



## CALENDAR of ACTIVITIES

### October 18-22

Skyline and Del Valle Shows

Saturday, Oct. 19—Halloween Parade

Sunday, Oct. 20—Show at Ring 44 at 12:30

followed by our Fall Meeting and dinner

### November 10

Pack Hike/Campout/Drafting/ **Meeting** in

Mariposa at Lyle and Toni Killpatrick's

Whispering Pines; overnight possible

### December 2

Christmas Party, **Annual Meeting**, at Mexico

Lindo in Pleasanton (No dogs!)

# THE BLAZE

*Having Fun with Our Swiss Mountain Dogs*

## LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Welcome to Fall, everyone!

I am looking forward to seeing a record number of you this weekend at our GGGSMDC supported entry at the Del Valle Harvest Classic in Pleasanton. We'll be there from Thursday through Monday, and you are welcome to drop by the Amador Pavilion, where we are camped, at any time. We'll have the Halloween Parade of Swissys on Saturday sometime after 12:00, and a club meeting / dinner on Sunday after the show.

Just a reminder to keep your Halloween candy up high during this season. I remember the story of Max's backpack, which he left on the bedroom floor after trick-or-treating. The next morning, his mom found the backpack on top of the bed, covered with slime, and surrounded by empty candy wrappers. The culprit survived, but the moral of this story is: "Never Trust a Swissie around Chocolate or Candy!" That's why we named Fagan after the dastardly character in *Oliver Twist*. Both Fagan and his mom Window were thieves, too.

We have a new puppy from Troy Riewe's litter by Blumen and our Fagan. His name is Torghan, and he is a real love bucket and cuddler. He's growing and doing fine, and we are in love!

Enjoy your Fall **Blaze**. Be sure to check all the news and photos on our website, maintained by Rob Blits.

Nancy Glenn, President

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## Officers, Board Members and Committees

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### The objectives of the club shall be:

To encourage and promote quality in the breeding of Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs and to do all possible to bring their natural *qualities* to perfection.

To urge members and breeders to accept the standard of the breed as approved by the American Kennel Club as the only standard of excellence by which Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs shall be judged.

To do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed and to encourage sportsmanlike competition at dog shows (obedience and agility trials, drafting and tracking tests).

To conduct sanctioned matches and specialty shows under the rules and regulations of the American Kennel Club.

To have FUN together with our Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs.

## Summer Meeting Minutes

President Nancy Glenn called the meeting to order at 2:20 pm, August 18<sup>th</sup>, at the Santa Cruz home of Donna Zetterquist. The minutes of the May 6<sup>th</sup> "Meet and Greet" at Muirwood Park were approved as published in the *Blaze*. There was no secretary's report. Members present: Melanie, Brina and "Zen" Cordan, Carol, Jerry "Odie" and "Delilah" Hightower, Nancy, Randall, "Fagan" and "Kait" Glenn, Sara and "Greta" Donaldson, Marie, Rob and "Trekker" Blitz, Carol Bamsh, Patrick Bauer and "Riley," Linda, Bill and "Sophie" Bard, Linda Amezcuas and "Albert," Irena and Tim Short, Susan Robinson, Troy Riewe, Donna Zetterquist, "Geneva," "Zar," and "Romo," and the Short Family with Brodie.

Treasurer's Report: We earned \$207.00 at the Swiss Day Bake Sale, which was very well received. 15-20 members were there. Everyone loved the hot coffee. Next year, we will add hot cocoa. Greta (Sara Donaldson) won Best of Pup Winners, Kait (Nancy and Randall Glenn) won Best of Winners, and Fagan (Nancy and Randall Glenn) won Best Veteran in the Swiss Day show.

Membership: Nancy announced these new members. Those that were present (in bold) received their GGGSMDC leashes and luggage tags. **Susan Robinson**, Mandy and Daryl Salm, **Sara Donaldson**, Michele Slate, Irina Short, Bill and Danielle Storm, David Alley, **William and Linda Bard**, Molly McKeel/Roosevelt Jefferson, Dan and Heidi Steenstra, Karen Kramer and Eric Nyman, **Melanie and Brian Cordan Young**.

