



E- Summit

Cascade
Greater Swiss
Mountain Dog
Club



Jim & Julie Franklin did another fantastic job at setting up and hosting the Seattle meet the breed booth again this year.

For more about the day and more photos go to page 4

Seattle Meet The Breeds

This year the Seattle Kennel Club held their show on March 8th and 9th. The Cascade club sponsored a booth again this year.

Three of the four of Sennehund breeds got together for photos during the Show. This year their booths were side by side this so the many visitors could see the breeds together.



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“The only creatures that are evolved enough to convey pure love are dogs and infants.”

— [Johnny Depp](#)

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St Patty Party & Toy Exchange

The first ever St Patty's Day Party & gift exchange was held on March 15, 2014 in Tacoma WA. There was a good turnout of swissy's and their humans. Everyone brought a doggy gift and we had a fun time exchanging them. All of the dogs went home with a fun gift. We enjoyed snacks, games and good company. More photos on page 9.



President's Message: Lisa Simonsen

Greetings Cascade Club Members,

The Club has had a busy past few months and looks to be heading into an equally busy spring.

During March, the Cascade Club once again had a very successful well attended Breed Education Booth at the Seattle Kennel Club show. Public Education Chairs Jim and Julie Franklin were the driving force behind this endeavor for the Club. Not only did they manage the set up/ take down of the booth and the numerous educational displays, but they also spent two full days at the Booth answering questions from the public. Several other Club members also took a turn to help answer questions and provide additional live Swissy models for the public's enjoyment. Thank you to everyone that took time from their busy schedules to help educate the hundreds of people who stopped by the booth to meet our wonderful breed.

Also during the month of March we had our first ever Swissy St. Patrick's Day Party and Toy Exchange. We had a really good turnout of Swissys and their attendants (er..owners) to participate in the games and toy exchange. Folks brought some much coveted toys and it was fun to see who would end up going home with which toy. Seems like the perennial Swissy favorite a grunting hedgeie and a snarky toothed shark, among others bounced quickly between several individuals during this toy exchange (stealing) game. However by the end of this hot toy contest all Swissy participants seemed happy with their take home prize.

During the month of April, the Club's Nominating Committee worked diligently on nominating a slate of Officers and Directors for our upcoming election. Thank you to the members of the Nominating Committee, Stuart Kramlich, Don Rudee and Debby Dodds for your work on this important and often difficult task. The final nominations proposed by the Committee are presented in this newsletter. If after reviewing the nominated candidates, any member would like to nominate other member candidates for Officer or Director positions please attend the Club's meeting on May 3 in Elma to put forward those nominations. If other eligible candidates are nominated at the May meeting we will conduct a vote for the contested positions during our Annual Meeting June 14th in Olympia.

Please note that we have changed the location of our Annual Meeting to a restaurant in Olympia, rather than our usual meeting in conjunction with our Club's annual BBQ in Centralia. At our March meeting, we decided to try moving the Centralia BBQ event into July in hopes of better weather and have our June Annual Meeting at an indoor venue. Unfortunately historically our June meeting has more often than not been wet and cold which doesn't make for the most pleasant of BBQ conditions. So this year our June meeting will be indoors and our BBQ will be in July. Please everyone keep your fingers crossed that the weather cooperates with our new plans!

Hope to see you all at one or more of these upcoming Club meetings/events and in between I hope you are enjoying fun spring time activities with your Swissys!

Swissys forever,

Lisa

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

Please tell us your swissies
special story
Do they keep your bed warm at night, help
out by being
the family vacuum or help to shovel snow
like this helper?

Have they earned a special title?
We want to hear all about it.

The story can be cute, funny or serious.
Please email or call me to share.
We all want to hear your story.

