E- Summit

Cascade Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club

Ice Cream Social August 23, 2014

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"Dogs do speak, but only to those who know how to listen."

~ Orhan Pamuk

Four Swissys, one "hippy" Swissy and one puppy named Rosie attended, with their assorted families in tow, at our annual Ice Cream Social at Tavi, Debby and Don's home on Saturday, August 23.

Everyone shared stories while watching their Swissys mingle and romp around the backyard picnic area. As the photos attest, classic Swissy playtime across all ages included chasing around in the woods, pouncing on each other, getting lots of scritches and scratches from the humans, and most importantly paying close attention to anyone who got really close to the ice cream.

Rosie won the most-independent-puppy award when she trailed departing Swissy families up the hill all by herself.

The group photo clearly demonstrates that no matter how large or small the group, getting everyone in line is impossible!

Moving the event to Portland allowed for some new faces to more easily attend and everyone agreed that we'd like to do something again soon.

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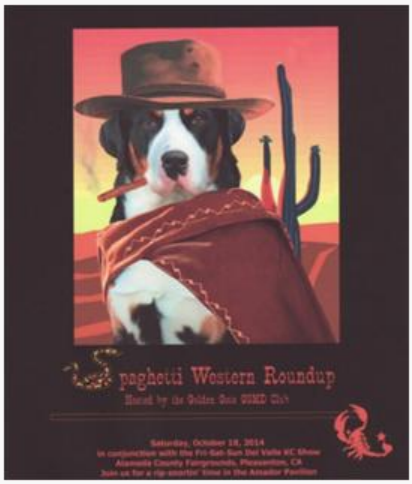
President's Message: Lisa Simonsen



Greetings Members,

Well it seems once again the summer season has sped by and we are back to wet weather this fall. I hope all of you were able to get out with your Swissy and enjoy the sun while it was here. The Cascade Club hosted a couple of events over the summer, the BBQ at Fort Borst Park in Centralia in July and the Ice Cream Social at Club members Don & Debbie Dodds' Portland home in August. Both events enjoyed wonderful weather and provided a fun opportunity for Club members (humans and Swissys) to socialize with one another.

In the pursuit of some more sunny fun with our Swissys, several of our Club members traveled to Pleasanton California on October 17-19th to participate in the GSMDCA's Western Regional Specialty which was hosted by the Golden Gate Swissy Club. The Western Regional this year had a total of 55 Swissys entered, which is the largest entry of Swissys we have seen on the west coast for many years. Club members attending the Specialty were Rebecca Martin (OR), Michele Slate (OR), Allison Allen (OR), Lisa Simonsen (WA), Toni Killpatrick (CA), Holly Webb (CA) and Donna Zetterquist (CA). Some members had further to travel than others, but I believe all would agree the drive was worth it. The Golden Gate Swissy Club really knows how to host a Specialty and throw a party! There were some serious moments when the competition was fierce, but there was also many fun and just plain silly times. The picture to the left is from one of those more silly moments! Western attire was the requirement of the day, not only for the spaghetti feed the evening after the Specialty, but also was worn by many in the Specialty conformation ring. Cascade Club Members' Swissys did very well in the conformation competitions and many fantastic trophies were brought back to the Pacific NW. You can see the results of this three day competition on page 8 & 9 of this newsletter. The Cascade Club would like to extend a sincere thank you to the Golden Gate GSMD Club for the terrific Specialty experience and their wonderful hospitality throughout the long weekend. I hope someday in the near future the Cascade Club will be able to reciprocate this opportunity with a Specialty of our own here in the beautiful Pacific NW.

For an event much closer to home, I hope many of you will plan on attending the Cascade Club's Holiday party on December 14th, in Tacoma, WA. This has become a favorite and well attended event for our Club's membership and the Swissys all have a good time with the many games and yummy treats. So please reserve the date on your calendar now, as I hope to see you there!

Swissys Forever,

Lisa

3-Ingredient Peanut Butter Pumpkin `Dog Treats

1/2 cup Natural Peanut Butter
1 cup 100% Pure Pumpkin Puree, canned
1 3/4 cups whole wheat flour

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit. Line a cookie sheet with parchment paper.

2. In a large bowl, stir together peanut butter and pumpkin. Stir in the flour 1/4 cup at a time just until dough is no longer sticky.

3. Roll the dough out between two sheets of parchment paper to 1/4″ thick. Use a cookie cutter to cut out the dough, then place on the prepared pan.

4. Bake at 350 degrees Fahrenheit for 8-10 minutes. Let cool completely. Store in an airtight container or freeze for up to 3 months.

Yummmm...
Pumpkin!

Pumpkin Biscuits

2 eggs
1/2 cup canned pumpkin
2 tablespoons dry milk
1/4 teaspoon sea salt
2 1/2 cups brown rice flour *
1 teaspoon dried parsley (optional)

Preheat oven to 350.

In large bowl, whisk together eggs and pumpkin to smooth. Stir in dry milk, sea salt, and dried parsley (if using, optional). Add brown rice flour gradually, combining with spatula or hands to form a stiff, dry dough. Turn out onto lightly floured surface (can use the brown rice flour) and if dough is still rough, briefly knead and press to combine.