The following were proposed for membership and read into the minutes: John and Shannon Jost, Nesrin Umur, Deborah Aparicio, and Terry Lavell.

### Old Business

Our application for a supported entry at Del Valle on October 20<sup>th</sup> was approved. We'll have the Halloween Parade and hot dogs on that Saturday, the 19<sup>th</sup>, from 1-3. The show is on October 20<sup>th</sup> followed by our Fall Meeting and dinner.

The Christmas Party will be on Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at Mexico del Lindo in Pleasanton. Bring a white elephant gift for a dog, and we'll do a "Yankee Swap." (No dogs, alas.)

We are getting donations for our auction basket, "A Taste of California," for the Swissy Nationals in Loveland, Colorado, September 10-14. Several of our dogs are participating: Geneva, Roy, Romo, Blumen and Morgan, King, Josie and Barkley.

There will be a Pack Camp at Toni and Lyle Killpatrick's Whispering Pine in Mariposa on November 10<sup>th</sup>. We'll explain the gear, training, and procedures for a pack hike and go on a short hike together, perhaps at Toni's or along the Merced River. We can have a BBQ on Saturday night. Those who would like to stay over can do so at a local motel or bring their RV/camping gear. It was moved, and carried that we hold this event. Who will chair it?

The "Wag and Play" for those not going to Nationals will be at Fort Funston Beach on September 15<sup>th</sup>.

### New Business

Members want to hold a Specialty at the Yosemite Kennel Club Dog Show in Merced in April. Nancy will encourage the Southern California GSMD club to participate. A Specialty is events just for Swissys, including Conformation, a Parade of Swissies, Weight Pull (for all breeds), and maybe Herding Instinct Tests. We need a committee to plan the two day event.

Carol Hightower is using the best of the best photos she received for the 2013 GGGSMDC Calendar. She will market on the Swissy Forum, the national website; Rob Blits (our new webmaster) will arrange for ordering, using our PayPal account.

Everyone thanked Donna and the Hospitality Bitches (Carol Hightower and Sara Donaldson) for the wonderful lunch and activities. The meeting was adjourned at 3:01 for Swissy games.

Susan Robinson for Hilary Hedemark, Secretary

## A GGGSMC Club Specialty—Are We Ready for One?

Our Golden Gate Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club is considering hosting an Independent Specialty Show, Sweepstakes and Supported Entry with an All-Breed Weight Pull at Yosemite Kennel Club on April 6th and 7th, 2013. During this event we would be hosting dog owners and those interested in our breed from all over the country. We could have a "Meet the Breed" booth, a Parade of Swissys, Drafting demonstrations, Obedience, Rally, CGC tests, as well as Conformation. The possibilities for this (and more) depend only on the number of club members who will plan for and work at the event. This event can provide an excellent opportunity to promote the Greater Swiss Mountain Dog breed along with responsible dog ownership. There would also be two All-Breed dog shows and one sweepstakes in two days.

So, let's talk about what this all means!

**What is a Specialty Show?** Specialty shows are events limited to a single breed and sponsored by a national "parent" specialty club (our National GSMD Specialty was just held in Loveland, Colorado, in September) or local "regional" specialty clubs. Specialty shows judge the animal's conformation against an ideal type for its breed. Specialty shows may also include other events for the breed, such as drafting, weight pulls, herding, and Canine Good Citizen certification. Some specialty shows are held in conjunction with an all-breed event, and this is what we are thinking of. We could hold our Specialty at night, and participate in the All-Breed shows and other events during the daytimes

**What is an All-Breed Show?** All-breed shows are conformation and other events held for all AKC recognized breeds to compete in. That is what the Weight Pull event at our Specialty would be. Also listed under all-breed are the Group Shows, or shows limited to one of the seven AKC Groups - Sporting, Hound, Working, Terrier, Toy, Non-sporting and Herding. Approximately 1500 AKC All-breed conformation point shows are held throughout the US yearly.

