



E- Summit

Cascade Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club



CGSMDC Annual

Holiday Party

By: Matthew Vanouse

Hi Swissy owners everywhere, Happy New Years to you all and to your pups as well. The club ended the year the best way possible, with a festive room full of Swissies. Yes, the annual Swiss-mas party was a great success. In attendance were around 17 beautiful Swissies, displaying a wide chronology of our k-9's, from some of the breeds seemingly ageless wonders to the always spotlight stealing puppies (which as we know will dwarf their puppy prowess within months if not already). We had roughly thirty people either with Swissies or in the market. Everyone shared in some good food and camaraderie between each other and their Swissies, and hopefully made friends with some potential future owners. The typically entertaining games were also in full effect with prizes on top, we did end up with a tie in the puppy musical chairs. Although I have a feeling that every Swissy walked away tuckered out and happy with the little doggy treat bag that they received. Hopefully everyone got a Christmas card worthy photo from our holiday backdrop as well. And what would a Swiss-mas party be without a dog toy white elephant exchange. There were plenty of gifts to go around, and of course that moment when you think you've just snagged a great toy for your Swissy only to have it stolen right from your hands (in good fun of course). All in all a great gathering to cap the years end. Thank you all for coming and I hope that everyone had a great time at the party and look forward to seeing you all at the next Swissy event. Happy New Years and may your 2015 be full of Swissy love.



E-Summit 2015- Issue 1

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**Always Try To Be The
Person Your Dog
Thinks You Are.**

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These are picture from the 2014 annual Holiday Party!! Everyone had a blast. We hope to see you all next year! Until then have a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous 2015!



A Huge "Thank You " goes to

***Brittney Bartlett
&
Matthew Vanouse***

*for all their work in organizing
this great gathering!!*

President's Message: Lisa Simonsen

Greetings Members,

Happy New Year everyone! It seems like this year is starting very much as 2014 did, with the Seahawks heading back to the Super Bowl once again. If you haven't checked out the Cascade Club's Facebook page recently, click on over and see some of the pictures posted by Club Members of their Swissy Seahawk fan. Very cute! And of course if you have a hawk fan at your house take a picture and contribute to the page! All fingers and paws are crossed at our house for another Seahawk Super Bowl win.



We just had another wonderful Cascade Club holiday party in December, thanks to the hard work of Brittney Bartlett and Matthew Vanouse organizing the event. We had a good turnout of people and Swissys, with fun games, good food and lots of socializing. Helen Kramlich set up a photo backdrop and took pictures of all comers. I've included the picture here that Helen took of my husband Glen, me and our two newest Painted Mountain additions, Zoltan and Zenzi. You can see a bunch more pictures of this fun party within this newsletter. If you have yet to attend a Cascade Club function, you definitely should try for the next one, as we have a lot of fun!

The Board of Directors is currently working on a schedule of future activities for late winter and into the spring. Next up will be the Breed Education Booth in March which we have had in conjunction with the Seattle Kennel Club show for the past several years. We also have some Pack Hikes in the works and hopefully a herding clinic in the next several months. You will see details of these activities in the Summit as they become available, but also remember to check out the Club's Facebook page or our web site (www.cascadeswissyclub.com) for the most current on-going information. Feel free to send any suggestions that you might have for additional Club sponsored activities to the Board.

On a very sad note, the Swissy community and our Cascade Club lost a very dear friend when fellow Swissy owner Doreen Pesce suddenly passed away this past October. Doreen was a frequent participant in our Club events over the years and often contributed her wonderful Swissy pictures, that she took commemorating most holidays, to our newsletter. Even though Doreen lived in California she was a past member of the Cascade Club and could always be counted on to help out with anything that took a special creative talent, such as Specialty prizes, judges gifts and raffle prizes. Doreen loved her Swissys with a passion and had a truly generous heart when it came to helping out with anything that had to do with our magnificent breed. I'm sure she is at the rainbow bridge right now lining up those Swissys for a photo shoot! She loved photographing her Swissys and we loved seeing those fun pictures. Doreen will be missed by all, however we are blessed to have known Doreen and to have so many wonderful memories.



Swissys Forever,

Lisa

Winter Squash Dog Muffin Recipe

Squash is low in calories and a good source of fiber, which makes it a good pick for those dogs watching their waste-line. All dogs will appreciate the vitamin A, vitamin C, potassium, folate, omega 3 fatty acids and vitamins B1, B3, B5 & B6 in the squashes. To make this dog muffin recipe extra special, decorate with cream cheese dog treat frosting and watch your dog drool in anticipation.