Roll dough between 1/4 – 1/2″ – depending on your dog's chew preferences, ask first – and use biscuit or other shape cutter to punch shapes, gathering and re-rolling scraps as you go. Place shapes on cookie sheet, no greasing or paper necessary. If desired, press fork pattern on biscuits before baking, a quick up-and-down movement with fork, lightly pressing down halfway through dough. Bake 20 minutes. Remove from oven and carefully turn biscuits over, then bake additional 20 minutes. Allow to cool completely on rack before feeding to dog

Your Dog Overly Excited About Guests?

By:Wayne Booth
The DogTraining Blogger

It's not the worst thing that can happen, your dog gets extremely excited when you have people over for a visit.

Lots of people take that attitude and they let their dog's behavior continue. They even let their guests encourage the behavior by giving the dog attention when he's so excited.

However, if your dog is jumping up on your guests or licking them, it means he's showing some behaviors that you don't want to see your dog doing no matter what the circumstances are.

If your dog is acting this way it can also mean you have some guests who may be scared, or you could have children or older people who get knocked over, and those are things you always want to avoid.

Why Your Dog Is Excited

In the first place, you should know that what you think is excitement in your dog isn't always excitement. It may be that your dog is jumping around trying to let your guests know that she's the boss. If your dog is jumping on your visitors she is telling them that she's in charge and letting them know it.

Other times, a dog may be trying to get attention. The dog knows that if they bounce around the room in front of people they will get some attention. It gets your attention, doesn't it?

Stopping the Behavior

If you remember this information then it's not so hard to stop your dog from jumping on people and getting too excited. Here are a few tips to help you cut the behavior out fast:

You Need to Be the Leader of the Pack at All Times

You should take charge of your home. Your dog won't try to take over the role of leader or be dominant if you are already clearly the leader of the pack in your home. You can do this by being adamant and not giving in to your dog.

You should make your dog earn the things you give him, don't falter or change your mind when you give a command, and watch carefully how your dog interacts with other animals and people in the house so you can stay in charge.

When You Come Home You Should Ignore Your Dog

If your dog gets excited or anxious when you come home you need to change your dog's expectations. He probably expects attention as soon as anyone comes in the door. Start ignoring your dog when you come home everyday and you will change what your dog expects.

If your dog learns that you won't walk him or pet him as soon as you come home each day, then he will stop looking for that same attention from your visitors when they come through the door.

Require Correct Behavior

If your dog engages in behavior like jumping on your visitors or licking them, you need to correct your dog's behavior. You shouldn't hit your dog or yell at him. That will only confuse him and lead to aggression.

However, you need to "reset" your dog or make him start over. Have your dog sit and don't allow him to have any attention until he becomes submissive and calm.

Have Your Dog Sit with Your Visitors

Before you allow people to come in the house, have your dog sit and wait for them to enter from a slight distance. You can have an imaginary line that your dog isn't allowed to cross.

You should "own" your door and take control of it. If your dog starts to leave his sitting position you shouldn't open the door.

Explain to Your Visitors

You should talk to your visitors so they understand they shouldn't give your dog any attention right away. Tell them they shouldn't make eye contact with your dog or interact with him. You may need to be just about as strict with your visitors as you are with your dog.

If you are consistent and behave as the pack leader in your home, then it will do a great deal toward getting rid of your dog's bad behaviors, especially jumping and being overly excited when people visit.

Take charge and show your dog how she should behave. If you are consistent with your dog and your visitors then this kind of bad behavior should disappear very quickly.

Until next time……

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Ice Cream Social Pictures—August 2014

"Five dogs and one puppy make a good party!!"

Larry Miller.

Cascade Annual Holiday Party & Membership Meeting

Date: Dec 14th
Time: 12:00– 4:00
Location: Win-Star
3602 112th Street East
Tacoma, WA 98446

Everyone is invited to bring family and swissy and join us
for an afternoon of fun and festivities.
Games, music, food, and more!

There will be a white elephant gift exchange.
Please bring a wrapped dog toy, price of gift not to exceed $15.00.

Lunch will be served around 1:00
More information on lunch and price to be sent out at a later date.

Please RSVP with number of people and dogs that will be attending to:
Matthew Vanouse- mcsoccer4@hotmail.com
Or Brittney Bartlett- Brittney.bartlett@yahoo.com

Directions to Windstar facility:
http://www.winstarbedandbiscuit.com/iframe/index.html

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

Results from the three day Western Regional Specialty Weekend in Pleasanton California. Cascade Club member's Swissys listed in bold, Cascade Club owners and breeders following in parenthesizes.

