



Congratulations on Your New German Shepherd Dog!

The German Shepherd Dog Club of America welcomes you to the family of German Shepherd Dog owners. We were established in 1913 and are recognized by both the American Kennel Club (AKC) and the WUSV (World Union of German Shepherd Dog Clubs).

Our breed was established in 1899, at Karlsruhe, Germany, by Captain Max von Stephanitz (the father of the breed) and others. By careful breeding, using selected animals and keeping only the very best, they brought into being the breed known as the German Shepherd Dog (Deutsche Schäferhunde).

The German Shepherd Dog is an aloof, gentle, and loving dog. Its desire to please humans is legendary—making it a top obedience competitor and a first-rate companion dog for adults and children. The German Shepherd Dog has been among the top ten breeds in the United States for more than a decade.

The GSDCA supports the AKC Canine Health Foundation its research and medical studies that focus on the cause and prevention of the diseases. Specific information about health of the breed is available at GSDCA.org.

Juniors Program

Our Juniors Program encourages participation and support for young handlers of German Shepherd Dogs in conformation and performance events. Juniors experience hands-on learning are offered free entry fees at most events. Juniors who participate build character and



confidence and are given opportunities for character building and development centered around good morals and values, a

chance to learn life skills and become successful adults and a contributing member of society. Juniors develop



skills and a chance to learn life experiences that help them become successful adults and a contributing member of society.

Training

Training your new pup is important. By six months of age, most behavior problems have developed. Early socialization and training will avoid most problems before they become more difficult and frustrating. Basic obedience training will make your dog a better companion. 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. Training will make your dog a better companion and strengthen the bond between the two of you. We have more than 125 show and working dog clubs in the United States. To find one near you, go to

www.GSDCA.org

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.



Spaying/Neutering

The GSDCA opposes laws that mandate the spaying/neutering of dogs. Spaying/Neutering are major surgeries and recent scientific studies demonstrate that spaying/neutering, may result in detrimental long-term health impacts. In light of this information, we encourage breeders, owners and veterinarians to consult on the appropriateness and timing of spaying or neutering an individual dog.

The Charitable Trust

Formed to educate owners, breeders, judges, juniors, clubs and the public about the health and well-being of the breed. The Trust gathers and disseminates up-to-date

and relevant information and uses tax deductible gifts via PayPal® for matching gifts, pledges and specific donations.

Join Us

All owners who join the German Shepherd Dog Club of America receive our monthly magazine, *The German Shepherd Dog Review*, which offers informative articles about nutrition, training and fun things to do with your dog or new puppy. Our magazine is one of Americas best breed magazines with an online version for members.



We also offer continuing education via our website which is available to everyone. Articles about training tips, puppies, nutrition, breeding, regional and national events and our clubs are posted.

Our store offers a vast video library called the Historical Series with more than 30 years of GS shows, herding, obedience, rally and other events which are available for purchase. Visit

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