



E- Summit

Cascade Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club

Seattle CGSMDC Meet The Breed!

E-Summit 2016 Issue 2



The club sponsored a Meet the Breed booth again at the Seattle Kennel Club show on March 12th and 13th. This year, like the last couple of years, the Seattle Kennel Club placed the Sennenhunds together. We had

the Bernese Mountain Dogs to our left and the Entlebuchers across the aisle. The meet the Breed booths are an opportunity for the club to educate the public about the swissy breed. We staff the booth with club volunteers and their swissies who greet the many visitors so the public can get up close and personal with swissy.

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

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

Don and Gayle Rudee with Luna
Lisa Simonsen
Rebecca Martin
Allison Allen
Elaine Engelmann & Tenor
Kristin and Jerry Poyser and Kuda
Jim and Julie Franklin with Sierra and Shay
Bruce Detore and Brutus
Nick and Elena Litz with Atlas

Newsletter Date:
May 2016

“Dogs are better than human beings because they know but do not tell.”

—*Emily Dickinson*

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President's Message: Lisa Simonsen



Greetings Cascade Club Members,

Spring has definitely sprung here in the Pacific NW, actually almost feels like summer lately! Hope everyone has had the opportunity to get out and enjoy this beautiful weather with some fun activities with your Swissy!

While not an outdoor activity, many Club members and their Swissys participated in the Cascade Club's Breed Education Booth which was held in conjunction with the Seattle Kennel Club show in March. Public Education Chairs Jim and Julie Franklin coordinated all aspects of this endeavor for the Club, as well as set up/ take down of the extensive educational exhibits. Everyone else that helped out enjoyed answering the numerous questions from interested families and the Swissys had fun playing breed models for the public's viewing and petting pleasure. Thank you to all that took time from their busy schedules to help educate the hundreds of people who stopped by the booth to meet our wonderful breed.

Upcoming on May 21st, we will be holding a Club General Membership meeting and social at the Tumwater Falls Park, further details can be found in this newsletter. Hopefully this beautiful weather will hold, as this Park has many scenic spots along an easy hiking trail that will be perfect for pictures with your Swissy. However, rain or shine we will of course have fun socializing and catching up on all the Swissy news! At this meeting we will be opening up nominations for the upcoming slate of Officers and Directors for the coming term of office, beginning July 1, 2016. The Nominating Committee earlier this month published their nominated list of candidates for the officer and director positions (can also be seen in this newsletter). Any Club member who would like to nominate other member candidates for these positions must attend this May meeting to put forward those nominations. If other eligible candidates are nominated at the May meeting we will conduct a vote for the contested positions during our Annual Meeting in June. Also come with your ideas of activities that you would like to see the Club host in the near future.

I hope to see many of you at this May meeting or some of the fun summer events that are in the planning stages for the coming months.

Swissys forever,
Lisa



Frozen Treats for Your Swissy this Summer.

If humans like frozen treats on a hot day don't you think your Swissy would enjoy them too? I know many that love plain ice cubes so they will really love these cool flavored treats. Here are a few ways to spoil your favorite pup on those hot summer days.

- 🐾 Mix Peanut Butter, Banana, and coconut oil in a bowl. Drop spoonfuls onto cookie sheet and freeze.
- 🐾 Wash and stem berries, strawberries, blueberries, raspberries. Dip the cleaned berries in yogurt and place on cookie sheet and freeze.
- 🐾 Pureed pumpkin can be good for dogs so dump the pumpkin straight from the can into ice cube trays and freeze. You can also add a little water to thin it out, you can add canned or dry dog food into the mix before freezing.
- 🐾 Chicken and beef broth are great to mix with vegetables, chicken, beef pieces or dog food, canned or kibble. Spoon into muffin pans or those plastic popsicle containers and freeze. Remember to use low sodium broth.

Have fun with the ingredients and mix up the types of containers you use to freeze them in. You can mix and match your dogs favorite treats anyway you want. You could even use leftovers.

Remember that these all have calories in them so feed sparingly so you don't add pounds to your pup. Store extras in a container in the freezer.

Ready to Party! Bring on the snacks?





It's that time of year again. Time to renew your CGSMDC Membership!

Membership renewals are due by July 1, 2016,
\$30 Family, \$20 Individual, \$15 Associate.