**What is a Supported Entry?** The specialty club (GGGSMD) "supports" the host club (Yosemite) in putting on the show, and also encourages owners of our breed to enter their dogs. When a Specialty Club "supports" an entry, they usually donate additional prizes, in addition to the ribbons, which are provided by the host club. The host club may also solicit feedback on the proposed judging panel from the Specialty Club supporting the entry, but the application for the judging panel is always submitted by the host club, not the club supporting the entry. Since a "Supported Entry" usually means larger than normal entries for that particular breed, the host club may apply for sweepstakes classes to be held in conjunction with the Supported Entry. Entry fees are not usually reduced for a supported entry, but the supporting club generally offers prizes above and beyond the standard requisite ribbons. The Del Valle show is our Supported Entry.

**What are Sweepstakes?** Though sweepstakes classes are found at specialty shows, they do not include the same dogs that show in the regular breed classes. Specialty shows concentrate on dogs from 6 months old to breeding age, but the sweepstakes classes feature puppies 6 to 18 months old and older dogs (veterans seven years old and older). Sweepstakes classes are held in conjunction with specialty shows, not on their own. They can also be a training ground for experienced breeders and handlers who wish to become AKC-licensed judges. Sweepstakes are not a regular class, they do not have a "winners'" class, and no points are awarded for competition.

**What kind of work does a club need to do to hold a Specialty?** Everyone in our club would have to be involved! You might also want to show in the other events. We would need committees to do these things and more:

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| get permission to have a Specialty from AKC,                      | get permission from the Yosemite Kennel Club,         |
| make RV space reservations,                                       | arrange for ribbons, trophies, judges, raffle,        |
| plan a barbecue,  | publicize the event (locally, statewide, nationally), |
| plan and help run a weight pull, or drafting demo, or CGC testing | plan for and help run the Parade of Swissys           |

**What do you think?  
ARE WE READY TO DO THIS?**

## How Do I Enter the Dog Show World?



What happens at a dog show?

I Want to Go to a Dog Show (Users' Guide to Dog Shows)

Bitch Is Not a Dirty Word (Learning the Lingo)

What Is Going on In:

- The Breed Ring,
- The Obedience Ring,
- The Grooming Areas

This is a fun-to-read, down to earth, easy to understand site for you and your friends.

<http://www.showdogsupersite.com/actualshow/dogshoh.html>



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## GGGSMDC SWISSY CALENDAR

Carol Hightower has our 2013 GGGSMDC Swissy Calendar ready for the presses! They will be 11.5x14 Premium Calendars, printed on premium cardstock. The photo pages are laminated, and date pages are matte.

This luxurious 12 month calendar measures 11.5x14" closed, 23x14" open. It is something you can order proudly as a holiday, birthday, or "Welcome to our Swissy World!" gift. Order by check or PayPal on our GGGSMDC website. \$25 each  
<http://www.goldengategsmdc.com/>

**Greater Swiss Mountain Dog  
Rescue Organization**  
 Greater Swiss Mountain Dog  
 Rescue Foundation.  
<http://www.gsmdrescue.org/>

We are dedicated to the well being, rescue, and rehoming of Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs. We believe that the GSMDs should not have to suffer the life of being shelter dogs, or dogs that are homeless. With this idea in mind, we are dedicated to be there for every Greater Swiss Mountain Dog who needs the help of the GSMDF, even after being placed in their forever homes.

### ASPCA

#### **Animal Poison Control Center America**

**24 Hrs. a day**

**1-888-426-4435**

(A consultation fee may be charged)

**For a poison emergency in the U.S.  
call AAPCC  
American Association of  
Poison Control Centers  
1-800-222-1212**

## Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club of America Health Survey



This survey elicits health information about Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs who were living at any time during the years of 2008 to 2012.