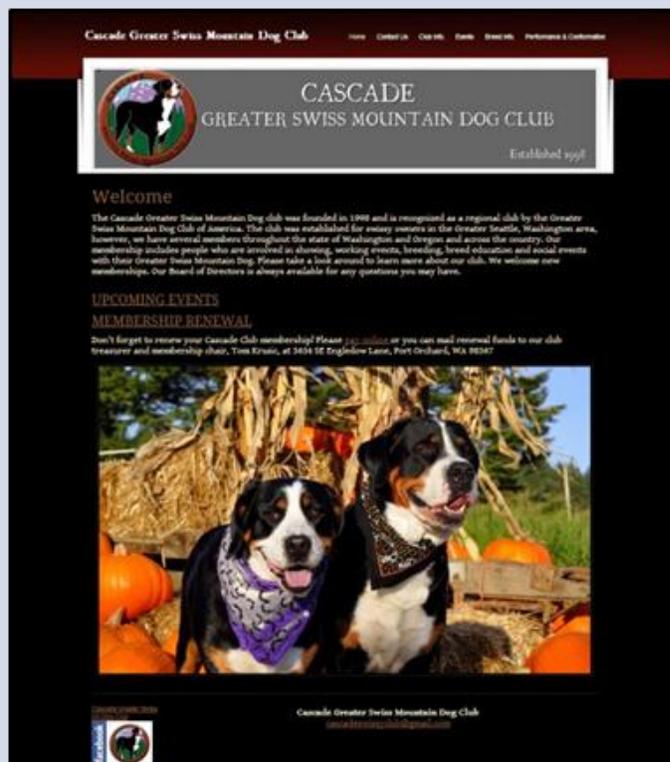


New Web Site:

Have you gone to the club's new web site yet?
The Cascade Club's web site has been fully up-
dated and is now up and running! Take some
time to look it over. The website can be found at
<http://www.cascadeswissclub.com/>

New Email Address:

We have a new email address for Club business.
Please use cascadeswissclub@gmail.com, for
any future correspondence as the old email
address is no longer active.



Meet the Breed Booth Seattle March 8 and 9, 2014



The club sponsored a Meet the Breed booth again at the Seattle Kennel Club show on March 8th and 9th. This year they placed the AKC recognized Sennenhunds together. We had the Bernese Mountain Dogs to our right and the Entlebuchers to our left. The meet the Breed booths are an opportunity for the club to educate the public about the swissy breed. We staff the booth with club volunteers and their swissies to greet the many visitors so the public can get up close and personal with swissies.



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

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

- Sandy & Bob James with Artos
- Don Rudee with Luna
- Jim and Julie Franklin with Sierra and Zoey

- Lisa Simonsen with Olaf
- Mariel and Adam Kennison with Chara
- Stuart Kramlich and Ziva





Cascade Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club

Potluck/BBQ



Date: 07/12/14

Time: 11:00 – 3:00

Please RSVP to Jim & Julie by July 1st at oreolu@aol.com

Let us know how many people & dogs in your party and what dish your are bringing.

Club provides hamburgers, hot dogs, condiments, drinks, plates & utensils.

Members and guests provide their favorite side dish or desert.

There will be some agility equipment for the dogs to try.

Also, there is a fenced off-leash area near the Picnic Shelter for the dogs to run around. A tired Swissy is a happy Swissy.

**Location: Fort Borst State Park
Centralia, WA
Look for us at Picnic Shelter #2**



4 Spring Things To Know To Protect Your Pets.

We all welcome the warming temperatures at this time of year and start to enjoy more time outdoors with our pets. However, there are some things we should be aware of in order to keep our pets fit and healthy.

1. Allergies: Just like you, your pets can have reactions to allergens in the air. Pollen, flowers, dust and molds can cause reactions. You may even notice a change in your pet's reaction to allergens as they grow out of the puppy stage. Watch for sneezing, itching, coughing, or changes in skin coat. **Never** use human allergy medicines for your pets. Call your vet for an appointment and they can prescribe safe doses of allergy medicines that will help your pet.

2. Toxic plants and chemicals: Many bulbs are toxic to dogs. As they are growing out of the ground dogs are often curious and may start digging at them. Bulbs that fall into the allium family and onions are toxic to dogs. Many varieties of mulch are also very toxic, so keep an eye on what your dog can get into as you find yourself out more at this time of year.

