



# Congratulations on Your New German Shepherd Dog!

The German Shepherd Dog Club of America welcomes you to the proud and happy family of German Shepherd Dog owners. The German Shepherd Dog Club of America (GSDCA) was established in 1913 and is recognized by both the AKC (American Kennel Club) and the WUSV (World Union of German Shepherd Dog Clubs). Its members include breeders, fanciers, trainers and handlers who support the breed and want to help you enjoy your new pet to the fullest.



German Shepherd Dogs originated in 1899, at Karlsruhe, Germany, because of the efforts of Captain Max von Stephanitz (the father of the breed) and others. By carefully breeding selected animals and keeping only the very best, this devoted group of German breeders brought into being the breed known as the German Shepherd Dog (Deutsche Schäferhunde).

## Functions

The German Shepherd Dog's original function was to herd and work. But the breed is so versatile that most families today use the dog as companion, pet, obedience or show dog—or all of the above. Today, it is also used in search and rescue work, tracking, as a Seeing Eye dog, a herding dog, a guard dog, and in drug detection. The German Shepherd Dog is noted for its aloof, gentle, and loving disposition, making it an excellent breed for families with children. This dog's desire to please humans is legendary—making



it a top obedience competitor and a first-rate companion dog for adults and children. While the breed can adapt to virtually any living situation, these dogs thrive best when they are given daily exercise to maintain their physical and mental fitness.

## Breeding

Breeding dogs is a great responsibility that requires a significant investment of resources. The GSDCA has mentors available near you to help, should you decide to breed or show your dog.

## Juniors Program

The GSDCA Juniors Program was designed to stimulate interest, encourage participation, and support young handlers of German shepherds in both conformation and performance events. The GSDCA offers a free membership for juniors who would like to join. The American Kennel Club also offers a Junior Showmanship program.

## Spayed and Neutered Dogs

Spayed and neutered dogs are welcome. The AKC permits spayed and neutered animals to participate in all phases of obedience, tracking, field work and junior handling.

## Canine Research/Medical Studies

The GSDCA is a strong supporter of the AKC Canine Health Foundation as well as all research and medical studies that look for the cause and prevention of the breeds most debilitating issues.





## Training

Training is one of the most important responsibilities you have as a dog owner. Basic obedience training will make your dog a better companion and strengthen the bond between the two of you. Classes—ranging from puppy or kindergarten to adult and advanced obedience training—are available in most cities, offered by local German Shepherd Dog clubs or all-breed kennel clubs.

For the more serious owners, there are competition classes and dog shows. All are available in most areas of the country and are offered by the local GSDCA regional or Kennel clubs.



**Please plan to join us at our  
National Specialty, Sieger Show or one  
of our Regional Futurity Shows. . .**

### **South Pacific Futurity**

GSDC San Diego  
Claremont, CA.....**Sunday, March 26, 2017**

### **Southeast Futurity**

GSDC North Florida  
Elkton, FL.....**Saturday, April 8, 2017**

### **Great Lakes Futurity**

GSDC South Indiana  
Evansville, IN.....**Sunday, April 16, 2017**

### **Southwest Futurity**

GSDC Houston  
Lumberton, TX.....**Sunday, April 30, 2017**

### **Mid Atlantic Futurity**

GSDC Northern NJ  
W. Windsor Township, NJ.....**Saturday May 6, 2017**

### **Midwest Futurity**

GSDC St. Louis  
Gray Summit, MO.....**Sunday May 14, 2017**

### **Northwest Futurity**

GSDC Pacific Northwest  
Seattle/Tacoma, WA.....**Sunday May 28, 2017**

### **Northeast Futurity**

GSDC Greater New Haven  
Trumbull, CT.....**Sunday June 11, 2017**

### **Mid Pacific Futurity**

Diablo Valley GSDC  
Fremont, CA.....**Friday June 23, 2017**

*For more information about. . .*

**GSDCA Futurity/Maturity Program, go to.....**  
**[www.gsdca.org/events/futurymaturity-information](http://www.gsdca.org/events/futurymaturity-information)**

**GSDCA National Specialty Show & the GSDCA Sieger  
Show, go to.....[www.gsdca.org/](http://www.gsdca.org/)**

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