October 17, 2014

Friday

Judge: Robert Slay

- **BOB/Group 4: GCh Painted Mtn's Olaf the Viking Pirate** (Owned by Lisa Simonsen & Kathy Deyo, Bred by – Lisa Simonsen)
- **BOS:GCh RamsGate's Full Moon Rising** (Owned and Bred by Michele Slate & Toni Killpatrick)
- BOW:Trout Creek Cascade Summer Rain
- WD: Trout Creek Cascade Summer Rain
- **RWD: Northwood's Xpedition of Painted Mtn** (Owned by Rebecca & Gregory Martin, Bred by Lisa Simonsen)
- WB: Trout Creek Alice in Wonderland
- **RWB: Painted Mtn's H2O** (Owned and Bred by Lisa Simonsen)
- AOM: GCh Remington Pride of Knight
- AOM: GCh Wildest Dream Enchanted Sojourner
- **Select Dog: GCh Fire Dance Sudden Impact** (Owned and Bred Donna Zetterquist & Toni Killpatrick)
- **Select Bitch: Ch. Whispering Pine Aloha Kailani** (Bred by Toni Killpatrick)

October 18, 2014
Saturday

GSMDCA Western Regional Specialty results:

Sweepstakes
Judge: Christine Mann

- **BSW: Northwood's Xpedition of Painted Mtn** (Owned by Rebecca & Gregory Martin, Bred by Lisa Simonsen)
- **BOSSW: RamsGate's Just what the Dr. Ordered** (Owned and Bred by Michele Slate & Toni Killpatrick)
- **BVSW: Ch Ohlone Comet O Whispering Pine** (Owned and Bred by Toni Killpatrick)
- BOSVSW: GCH Cornerstone's Cool Hand Luke

Western Regional
Judge: Mardee Ward

- BOB/Group 3: BISS GCH Alpinez in Living Color
- **BOS: GCh RamsGate's Full Moon Rising** (Owned and Bred by Michele Slate & Toni Killpatrick)
- BOW: Trout Creek Cascade Summer Rain
- WD: Trout Creek Cascade Summer Rain
- **RWD: Northwood's Xpedition of Painted Mtn** (Owned by Rebecca & Gregory Martin, Bred by Lisa Simonsen)
- **WB: Painted Mtn's H20** (Owned and Bred by Lisa Simonsen)
- RWB: Suddenly Ham it up
- AOM/BV: GCh Cornerstone's Cool Hand Luke
- AOM: GCh Alpinez Pirates Gold
- **Select Dog: GCh Pained Mtn's Olaf the Viking Pirate** (Owned by Lisa Simonsen & Kathy Deyo, Bred by – Lisa Simonsen)
- **Select Bitch: Ch Whispering Pine Aloha Kailani** (Bred by Toni Killpatrick)
- **Best Bred By: Painted Mtn's H2O** (Owned and Bred by Lisa Simonsen)
- **Best Puppy: RamsGate's Just what the Dr. Ordered** (Owned and Bred by Michele Slate & Toni Killpatrick)
- **Best Amateur Owner Handler:** Ramsgate's Sparkler (Owned and Bred by Michele Slate & Toni Killpatrick)
- Stud Dog: GCh Trout Creek on a Roll
- **Brood Bitch: GCh Ramsgate's Diamond in the Rough** (Owned and Bred by Michele Slate & Toni Killpatrick)
- **Generations: GCh Pained Trout Grand Jury** (Owned by Michele Slate & Toni Killpatrick and Bred by Lisa Simonsen & Bonnie Huett)

Results from the three day Western Regional Specialty Weekend in Pleasanton California. Cascade Club member's Swissys listed in bold, Cascade Club owners and breeders following in parenthesizes.

October 19, 2014
Sunday

The GGGSMDC Supported Entry results for Sunday:

- **BOB: GCh RamsGate's Full Moon Rising** (Owned and Bred by Michele Slate & Toni Killpatrick)
- **BOS: Ch Northwoods Daddy O Enzo** (Bred by Rebecca Martin)
- **BOW: Snowy Mountain's Frankly my Dear** (Bred by Norman & DaLena Christensen)
- **WD: Snowy Mountain's Frankly my Dear** (Bred by Norman & DaLena Christensen)
- **RWD: Northwood's Xpedition of Painted Mtn** (Owned by Rebecca & Gregory Martin, Bred by Lisa Simonsen)
- WB: Alpinez Double Shot
- **RWB: Northwood's Blooming Moon Flower** (Owned and Bred by Rebecca & Gregory Martin)
- AOM: Ch Alpinez Invest in Gold
- AOM: GCh Alpinez Pirates Gold
- **Select Dog: GCh Painted Mtn's Olaf the Viking Pirate** (Owned by Lisa Simonsen & Kathy Deyo, Bred by – Lisa Simonsen)
- **Select Bitch: Ch Whispering Pine Aloha Kailani** (Bred by Toni Killpatrick)

All Swissy's are "Working Dogs".

If your swissy helps around your house let us know.

Please tell us your swissies special story
Have they earned a special title?

Do they keep your bed warm at night, help by being the family vacuum or do they help you cheer for your favorite team?

We want to hear all about it.

