercise was finished they would release me with "OK" and then play with me. Sometimes we played for a few seconds and repeated the exercise and sometimes we were just done. All I know is that "OK" means I get to play and I'm no longer working for that moment.

Once I had the down and stand up part down, my people started taking steps towards the door and away from me. At first gently corrected me if I made a mistake so that I learned to stay down. They always gave me lots of treat and praise when I was right.

The fun part was when they first opened the door. Oh boy!!!! My people built me up to this slowly first by testing me with their hand on the door knob. Then they would turn the door knob. The door would open just a crack and then close. All the while, they reinforced the down by either helping me if I started to get up or giving me lots of treats and praise when I did good. Each practice session was wrapped up with an "OK" so I knew my work was done and I could play.

I was so good at this game that they could open the door all the way and I would just lay there and look outside as that was my job. Then one of my people would go outside and ring the doorbell. The other person would help me do a down...I was really excited when I heard that doorbell you know. Once I was down, they gave me lots of treats, while they walked over to the door to open it. After all these tiny steps and chaining all these tiny behaviors together, I can now do a down stay when the doorbell rings and my people open the door to talk with the visitors. In fact, when the doorbell rings now I let out a bark or two while going to my spot for the down. My people tell me to down, which I do. Sometimes I get treats for doing my down when the doorbell rings.

This is one of these behaviors that require chaining together lots of individual behaviors. First is the down, then a stay, stay when the door opens, and stay when somebody comes inside. My people taught me to down in a location where I can see who is at the door. You may want to ask your people what they want you to do. They may want you to sit. They may want you to go to another room. People are different so you'll need to find out what your people want you to do. Once they tell you, then they can go to work on training the various pieces and then put them all together into one behavior.

I'm grateful my people gave me a job to do when the doorbell rings. Before my doorbell job, chaos and yelling would ensue and it was difficult for my people to open the door for fear I would run outside. Now I know I have a spot and I go to it and down and make sure the visitor stays in line.

About the Author:

Professor Sierra has attended some of the finest K-9 academies in the country and has earned post graduate degrees in Obedience, Rally, and Agility.



WINLOCK, WASHINGTON

NOVEMBER 2012

THREE NEW
TITLES EARNED

- **"Gypsy"**
Seneca's Gyps Boots, HTAD-I, JHD, NRPD (Owners Allison & Blake Allen)
- **"Rhea"**
Ch Trout Creek's Tintagel JHD, NRPD (Owner Bonnie Huett)
- **"Cutter"**
Seneca's Day Tripper, JHD, NRPD (Owners Allison & Blake Allen)

HERDING Swissies



AHBA TRIAL Three swissies from the Cascade GSMD Club earned new herding titles this November at Frog's Breath Farm in Winlock, WA.

During the summer and fall months Gypsy, Rhea, and Cutter started training for the trial and developing their naturally bred instinct to herd with the assistance of Dave Viklund of Double V Stockdogs. Let's just say from the first lesson the dogs were all hooked and immediately fell in love with the sheep!

Many people, even some of the judges, were surprised to see GSMD's at the trial; they stuck out like sore thumbs in a sea of Border Collies, Australian Shepherds, Corgis and Blue Heelers. Our dogs acted like the typical swissy full of excitement and those all-too-familiar swissy squeaks, moans, and big baroos, however, they did get to work...in their own special swissy way.

Gypsy, now just a month shy of four, earned her Junior Herd Dog (JHD) title last November so this year she moved on to Herding Trial Arena Dog Level I Sheep (HTAD I-s). Gypsy has formed a special bond with her handler and gets much enjoyment from pleasing him while working stock.

Rhea, nine years young, moved like the best of them and showed loads of enthusiasm for her stock and looked like she had blast earning her JHD. Can't wait to see how she progresses as she works towards more advanced titles.

Cutter, three this December, is an exuberant young dog and loved every minute of working towards earning his JHD. Cutter let the world know how excited he was to be working his stock in very baroo-filled runs!

