

# The German Shepherd Dog Club of America, Inc.

## Presents

### The One Hundred Twelfth National Specialty Show

### The Seventy-Eighth Obedience Trial

### The Thirtieth Agility Trial

### The Thirty-Sixth Herding Trial

### The Twenty-First Rally Trial

### The Sixty-Third Tracking Test

### The Seventh Scent Work Trial

**October 17 – October 25,  
2025**

### Purina Farms (Herding, Tracking, only)

500 William Danforth Way  
Gray Summit, MO 63039

### Illinois State Fairgrounds

801 E. Sangamon Ave.  
Springfield, IL 62702



## 2025 GSDCA NATIONAL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (Subject to Change) SPECIFIC DAY AND TIMES TO BE LISTED IN JUDGING PROGRAM

Description	Location
<b>Friday, October 17, 2025</b>	
Opening Ceremony	Purina Farms
Herding Test/Trial (C&D Course)(AllBreed)*	Purina Farms
Tracking (plotting)	Purina Farms
<b>Saturday, October 18, 2025</b>	
Herding C & D course/ Tests HT, PT, PT w/ Boundary (GSDCA National)	Purina Farms
Scent Work – 2 Trials (All Breed)*	Fairgrounds – Barn 110
Scent Work – trials will take place in both locations	Fairgrounds – Barn 25
Tracking* pending storm cleanup efforts	Purina Farms
<b>Sunday, October 19, 2025</b>	
Trial 1 - Herding Trial A and B Sheep and Ducks/ Test HT, PT & PT Boundary (All Breed)*	Purina Farms
Trial 2 - Herding Trial A and B Sheep and Ducks (GSDCA National)*	Purina Farms
Scent Work (All Breed)(2 Trials, 3 locations)*	Fairgrounds – Barn 110
Scent Work (All Breed)*	Fairgrounds – Orion Samuelson Building
Scent Work (All Breed)*	Fairgrounds – Barn 25
<b>Monday, October 20, 2025</b>	
Agility Trial (All Breed)*	Fairgrounds – Barn 13
Scent Work Trials (GSD Only x 2)	Fairgrounds – Barn 110, 25
Presentation - Scent Work Victor/Victrix (After Trial)	Fairgrounds - Barn 10
<b>Tuesday, October 21, 2025</b>	
Agility Trial (All Breed)*	Fairgrounds – Barn 13
Agility "Top 20" Invitational (After Trial)	Fairgrounds – Barn 13
Presentations – Agility Victor/Victrix, Agility Top 20 Winner	Fairgrounds – Barn 13
Herding Instinct (Pen & Tending) & Farm Dog, Trick Dog	Fairgrounds – Warm Up Arena Next to Coliseum
Temperament Tests	Fairgrounds – Gate 3
Stall move in	Fairgrounds - Barn 14
<b>Wednesday, October 22, 2025</b>	
Obedience & Rally (All Breed)*	Fairgrounds – Expo Building
Futurity & Maturity Finals	Fairgrounds – Coliseum
Conformation Versatility Sweepstakes	Fairgrounds – Coliseum
Presentation - Best in Futurity Breeder	Fairgrounds – Coliseum
Judge's Education	Fairgrounds – Expo Building; Mezzanine
Pre-Show 4-6 Month Beginner Puppy	Fairgrounds - Coliseum
Pre-Show Conformation Specialty	Fairgrounds – Coliseum
<b>Thursday, October 23, 2025</b>	
Conformation Judging National Specialty, beginning with 4-6 month beginner puppies – All Dog classes first, then Bitch classes	Fairgrounds – Coliseum
Obedience & Rally (GSD only)	Fairgrounds – Expo Building
Rescue Dog Presentation	Fairgrounds – Coliseum
Club Parade (before Cocktail Party)	Fairgrounds - Coliseum
Parade of Greats, Top 20and Top 10 Owner Handlers (before Cocktail Party)	Fairgrounds – Coliseum
Cocktail Party	Fairgrounds – Expo Building; Mezzanine

GSDCA Annual Meeting, Town Hall on ROM Program, Club Awards and Membership Elections	Fairgrounds – Expo Building; Mezzanine
<b>Friday, October 24, 2025</b>	
Conformation Judging (Balance of Reg. Classes, Winners Dog, Winners Bitch, followed by Veterans)	Fairgrounds – Coliseum
Presentation - Top Ten Junior Showmanship	Fairgrounds – Coliseum
2024 Top 10 Stud Dog/Brood Bitch Presentation Class	Fairgrounds – Coliseum
Obedience & Rally (GSD Only)	Fairgrounds –Expo Building
Gold Page Luncheon	Fairgrounds - TBD
Junior Handling Seminar (after the conclusion of judging for the day)	Fairgrounds - Coliseum
<b>Saturday, October 25, 2025</b>	
Departed Members Remembrance	Fairgrounds – Coliseum
Conformation Judging – Best of Breed (Dogs first)	Fairgrounds – Coliseum
Junior Showmanship (during lunch break)	Fairgrounds – Coliseum
Obedience & Rally Presentations (during lunch break)	Fairgrounds – Coliseum
Award of Excellence Presentations (during lunch break)	Fairgrounds – Coliseum
Conformation Judging – Best of Breed (Bitches)	Fairgrounds – Coliseum
Best of Breed/Best Opposite/Best of Winners/Best Puppy/Best Bred By Joan Ford Memorial Trophy Presentation	Fairgrounds – Coliseum
Victory Dinner	Northfield Inn
<b>Sunday, October 26, 2025</b>	
GSDCA Board Meeting	TBD

\*Preference given to German Shepherd Dogs

#### **CONFORMATION JUDGES – 2025 NATIONAL SPECIALTY SHOW**

Sheree Moses Combs– Intersex, Best Puppy & Best Bred-by  
Kenneth Tank – Dogs; Frank Fasano – Bitches  
Kenneth Tank- Junior Showmanship  
Kenneth Tank - Futurity & Maturity Bitches, Best in Futurity & Best in Maturity  
Frank Fasano - Futurity & Maturity Dogs

#### **CONFORMATION ENTRIES**

##### **DOGZIBIT, EVENT SECRETARY**

PO BOX 2044, WOODINVILLE, WA 98072-2044

LORRAINE YU – 425-765-9146 – [ENTRIES@DOGZIBIT.COM](mailto:ENTRIES@DOGZIBIT.COM)

#### **THE JOAN FORD MEMORIAL TROPHY**

The Joan Ford Memorial Trophy is awarded at the US National Specialty for the Best Bred-By Exhibitor as judged by the Intersex Judge.

