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THE BLAZE

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

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

JULIE VONADA

WOW, what a year!

We set out to do an epic GSMDCA National and we pulled it off! We couldn't have done it without our incredible planning committee and event volunteers. All those hours of planning sure paid off! And during the event the amount of people that stepped up and volunteered just gives me chills. We held 22 events in 5 days, and only a couple of hiccups that were quickly handled with the 'plan B' that we had in place. JUST WOW! I wish I could name everyone, but SO many were involved it would take the whole Blaze! A giant THANK YOU TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS, please know Way Out West 2023 National was a success because of you!

This is my last year as President, and I am proud that I was part of the board during many positive changes and events in the last 3 years. Of course; all those changes couldn't have been accomplished without tons of support! Our board in the last three years made these changes possible. Of all the votes cast in the last 3 years, there was only one item that was not a unanimous vote.

I can't go without mentioning my partner, my friend and the Club's VP, Lisa England; her support and hard work really stands out and I am so proud of what was accomplished in our tender. It was a flawless partnership. We had so many conversations planning and then during events we just did what needed to be done. I can't thank her enough for the support and hard work these last 3 years. I am excited that Lisa is staying on as the Secretary and Working Dog Chair, and I look forward to partnering with her for all the working dog events that are coming up.

I look forward seeing where Mac McNamara takes us and supporting her as VP!

Swissy Kisses,
Julie



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EXCITING EVENTS AHEAD!



We are Super Excited to be hosting our
First ever FastCat!

April 6th & 7th, 2024 @ Ceres River Bluff Regional
Park
3761 E Hatch Blvd., Ceres, CA 95307

For More information and Premium click on link
below:

<https://www.dogsportsamerica.com/2024-golden-state-greater-swiss-mountain-dog-fast-cat/>

Our 2nd Annual Scent Trial is scheduled for January 21, 2024 @
Dream Big Training Center, 19681 Brandt Rd, Lodi, CA 95240
For More Information and Premium click on link below:

https://www.apps.akc.org/apps/eventplans/eventsearch/blocks/dsp_generate_pdf.cfm?KEY_BINARY_CONTENT=76705

...Await further revelations...

Embark on a pack hike in stunning
locales, coming soon.



Be ready to showcase your furry
companion's skills, as CGC & Trick
Dog Testing dates draw near.

Interested in something else or hosting an event,
send a message to Lisa England, Working Chair @
england25@sbcglobal.net

Boasts & Brags



Congratulations!! to our members, Mike & Julie Ressler and their boy, Ruedi for making the upcoming SENNtinel cover!

**WOW! GO TEAM NOODLES!
Congratulations to Noodles and her human, Elaine on earning her Versatility Title!!**



So happy for Gerti and Kathi for completing Gerti's championship in Santa Barbara and also receiving Best of Winners! Congratulations!

Boasts & Brags

Cosmo & his human sister, Chloe did amazing and earned their first points as Winners Dog and Best of Winners at their very first show in Santa Barbara!



Sean & Jojo earned her CGC along with Julia & Summit (Jojo's dam) earned her CGCA while in Santa Rosa . The resemblance is clear!

Jojo also completed her championship in June 2023 at just a 1.5 years young!

Team Ain't Miss Behavin featuring club members Andrea Hansen, Kelly Stover & Christine Mata as well as Linda Kaminski with swissies (L - R) Nike, Gilly, Emmie & Glory



Boasts & Brags



New Member Rufio's first dog show (left) and his first points (right) within months of each other! Great Job Team Rufio!



Solveig and Kim have had a busy year. Solveig earned her Rally Master Title at the National Specialty and got her first two qualifying runs in Scentwork. This year she also completed her Fit Dog Titles in Bronze, Silver, and Gold walking with the local All Breed Club. She earned her BCAT Title in FastCat, got Farm Dog Certified, and her Novice Barn Hunt Title. She is a great working dog and a fun one to hang with.

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GOLDEN STATE GREATER SWISS MOUNTAIN DOG CLUB

**ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 22, 2023**

Call to order @ 5:30pm by Julie Vonada

**Treasurer Report: Linda Ridenour
2024 Election Committee Chair: Toni Killpatrick
President: Mac McNamara
Vice President: Julie Vonada
Secretary: Lisa England
Treasurer: Linda Ridenour**



**Directors:
Allison Ching
Mike DeGrendele
Christine Mata
Kelly Stover
Leah Wimberly**

Upcoming Events for 2024:

Scent Trail in Lodi CA scheduled for January 21, 2024

FastCat Trial in Ceres, CA scheduled for April 6 & 7, 2024

Supported Entry Woofstock 2024

Meeting ended @ 5:45pm-Time to Party!

Minutes to be approved at next board meeting in January

2023 National Specialty Highlights

Congratulations to all of the participants!

