



E-Summit

Cascade Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club

CGSMDC Holiday Party 2015!

The annual Club Holiday Party was held this year on December 13, 2015, at Winstar Bed & Biscuit in Puyallup, WA. The gathering was a bit smaller than we have seen in previous years, however that did not stop everyone from having a wonderful time. Perennial game favorites of sock racing and musical hula hoops were played to the delight of all involved.



Julie Franklin and her talented Swissy Shay showed everyone how it was done by planting her bottom (Shay's that is, not Julie's) without fail in the center of that Hula hoop.

In the sock race Bruce Detore and his baby boy Brutus finished the sock race in front with all his socks on, although several resocking stops midrace were necessary to accomplish that feat!

After the games were played we got down to the serious business of a white elephant dog toy exchange. Much consternation and laughter followed as toys were stolen back and forth until a few Swissies could no longer wait and took matters into their own paws by grabbing a toy for their own.

A short club meeting was held, concluding with a very interesting presentation by Jim Franklin on the ins and outs of competing with Swissies in AKC obedience and Rally competitions.

Thank you to Bruce Detore for arranging the yummy lunch and to Elaine Engelman for obtaining game prizes and take home snacks for all the Swissy participants! And thanks to all the participants for a very fun Swiss-mas Day!

Check out the pictures from the party on page 4.

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To err is human ~

to forgive canine.

~ Unknown

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President's Message: Lisa Simonsen

Greetings Members,

Hope everyone is having a good start to the New Year with their Swissy! The recent PNW weather seems to be ever changing, sometimes it seems like winter and sometimes like spring all within the same day. However, with our wash and wear dogs most weather is not much of a hindrance to having a good time for a Swissy. They just want to be out and about with their owner. That is unless it is pouring rain and then at least my Swissys are more than happy to wave good bye to me from their comfy beds as I head out into the downpour. Well no one ever said they were stupid! I know some of you have had the chance to get out into the snow with your mountain dogs, as I have received some great pictures in my inbox. I've shared a few of those pictures below, as they are just fun to see!

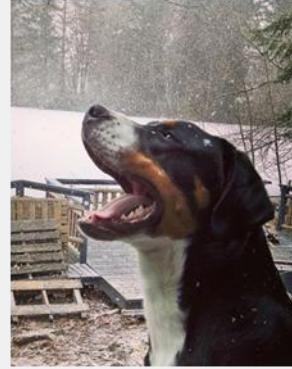
We had another wonderful Cascade Club holiday party in December! The attendance was less than we have seen in previous years, but still plenty of Swissys! We all had a very good time, check out the party pictures within this newsletter. In an effort to promote more Club Social Events, Bruce Detore volunteered, during the Holiday Party, to be our Club's new Social Events Coordinator. Bruce is actively searching out opportunities that might be fun for our members and their Swissys to attend. So if any of you have ideas about possible canine friendly social events please shoot an email to Bruce at detore344@yahoo.com to share your thoughts.

It is time to start planning for the election of new Club Officers and Directors for the upcoming two year term of July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2018. The first step in the process is for the Board of Directors to select a Nominating Committee of three members and one alternate during the month of March. The Nominating Committee will nominate one candidate for each office (total of 8) and will report their nominations to the Secretary for publication to the membership two weeks prior to our May meeting. I would encourage each of you to consider if you might be willing to volunteer to help with the election process by serving on the Nominating Committee or if you might be interested in holding a position on the Board. The requirements to serve are not onerous, it merely requires that the individual has been a full Club member for at least one year and the willingness and time to serve. Please contact me (gsmrd@paintedswissys.com) if you might be interested in serving on the Nominating Committee or Board of Directors and would like more information about the scope of the jobs and the potential time commitment.

Happy New Year! Hope to see you all soon!

Swissys Forever,

Lisa



Cascade Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club



is hosting a

Meet the Breed Booth

March 12th & 13th

Seattle's Century Link Field
Events Center

We are looking for volunteers to help us man the booth. This is a fun event for both people and Swissy's. It is a great way to socialize your swissy and they love all the attention.

There will also be a CGSMDC general membership meeting on Saturday, time will be announced after the publication of ring times.

There are a lot of events going on at this show —Conformation, Obedience, Rally, Agility and lots of vendors to buy from!

If you can help out with your Swissy for a 2 or 3 hour shift, please contact Jim & Julie Franklin at oreolu@aol.com



Cascade GSMDC Holiday party 2015!