Give herding a try, your dogs will be forever thankful! Herding can be a fun and rewarding experience for your dogs and not only gives them a good physical workout, but it also stretches them mentally.



INSTINCT & WORKING ABILITY

The Cascade Club is looking at the possibility of holding a herding trail in the summer, once details are finalized the club will post information. STAY TUNED! Let us know if you have any questions.

HERDING FACILITIES

- *[Brigand's Hideout](#) (Vancouver, WA)
- *[Fido's Farm](#) (Olympia, WA)
- *[Packleader Farm](#) (Gig Harbor, WA)
- *[DeltaBluez Stockdogs](#) (Carnation)



Membership Report By: Tom Krusic



Membership report for Q4 2012

By the numbers:

6 new memberships in Q4! Whahooo!

59 Current Memberships of the CGSMDC for 2013

11 more members either renewed or are new since Sept.2012!

Thanks to all who have renewed their membership for the current year and if you know anyone how has yet to renew, please reach out to them because they will not be getting this fabulous newsletter and are missing out on all the great swissy activities that get promoted in this forum.

From your Membership Chair, Tom Krusic:

Happy New Year and hope you all had a wonderful holiday season. I will be taking the membership renewals moving forward. If people have yet to renew, send in your renewal fee (\$30 Family, \$20 Individual, \$15 Associate) and updated contact information to:

Tom A. Krusic, CGSMDC Membership Chair,
3634 SE Engledow Lane,
Gig Harbor, WA 98367.

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, 2013 for 2014, 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 Tom at tomkrusic@gmail.com or 253-495-5719.

Thanks! Tom



Avoid a Pet Emergency Super Sunday:

Championship Game Parties Can be Dangerous to your Dog and Cat.

Written By: Dr. Ernie Ward

Your Super Sunday party may be dangerous to your pet. The Association for Pet Obesity Prevention (APOP) offers tips to pet owners to make sure their Big Game party activities don't end up with an overtime veterinary emergency.

Super Sunday now trails only Thanksgiving in terms of US food consumption. This enormous engorgement not only threatens many weight loss resolutions, it also may add unhealthy pounds and dangers to our dogs and cats. Sharing a few nibbles of healthy snacks such as celery or carrots is fine, pizza and wings are not.

"When we look at weight gain in humans and pets, big single-day caloric consumption can have life-long consequences," notes Dr. Ernie Ward, founder and President of APOP. "A pet can be fed a healthy, low-calorie diet and have their efforts erased with a huge feast."



Ward points out several foods to avoid feeding your pet on Super Sunday. "Don't feed your pet anything fried or battered, covered in creamy sauces and steer clear of salty snacks." In fact, Ward recommends limiting any super snacks to "crunchy vegetables such as broccoli, baby carrots, celery and asparagus." According to Ward, each chicken wing has about 55 calories. A 20-pound dog fed a single chicken wing is similar to an average adult eating almost seven wings. Feed a 80-pound dog one-half slice of pepperoni pizza and that's the same as an adult consuming four slices of pepperoni pizza and a 12-ounce cola.

It's not just the calories that worry Ward. "Americans will eat about 1.25 billion chicken wings during the Big Game. That equals 1.25 billion chances for a dog or cat to ingest a bone that can cause serious complications." APOP warns pet owners not to feed their pets chicken wings due to the risk of intestinal obstruction or worse.

"An often overlooked risk of chicken wings is salt," states Ward. "One buffalo wing has almost about 160 to 200 mg of sodium. That's about the amount of sodium recommended for a 20-pound dog in a day. Feeding a dog too much salt can cause high blood pressure and can contribute to kidney and heart disease." Other foods high in salt that should not be fed to pets include pizza, hamburgers and cheeseburgers, fries, pretzels, potato chips, canned beef stew, potato salad and many sauces.

"Chicken wing bones and salt are not the only potential dangers a pet may face on Championship Sunday." adds University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine veterinary nutritionist and internal medicine specialist Dr. Joe Barges. "Foods such as chocolate, raisins, macadamia nuts, and foods containing Xylitol may be toxic. Eating foods high in fat not only increases calorie intake, but may cause problems such as vomiting and diarrhea or life-threatening pancreatitis."

