

October 2018

Committee Reports

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ARCHIVE COMMITTEE-

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Members-John Ayotte, Travis Scarlett, Dorothy Linn, Zoe Bachman, Diane Roberts, Tom Brown, Nancy Harper Mulvaney,

1. All Herding catalogs and reports can be found at the following address thanks to Dorothy and
Zoe <http://wynsumgsd.com/herding/.index.html>
2. John Ayotte has set up an archival website <http://archivesgsdca.org>
3. Travis Scarlett will have the internet connection setup shortly
<https://www.facebook.com/GSDCAarchives>
4. Diane will provide Herding information for 2016,2017,2018 shortly
5. Nancy will be sending information to Zoe for scanning uploading to website
6. Tom will be labeling non digital materials and it will be forwarded to Zoe

The archive committee would be grateful for any materials that could be added to the site.
Please contact Zoe Bachman for information on transmission.



ATAA Committee Report (as of 9/30/18)

I am pleased to report that the updating and revamping of the Annual Training Achievement Awards Program (ATAA Program) has been completed and we are all ready for the 2018 award year submissions!

The updated forms and information have been forwarded to the GSDCA Webmaster and will soon be up and available for all.

What was accomplished was:

1. Updated the description of the program as it stands currently.
2. Updated the reporting submission form for titles for progeny to make it more straightforward and easier/less time consuming to be filled out by each submitter.
3. Created a new Judge's Attestation Form to use when submitting a new dog into the program for the first time, certifying that the dog has no disqualifying faults. This form does not have to be used, but it will be easier for most to have it available or at least act as a template for what is needed for submission.
4. Revamped the entire title point structure to include a point amount for each AKC/SV/SAR title reflecting the level of difficulty and the amount of training that go into earning each title. Of course this is a continual work in progress as new titles are being added all the time.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Binder DVM
GSDCA ATAA Chair

Futurity Committee



THE GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.

National Futurity/Maturity

October 2018 Futurity Committee Report

After several years of decreasing participation, the 2018 Futurities held steady with a slight increase in the number of dogs shown.

The Committee met multiple times during the year and worked to promote awareness, enthusiasm and to support the regional host club. We are happy to have played a part in providing a spring weekend for GSDCA members across the country to enjoy and breeder members to exhibit their up and coming youngsters. Entries may never return to the levels of the “glory days” but Futurities do help support the regional host clubs monetarily by the GSDCA profit generated, and by the increased entries for the accompanying specialty shows. For 2018, the profit from the GSDCA to each regional host club ranged from a low of \$615.56 to a high of \$3255.16.

The Futurity Committee requests action on the following items:

1. Approve a date change of the 2019 Northwest Futurity from Saturday May 11, 2019 to Sunday May 12, 2019.
2. Approve the following changes to the class first through fourth place plaques:
 - Decrease plaque size to 7x9 @ \$9.50 each for first place and 6x8” @ \$7.50 each for second, third and fourth.
 - Change information on the plate to “German Shepherd Dog Club of America Regional Futurity/Maturity.” Because the plate info is generic, Bruce Gilbert has agreed to ship the exact number of plaques needed when we receive the entry counts after each closing. If unused due to absenteeism, they can be recycled without any additional labor.
 - Instead of the flat metal logo on each plaque, medals similar to the GSDCA Best of Breed would be used. The medals are not included in the prices above, and would be purchased in bulk and paid for by the live streaming donations.
 - This scenario would allow us to do away with the mail in requests for second, third and fourth as exhibitors do prefer to receive the plaque at the show. The procedure of plaques being requested by mail has saved money for the last two years, but may well cost money in the future due to a decrease supply of recycled plaques. New plaques of current size are \$15.75 each.
 - Had we used the smaller plaques with generic info on the plates in 2018, there would have been an approximate savings of \$420 as compared the current procedure.
3. Allow OPTIONAL GSDCA Fun Matches to be held by regional host clubs during their Futurity weekend which would be facilitated by the Futurity Committee. FYI: Per AKC rules, fun matches may be held by licensed clubs if entries are accepted from club members only. Thus, puppies must be owned or co-owned by GSDCA members to be eligible for these fun matches.

A debt of gratitude is owed to the members of this committee whose hard work is a measure of their belief in the Futurity System. Many thanks to: John Ayotte, Linda Bankhead, Holly Bryan, Helen Gleason, Christine Grainger, Jeanne Hamilton, Patty Korsch, and Candy Zumwalt.