Ingredients:

- 1 cup rolled oats
- 1 cup whole wheat flour
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon & 1 tsp ground ginger
- 1 1/2 cups winter squash, peeled and cubed
- 1/8 cup water
- 1 egg
- 1 tbsp corn oil
- 1/2 cup milk



Instructions:

1. Preheat the oven to 375° F
2. Whisk together the oats, flour, cinnamon and ginger.
3. Peel the squash and cut into 1 inch cubes.
4. Place in a bowl and add 1/8 cup of water. Microwave on high at one minute intervals until tender.
5. Drain the excess liquid, place the squash, egg, oil and milk into a blender.
6. Blend into a smooth puree, stirring when needed to keep the mixture moving.
7. Mix in dry ingredients and stir together until combined.
8. Spray a mini muffin pan with non stick cooking spray with flour.
9. Using a tablespoon sized cookie scooper, scoop generous amounts into each muffin cup.
10. Bake for 15 minutes. Then turn off the oven and let the muffins cool.

Storing - This dog muffin recipe will keep in the fridge for about two weeks. You can freeze them for later enjoyment for up to 6 months. To decorate, let them thaw, or come to room temperature first.

Yield - Using a mini muffin pan, you'll yield 24 little muffins.

Tips & Technics

- **Winter Squash** - Don't forget to scoop out any seeds from your squash. You can dry them for a healthy treat for your two legged family members. If you can't find winter squash, you can substitute it for pumpkin.
- **Be Cool** - Leaving the dog muffins in the oven after it's been turned off will help them to continue to bake and firm up. If your dog can't wait that long, you can cool them on a wire rack for 5 minutes in the pan, and then remove from the pan and cool completely on a wire rack.
- **Milk Sensitive Dogs** - For a dog that is sensitive to milk, you can use soy, almond or any lactose free milk.
- **Spices** - We prefer the flavor and health benefits of cinnamon and ginger for this dog muffin recipe. But, you can add or substitute ground cloves if you have it on hand. Do not use ground nutmeg or pumpkin pie spice that contains nutmeg as this is not a safe dog treat ingredient.
- **Large Dogs** - If you have a large dog, you can bake this dog muffin recipe in a regular muffin tin with 12 muffin cups. We like the mini muffin tin because the size is perfect for most dogs, and the smaller the dog treat, the more times you can spoil your dog with a healthy homemade dog treat.

This dog muffin recipe makes a dense and delicious winter treat. Warm for 5 seconds in the microwave for a slightly warm and aromatic homemade dog treat. These muffins won't rise very much in the muffin tin, so for variety you could place rounded scoops on a baking sheet, flatten and turn them into hearty squash dog cookies.



Seattle's Meet The Breed

**The Cascade Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club
is looking for volunteers for our
Meet the Breed Booth
at the upcoming Seattle Kennel Club Dog Show
March 7th & 8th at Century Link Field Event Center.**

**This is always a fun event to attend.
There will be conformation, agility, obedience & rally to enjoy
and there is always plenty of shopping.
There is always a wide range of vendors that attend.**

**This is a great place to socialize your swissy.
It's lots of fun and a great time is always had by all.
The dogs love all the attention they get.**

**We could use your help for a few hours throughout the weekend.
We need people for both days.
It's easy to help. All you need to do is talk to visitors about your swissy.**

**Shifts are for 2-3 hours from 8:00am – 4:00pm.
You can volunteer for as many shifts as you would like.
If you have a specific time you can help out, let us know and we'll do our
best to accommodate your needs.**

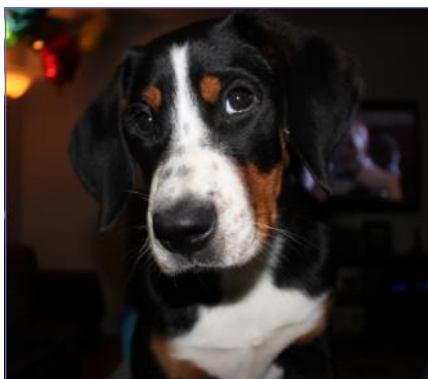
**If you would like to volunteer to help out at the
Seattle breed booth please contact**

Jim & Julie Franklin at oreolu@aol.com

**There will also be a CGSMDC membership meeting on Saturday at the breed booth following
the conformation ring time.**

Cascade GSMDC Breeders

Reminder to all GSMD Breeders, please invite all your new puppy owners to join the Cascade Club. If you are a breeder that is a CGSMDC member in good standing all your first time new puppy buyers are eligible to get a free year as an associate member!



Face it friends~ nobody on this Earth, will love you more, be more patient with your mood swings, or keep your secrets better than your swissy.