Alcohol is another potential danger for pets. Dogs and cats are extremely sensitive to alcoholic beverages and will often drink from half-empty cups and bottles and become ill. As little as a few ounces of beer or wine can prove toxic to a dog or cat. APOP recommends never leaving alcoholic beverages unattended and discard any containers as soon as you're done

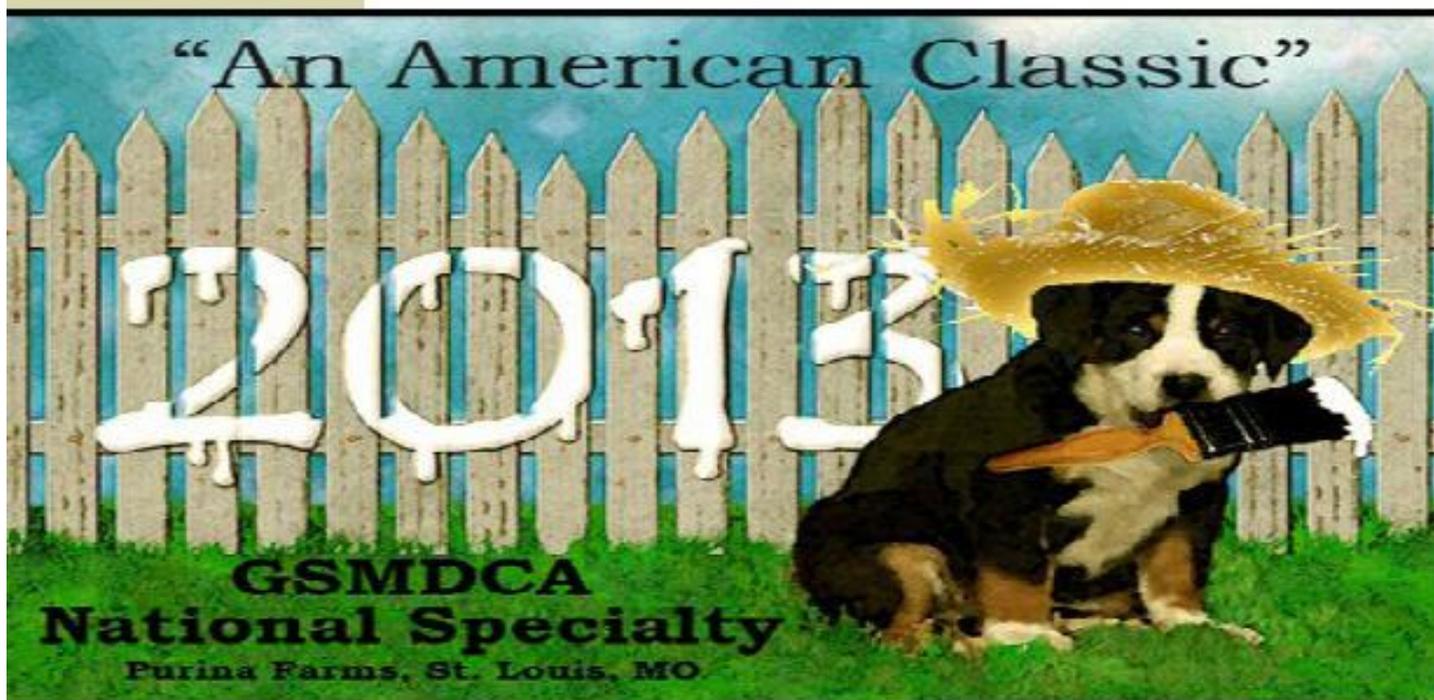
One final Super Sunday danger Ward warns about – stress. "You may have friends and family over, rooting for your favorite team with lots of loud noises and high-fiving. All of this may prove especially stressful for the four-legged family members that have little interest in the big game. If you notice your dog or cat cowering or pacing, provide a quiet, safe space for them to relax away from the action. Otherwise, you may be awakened early Monday morning by unwelcome stress-related diarrhea."



