



2023 SPRING | SUMMER EDITION

THE BLAZE

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE GOLDEN STATE
GREATER SWISS MOUNTAIN DOG CLUB

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

JULIE VONADA

In January the board approved the Budget for 2023.

As you all know, we are hosting GSMDCA Nationals this year, so the events are a tad more limited. We still plan on doing pack hikes and social events. We are always open to holding more events, just let the Board know your ideas!

Our first Scent Trial was AWESOME. A giant THANK YOU for those who volunteered. It was so fun watching the dogs having such a fantastic time working! We had 250 entries, and we finished in 5 hours! We couldn't have done it without the organizational skills of our Event Secretary- DeeDee Anderson. Our club made a little over \$2,000 in one day! Looking forward to the next one!

Exciting news! Our Club has been approved to host FastCat events! If you have never participated in FastCat, please do so, your Swissies will love it! Look for our first event in Modesto in Spring 2024!

The National planning is on target, This is going to be an epic event! We are doing so many fun extras! I hope that you have made your hotel/RV accommodations before they fill up, within the Blaze is the information.

Looking forward to a wonderful 2023!

Swissy kisses,
Julie



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GSMDCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY IS COMING TO CALIFORNIA!!



OCTOBER 22 - 26TH, 2023

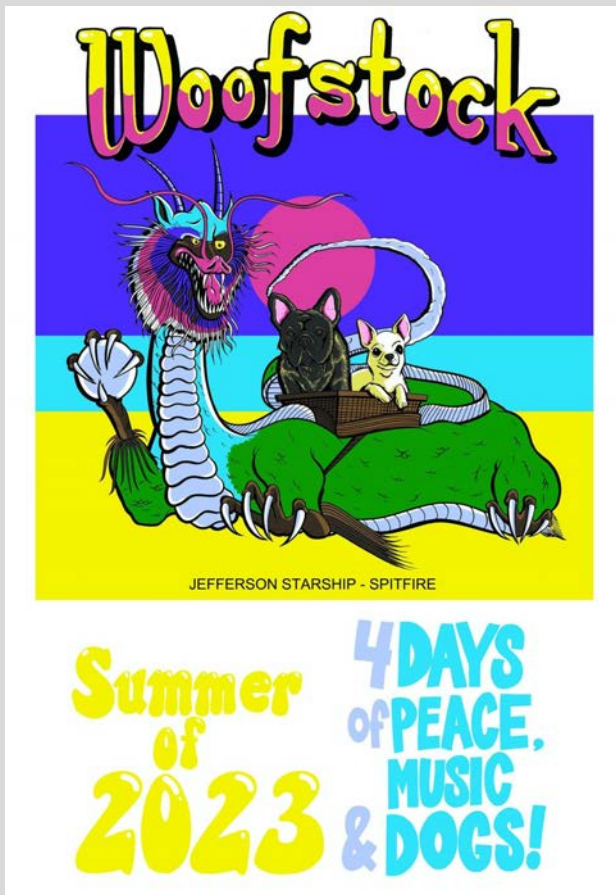
EVENTS INCLUDE: CANINE GOOD CITIZENSHIP, TRICK DOG, OBEDIENCE, RALLY, DRAFTING,
WEIGHT PULL, CONFORMATION, PACK HIKE, SCENT WORK, AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

WE NED YOUR HELP!

Would you like to voluntter or have a fundraising idea?

<https://www.2023gsmdcans.com>

UPCOMING EVENTS



Come Cheer us on!

Thursday, 6/8: Ring 11 @ 10:15AM

Friday, 6/9: Ring 10 @ 12:30PM

Saturday, 6/10: Ring 11 @ 9:30AM

Sunday, 6/11; Ring 9 @ 8AM

-- FOLLOWED BY MEET THE BREED!--

Before the National Specialty you can enter:

Harvest Moon All Breed

October 19 - 22nd

hosted by Del Valle Dog Club

Opportunities for Conformation,
Scent work, FastCat & Agility

Premium for Conformation & Scent work
coming soon

Visit: <http://www.2023GSMDCANS>
to enter FastCat & Agility



NATIONAL SPECIALTY OPENING DAY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22ND 6PM

JOIN US FOR A

FLANNEL

& friends

BONFIRE & SMORES

SUNDAY
22
OCTOBER

SWISSY CAMP
COME COMFY, COZY, CASUAL OR
FANCY, AS LONG AS YOU'RE WEARING
PLAID!