Respectfully submitted,

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The proceeds from Chili Cook Off held at the 2017 National were used to pay for Breeder of Best In Futurity trophies, and to support the System’s bottom line. Donations were also raised via a Go Fund Me account for live streaming of several of the regional futurity shows.

For 2019, we are hoping to improve the plaques plus do away with request mailing of second, third and fourth. We also would like to help host clubs provide an optional GSDCA fun match during their Futurity weekend. These ideas are contingent upon approval at the October Board meeting.

My sincere appreciation to the members of this committee whose hard work is a measure of their belief in the Futurity System. Thank you: John Ayotte, Linda Bankhead, Holly Bryan, Helen Gleason, Christine Grainger, Jeanne Hamilton, Patty Korsch, Karin Wagner and Candy Zumwalt.

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GSDCA NATIONAL MEETING

RED BOOK COMMITTEE

The Ultimate GSD Resource is back this year with another thorough look back at the Year in Review for 2017. I'd like to thank my committee and contributors who helped make it possible: Lori Nickeson, Barbie Balyeat, Ileana Noguera, Ellen Pfann, National photographer Valerie Harrington, and ROM Chairs Chris Carter and Candee Foss. Plus every top sire and dam Owner who contributed photos, pedigrees and bios of their amazing producers.

The Performance section expanded 25% this year, going from 40 pages to 50. Thanks to Ellen Pfann, we have an article on Kristin Brooks Jones and her amazing GSD, Heka. We've been able to reinstate a page for the top ATAA Sire and Dam of the year. And based on feedback, we converted the Performance Titles of Note to a listing of all GSDs earning a Performance Championship in 2017 – two pages worth!

Barbie Balyeat gives us some insight into the amazing world of Search and Rescue with GSDs and how they save lives and bring closure to those who may need it. Check out the photo next to the Table of Contents and you will agree – our dogs can do it all!

The Red Book is our GSD history, and one of the best educational tools out there – so I'm extremely proud and happy that this year we will present each young handler in Junior Showmanship with a 2017 Red Book. I hope this is a new tradition we can carry forward into every year.

Work has already commenced on the 2018 Red Book! We congratulate the owners of the Top 20 Sires and Dams from this year's Futurity and Maturities. You will all be hearing from me in early 2019 so we can put together your dogs' pages for the next edition of the #UltimateGSDResource!!

Kim McNamara, Chair

2018 TOP 20 FUTURITY/MATURITY SIRES AND DAMS

Sire	Points	Rank
GCH CH Kennelwood' S Man U Man	111	1
GCH CH Cherpa's Exxon Of Lealynn	71	2
GCHG CH Stuttgart's Single Action Army V Hammersmith RN	44	3
GCH CH Breal-Jogra's Oakley V Selig-Haus	34	4
GCH CH Karizma's Morocco Kaleef Von Loar PT	28	5
GCH CH Lindenhill's Martello V Gracelyne	25	6
GCH CH Bloomsbeerys Amadeus	24	7a
CH Harmonia's Intense Desire	24	7b
GCHS CH Marquis' Hermes V Kenlyn	21	9
GCH CH Lacomtesse Bellamy	20	10
GCHB CH Marquis' Can You Stop The Rain V Kenlyn	17	11a
GCHS CH Rosewood's Midas Touch Of Kansten	17	11b
GCH CH Class Act's Shot Through The Heart Windfall-Hillsi RN	16	13a
GCH CH Sealstone's Cascadian V Pioneer Acres	16	13b
CH Cross Timbers Blackmale	15	15

GCH CH Alkarah's Brown Eyed Handsome Man PT	13	16a
GCH CH Billyjo's Man In Black	13	16b
CH Marquis' Have You Ever Seen The Rain V Kenlyn	12	18
CH Karizma's Sundance V Kaleef	11	19
GCH CH Backachers Giovanni V Almar	10	20a
GCH CH Bomar Agon De Rancho Backachers	10	20b
GCH CH Laslar-Candia's Black Bart RN	10	20c
Lonestars Diesel of Erynbrook	10	20d