3. Lawn chemicals: Be careful how you treat your lawn if your dog plays in your yard. Your neighbor's yards and other grassy areas where your dog plays can be harmful as well. Spring lawn products often contain herbicides and pesticides that are useful in killing weeds but can be very harmful to pets. After walks make sure you wash off their feet.

4. Mosquitoes, ticks and fleas: All of these become more prevalent in the spring. This is a good time to have your pets checked by your vet and get a good preventative. Prevention is always easier than treatment!



Membership renewals are due on July 1st!!!

You can renew now online so you won't forget.

Online renewals at:

<http://www.cascadeswissyclub.com/membership-renewal.html>



Don't delay, don't forget
and
don't drag your feet or be
lazy

like this little lady.

The Cascade Club has a lot of planned events coming up and you don't want to miss the fun. Renewals can be taken at any club function or sent in. Email the Cascade club for a current mailing address at CascadeSwissyClub@gmail.com.

Liver Lickers Dog Treats

3/4 c wheat germ
3/4 c nonfat dry milk powder
1 egg
1 tablespoon brewers yeast
1(3.5oz) jar pureed liver baby food
1/4 c water or as needed

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees
2. Add all ingredients except water and stir. Add water if necessary to make a workable dough. Drop by spoonfuls onto a greased cookie sheet
3. Bake for about 20 minutes. Remove from heat and cool on racks. Store in refrigerator in airtight container.



Upcoming Spring/Summer Club Events:

Nominating committee Meeting:

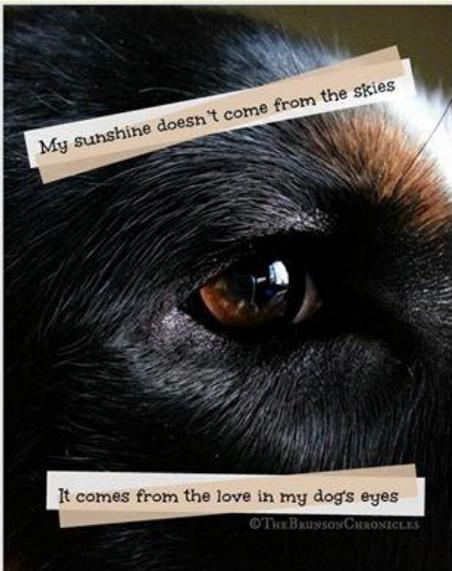
May 3rd Club meeting will be held near Ring 4 starting at 10:45 am at the Olympia Dog Fanciers show at the Grays Harbor County Fairgrounds Pavilion, 43 Elma-McCleary Rd., Elma, WA 98541.

June membership meeting

Annual Club Meeting at Tumwater Falls Park. The Cascade Club will be holding their annual club meeting at the Falls Terrace Restaurant in Olympia, WA on June 14,2014. Buy your own lunch at noon. Lunch will be followed by a short hike at Tumwater Falls if the weather cooperates. Please RSVP to Lisa S. at GSMD@paintedswissys.com by June 7,2014 so a group reservation can be made. The address is 106 Deschutes Way SW Tumwater, WA 98501. Falls website is <http://www.fallsterrace.com/>

Annual Club BBQ

Annual Club BBQ is being held on July 12 in Fort Borst Park in Centralia, WA We changed the date this year in hopes of better weather so we hope to see a lot of you there. The club provides hamburger, hotdogs, condiments,buns,& drinks. Please RSVP to Jim & Julie Franklin at oreolu@ aol.com with the number of humans and dogs you will be bringing as well as the dish/dessert etc you want to bring. Info on the park and directions can be found here. <http://www.cityofcentralia.com/Page.asp?NavID=444>



Dear God, Help me to become the kind of person
my dog thinks I am.

St Patty's Day Party & Gift Exchange. March 2014.



We had a really nice turn out for our first ever St Patty Party. We played some games with the winners getting prizes
The gift exchange was a fun activity where each dog got to go home with a new toy. The humans had a great time as well.