It is our hope the winner of this Trophy will continue to breed wisely and with the same dedication, love, and devotion to the German Shepherd Dog which was continually demonstrated and practiced by Joan Ford.

**OBEDIENCE, RALLY& AGILITY SHOW SECRETARY –**  
**Vicki Miller,GSD Secretary Services**  
**14301 N Old Number 7, Columbia, MO 65202,**  
**Phone: 573-228-4738 Fax: N/A Cell: 573-228-4738**  
**Email: [gsdsecretary@outlook.com](mailto:gsdsecretary@outlook.com)**  
**Website: [www.gsdsecretaryservice.com](http://www.gsdsecretaryservice.com)**

#### **THREE DAYS OF AKC OBEDIENCE TRIALS**

Wednesday, Thursday&Friday, October 22, 23& 24, 2025  
For GSDs Only except All Breed w/preference to GSDs (Wednesday only)

##### **OBEDIENCE CHAIR**

Patricia Schneiderjohn

Phone: 314-503-0640; Email: [gardenindalmation@hotmail.com](mailto:gardenindalmation@hotmail.com)

##### **CLASSES OFFERED**

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: Novice A & B, Open A & B, Utility A & B,  
Preferred Novice, Graduate Novice,  
Beginner Novice A & B, Preferred Open, Graduate Open, Preferred Utility,  
Versatility  
Friday Only: Brace, Veterans, and Team

##### **OBEDIENCE JUDGES**

**Rick Garvin**, 4566 Harbour Hill Drive, Manhattan, Kansas 66503  
**Sharon Redmer**, 7687 Nollar Road, Whitmore Lake, MI 48189

#### **THREE DAYS OF AKC RALLY TRIALS**

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, October 22, 23, 24, 2025  
For GSDs Only except All Breed w/preference to GSDs (Wednesday only)

##### **RALLY CHAIR:**

Catherine Mitchell – [Bmitchel@htc.net](mailto:Bmitchel@htc.net)– (618) 830-2663

##### **RALLY JUDGES**

**Rick Garvin**, 4566 Harbour Hill Drive, Manhattan, Kansas 66503  
**Sharon Redmer**, 7687 Nollar Road, Whitmore Lake, MI 48189

##### **CLASSES OFFERED:**

Novice A & B, Intermediate, Advanced A & B, Excellent A & B, Masters, Choice,  
Rally Pairs (All Breed Day), Rally Team(All Breed Day)

#### **HERDING**

Purina Farms, Grey Summit, MO

##### **October 17&18, 2025**

C& D Course

##### **October 19, 2025**

A Sheep, HT, PT & PT Boundary, A Ducks

#### **Tuesday, October 21, 2025 at Illinois State Fairgrounds**

Herding Instinct, Farm Dog and Trick Dog

**Herding Chair**

Val Manning

Ph: 970-568-7708, email: [RanchoTerraNorte@hotmail.com](mailto:RanchoTerraNorte@hotmail.com)

**Judge (Purina Farms)**

Debbie Ekstrom, 17208 Lincoln Road, Harvard, IL 60033 (847) 732-1731

**Trial Secretary**

Lisa Pruksa, 10321 Harrison Rd, Rockton IL 61072 [herdtrialsec@gmail.com](mailto:herdtrialsec@gmail.com).  
815-494-0384; [www.czechmateborders.com/trialservices](http://www.czechmateborders.com/trialservices)

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**GSDCA AGILITY TRIAL**  
**AGILITYCHAIR**

Christina Ward, 618-854-9074, Email: [crissy9128@gmail.com](mailto:crissy9128@gmail.com)

**Monday – Tuesday October 20-21**

All AKC-Recognized Breeds / All American Dogs

German Shepherd Dog Specialty judged within All Breed Trial

Judge: Lisa Potts

Limited to 350 runs per day

**Classes Offered**

**Regular Agility & Preferred Agility**

Mon: Standard: Novice A&B, Open, Excellent, Master  
JWW: Novice A&B, Open, Excellent, Master, Premier  
FAST: Novice A&B, Open, Excellent, Master

Tues: Standard: Novice A&B, Open, Excellent, Master, Premier  
JWW: Novice A&B, Open, Excellent, Master, T2B

Agility Glory Runs after the trial.