Highlights from Way Out West 2023, more detailed information will be published in the upcoming GSMDCA SENNtinel

2023 National Specialty October 23-27, Santa Rosa, CA



GSMDCA Top 20

Top 20 Winner: Aegis Confessions of a Dangerous Mind "Clooney"

Judges: AKC Judge Jean Pero; Handler Judge: Linda Kinoshita; Breeder Judge: Terry Brown



People's Choice Winner: Cederecove's Geordi RODEO Next Generation

National Specialty pack hike

Earned Legs

Tamar & Leon
Nate & Bocephus
Becky & Rebel
Paul & Terra
Nicolette & Lautie
Ross and Strider
Rebecca and Mayhem

Earned WPD title

Tamar & Leon



National Specialty Draft Trials

Judges: Todd Snyder & Kelly Lovley

Open Qualifiers

Buckeye (Hidden Hill)
Berkeley (Silver Oak)
Crimson (Coppervines/Cherished)
Fletcher (Fireside)
Rebel (Silver Oak)

Novice Qualifiers

Creedence (Cornerstone)
Rita (Blue View)
Noodles (Cherished)



AKC Conformation

Judge: Vicki Seiler-Cushman

NS BEST OF BREED: Crown's HRH Prince of the Night "Monster"

WINNER'S BITCH/BEST OF WINNERS: Land's End Hotly Debated "Roe"

BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX/BEST OF BREED OWNER HANDLED: Cherished Open Sesame "Sesame"



SELECT DOG: Aegis Confessions of a Dangerous Mind "Clooney"

SELECT BITCH: Starcrest's Cassiopeia "Cassie"



AWARD OF MERIT: Aegis Mystic Pizza "Slice"

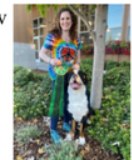
AWARD OF MERIT: Crown's Inar V Folkvangr "Kane"

AWARD OF MERIT: Crown's Prince of Derby "Prince"

AWARD OF MERIT/BEST VETERAN: Grosser Family Affair "Clyde"

AWARD OF MERIT: Northwood's Breaking the Law "Murphy"

AWARD OF MERIT: Snowy Mountain & RODEO Starwars Story "Rogue"



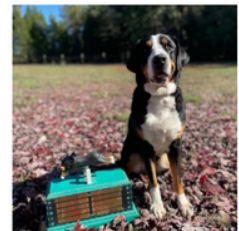
National Specialty Obedience

Judge: Hazel Olbrich

HIGH IN TRIAL: Jotunheim's Blazing Agatha "Adler"

BILL FAURE MEMORIAL TROPHY: Fireside's Putting the F in

UF "Fletcher"



HOWLIDAY TREATS

Santa Paws

INGREDIENTS

- 1/3 c. Plain yogurt (I used plain, but you can also use Greek yogurt)
- 1/2 c. Frozen raspberries (or fresh)
- 5 tbsp. Water
- 2 tsp. Honey (optional)

INSTRUCTIONS

Pour the yogurt into a measuring cup so that it's easy to pour. If you're using honey, stir in 1 tsp. Fill molds about halfway.

Place trays in freezer until yogurt layer is frozen. Blend raspberries and water in a blender. If you're using honey, add in 1 tsp.

Pour over frozen yogurt layer.

Place trays in freezer until frozen.

Consider that the red color could stain carpets, so give to your dog on tile, in a bowl, on a towel, etc.



3 Ingredient Christmas Trees

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- ¼ cup of frozen peas
- 1-1.5 cup of all purpose flour
- ¼ cup of applesauce

HOW TO MAKE

Blend frozen peas and apple sauce in a blender until smooth. Mix in flour ½ a cup at a time until you have a smooth mixture.

You want it to be thick and slightly sticky, but not runny.

Pour into molds and bake at 350 for 25-35 minutes

Your treats are ready when they are fully dry looking and they can be popped out of the mold easily.

Let fully cool and pop out of molds.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



**Catrina Coyle and Mirage from Carmel, CA.
Catrina attended the GSMD Nationals where she
volunteered her time at our Swissy Store! She hopes
to add a swissy to her pack soon!**

**Welcome Russ & Swissy Hank from Sausalito.
Hank entered conformation at his first GSMD
National Specialty!**



**Welcoming back the Hernandez
family and new puppy Odie. They
live in the Bay Area! She has a
human brother and they love each
other very much.**

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



Hailee is a rescue who joins her 2 lab siblings Bertie and Elliot and humans Rhonda & Ellen in San Diego! Welcome Hailee & family!

Sweet Rufio joins us from the Bay Area with his humans Kendall and Barry . At his young age he's already been to a GSMD National Specialty!



SWISSY SPOTLIGHT!

PACKER



Blue View's Victor Stone (Cartoon Litter)

Hobbies: Packer loves going to work with "Mom" Jen every week as she drives around to visit lumber yards and walk the aisles of Home Depot's. He also loves belly rubs and getting brushed by his 14 year old Scharolet.