We plan on having another party next year so plan on joining in on the fun. We even had our very own streaker....thanks to the always cute little Warren. For more photos of the event keep watching the Cascade Club web site at www.cascadeswissyclub.com/.



Everyday Obedience: A Training Principle

By Professor Sierra

My name is Sierra and I'm a trained Swissy. I hear the swissy stork has been delivering many swissy pups to their new homes. Training your swissy pup should begin as soon as they arrive and will continue throughout their lives. I wanted to share a basic training principle with the new swissy owners. A principle that can be used to shape good manners in your swissy. The principle is, "Unrewarded behavior will distinguish itself."

How does this principle work? You probably figured out by now, your new swissy pup gets very excited to see you and to meet new people. In the excitement, the pup will jump on you or the people he is meeting. This may seem very cute in the beginning, but its not so cute when the puppy reaches full size.

Here is how the principle works. When the puppy is jumping and bouncing around just turn your back to the puppy. Do not say anything. Simply turn your back on the puppy. The puppy will try and run around to the front of you. Again, do not say anything; just turn your back on the puppy. Soon the puppy will see that you are not very interesting and move on to something else. When she does wonder off, just let her go and then go about whatever it is you were going to do. The puppy does not receive any rewards positive or negative in this case.

You will need to repeat the process several times and over several days. Eventually you will notice that the puppy will continue to be wiggly when it sees you, but it will no longer jump up to greet you. The puppy will just wiggle all around you with all four paws on the floor. That is acceptable. In the beginning you may see the behavior regress so it is important to be consistent. Don't worry, the puppy will always wiggle for you, it just will not jump on you.

Once you have the puppy not jumping on you, its time to start working the principle with people the puppy meets on the walk. People will want to bend down and pet the puppy, which will get the puppy excited and jumping on them. Politely ask the greeter to stand up and turn their back on the puppy and wait for it to calm down. Once the puppy moves its attention to something else, then the greeter may pet the puppy. Be prepared to ask the greeter to repeat if the puppy gets excited again. Soon the puppy may still be wiggly when meeting new people, but he'll keep his feet on the ground.

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.

You can email Professor Sierra at ProfessorSierra.Advice@gmail.com .



Nominating Committee Candidates

As required per Article IV Section 4 of the Cascade Club Bylaws the Nominating Committee has nominated the following candidates for the Board of Directors positions for the next two year term. This term will start July 1, 2014 and end on June 30, 2016.

Officers:

Lisa Simonsen - President

Rebecca Martin- Vice President

Debby Dodds- Secretary

Don Rudee- Treasurer

Directors:

DaLena Christensen

Helen Kramlich

Matthew Vanouse

Patrick Stanton

Additional nominations may be made by any Club member in attendance at the May 3, 2014 Club meeting, provided that the person so nominated does not decline when their name is proposed. This May 3rd Club meeting will be held near Ring 4 starting at 10:45 am at the Olympia Dog Fanciers show at the Grays Harbor County Fairgrounds Pavilion, 43 Elma-McCleary Rd., Elma, WA 98541. If no valid additional nominations are offered at this meeting, the Nominating Committee's slate shall be declared elected and no voting will be required. If one or more valid additional nominations are offered, a vote will be conducted for those positions at the Club's June meeting to be held in Tumwater, WA.

Thank you to the members of the Nominating Committee, Stuart Kramlich, Don Rudee and Debby Dodds for your work on this important and often difficult task.

The broadest, and maybe the most meaningful definition of volunteering:
Doing more than you have to because you want to,
in a cause you consider good.