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Looking for an easy way to help make the 2013 National Specialty a success? We're still in need of trophy sponsorships for the National Specialty and the Independent Specialty. Thank you for your support and contributions.

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Contact Liz Coit L.coit01@gmail.com

Activities for Inside When it's Cold Outside.

Let's face it; when you get up on a dark, dreary winter's morning and look out at a raging blizzard, you start wondering why you ever wanted a dog. But dogs need to be active every day, no matter what the weather. This not only helps the dog to stay fit but also keeps them from getting bored. Bored dogs look for something to do, such as chewing up all of your Christmas presents.

When you can't take your dog for a walk, there are still things you and Fido can do to keep physically and mentally active - indoors.

Treat Search

My oldest dog, loves this; although the youngest, hasn't got the hang of this game yet but he is learning. Take the dog out of the room. Then, get a handful of dog treats or some of their dry kibble and hide them

- under old towels
- under plastic or paper cups
- in a scrunched up sheet of white paper or Christmas wrapping paper, unless yours eat paper
- under a chair that won't break if the dog accidentally knocks it over
- inside of an interactive toy that releases treats sporadically as the dog plays with it

Bring the dog in and encourage the dog to sniff about and find the treats. If the dog seems clueless, point to a hiding spot. Act excited and smile so the dog relaxes. Years ago, I'd say to my dog "Sniff!" and now she knows that's what she needs to do. Thee young one doesn't get it. He stands by where a treat is hidden and stares at me until either I get it or the older dog pushes him aside and gets it.

Hide and Seek

This is a variation of the old children's classic indoor game, only the dog is always "It." One or more people get a dog treat and hide throughout the home. When the dog finds you, praise and give the treat. If the dog seems clueless or he is new to the game and you really want him to find you, start calling the dog's name.

Flashlight Pounce

You can also use a laser pointer. Choose a playroom and make sure nothing valuable is on the floor, because the dog may start to paw the floor in order to get to the light. Get a flashlight, your dogs and begin shining the light along the walls and the floor. Dogs usually hunt the zig-zag pattern when looking for the light spot. Turn the light off for a few seconds and then suddenly turn it on again. If the dog starts digging at the floor, clap your hands to distract him and shine the light somewhere where he can easily see it.

Doggy Treadmill

Ever wonder how those Westminster show dogs keep in shape when they spend most of their time traveling from show to show? They exercise on doggy treadmills. Treadmills are also recommended by professional dog trainers such as Cesar Milan to help burn off a dog's excess energy. Remember - a tired dog is a good dog. Research on how to start a dog using a treadmill. There are all kinds of articles about starting. All dogs are different and will take to the activity differently. Remember to stay calm and don't get angry if they don't take to it right away but keep trying.

The idea is to keep your dogs in shape over the cold, wintry months. Have fun!

Congratulations Akeila!!!

RamsGate is proud to present our newest Champion !

Ch. RamsGate's Witchy Woman

"Akeila"

Akeila earned her championship at the Del Valle KC show,

October 21, 2012 in Pleasanton, CA

And congratulations to Akeila's Mom,

GCH Painted Trout Grand Jury - "Jury" for earning her ROM with this, her 5th Champion!!!

I'm very proud of my girls!



Owners: Rob Sprinkle, Jessica Wagner, Michele Slate & Antoinette Killpatrick

Breeders: Michele Slate & Toni Killpatrick

RamsGate Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs/www.ramsgateswissys.com



Congratulations Zoey!

New Pack Dog Title for Zoey!

Northwoods Bright Azalea CD BN RAE NWPD

Zoey has done it again! Earned another working title. Zoey completed her pack dog title in October 2012 at the Cascade Club's Coal Mine hike in Cle Elum, Washington.

**We are very proud of
our girl who works
like a champ.**

We love you!