Tuna Brownies

Submitted by: Julie Franklin

Tuna Brownies :

2 cans tuna (or salmon) packed in water, not oil

2 eggs

2 tsp. garlic powder

1 1/2 cups of brown rice flour (add more if needed to make a stiff dough)

1 tbsp molasses (optional)

splash of water if necessary

Mix together all ingredients, press flat into a cookie sheet that is lined with foil sprayed with Pam or olive oil. Dough should be about 1/4" thick after pressing into pan. Bake at 325 degrees for 40 minutes (longer if dough is thicker than 1/4") After cooling, use a pizza cutter to cut into 1/4" strips. Put them into a Zip-loc bag and freeze. Take a few treats out and cut up into tiny pieces (1/4" squares work well). These make great training treats (or anytime snacks). Any leftovers need to be keep in the refrigerator.

These have been happily taste tested and approved by Sierra (left) and Shay (right) in both the tuna and salmon flavors



"Did somebody say brownies?"



Call Your Breeder!

by Lisa Simonsen

A few days ago a long time breeder of Swissies, Mary Beth Usery, posted the following story to Facebook:

*Yesterday afternoon I got a call all breeders dread. A sick puppy. After a very long description of 3 days and \$2,000 worth of vet visits I knew immediately it was a bad spleen. The family was worried that their young dog would be dead soon from cancer. Thankfully they had gone back to their regular vet and he was willing to listen and learn. We immediately directed him to the club website and the Swissy spleen syndrome article. He read it called me and in less than an hour we had a 13 lb spleen removed. Rocky is eating drinking and a happy boy thanks to many things. **Moral of this story is never hesitate to call your breeder!** Second make sure your vet has seen Dr Jackson's article including the picture before you need him to act now. That article has now been a great aide in saving two dogs lives that I know. I am very thankful today for a wonderful family and vet.*
I am forwarding the article to the specialty clinic that assured the owners the dog had a tumor on this spleen (cancer) and wanted an additional \$7,000 to remove it. Hopefully the next time they see this they will think twice. We can only try to educate these vets.

This story is a very good reminder that we all must be vigilant about safeguarding our Swissies' health by knowing and understanding the breed specific health concerns. Most general practice vets and specialty clinics will not be aware of health issues that are particular to Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs and do not have the extra time for specific research on every breed. So it is up to the Swissy owner to ask pointed questions and provide information that will help the veterinarian make the appropriate diagnosis.

There is breed specific health information on the GSMDCA and Cascade Club web sites (<http://www.gsmdca.org/health/breed-health-concerns/>, <http://www.cascadeswissyclub.com/health-concerns.html>) to help educate yourself in advance of any potential need. However, when a crisis occurs one of your very first calls after or during a vet visit should be to the breeder of your dog. Your breeder through their personal experience with the breed will know what questions you should be asking your vet and know where to get the breed specific information you need to share. Or if they do not personally have experience with the problem they will know of who to contact within the breed to obtain the help that you and your Swissy need.

To assist you in the process of educating your vet, the "Swissy Spleen Syndrome" article (Mary Beth Usery referred to above) is included here (on page 7) so you can make a copy for them.

On a side note, if your veterinarian seems uninterested in learning more about the breed it might be prudent to consider looking for a vet who is before a crisis is looming!

SWISSY SPLEEN SYNDROME

David E. Jackson, VMD and Sharyl L. Mayhew, BA, LVT (Excerpt from full article printed in the Senntinel)

All dogs, from Chihuahuas to Mastiffs are the same species. All dogs, because they are canines, share some common attributes and problems with all other canines. Each individual breed of dogs has been developed over time for certain special attributes, appearances, and abilities, and indeed some problems have grown to be considered breed specific as well.

Mixed breed or random bred dogs are often touted as being healthier or more vigorous than their purebred cousins, but in reality, they suffer from some or all of the illnesses and diseases that affect the entire species, and at the same rate at which their purebred cousins succumb. The difference is that there are no special studies or information gathering groups that document and follow the issues of mongrels. On the other hand, national breed clubs and breeders regularly discuss problems they encounter with their fellow fanciers and breed enthusiasts.