**Agility Top 20 Event -Tuesday, October 21, 2025, Immediately following the Award Presentation**

**AKC TRACKING TEST**

Saturday, October 18, 2025

Open to All Breeds with Preference for GSDs

**JUDGES**

TBD

TRACKS – TD, TDU, TDX (limited entries)

**Tracking Chair and Secretary:**

Gail Stiefferman

9500 Rainbow Acres, Dittmer, MO63023, email:[forstknoll@gmail.com](mailto:forstknoll@gmail.com)

Phone – 314-660-3305

**PREMIUM LIST AND ENTRY FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT [www.gsdca.org](http://www.gsdca.org)**

**GSDCA Pre-Show**

GSDCA Specialty Show Before the National  
Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2025  
Fairgrounds - Coliseum

Judge: Steven Bloom

**4-6 Month Puppy Competition**

Separate Premium List Will Be Available at:

[www.gsdca.org/event-calendar/](http://www.gsdca.org/event-calendar/)

Show Secretary – **DOGZIBIT, EVENT SECRETARY**

PO BOX 2044, WOODINVILLE, WA 98072-2044

LORRAINE YU – 425-765-9146 – [ENTRIES@DOGZIBIT.COM](mailto:ENTRIES@DOGZIBIT.COM)

**SCENT WORK**

**TWO TRIALS PER DAY OF ALL BREED TRIALS, ONE DAY OF GSD ONLY**

October 18, 19, 20, 2025

Interior and Containers: Novice through Masters  
Exteriors and Buried: Novice through Masters  
Detective

**Scent Work Chair**

Janeane Cappara, email:[jrcappara@gmail.com](mailto:jrcappara@gmail.com) ph: 440-227-1111

**Trial Secretary: Brett Vargo, 7918 Frederick Ave., Munster, IL 46321, 219-616-4010 email: [noz99trials@gmail.com](mailto:noz99trials@gmail.com)**

**Judges:**

Chris Ruddock  
David Conroy  
Christine Kozanda  
Laura Feldt

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## **GSDCA TEMPERAMENT TEST**

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Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2025  
Illinois State Fairgrounds, near Gate3  
9AM – 2PM

Pre-Entry Fee: \$45.00    Entry Fee Day of the Event: \$50.00

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### **GSDCA Phyllis Dobbs Versatility Competition**

*(Most Versatile German Shepherd Competition at the GSDCA National)*

**Overview:** The Most Versatile German Shepherd Competition (“Versatility Competition”) is in memory of Phyllis Dobbs, who bred, owned, and trained the first Triple Champion in the German Shepherd breed. The Versatility Competition recognizes those dogs that exemplify true versatility by successfully competing in a variety of events during the GSDCA National.

The Versatility Competition is open to all AKC registered or listed German Shepherd Dogs. The dogs in the Versatility Competition must be currently owned by at least one member of the GSDCA in good standing. Dogs must compete at the National in a minimum of **three** of the following venues: **Agility, Conformation, Herding, Obedience/Rally, Scent Work/Tracking**. Obedience and Rally are considered one venue since the required skills are similar. Scent Work and Tracking will be considered one venue for the purpose of the Versatility Competition.

To participate in the Versatility Competition, competitors must fill out a Versatility Competition registration form and submit it with the registration fee by September 1, 2025, to ensure being listed in the catalog as being entered in the Versatility Competition (late entries will be accepted until October 8 but will not be listed in the catalog or receive a customized participation rosette). Participants must enter the events in which their dog will compete directly with the appropriate event secretary. There is no registration fee to participate in the Versatility Competition.

During the National Specialty, participants must fill out and turn in a score sheet to the Versatility Competition Chair each day after each sport has been completed. The scoring for the competition ends after the conclusion of the Best of Breed competition; the winner of the Versatility Competition will be announced during the Victory Banquet and be presented with the Phyllis Dobbs Versatility Award. Competing dogs will receive a customized participation rosette. The winner of the 2025 Phyllis Dobbs Versatility Award will receive a cold cast bronze statue of a German Shepherd Dog.

**Scoring:** The Versatility Competition is based on a point accumulation system, with points being awarded according to schedule of points set forth in Appendix 1, based on performance in various events. Generally, points will be awarded in Conformation for participation and placement. Points will be awarded in each performance event entered based on:

- Qualifying runs
- Maximum of 2 weighted scores (if applicable)

- Additional points may be awarded for certain special achievements (e.g., High in Trial in Obedience).

Although Obedience and Rally are considered a single event for purposes of the three event minimum, competitors can earn points from both Obedience and Rally.

**Agility:** Any two qualifying runs that receive a score (Standard, Jumpers, FAST, Premier) on Monday and Tuesday will count as weighted scores towards the total points awarded in the Versatility Competition. Versatility points will be computed as RAW SCORE plus points.

**Conformation:** A dog may compete in both the Versatility Sweeps (a conformation class open only to dogs entered in the Versatility Competition), and in the regular conformation classes. All dogs participating (and not being excused for DQs or temperament), will receive 25 points for participation in the sweepstakes or in any regular conformation class during the National. Class placements will be awarded additional points. Dogs competing in Best of Breed will receive 100 participation points, earning a Select, GV, GVX, or BOB will receive additional points.

**Versatility Conformation Sweepstakes:** *The purpose of offering a Versatility Sweepstakes class is so all Versatility dogs, even those that are spayed or neutered, may compete and earn participation points in conformation. The sweepstakes will offer two classes, dogs and bitches, and will be judged prior to the Futurity finals. Judge TBD. This is a non-regular class and must be entered and paid for via the Versatility Competition Registration Form.*

**Herding:** Any two qualifying runs that receive a score (Course A, B, C, D on ducks or sheep) from the GSDCA herding trials will count as weighted scores towards the total points awarded in the Versatility Competition. Versatility points will be computed as RAW SCORE plus points. Although only two qualifying runs receive a weighted score, all other qualifying runs will receive points.

**Obedience/Rally:** Obedience and Rally are combined as one venue since the skills are very similar. However, dogs may earn 2 raw scores in each event. Any two qualifying runs that receive a score will count as weighted scores towards the total points awarded in the Versatility Competition. Because Obedience scores are based on a 200 point scale (unlike the other performance venues that are a 100 point scale) Obedience Versatility points will be computed as 50% of the RAW SCORE plus points. Rally Versatility points will be computed as RAW SCORE plus points. Although only two qualifying runs from EACH event (Obedience and Rally) receive a weighted score, all other qualifying runs will receive points.

**Scent Work:** Scent Work is a pass/fail event. A dog may earn points for up to 10 qualifying legs. The dog earns points for Qs along with placements and HITs.