The story can be cute, funny or serious.
Please email or call me to share.
HelenKramlich@gmail.com

Dog's Bedtime Prayer

Now I lay me down to sleep,
The king-sized bed is soft and deep.
I sleep right in the center groove,
My human beings can hardly move.
I've trapped their legs,they're tucked in tight,
And here is where I pass the night.

No one disturbs me or dares intrude,
Til morning comes and "I want food!"
I sneak up slowly to begin,
And nibble on my human's chin.
For morning's here, it's time to play,
I always seem to get my way.

So thank you Lord, for giving me,
This human person that I see.
The one who hugs me and holds me tight,
And shares their bed with me at night.

WAYS & MEANS

The CGSMDC Ways & Means is pleased to announce & show you some of the newest products available for purchase through your GSMDC ways & means committee. Quantities are limited so get your today

This pretty little girl is "Blixie" she is sporting the newest "Cascade Swissy" collar. "Cascade Swissy" is embroidered on each collar along with the swiss cross. Don't worry boys there are colors for you as well.

Available in red, yellow, green & blue
Supplies are limited and they are going fast.

Price: $20.00 ea

All dogs, including our model "CJ" love their PVC framed dog beds. These are waterproof, easy to clean, extremely durable, flea free and may help to relieve joint pain from aging or arthritis.

Great for indoor or outside use.

Asst colors Price: $65.00

SOLD OUT but special orders available.

Light blue, men & womans short sleeve Polo shirts.

Price $22.00

We have a variety of styles of clothing, all sporting our club logo as seen below. There are men & women's polo shirts and denim shirts. We also have assorted styles of sweatshirts and T-shirts along with some other fun swissy related products.

Support your club and visit the Ways & Means table at the next event to see what they may have for you or contact Helen at HelenKramlich@gmail.com. to place an order

Long sleeve denim, both men & womans sizes.

Price: $25.00

All proceeds go to support the CGSMDC. These prices do not include shipping.

Help I don't like my dog!

By; Sue Mccabe,

Help, I don't like my dog!

Did you know the most common age of dogs dumped in shelters is between 9 and 14 months old? Did you know that the dogs I am most asked to help with are also within this age bracket? That's because teenage dogs are difficult to live with. Few books mention this and owners aren't expecting their cute 'puppy' to turn into a challenge.

The dreaded teens can result in dogs who refuse to respond to commands they knew well a few months before. Recall can become non-existent. Chewing & destruction-with bigger, stronger jaws can rear its ugly head. Confidence levels in your dog may result in challenging behavior with you,the owner, strangers or even other dogs. Hormones, vital for mental and physical maturity, can wreak havoc in your dog's brain and body. It's not his fault but it is annoying. You would be forgiven in the short termat least for admitting to not liking your dog much! It is a phase, it does pass and you can get though it with your relationship intact. Here's how.

Keep the crate!

Crating is a wonderful way to keep puppies secure and safeguard against bad chewing habits. But puppies have the attention span of a knat so the damage they do is usually little and often! Teenage dogs can work on one chewing project for up to an hour or more. To make matters worse, their jaws and teeth are much stronger than a puppy's razor sharp but relatively weak knashers. Offer plenty of consumables for your teenage dog to chew on (antlers, filled and frozen Kongs, dog safe roots, raw bones) but don't even consider getting rid of the crate until your dog is at least 15 months old. When you can't supervise, use your crate.

Use a long line for off leash time

Just like human teenagers, dogs of this age can get cocky and show their independence. They know the daily routine on walks. They know where you park your car at the start of the walk. If, like most pet owners, you do the same 4 or 5 walks all the time, they even know how to get home if lost. Owners can become less significant, than they were with a small, relatively insecure puppy whose social attraction was to his human. To reinforce the early training and remind your dog that it's always compulsory to come when called, use a long line for off leash time. Feed only the fastest and most enthusiastic recalls and surprise your dog with a high value jackpot on rare occasions (roast chicken).

Since teenagers can go off food as a reward at this stage-the environment is much more exciting-use the Premack Principle of learning, which teaches, if your dog does something you want (sits calmly by your side, comes to you when you call him, walks to heel etc.) he gets to do something he wants (explore the garden after a cat's been through, resume sniffing a grassy patch, running free, swimming, greeting a friend etc). Now train, retrain and train your recall again with no option for your teenage dog to ignore you or make the wrong decisions!

Walk with calm, well-adjusted adult dogs.

Teenage dogs become attracted to other dogs as potential mates, or potential competition, so interest in other dogs can peak at this time. Adult dogs tolerate all kinds of silly behaviour in puppies. From about 16 weeks however, dogs stop smelling like pups and start to smell like adults. From approx. 6 months, hormonal changes mean a dog who still displays rude or pushy social signals with other dogs is likely to get himself into serious trouble. Whether on or off leash, allowing your teenager to run up and greet every dog you meet is quite frankly dangerous.

So it's often a good idea until hormones calm down, to be extra careful on introductions with other dogs and avoid dogs you don't know. I also advise avoiding other younger dogs, as they rarely have the maturity to teach good social signals and will often wind your dog up, raising adrenalin levels and increasing the likelihood of out of control behaviour and fights. It's still vital to continue socialising your dog during this stage, so find several calm, indifferent, mature dog as walking buddies. Ones who will teach your teen good doggy manners and communication skills.