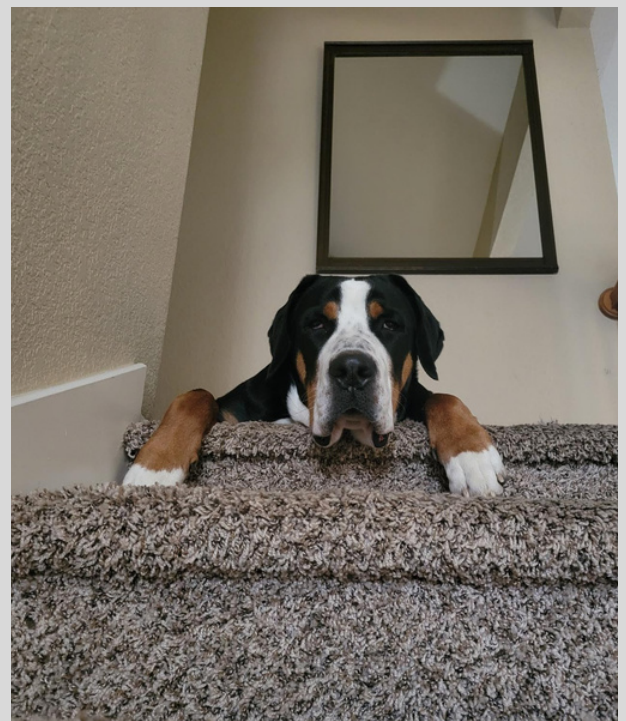
Fun Facts: He was "Black Boy" in his litter and turned out to be the only one with an all black tail.

Favorite Treats: Lamb Lung and Beef Esophagus

Skills or Quirks: Packer sits on the steps like a human instead of on the floor. He puts his toys back in the toy box before selecting another.



Packer is owned and loved by Jennifer & Antonio Rosiles



SWISSY SIGHTINGS!



Behr says it's always summer in Southern California!



Rebel is a happy boy and loves to work. Here he is taking a break with his mom during weight pull



Guess who was promoted to big brother? It's Archie!



Lori & Chloe's first show in Santa Rosa!

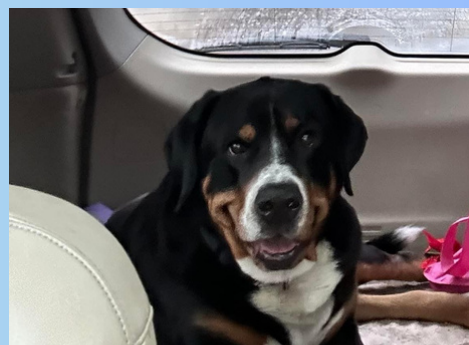


It's Harley! Saying hello from Nevada



Hailee learning to dock dive in Valley, Center, CA

Fredrick out for an outing and a burger with his Mama, Julie!



SWISSY SIGHTINGS!



Wylie and his prize stick. celebrating his 2nd birthday with a pup cup & his little humans!



Reba exploring the vineyards in Napa



Is it a blue seal?? No it's just Schnitzel enjoying a beautiful day at the beach!



An informal beginner carting demonstration with (L-R) Kelso, Grand Master Draft Dog Emmie, Sonoma, Arbor, Gerti, Glory & Avalon

DID YOU KNOW?



The Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Rescue Foundation is an all volunteer 501 C(3) non-profit trust committed to the rescue and successful re-homing of Swissies young and old. All Swissies in rescue are placed in foster homes prior to going to their forever home. It is the foster home's evaluation that assists us in placing each dog in what we feel is the most appropriate home.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Foster
Volunteer
Donate

visit: <https://www.gsmdrescue.org/> for more info!



2024 Rescue Fundraising calendar is available for purchase for \$26

visit: [calendar purchase](#) to support the rescue

When Furry Babies meet Little Ones, Magic ensues!



Hi! it's Odie! She's already mastered the stink eye



Roadie and his human brother in Southern California! Roadie's family came out to a Swissy Social in Anaheim before they got Roadie, just to meet more Swissies!



Hazel recently joined her family in the Bay area with her swissy brother Hans and human brother Reid who loves to read to her!!

Spreading Holiday Cheer



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Looking ahead, I am excited!! With such a strong foundation laid by all who have come before and the success of Nationals, I am confident that we can build upon this momentum and continue to create fun and memorable experiences. I encourage each and every one of you to bring forth your ideas, suggestions, and enthusiasm as we embark on the journey ahead.
Warm Regards,

**Mac McNamara
2024 GSGSMDC President**



Rainbow Bridge



We said goodbye to our first Swissy Zeeva this December. She was the best mama and the sweetest girl ever. She never met a person, puppy, or a kitty she didn't like. She loved smooching our grandsons in the face when they walked in the door, and the Zeeva baroo made you laugh. When her dad would come home from work she would sometimes grab a toy and wait for him to come pet her while the other Swissys would be going crazy.

Love you Zeeva, miss you already 🍷🌈

Kim & Glenn Gradin

CH Liberty Run's Journey of Zeeva CD RA NDD CGCA TKI
11/17/14 - 12/9/23



until we meet again