**Tracking:** Tracking is the only sport for which points are awarded for previously earned titles. Tracking will only count as one the three required venues if dogs are entered and qualify at the National. To encourage people to enter the Tracking test at the National Specialty, dogs qualifying at the National will earn more points than dogs with a previously earned title. Any update or corrections will be in the 2025 GSDCA Official Premium List.

**(A TABLE SHOWING THE SCHEDULE OF POINTS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT WWW.GSDCA.ORG)**

## **2025 GSDCA Phyllis Dobbs Versatility Competition**

### **Registration Form**

*Please complete and return this form no later than September 1, 2025 to:*

**Julie Degen**, 10361 Heddings Road, Catlett, VA 20119

Telephone: 651-271-6143 -Email: [ejdegen@aol.com](mailto:ejdegen@aol.com)

*Registrations received after September 1 will be eligible to compete in the Versatility Competition but will not be listed in the catalog or receive a customized participation rosette. No registrations will be accepted after October 8.*

*Phyllis Dobbs Versatility Registration Fee: Free (does NOT include conformation entry fee). Make check(s) payable for Versatility Conformation to: GSDCA*

<b>Registered name of dog &amp; titles (only AKC, CKC and SV titles):</b>		
<b>AKC Registration #:</b>		<b>Call name:</b>
<b>Date of Birth:</b>		<b>Gender:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
<b>Breeder:</b>		
<b>Sire:</b>		
<b>Dam:</b>		
<b>Owner's name:</b>		
<b>Owner's address:</b>		
<b>Owner's phone:</b>		<b>Owner's email:</b>
<b>Additional owner(s):</b>		
Is at least one owner a member in good standing of the GSDCA (identify owner/member name)?		
<b>Check each venue in which the dog will be entered at the National (must be at least three of the following venues: Agility, Conformation, Herding, Obedience/Rally, Tracking). You must enter each venue checked directly with the event secretary, except for the Versatility Sweepstakes which must be entered via this form.</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Agility	<input type="checkbox"/> Conformation	<input type="checkbox"/> Conformation: Versatility Sweepstakes (please submit the \$35 entry fee with this form)
<input type="checkbox"/> Herding	<input type="checkbox"/> Obedience	<input type="checkbox"/> Rally
<input type="checkbox"/> Scent Work	<input type="checkbox"/> Tracking: Please list any tracking titles your dog has already earned:	

I acknowledge that I am the owner of the dog listed above and that the information above is accurate and complete. I understand that to participate in the Versatility Competition, I must enter each event directly with the appropriate event secretary (except the Versatility Sweepstakes, which must be entered via this form); my dog must compete in the venues checked above at the 2025 GSDCA National and that I must fill out and turn in a score sheet to the Versatility Chair each day.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **SELECT EXCELLENT AWARD**

This award, an enhanced attachment to the Select Award, recognizes the superior mature dog

ELIGIBILITY: Champions with certified hips/elbows, OFA, OVC or SV "a" Stamp Normal certified after the age of 24 mo. who are in competition for and receive the Select rating at the GSDCA National. Dogs/Bitches entered in non-regular classes (Veterans) that move up to BOB competition and Winners Dog/Bitch with certified hips/elbows and receive a Select rating are eligible.

Email or mail the certifications to the Chair, Christine Leeka-Snyder, 22881 SE 442<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Sandy, OR 97055 503-475-2091, [ckleeka@gmail.com](mailto:ckleeka@gmail.com). Must include certificates of hips/elbows, current owner's name, address, phone and email address.

Complete documentation must be received by Friday, September 26, 2025. Winners at the national must give the proper certification to the Chairman by 5:00 p.m. the night BEFORE judging of Best of Breed on Saturday.

After the closing date, dogs still awaiting certification from that period until the National: Required information must be given to the Show Chairman, no later than 5:00 p.m. the day before Best Of Breed judging. Be prepared with needed information as without proper ID, there can be no exceptions. Owners of all dogs/bitches with a Sel. Excellent rating from a past national, will need to send documentation to this year's Chair.

Select Excellent Streamers will be handed out when Select photos are taken.

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### **AWARD OF EXCELLENCE**

**If you think your dog is eligible to receive the AOE designation and award given by the GSDCA, contact the AOE Chair:**

**Dawn VanDyken at [drvandyken@gmail.com](mailto:drvandyken@gmail.com), 616-299-7778  
or  
10535 88<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Allendale, MI 49401**

**A list of requirements and details will be provided. AOE eligibility year runs from October 2024 through September 15, 2025.**

**Awards and recognition will be made on Saturday, Oct. 25, 2025, during the break.**

**CLOSING DATE IS September 17, 2025**

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### **Educational Program**

**Donna Calabrese, Educational Chair**

[email:onaluzlead@aim.com](mailto:email:onaluzlead@aim.com)

ph: 717-586-7181

**Wednesday, October 22, 2025**

*Begins after completion of Futurity/Maturity Finals*

**Breed Standard and Hands-On Seminar**

*This seminar is free of charge to everyone except those who are requesting a Certificate of Participation. Those wanting the Certificate of Participation – fee \$25.00.*

*Please watch for announcements with links to sign up.*

*For additional questionsemail: [onaluzlead@aim.com](mailto:onaluzlead@aim.com)*

### **MEMBER NOTICES**

#### **CALLING ALL REGIONAL CLUBS**

Grab your club banners and sweatshirts and join us for the Regional Club Parade right before the cocktail party on Thursday, October 23, 2025. For additional information contact:

Chairperson: Gail Stiefferman:email: [forstknoll@gmail.com](mailto:forstknoll@gmail.com)  
Phone – 314-660-3305

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### **ANNUAL MEETING**

Thursday, October 23, 2025

Fairgrounds –Exposition Building -Mezzanine Level

All GSDCA members are encouraged to attend the Annual Meeting and presentation of awards.