~ Ivan Scheirer

Painted Mountain Ranch Is Announcing Our "YES" Litter

Born:

December 29, 2013

3 boys



Sire: Ch. Seneca's Hat Trick Upper Ninety Striker Walter "Walter"

Dam: Painted Mtn's Jeopardy "Jep"



Amanda & Brian Cordes

Painted Mtn's Moon E-Yes

"Ajax"

Renton, WA



Ashleigh Gallaway

Painted Mtn's Yes Sir

"Angus"

Seattle, WA



Harrison Family

Painted Mtn's Yes Sam I Am

"Sam"

Provo, Utah

Summit Farms

is pleased to Announce our “Emmy” Litter

Born: January 3, 2014

4 boys & 4 girls

Sire: Painted Trout Creek's Tactical Camouflage

Dam: Summit Farms Anika



We welcome all of our little stars and their wonderful families into our swissy family.



Summit Farms Hawaii Five O
“Kona”
The Yacey Family



Summit Farms Mission Impossible
“Kinley”
Toren Droge



Summit Farms Arabian Knights
“Koda”
The Gabica Family



Summit Farms
What Does The Yellow Light Mean
“Lalo”
Bridget & Phillip Bush



Summit Farms Miami Vice
“Tubbs”
The Pinney Family



Summit Farms MacGyver
“Angus”
The McGlocklin Family



We look forward to watching our little stars shine.



Summit Farms The Haunting Hour
“Dakota”
Bill Olafsen



Summit Farms Have Gun Will Travel
“Boone”
Bill & Coral Blind

Swissy V. I. P.
(Very Important Pup)
In Honor of our Seniors and Their Many "Tails".

Ch. Foxglove's Swiss Belleflower RN WPD



Happy Birthday "Bella"!

10 years old on June 3, 2004

Always Loved & Owned By:
Dr Rebecca Martin & Dr.Gregory Martin

Bella is currently retired from the show ring and from breeding. She easily became a Champion and earned a couple of working titles. She was also a wonderful mom and raised a couple of beautiful litters.

She now enjoys spending her day around the house sleeping on the bed, running and playing in the creek and teaching the young pups how to be mischievous. She loves her human family and we love our beautiful girl.

Dam: Ch. Foxglove 's Allegretto

Sire: Ch. Barton Manor Kakabooga Two

Bred By: Susan Spaeth

Foxglove 's Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs



Introducing our newest Family Member!

Summit Farms Have Gun Will Travel "Boone"

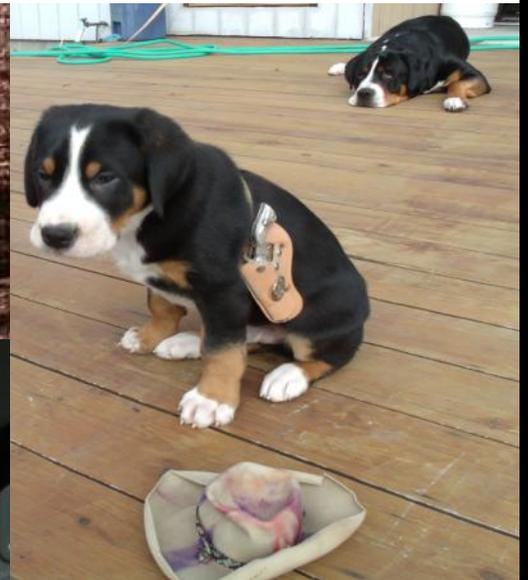
Sire: Painted Trout Tactical Camouflage

Dam: Summit Farms Anika

Owned & Adored By: Bill & Coral Blind

Breeders: Stuart & Helen Kramlich

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New AKC Champion!



Ch. Painted Mtn Saddle Up



Munny



Sire: Ch. Painted Trout Crimes of the Heart

Dam: Ch. Painted Mountain's Overjoyed

Munny is loved , bred and presented by - Lisa Simonsen

Co-bred by— The Kott Family

www.paintedswissys.com



Why you should take your urban puppy to socials after just one set of shots

By Jeff Stallings, CPDT-KA

Certified Professional Dog Trainer and Behavior Consultant

A few months back I attended a “Dangerous Dog Conference” at the University of California/Davis, during which Dr. Bonnie Beaver, former president of the American College of Veterinary Behaviorists, highlighted a study on the risk of partially-vaccinated puppies contracting parvovirus at indoor puppy socials. The result?