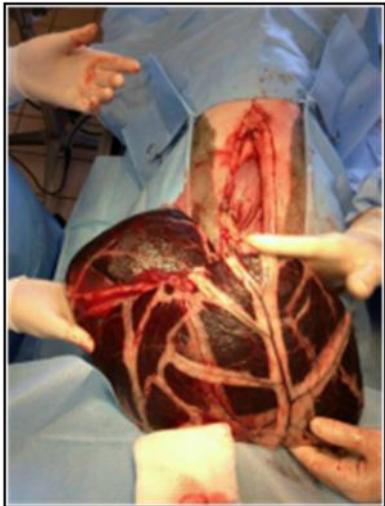
Studies are funded and papers are written about rare and strange, as well as unusually common, problems encountered within certain breeds or breed types of dogs. We all know that Dalmations are prone to deafness. We know that Irish Setters are more likely to bloat than many other breeds and we know that Bedlington Terriers have a storage disease that seems to affect them out of all proportion to all other dogs. We are grateful that the Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club of America has invited us to write to the quarterly SENNTINEL about our unique experiences with this wonderful breed. We hope that our experiences may help others and we hope to continue to gather information about specific problems that seem to occur in GSMD's, particularly at this time, with their spleens.

Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs and fanciers are still infants in the purebred dog world of today. The breed has been around a long time, but the organized study of documented cases of problems has only just begun. You are a small group, relatively speaking. May people, many veterinarians and many otherwise knowledgeable dog people have barely, if even, heard of GSMD's. A handful of veterinarians, who have clientele made up of breeders and longtime owners of the breed have information based on experience that others throughout the country do not. For the most part, this breed is relatively healthy for the size that they are. GSMD's are plagued with far fewer problems than more populous breeds, for example Rottweilers, or German Shepherd Dogs, in the similar size range. The national population of your breed is not sufficient for the average veterinarian to see enough of them to start to form opinions about what a "typical" Swissy problem might be. Fortunately, because of our location and our clients with fair numbers of Swissies, and because of our ability to communicate now as never before, we are learning some things about Swissies that we hope to share with others throughout the country.

If you mention spleen to most people, they will have a blank look. If you say spleen to long time GSMD owners they grow pale and sweaty. The spleen is the largest single mass of lymphatic tissue in the body. It is an organ that assists with immune function similar to the way the lymph nodes work. Enlargement of the spleen (splenomegaly) may be coincidental or caused by disease, medications, sedation or trauma. In most dogs, mild splenomegaly is not considered remarkable and may even be expected when the animal is fighting an infection or disease. Many cancers that affect dogs become evident on the spleen first. All dogs can have a tumor or tumors on the spleen that prove deadly, whether malignant or benign, because if the spleen or the tumor bleeds, the dog may die.

Torsion of the spleen is generally considered a coincidental finding after a gastric dilatation volvulus event (GDV - bloat/torsion of the stomach). The prevailing consensus is that the stomach bloats and twists and takes the spleen along for the ride. GDV is a medical emergency and surgery is needed to decompress the stomach, reposition it and tack the stomach so that it will not likely torque again. Many times the spleen is checked for viability or gross damage and left in place if necrosis is not present at the time of the surgery to repair GDV.

Some Swissies who have GDV also have torted spleens. This is consistent with all other dogs that suffer GDV. However, GSMD's have regularly demonstrated that, on this subject, they do not exactly fit the mold. In the veterinary literature, this topic is briefly discussed, if at all.



In a normal Swissie, the spleen looks smooth and uncreased, and is about the size and shape of a good NY Strip steak - 6 to 8 inches long by 2 inches wide, and not very thick-less than one inch. However, at a rate too numerous to ignore, it seems apparent that many GSMDs may suffer pronounced splenomegaly for no obvious reason other than the spleen may have been constantly twisting, folding, and unfolding. Most of the spleens removed from GSMDs are 18-24 inches long, 8-10 inches wide and very thick. We have seen from 2-6 inches. This size spleen is not at all an uncommon abnormal finding in this breed. (torted spleen pictured)

PRIMARY SPLENIC TORSION WITHOUT ACCOMPANYING GDV IS RELATIVELY RARE IN DOGS, BUT IT IS NOT EVIDENTLY RARE IN THE GSMD. THE TYPICAL PRESENTATION OF A GREATER SWISS MOUNTAIN DOG WITH A TORED OR