It is important that a broad representation of the breed be included in the study--including dogs that are healthy as well as those that have various health conditions. Dogs deceased before January 1st of 2008 and dogs born on or after January 1, 2013 are NOT eligible for inclusion in this study.

The findings published in past studies have guided the research funds which the Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club of America commit to scientific studies. Only by surveying the current state of health in our breed are we able to determine which health issues are of most significance today. This survey will be analyzed and recorded for The Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club of America by the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA). All information submitted is confidential and numbers are used only in aggregate. Please use a separate survey form for each Greater Swiss Mountain Dog you have owned, living or deceased. Co-owners should work together to ensure that each dog is entered only once. As you complete a survey for each dog, simply restart a new one for the next dog you are reporting. Whenever possible, please use a veterinarian diagnosis.

**[Answer Swiss Survey Here.](http://www.offa.org/surveys/survey_swissy.html)**

or type in:

[http://www.offa.org/surveys/survey\\_swissy.html](http://www.offa.org/surveys/survey_swissy.html)

(When you get to the page, click on "Answer Survey"  
under the dark blue line.)



**Our Tropical BBQ  
was a great success!  
Thank you, Hospitality Bitches.**



Linda Bard and Sophie



Wonderful food!

Whose smile is bigger, Sara's or Greta's?



It's time for watermelon!



Riley just jumped up and made  
herself comfortable.

Gabbing in the kitchen



# “NOT GOING TO NATIONALS” FT. FUNSTON WALK AND TALK 9-15-12



## FLEAS AND TICKS

Fleas and ticks. Ticks and fleas.  
They go together like birds and bees...but they're actually very different.

To protect your dog from both of these parasites  
it's important that you understand the differences between them.  
Here are some of the differences that separate these parasites.



	FLEAS	TICKS
<b>Type of parasite</b>	The flea is an <b>insect</b> . Wingless, it has six legs and can jump really far.	Ticks are <b>arachnids</b> . They are closely related to spiders and most stages of ticks have eight legs.
<b>Number of hosts</b>	Fleas have <b>fewer hosts</b> than ticks. Hosts typically include dogs, cats, opossums, coyotes, raccoons, and foxes	Ticks have <b>more hosts</b> —some hosts are birds, rodents, snakes, lizards, foxes, deer, squirrels, rabbits, opossums, raccoons, cattle, cats, dogs, and humans
<b>Lifespan</b>	Adult fleas can live for <b>more than 100 days</b> <sup>1</sup>	From <b>a few weeks to up to 3 years</b> . Some can complete their life cycle in a few weeks with an available host. Others can take up to 3 years to complete the cycle. <sup>2</sup>
<b>Time on host</b>	Fleas <b>live on one host</b> . Fleas are basically squatters. Once they find a host, they will live there until they die.	Ticks spend most of their <b>lives off of hosts</b> . They can lie in wait for extended periods of time until the right host comes along. They are patient predators.
<b>Who feeds</b>	<b>Only adults feed on the host</b> . There's no kids table at the flea's banquet.	<b>Larvae, nymphs, and adults feed on the host</b> . Ticks feed on a different host for these different stages in their development.
<b>How many eggs they lay</b>	<b>Lay 20 to 40 eggs per day for several weeks</b> . <sup>1</sup> Fleas can start laying eggs soon after feeding. The longer they are on a host, the more eggs produced.	<b>Lays thousands of eggs one time</b> . <sup>2</sup> The tick can lay potentially thousands of eggs at once, but after that, it dies.
<b>Where they lay their eggs</b>	<b>Lays eggs wherever the host goes</b> . Eggs are shed wherever the host roams. The host then acts like a salt shaker depositing eggs wherever it spends time.	<b>Lays eggs after falling off the host</b> . When the female has engorged, she detaches from the host and lays eggs wherever she falls off. The tick then dies. The tick life isn't pretty.
<b>Climate tolerance</b>	<b>Prefer warm temperatures</b> . Fleas are like a lot of old relatives. They don't want to leave your house and they always want you turn up the thermostat.	<b>Can survive near-freezing temperatures</b> . <sup>3</sup> Ticks are hardier than fleas and tougher to kill.
<b>Diseases spread</b>	Fleas can transmit <b>bartonellosis and tapeworm</b> . Nothing any dog would want to have, but the ticks bring even worse stuff to the party.	Ticks can transmit many potentially deadly diseases, including <b>Lyme disease and Rocky Mountain spotted fever</b> .