Puppies with just the first set of shots attending puppy socials are at no greater risk of parvovirus infection than those not attending socials. During the study of 1,012 puppies:

- None of the 15 puppies that contracted parvovirus had attended puppy socials
- None of the puppies that attended socials contracted parvovirus

This UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine study dovetails perfectly with the standard of care recommended by the American Veterinary Society of Animal Behavior (AVSAB), which unequivocally encourages puppies to begin socialization classes as early as 7-8 weeks of age and seven days after the first set of vaccines.

It is important to note that structured puppy socials, run by a variety of training and daycare facilities and other pet-related businesses, take place indoors on non-porous surfaces with immediate cleansing of any “accidents” with an antimicrobial solution. Porous surfaces, such as soil, sand and, in particular, dog parks, must be avoided until full vaccination!

Some veterinarians, shelters and breeders continue to unwisely advise new owners to wait until after the final set of shots to allow their puppy to interact with others, by which time the socialization period has closed, precluding their best shot at acquiring lifelong dog-on-dog social skills. Such under-socialization can result in behavior problems, fear and aggression, which are the primary reasons for relinquishment and euthanasia in pet dogs.

I do not take lightly that I may be asking you to reject your particular veterinarian’s counsel, but the recommendation that puppies begin socials before full vaccination is supported by the AVSAB as well as the American Veterinary Medical Association, the ASCPA and other dog health and behavior experts.

Puppy socialization classes do not guarantee that any given dog won’t develop fear or aggression later in life and neither are all under-socialized puppies antisocial. In utero experiences, early nutrition and the first weeks with the mother and siblings also play key roles in behavior and disposition. But there is no dispute that having rich and varied social experiences in the first three months of life improves the odds of a raising a balanced, confident dog.

Why is the socialization window so short?

At the risk of stating the obvious, puppies develop much faster than their human baby counterparts: Puppies walk beautifully at three weeks; babies not so well until after a year. This acceleration affects cognitive function as well, which develops rapidly during a short socialization period that forms the framework for the puppy’s future social functioning. A strong foundation built from a rich set of early experiences gives the puppy more context in which to evaluate and react to future stimuli in the environment, including people and other dogs.

The true socialization period for puppies—during which they readily incorporate new experiences into their developing worldviews that directly effect lifelong behavior—lasts from weeks 3 to 12. That’s it. Since most puppies remain with their mother and litter-mates for seven weeks (that’s a whole other blog post), this means new owners have just four weeks to make sure their puppy has ample opportunity to learn that there are many sorts of people and types of dogs in this world.

Think of your puppy’s brain during these 28 days as a sponge, supple and ready to absorb and incorporate new experiences. Weeks 8 through 12 are called the “second socialization period”, the first having been the prior seven weeks with the mother and siblings. This is absolutely the most profoundly important period in your dog’s life. Her brain is wired to absorb new experiences far more rapidly than any subsequent period, and she learns not only to accept being around people and other dogs, but also to enjoy and seek out these experiences.



Puppy socials build lifelong skills.

Learning a new language

While not a perfect analogy, a puppy's openness to learning social skills is similar to the way young children learn new languages effortlessly. Studies have shown that children younger than seven years old easily pick up new languages because their brains are wired to readily incorporate the words, grammar and structure of multiple languages. Like the puppy socialization period that ends at 12 weeks, this window closes for children around seven years old, after which language acquisition becomes far more difficult. You can place a 6-year old child in a Mandarin immersion class for a year and she will come out fluent in the language but if I were to attend the same class, I would likely still be struggling with the basics.

The analogy continues in that my Mandarin would improve over time as I became more familiar and comfortable with the language, but I would never be as fluent as my toddler counterpart. Likewise, dogs without the advantage of a rich socialization period can learn to thrive in social situations, but it will take a great deal more time and effort and have a lower chance of success.

For dogs, being comfortable with and understanding our manmade world is a life-long process but the critical socialization period only comes along once.

Socialization...but to what?