Jim & Julie Franklin



CH Brushcreek Urhans Landhof G-L x CH Foxglove's Swiss Belleflower

**Breeders:
Rebecca & Greg Martin,**

Northwoods Swissy



Holidays With Swissies!

Treasury Report: By Tom Krusic

Cascade Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club Balance Sheet & Cash Flow Statement July 1, 2012 - December 21, 2012

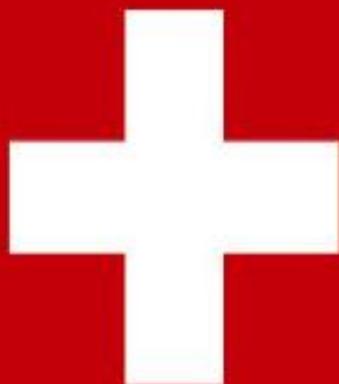
Balance Sheet

	4th Quarter Balance <u>6/30/2012</u>	1st Quarter Balance <u>9/30/2012</u>	2nd Quarter Balance <u>12/31/2012</u>
Cash			
PayPal Account Balance	\$ 432.19	\$ 388.90	388.90
Checks & Cash to Deposit	824.09	-	100.00
Community Credit Union	11,644.06	13,129.24	8,453.47
HarborStone Credit Union	-	54.76	5,279.77
Petty Cash	103.00	103.00	103.00
Less			
Outstanding Checks	(10.00)	-	
	<u>\$ 12,993.34</u>	<u>\$ 13,675.90</u>	<u>\$ 14,325.14</u>

Cash Flow Statement - 7/1/2012 - 12/31/2012

Beginning Cash - 7/1/2012	\$ 12,993.34
Receipts:	
Membership	\$ 645.00
Ways & Means	39.00
Newsletter Advertising	14.00
Working Events	161.00
Interest	16.03
Donations	4.00
Total Operating Club Receipts	<u>879.03</u>
Misc. Receipts:	
Embezzlement Repayment	1,391.41
Interest on Embezzled Funds	22.64
Total Receipts	<u>2,293.08</u>
Disbursements:	
Club Events	(262.77)
Insurance	(411.00)
Web Hosting	(191.76)
Supplies	(64.98)
Financial Fees (Bank/Paypal)	(30.77)
Total Disbursements	<u>(961.28)</u>
Ending Cash - 12/31/2012	<u>\$ 14,325.14</u>

If you have any questions about the treasury report please contact Tom Krusic at:
TomKrusic@gmail.com



GREATER SWISS MOUNTAIN DOG BREED SURVEY

The GSMDCA's Health Committee has prepared and published a new comprehensive 2012 Greater Swiss Mountain Dog (GSMD) Health Survey.

This health survey is designed to tell us the frequency of various diseases/defects in our breed, give information on general care standards and serve as an overall record of the current state of the breed's health. The results of this survey will also be compared to the previous GSMD health survey conducted in 2001 to identifying any changing trends in breed specific genetic diseases.

All owners should complete a survey for each GSMD they have owned which were living at any time during the five years spanning 2008 to 2012. The Health Survey, in order to provide accurate results needs data from ALL Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs; those that are healthy with no known problems, those that are affected with a health problem, show /breeding dogs and companion dogs. Only by including all GSMDs which are both clear and affected for any given disease/defect will we be able to determine the prevalence of a particular problem within the breed.

The actual survey is available for completion on-line at the Orthopedic Foundation of Animals (OFA) website [LINK TO SURVEY](#)

The Health Survey is best completed through web browsers Microsoft Explorer or Firefox. (Google Chrome unfortunately creates some formatting difficulties within the survey presentation.) A printed copy of the survey's primary questions is attached for informational purposes. The OFA generously provides, free of charge, publication of parent club health surveys and gathering of the data from the respondents.

All data is reported only in the aggregate and is kept strictly confidential. No survey results will be traceable to any individual dog.