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### **NATIONAL REMEMBRANCE OF DEPARTED GSDCA MEMBERS**

On Saturday, a special tribute and remembrance will be made in honor of our departed GSDCA Members. The year runs from August 29, 2024 to August 28, 2025. Please take a moment to inform us of any GSDCA Member we have lost during the last National year.

Send information to Nikki Glenn,  
7315 Free Avenue, Oakwood Village, Ohio 44146.  
Phone: 216-774-4901 [Nnicholep@yahoo.com](mailto:Nnicholep@yahoo.com)

**DEADLINE FOR INFORMATION AUGUST 29, 2025**

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## **GSDCA BOARD MEETING**

TBA

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## **BE PART OF HISTORY**

“No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.” Volunteers are welcome and needed in all venues. To get involved with your National and be part of history, please reach out now to Janeane Cappara, Show Chair, 440-227-1111 orjrcappara@gmail.comor Amanda Piala, Performance Co-Chair (262) 370-6516Amzilske@gmail.comif you would like to join the National team.

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## **GSDCA PARADE OF GREATS**

### **ENTRIES CLOSE August 13, 2025 – NO EXCEPTIONS**

**Entries must be SEVEN years of age by August 13, 2025, except GV, GVX, AOE, ROM, and PAM. This parade is an acknowledgment of Great Dogs, their Longevity, and their Accomplishments.**

#### **GROUP I – CONFORMATION**

1. Former Grand Victors or Victrixes of U.S. or Canada
2. Any AOE Recipient
3. Select Dogs and Bitches (U.S. only)
4. ROM Sires and Dams
5. Champions with an advanced performance title, i.e., UD, AX, AXJ, HX, SchHIII, TDX, VST
6. Former North American Sieger or Siegrems
7. VA's from Germany
8. Highest winning GSD as per AKC records indicating total number of dogs, any breed, defeated in a given year

#### **GROUP II – PERFORMANCE**

1. Performance Victors or Victrixes, including Obedience, Herding, and Agility (U.S. only). Dogs must be free of disqualifying faults according to the Breed Standard except for those earning titles in 2013.
2. Performance Award of Merit dogs and bitches
3. Performance Champions, including Obedience, Herding, Agility, and Tracking
4. Schutzhund III dogs and bitches (trained in the U.S. only)

#### **GROUP III – SERVICE DOGS – which can include**

1. Guide Dog
2. Mobility Assistance Dog
3. Hearing Dog
4. Medical Assistance Dog
  - A. Certified Search and Rescue Dogs (SAR) Requirements Include:
    - 1) Owner must provide a certificate from the SAR team as proof of completion of testing for certification
    - 2) Owner must provide proof that their dog was trained under the guidelines and standards of the National Association for Search and Rescue (NASAR)
    - 3) Document showing proof of service (ie. Individual SAR team leader, public safety agency representative, or any other agency)
  - B. Categories
    - 1) SAR Dogs
    - 2) Cadaver Dogs (trained to find human remains)

- 3) Wilderness Search Dogs (trained to find missing persons in the wild and in cities)
- 4) Drowned Victim Recovery Dogs (trained to work in and around water searching for human remains)
- 5) Urban Search Dogs (trained to search for victims of natural or man-made disasters)

#### **GROUP IV – THERAPY DOGS**

1. Dogs who have earned an AKC therapy title (ThD)
2. Therapy dogs who have made 50 visits that are certified by AKC-approved therapy dog Organizations (ex., TDI, Delta, etc.\_
3. Psychological Therapy Dogs

#### **PARADE OF GREATS - General Information**

1. If an animal is in poor health (lame) it can still be presented, BUT NOT GAITED
2. The acquired title must be officially awarded by August 13, 2025, and the verification of that title will be included with the entry
3. A FEE of \$50 will be charged to cover the cost of Rosettes and Page in the National Catalog. **Please pay through the GSDCA store.**
4. Rosettes must be picked up at the National Specialty, none will be mailed
5. Dogs must be presented in the Parade to have their presentation speech read
6. Only AKC, CKC, and WDA titles will be listed in the catalog and on the Presentation Ribbon
7. Dogs must have individual handlers and be presented one at a time
8. Dogs shown in the Parade of Greats CANNOT be shown in Best of Breed competition at that year's National

**Send a 100-Word Resume, a digital image (preferably a 4 x 5 at 300dpi minimum) and a 25-word Presentation speech and of your dog's accomplishments to be read as your dog enters the ring and email to:**

Christine Leeka-Snyder, 22881 SE 442nd Ave., Sandy, OR 97055  
telephone: 503-475-2091, ckleeka@gmail.com.



**PARADE OF GREATS ENTRY FEE - \$50.00**

**Email all entries with photos and resume to:**

Christine Leeka-Snyder, 22881 SE 442<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Sandy, OR 97055  
503-475-2091, [ckleeka@gmail.com](mailto:ckleeka@gmail.com)

**Please go to the GSDCA store to pay your entry fee.**

Name of dog & titles

OFA#'s

DOB & Registration #

Breeder Name

Sire

Dam

Owner's name

Owner's address

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phonetic pronunciation of dog's name \_\_\_\_\_

Spell out titles (CD=Companion Dog, TD= Tracking Dog, etc.) This is for the announcer only.

**EARLY CLOSING DATE**

**2024 TOP TEN STUD DOG & BROOD BITCH PRESENTATION CLASS**

**ENTRIES CLOSE AUGUST 13, 2025 – NO EXCEPTIONS**

Eligible dogs include: 2024 Top Ten Futurity/Maturity Sires & Dams and all Register of Merit Sires & Dams still alive as of Jan.1, 2024.

All living Sires must be present and represented by at least three progeny.

All living Dams must be present and represented by at least two progeny.