The reason I titled this article "*why you must take your **urban** puppy to socials after one set of shots*" is that if your puppy is not destined for an urban life but rather, say, the life of a farm dog, socialization to lots of people and dogs is not as important. If your pup's life will be devoted to managing livestock, this second socialization period would be the ideal time for him to hang out a bit with sheep, goats, cows, tractors, turbines and the like.

But 80% of Americans live in urban areas rather than farms, and since more of us have dogs in our homes than ever before, it behooves us to structure our puppy's socialization period to take this into account. Our sheepherder probably doesn't need to learn how to cope with city parks bursting at the seams with dogs. But if you live in an urban area and plan to take your (fully vaccinated) dog to parks, beaches and other dog-friendly areas, you'd best start teaching him early that there are lots of dogs of all sorts in this world. To do this, indoor puppy socials before 16 weeks of age are your best bet.

Puppy socials are just one part of a well thought out socialization plan (I recommend 7-10 socials at three distinct locations from weeks 8 – 16) but they form the cornerstone and have the additional advantage of being viable before all vaccinations are complete per the aforementioned recommendations of the ASVAB. In addition to the socials, a widely-accepted goal is for a puppy to meet 100 people during these same four weeks, including babies, children, elderly folks, men, women, all races, sizes and shapes. (Make sure a few bearded men in baseball hats gently approach and give your pup a treat!)

One caveat here is that these puppy socials and people-meet-and-greets must be positive experiences, not too overwhelming and not too scary. The actual ASVAB statement reads:

The primary and most important time for puppy socialization is the first three months of life. During this time puppies should be exposed to as many new people, animals, stimuli and environments as can be achieved safely and without causing overstimulation manifested as excessive fear, withdrawal or avoidance behavior.

So while you are your pup's guardian in these situations and must avoid overly frightening situations (an unruly, much larger puppy, for instance) you must also allow your puppy to venture forth into the mayhem at their own pace. Sometimes a shy puppy will hang back for the first few events, and then become the social butterfly.

Otis emerges on the world stage

My dog Otis was of this ilk as a young puppy, shy and unsure of herself. She had been fostered in a rural area of eastern California, so the sights and sounds of San Francisco were initially overwhelming. At her first puppy social, she hung out under my chair and observed the other puppies playing; I did not coddle or overprotect her. By her second social she was venturing forth, playing for a few minutes, then retreating to her safe place under my chair. By her third social, she was actively seeking out playmates and practicing adult communication behaviors, which is the ultimate goal of these events.

Since Otis was by nature somewhat fearful, I have no doubt that had she not had the chance to come out of her shell among other puppies and to learn and practice social skills, she would be a fearful dog today, potentially aggressively so. Instead she has superb communication skills and is particularly adept at enticing other dogs to play and chase her. She remains cautious around novel stimuli (a strange stack of wood on our street or a kite hitting the beach nearby), but she is most definitely not fearful. Puppy socials made all the difference.

Had I only taken Otis to that first puppy social (the one in which she hung out under my chair, overwhelmed and frightened) it almost certainly would have backfired. She would have learned that being around other dogs was an unpleasant experience to be avoided. She might have become aggressive in trying to keep them away, like the multitude of dogs that have learned to snarl, snap, lunge and bark to keep other dogs from approaching. Instead, by giving Otis numerous opportunities to slowly learn to how to play, she became a world-class communicator.

I bring this up primarily because I recently took a call from the owner of a 6-month old puppy whose veterinarian had advised to avoid all contact with other dogs until fully vaccinated. In this particular puppy's case, this meant no contact until 17 weeks. With clearance from their veterinarian, the pup finally attended one social, now five weeks past the end of the second socialization period, and it did not go well. The puppy was terrified, so they never went back. Now this young dog's single point of reference is that new dogs are scary. She trembles in fear whenever in the presence of other dogs, unsure of how to act or react. A desensitization/counter-condition program will take months or years and will never be as effective as if that puppy had been taken to numerous socials while her brain was configured to learn and cope.