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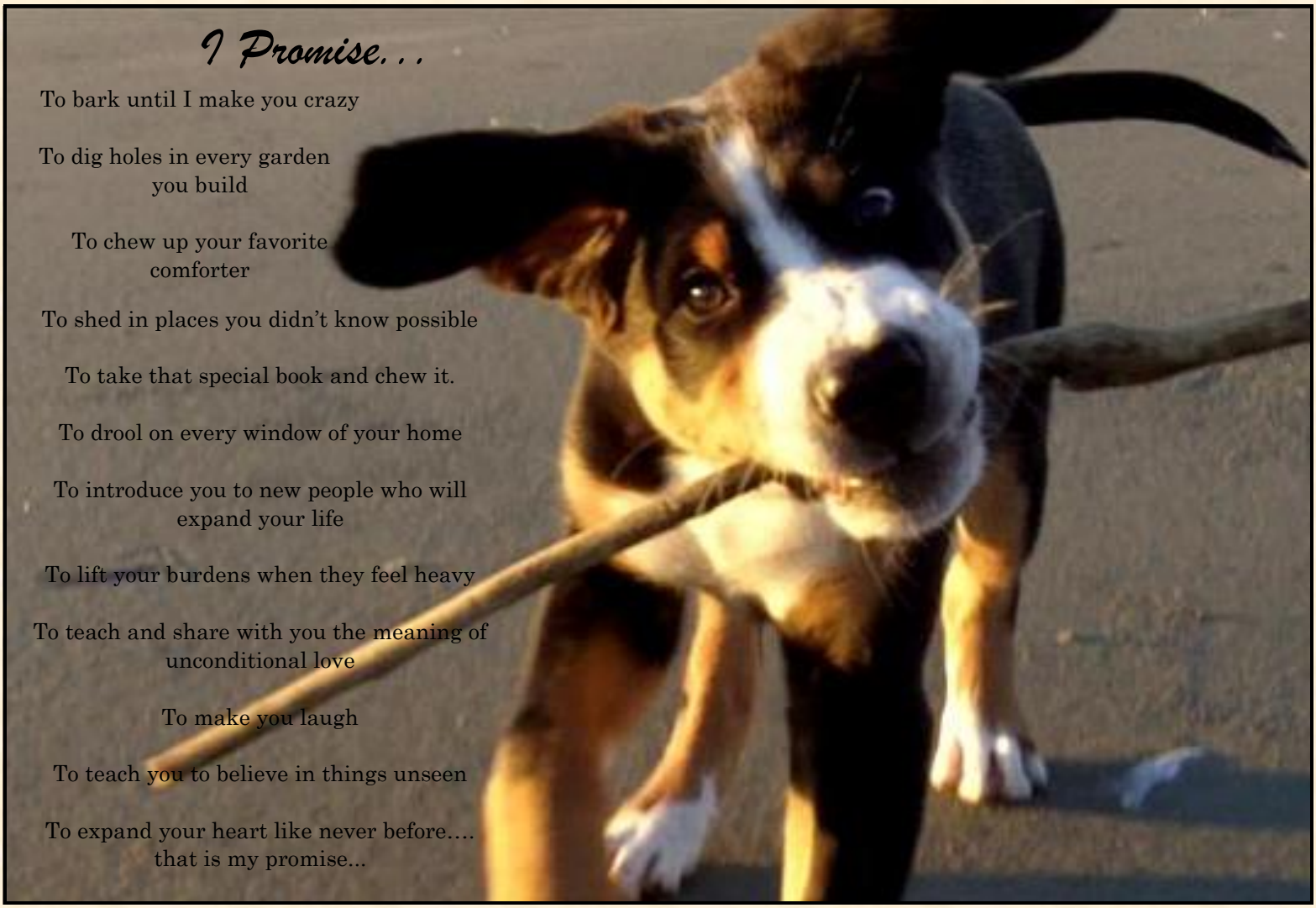
You will never make a friendly dog unfriendly by adding control to you greetings, Equally, you will never convince a shy or nervous dog to like humans by passing him around from person to person, or allowing strangers to loom over him or try to touch him. Would you enjoy being stroked by a stranger? Whichever personality your teenage dog has, added confidence at this age is likely to result in him getting into trouble when greeting strangers so it's important to teach an appropriate greeting.

Over-enthusiastic teenage dogs who are almost fully grown, could potentially really hurt someone if greetings are not controlled. In addition, some dogs I see can get pushy and certainly get a thrill out of physically moving people with their strength. Work hard on self-control so your dog learns manners. When on leash, teach 'I stop, you stop & sit' when people approach and offer high value rewards in the presence of strangers. This should outweigh your dog's desire to mug unsuspecting folk as they pass. If the distraction is too much, move further away and start again.