DAMAGED SPLEEN IS NOT THE SAME AS IT IS WITH MOST OTHER DOGS, I.E. IN OUR EXPERIENCE THEY DO NOT SUFFER GDV FIRST OR AT ALL. IT IS OUR SUPPOSITION THAT GSMDS MAY HAVE A BREED TENDENCY OR A CONFORMATION ANOMALY THAT ALLOWS OR CAUSES THE SPLEEN TO CHRONICALLY FOLD OR PARTIALLY TORSE AND THEN RETURN AGAIN AND AGAIN TO NORMAL POSITION OVER A PROLONGED PERIOD OF TIME. THEY MAY ALSO BE PREDISPOSED TO PRIMARY SPLENIC TORSION WITHOUT ANY GASTRIC INVOLVEMENT WHATSOEVER. WHETHER THE SPLEEN IS CONFORMATIALLY HANGING IN AN UNUSUAL POSITION OR HAS BREED SPECIFIC WEAKNESS OR LAXITY IN PLACEMENT, ATTACHMENT (GASTROSPLENIC OR SPLENOCOLIC LIGAMENTS) OR BLOOD SUPPLY IS UNKNOWN.

We are at the beginning of discovering many of the medical realities of this breed. It is possible that splenic torsion in this breed is something new, possibly with an environmental cause that we do not yet suspect, but we think it more likely that it is a BREED SPECIFIC PROBLEM that has been there all along.

While we are not prepared to recommend or suggest that any normal spleen be removed as a precaution, we are suggesting that the possibility of a splenic abnormality be discussed with every Swissy owner before an abdominal surgery so that appropriate guidance and pre-approved permission to remove the spleen is granted.

Splenectomies performed on other breeds have always been for tumor removal or for traumatic injury. In our practice we have only seen idiopathic independent splenic torsion occur in the GSMD. we had a 13 lb spleen removed. Rocky is eating drinking and a happy boy thanks to many things. Moral of this story is never hesitate to call your breeder!!! Second make sure your vet has seen Dr Jackson's article including the picture before you need him to act now. That article has now been a great aide in saving two dogs lives that I know. I am very thankful today for a wonderful family

GCH RODEO's All About North Rim Nostalgia RN

"Nexpa"



Nexpa is our first Grand Champion, and at only 18 months.

She finished her title December 11, 2015 at the Holiday Classic in Antioch, CA, also placing Group 3, Owner-handled

Along the way, she won two 5 point majors: at the GSDMCA Independent Specialty in Colorado and at Golden Gate's Swissy Club weekend at Del Valle, both with large entries.

We look forward to a litter out of Nexpa in 2016.

Bred and owned by

Holly and Jeff Webb, RODEO.

www.rodeoswissy.com



New Champion Atlas!

CH Snowy Mountain's Grand Atlas CGC "Atlas"

DOB: 2/6/13

Sire: GCH Fivepoint Hoganz Hero From Snowy Mtn

x

Dam: CH Snowy Mountain's Deep Space Wookie RN

Owned by: Sarah Asson and Nick Vasquez

Bred by: DaLena Christensen and Holly Webb

Shown to three majors by Holly Webb.

Special thanks to the House Family: Barbara, Stephanie and Lauren for finishing Atlas.

After coming out of the gates hot, showing with Holly and winning three majors in two weekends, Atlas finished up his championship with style.

Needing only 1 point, he won a 5-point major to finish his CH, and earned a CGC title the same day, on December 6, 2015.

Atlas got his first points and his last points at the Holiday Classic in Costa Mesa, CA, starting and finishing his Championship in exactly one year.

Atlas is enjoying retirement in Redondo Beach, CA with his human family and new Swissy brother "Bruno".



*Presenting the 2015 AKC Eukanuba GSMD Best Of Breed
Bronze GCH RamsGate's Full Moon Rising
"Luna"*



Whelped: 3/26/13

*Sire: GCH Big Hunk Of Whispering Pine - "Riley"
Dam: GCH RamsGate's Diamond In The Rough - "Quinn"*

2015 was certainly a very exciting year for Luna and her handler, Soni Jager. The last 4 months of the year, in particular, saw her in the ribbons in every show she was entered but one, culminating in her amazing BOB win at Eukanuba.