Dam	Points	Rank
GCH CH Love Is In The Air Of Sugarcrk Edan	32	1
CH Kubistraums Tahoe II RN HT	24	2
Coastline I Love Lucy	23	3
GCH CH Depahl's Halston	18	4
Faithrock You'Ve Got A Friend	16	5a
CH Ferlin's Mustang Sally Of Kaholli	16	5b
CH Live Laugh Love Of Edan	16	5c
CH Are We There Yet Of Edan	15	8a
GCHP CH Lockenhaus' Rumor Has It V Kenlyn	15	8b
CH Jezra & Tophats I Put A Spell On You V Charge	14	10a
GCH CH Kubistraums Vista Of Aramist Peters Elite	14	10b
CH Laslar's Xrayted Of Asgard V Kodiak Ridge	14	10c
CH Eagle Valley's Chloe II	13	13a
Harmonia's Live Tropical Storm	13	13b
Schatten-Survival's Bailey V Lacomtesse	13	13c
GCH CH Sunrize Black Magic Woman NAP NJP CGCA TKN	13	13d
Jerrwen's Sunrise In Cheyenne	12	17a
CH Sharlen's Ask Me If I Care Ca-She	12	17b
CH Trio's Just A Little Witchy	12	17c
CH Al-Mar's Saschey	11	20a
Dawnhill's Hatteras	11	20b
Laslar's-Asgard's Revenge of Charan	11	20c
GCH CH Lonestar's Bearooklyn Rose V Erynbrook	11	20d
CH Marquis' Miata V Kenlyn	11	20e
CH Millertime's American Celebrity PT	11	20f
CH Paragon's Unlimited Spending	11	20g
GCH CH Windfall's Sexy Chick V Winstrom CD RN	11	20h

Review Marketing
NO ACTION REQUIRED
2019 Projections are in blue

October 1, 2018

In 2018, four new programs were developed for the *Review*:

1. **Spotlight On Our Juniors** (began in April, 2018 issue). This feature has been extremely well received by the membership. All eligible junior handlers featured in 2018 made the AKC's Top 20 Junior Handlers of German Shepherd Dogs. [This column will be continued in 2019.](#)
2. **The World of GSDs** (began in September, 2018 issue). Both Mr. Gyu Cheol Shin, GSD fancier and President of the Korean Kennel Club, and Dr. Iruo Jung, veterinarian and director of ICSB-Korea, gave us insight into both the workings of dog clubs and the methodology and use of frozen semen in Korea. [We are currently working with individuals/translators in other countries and plan to present their interviews/articles in 2019.](#)
3. **Regional Club News** (began in June, 2018 issue). This column gives GSDCA member clubs the opportunity to share ideas and discuss activities. The first club to participate was the GSDC of the San Gabriel Valley. Another club will be featured in the November/December issue of the *Review*. [More regional clubs have expressed interest in being featured and this column will be continued in 2019.](#)
4. **Sit...Stay...Shop** (announced in late spring, 2018) For a reasonable fee, GSDCA members are able to announce litters, list dog-related items/services for sale and seek items/services needed. Fees depend upon length and/or inclusion of photos. [To date, the membership has made little use of "Sit...Stay...Shop" but, as there is no cost to either the *Review* or the GSDCA in maintaining its availability, we will continue to offer it in 2019.](#)

The *Review* is offering the membership two "specials" for the November/December, 2018 issue. The first special is for regional clubs and allows them to celebrate the successes of their membership for a reduced rate of \$100/page (B&W only, camera ready.) A Constant Contact that announced this special was sent out on August 10, 2018. The second "special" is the return of the business-card sized "Holiday Greetings" ads at a rate of \$65.00/ad, (full color, camera-ready.) The return of these ads will be announced to the membership immediately following the national.

In 2018, we solicited articles from experienced and successful breeders and/or exhibitors in every venue. The response was overwhelmingly positive; only Agility and IPO failed to submit their articles. [Articles such as those which appeared this year will continue to be considered and welcomed. As always, any original article is subject to editing and submission does not guarantee publication.](#)

[In 2019, the *Review* seeks to develop projects and promotions which both enhance the publication and educate the membership. We have a good team of individuals in place to ensure the continued quality and accuracy of the publication.](#)

[There are less than a handful of members who are still not receiving the *Review* with any timeliness or regularity. As we cannot control the USPS, we will continue to work with the membership chair to resolve these few situations.](#)

[In 2019, ad rates must be revisited. The Editor and *Review* committee will work with both the Treasurer and Budget and Finance on this project. Ad rates need to have built-in incentives for potential advertisers while ensuring a break-even or profitable status for the publication.](#)

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Silver-Strasser, Chair
Review Marketing

Dual Award Committee

Dual Award Committee Report for 2017-2018

To the GSDCA Officers, Board of Directors, and Committee Chairs, the following is the report for the 2017-2018 Dual Award year.