The 2012 GSMD Health Survey has been on-line and available for completion since September 2012, and as of December 29th 979 individual GSMDs have been entered in the survey. This is certainly a very good start however we know there are many more GSMDs which should be included within the parameters of this survey. If you have not already done so, please complete a health survey for each of your GSMDs and encourage others to also complete the survey for their GSMDs. *Breeders should make a special effort to not only include all GSMDs they have personally owned, but should also contact all owners/puppy homes with whom they have placed puppies to insure that they also complete the health survey. You do not need to be a member of GSMDCA to participate.*

If you are unsure if your GSMD has had a particular disease/defect, please contact your breeder or veterinarian for clarification prior to completing the health survey. Taking the time to complete the survey is something that we can all do to help improve the future health of our breed! The results of this survey will not only help us know where to direct health research efforts but will also help breeders make wise breeding decisions to produce healthier litters in the future.

If you have any questions about the health survey or are unable to access the on-line health survey please contact the GSMDCA Health Committee at gsmdca.healthcommittee@gmail.com.

It only takes about 10 minutes of your time, visit online to get your dogs entered!

SURVEY



Secretary's Report: Helen Kramlich

August 18, 2012 Board Meeting

Board Members in Attendance: Lisa Simonsen, Tom Krusic, Helen Kramlich, Allison Allen, Rebecca Martin-
The meeting was called to order by Lisa Simonsen. Minutes from the June board meeting were read & approved.

Four new full memberships and two associate memberships were presented to and approved by the board.
Old Business:

- Bank to use for club account:

Tom Krusic is the new treasurer and he has contacted the Harborstone Credit Union to use as the CGSMDC bank. There was a discussion about its location and fees. Lisa Simonsen made a motion to accept Harborstone as the new club bank. Motion was seconded by Helen Kramlich. Motion was called for vote and received unanimous approval. Tom Krusic will open an account for the CGSMDC at Harborstone. He and Lisa Simonsen will both be signatories on the account.

- Bluehost:

As previously approved by the Board, the Club's website hosting has been renewed with Bluehost for a two year period.

Bluehost has a communication board that can be set up for the board of directors to use.

Motion was made by Tom Krusic to use the BB as communications for the board, motion was seconded by Allison Allen. Motion was called for vote and received unanimous approval. Lisa S. will set it up and send an invitation to the Board of Directors to join. After a period of use, the Board will review the functioning of the BB to decide if it is working for the Board.

New Business:

- Online board of directors voting:

It is important to follow Robert's Rules of Order when voting online for club business. In the majority of the cases a motion can be made by any Board Member to consider a question for vote, once a second to that motion has been received from another member of the Board, the President will open up the subject for discussion and debate. After a period of open discussion the President will call the motion to vote, at which time all Board Members should cast their vote on the motion.

- Holiday Party:

The holiday party was discussed, where and when it is to be held. Lisa & Helen visited the Windstar facility in Tacoma. They recommend holding the party there either December 1st or 2nd. The rate is \$75.00 for the day. Helen will contact the facility and see if they can work with us on the Saturday schedule, if not we will have the party on Sunday.

Rebecca Martin made a motion to have the party at Windstar and to pay the \$75.00 fee to rent it. Allison Allen seconded the motion. Motion was called for vote and received unanimous approval.

- Posting items to sale on facebook:

Lisa S. received a request from a Club member asking if an item they were selling could be posted on the Club's facebook page. After discussion by the board it was decided to not allow private sale of items on any club communication forums/accounts.

- General meetings:

The next meeting will be held at the Oct. 6th hike. Further meeting locations were discussed and the board will contact members to get their assistance to set future meeting places with different members. They can be held at the member's homes, parks or various places. We will talk more about this at a later date.

A motion was made to close the meeting, Tom Krusic seconded. Motion was called for vote and received unanimous approval.

The meeting was called to a close by Lisa Simonsen

Secretary's Report Cont:

August 18, 2012 General Membership Meeting

Members in Attendance: Lisa Simonsen, Rebecca Martin, Jim & Julie Franklin, Melanie Farmer, Blake & Allison Allen, Jim & Cassandra Cooper, Brittney Bartlett, Matt Vanouse, Zoe Malley, Tom Krusic, Stuart & Helen Kramlich, Julie & Malia Velez, Mariel Kennison, Adam Robertson, Lisa Bartholomew, Patrick & Courtney Stanton

Minutes from the June meeting were read and approved.