Shy or nervous dogs, who started off as puppies hiding behind their owners legs and backing away from things which worried them, often become confident enough during this teenage period, to actively tell strangers to 'back off'. It is your job, as the owner, to protect your dog so that they don't feel the need to protect themselves. On meeting strangers out and about, discourage any approach and don't allow people to touch your dog. Instead, teach your dog to sit calmly by your side or behind you, and feed extra tasty treats in the presence of strangers. Offering a food treat from the strangers hand, is a dangerous habit to get into, as some dogs will be torn between wanting the food, and getting too close to the scary person. Then when something they can't cope with happens-a hand tries to stroke them-they're close enough to bite!

Teenage dogs do grow up. By the time a bitch is 2 yrs old and a dog is 3yrs, they are usually fully mature and you'll breathe a sigh of relief that you've got them to that age without killing them, or having them kill themselves. It's a bit like teenage kids really, you're obliged to love them, but it's ok to not like them very much from time to time. Following the simple tips above should save your sanity, and improve your relationship with your dog. It's most definitely worth it!



The Health Benefits Of Coconut Oil For Dogs

By Dogs Naturally Magazine in Nutrition And Diet

Although supplements can be a confusing topic for many pet owners, most dog owners have heard of the benefits of feeding fish oils. There are however, a variety of oils that you can also use to your dog's benefit, each with different actions and benefits.

Coconut oil consists of more than 90% saturated fats, with traces of few unsaturated fatty acids, such as monounsaturated fatty acids and polyunsaturated fatty acids. Most of the saturated fats in coconut oil are Medium Chain Triglycerides (MCTs). The main component (more than 40%) of MCTs is lauric acid, followed by capric acid, caprylic acid, myristic acid and palmitic. Coconut oil also contains about 2% linoleic acid (polyunsaturated fatty acids) and about 6% oleic acid (monounsaturated fatty acids).

Most of the coconut oil benefits come from the MCTs. For example, the lauric acid in coconut oil has antibacterial, antiviral, and anti-fungal properties. Capric and caprylic acid have similar properties and are best known for their anti-fungal effects.

In addition, MCTs are efficiently metabolized to provide an immediate source of fuel and energy, enhancing athletic performance and aiding weight loss. In dogs, the MCTs in coconut oil balance the thyroid, helping overweight dogs lose weight and helping sedentary dogs feel energetic

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According to Dr. Bruce Fife, certified nutritionist and naturopathic doctor, coconut oil gently elevates the metabolism, provides a higher level of energy and vitality, protects you from illness, and speeds healing. As a bonus, coconut oil improves any dog's skin and coat, improves digestion, and reduces allergic reactions.

Fed regularly to pets, coconut oil may have multiple benefits:

Join in the fun!

Visit our club website for a list of upcoming events and for the latest pictures from all our adventures!

Www.cascadeswissyclub.com

For membership information on how to join the
Cascade Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club contact
us at cascadeswissyclub@gmail.com
Membership forms are located at the end of this newsletter or on the website.

You can also follow us on Facebook!
Cascade Greater Swiss Mt Dog Club
or
Join the Yahoo Group for on-line discussion with CGSMDC Members!

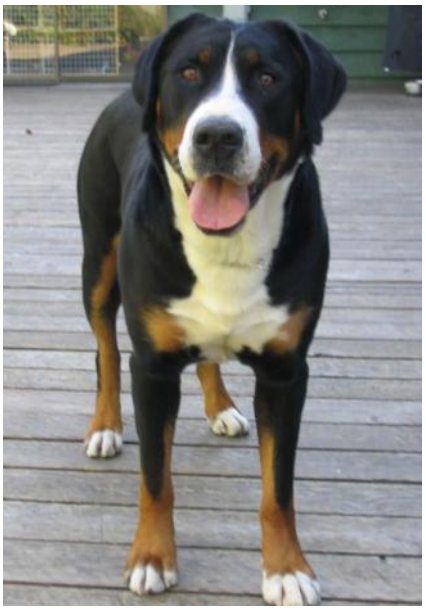
HAPPY 12th BIRTHDAY

PORTER & TIKI

These two lovely swissies are brother & sister.
They were born on October 12, 2002.
We hope they both had a very Happy Birthday!

Looking good for 12 yrs old!!!

Bred by: Lisa Simonsen
Painted Mountain Ranch



Porter

Tiki

Swissy V.I.P.

(Very Important Pup)

In Honor of Our Seniors And Their Many "Tails"

Ch. Painted Mtn's Inside Affair, ROM

Happy 10th "Scandal"!

DOB – August 2, 2004

Bred, Owned and Loved by:
Lisa & Glen Simonsen,
Painted Mountain Ranch

Scandal leaped into this world on August 2, 2004 and has never looked back! Scandal lives large and truly believes anything worth doing is worth doing at full tilt. She has been the "in-charge" dog at our home for so long I think she probably was bossing her littermates around in the whelping box.