You can renew online at:

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



We are in the process of establishing a new on-line renewal form at the Cascade Club's web site (cascadeswissyclub.com). This form will allow us to more easily gather any changes in contact information, Swissy family members and the types of activities members would like to see in the coming Club year. So stay tuned you will be receiving further notification in your email as soon as the modifications have been completed on the website and we are ready to start accepting membership renewals.



From left to right Annika, Peyton (the one smiling), Sophie and Ares.

Cascade GSMD Club Nominating Committee Candidates

As required per Article IV Section 4 of the Cascade Club Bylaws the Nominating Committee has nominated the following candidates for the Board of Directors positions for the next two year term. This term will start July 1, 2016 and end on June 30, 2018.

President - Patrick Stanton

Vice President - Rebecca Martin

Treasurer - Lisa Simonsen

Secretary - Amy Baldwin

Director - Debby Dodds

Director - Bruce Detore

Director - Allison Allen

Director - Noel Nelson

Additional nominations may be made by any Club member in attendance at the May 21, 2016 Club meeting, provided that the person so nominated does not decline when their name is proposed. This May 21st Club meeting will be held at Tumwater Falls Park, 110 Deschutes Parkway SW, Tumwater, WA beginning at 9 am. If no valid additional nominations are offered at this meeting, the Nominating Committee's slate shall be declared elected and no voting will be required. If one or more valid additional nominations are offered, a vote will be conducted for those positions at the Club's June meeting.

CGSMDC General Membership Meeting:

May 21, 2016 - Starts 9:00A.M.

Tumwater Falls Park, 110 Deschutes Way SW, Tumwater WA

(<http://www.olytumfoundation.org/tumwater-falls-park/>).

Please come and join us for a general membership meeting. There is a very pretty park with a half-mile walking trail highlighted by cascading waterfalls, reflective pools, and footbridges all of which provide a backdrop for some beautiful photo opportunities with your Swissy. We will also have an abbreviated rally obedience course setup on the central lawn area of the park so that folks can try out their obedience teamwork skills with their Swissy. Overall should be a casual fun morning outing to have with your Swissy. The Park is dog-friendly, however, remember to keep your dog on leash and to bring poop bags. There is no cost for admission or parking and the park is easily accessed from the I-5 freeway.

We will have a short Club meeting starting at 9 am with the primary topic being the upcoming election of Officers and Directors of the Board for the upcoming two-year term starting July 1, 2016. The Nominating Committee's Slate of candidates has been previously published, and this meeting will allow for any Club member in attendance to offer additional nominations to that slate. If valid additional nominations are made than a vote will be conducted at a June Club meeting for any contested positions. If no additional nominations are offered at this meeting, the Nominating Committee's slate will be declared elected.

Cascade Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club

Potluck/BBQ & Membership Meeting



Date: 07/16/16

Time: 11:00 — 3:00



Please RSVP to Jim & Julie by July 5th
at Oreolu@aol.com

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

Club provides hamburgers, hot dogs, condiments, drinks, plates & utensils. Members and guests provide their favorite side dish or desert.

There will be some agility equipment for the dogs to try. Also, there is a fenced off-leash area near the Picnic Shelter for the dogs to run around. A tired Swissy is a happy Swissy.

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



Upcoming Events!

These events are "In The Works"!



Herding!

Bruce Detore is currently working with Packleader Herding to organize a few herding fun days.

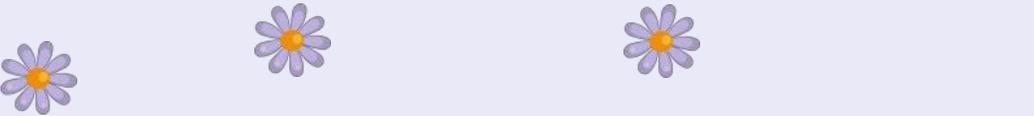
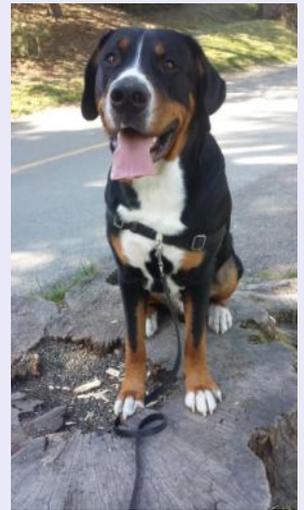
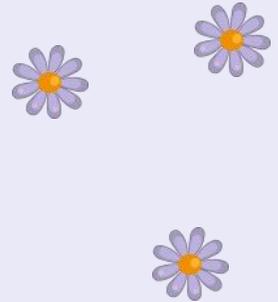
These will be during the upcoming months of June/July.