6:00
PM

RSVP TO LISA ENGLAND AT (805) 791-9277 OR ENGLAND25@SBCGLOBAL.NET

RECENT EVENTS

GOLDEN ROAD BREWERY AHAHEIM



Lisa, Rebecca, &
Cassidy



Tania & Teddy



A few Blue Hill Swissies came to say Hello to Megan!

Recent Events

NorCal Swissy Social in San Jose



**Brothers from
another Mother**



Appa, Moose, Loki, Fergus, and Morgan



**Friends for over 10+years when
they all had their first Swissies,
now all on their 3rd or 4th**



Boasts & Brags



Solveig earned her AKC Farm Dog Certified Title!



Emmie celebrating her Grand Master Draft Dog & Master Brace Draft Dog titles with her favorite human, Kelly!



Rebel earned his Brace Draft Dog title along side his pretty partner, Emmie!



Chunk won Best of Breed and Owner Handled @ Conejo Kennel Club in City of Industry

Boasts & Brags



Berkeley earned his Rally Master title along side his best buddy, Julie!



New CH Reba having fun every step of the way!



Ms. Dani is now a Certified Farm Dog!



Noodles enjoyed getting her RATO title



Boasts & Brags



Lulu took Best of Breed and Best of Breed Owner Handled at Mt. Ogden Kennel Club



Jojo earning 2 majors at the Mt. Ogden Kennel Club - her first show!



Teddy recognized as Select Dog at San Fernando Kennel Club



Avalon, Gerti and Ruedi at Silver Bay Kennel Club where Reudi earned his first point and Best of Breed

Summertime Treats



STRAWBERRY BANANA SMOOTHIES

INGREDIENTS

- 2 overripe bananas
- 1 cup of strawberries

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Blend the fruits together into a puree.
2. Add a little water to thin the mixture if needed.
3. Pour or spoon the mixture into a silicone treat mould or ice cube tray.
4. Freeze for at least 1 hour before serving.
5. Store in freezer bags or freezer-safe tupperware for up to 1 month.



Watermelon Dog Treat Popsicles

2 cups watermelon
1/4 cup plain yogurt



PUMPSICLES

INGREDIENTS

- 2 cups of pumpkin puree
- 1 cup of plain yogurt

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Whisk together the ingredients until the mixture is smooth.
2. Pour or spoon the mixture into a silicone treat mould or ice cube tray.
3. Freeze for at least 1 hour before serving.
4. Store in freezer bags or freezer-safe tupperware for up to 1 month.



PB & F FREEZIES

INGREDIENTS

- 2 cups of strawberries
- Dog-safe peanut butter

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Toss the strawberries into a blender and blend until smooth. Add a little water if needed to thin the puree.
2. Pour the mixture into a silicone treat mould or ice cube tray and drop a small dollop of peanut butter onto each treat.
3. Freeze for at least 1 hour before serving.
4. Store in freezer bags or freezer-safe tupperware for up to 1 month.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



Zen, Fergus (+ Melanie)

Zen is Melanie's heart girl, She is Fergus's great Aunt on his mother's side. When she was younger she did a ton of sports including agility, nose work, packing, and ratting. Zen's favorite sport was agility and herding my toddlers around the house. She has always been like her name, and the best temperament one could ask for.



Cosmo (+ Cathy)

New member Cosmo lives in Los Olivos, CA (Santa Barbara County). He likes the mountains and enjoys playing in the snow. He wears an empty backpack when hiking and has a chocolate Lab brother named Fiddlestix.



Cassidy (+ Rebecca & Kyle)

Cassidy lives with her family in Banning. She has dogs and a cat sibling but she is the youngest of the bunch. She recently joined the Swissy social in Anaheim.

SWISSIES WITH THEIR KIDS

Check out these adorable swissies and the children they love!



Wylie loves his kids!



Cammie Sue and her kids live in Southern California. Cammie has competed in rally and obedience.



Reba and Hudson enjoying Del Mar Dog Beach



Tobi in Santa Barbara with her kids

SWISSIES AND THEIR BABIES!



**Archie is a big brother!! Welcome to the world Theodore "Teddy" Bersin!
You're already so loved!**

**Emmie & Samson enjoying
cabin time with one of their
little humans!**



**Mallory playing with a new friend.
Both were kind and gentle to one
another.**

FUN FACTS

Did you know?

ACROYNMS:

What do those titles mean?

