

7/1/2026

Meeting Agenda



- A New Support Team Is Born!
- Merch Launch
- Finance Overview
- Committee Call – Coursing Committee
- Fall Festival Chatter
- Upcoming events
- Set Next Meeting
- Breed Spotlight – German Shepherds



Introducing the Social Media Team!

- With how our club has grown, the needs for social media presence have also grown too heavy to rest on one person's shoulders. Our social media manager position will be shifting to a team of people who will collectively work together to get the job done!
- Do you like creating fun videos of your dogs, taking pictures and videos at our events, boosting brags and uplifting your fellow club members, sharing educational information, talking and interacting with people online, and telling the world about how awesome PFPD is? This could be your club volunteer opportunity to fill – we need you!

Join the Social Media Team!



- Current Tasks Needed (preferably only 1 task per person to help spread the work!):
 - Someone to run the Monthly Brags post on Facebook
 - Multiple people to take photos/videos at events and create written summaries and reels
 - Someone to run monthly engagement contests on Facebook
 - Someone to ensure Facebook event pages are accurate and up to date
- Current Team Members:
 - Kloie Street
 - Kali Mitchin
 - Khelsea Loh



Printify

We Now Have a Merch Store!

<http://prairiefireperformancedogs.printify.me>

- You've been asking for ages, and we've finally delivered!
 - T-Shirts, hoodies, zip-ups, polos, hats, stickers and even clothes for your dogs too!
- Printify allows us create designs and host them on our online shop so people can order directly from the shop! Printify contracts distributors to create the small-batch individual orders for us, and the club even keeps 40% of the sale price for our own fundraising.
- This means PFPD doesn't need to bulk order items and store them. Everyone can get the exact size, colors, etc. that they want without it costing the club a bunch of money up front! 😊
- Go nuts! If there's something you'd like to see in the store (ie. mugs, phone cases, etc!) that isn't there already let Kali know – there are thousands of options for products and we started with just what we knew people wanted from prior discussions.

Check out some of the cool stuff!



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Club Finances



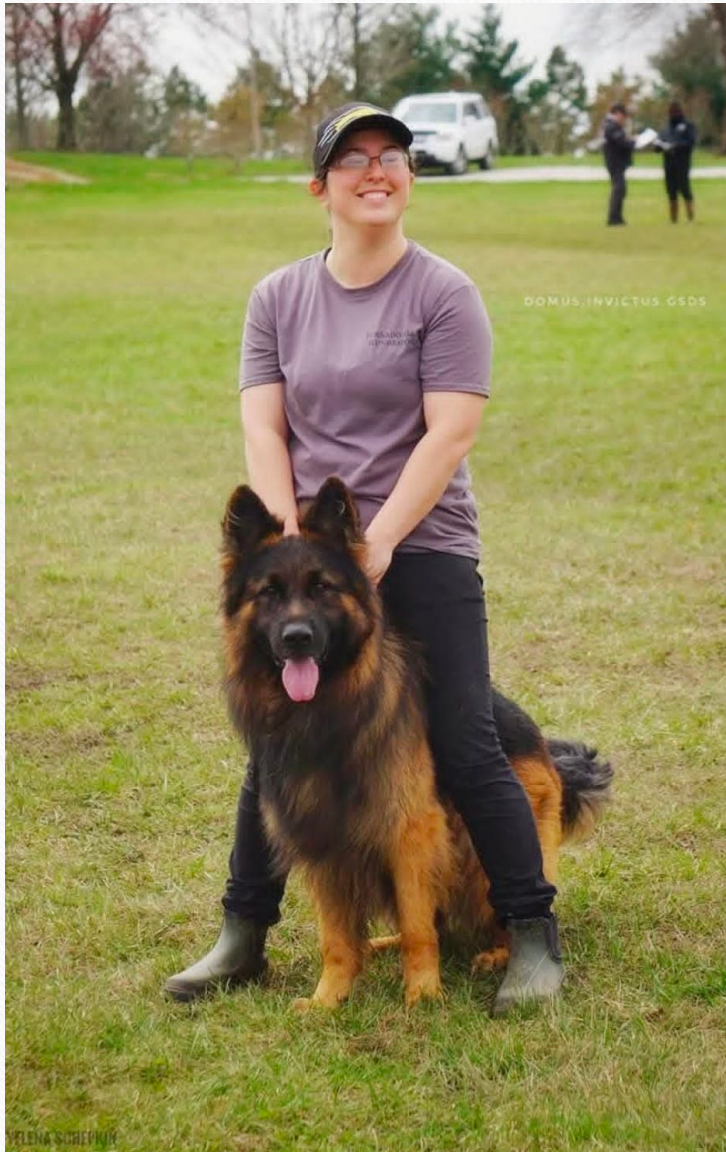
A Quick Overview



- Slow month for fundraising, but we're still chugging along. We gained **+\$120** in funds in June 2026!
- This month we spent money on...
 - 6/5/2026 **-\$550** Club Insurance
 - All month **-\$3.50** PayPal Fees (These will be claimed on our taxes)
- The balance on the account on June 1st 2026 is **+\$3488.87**



Committee Call Coursing Committee



Meet the Coursing Committee

Committee Head:

Kali Mitchin (Pictured)

Members:

Payton Day

Allison Shore

What is Coursing?

