



GOLDEN GATE

GREATER SWISS MOUNTAIN DOG CLUB

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.

THE BLAZE

Having Fun with Our Swiss Mountain Dogs

Letter from the President

We're Back!!

Well, March went out like a lion and our picnic on March 31st was a soggy and very wet day. To the 12 people who showed up, thank you for braving the weather. April 1st was beautiful, dry and sunny. Go figure.

Our goal for this year is FUN FOR ALL. The club is planning many activities for you and the 4 footers in your family. Every Swissy, from 8 weeks to 13 years of age, is a family member and pet first and a show or competition dog second. Whether they follow the kids around the yard, keep the couch warm for you, strut around the ring or pull a wagon, they are our beloved Swissys.

We have a great lineup of events planned and will probably slip in a few Wag-N-Plays and Walk-N-Talks to the calendar. We know that family events, kid's sports & school can interfere. We hope that you can join us as often as possible. Now remember, these are family events, so bring everyone who wants to come. (It's a great opportunity for kids to polish up their dog interaction skills.)

We are in the process of working on the newsletter and, with your pictures and stories, it will get better every issue. We still have a website that is being updated, and brought back up to speed, also the Facebook page will be reactivated.

I would like to thank Troy Riewe for having served as President for the last term. We had some awesome events and great parties. The last Specialty was great, two back-to-back shows and a Parade of Swissies. What a fun weekend we had! I only hope I can serve as well as Troy. Thank you again Troy.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the Cinco de Mayo Barbecue on May 6th in Pleasanton!

Nancy Glenn,
President – Golden Gate GSMD Club

MAY 6th CLUB MEETING & SWISSY TIME

We hope to see you all at our Cinco de Mayo BBQ on Sunday, May 6th. We will meet at our go-to location, Muirwood Park in Pleasanton. There are fun and games planned, a BBQ lunch provided by your Board members, time to see friends, catch up and make new ones. Bring your dogs--they will enjoy playing in the dog area, which is fenced for their safety. We will also be having a Club meeting, so there is also a chance to meet your club leaders and new members. (Don't worry; we'll keep it short!)

The event will be from 11am to 2pm with the club meeting at noon at [Muirwood Community Park, 4701 Muirwood Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94566](#). We will meet at the far end of the park near the picnic tables and dog run. Please join us for the fun!

A couple of Swissies will demonstrate drafting with a cart and wagon. There is a large dog run in the park so the dogs can play off-leash if desired. There is also a kids' play area at the other end of the park, as well as restrooms. There is ample street parking for everyone alongside the park.

If you know other Swissy families who are not current members of the club, please let them know about this event. Everyone is welcome to attend.

I would appreciate a reply to let me know if you will attend, so we can make sure there is enough food and supplies. See you soon!

Nancy Glenn

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CLUB NEWS

CART CAMP GET TOGETHER March 31

Several members went to Shadow Cliffs Park in Pleasanton, CA, to watch our Swissys participate in Cart Camp Lesson #3. This series of lessons was presented by the NorCal Bernese Mountain Dog Club, but we will be holding our own trainings in the future. Afterwards, eight members held an informal meeting at the Mexican restaurant down the street.



Thank you for taking the picture, Troy!

ACTIVITIES COMING UP

- April 29—K-9 Cancer Walk – Elk Grove
- May 6—Picnic **Meeting** – Pleasanton
- June—Talk and Walk **Meeting**, TBA
- August 18—Summer Party and **Meeting**
in Santa Cruz
- September 10-14 National Specialty
- September 15—Not Going to Nationals Walk and Talk, TBA
- October 18-22 Del Valle Show, **Meeting** and Halloween Party
- November 10—Pack Hike/Campout **Meeting** in Mariposa
- December —Christmas Party, **Annual Meeting**, TBA

CURRENT EVENTS

OCTOBER HALLOWEEN PARADE and CLUB MEETING



See photos of all the magnificent Swissys at the 2011 Halloween Party in Pleasanton. Click [HERE](#). Then click on PLAY SLIDESHOW.

CARTING with Your SWISSY



Your Swiss Mountain Dog loves to have a job.

PACK HIKES



We pack our own food and water for the trip.



NEW MEMBERS

(More to be approved at May Meeting)

Pat Bever, Carol Bamsch, and Riley (above))

Robert and Marie Blits

Jeff and Lucinda Lawson

We look forward to showing photos and hearing stories of our new members and their Swissys—please send to your newsletter editor:

srobinson@sti.net

COMMITTEES

Let us know on what committee you'd enjoy participating. Contact Toni Killpatrick, VP, at skeeter@sti.net

- Public Relations
- Ways and Means
- Trophies and Awards
- Social Events
- Working Events
- Educational Classes

We are planning to add these features: DOG OF THE MONTH, SWISSY HEALTH, and VETERAN SWISSYS. Send us your stories, photos and ideas, please. srobinson@sti.net

MORRIS ANIMAL FOUNDATION

K9 Cancer Walk in Elk Grove-April 29th

Rotary Grove at Elk Grove Regional Park

8:30 am-11:00 am

1 in 4 dogs die of cancer. Many more suffer its terrible effects.

Together, we can cure this disease.

Join us on the KILLPATRICK'S SWISSY ANGELS team.

Please take a moment to go to their web site at www.morrisanimalfoundation.com to learn more about their wonderful accomplishments over the past 60-plus years, and while you're there, please don't forget to click on "K9 cancer walks" in the top menu, then click on the red Elk Grove icon, then click on Kilpatrick's Swissy Angels in the "teams" menu, and last, but not least, click on the red "make a gift." And, if you can, please join us on the walk, for a wonderful day with your four-legged companions.



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INFORMATIONAL SITES to VISIT

Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2210909824/>

Twenty-One Ways to Love Your Swissy

<http://gsmdca.homestead.com/BreedInformation/A>

[KCGazette/TwentyOneWays.html](http://gsmdca.homestead.com/BreedInformation/A/KCGazette/TwentyOneWays.html)

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<http://www.gsmdca.org/>