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24 Hrs. a day
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(A consultation fee may be charged)

For a poison emergency
in the U.S. call AAPCC
American Association of
Poison Control Centers

1-800-222-1212



WAYS & MEANS

The CGSMDC Ways & Means is pleased to show you some of the newest products available for purchase through your GSMDC ways & means committee.

Quantities are limited so get yours today



“I Wish My Dog Had A Snooze Button”

Coffee Mugs

Price: \$11.00 ea



Long Sleeved Hoody:

Price: \$35.00



Blk/Wh T Shirt
For the Kids

Price:
\$16.00



Fleece Vest

Price \$30.00

We have a variety of styles of clothing, many sporting our club logo as can be seen here. There are men & women's polo shirts and denim shirts. We also have assorted styles of sweatshirts, vests 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

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

2015 Cascade Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Pack Hikes

By Patrick Stanton

I am planning on setting up a series of pack hikes during the upcoming 2015 spring-summer & fall for members who are interested. The first event is being planned for June 13th. We will be sending out more details as they are finalized.

The first event will probably be a 10 mile hike along the John Wayne trail starting at Rattlesnake Ridge and heading east 5 miles before turning back to complete the loop. This hike is along an old railroad grade which makes a gradual climb heading east - which will make the return a little bit easier as it is down the same gentle grade.

Details on the John Wayne trail are here: 1p40p3gwj70rhpc423s8rzjaz.wpengine.netdna-cdn.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/John-Wayne-Pioneer-Trail.png.

We are considering moving east with each pack hike (i.e., start at Rattlesnake for hike 1, Olallie State Park for hike 2, McClellan Butte for hike 3, and Annette Lake for hike 4 (which goes through a long tunnel at Snoqualmie Pass) pretty much wiping out the entire trail from North Bend to Snoqualmie Pass - but lets see.

I would like to gauge peoples interest in attending on the 13th of June for the first hike - probably one hike a month after that with a target for four over the spring-summer & fall. I picked a date a few months out for getting some decent weather and giving everyone enough time to get their dogs in shape.

Anyone can join, the price will be \$5.00 per member \$10.00 non member. One dog is allowed per person. You will need to provide your own sack lunch and water for you and your dog.

If you are interested in earning a title for your dog you can find more details on getting a pack title is under this link www.gsmdca.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/GSMDCA-Pack-Hike-Rules-and-Regulations.doc.

Please email me @ pcstanton@gmail.com if you are interested. I will need to register the hike and get a few things in order. Prior to the hike you will need to fill out a handler entry and have your dog weighed before the hike to get the pack weights correct if you are going for a title.

Please read the following information on training your dog for the event. See here for a recommended prep program to get ready:

www.gsmdca.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/Training-Tips-for-a-Pack-Dog-Event.pdf

Email Patrick Stanton at pcstanton@gmail.com if you are interested or have any questions. I will send out more details later.

No Fighting, No Biting—Dogs Don't Always Get Along

By: Eric Brad

It's a fact of life that not everyone gets along with everyone else. Humans measure our own civility by our ability to coexist, using what we call "manners." We shouldn't be surprised that our dogs have a similar code of conduct that they adhere to when interacting with other dogs. But do we really understand or even recognize dog manners when we see them?

Like humans, dogs are social animals and a normal, healthy dog will require regular social interaction to be well adjusted and happy. We share a need for companionship and play with our dogs. As humans, we are raised to learn and use a number of social cues and etiquette to help us communicate and understand each other's intentions and emotions. Given our different physiology and thought processes, teaching dogs how to interact with other dogs using human etiquette seems silly.

Show Me, Don't Tell Me

Dogs don't have the human capacity for complex language. They do, however, have an amazingly complex and effective set of visual signals they use to communicate with each other. Veterinarian Bonnie Beaver describes three types of communication dogs use with each other in her book *Canine Behavior: A Guide for Veterinarians*.

When interacting with other dogs, my Tiramisu might display Distance-Reducing Signals in order to encourage another dog to come closer and interact, perhaps to play. She might display Distance-Increasing Signals in order to get another dog to back off and give her space or leave her alone. Or she might display Ambivalent Signals, a mixture of both Distance-Reducing and Distance-Increasing signals because she is uncertain about a given situation.

Most of us are familiar with the most common Distance-Reducing Signals: the lowered head with open and relaxed mouth, the play bow with rear end high and tail wagging excitedly, pawing playfully at the air. We should also be familiar with the most common Distance-Increasing Signals: the fixed stare that says "don't come any closer", the "frozen" body posture, closed tight mouth, lowered ears and weight rocked forward on the front paws. You might be surprised at the speed at which dogs can both read and display such signals. Entire "conversations" between dogs can happen in a matter of one or two seconds, almost beyond the ability of the average person to follow.