Coursing is an instinct-based sport that tests a dog's prey drive through their desire to chase a mechanical lure across a predetermined course. It was originally designed for sighthound breeds but many venues have created more inclusive tracks and events for other breeds as well.

Many folks know and love AKC FastCAT, but UKC has their own version called DASH too! There are also other styles and levels of coursing beyond just the straight-leg run that most people are accustomed to.



The Process

PFPD will be focusing on DASH and Steeplechase for now, but we will be expanding to include Precision Coursing as well!

DASH: A straight leg of 150ft (with additional run out space) where dogs are timed for how fast they complete the course while chasing a mechanical lure. Dogs must earn 3 Q's to earn a DASH title, with additional advanced titles available after earning additional Q's.

Steeplechase: Similar to the above, but with four hurdles included in the track that the dog must navigate while chasing the lure.





Want to Try Coursing?

Check out the Top City Dogs FastCAT fun runs hosted on Tuesdays and Saturdays in Grantville, KS! These are great opportunities for an intro to straight leg coursing.

PFPD will also be hosting a DASH and Steeplechase fun run at Fall Festival.

A precision coursing Try-It Day will also be announced for Spring of 2027, with trials for all three events to come later that year!

Help Us!

- We will be hosting our first Fun Match at the PFPD Fall Festival and we are in desperate need of help and volunteers. We need people to:
 - help run the start gate
 - the finish line gate
 - write down times and give out ribbons
 - organize the paperwork
 - release dogs



How can you get involved?

Join us on Discord!

Post in the coursing-questions channel and let us know that you'd like to get involved – we will welcome you with open arms!

Prairie Fire Performance Dogs

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Weight Pull

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Coursing & DASH

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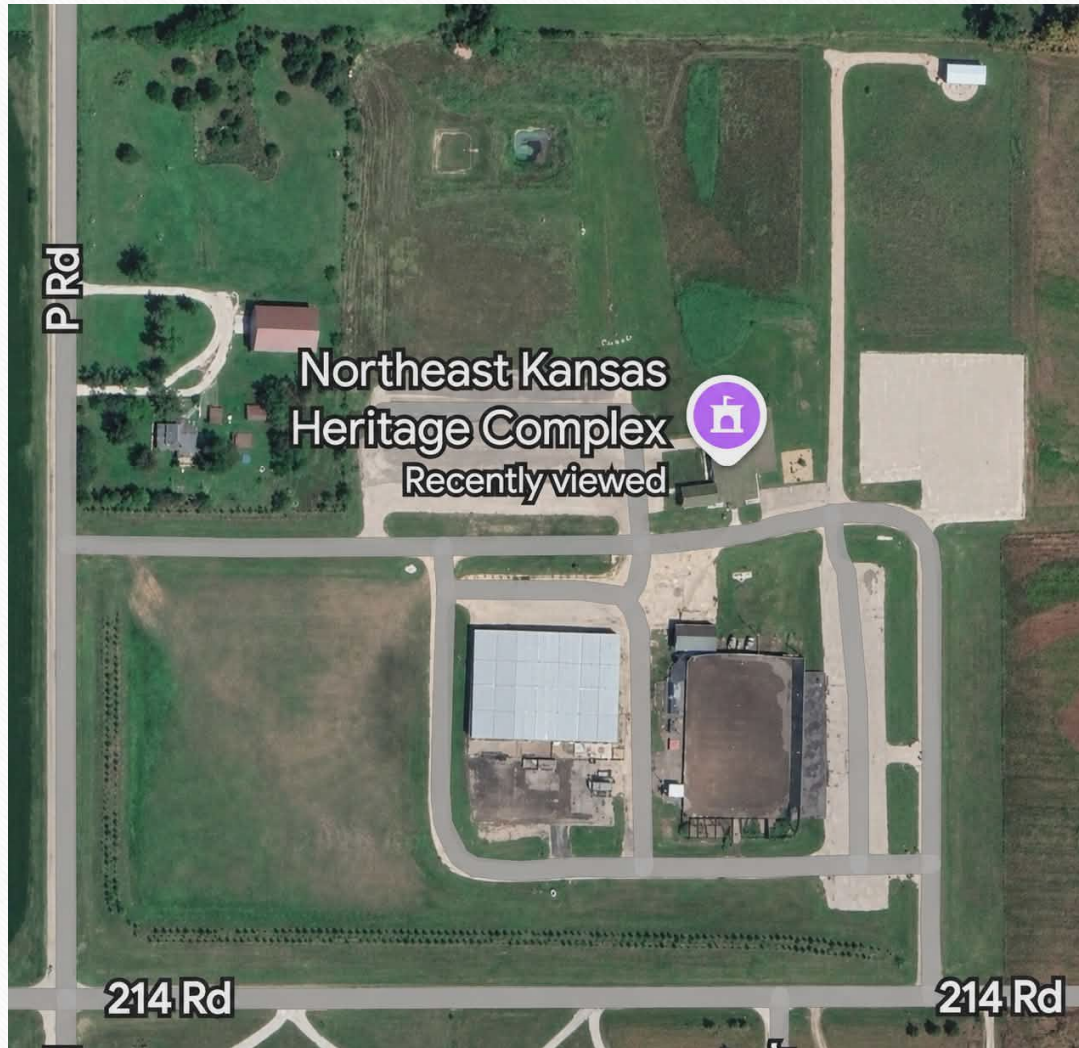
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2026 PFPD Fall Festival