Stay tuned as more information will be sent out once the days are confirmed.

If you would like to get involved and offer your help with this event please contact Bruce at: detore344@yahoo.com

Click on the link below to see more about the Packleader facility .

<http://www.packleaderdogtraining.net/HERDING.html>



Ice Cream Social

Make a point to come and join us for a fun filled day in Bellevue on September 10, 2016. This year the CGSMDC sponsored Ice Cream Social will be held at a playfield in Bellevue, WA. At **5264 148th Avenue SE, Bellevue, Wa 98006**

Further details will be sent out as they are confirmed.

Patrick Stanton has volunteered to organize this event and as always it promises to be a blast. If you would like to volunteer to help Patrick please email him at pcstanton@gmail.com.



CGSMDC Seattle Meet the Breed Booth Pictures March 12 & 13.



Recessive Traits:

taught to you by the Greater Swiss Mountain Dog

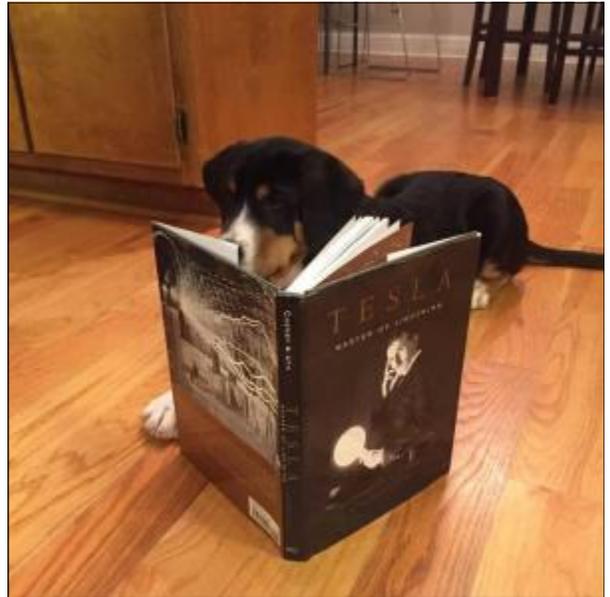
By: Kathryn Pietrosimone

I am one of those people. Dog people. I love my dog, and will take any opportunity to talk about my dog. We have a Greater Swiss Mountain dog named Tesla (yep, Tesla).

She's a 9 month old, 95lb puppy. Her half brother lives with my brother, a 125lb 4-year-old, named Wallie. Wallie and Tesla are both tri-color Swissies, their coats are white, black and red (brown). I recently learned some Swissies have different coat colors that are considered "blue" and "red" Swissies.

How does this happen? Glad you asked. It's genetics.

The entirety of your genetic information is broken down into distinct units. The largest of that unit is called a chromosome. You inherit half your chromosomes from your father, and half your chromosomes from your mother. Humans have 23 pairs of chromosomes, while dogs have 39 pairs of chromosomes. Each chromosome pair contains distinct sets of information, carried on genes. Genes carry genetic information that determines certain traits. The inheritance patterns of these traits can be either dominant or recessive. The inheritance patterns dictate how likely it is for a parent to pass a specific trait to the offspring.



Tesla, learning about her namesake at a very early age.

Most often we see Swissies with black/white/red coats. This coat color is the dominant trait. While red or blue coat color are recessive traits.

We are more likely to see black/white/red Swissies because only one parent needs to pass the information for this trait in order for the dog to have this coloring. However, blue and red Swissies need both of their parents to pass down the recessive trait in order to get that coat color. That means, if a Swissy has the information that creates black/white/red coat, and on one chromosome, and the information that creates the blue coat on the other chromosome – they will have a black/white/red coat.

Another unit of genetic information, called a locus, refers to the specific region of DNA that encodes for a specific information that encodes for the blue Swissy is in the D-locus. The exact locus that encodes for the Red Swissy hasn't been identified. The red and blue Swissies are not usually bred for, but sometimes they pop up in a litter, and now you know why! Recessive genes.



