

# German Shepherd Dog Club of Wisconsin

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Founded in 1947, the German Shepherd Dog Club of Wisconsin (GSDCW) promotes interest in and training of the German Shepherd Dog both in the Club and in the southeastern Wisconsin community.

Located next to I-43 on 5 rural acres southwest of Milwaukee, the Club has 4,000+ sq. ft. of fully-matted space for winter training and facilities for dog shows as well as monthly membership & Board meetings. Summer training & shows are held outdoors in a fully-fenced grass training area.

## Community

The GSDCW also is active in the community through educational seminars, community events, parades, school presentations, nursing home visits, and outreach programs. These activities not only showcase the breed but educate in dog behavior and safe interaction with dogs using materials provided by the AKC.

## Training

The GSDCW currently has 250 members and 35 volunteer instructors.



The Club offers training in:

- Obedience (Beginner through Utility)
- Rally
- Agility
- Tracking
- Conformation
- Early Puppy Care & Socialization
- Teenage Puppy classes with S.T.A.R. testing

## Shows

The GSDCW offers a 2-day agility trial in August and a 2-day GSD specialty show/trial weekend in September with conformation, obedience, and rally. A conformation match along with an obedience/rally match is held in the spring.

## Membership

Our free, pre-school puppy classes (held twice per month) are the largest source of new members. Referrals to the class come from area breeders and veterinarians.

About 80% of our “puppy people” will join the Club and attend beginning training classes. More than half of those will stay for a year, usually training their dog through Intermediate exercises. For them, that’s enough. But about 40% stay and get involved and start participating. And then some look over at the breed ring and say “what are they doing over there”...