*To say we're proud of this lovely young girl would be a gross understatement.
She is all we hoped she would be and more.*

*Co-owned and loved by Michele Slate and Antoinette Killpatrick
RamsGate Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs - Michele Slate
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VERSATILITY GREATER SWISS

GYPSY BOOTS

- JANUARY 2016 - VERSATILITY GREATER SWISS MOUNTAIN DOG
- JANUARY 2016 - COMPANION DOG (CD) TITLE EARNED
- HERDING TITLED
- DRAFTING TITLED
- RALLY TITLED
- PACK DOG TITLED
- 2015 AMBASSADOR OF THE BREED



IntCH Seneca's Gypsy Boots

CD, BN, RN, CGC, NDD, NWPD, HTADIIIsd, HTADIIsd, HTADIsd, HTDIId, HTDIIsd, HRDIIs, JHD, VGS



- OWNERS:
ALLISON & BLAKE ALLEN
- BREEDER:
JANELLE KAISER
- TRAINERS/HANDLERS:
**DAVE VIKLUND, JUDI ADLER,
BONNIE HUETT, JEANNIE
GALLENT**
- SIRE:
GCH SHADETREE'S XANGO ROM
- DAM:
**CH PAINTED MTN KASCADE RAP-
IDS TT, ROM**
- DOB: 12/26/2008

12 Incredible Pet-Positive New Year's Resolutions for 2016

(I know we are a little past New Years but this is great advice anytime of the year.)

By Phil Mutz, writer at LittleThings.com

New Year's Eve is the perfect time for setting goals and starting fresh. According to StatisticBrain.com, 45 percent of Americans "usually make New Year's resolutions." These resolutions range from losing weight, to quitting smoking, to spending more time with family. But noticeably missing from their list of the year's top 10 resolutions are any that are pet-related. And with so many of us animal lovers and pet owners out there, shouldn't we be including our furry friends among our top priorities for the new year? Just as our pets can improve our physical and mental health, there are many ways that we can improve the lives of our cats and dogs in return. And the New Year is a great time to get started. Scroll through below for our exclusive list of pet-positive New Year's resolutions. Our animal friends deserve the absolute best, so I will definitely be committing myself to several of these pet resolutions for the coming year! Which of these resolutions will you be making for the sake of your pet?

Resolution #1: Measure Their Food

Make your pet's health one of your biggest priorities going into the New Year. Part of this involves paying close attention to how much food you give them. According to PetMD, "Many owners 'eyeball' their pet's daily intake and pour that into a bowl, usually resulting in overfeeding and weight gain." They recommend using a measuring cup to ensure your pet gets just the right amount of food.

Resolution #2: Set Up Play Dates

Resolve to bring more joy into your pet's life in 2016. One easy way is by setting up pet play dates. Call up a friend with a similarly size pet and get together at a nearby park. Interaction with other animals is great for your pet's mental health, and can help vastly improve their social skills.

Resolution #3: Start a Pet Savings Fund (Or get Insurance)

As our pets get older, their medical needs can be quite expensive. Start saving up now! Just as parents save money for their children to go to college, pet owners should start a special account just for pet-related expenses down the road. Having some extra cash will ensure that you never have to compromise when it comes to getting your pet the best care possible.

Resolution #4: Update Their Tags

No pet owner ever wants to be in a situation where their pet has wandered away. But you can at least be sure that they will be returned to you as quickly as possible by keeping their pet ID up to date. PetMD writes, "If any of your contact information has changed... don't wait -- update their tags and microchip information today! It's the best way to ensure a lost pet makes their way home safely."

Resolution #5: Try a New Activity

Just as people get bored, our pets can get bored with the same old routine day in and day out. Resolve to try something new with your pet in the coming year. Choose a new activity that you can try together, like swimming or hiking. This will have the added bonus of providing you with incredible bonding time as well!

Resolution #6: Clear Out Old Toys

Just as people need to clear out their clutter from time to time, our pets need the same exact thing. Stop holding on to old, beat-up, and often germ-infested pet toys. New Year's is the perfect time to toss those yucky toys into the trash, and to give your pet something fun and new to play with.

Resolution #7: Start a Medical Log

Dr. Janet Tobiassen Crosby writes, "If possible, keep a medical log of your pet's vet visits, medications, special needs, etc., to help keep track of your pet's medical history."

Make your pet's health a top priority in the coming year. Resolving to keep a pet medical log can be enormously helpful if you have to make trips to the vet for something more serious down the line.

Resolution #8: Make Time to Play

Your pet undoubtedly loves you and loves spending time with you. Make it a priority to play with them more in 2016.