If one of the Top Ten Futurity/Maturity Sires or Dams is deceased, their winning progeny may be shown in this class. (Progeny must be Champions, Best or Best of Opposite Sex Futurity/Maturity winners, major or major reserve winners.)

**Owners of eligible sires and dams should contact the owners of all eligible progeny to encourage their participation in this prestigious class. Entries must be made by the owners of the progeny.**

A list of the top ten futurity sires and dams appears on the next page.

**Complete this form, including all titles and mail with four-generation pedigree & check to:**

**Christine Leeka-Snyder, 22881 SE 442<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Sandy, OR 97055**

**Telephone: 503-475-2091, [ckleeka@gmail.com](mailto:ckleeka@gmail.com)**

This class will be presented on Friday, October 24, 2025.

Name of ROM sire or dam

Name of Futurity/Maturity sire or dam

Name of progeny entered

Show at which your major win, Best of Breed or Best of Opposite Sex or Futurity/Maturity win was obtained.

(Chairman must be able to confirm win before closing date)

Name of Owner

Address

City, State & Zip

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Entry fee \$50.00 for stud dog/brood bitch only.

**Please go to [www.gsdca.org/store/to pay entry fee](http://www.gsdca.org/store/to pay entry fee).** Please print off your receipt and place order # here: \_\_\_\_\_.

Dogs need not be entered in any class in this show

All rosettes must be picked up the day of the event.

All entrants will receive confirmation by August 27, 2025



## **TOP TEN FUTURITY SIRES & DAMS**

### **Top Sires**

Wolf Creek Levi  
Kis Malchik van Contra Haus  
Tokaye Elite Design Malac Bleibtreu Dershimer  
Kaleef's Chaos  
Krystal's Asher v Cherpa  
Gero Contra Sa Juga  
Norberge's C'Est Si Bon of Clayfield  
Jimeni's Gunpowder Falls of Clayfield-Malibar  
Braunhaus Malachi  
New Era's Comet

### **Top Dams**

Tazzman's Toyko Drift Patmar  
Signature's Harper Rose  
Kenlyn's Marquis' Vendetta v Seven Hills  
Norberge's Kiss Me Under the Mistletoe of Clayfield  
Kennelwood Fire Opal of Cherpa  
Aramist's Four Letter Word of Marathon  
Ranita's Wolf Creek Jochebed  
Marquis' Dirty Dancer v Kenlyn  
Eklectic's Loud Pipes  
Kennelwood's My Maria of Mazerick  
Silhouette's Run for the Roses  
Sundance's Little Bo Peep of Edan

<b>GSDCA TEMPERAMENT TEST ENTRY</b>		
German Shepherd Dog Club of America, Inc. Illinois State Fairgrounds, 801 E. Sangamon Ave., Springfield, IL by Gate 3 <b>Tuesday, October 21, 2025 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.</b> Pre-Entry Fee: \$45.00 Entry Fee Day of the Test: \$50.00 Pre-Entry fee must be paid through the GSDCA Store. Please enter Paid Order # inspace provided below. No checks for pre-entries. Email Scanned form to: temperament@gsdca.org or mail to: Gail Stiefferman, 9500Rainbow Acres, Dittmer, MO 63023 ph: 314-660-3305 Mailed entries must be received by <b>Wednesday, October 8, 2025</b> THIS INFORMATION IS USED FOR YOUR CERTIFICATE, PLEASE MAKE SURE IT IS ACCURATE AND LEGIBLE.ORDER #		
CALL NAME:		
DOG NAME		BREED
AKC REGISTRATION #	FOREIGN REG # & COUNTRY	PAL REG. #
DATE OF BIRTH:	COUNTRY OF BIRTH:	MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE <input type="checkbox"/>
ACTUAL OWNER(S):		
OWNERS ADDRESS:		
CITY:	STATE:	ZIPCODE:
In consideration of being permitted to participate in a Temperament Test sponsored by the German Shepherd Dog Club of America, Inc., the undersigned agrees that the German Shepherd Dog Club of America, Inc. is not responsible for any injuries or damage suffered by persons or animals participating in the Temperament Test during, before or after the actual test. By acting as a spectator and/or participating, in any capacity, I waive any right of action against the GSDCA and will hold the GSDCA harmless if any action, or lack of action by my dog(s) or by me results in any action against the sponsoring club.		
SIGNATURE OF OWNER/AGENT:		
Phone:		Email:

#### **Dogs must be 1 year of age to enter Temperament Test**

Certificates will be issued the day of the test for those who have pre-entered. Certificates for dogs entered the day of the test will be available in the Show Office, on Thursday, October 23, 2025. Certificates **WILL NOT BE MAILED**. Please pick up your certificate or make arrangements to have it picked up for you.If you are participating in other events, please let us know so that you may be accommodated with your entry, we will not chase you down to remind you.German Shepherd Dogs will get first priority; bitches in season will go last. Any dog is eligible to participate, they do not have to be registered to test, they just need to be a canine.

**2025 NATIONAL CATALOG ADVERTISING**  
**AD DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 1, 2025**  
**(NO EXCEPTIONS – NO FAXES)**

Make all checks payable to: The German Shepherd Dog Club National Specialty  
 Credit card payment is accepted through the GSDCA Store website. U.S. FUNDS  
 ONLY (No Foreign Funds); Mail all advertising (Ad Copy and Photos) to:

**Holly Bryan 8890 Bethel Road, Gainesville, GA 30506**  
**Cell phone (612) 239-5293 Email hollybryan1@aol.com**

**ADVERTISING RATES**

**2025 National Catalog Ad Rates**

	<b><u>Member Rate</u></b>	<b><u>Commercial Rate</u></b>
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**SPECIAL COVER AD PLACEMENTS\*\***

Inside Front Cover (Full Page)(Color)	\$350	\$600
Inside Back Cover (Full Page)(Color)	\$350	\$600

**PREMIUM AD PLACEMENT PAGES\*\***

Each section of the Catalog (all venues, conformation and performance)  
 will have available 1 Full Page ad to be placed before each section. See  
 below for Premium Placement section availability and rate.

