

# German Shepherd Dog Club of America, Inc

## Performance Award of Merit Annual Report 2023

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The Performance Award of Merit program began in 2001 with the vision and leadership of Lori Nickeson. Lori remained an active member of the PAM committee until she passed in 2021. In 2022, the PAM committee expanded the program to include different levels to encourage our members to continue training and striving for excellence and high level titles to celebrate the versatility of the German Shepherd Dog.

In 2022, we had 27 dogs earn the Performance Award of Merit Title. We had 12 dogs earn the PAM Bronze Title. There were 8 dogs that earned the PAM Silver Title. Two dogs earned the PAM Gold Title, and one dog earned the PAM Platinum Title.

In 2022, we had 4 dogs that were only 2 years old when they earned their PAM, and six dogs that were 11 years old when they earned their PAM. With the Enhanced PAM, we have so many opportunities for our veteran dogs to learn a new sport and continue to be active in mind and body.

I want to thank all of you and congratulate you on achieving this prestigious goal. Continue to work your dogs, they deserve it and we need to maintain the integrity of our incredible breed by proving, once again, that they are the most versatile of all the breeds.

I hope to process many more PAM applications this coming year, and if you've already earned a PAM, please consider trying for the Enhanced PAM levels, your dogs will appreciate it!

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Degen, Performance Award of Merit Chairperson

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