- The contract for the venue has been signed!
- Next steps:
 - Establish volunteer coordinator team.
 - Begin assigning at least one (many of us have multiple) volunteer role to ***every single rostered*** PFPD member. If you have an idea of how you would prefer to help out, now is the time to speak up!
 - Contact and request sponsorships from local businesses to fund the event.
 - Begin generating social media content to advertise the event.



Expected Schedule

- **THURSDAY 11/5/2026:**
 - Set-up
- **FRIDAY 11/6/2026:**
 - All-Sport Try-it Day
 - SPOT Testing (Official)
 - Barrel Racing Fundraiser
- **SATURDAY: 11/7/2026**
 - Conformation Fun Match
 - DASH/Steeplechase Fun Match
- **SUNDAY: 11/8/2026**
 - Rally Fun Match
 - Nosework Fun Match
 - Tear Down





Fun Match?

- Hosting a Fun Match is ***REQUIRED by UKC*** for each sport before our club can host official trials for that sport.
- You can not earn titles at Fun Matches, but they are exactly like a real trial with judges, ribbons, etc.
- Fun matches are the best, most realistic practice picture that you can show to your dog to prepare for a real trial.
- They are also FUN and raise money for the club that we can put towards our very soon-to-be real trials!
- Supporting the fun matches at the ground level for a new club is necessary if we want actual trials to happen in our area. We need you now so we can grow and give you your trials and events later!

VOLUNTEER ROLES

THE OPPORTUNITIES ARE ENDLESS

AND MANY DON'T REQUIRE YOU TO BE AT THE EVENT

We will need help with:

- Advertising
- Developing a premium
- Coordinating vendors
- Coordinating food
- Coordinating volunteers
- Running rings
- Set-up/Tear-down
- Moving equipment from storage locations to event
- Creating signage
- Making baked goods
- Trash cleanup, bathroom care
- Judge assistants
- Ribbon coordination/distribution
- Time takers for nosework
- And so on and so on!!!



SPONSORS NEEDED
THIS EVENT WILL BE HUGE!
WE REQUIRE MORE FUNDING TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN



Calling all local businesses!

If you have or know of a local business who may consider supporting the PFPD Fall Festival please let the Fundraising Committee know. We will reach out to them (and name drop you if you think it'll help!) and show them what we're up to!

Opportunities for supporters include advertising rights, vendor booth reservations, displayed banners, social media promotions, award sponsorships and more!

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE:

Kali Mitchin (Lead)

Maisy Barton

Join us please, we need more help!



\$100

Puppy Pal - Bronze

- ✓ Small logo included in the event premium.
- ✓ Small logo included in the combined sponsorship appreciation banner displayed in the dining spaces.
- ✓ x1 social media shout out.



\$500

Pack Member - Silver

- ✓ Small logo included in the event premium and event banners.
- ✓ Small logo included in the combined sponsorship appreciation banner displayed in the dining spaces.
- ✓ x2 social media shout outs.
- ✓ Vendor booth space.



\$1500

Perfect Pawtner - Gold

- ✓ Large, prominent logo on all publications and website.
- ✓ x5 large individual banners posted in high traffic areas during event.
- ✓ x3 social media shout outs.
- ✓ Vendor booth space.



\$3000

The BIG Dog - Diamond

- ✓ Large, prominent logo on all publications, website, and Facebook banner.
- ✓ x5 large individual banners posted in high traffic areas during event.
- ✓ x4 social media shout outs.
- ✓ VIP vendor booth space.
- ✓ Branded vehicle used in Nosework search.
- ✓ Name included on a High in Trial trophy.

**ONLY
AVAILABLE**



Upcoming Events



Containermainia Fundraiser at CCDT!

NEW DATE: Saturday July 18th 2026



- Scent Work teams, mark your calendars and get ready for a super unique challenge that will benefit PFPD and may have you leaving with your own pockets a bit heavier!
- Two 50 container searches - two chances to win!
- Three odors: Birch, Anise, Clove
- Point system vs. pure accuracy – NOT pass/fail.
- Location: Camo Cross Dog Training
 - 12268 Q Rd Hoyt, KS 66440