We often have good intentions when it comes to making time to play. But we don't always do it.

Carve out certain hours of your week that can be devoted entirely to playing with your pet. It will give them some much-needed exercise, and will provide you both with some crucial one-on-one time.

Resolution #9: Go For More Car Rides

For you dog owners out there, you should definitely take your canine for more car rides in the coming year. Dogs love sticking their heads out of the car window. Why not give them this little joy as much as you can? Take them along with you whenever you can. And if you have nowhere to go, take a little drive around the block. They will love you all the more for it!

Resolution #10: Give Them a Brush

According to PetMD, brushing "removes excess fur from the coat, reducing the amount you find on your clothes and furniture. [Also,] it helps distribute oils from the skin to the fur, keeping the coat shiny and healthy."

Resolve to brush your pet daily in the New Year. It's great for their health, and it gives you both a chance to connect physically.

Resolution #11: Teach a New Trick

Make your pet's mental health -- and overall behavior -- a top priority in 2016.

Teaching your pet a new trick can be great for stimulating their brain.

Resolution #12: Visit the Vet

Perhaps the most important resolution for any pet owner to make is vowing to take your pet to the veterinarian at least once a year.

As much as we love our pets and pay close attention to them, there can sometimes be things that we can't see going on underneath the surface. Make sure to take them in for an annual checkup.

In fact, why wait? January is a great time to make an appointment!

We all love our pets, so why not commit to making them an even bigger priority in the New Year? These pet-positive resolutions are so easy to make, and our animals will love us even more for them!

What will your New Year's resolution be? Let us know in the comments.

Please **SHARE** with friends and family who love animals, too!

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Secretary Report: Debby Dodds

General Meeting: December 13, 2015 as reported by Lisa Simonsen

General Membership meeting was called to order at 12:30 pm December 13, 2015 by Lisa Simonsen President.

As only a small number of members were in attendance reading of previous meeting minutes were waived.

New Business -

Jim & Julie Franklin volunteered to again manage the Meet the Breed Booth at the upcoming Seattle KC show March 12-13th. Jim will provide the Board of Directors a budget request for approval of fees to be paid to Seattle KC. Jim encouraged all members to come out to the Breed Booth with their Swissys to participate in this important event to educate the public about our breed.

Bruce Detore was introduced as the Club's new Social Events Coordinator.

Lisa Simonsen discussed the on-going search for a facility at which our Club might consider hosting the GSMDCA 2018 National Specialty. At this point in time a suitable facility has not been located.

Old Business -

Lisa Simonsen announced that we are still in search of more volunteers to fill some key positions within the Club, which would include Membership Chair, Newsletter Editor, Ways & Means Chair and Working Events Chair. If anyone is interested in helping with one of these positions they should contact Lisa.

The next membership meeting is planned to occur in conjunction with the Seattle KC Meet the Breed Booth on March 12th (Saturday) at the CenturyLink Field Event Center in Seattle. Time TBD.

As there was no other business to conduct the meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote.

"Petting, scratching, and cuddling a dog could be as soothing to the mind and heart as deep meditation and almost as good for the soul as prayer."

— Dean Koontz

Treasury Report: Don Rudee

CGSMDC Financial REPORT thru 2/6/2016

Balance Sheet

	2nd Quarter thru	Balance
	#####	<u>February 6, 2016</u>
Cash		
PayPal Account Balance	384.14	84.13
Checks & Cash to Deposit		
BECU Checking	715.00	975.00
BECU Savings	34.24	34.24
Our Community Credit Union Checking	12,492.88	12,495.00
Our Community Credit Union Savings	51.00	51.00
Petty Cash	163.15	163.15
Less		
Outstanding Checks	0	0
Beginning Cash - 1/01/2016=	\$13,840.41	\$13,840.41
		\$13,802.52

"Dogs have given us their absolute all. We are the center of their universe, we are the focus of their love and faith and trust. They serve us in return for scraps. It is without a doubt the best deal man has ever made."

-Roger Caras



Enjoy the New Year!!



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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Ways & Means: vacant

Working Chairs: vacant

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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 []

Individual (1 Vote) - \$20 []

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

Out of Country/Associate (non-voting)- \$15 []

Sponsors (New Voting Memberships – renewals need not provide):

(1) Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

Signature (1) _____

Date _____

(2) Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

Signature (2) _____

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.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: _____