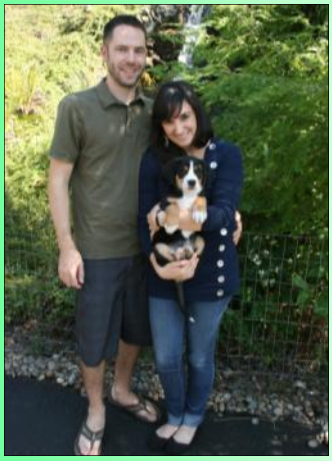
She has always had that special look and was a beautiful puppy and matured into a stunning adult. She had a very successful show career finishing her AKC Championship in January 2006 and going on to win BOS at the regional specialty in September 2006. However as successful as her own show career was she was surpassed by several of her offspring whose accomplishments include National Specialty wins, Regional Specialty wins, BOB at Westminster KC, BOB at the Eukanuba National Championship and some obtaining rankings in the Top 20 Swissys in the US. In 2012 her son Oliver was the Number 1 Swissy in the US. Scandal won best brood bitch at the 2009 National Specialty. Scandal produced 7 AKC Champion offspring in her two litters and earned the GSMDCA Register of Merit.

But as great as all of her "show stuff" has been, the job that she has been the absolute best at is being a fantastic furry family member. Scandal is just overflowing with character and she makes us laugh everyday with her exploits. We had a serious scare back in 2012 when Scandal was diagnosed with bone cancer and we were so afraid of losing her. However, she came through the treatment, which included amputation of a front leg, like the champion that she is and it has hardly slowed her down. Two years later now at 10 years of age she is still with us and we love every day that we have with her. Her vet calls her the miracle dog and so do we!

Meet RamsGate's newest additions

and their new families

The "Keep" Litter



Joel Heaps & Elaine Correia
RamsGate's Keep Me In Mind
"Geneva"

The proud parents are:

Mom: GCH RamsGate's Witchy Woman "Akeila"

&

Dad: CH Alpinez Invest In Gold "Gus"

Mari & Evan Ward
RamsGate's Keep On Keepin' On
"Liezl"

Born: 6/27/14

3 Boys & 4 Girls

Bred By:

Michele Slate

Kevin, Allison, Grace, Brooke, Margaret and Brendan O'Malley-
RamsGate's Keep The Faith "Kea"

Kate SullivanSan
RamsGate's Keep Your Eye On The Ball
"Jack"

Charlie Scheinost
RamsGate's Keeper Of The Flame
"Sudo"

Kirsten Williams
RamsGate's Keepsake
"Pearl"

Susan, Stephanie, Bryan & David Boliek
RamsGate's Keep Your Eye On The Prize
"Grizzly"

Michele Slate RamsGate Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs Sherwood, OR
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Summit Farms Chamelot's Dexter CGC

"Dexter"

Congratulations to Dexter

He earned his Canine Good Citizens

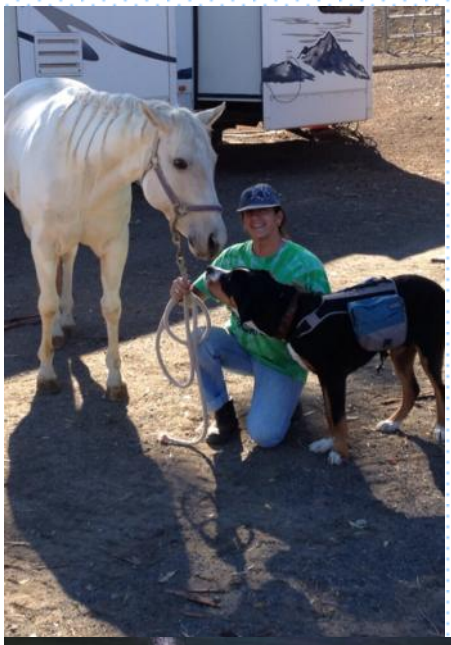
award in Ft Mason CA!

Born: April 5, 2012

Sire:
CH. Cordillera's Journeyman Kai

Dam:
Trout Creek's Abracadabra of Summit Farms

Loved & Owned By: Debbie Aparicio
Co owned & Bred By: Stuart & Helen Kramlich



We are very proud of our boy Dexter.
He passed his CGC in Ft Mason CA with flying colors.

Dexter spends his days working at his mom's small animal veterinary practice where he is the official swissy in charge. All of their staff and clients, both 4 legged and 2, love with Dexter.

When a frightened, hyper or aggressive patient comes in Dexter is called in to perform his miracles. His job is to stay calm and help the client calm down so they can get the care they need.

When he is not at work he spends his
days at his home or at the ranch with his mom Debbie, his best buddy Cricket the chihuahua and his favorite horse Windy.
Dexter loves running next to Windy when they are on a ride.

All of us at Summit Farms are happy to Introduce our little boy

"Obi"

Painted Mtns Heart of Africa at Summit Farms

Whelped: August 9, 2014

Sire: GCh. Ch. Painted Mtn's Olaf The Viking Pirate "Olaf"

Dam: Painted Mtn's Jepardy "Jep"

We are already smitten by little Obi.
His main job at this time, besides learning how to have bathroom etiquette, is to keep our girls on their toes.
He takes this job seriously and does it very well.
He is a sweet boy with tons of character.

