

MENTORING PROGRAM

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About Us

The German Shepherd Dog is a versatile breed. In fact, no other breed can perform as many tasks as well as the German Shepherd Dog. From loyal family companions, to peacetime heroes, their versatility and intelligence have allowed them to serve in law enforcement departments all over the world, and this breed was the first to be trained as a guide dog for the blind. Whether they are watching over the children in a family, comforting the ill and aged, guarding and herding the farmers flocks, searching for the lost and injured or serving our Country, this breed can do it all.

The German Shepherd Dog Club of Northern Ohio, Inc. is comprised of German Shepherd fanciers whose interests range from conformation and obedience to agility, herding and tracking. Our members are as versatile as the dogs we love and have many years of experience that they are happy and eager to share with you.

Please take a look at all of the things our mentors are involved in and reach out to them at any time.

TRACKING:

AKC tracking is another event where your dog can sniff its heart out and demonstrate his natural ability to recognize and follow a scent. It's a perfect way for you and your dog to enjoy many hours together outside in the fresh air, honing his natural abilities.

Member: Brigit Rhoads

TRICK DOG:

Do you and your dog love to be the life of the party by showing off his arsenal of tricks? Then this sport is or you! Earn titles by demonstrating you dog's mastery of a designated list of tricks.

Members: Janeane Cappara, Mike Gehrisch



PUPPY SOCIALIZATION:

It is so exciting to bring home that small, cuddly puppy with bright eyes and huge feet. But before you know it, your puppy will be growing into those feet. Socializing your puppy is key to ensuring you'll have a happy, confident, and well-adjusted dog for life.

Members: Tari Kridler, Zoriana Peters

RALLY:

Rally is a team sport: You and your dog navigate a course, side-by-side, through 10-20 different signs. Each sign provides instructions regarding the next skill that is to be performed. The dog and handler move continuously throughout the course with the dog under control at the handler's left side. There is a clear sense of teamwork between the dog and handler both during and between the numbered signs. Although each performance is timed, having a good race time is not the goal; it's all about working as a team while performing the skills, with the dog under control.

Members: Judy Cappara, Dave Mongo, Zoriana Peters, Amber Turley

SCENT WORK:

Dogs have a sense of smell that's between 10,000 and 100,000 times more acute than ours! The sport of Scent Work celebrates the joy of sniffing, and asks a dog to sniff to their heart's content; turning your dog's favorite activity into a rewarding game. It is a terrific sport for young and old dogs.

Members: Mike Gehrish, Marcie Shanker

AGILITY:

Agility is a growing dog sport in the United States, with over 1 million entries to the AKC's Agility Program each year. Dogs race against a clock as they navigate an obstacle course with strong concentration and speed. Whether you just want to have fun exercising with your dog, or want to go further and enter an Agility competition, get ready for a fast-paced, rewarding experience that will get you and your dog in the best shape of your lives!

Members: Bonnie Boskovitch, Helen Kurz

BARN HUNT:

Not everyone will understand the importance of "rat catchers," but if you live in the countryside, you sure do! Dogs and their handlers work as a team to locate and mark rats (which are always safely held in aerated tubes) hidden in a maze of straw or hay bales.

Barn Hunt events include a pass/fail instinct class for owners who want to familiarize their dog with the test. Courses are made increasingly difficult by adding more obstacles, additional diversions and more rats to find.

Members: Connie Rigotti, Marcie Shanker

BREEDING:

Are you thinking about breeding your dog? You are about to embark on an ambitious, demanding pursuit. It requires time, study, hard work and emotional fortitude. Oh, and money! Please contact the following individuals to talk about everything you need to know about preparing and caring for your litter.

Members: Joe and Leslie Beccia, Caroline Grossman

CANINE GOOD CITIZEN:

All dogs can be good dogs, and all owners can be great owners: all it takes is a little bit of training, lots of love, and of course, plenty of praise along the way.

The Canine Good Citizen (CGC) program is a two-part course designed to help you and your dog be the best you can be—together. Since 1989, over 1 million dogs and their owners have participated in CGC, mastering ten basic skills that instill confidence and good manners in and out of your home.

Members: Janeane Cappara, Marcie Shanker

CONFORMATION:

The official term for dog shows is conformation — as in, the act of conforming or producing conformity. While a dog show may look like a beauty pageant, it's not. Dogs are not being compared to each other; they're being measured by how closely they conform to the standard of their particular breed. Why? Because the closer a dog's appearance is to the breed's standard, the better that dog's ability will be to produce puppies that meet the standard. It's also the reason why mixed breeds and spayed or neutered purebreds are ineligible to compete in conformation.

Members: Joe Beccia, Janeane Cappara, Jeff Glenn, Amanda Segedi

GROOMING:

Keep up to date about the latest trends and tools to help keep your dog looking like a star both inside and outside of the show ring.

Members: Judy Cappara, Paula Cianciolo

HERDING:

German Shepherds were born to herd. AKC's Herding Program offers tests and trials, in a pass/fail format, conducted within a fenced arena that includes the use of livestock such as ducks, sheep or cattle. During a test, a dog must demonstrate the ability to move and control livestock by fetching or driving and be sufficiently trained to work at the proper balance point to move the stock forward on the course. Throughout all field trials the teamwork between handler/shepherd and dog is essential.

Members: Kelly Malone, Zoriana Peters, Amanda Segedi

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP:

Junior Showmanship offers children between the ages of 9 and under 18 years of age an opportunity to develop their handling skills, learn about good sportsmanship, dogs, and dog shows. Juniors are judged on their ability to present, or handle, their dogs as they would in the breed ring.

Members: Janeane Cappara, Amanda Segedi

OBEDIENCE:

Developed in the 1930s, Obedience is one of the AKC's oldest sporting events. From walking on- and off-leash to retrieving and jumping, or demonstrating your dog's ability to stay, Obedience trials feature dogs that are well-behaved at home, in public places, and in the presence of other dogs. It is essential that the obedience dog demonstrates willingness and enjoyment while it is working with the handler.

Whether or not you want to compete, every dog owner should consider some form of obedience training. It's the best way to establish good communication skills between you and your dog – and to make sure that your dog is the most well-behaved one in your neighborhood!

Members: Judy Cappara, Richard DiMarco, Jeffrey Glenn, Marcie Shanker, Sue Richards