Old Business:

- **Membership Dues:** It is time for membership renewals again. Lisa informed the members that they need to renew or they will not get the next newsletter.
- **Newsletter:** Helen requested that members help with the newsletter by sending in pictures and articles.
- **Herding event:** The club has been talking about holding a herding event. It has been decided that the event will not be held until next year. There is not enough time or volunteers to put it together before the end of the year.

New Business:

- There are two pack hikes scheduled for Oct. 2012. The members were informed that they can go for fun, they do not need to be working towards a title. The members were informed that there will be a general meeting at the Oct 6th pack hike.
- **Holiday Party.** The holiday party will be held at the Windstar Bed & Biscuit facility in Tacoma, WA. The event will be held on Sunday Dec. 2, 2012. Zoe Malley has volunteered to organize the party.

The general meeting was closed as Dr. Rebecca Martin was introduced and she gave a short seminar on swissy health.

October 6th, 2012 General Membership meeting.

Minutes recorded by Allison Allen.

Members in attendance: Allison Allen, Bonnie Huett, Jim Franklin. The meeting was called to order by Allison Allen.

Announcements:

- Reminder for club sponsored pack hike taking place on Oct. 13th & 14th on the Banks-Vernonia trail in Oregon for participants to earn to legs towards pack dog title.
- Announced upcoming holiday party to take place at Win-Star Bed & Biscuit in Tacoma, WA
- Shared the new breed health survey that is published on OFA reminding members to get all their GSMD's entered
- Informed members of an upcoming AHBA herding trial taking place in Winlock, WA Nov. 16th-18th for those interested in pursuing herding titles.

Secretary's Report Cont:

Topics of discussion:

- Meet the breed booths; Jim & Julie Franklin will help again with the Portland meet the breed booth, need to seek additional volunteers and discuss possible solutions for making it more engaging from the previous year. The Franklin's will not be able to assist at the Seattle breed booth this year, as they have other commitments. We need to discuss if we as a club are still going to pursue this annual paid event in the Winter.
- Website discussion; I asked Jim what his plans are with the website and he is still working on building an entire new site to replace the current site. I asked if we could provide support/help to him and he said he didn't need any.

Needing follow-up attention:

- Should we participate in the Seattle Meet the Breed? Who is interested in heading this event?

A motion was made to close the meeting, Bonnie Huett seconded. Motion was called for vote and received unanimous approval.

The meeting was called to a close by Allison Allen

December 2, 2012 Board Meeting

Officers in attendance: Lisa Simonsen, Tom Krusic, Allison Allen, Helen Kramlich

The meeting was called to order by Lisa Simonsen

Old Business:

Treasury-

- Lisa announced that the Reese embezzlement debt as of November 1, 2012 has been repaid in full.
- Lisa proposed to retain a balance in the Community Credit Union, in addition to that held at the newly established Harborstone Credit Union. The Community CU does not charge any fees for maintaining an account and pays a slightly higher interest rate. A check in the amount of \$5,000 has been transferred to the Harborstone CU for on-going Club expenses, leaving a balance of \$8,500 at Community CU. As the Club does not have immediate plans for this remaining balance it was suggested that the Club invest in a Certificate of Deposit in order to earn a better interest rate. Officers in attendance at the meeting were in agreement with establishing a CD, however motion will be placed before the full Board for a vote at a later date. Lisa made a motion to retain the Community CU account and add the current Treasurer Tom Krusic as an authorized signer, seconded by Allison Allen and received unanimous approval.

Web Site-

- Unfortunately the Club's web site is sadly out of date and definitely needs a "face-lift". Club member Jim Franklin volunteered in the past to work on revising and updating the web site. It was decided that Lisa would check in with Jim to determine if he still had interest in working on the web site, with a proposed deadline of reporting back to the Board no later than the first of the new year.