Laz, showing off his blue coat.



About the author:

Dr. Kathryn Pietrosimone received a PhD in molecular and cell biology from the University of Connecticut in 2014. She now works as a regulatory writer at the UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center.

Dr. Pietrosimone has a passion for science writing and Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs. She and her husband have a beautiful 9 month old Swissy named Tesla, bred at Nox's greater Swiss mountain dogs in Virginia. And yes, Tesla is named after the scientist, not the car.

Lucy the Red Swissy is looking fabulous in her red genes. Lucy is also a budding physicist.



"No one appreciates the very special genius of your conversation as the dog does."

—Christopher Morley

IntCH Silver GCH RamsGate's Full Moon Rising JHDg HTADIs HTADIIs HTADIIIIs HTDIIs

"Luna"

Whelped: 3/26/13

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



BOB-Chintimini KC -4/2/16
Judge: Dana Cline



BOB/Group 2 -Chintimini KC -4/3/16
Breed & Group Judge: Tomas Gomez

Luna continues her winning ways following her Best of Breed win at Eukanuba in January and culminating in back to back Best of Breed wins and a Group 2 at the above shows in Albany, OR.

To say we're proud of her accomplishments would be an understatement
.....she is all we could ask for and more

Co-owned and loved by Michele Slate and Antoinette Killpatrick

Expertly handled by: Soni Jager

RamsGate Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs - Michele Slate
www.ramsgateswissys.com wolfpack1313@msn.com

Brother Sister Dynamic Duo

Snowy Mountain's Newest Champions!

Whelped: May 29, 2011

GCH Northwoods Azyrel Basel X Ch Snowy Mountains Be-jeweled ROM

Ch Snowy Mountain's Echo

"Echo"

Owned and loved by:
Jeff and Holly Webb, Raised and
forever loved by Norman & DaLena
Christensen

Shown to 17 points and three ma-
jors by handler Anthony Groth.
Echo was undefeated in her six
show run in the classes with
Anthony, culminating with Best of
Breed over ranked specials.

Ch Snowy Mountain's Emmett

"Emmett"

Owned and loved by:
Shon, Robin, Norman and DaLena
Christensen.

Shown to 12 points and both majors
by handler Anthony Groth.
Emmett and Anthony won in the
classes 10 out of 11 shows on their
run to his Championship.



Bred by:
Norman and DaLena Christensen
with
Bob and Debbie Erickson

Painted Mountain Congratulates

Annie and Cosmo

on two new titles earned in April 2016



AKC CD Obedience



GSMDCA Working Pack Dog

GCh. Painted Mtn's Singing In the Rain CD, RN, WPD, CGCA

Owned and loved by: Annie, Jack, Mark, Max and Alex Barnett
Bred and Co-owned by: Lisa Simonsen, Painted Mountain Ranch

New Register of Merit!

“Wookiee”

Jeff and Holly want to thank Wookiee's kids and their humans for making our Wookiee a "Register of Merit" Swissy, as designated by Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club of America.

She has produced 5 AKC champions. Governor, Gandalf, and Atlas (out of Hero) Murdoch and Nexpa (out of Mon). Soon to be joined by Leroy (needs 2 points).





Painted Mountain Ranch

Presents their "Holiday Decorations" Litter



Born December 27, 2015

Mom:

Ch. Painted Mtn's H2O, HCT
"Splash"

Dad:

GCh. Northwoods Xpedition of Painted Mtn,
HCT "Venture"



Wish List!

1 Swissy Puppy:
the "Long/Shuko"
family

1 Swissy Puppy
The "Yard" family

1 Swissy Puppy
The "Lockwood"
family

Momma "Splash" and Daddy "Venture" helped with some very special deliveries last year!



Painted Mtn's Naughty List- "Coal"
Neil Long & Olga Shurko



Painted Mtn's Pipers Piping- "Piper"
Ton & Kris Yard



Painted Mtn's Shining Star- "Eva"
Nathan & Rebecca Lockwood



Best Gifts Ever!

Bred By: Lisa Simonsen
Painted Mountain Ranch
<http://www.paintedswissys.com/>



Reverse Sneezing In Dogs

By: Camille Schake

"This article originally appeared in *The Good Pet Parent Blog*: <http://www.goodpetparent.com/2016/04/26/reverse-sneezing-dogs/> on April 26, 2016."