CGC: Canine Good Citizen

TKN: Trick Dog Novice

BN: Beginner Novice (Obedience)

CH: Champion (Conformation)

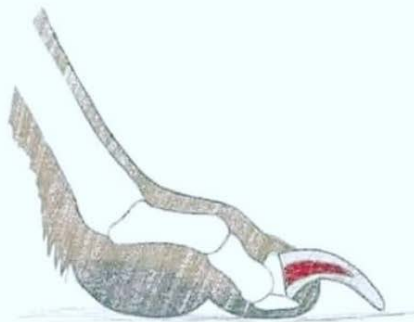


The American Kennel Club (AKC) CGC test consists of real-world skills considered needed by well-mannered dogs. Any dog, purebred or mixedbreed, can participate in the CGC program. The CGC test consists of 10 exercises: accepting a friendly stranger; sitting politely for petting; welcoming a physical inspection and grooming (with cleanliness being a requirement); walking on a loose lead; walking through a crowd; sit and down on command and staying in place; coming when called; polite reaction to another dog; showing interest and curiosity (rather than fear or aggression) to a distracting stimuli; and supervised separation. All exercises are performed on leash.

Source: <https://www.whole-dog-journal.com/training/dog-certifications-and-titles/>

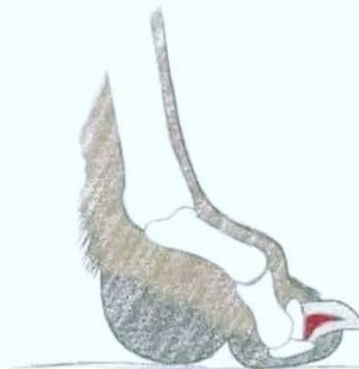
NAIL CARE

Nails Too Long



Whole-body posture changes can occur due to the dog needing to shift weight backwards in an attempt to relieve nail pressure

Nails Well Maintained



Proper posture occurs when there is no pressure from the nail pushing into the floor and back into the nail bed

PUPPIES!!!



Pippin joins Susan and family. She happens to be the granddaughter of King, Susan's first swissy



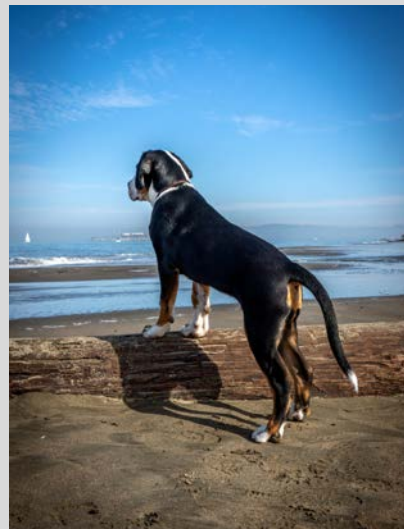
Mike and Ruedi practicing with an empty pack



Sneakers with her big bro, Carl



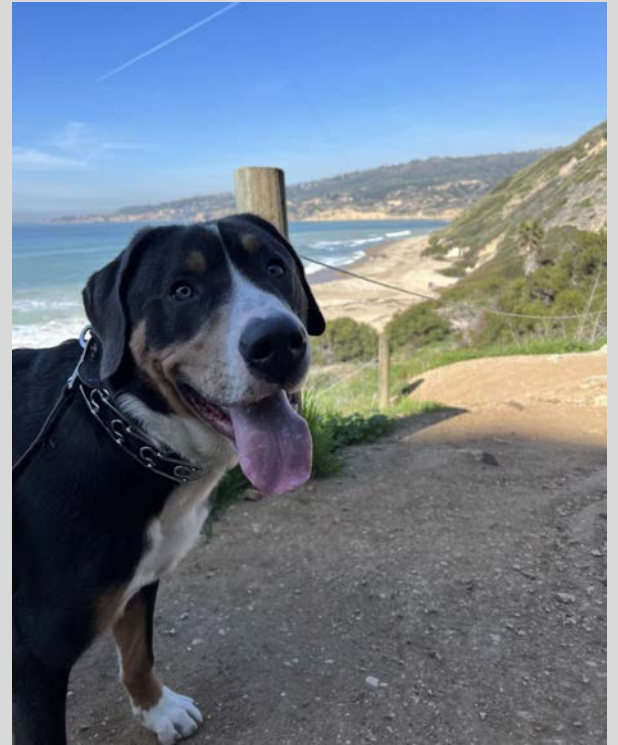
Hello Morgan! You're growing up so fast!