Meeting and Greeting

Remember, dogs are a scavenger species — so meeting another dog while out foraging in the wild could be a dicey proposition. After all, that other dog could be a competitor for your next meal. Humans usually approach each other head on, making eye contact and often extending a hand in friendship. Dogs generally approach each other cautiously and indirectly, averting their gaze and avoiding prolonged eye contact to reduce any threat or challenge. Dogs also want to sniff each other because so much of a dog's world is made up of smells. And the best smells seem to come from up close.

This is where all that visual communication plays its part. In order to get a good sniff, you have to get pretty close to that other dog. But that other dog may indeed be a competitor for some resource (e.g., food, toys, etc.). So dogs will use their body signals to communicate their intentions and preferences.

Just like humans in verbal conversation, our dogs "listen to" and respond to each other's physical and vocal signals to manage their interactions. They have "conversations" of their own.

Often these interactions are difficult for humans to see because we don't recognize the subtlety in canine signals. In a matter of seconds dogs can seem to become instant play buddies or mortal enemies before we even know it.

Disagreements

One of the most fascinating aspects of dog communication for me is how dogs settle disagreements. We have had some pretty dynamic “personalities” in our Belgian Shepherds and they have given us a wealth of experience watching their interactions.

Vince and Mario had a difficult relationship. Vince didn’t much like Mario and Mario adored Vince. As you can imagine, that dynamic led to more than its share of disagreements between the two dogs. Mario liked to gaze adoringly at Vince. It was a soft look, not a hard challenging stare. But this annoyed Vince and he would let Mario know.

In Vince’s case, it began with an averted gaze and a low rumble in the back of his throat. If Mario didn’t back off, it would escalate to a growl, then a lowered head and a bark, then a snarl with bared teeth. On a few occasions, it escalated to what we would call a “fight” but what is, in reality, just another way dogs communicate.

Fight!

Dogs can look pretty ferocious if they get into fights with other dogs. It’s remarkable how infrequently these “fights” actually result in real injury to either dog. One of the biggest surprises for me in learning about dogs is that this lack of injury is not an accident.

I remember attending a seminar put on by author and dog trainer Suzanne Clothier. During one session Clothier showed a video of two German Shepherds “fighting”, and it was difficult to watch. The two dogs reared up and clashed, snarling and snapping at each other with fearsome speed. Although it seemed to go on for some time, it was over in a couple of minutes. Clothier then showed us the same video at half speed and pointed out a couple of impressive facts

First, she explained that most dogs can bite three to seven times per second! That’s faster than any human could react fast enough to intervene. But the second and more astonishing fact was that these two dogs were missing each other **ON PURPOSE!** Suddenly what looked like an all-out brawl turned into a high speed dance, well choreographed and executed with precision.

In her web site article “He just wants to say Hi!”, Clothier explains that dogs do have a sense of personal space and they sometimes do take exception to having that space invaded without invitation. Apparently dogs can be rude to each other just as humans can. But dogs don’t have the ability to say, “Excuse me, would you mind backing off a bit there pal?” Instead they growl, bark, snap, or lunge out. In other words, they present some pretty overt Distance-Increasing Signals.

Great Expectations

So why do we expect all dogs to be delighted to see each other? I can’t tell you how often I’ve encountered an off-leash dog barreling down on me and my dog at the park. In the distance, the owner waves and yells, “He’s friendly!” to which I usually reply, “Mine isn’t!”

I say this not because my dog is unfriendly but because I think it’s unfair to expect my dog to remain calm with a strange dog running at her full speed and, being on a leash with me, having no way to escape. I think you or I would be defensive in such a situation too.

Given how much of dog-to-dog interaction is misunderstood by humans, the kindest thing we can do for our dogs is to minimize the chances of them getting in trouble by managing their situations. My girl Tiramisu can be very reactive when dogs invade her personal space without permission. All of the snapping and snarling is not designed to inflict damage on the other dog, it’s meant to get them to back off.

Don’t Punish Good Communication

Dogs are very good at letting each other know what’s on their minds. An unwanted encounter can be handled with a grumble, a growl, a stare, a snarl, or even an air-snap. “Just back off!” is the message. And the escalation is calculated and purposeful. Dogs are as emphatic as they need to be to get their point across. There’s just one problem — humans often misunderstand and disapprove of many of these signals especially if there is a “fight” involved. And that’s where things can go terribly wrong.

Many owners try to keep their dog from expressing the natural signals that signal they do not want another dog near them. That can be dangerous. By asking the dog to stifle the early, lower-intensity warning signals, we ask them to stay silent until they can stand it no longer.