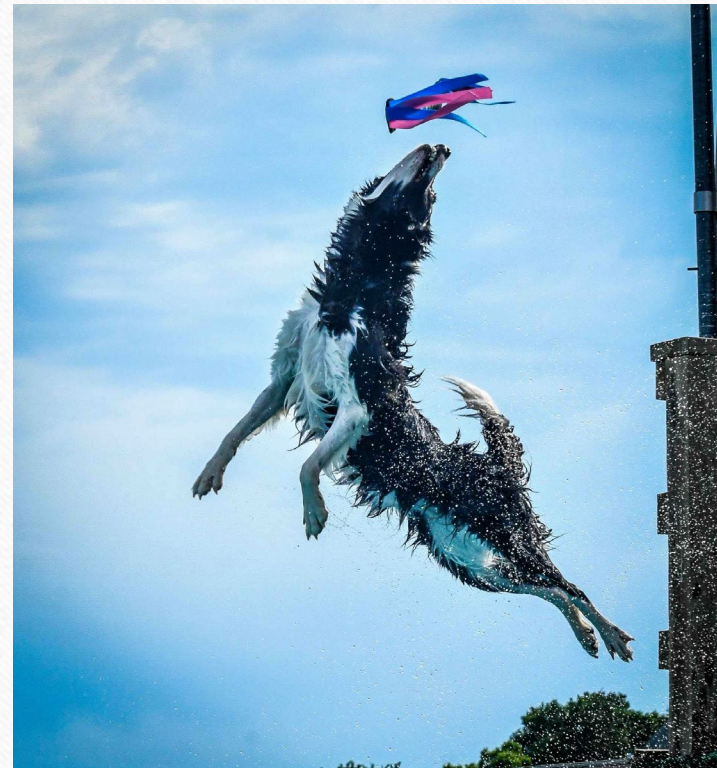
Dock Jumping Try-It Day!

Saturday August 1st 2026

4501 Deep Creek Rd Manhattan, KS
(Right off of i70, exit 316)

Thanks to DCC K9
Aquatics for letting our
club rent their awesome
pool!

- This is a closed, non-public event - official PFPD members only.
- Pre-registration IS required! A sign up form link will be sent out soon via email to all membership.
- MAX 40 dogs, 2 dogs per person limit to allow more members to participate.
 - If this event fills up, those who did not make it into this one will receive priority sign-ups for a future date.
- Cost: \$15.00 per dog
- Standard Dock Jumping only – no air retrieve this time.



PetTech First Aid and CPR Seminar

2 Separate Class Dates!

August 29th & 30th 2026

- While *this isn't actually a PFPD event, this is an excellent local opportunity to learn important skills and gain a very useful certification!
- Register at www.pettech.pro/jessicad or scan below.



**First Aid
Review for
Pet Lovers &
Caregivers**



*All income generated from this event goes directly to the PetTech instructor for her travel and materials. This is not a PFPD Fundraiser.



Hosted by



*Get Trained in Pet
First Aid & CPR for
Dogs & Cats*

*Space is limited.
Register today!*

Materials included!

REGISTER AT: WWW.PETTECH.PRO/JESSICAD

**Saturday, Aug. 29th or
Sunday, Aug. 30th**

**at Top City Dogs - Training &
Boarding from 9:00am-2:00pm**

Training includes:

- Pet CPR (3 Styles)
- Evaluating Emergency Situations
- Choking Management
- Bleeding Management
- Snout-to-Tail™ Assessments
- Hands-on Training





2026 PFPD FALL FESTIVAL

11/6/2026 – 11/8/2026

CLEAR YOUR CALENDARS!

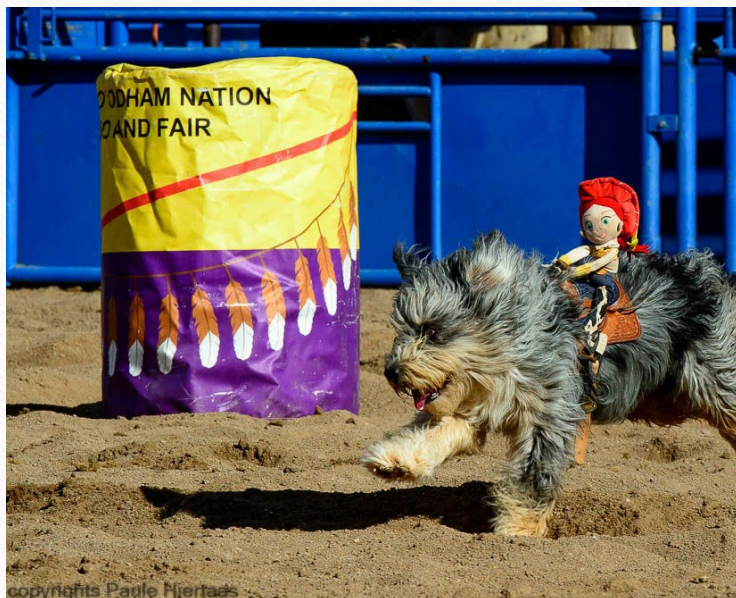
WE NEED ALL HANDS ON DECK!

- Every single PFPD member will be required to assist in some fashion with creating this massive 3-day public event. Set up, tear down, stewarding, distributing flyers, making signage, baking etc. there is a job for everyone!

Location:

Northeast Kansas Heritage Complex

12200 214 Rd. Holton, KS 66463



DATE CHANGE!

November 6th 2026

- Our Barrel Racing fundraiser will now be lumped in with the Fall Festival and will take place on Friday evening inside an arena used for ACTUAL barrel racing!
- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners will receive CASH PRIZES
- More info will come out closer to the event, but start practicing now!

In-Person Door Raffle Time!