Don't let time pass you by

In the UC Davis study, none of the puppies taken to socials contracted parvo but 15 not taken did. This is not surprising: new owners who are conscientious enough to know about the advantages of early (and safe!) socialization are also knowledgeable enough to avoid taking under-vaccinated pups to dog parks, where the risk of contracting the virus is high.

Conversely, people unaware of puppy socials are more likely to take puppies to places they should not be until after full vaccination, including dog parks, beaches and other porous surfaces likely to harbor parvovirus-infected feces.

I hope this article sheds some light not only on the advantages of socialization, but also on how such a program can begin early enough to make a real difference in the lives of dogs. In part because the safety and benefits of early socialization are well documented, most urban and suburban areas of the country now have access to indoor puppy socials that require just the first set of shots. This bodes well for the health and well being of future generations of man's best friend.

About Jeff Stallings, CPDT-KA

Having owned well-trained dogs all my life, I started **Better Nature Dog Training** to exploit decades of experience teaching across a number of fields. I am nationally-certified through the highly-respected Certification Council for Professional Dog Trainers, attaining the CPDT-KA distinction.

Based in San Francisco and working with clients all over the Bay Area, I teach people how to effectively train their dogs by clearly demonstrating that every interaction counts when training a dog to come when called, for example, or instructing a puppy how to best get along in life.

I take a scientific and holistic approach to dog training. The scientific aspect comes from understanding dog psychology from an evolutionary perspective, knowing how dogs are both similar to and distinct from their ancestors, including the grey wolf. The holistic component derives from taking into account all facets of any particular dog's situation, including upbringing, prior training, traumatic events and—most importantly—the characteristics of his home and family life.

Training a puppy or dog can be a most rewarding life experience; it can also be stressful and perplexing. One of the best services I provide is taking the guesswork out while lending a sure, guiding hand in successful dog behavior development and modification. I also volunteer at the [Pets Unlimited Animal Shelter](#). If you're considering adopting a rescue, please come and meet the dogs and puppies in this fantastic facility.

In addition to my CPDT-KA certification, am a professional member of the [Association of Pet Dog Trainers](#).

"ROY"

11/02/05 -- 03/13/14



2012 Nationals

On March 13, 2014, Roy (NBIS, MBISS CH TreeNSea Lupine Serenade, HIT) affectionately known to his many friends and family as 'Roy Boy,' went to the Rainbow Bridge. He died peacefully in my arms with my husband Lyle and his friend Dr. Eileen Bissmeyer at his side, having succumbed to the cancer that he so valiantly fought over the past 2 ½ years. At around 4 pm on his last day, Roy looked up at me, as if to say, "It's time, Mom." I placed a blanket on the ground in his kennel and laid down next to him, telling him it was OK to go - that I would be OK, and at 6:30 pm, my beautiful boy went to the Rainbow Bridge, with our blessings.



2009 Nationals



2013 GSMDCA Western Regional



April 2013



Rest well, Roy Boy.
I am deeply grateful to Maria Jensen for breeding our magnificent dog.

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

President: Lisa Simonsen – gsmd@paintedswissys.com

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Director Position- Vacant

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Ways & Means: Vacant

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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.

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:

Tom Krusic, CGSMDC Membership Chair

make checks payable to CGSMDC

Pay or renew online at:

<http://www.cascadeswissclub.com/membership-renewal.html>

Or email CascadeSwissyClub@gmail.com for current mailing address

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	[]	Conformation	[]	Agility	[]
Breeding Info	[]	Breed Education	[]	Pack Dog	[]
Weight Pull	[]	Fun Activities	[]	Herding	[]
Rescue	[]	Health Issues	[]	Draft Work	[]

Will Volunteer to Assist With:

Rescue	[]	Working Events	[]	Specialty/Supported Entries	[]
Annual BBQ	[]	Holiday Party	[]	Social Events	[]
Newsletter	[]	Web Site	[]	Club Management	[]
Breed Booths	[]	Ways & Means	[]	Public Education	[]

Other: _____