Nothing seems to throw new dog parents into a state of panic quite like their dog's first episode of **reverse sneezing**. This common respiratory event sounds so dramatic and alarming while it's happening that many people believe their dog to be choking, suffocating, even having a seizure.

The truth is, reverse sneezing (also known as "pharyngeal gag reflex") is usually completely harmless. Unlike regular sneezing, where air is pushed out forcefully through the nose, reverse sneezing causes air to be sucked very rapidly *into* the dog's nose, causing a loud honking noise that sounds something like a deranged, gagging sea lion.

These episodes can last anywhere from a few seconds to several minutes. However, once it's over, the dog breathes completely normally again and generally acts as if nothing ever happened.

What Causes Reverse Sneezing?

Brachycephalic breeds like Boston Terriers are more likely to experience reverse sneezing.

Reverse sneezing is caused by a spasm of the soft palate, the fleshy area at the back of the throat that's responsible for closing off the airway and nasal passages so that food doesn't make its way into the nasal cavity while the dog is eating. When this spasm happens, it temporarily narrows the airway, making it more difficult for the dog to take in air through his nose.

Reverse sneezing can be triggered by anything that irritates the throat, such as:

- Pollen or dust
- Cigarette smoke
- Perfumes or environmental irritants like household chemicals or cleaning supplies
- Air fresheners or scented candles
- Post-nasal drip
- A collar that's too tight
- Very dry air
- Excitement/barking
- Pulling on a leash
- Eating or drinking too quickly
- A sudden change in temperature (such as going outside in very cold weather)
- Anything the dog swallows that becomes stuck in the throat
- Viral infections
- Nasal mites

Certain dogs are more prone to episodes of reverse sneezing than others. Toy and small breeds seem to be the most affected, perhaps due to their smaller windpipes. Brachycephalic breeds with flat faces such as Pugs, Boxers, Boston Terriers, Shih Tzus, and Bulldogs are also more susceptible due to the fact that their longer soft palates have a tendency to periodically get sucked into their throats. However, any dog can experience an episode of reverse sneezing.

What Reverse Sneezing Looks (And Sounds) Like

A dog who is reverse sneezing will usually stand very still with his elbows spread wide apart and his head extended out in front of him. As he tries to take in air, his eyes will bulge slightly, his sides will heave, his lips may suck in, and he'll begin making a loud snorting, honking sound. It's this sound that often causes dog parents to panic and rush to the emergency room, only to have the dog completely back to normal by the time they arrive.

How Do You Treat Reverse Sneezing?

The simple answer is, you don't. Although reverse sneezing can look scary and uncomfortable, in most cases it's not harmful, doesn't cause any ill effects, and stops on its own once the dog is able to exhale through his nose.

If your dog experiences an attack of reverse sneezing, there are some things you can try to help shorten the episode. Some of these tricks may work for some dogs but not for others, so you can experiment with what works best for your dog:

- Gently massage your dog's throat.
- Place your hand over your dog's nostrils for 2-3 seconds, then remove your hand. This usually causes dogs to swallow, which can help stop the spasm.
- Gently blow into your dog's nostrils.
- If the episode doesn't stop quickly, and you trust that you won't lose a finger, you can try putting your hand in your dog's mouth and pressing gently on the tongue to help open the mouth wider.

If your dog is prone to reverse sneezing, you may want to consider using a harness instead of a traditional neck collar, which places more pressure on the throat. You can also add moisture to the air in your home by using a vaporizer.

If your dog's reverse sneezing becomes more frequent, or episodes become longer, talk with your veterinarian to rule out other more serious issues such as a collapsing trachea, an object stuck in the throat or windpipe, polyps in the nasal cavity, kennel cough, nasal mites, or a respiratory infection. And if your dog has any type of nasal discharge or wheezing, don't wait – call your veterinarian.

A Liveable Condition

Most dogs will have at least one episode of reverse sneezing during their lifetime, and for many dogs, intermittent reverse sneezing attacks (just like regular sneezes) are simply part of life. If your dog reverse sneezes, it's important to remain calm during these events so that your dog doesn't get anxious, and remember that the occasional episode is relatively harmless and will eventually stop on its own.