**DEL VALLE HARVEST MOON**  
**Thursday, Oct 20, 2011 – Monday, Oct 24, 2011**

Specialty, sweepstakes, conformation, junior showmanship.  
Merchandise for dogs with the latest in health and food items.

**HALLOWEEN PARADE FOR SWISSYS AND HOT DOG LUNCH**

12:00-3:00 on Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at the Amador Pavilion



**SUPPORTED ENTRY by the GGGSMDC CLUB**

12:45 on Sunday, October 21 at Ring 44

(but come earlier to the Amador Pavilion and watch us get ready)

We are also offering Puppy Sweepstakes and Veterans Sweeps.

So please bring out your new babes and wonderful veterans.

After our ring time (TBA) we will be having a meal, and club meeting and social time

Join us at the Amador Pavilion!

Location:

**[Alameda County Fairgrounds](#)**

4501 Pleasanton Avenue

Bring your family, neighbors, friends and PUPPIES!

## APPLE BLOSSOM'S CABER -- PETRA



**Baby Petra Sphinx**



**Hearing dog in action**



My constant companion for 10 years, she has crossed the Rainbow Bridge without me. I will not see her sweet soft brown eyes looking up at me with concern, or feel her soft muzzle on my knee. Her paw will no longer touch me, insisting that I sit down and take my medication, her big head pushing against my leg for a scratch or her soft dry tongue kiss the back of my hand. She was the first thing I saw every morning and the last thing I touched as I fell asleep.

From the moment I walked into Cindy Meyerson's home and held that little wriggling 11 day old, she changed my life. I was pretty much home bound at that point. My medical condition caused me to fall a lot and lose control of my body. Right from the start, she knew when something was not right... She started by paying extreme attention to me and then learned to touch me with her paw. If I didn't listen, her she would get in my face, get in my way, and make me listen.

She took to her training with joy. Everywhere we went, she made people smile. They were always amazed at how obedient and happy she was. I didn't want her to have a limited life. She brought me such joy, getting me out of the house and back into a normal life. We went to local schools and colleges, taught Service Dog Etiquette classes and Teacher Continuing Ed classes. We started going to working events because I wanted her to have some fun, a "hobby" so to speak.

In the end we made history along with her brother and sister, earning their parents the first Top Producing GSMD Stud Dog with Working Titles awarded, and her Dam a VROM. In her short life she earned her CGC, TDI, CS, TT, CD, DD, HT, RN, WWD, WWDX, NW PD, BDD and VGS. She was additionally honored as GSMDCA's Ambassador of the Breed in 2005. I will always be so proud of her accomplishments.

But most of all, she was my Service Dog and my constant companion. She was my pride and joy. I don't know how I will continue down the road without her.

She was Apple Blossom's Caber — PETRA.

Go on ahead of me my sweet;  
I will catch up when it's my turn.  
I will miss you with every breath I take.  
Rest now my love;  
For when I meet you across the Bridge,  
We will *both* Run and Play.

Petra was owned and loved by Nancy and Randall Glenn.