Instead of being permitted to go through a natural progression from low growl to snarl to stare to bark to air snap and so on, the dog restrains himself (for fear of punishment) until he can no longer contain his discomfort. Now, instead of the stranger dog getting plenty of warning to stay away, they approach quite close until finally Fluffy snaps and goes off in a flurry of barking and snapping.

Every dog is different and each has his or her own preferences for meeting strangers, play, and how close they prefer other dogs. Just like with humans, early socialization and positive experiences with other dogs and even other humans can go a long way toward helping your dog feel comfortable around others. But understanding that your dog may be uncomfortable in certain situations can go a long way.

Don't be too quick to label a dog as "aggressive" when they may just be under-socialized, sick, or nervous in a new situation. We've bred our dogs to be our companions. They are good communicators and are social animals. They are doing their best to get along.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

**March 7th & 8th
Breed Booth
Seattle Kennel Club Dog Show**

**March 7th
Membership meeting
Seattle Kennel Club Dog Show**

**April 30th
E-Summit Newsletter Issue 2 mailed out**

**April 24th
E-Summit Newsletter deadline for all content**

**June 13th
Pack Hike
John Wayne Trail**

Swissy V.I.P.

(Very Important Pup)

In Honor of Our Seniors And Their Many "Tails"

Happy 10th Birthday

TAVI!!!

CH Painted Mtn Rikki-Tikki-Tavi

DOB – January 25, 2005

Owned and Loved by: Don & Debby Dodds

Bred By: Lisa & Glen Simonsen,
Painted Mountain Ranch



Tavi was born at Painted Mountain Ranch and spent her first years as a show dog, earning her Championship title in no time. She then went on to have a couple of beautiful litters and raised many more champions. She has always been a great girl and a wonderful mom.

Following her illustrious career at Painted Mountain Ranch, Tavi retired in 2011 with thoughts everyone has when they retire.... *What do I get to do now???*

She selected Don and Debby Dodds as her family with whom she would spend her retirement years.... In addition to working with Debby to arrange the Dodds' household to meet her every need, travel has offered Tavi new opportunities and vistas – major trips have included an annual week in January on the Oregon Coast, a tour of Vancouver Island in 2014 where she rode no less than 14 ferries and most recently a 4000 mile round trip to celebrate Thanksgiving in Minnesota with extended family. When at home, Tavi relaxes on one of her four beds, searches out someone for scratches/scratches and treats, and greets everyone coming to her door with a great welcoming BA-ROOO. Tavi knows that her charm, companionship and foolishness brings to Don and Debby more joy and love than they ever imagined. Happy Birthday Tavi!!



Olaf

Gch. Painted Mtn's Olaf the Viking Pirate



Handsome Mr. Olaf finished up 2014 as the #7 Greater Swiss Mountain Dog in the nation in both the Breed and All Breed rankings. All owner handled!

What a fun ride!

Olaf is loved , bred and presented by - Lisa Simonsen

Co-owned by—Kathy Deyo

www.paintedswissys.com

Summit Farms Ziva David RN



Congratulations Ziva

**For earning your
rally novice title!!!**

Born: 5/16/13

Loved, Owned & Bred By:

Stuart & Helen Kramlich

Mom: Summit Farm Anika "Anika"

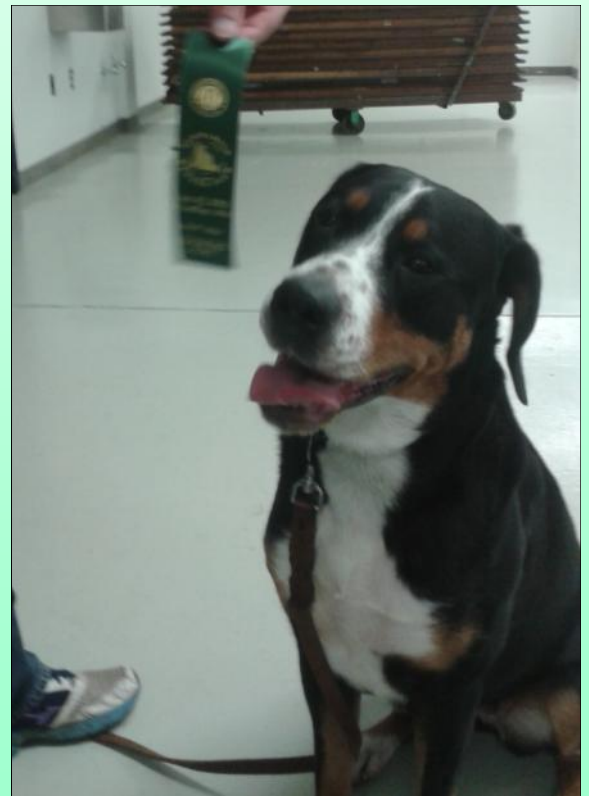
Dad: GCH CH Shadetrees Xango "Stevie"

Ziva earned her Rally Novice Title in 3 straight days. She earned her score with flair when she decided to play bow to the audience and the judge. But through the laughter she managed to complete all of the stations that awaited her and earned passing scores.