Big thanks and shout out
to local small business
Lucky Dog Bakery for
supporting PFPD with
your donation to our in-
person meeting raffle! Let's
support them back by
following their Socials!

Want to win cool stuff? Make sure you're at the next meeting in-
person to qualify!

NEXT CLUB MEETING

WEDNESDAY August 5th 2026

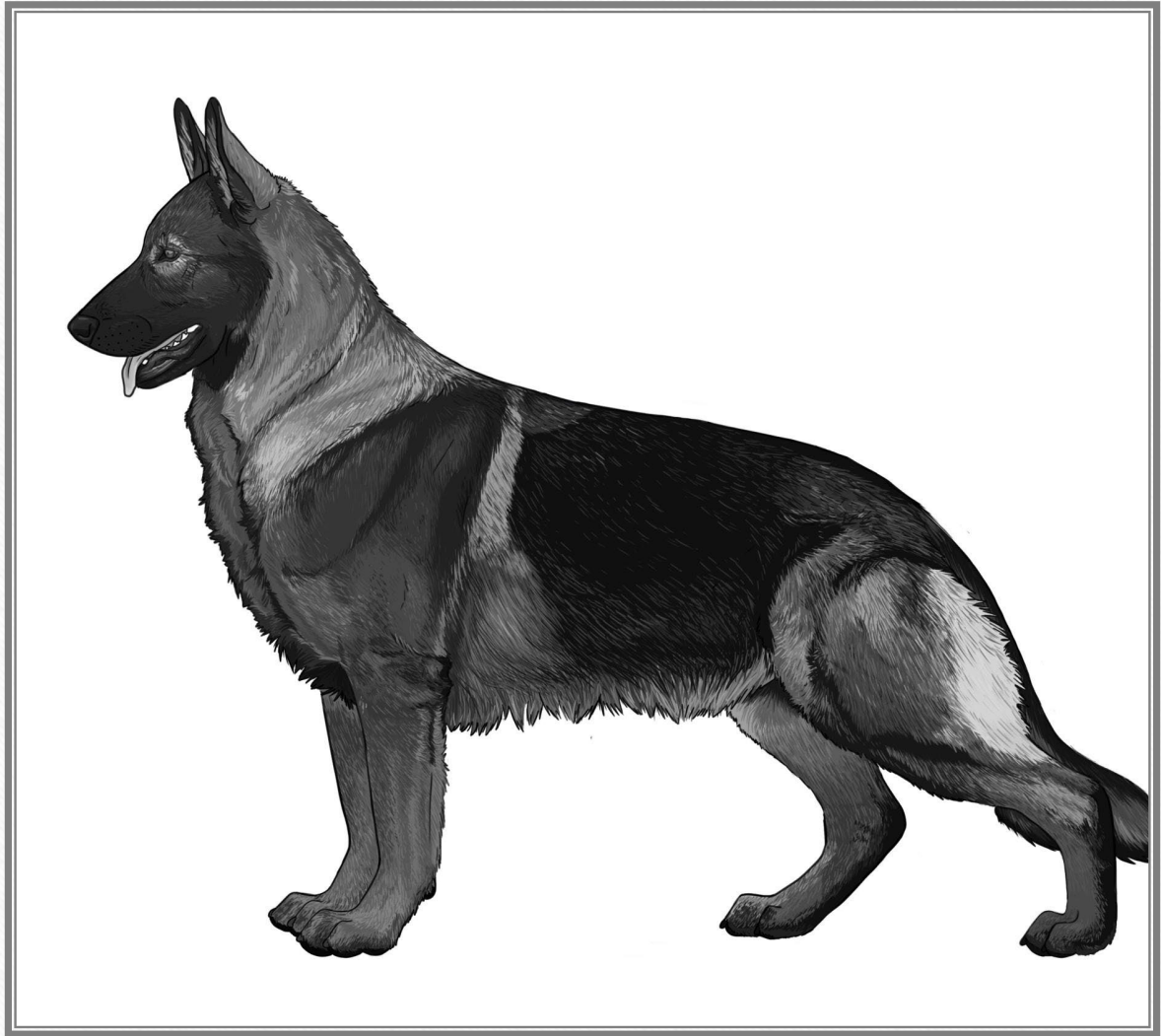
- Location: Top City Dogs
 - 3494 KOA Rd Grantville, KS 66429
- Zoom call available
- Time: 7:30 pm
 - Agenda:



July 2026: Breed
Spotlight Presenter Is...