**Petra and Morgen were the first "all Swissy" team ever to earn the Brace Draft Dog title at a National Specialty**

# Whispering Pine Kennel COUNTRY MUSIC Litter

CH Big Hunk of Whispering Pine aka RILEY  
CH Treensea's Sure Better for Alki aka REBA  
Hit the dust on July 28, 2012



Bred and loved by Toni and Lyle Killpatrick  
3207 Triangle Park Road Mariposa, CA 95338  
(209) 742-5462 E-mail: [skeeter@sierratel.com](mailto:skeeter@sierratel.com)

Brent, Jen, Aiden  
& Austin Sahn  
with How Do You  
Like Me Now  
"Bodie,"  
Riley and Reba.

Reno, NV.



Linda and  
Brittany Wood  
with Red Solo  
Cup "Cooper,"  
Riley and Reba.

Rolling Hills  
Estates, CA



Zak, Sarah, Nika  
& Anthony Edson  
with Good Hearted  
Woman  
"Pink Girl"

Davis, CA

Whispering Pine  
Cowgirls Don't  
Cry "Dazzle"  
will be going to  
her new family  
at the Del Valle  
Show.



Maria Jensen  
and Cherokee  
Woman "Mae"  
with Riley and  
Reba  
Watsonville, CA



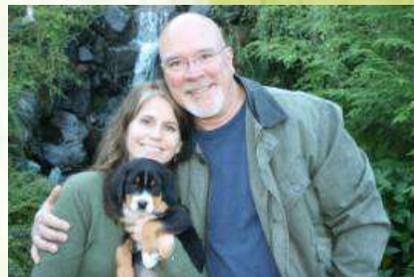
Vicki Wood and  
Eden with  
All of Me  
"Jagger" and  
Daddy Riley

Napa, CA

**RamsGate Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs**  
announces the July 26, 2012, arrival of  
**THE GAMBLING LITTER**



**The Ten Lucky Puppies and Their Families**



Kelsey & Christine Havens RamsGate Ante Up "Collins" Sidney, BC, Canada.....Lou & Cathy Thompson Ramsgate's Full House "Nox" Calgary, AB, Canada.....Travis & Rachel Stratford RamsGate's Turning For Home "Isabella" Liberty Lake, WA.....Jason Hershman & Morgan Bethke RamsGate's Roll The Dice "Nala" Edwards, CO.....Russ & Mylene Caplan RamsGate's Deuces Wild "Rosie" San Mateo, CA.....Derek Remski & Ann Belden RamsGate's Needs New Shoes "Philo" San Francisco, CA..... Steve & Dianna Kraus RamsGate's By A Nose "Chief" San Francisco, CA.....Wendy & Melinda Soo Hoo RamsGate's Winning Ticket "Darby" Pasadena, CA.....Peter & Hope Lizott RamsGate's Poker Face "Fergus" Portland, OR....Gary & Melinda Buchanan RamsGate's Big Money "Eva" Healdsburg, CA

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# MORE PUPPIES!



### GGGSMDC CHARACTERS IN OUR MIDST



This little dog was going to a KILL Shelter and Greg and Brendan Denton rescued it. This is an Annie X Roy daughter, Kenai. She loves everything and everyone. Kenai found a protector and Scrappy found a giant heated pillow. Amazing what a little Velcro and super glue can do.



Let sleeping dogs lie—Talulah and Comet



Roy's 7<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party



Trekker trying to be the GGGSMDC Logo



On 7/6/2012 at the Vaca Valley Stock Dog Club AKC Trial Petra got her first two Qualifying legs on Cattle with a High in Trial on Sat. and Reserve High in Trial on Sunday.



Ella Storm at 5 months



Eiger playing with his girlfriend Ava, a six month old Walker hound.



# GOLDEN GATE GREATER SWISS MOUNTAIN DOGS AT NATIONALS Loveland, Colorado—September 2012



Roy, Geneva and Romo win Generations



Geneva showed in the Top Twenty



Maria Jensen and Barkley showed in Veterans



Susan Robinson's King with Toni Killpatrick made the cut!



Troy Riewe showed Blumen and Morgen.



And the fun continued outside the ring...