SWISSY SIGHTINGS



Redrock Swissies in the snow



Schnitzel at the beach



Teddy walked the OC Coast (42 miles) over 4 weekends in 2022. This included San Clemente, Laguna Beach, Newport and Huntington Beach!



Tobi, normally a beach girl in the snow

SWISSY SIGHTINGS CONT....



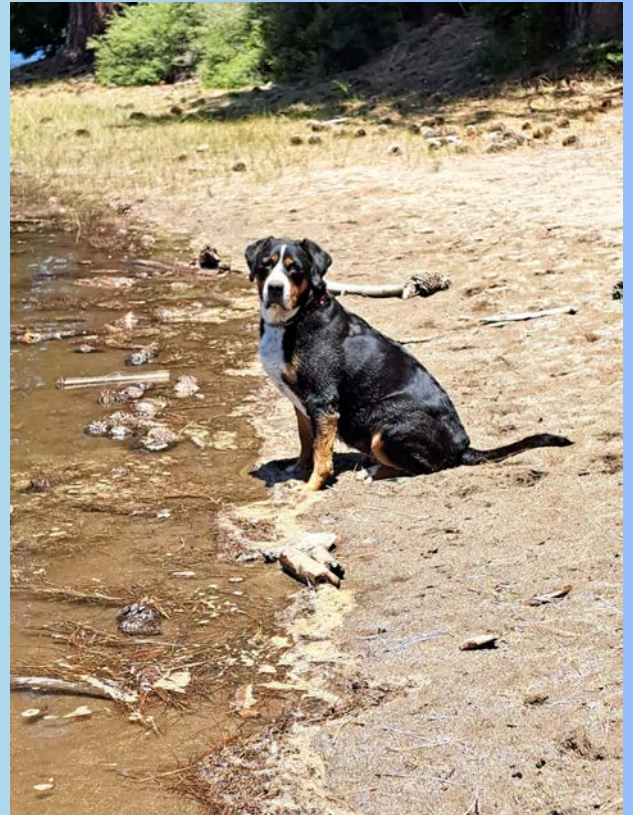
Wylie and his mama



Between the rain in southern California, Gerti took a post dog show romp in San Diego.



Cosmo looking extra handsome! He's also littermates with Wylie!



Emmie enjoying lake life!