Khelsea Loh

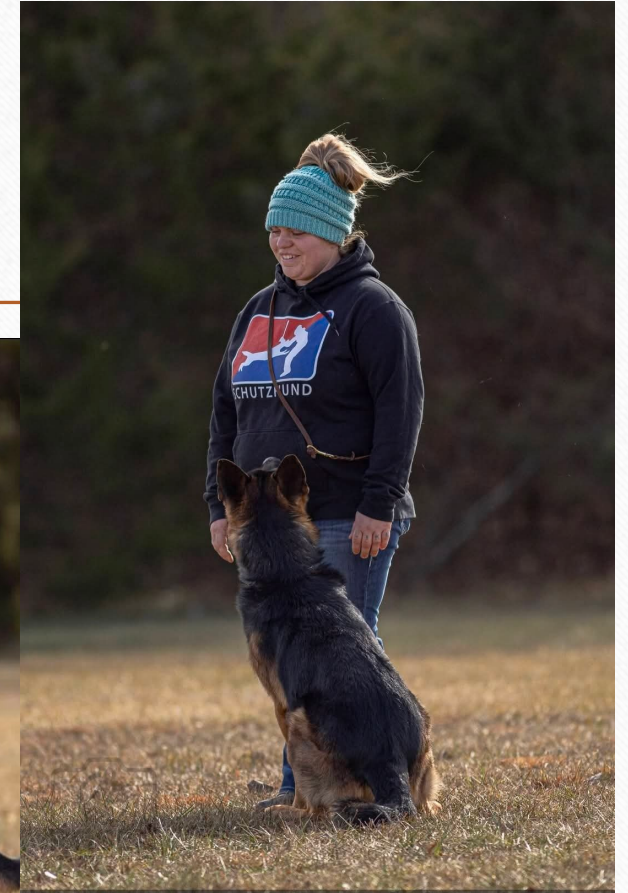
presenting
German Shepherds



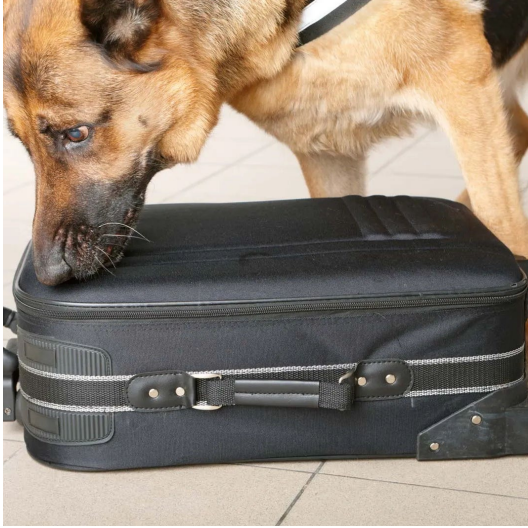
Meet the Member

My name is Khelsea and I have been officially involved with the German Shepherd breed for four years.

- I have had 3 mixes in the past, and currently have 2 - Ego Von Hartwin (Ego) and A'Domus Invictus My Mama Like To Keep It Nasty (Nasty).
- We compete in IGP, FastCAT, and Barnhunt.
- My favorite things about the breed is their emotional intelligence.



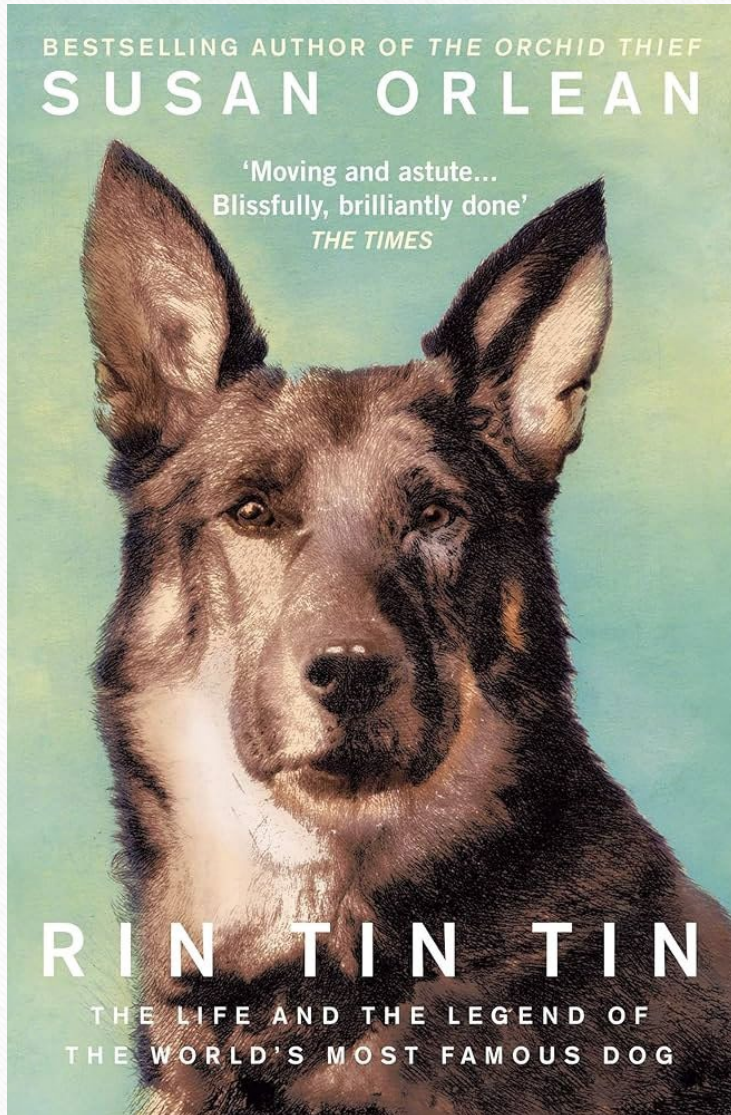
Breed Origin & History



The German Shepherd Dog was founded in Germany in 1899.