<b><u>Premium Placement Rates</u></b>	<b><u>Member Rate</u></b>	<b><u>Commercial Rate</u></b>
Beginning of 4-6 Month Puppy Class	\$125.00	\$250.00
Beginning of Conformation Dog Classes	\$125.00	\$250.00
Beginning of Conformation Bitch Classes	\$125.00	\$250.00
Beginning of Best of Breed	\$125.00	\$250.00
Beginning of Junior Showmanship	\$125.00	\$250.00
Beginning of Obedience Classes	\$125.00	\$250.00
Beginning of Rally Classes	\$125.00	\$250.00
Beginning of Futurity/Maturity	\$125.00	\$250.00

**Advertising Section**

Full Page	\$ 80.00	\$160.00
1/2 Page	\$ 40.00	\$ 80.00
Business Card (1/4 Page)	\$ 20.00	\$ 40.00
Breeders Directory Listing	\$ 15.00	n/a
Handlers Directory Listing	\$ 25.00	n/a

**All Ad sizes:** Full Page 4 ½ x 7 ½; Half Page 4 ½ x 3 ¾; Quarter Page 4 ½  
 x 1-7/8.

\*\*Special Cover Ad and Premium Ad Placement pages are for Full Page  
 ads only and will be on a first-come/first-serve basis.

**All ads are black and white.**

Camera-ready ads submitted by email must be at the specified size  
 @300dpi (.jpg or .pdf file format) and should be sent to  
 hollybryan1@aol.com. NO placements will be reserved without receipt of  
 full payment. Any reduction or enlargement of logos or artwork will be  
 charged. Order placement for all ads will be available on the GSDCA  
 website ONLY beginning June 27, 2025 at 9PM (Eastern Time.)

**ALL ADS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY PAYMENT OR PAYMENT  
 PROCESSED THRU GSDCA STORE PAGE (<http://gsdca.org/store/>)**  
 (see form below for ads being sent via mail)

**ALL ADS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2025**

We hereby authorize the insertion of our ad in the Official National  
 Catalog of the 112th Annual National Specialty Show and Obedience  
 Trial to be held October 22-25, 2025. It is further agreed that this order  
 contains all the terms of the contract and is not subject to cancellation.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

**BREEDER'S DIRECTORY LISTING - \$15.00**

A Breeder's Directory with listings in alphabetical order under home  
 state will appear in alphabetical order. Available services are listed by  
 code.

Kennel Name \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Website \_\_\_\_\_

CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY: A=Adult, P=Puppies, S=Stud Service,  
 H=Handling, G=Grooming, B=Boarding, T=Training, C=Conformation,  
 O=Obedience, K=Tracking, G=Agility, X=Schutzhund, +=Signer Breeders  
 Code, \*=Written Guarantee, HR=Herding, R=Rescue

**HANDLER'S DIRECTORY - \$25.00**

(Send Business Card if Available)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

**VENDORS** – Contact Janeane Cappara – 440-227-1111, jrcappara@gmail.com for a contract and additional information.

**GROOMING** – Bathing areas are available in the stalls. Shavings must be purchased from the site. If you utilize shavings, there is an additional fee of \$25.00 for cleaning by the site.

**GOLF CARTS** – The Illinois State Fairgrounds has an exclusive contract with Battery Specialists for golf cart rentals. Golf Cart Rentals are as follows:

2 Passenger - \$60.00/per day

4 Passenger or Box car - \$75.00/per day

6 Passenger - \$110.00/per day

DELIVERY FEE - \$30.00/for orders of 4 cars or less, \$50.00 for orders of 5 cars or more.

If you are interested in renting a golf cart, please phone BATTERY SPECIALISTS GOLF CARTS AT 217-824-3943. Rentals must be secured and pre-paid with a credit card at least 5 working days before delivery date. All golf carts must be picked up and returned to the Fairgrounds Security Office.

### **RV Information**

**Purchase thru the GSDCA Store [www.gsdca.org/store/](http://www.gsdca.org/store/)**

**Anita Clouse**

**217-816-2597**

**[ranita.kennels@yahoo.com](mailto:ranita.kennels@yahoo.com)**

### **PLAN TO ATTEND**

**GSDCA 2025 National Victory Banquet**

**Saturday, October 25, 2025**

**Northfield Inn, 3280 Northfield Dr., Springfield, IL**

**Please join us for a great evening with food, drink and friends!**

### **HOTELS**

Holiday Inn Express & Suites (next to the Crowne Plaza)

3050 S. Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, IL 62703

Phone Reservations – 217-529-7771

\*Residence Inn – (7 miles from show site)

2915 Stanford Avenue, Springfield, IL 62703, 217-527-1100

Studio Suites - \$159.00/night + Tax, One Bedroom Suites - \$169.00/night + Tax

Pet Fee – \$100.00/stay (Large Grassy Area)

Cutoff Date – 09/20/2025

\*Northfield Inn & Suites – (1 mile from show site)

3280 Northfield Drive. Springfield, IL 62702, 217-523-7900

King Room - \$129.00/night + Tax (no pets)

Cutoff date – 9/19/2025

\*Microtel Inn & Suites – (7 miles from show site)

2636 Sunrise Drive, Springfield, IL 62703, 217-753-2636

Two Queen Rooms - \$84.99/night + Tax, One Queen Room - \$84.99/night + Tax, Suite rooms, \$104.00 + Tax

Pet Fee - \$15.00 per day

Cutoff date - 9/17/2025

\*Candlewood Suites – (7 miles from show site)

2501 Sunrise Drive, Springfield, IL 217-522-5100

Studio Suite w/1 King, 1 Queen or 2 Double beds- \$129.00/night + tax  
(large grassy area)