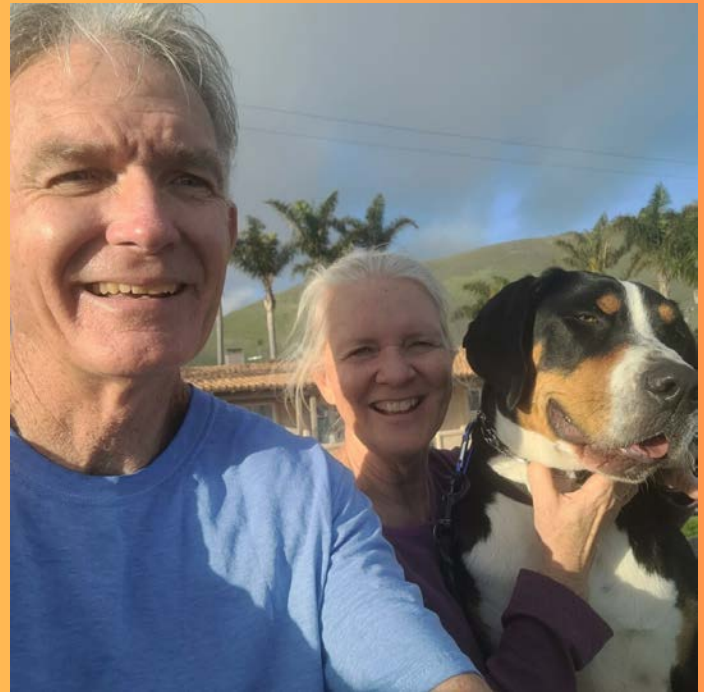


Winston aka Dinosaur Hunter

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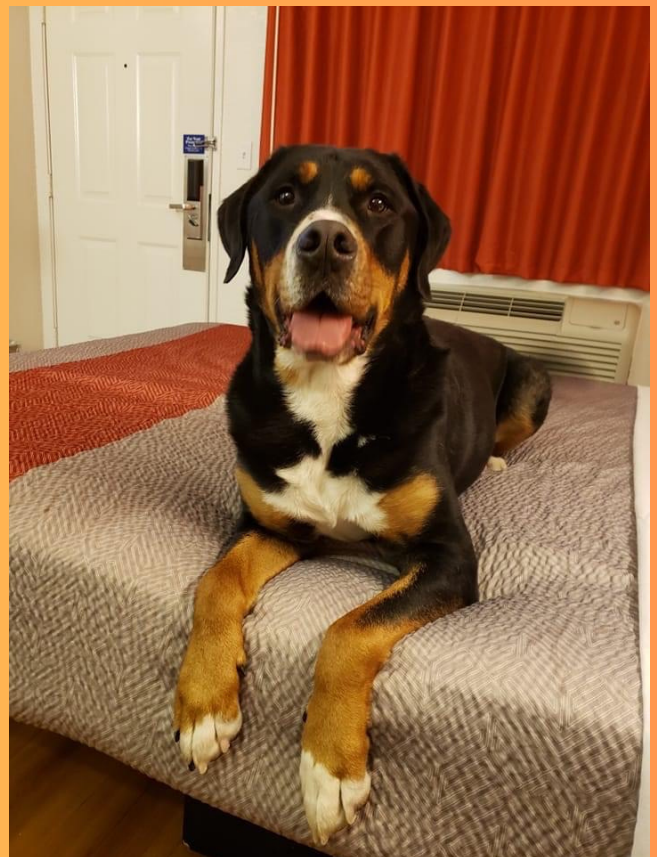
Jojo and her brother Charlie



Lotti and her humans



Luna and Terra cuddles

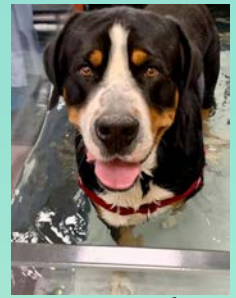


Truckee and hotel life



Rainbow Bridge

our hearts are heavy



Samson, my big beautiful boy!

He was a kind and gentle soul with a big heart. He was not fully aware of his limitations and thus thought life was grand. He loved his girls, Sophie, Mia, and Emmie, and followed them everywhere. At times he tried to control Emmie and she would not have it. That big boy was always being put in his place by the girls in his life. He was my buddy and he trusted me. He thought he was my protector but I was actually his. Such innocence. I will forever love him, forever miss him.

Quartz Mountain Once In A Lifetime!
August 20, 2018 - May 28, 2023

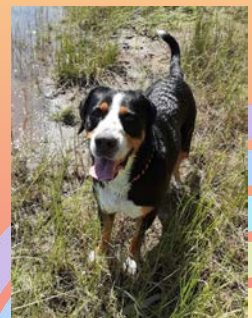
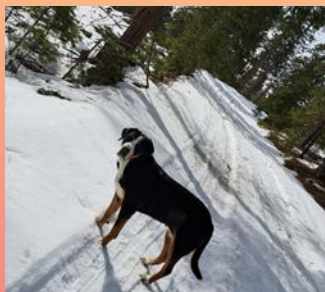


Mia, my precious Mia!

She would be anyone's perfect swissy. Beautiful, kind, loved being out and about. I could take her anywhere. She was a bit smart and then a bit not so smart, which was so perfect as she could always make us laugh. Living life with Mia was always joyful and at times unpredictable, which made life with Mia so fun. I miss her terribly. I held on to her while she was with me and I hold on to her to this day.

BISS GCHB Alpinez Precious Silver CGC CGCA RN CD TKN NWPD WPD NDD GNDD ANDD DD BDD BNDD ABNDD VGS

April 5, 2014 - February 6, 2023



until we meet again

SWISSY FRIENDLY

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BringFido is the world's leading pet travel and lifestyle brand. Our website and mobile apps connect millions of pet owners around the globe with more than 500,000 pet friendly places. Users can seamlessly compare and book thousands of pet friendly hotels and vacation rentals directly on the app, all with no booking fees. And planning an epic dog-friendly road trip is a breeze using BringFido's database of pup-approved restaurants, dog parks, hiking trails and shopping destinations. Pet parents can rest easy knowing that our directory of licensed veterinarians, sitters, and groomers is just a tap away.

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SNIFFSPOT

How do California's private dog parks work?



Private rentals by the hour

Our hosts are locals that are renting their yards and private land to dog owners



Trust and safety first

Spots are designed for safety and both hosts and guests are reviewed after each visit



No other dogs during your visits

Only you and your dogs are allowed to enter a spot during the time you've booked it



Reactive dogs welcome

Many of the spots we list are designed with sensitive dogs in mind



Monthly memberships

Many of our dog parks have the option to access member-only benefits with a fixed monthly price