Thanks Lisa for our little "Obi"….Obi in African Igbo means "heart" he already has ours so thought this was a fitting name. We already think he is a pretty special guy!!!

Owned and Loved By: Stuart & Helen Kramlich

Co-owned & Bred By: Lisa Simonsen Painted Mountain Ranch http://www.paintedswissys.com/

Fall for a Swissy!

Secretary Report: Debby Dodds

CGSMDC Meeting Minutes July 12th, 2014
Minutes Taken By Board of Director: Helen Kramlich

Board of Directors Meeting:

In Attendance: Rebecca Martin, DaLena Christensen, Helen Kramlich

Meeting was opened by Rebecca Martin.

There was a discussion on expanding the territory of our club to include Oregon area.

This has been discussed with AKC before. Our area includes Oregon, however meetings are to be held in the Seattle area, according to AKC. When approached before about expanding AKC has denied this. Rebecca offered to once again approach AKC with the idea.

No other business was discussed due to small attendance.

Rebecca motioned to adjourn, Helen K. seconded. Meeting was adjourned.

General Membership Meeting:

In Attendance: Coral & Bill Blind, Jim & Julie Franklin, Kelsy Havens, Jess Linford, Rebecca, Gregory & Warren Martin, Amy & Travis Baldwin, Pam & Karl Spens, Stuart & Helen Kramlich, DaLena Christensen, Mariel Kennison-Robertson

Rebecca Martin opened the meeting. She thanked everyone for coming and especially thanked the Franklins for another great job with organizing the BBQ.

Old News:

Membership renewals are currently in full swing. We were reminded to renew our memberships.

The Ice Cream Social is planned for Saturday August 23rd at Don & Debby Dodds home. We were reminded to please RSVP to them.

Helen K. reported on the Electronic newsletter and thanked all for sending some very cute photos. She also asked everyone to keep sending pictures and articles to help keep the newsletter fun and interesting.

New Business:

Everyone was reminded that the club President, Lisa Simonsen is looking for volunteers for the appointed positions. Anyone wanting to help with the club should contact Lisa S..

We are looking for more fun activities that we can do with our swissies. If anyone has an idea please let any board member know.

Rebecca M. motioned to close the meeting, Helen K. Seconded. Meeting was adjourned.

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

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Membership Chair: vacant

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

E-Newsletter: Helen Kramlich – helenkramlich@gmail.com

Ways & Means: Helen Kramlich – helenkramlich@gmail.com

Working Chairs: vacant

Rescue Chairs: Allison Allen - allikat81@gmail.com

Cascade Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club
Membership Application

Name (s)_____

Occupation_____

Address: Street, City, State, Zip_____

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Telephone (_____)_____ **E-Mail Address**_____

Tell us about your dogs. Breed(s), registered name (s), call name (s), titles, etc.

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Any information you wish to share (other club affiliations, interests, etc.) _____

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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.

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Signature **Date**

_____

Signature **Date**

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

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

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

Cascade Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club Member Guidelines

1. Members shall be aware at all times that the Club exists to protect the breed and that these aims are to be reflected in all activities involving the breed.
2. At home and while away from home at shows, lodging establishments, and public places, members will display good sportsmanship and conduct themselves in such a manner as to reflect favorably upon the CGSMDC and the breed.

Members shall:

a. Be diligent in the handling of their properly restrained GSMD/s to minimize the risk of trauma, danger, or nuisance to any human being or another animal.
b. Recognize their responsibility to protect the name and reputation of the breed.
c. Be respectful of all members and be sure that shared assessments of a member's GSMD are constructive.
d. Refrain from destructive criticism of another's dog and from personal attacks upon fellow members.

3. GSMD owners and their breeders are encouraged to remain in contact for advice and to update each other on the progress of parents and offspring.
4. Members are encouraged to seek the advice and assistance of experienced owners and to willingly educate and cooperate with each other.
5. Members agree to educate the public and to honestly represent the breed at all times. This includes making sure interested persons are aware of all general and genetic health problems. Members asked about the current/future availability of puppies should refer the public to the Club's Corresponding Secretary or the CGSMDC web site.
6. Members shall not sell or give away any GSMD/s for raffle prize purposes, or to any dog wholesalers, pet shops, other retailers, or laboratories (other than veterinary research facilities for the betterment of the breed).
7. If a member becomes aware of the maltreatment, misuse or need for relocation of any GSMD, they will notify any or all of the following for resolution of the problem: the breeder (if known), a Club member actively involved in GSMD rescue, a member of the Board of Directors, or the correct authorities in their area.
8. Members shall not use Club resources for personal or private gain, nor engage in conduct antithetical to the Club's purpose and/or integrity.
9. All GSMDs owned or in the care of members shall be given a healthy environment, good nutrition, and veterinary care as well as proper training that includes regular contact with people and exposure to the outside world.

a. No member's GSMD may be treated in an inhumane manner, abused, or subjected to any conditions likely to endanger the animal's life.
b. No member should have more GSMDs than their facilities can adequately hold.

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: _____