**There were herding instinct tests...**



**Family reunions.**



**Drafting, and Weight Pulling...**



**Canine Good Citizen tests and Pack Hiking.**



**A good time was had by all!**

## Walk and Talk Hike in Tilden Park, Saturday, October 13, 2012.

This was a 3 mile loop hike from 10-12 noon on the Big Springs and Skyline National Trails in Tilden Park. It was a moderate hike in that we will gain about 600ft in elevation during the first mile but the next two miles will be mostly downhill. This is a wide trail/fire road so it can accommodate a large group. Let's do it again!



Thanks to Rob Blits for organizing this hike—the maps, hike description and directions were so well done!

**Introducing Three Sheep's Swissys SNOW WHITE LITTER  
CH Matterhorn's Blumen CD BN RN CGC TT aka Blumen**



**INT'L/Am UKC CH Appleblossom Glencroft Fusion  
CGC TDI HT TT CD PT NDD WWD NWPD VGS aka Fagan**



**Three Sheep's Grumpy, Snezy, Snow White, Bashful, Dopey, Sleepy, Doc and Happy.**

**One girl pup and seven boy pups joined Troy Riewe, Kai, and Irene Tan  
on May 26, 2012.**

**Congratulations to their happy families!**

## And in the "What Happens at Nationals Stays at Nationals category..."

WHAT WERE STUART KRAMLICH AND DONNA ZETTERQUIST DOING AT MIDNIGHT IN THEIR PAJAMAS AT NATIONALS THAT RESULTED IN THIS:



- A: They were having a sordid affair and Stuart's wife Helen found out.  
(That woman sure packs a mean punch.)
- B: They were having a late night supper in Donna's room and she asked for a bite of his steak.  
(We all know how much Stuart loves his steak.)
- C: They were having pajama races in the hall and collided.  
(What will they think of next?)
- D: None of the above.

Answer: D What happens at Nationals stays at Nationals.



### Cooking for

### Your Swissy

#### Oat/Peanut Butter Cookies for Your Dog

Julie Vonada

2 cups of oat flour,  
1 cup of rolled oats,  
1/2 cup of peanut butter,  
1 cup of hot chicken broth,  
mix well and add enough water to make easy to work with,  
roll 1/4 in h thick, cut into shapes,  
place on lightly greased cookie sheet,  
bake 40 minutes at 350,  
turn off oven and leave for a few hours."

#### Liver Training Snacks

from E Summit, Issue 2, 2012

1. Preheat oven to 200° F
2. Line a sheet pan with parchment pa-per.
3. Cut liver into strips. (1 pound beef liver)
4. Space pieces of liver on sheet pan so they are not touching (see note below regarding Spacing).

#### Directions

1. Bake for 2 hours, rotating the pan after one hour.
2. Let cool on a wire rack for 10 minutes.
3. Lift the parchment paper off the sheet pan and place on the wire rack to allow the liver train-ing treats to cool completely and dry out on the bottom.

**Storing & Yield** - These liver dog treats will last for two weeks in the refrigerator. You can freeze them for four months. The yield really depends on how small you make each training treat. It also depends on how often you have a training session. Just keep in mind that since liver has a unique smell for your dog, a small piece will pack a rewarding flavor punch.

THE SATURDAY  
EVENING POST



### SIGNS OF DOG SICKNESS

Signs start with a change in your pet's routine behavior and attitude.

Watch for:

- Decreased energy or activity level
- Changes in appetite or water intake
- Changes in behavior: hiding, refusing to play, becoming aggressive
- Vomiting, diarrhea or straining to urinate or defecate
- Poor coat quality, patchy hair loss or excessive scratching
- Weight loss
- Foul order coming from the mouth, ears or skin
- Abnormal whining or crying

Toni Killpatrick



**GOLDEN GATE**

**GREATER SWISS MOUNTAIN DOG CLUB**

### INFORMATIONAL SITES to VISIT

**Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club Facebook Page**

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