Cut-off date - 9/30/2025

\*Comfort Suites

2620 S. Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, Illinois 62703 (217) 753-4000

<https://www.choicehotels.com/illinois/springfield/comfort-suites-hotels>

1 King, Two Queen, 1 Two Double - all \$125 per night plus tax

La Quinta Inn & Suites

1121 Lejune Drive, Springfield, IL, 217-697-5686

Large Grassy Area

Hilton Garden Inn

3100 South Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, IL, 217-529-7171

**\*Hotels Contracted with GSDCA – Please mention you are with the GSDCA when booking! Please note the cut-off dates for reservations with the contracted hotels!**

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**ADVANCED SALES**  
**DINNER TICKETS, CATALOGS, ETC**

**Pre Order Closes September 20, 2025**

Ringside Table with 6 Chairs	\$660.00
Reserved Seating (ringside, two rows, ground level, no risers)	\$55.00
Banquet Dinner Tickets Saturday Evening	\$60.00
Banquet Dinner Tickets, Table of 8	\$480.00
Gold Page Luncheon	\$45.00
Reserved Stalls - Tuesday to Saturday	\$150.00
Reserved Stalls - Wednesday to Saturday	\$125.00
Pre-Ordered Catalog for Show (limited availability at show @ \$40.00)	\$35.00
Pre-Ordered Catalog (not marked) - Mailed	\$45.00
Red Book (pre-order)	\$35.00
Red Book (purchased at show)	\$40.00
Red Book (Mailed - US Delivery)	\$45.00
Red Book (Mailed - International Delivery)	\$58.00
2025 Rescue Calendar (American German Shepherd Rescue Association)	\$20.00
2025 Rescue Calendar - Mailed (American German Shepherd Rescue Association)	\$23.00

**Go to the GSDCA Store to place your order [www.gsdca.org/store/](http://www.gsdca.org/store/) Make sure to print off your receipt, as you will need your receipt to pick up your tickets for all items purchased.**

Orders will be available at the show site Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, October 22, 23, 24, 2025 from 8:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. Orders not claimed by end Friday at 10:30 A.M. will be forfeited with no refund. No refunds or adjustments to orders will be made after September 20, 2025. Unclaimed catalogs, calendars, and Red Books WILL NOT be mailed.

For additional information or questions please contact:

**Lynn Goswick, Phone: 409-770-6310, Email: [gsdog@wt.net](mailto:gsdog@wt.net)**  
**Lisa Reynoldson, Phone: (970) 889-4809**  
**Email: [lmreynoldson1110@gmail.com](mailto:lmreynoldson1110@gmail.com)**

**Online:** [www.gsdca.org/store/](http://www.gsdca.org/store/)

**\*All reservations are on a first-come /first-served basis.** \*If you want to sit next to a friend, PLEASE make sure ALL seats are purchased in the same order.

**Gold Page Luncheon**

**Friday, October 24, 2025**

Take a small break and join GSD friends and family for delicious luncheon fare, a cash bar and take home a 2025 National keepsake as a thank you for your support of the GSDCA National Specialty.

EXPO Building Mezzanine Level: 12-2pm come and go

Please contact Erin Nellis for more information.

[e\\_nellis@yahoo.com](mailto:e_nellis@yahoo.com)

**GSDCA 2025 NATIONAL SPECIALTYSHOW CHAIRS**

Janeane Cappara, Chair  
Amanda Piala, Performance Co-Chair

**SHOW COMMITTEE**

Valerie Harrington, Val Manning, Patricia Schneiderjohn, Christina Ward,  
Cathy Mitchell, Gail Stiefferman

**EVENT COMMITTEE**

Chair: Janeane Cappara  
7799 King Memorial Road, Mentor, Ohio 44060, 440-227-1111,  
[jrcappara@gmail.com](mailto:jrcappara@gmail.com)  
Cyndi Flautt, Amanda Piala, Val Manning

**PERFORMANCE CHAIRS**

<b>Agility:</b>	Christina Ward	<b>Herding:</b>	Val Manning
<b>Obedience:</b>	Patricia Schneiderjohn	<b>Rally:</b>	Cathy Mitchell
<b>Tracking:</b>	Gail Stiefferman	<b>Scent Work:</b>	Janeane Cappara
<b>Versatility:</b>	Julie Degen		

**SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT**

Advance Sales/Reservations	Lynn Goswick, Lisa Reynoldson
Advertising/Catalog	Holly Bryan
Announcers	Bob Drescher, Evan Ginsburg, Tony Szczuka
Basket Raffle	Linda Bankhead
Building and Grounds	Deb Norman
Chief Ring Steward	Julie Hamasaki
Decorations	Janeane Cappara, Erin Nellis, Leslie Beccia, Zoriana Peters, Carol Grossman
Education	Donna Calabresse, Sheree Moses Combs
First Aid Station	Show Office
Futurity/Maturity	Joan Intersimone
Hotel Liaison	Blake Williams
Judges Hospitality/Transportation	Show Committee
Judges Seminar	Sheree Moses Combs
Junior Handlers	Nikki Bedea, Lindsey Hudspeth
Official Photographer	Valerie Harrington
Opening Ceremonies/Presentations	Janeane Cappara, Cyndi Flautt
Parade of Greats	Christine Leeka-Snyder
Ready Ring/Ribbons	Kathleen Strong, Lorry Bellah
RV & Stall Reservations	Anita Clouse
Red Book	Kim McNamara
Regional Club Parade	Gail Stiefferman
Ribbons and trophies	National Committee Chairs
Ribbon and trophy donations	John Conely, Pamela Wolf-O'dell
Stud Dog/Brood Bitch	Christine Leeka-Snyder
Temperament Test	Butch Stiefferman
Vendors	Janeane Cappara
Videographer	Show Dog Video Pros
Website	Lynn Goswick & Committee