This little girl has kept us hopping since the first day she was born. She keeps us laughing with her antics and silly joyful personality. She loves life and puts her fun spirit into everything she tries. It could be catching the skunk in the yard, digging up the elusive mole or making the opossum play opossum. Life is never dull with Ziva around.

We look forward to watching her as she continues in her Rally career. She has also started in conformation but has taken a step away until she gets older.

We look forward to all the fun ahead of us with Ziva!



CH Snowy Mountain's Deep Space Wookie RN CGC

September 2010 - November 2014

*Wookie: daughter of Ruby, daughter of Truly, daughter of Kendra, daughter of Jewels, daughter of Ember.
You were true and good, BOLD and FAITHFUL, a WILLING WORKER, always ALERT and VIGILANT.*

Our daughter, our friend.



Owned and Loved by Holly and Jeff Webb, RODEO
www.rodeoswissy.com

Bred by Norman and DaLena Christensen, and Bob and Debbie Erickson

Born and Forever at Rest at Snowy Mountain Farms

Secretary Report: Debby Dodds

General Membership Meeting – December 14, 2014

In Attendance: Amy & Travis Baldwin; Julie, Lauren & Nathaniel Kott; Patrick, Courtney & Ryan Stanton; Lisa & Glen Simonsen; Brittney Bartlett & Matthew Vanouse; Stuart & Helen Kramlich; Sandy & Bob James; Don Rudee; Hayes & Linda Holman; Phillip & Bridget Bush; Don & Debby Dodds; Lisa & Michael Silk

Lisa Simonson opened the meeting. She thanked everyone for coming (30 people including kids and visitors plus 17 dogs) and especially thanked Brittney Bartlett and Matthew Vanouse for their great job organizing the Holiday Party.

Reports:

Debby Dodds reported out the minutes taken by Helen Kramlich at the General Membership Meeting held July 12, 2014.

Don Rudee reported out the club's current financial statement. The club's second quarter balance as of December 14, 2014 is \$13,913.09.

Lisa reported the current membership in the club is 59 memberships. She is presently filling the Membership committee slot and requested any volunteers to step forward. Amy Baldwin volunteered to take on the job of recruiting new members. Thank you Amy!

Helen reported that the next newsletter would be going out in January 2015. She invited everyone to submit pictures, articles and information of interest that could be enjoyed by the club. The deadline for submission is January 1, 2015.

Helen and Lisa also invited everyone to check out the club website and submit their cute Swissy photos for inclusion on the site.

Helen invited everyone to take a look at the terrific items on display at the party for purchase from the Ways and Means Committee. She also reminded us that we are looking for a volunteer to manage this important committee.

New Business:

The club will participate in the breed education booth at the upcoming Seattle show, March 6 and 7. A big thank you to Jim and Julie Franklin who will again take the lead in setting up and attending the booth throughout the show. Lisa and others encouraged everyone to think about participating – it is a great way to meet people who love our dogs and to socialize your Swissy. Anyone interested in helping either with upfront organization or actual attendance at the show should let Jim and Julie Franklin (oreolu@aol.com) know. Helen will have more information in the upcoming newsletter.

Lisa also led a discussion about other opportunities for breed education that the club might participate in throughout the year, such as local "Pet Palooza" types of events.

Helen reported that the club is looking into organizing a herding clinic in the Tacoma/Olympia area. This would be scheduled in late spring / early summer - more details to follow. There was also general discussion about other activities including possible pack hikes. Everyone agreed it is fun to get together and we need to be looking for more activities. No action was taken but folks were encouraged to step forward to help.

Lisa led a general discussion on when / where the next meeting would be held. The Board would be discussing the 2015 meeting calendar. She asked for volunteers to help with meeting planning and set up. Sandy James offered a big thank you to all of the people who have served on the Board and worked in planning events such as our Holiday Party.

Lisa motioned to adjourn the meeting, Helen Seconded. Meeting was adjourned.

Secretary Report: Debby Dodds

Board of Directors Meeting – December 14, 2014

In Attendance: Lisa Simonsen, Helen Kramlich, Don Rudee, Patrick Stanton, Matthew Vanouse, Debby Dodds
Meeting was opened by Lisa.

Secretary Report.