This year there are thirty-two names on the Dual Award list of recipients. Of these thirty-two, four of the dogs received their Dual Award plaque in a previous year and earned additional titles this year. Our members are keeping themselves and their dogs busy and involved in multiple venues and advanced titles.

We awarded plaques in Rally, Novice and Excellent, obedience, Companion Dog and Beginner Novice, herding, Pre Trial tested, Herding Tested, and Herding Started Course C sheep, lure coursing, BCAT, and agility, Agility Excellent Preferred, Excellent Jumpers Preferred, Masters Excellent Jumpers.

We had eleven Dual Award Excellent recipients this year as compared to fifteen from the 2016-2017 year.

Dual Award information can be sent in as soon as the dog is eligible. Each year there is the mad rush to get all information in by the deadline of July 31. This year was exceptionally hectic with 23 orders being processed in the month of July. I would like to find a way to avoid this crush as it increases the likelihood of mistakes being made. No one wants to see that their dog's name and accomplishments has been missed in the National catalogue or the Review.

I am attaching a copy of both the Dual Award and Dual Award Excellent list for the 2017-2018 year.

Best Regards,

Amber Conti Turley
Dual Award Chair

GSDCA DUAL AWARD EXCELLENT 2017-2018

Dog's Name and Titles

Owner/s' name/s

DAE CH Shadow Acres & Chopae's Dangerous Liasions HT TC
OFA h&e

Michelle Wallis

DAE CH Regal Thunder Solomon's Seal of Taize CAA TC OFOh&e

Angela King Charlene
Marchand

DAE CH Top Hat-Suboja Sum'Tng Wicked This Way
Comes@Jezra HT

Debra Hopkins Susan A.
Sisemore

DAE GCH CH Hillside-Tanbark Locket Charboderouse of
Faithrock RN RATN TC OFA H&E

Terry Rock Larry
Rock Judy
DeRousse

DAE CH Sunrise Over Sloan Creek BN CGC TC OFAh&e

Kerry Southern Donna
Gonzalez

DAE CH Caisson's Spring Fling at Da-Jo CD RN HSCs FDC AXP
MJP CGCA CGCU TKI TC OFA h&e

Deborah Stern Julie Degen
Logan Nordahl

DAE CH Beauchien's Traveling Gal RN

Darcy Rombough Linda
Bankhead Diane Rombough

DAE CH Upton's Midnite Special-CCR Botani RN TC OFAh&e

Linda Bobo Paul Upton
Sr. Nina Laurenzana

DAE CH Depahl's I'm Too Sexy RN TC OFAh&e

Zoriana Peters

DAE GCH CH Rock Star's Texas Ranger CD BN RA CGCA TC OFA
h&e

Michele Panetta

DAE CH Rock Star's Mug Shot CD BN TN TC OFAh&e

Michele Panetta

GSDCA Legislative Report



October, 2018

Nancy Harper-Mulvaney

Legislative Chair, GSDCA

The Legislative Committee has concentrated on alerting Regional Clubs throughout the US when harmful legislation, ordinances, or bills are introduced in their region. We have contacted Officers of Specialty Clubs requesting a member of the Club to be appointed to receive alerts. This effort has had limited success as Specialty Clubs continue to decline in membership numbers. We have also contacted All Breed Clubs. Many All-Breed Clubs with large memberships have an active Legislative Member and they do respond to our emails.

We have asked permission to briefly address the Members at the Annual Membership Meeting at this year's National. The Membership Meeting provides a unique opportunity to reach out to our members from throughout the US. We will ask members to follow the actions of their City Councils, to be informed by checking Legislative Actions and Bills introduced in their State, County, and City. Many times we are behind the curve; we learn of harmful legislation, bills, or ordinances the day before a vote – too late to react in the best interest of our rights and our sport.

The Animal Rights people are hard at work having introduced close to 100 bills or other action items. A seemingly harmless ordinance addressing how many hours a dog may be tethered is frequently the first step leading to their ultimate goal – no ownership of intact females, no litters, etc.

The Legislative Committee will continue their efforts to raise awareness among our members and to contact members in areas where Animal Rights are seeking significant changes affecting rights of ownership and breeding. It is critical to raise awareness among our membership, their families, friends and neighbors.