The original purpose of the breed was to act as a living fence herding and protecting sheep.

Today the breed is used as MWDs, Police Dogs, SAR Canines, Detection, Service Dogs, Herding, and family companions.



Breed Origin & History Cont.

Some cool facts about the breed are:

- Rin Tin Tin was one of Hollywood's first canine super stars.
- The first Service Dog ever was a GSD named Buddy. He was a Seeing Eye Dog for Morris Frank in 1928.
- The calm, full grip prized in IGP competition goes back to olden-days herding when the dogs would help hold livestock for their human shepherds. Any chewing/thrashing/etc. would harm the patient. Trainers and breeders still seek the same natural behaviors in apprehension K9's for police work.
- GSDs are the only breed to show in conformation with a 3-Point Stack.

3-Point Stack

The stack (the show pose) in German Shepherds originated in early 20th-century Germany as a specialized evaluation method.

Developed by Captain Max von Stephanitz—the founder of the breed—the three-point stance was designed to visually exhibit the dog's angulation, structure, and stamina-driven trotting form.

Depending on how well its executed changes the outline of the dog. Some may appear more drastic (top right), however when stacked correctly (top left) it shows a much more functional outline on a correct dog. These photos to the left are all the same dog in different stack positions.

All other breeds in the show ring are shown in a 4-point stack (bottom right), which really makes the GSD stand out and look “strange” when they’re the only ones posed that way.



[Facebook.com/comprehensivecanine](https://www.facebook.com/comprehensivecanine)



The Breed Standard – Physical

“Utility is the true
criterion of beauty.”

-Capt. Max von
Stephanitz, the GSD
breed founder.



The Breed Standard – Physical

Important traits:

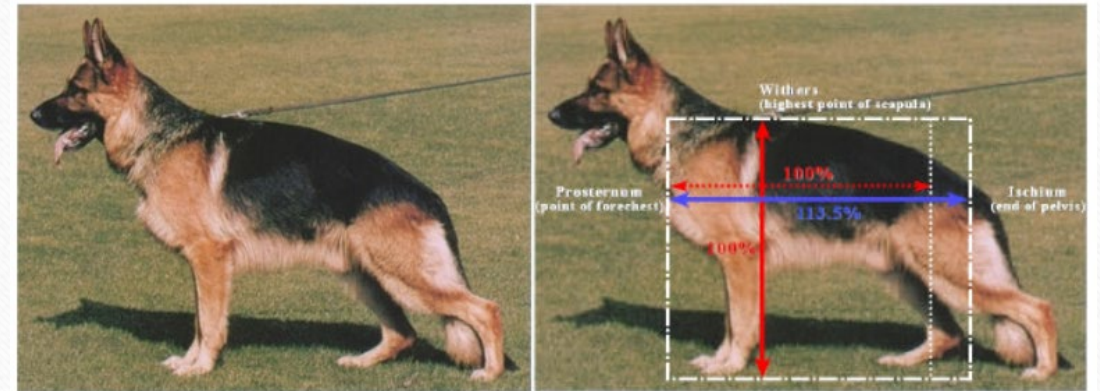
Noble head, erect ears, body slightly longer than tall, powerful and efficient movement, moderately angled front and rear reach and drive.

Faults:

Roached back, excessive rear angulation, cow hocks, straight shoulders, inefficient gait patterns.

Disqualifications: over/underbite, albinism, monorchid or cryptorchid.

Common Misconceptions: “All GSDS have bad hips”.



Anatomical points determining height and length of a GSD
(length is 10-17% > height)
100% 113.5%

Fig. 2, 3. General Appearance: Embodies desired type, important proportions and suitability as a working dog.

The Breed Standard – Temperament

“Confident, courageous,
and loyal, noted for a
fearless yet not hostile
expression and a natural
aloofness towards
strangers.”



The Breed Standard – Temperament

Should be: Versatile, biddable, stable, emotionally intelligent.

Should not be: nervous, have poor recovery, lacking engagement.

Disqualifications: extreme fearfulness, unprovoked aggression, dangerous temperament to where the dog can not be examined by a judge.

Common misconceptions: It is not in the standard for these dogs to be nervous!