Debby presented minutes from the July 12, 2014 Board of Directors Meeting and the General Membership Meeting. These minutes had been previously approved by the Board via the Online Bulletin Board.
Board of Directors Meetings – Online Bulletin Board Report out (Note these were not provided at the meeting and are appended with this report.)

Lisa made the motion to eliminate the category of international membership and instead allow international individuals to join the Cascade Club under an Associate Membership, which currently has a membership due amount of \$15/year. Motion was passed with 6 Yes votes.

Lisa opened the online discussion to determine the Club's appointed positions and committees for the next two years.

Breeder Resources - Lisa Simonsen, continue
E-Summit Newsletter - Helen Kramlich, continue
Membership Chair – UPDATE – Amy Baldwin volunteered
Public Education Chairs - Jim & Julie Franklin
Rescue Chairs - Allison Allen – ask to continue
Working Co-chairs – to be determined
Web Site Committee - Allison Allen (Chair), Don Rudee, Helen Kramlich, all continue
Ways & Means - Helen Kramlich, continue; Debby Dodds to assist

Lisa made the motion to approve the Club's 2014 Ice Cream Social to be held at Debby & Don Dodd's home on August 23rd with budget for food/drinks and \$50 for an additional insured endorsement on our insurance policy. Helen seconded the motion and it passed with 8 Yes votes.

Treasurer Report.

Don presented current financial statement as provided at General Membership Meeting. As part of general discussion, Lisa provided Board with background on where the club funds are held. Board decided to close the Harborstone Credit Union account and transfer all funds to the Club's new checking account at BECU.

Membership Report.

Lisa led a discussion about the ongoing program, which offers a free one-year associate membership to new owners purchasing a Swissy from a Cascade Club Member Breeder. Presently, we have 59 memberships, 19 of which are held by new puppy owners. The roll over rate has not been that great but with a new membership chair we may be able to improve this rate. Helen will put a reminder into the newsletter to remind all club breeders about the free year program and we will review periodically. Patrick motioned that we continue the program, Don seconded. Unanimous approval.

Old Business:

No update on the Board's discussion with AKC about expanding Club geographic area to include Oregon. Lisa will check with Rebecca on her progress towards re-approaching AKC regarding previous determination.

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Secretary Report: Debby Dodds

Continued report

New Business:

Lisa reminded Board to check the online bulletin board more regularly. We need timely participation for actions requiring Board votes. The following two actions were voted on.

Lisa reviewed the Board's online bulletin board discussion regarding the club's general liability insurance. Lisa motioned that we go with RV Nuccio as our provider with an annual premium of \$315. Helen seconded. Unanimous approval.

Lisa reviewed the Board's online bulletin board discussion regarding the club's domain name, www.cascadeswissclub.com. Our website is run through Weebly, which provides the web builder software and hosting for free. However, they cannot provide us with our own domain name. Lisa motioned that the club's domain name continue under her account at bluehost with a one-year renewal of \$14.99. Patrick seconded. Unanimous approval.

Lisa led a discussion on 2015 General Membership meetings and Board meetings. The Board decided that the next General Membership Meeting would be in March. Board meetings will be held in conjunction with other Club events or local dog shows.

Helen led a discussion on holding a herding clinic for our membership in May / early summer near Olympia or Gig Harbor, WA. Helen and Lisa will get additional information for the Board to consider.

The Board decided not to send Holiday cards.

The Board discussed how the club can become more active in regional shows through a club specialty and/or supported entries. Given the commitment and planning required, the supported entry is probably a good place to start. Consideration will be given to having a supported entry in 2015, possibly with the Working Group Show in Centralia.

Lisa led a discussion on how to get members more involved in activities through education. Initial thoughts to be further developed include a "puppy party".

Patrick motioned to adjourn the meeting. Matthew seconded. Meeting was adjourned.

Join in the fun!

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

[Www.cascadeswissclub.com](http://www.cascadeswissclub.com)

For membership information on how to join the
Cascade Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club contact
us at cascadeswissclub@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!**

Visit groups.yahoo.com/group/CascadeSwissyClub/



The Cascade Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club (CGSMDC) is a group of Swissy loving folks who enjoy working with, playing with, and just plain spoiling their Swissy!

The CGSMDC was formed on January 17, 1998, with nine founding members. During the first meeting held in Portland Oregon, seven of the nine members were immediately drafted into Officer/Director positions! Within a few months, membership increased to 27 members.

Today the club continues to grow with new members .