If you suspect that your dog is reverse sneezing, but aren't sure, try to catch the episode on video and play it for your vet so that he or she can figure out what's happening – whether it's truly reverse sneezing, or whether it could be something else.

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**GSMDCA WESTERN REGIONAL SPECIALTY
2016**

Save the date!

**October 21-23, 2016
Harvest Moon Classic
Pleasanton, CA**

**Friday-Supported Entry
Saturday-Western Regional
Sunday-Designated Specialty**

Secretary Report: Debby Dodds

CGSMDC Online Board Discussion Forum, Winter – Spring 2016

New Business:

Board Nominating Committee. Lisa made a motion and Helen seconded it to have Allison Allen and Lisa Simonson serve as the Nominating Committee for 2016 – 2018 Club Board positions. An announcement of the nominated slate for the Club's next term of office will be made at a May Club meeting. The motion was passed with 6 yes votes and one request for a listing of current club members who are eligible to serve on the Board.

Increasing Cascade Swissy Club Participation 2016 – 2018. With election of a new slate of officers and membership renewal in June, Lisa requested the Board to discuss how the Club can more effectively continue into the future with greater participation and more involved volunteers. The club needs at minimum 8 willing volunteers for the Board of Directors and volunteers for the appointed positions of Breeder Resources, Membership Chair, Ways & Means, Public Education, Rescue, Web Site, Working Chair and Newsletter.

The discussion included recommendations that the Board: 1) issue a survey to membership to identify club member interests and determine the Club's future direction, and 2) renew our exploration with the AKC of club territory expansion into Oregon.

With regard to item 1): Plans for a survey are on hold until election of the new Board.

With regard to item 2): Given the number of current and potential club members in Oregon and the Club's hope to expand club member engagement, Rebecca Martin volunteered to contact the AKC regarding territory expansion and will inform us of updates as it progresses.

Expansion of the AKC territory will help to increase club membership and participation, but it was also pointed out that the 'Washington only' geographic boundaries of the Club are AKC dictated boundaries only and precludes us being approved to hold AKC sanctioned events outside of our Washington territory. The Cascade Club has always reported to the GSMDC that our Club territory is Alaska, Washington, and Oregon. We can have events and meetings in any of these three states and have done so in Oregon as well as Washington.

2016 Seattle KC Breed Education Booth. Lisa made a motion to approve for payment the Club's participation in the 2016 SKC Breed Education Booth. Debby seconded the motion and it was passed by the Board along with thanks to Jim and Julie Franklin for their continued leadership in this event.

Mount Rainer Working Dog Club Show. The Cascade Club was invited to participate in the Mount Rainer Working Dog Club show. We have done a supported entry with the show for the last few years. The Board discussed moving forward with a supported entry but did not take action on this invitation.

Herding Day at Packleader Farm. Lisa made a motion to approve a herding event to occur at Packleader Farm. Patrick seconded the motion and the Board approved with 6 yes votes. Summer date and time to be selected.

Treasury Report: Don Rudee

CGSMDC Financials (1/1/2016 thru 3/31/2016) 3rd Quarter

Balance Sheet

	Beginning	
	Balance	Balance
	#####	#####
Cash		
PayPal Account Balance	\$ 335.88	\$ 64.37
Checks & Cash to Deposit	-	0
BECU Checking	675.00	784.41
BECU Savings	34.24	34.24
Our Community Credit Union Checking	12,494.00	12,498.00
Our Community Credit Union Savings	50.00	51.00
Petty Cash	94.00	163.15
Less		
Outstanding Checks		-
	\$ 13,683.12	\$13,595.17

“When an eighty-five pound mammal licks your tears away, then tries to sit on your lap, it’s hard to feel sad.”

—Kristan Higgins



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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President: Lisa Simonsen - gsmd@paintedswissys.com

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Helen Kramlich - HelenKramlich@gmail.com

Patrick Stanton - pcstanton@gmail.com

Matthew Vanouse—mcvsoccer4@hotmail.com

Appointed Positions :

Public Education: Jim & Julie Franklin – OreoLu@aol.com

Breeder Resources & BIC list: Lisa Simonsen – gsmd@paintedswissys.com

Membership Chair: vacant

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

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

Ways & Means: vacant

Working Chairs: vacant

Rescue Chair: 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/Associate (non-voting)- \$15 []

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.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: _____

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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: _____