In physical year 2019 we hope to introduce an action plan to the GSDCA Board which will include the development of a simple educational and informative handout.

Respectfully Submitted

Nancy Harper-Mulvaney

Legislative Chair, GSDCA

MULTI PERFORMANCE CHAMPIONSHIP AWARD IN MEMORY OF PHYLLIS KRAFT

2018 First Award:



3xOVx AVx OTCH MACH2

Heka Shining Brightly vom

Mika-Ashmead VCD3 UDX10 OGM GN GO VER TDX MXS MJS T2B2 BH DS CGCA CGCU

Owner: Kristin Jones

AKC DN23582204 Born January 2009 Bitch

Certificates of Merit

1. **CT OTCH Ashmead Con Brio of Dulcimer (dog): UDX5 TDX**
AKC: DL53351106 DOB: 6/11/94
Breeder/Owner: Amy Vose & S. William Vose

2. **OTCH MACH Noonmark Della Vopo** (bitch): UDX2 MB MJS
 AKC: DL59641107 DOB: 5/28/95
 Owned by Nancy Brayton, was the 2002 Agility & Obedience Victrix

3. **HC MACH Abel vom Quasliner Moor** (dog): UD RE HXC_s MXS MJS MXF HGH Sch3
 DOB: 9/26/99-10/18/12
 Owned by Kristin Siarkowicz

4. **OTCH MACH PAM Emma Buettner vom Cullman** (bitch): VCD2 UDX5 OM3 VER RAE OAP OJP
 Owned by Dr Barbara Buettner
 On parent club website as Top Scoring GSD for 2010

5. **OTCH HC PAM CH. T-Rex vom Kriegerhaus** (dog): VCD3 UDX7 OM6 VER RE HXC_sM MX MXJ OF
 RATCHX CGCA (has TD TDX)
 AKC: DN23296404 DOB 6/10/08 to present (alive)
 Owned by Phyllis Dobbs -first triple champion in our breed
 Second championship HC: earned 4/2017

6. **PAM CT MACH Nando Von Sontausen** (dog): VCD4 UDX3 OM2 GO VER RA PT MXB MJG AXP AJP
 XF RATO
 AKC: DN22542806 DOB 10/23/2003 to present
 Owned by Dee Gajda

7. **HC PAC PAM Lana vom Binderhaus** (bitch): CGC CGCA CGU TKA TC TDN CD RE CAA RATO HT PT
 HSAsdc HSBs HIAsd HXAsM HSCs HXC_sM AX AXJ AJP
 AXP NF XFP PAX2 MXP6 MJP4 MXPS MJPB BH TR1 HCT JHD HTD1sg
 HTAD1sg HRD1s RLF1s RLF2s RLF3s FSXs TDI OFA H&E CHIC TOP RATED ATTA DAM 2015 -2017
 AKC: DN555710779 DOB 10/29/2008 to present (alive)
 Owned by Dr Cynthia Binder
 Second championship PACH: earned 2016

8. **HC PACH PAM Maya vom Binderhaus** (bitch): CGC CGCA CGCU TC BH CDX RE CAA RATN HIAsd
 HXC_sM HTAD1sg RLF1s FSSs AXP SJP AXH AX MJP4 MXP5 MXPS MJPB NF XFP PAX
 AKC: DN27810902 DOB: 5/26/10 to present (alive)
 Owned by Cynthia Binder DVM
 Both championships earned 2016 (HC, then PACH)

GERMAN SHEPHERD



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Chairman: Performance Award of Merit

PERFORMANCE AWARD OF MERIT ANNUAL REPORT 2018

This year I begin the report by welcoming Julie Degen and Kristin Jones to the Performance Award of Merit committee adding new thoughts and suggestions for the future. I also want to thank Deborah Stern for filling in for me once again at the Annual Meeting at last year's National.

The Performance Award of Merit continues to be very popular and the number of recipients continues to increase. I am pleased to say that we are seeing new names being added to the list every year and some familiar names, both individual recipients and qualifiers from the same kennel, that show up on the list repeatedly over the years.

There may be some changes in qualifying titles suggested in the coming year as AKC continues to recognize and add more titling classes and events.