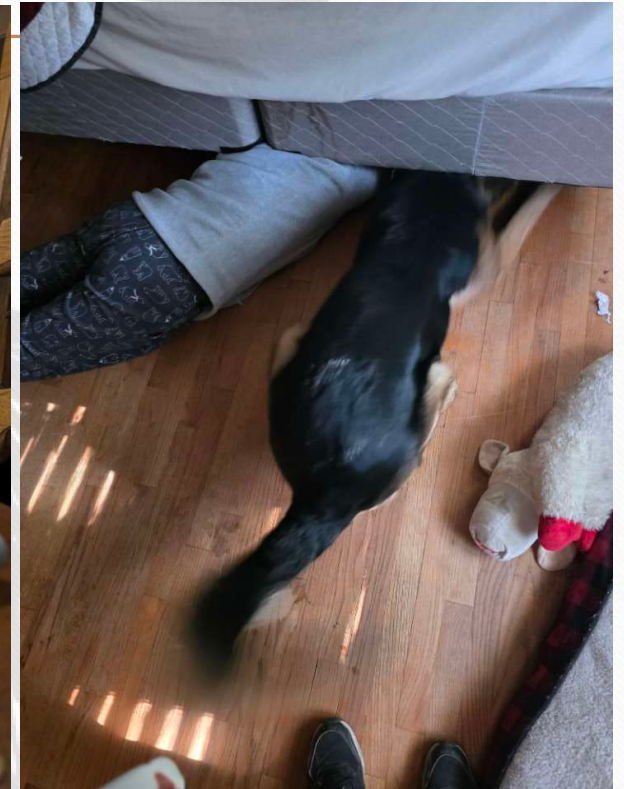


Breed Health: Common Concerns

- Hip Dysplasia
- Elbow Dysplasia
- Degenerative Myelopathy
- Bloat
- Hemangiosarcoma

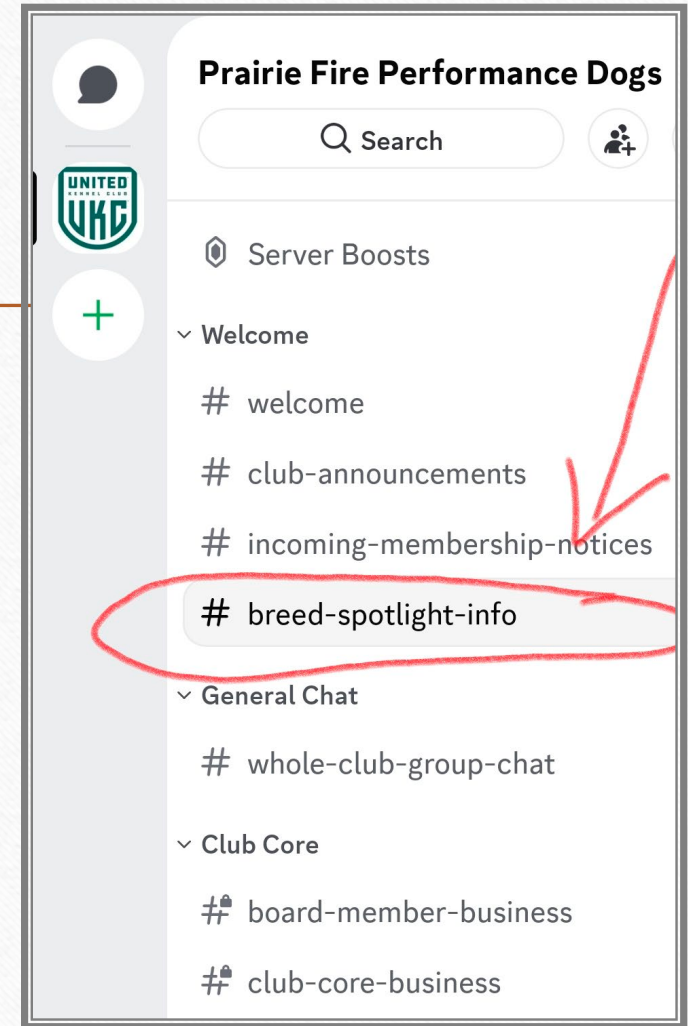
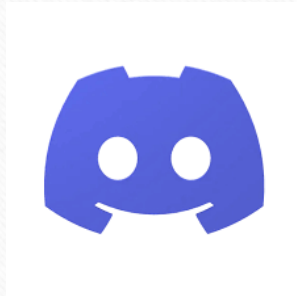
Meet Your Local German Shepherd!

- This is Ego and he is 4 years old.
- He was bred by John and JoAnne Letcher of Von Hartwin German Shepherds.
- He is involved in IGP, FastCAT, and Barnhunt.
- A cool thing about Ego is that he has a built-in radar for people who need a little extra gentleness. While he's normally neutral to strangers, he seems to instinctively soften around pregnant people and those dealing with health issues.



Want to Present Your Breed?

Post in the appropriate Discord channel and we will add your info to the draw pool!



August 2026: Breed Spotlight
Presenter Is...

Cheryl Rauh

presenting

American Pit Bull
Terriers



Breed Spotlight Tracking

Each breed can only be presented once every 24 months

March 2026 – Labrador Retrievers (Laura McGowan)	September 2026 – Rat Terriers (Payton Day)	March 2027 -	September 2027 -
April 2026 – Hungarian Mudi (Ashleigh Hamilton)	October 2026 - Boston Terriers (Allison Shore)	April 2027 -	October 2027 -
May 2026 – Swedish Vallhunds (Tulene Farwell)	November 2026 -	May 2027 -	November 2027 -
June 2026 – Silken Windhounds (Kassandra Andrews)	December 2026 -	June 2027 -	December 2027 -
July 2026 – German Shepherds (Khelsea Loh)	January 2027 -	July 2027-	January 2027 -
August 2026 – American Pit Bull Terriers (Cheryl Rauh)	February 2027 -	August 2027 -	February 2027 -



Questions?
Lets Hear Them!