Breed Education-

- Further discussed Rose City Classic and Seattle Kennel Club Breed Education Booth opportunities. Jim & Julie Franklin, Public Education Chairs, have wonderfully coordinated both of these breed booth opportunities during the past years. Unfortunately in 2013 they will not be able to do the Seattle KC Breed Booth. After much discussion the Board decided the Club just did not have another volunteer to organize the Seattle KC Breed Booth this coming year, so we will only participate in the one at the Rose City Classic.

Secretary's Report Cont:

New Business:

- Approval of new Members-
 - Membership Chair Tom Krusic presented a list of new members for approval. Unanimously approved.

- Herding Event-
 - Lisa has spoke with Barbara Davenport about the possibility of hosting a herding clinic & trial at her Packleader facility this coming spring. Barbara indicated that she would have the following dates available, May 11, 18 or June 9, 23. After discussion the Board determined due to weather concerns it probably would be best to consider a date in June. However, our bylaws require a June annual meeting which has been historically held at the Club BBQ at Fort Borst Park in Centralia. Further discussion was held about the possibility of moving the Club's BBQ to July in Centralia, and combining the annual meeting with the proposed herding event. Determined idea would be presented to the membership at the general club meeting later today for input.

 - Allison Allen suggested having the herding event at a facility other than Packleader which is located outside of Gig Harbor, to consider a facility which might be more centrally located between the Washington and Oregon membership. Additionally Allison thought maybe a survey should be conducted to determine the level of interest in a herding trial, prior to proceeding with contracting with any herding facility. Allison motioned that an internet survey be conducted of the membership to determine level of interest, Lisa seconded, unanimously approved.

A motion was made to close the meeting by Allison, Tom seconded.

December 2, 2012 General Membership Meeting

Members in attendance: Allison Allen, Lisa & Glen Simonsen, Stuart & Helen Kramlich, Tom Krusic, Zoe Malley, Jim & Julie Franklin, Kim Presley, Loren Guzzone, Bill & Coral Blind, Patrick & Courtney Stanton, Mariel Kennison, Adam Robertson, Brittney Bartlett, Matthew Vanous

The meeting was called to order by Lisa Simonsen. Minutes from the August meeting were read.

Old Business:

- Lisa announced that the Reese embezzlement debt as of November 1, 2012 has been repaid in full.
 - Lisa reminded members to complete the GSMDCA Swissy Health Priorities Survey which can be found on-line at www.offa.org/surveys/survey_swissy.html.
- Reminded everyone to please submit articles and pictures for the upcoming Club newsletter.

New Business:

- Public Education Co-chair Jim Franklin – Announced information on the Breed Booth to be held at the Portland Rose City Classic Dog Show and encourage members interested in participating to contact him or Julie.
- Working Co-chair Allison Allen - Announced new pack titles earned by the Franklin's Zoey and the Allen's Cutter at Club's October pack hikes. Talked about the possibility of the Club holding a herding clinic/trial in June.
- Ways & Means Chair Kim Presley – Announced that she was in the process of researching some new products to be offered through Ways & Means.

A hearty round of applause to acknowledge the work of Zoe Malley in organizing and running the very festive and fun Holiday Party concluded the meeting!

A motion was made to close the meeting by Allison Allen , Stuart Kramlich seconded. Unanimously approved.

The meeting was called to a close by Lisa Simonsen

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.***

Club Officers

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Director Position- Vacant

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Articles of interest to the CGSMDC members are encouraged as are letters, photos, recipes, cartoons or sharing advertisements. All will be subject to editing for length and/or content and may be anonymous if requested.

Preferred method of receiving pictures is in jpeg form and articles in word.

Advertisements are not for monetary gain or to sale but to share you and your dogs accomplishments.

Send all correspondence by email to: helenkramlich@gmail.com or to any CGSMDC board member.

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 (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****

Tom Krusic, CGSMDC Membership Chair
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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: _____