Looking back over the 18 years that the Performance Award of Merit has been offered there has been:

- 27 Conformation Champions including several Grand Champions and several Select and Best In Show winners.
- 12 Master Agility Champions several that have multiple MACH's
- 10 Herding Champions
- 8 Tracking Champions
- 7 Obedience Trial Champions
- 2 Preferred Agility Champions

Julia Priest's Sontausen Kennel still leads the list with 15 qualifiers. Lori Nickeson's Debrut Kennels with 11 qualifiers and Diane Roberts Majestic Kennels with 8.

Deborah Stern and Helen Gleason, Lead the way for the most individual PAMs each having been awarded 6

The Qualifiers for 2018 :

Owners

PAM Britta vom Sturm Und Drang VCD1,UD,CDX,PCDX,BN,GN,GO,VER,TD,RAE,NAP,NJP,CGCA,CGCU,TKP
..... Pat Behles

PAM HC,Brecken Vom Leerburg CD,TD,CGC,TDI,HSAsd,HSBd,HIAsd,HIBd,HXAsMdM,HXBdM
..... Debbie Ekstrom

PAM AOE CH Kenlyn's Maverick TDX,RN,TD,HT,CA,BCAT,CGCA,TKN, Cindy Demler

PAM Nocturnes Marrianna IPO3,CDX,TD,TC,AD,CGC,THD Helen Gleason

PAM Surefire Victorious Joy Estel UD,RA,PT,OAP,NJP, Elena Ralston

PAM GCH.CH.Abijah's Fortune Cookie of Thornrose AXP,AJP,BN,RN,HT,FDC,CGCA,CGCU,TK1
..... Deborah Stern & Jill Lukasik

PAM CT Amadeus Von Grunenfeld VST,TDX,RN,RI,PT,TK1 Robin Sellers

Pam Xiomara Vom Schwarze-HundeTDX,RN,HT,CGC,TK1 Robin & Desiree Sellers

PAM HC DeBrut's Finnian McBrute TD,HSAs,HSBs,HIAs,HIBs,HXAs,AXP,OJP,NFP,TDU Sheryl Evans

PAM Rena Vom Sturm und Drang VCD1,RN,AX,MXJ,NAP,OJP,TD,CD,TC Pat Behles

**Pam OTCH MACH2 Heka Shining Brightly vom Mika-Ashmead VCD3,UDX10.OGM,GN,GO,VER,TDX,MXS,MJS,
T2B2,BH,DS,CGCA, CGCu** Kristin Brooks Jones

Pam Stargazer-Ashmead's Sirius Spitfire VCD1,PCDX,BN,MX,MXB,MXJ,FPR3,CGCA Kristen Brooks Jones

I Congratulate all of you and your dogs for the achievements that have earned the PAM and for Helping to maintain the integrity of the German Shepherd Dog by proving once again they are truly the most versatile of all breeds.

Respectfully Submitted : Lori Nickeson Chairman : Performance Award of Merit



RALLY REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2018

Dr Zoë Backman, Chair

1. Since the addition of a Class Higher than Excellent, we respectfully request that the Victor/Victrix award be changed to add the Master Class to the requirements for this award as follows:

A score of 97 or better in the Master Class and a score of 99 or better in both Advanced and Excellent for a total combined score of 295 out of 300

THE RAE or present high combined remains unaffected and unchanged at the AKC

The section in the PandP should read: (changes in red)

RALLY VICTOR/VICTRESS

- The highest Combined RAE at the National Show Only with a minimum combined of 198 of 200. Trophy but no Review Cover. **In 2018, the new Master Class will be added to the requirement with a score of 97 or better for a total combined score of 295 out of 300.**
- Dog must have no disqualifying faults as described by the AKC Standard for the German Shepherd Dog as verified by any licensed AKC judge, at the discretion of the Rally Chair, pass upon the Rally Select.
- The Dog must AKC Registered, not ILP. Regardless of AKC rules, spayed/castrated dogs that otherwise meet the Standard are acceptable.
- As with all GSDCA awards, one owner must be a member. Trophy but no cover of the Review. One owner must be a GSDCA member as with any Parent Club Awards

2. We ask that the new title of AKC RACH title be recognized by the GSDCA and added to other programs. **This is a Title (not a class) similar to the OTCH, MACH etc.**

3. We ask that the Preferred Award for the year stats from 2018 onward now include the Master Class stats. At Present, we use only the ADVANCED B and EXCELLENT B to determine our High Scoring Rally Dog

On a Sad note, this August our Three-peat High Scoring Rally Dog passed away. She was on her way to her RACH with all triples and half the points. Our condolences to her Owner Gail Phillips. RIP Sasha