The main objectives of the club are :

- ***To encourage and promote quality breeding of the purebred GSMD, and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection.***
- ***To urge members and breeders to accept the standard of the breed as approved by the AKC as the only standard of excellence by which the GSMD shall be judged.***
- ***To do all in its power to protect and advance the interest of the breed. To encourage sportsmanlike conduct at dog events and encourage goodwill, support and cooperation among GSMD owners and fanciers.***
- ***To conduct sanctioned matches and specialty shows and other AKC events for which the club is eligible under the Rules and Regulations of The American Kennel Club.***
- ***To provide a source of information to GSMD owners and the interested public.***

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CGSMDC members are encouraged to submit for publication articles, letters, photos, recipes, cartoons or advertisements of your Swissy's accomplishments. Advertisements are complimentary for CGSMDC members, provided that such advertisement is limited to subjects which do not confer direct financial benefit to the member (such as "for sale" ads). Please contact the Editor for non-member rates.

The CGSMDC through the E-Summit Editor, retain the right to edit all submissions for length, content, layout and number of submissions per member. Preferred method of receiving pictures is in jpeg format and articles in Word.

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

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Membership Chair: vacant

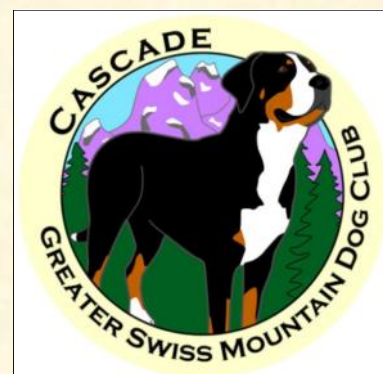
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Working Chairs: vacant

Rescue Chairs: Allison Allen - allikat81@gmail.com



Cascade Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club

Membership Application



Name (s) _____

Occupation _____

Address: Street, City, State, Zip _____

Telephone (_____) _____ E-Mail Address _____

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

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

Membership Level (*While membership is unrestricted as to residence, the Cascade Greater Swiss Mountain Dog strongly encourages members outside of the Greater Seattle area to apply for Associate Membership*)

Applicants for all levels must be at least 18 years of age. Ownership of a GSMD is required for all voting levels. All New Individual and Family Membership applications must be supported by two sponsors who are currently voting members in good standing of the CGSMDC. All memberships receive our quarterly newsletter and an invitation to join the club listserv!

Family (2 Votes) - \$30 []

Associate (non-voting) - \$15 []

Individual (1 Vote) - \$20 []

Out of Country (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 ****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.cascadeswissclub.com/membership-renewal.html>

Cascade Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club Member Guidelines

1. Members shall be aware at all times that the Club exists to protect the breed and that these aims are to be reflected in all activities involving the breed.

2. At home and while away from home at shows, lodging establishments, and public places, members will display good sportsmanship and conduct themselves in such a manner as to reflect favorably upon the CGSMDC and the breed.

Members shall:

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

3. GSMD owners and their breeders are encouraged to remain in contact for advice and to update each other on the progress of parents and offspring.

4. Members are encouraged to seek the advice and assistance of experienced owners and to willingly educate and cooperate with each other.

5. Members agree to educate the public and to honestly represent the breed at all times. This includes making sure interested persons are aware of all general and genetic health problems. Members asked about the current/future availability of puppies should refer the public to the Club's Corresponding Secretary or the CGSMDC web site.

6. Members shall not sell or give away any GSMD/s for raffle prize purposes, or to any dog wholesalers, pet shops, other retailers, or laboratories (other than veterinary research facilities for the betterment of the breed).

7. If a member becomes aware of the maltreatment, misuse or need for relocation of any GSMD, they will notify any or all of the following for resolution of the problem: the breeder (if known), a Club member actively involved in GSMD rescue, a member of the Board of Directors, or the correct authorities in their area.

8. Members shall not use Club resources for personal or private gain, nor engage in conduct antithetical to the Club's purpose and/or integrity.

9. All GSMDs owned or in the care of members shall be given a healthy environment, good nutrition, and veterinary care as well as proper training that includes regular contact with people and exposure to the outside world.

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

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____



Optional Information

Areas of Interest:

Obedience	<input type="checkbox"/>	Conformation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Agility	<input type="checkbox"/>
Breeding Info	<input type="checkbox"/>	Breed Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pack Dog	<input type="checkbox"/>
Weight Pull	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fun Activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	Herding	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rescue	<input type="checkbox"/>	Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Draft Work	<input type="checkbox"/>

Will Volunteer to Assist With:

Rescue	<input type="checkbox"/>	Working Events	<input type="checkbox"/>	Specialty/Supported Entries	<input type="checkbox"/>
Annual BBQ	<input type="checkbox"/>	Holiday Party	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social Events	<input type="checkbox"/>
Newsletter	<input type="checkbox"/>	Web Site	<input type="checkbox"/>	Club Management	<input type="checkbox"/>
Breed Booths	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ways & Means	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Education	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: _____