



# THE BLAZE

*Having Fun with Our Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs*

Happy Summer, Swissy Families!

The End of Summer Party in Sonoma is coming, Sept 27-29. Hosts Jake & Bomber with Mom Paula, have planned a wonderful weekend for the Club! This year will be extra special as we will be having official weight pulls on Friday and Sunday in addition to all the regular scheduled fun! It is truly a highlight for our club and all are welcome! Plan to bring the family!

Check out the new website [www.goldengategsmdc.com](http://www.goldengategsmdc.com) Thank you, Mac, for all the hard work and time you put into this. I am excited for the tools it will provide the Board and Officers, and for all of you to see it!

Take note of the link to Betties and Babes on the Ways and Means page. Maybe you'd like to order Swissy signs? A portion of each sale goes to our club. Thank you, Jenni Allen, for finding this opportunity for the designs. I've got mine! Thanks in advance for your purchase!

We are starting the countdown to our trademark event, the GSMDCA Western Regional at the Del Valle Harvest Moon Classic Dog Show in Pleasanton, October 18-20! Great job, Julie (show site manager), for filling all reservations for this year's event! Contact Julie Vonada if you are interested in being added to the site waiting list. For those of you eager to participate at this year's show, we have a variety of areas needing help. Please click this link to view and sign up, we could really use your help!

## CALENDAR of ACTIVITIES

Aug. 22-25 Mensona Dog Show

Sept.8 SoCal Swissy Beach Day at 10:00 am  
Huntington Beach-100 Golden West St.

Sept.27-29 End of Summer Party- Weight Pull,  
50/50 Raffle, Club meeting, Vineyard  
Walk, Camping weekend with Swissies

Oct. 18-20 GSMDCA Western Regional Specialty  
weekend, raffle, Halloween Parade, Club  
Meeting

Nov. 16-17 [Ojai Valley Wag 'n' Walk](#) Social or two-day  
Pack Hike.

Check out regional socials on these Facebook pages:  
[Bay Area Swissies](#) [San Diego Social Swissy](#)

**Our Board members are working on  
scheduling testing in these activities:**

- Farm Dog      Drafting
- Canine Good Citizen (CGC)
- Trick Dog      Barn Hunt
- Therapy Dog      Fast Cat

**[YES, I WANT TO HELP OUT!](#)**

Yes, this Del Valle event takes place around a dog show, but it truly has a place for EVERYONE. We really hope you join us! You can expect a weight pull, rally demo, catered Saturday dinner, meeting and a HALLOWEEN Costume Contest!

So much to look forward to! Save those dates & get your costumes organized!  
Cheers! Erin and Enzo

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## Officers, Board Members and Committees

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Axel McNeil

**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).**

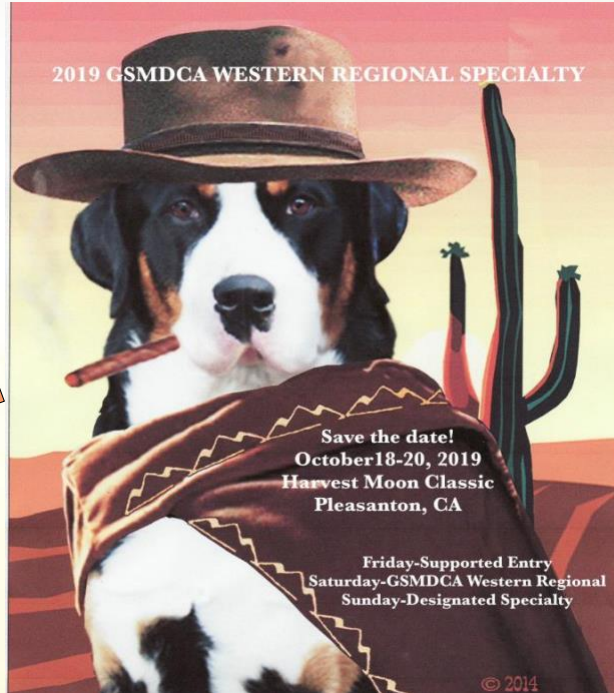
**To conduct sanctioned matches and specialty shows under the rules and regulations of the American Kennel Club.**

**To have FUN together with our Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs.**

**Want to be part of the action? Sign up here to help.**  
**[GSMDCA Western Regional Specialty JOBS SIGN UP.](#)**

30+ Campers with Swissies fill the Amador Pavilion.  
How much fun this will be!

**HALLOWEEN  
PARADE  
AND  
COSTUME  
CONTEST  
on Saturday**



**Friday, October 18--GGGSMD Club Supported Entry**  
**“Welcome, Pardners!” Luncheon and GGGSMDC Club Weight Pull**

**Saturday, October 19--GSMDCA Western Regional**  
**Wear your Western duds in the ring!**  
**Sweepstakes and educational seminar, Hoe-Down Party, Raffle,**  
**Country Store, Photo Booth, Saloon and Dinner.**

**Sunday, October 20--Designated Specialty**  
**GGGSMD Club Perpetual BOB Trophy**  
**High Points (Rally Obedience) awards**

**Educational seminar: Introduction to Rally Novice**

Also available at the Fairgrounds this weekend **Thursday-Sunday** (Click for info and pre-entry)

**[ABBA FAST CAT](#)**

**[ABBA DOG RATTERS](#)** (Barn Hunt)

**TRICK DOG AND CDC** (Paperwork available at the event)

We have an excellent Trophy line up and design templates are already in production!  
Please support our awards and sponsor via Paypal at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c45a8ac2da6f85-trophy2>  
or, send checks made out to GGGSMDC c/o Erin Stammer 1515 San Ramon Way, Santa Rosa, CA 95409

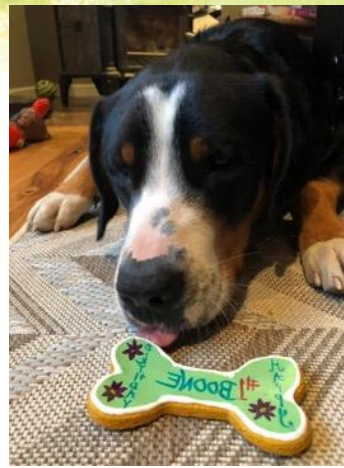
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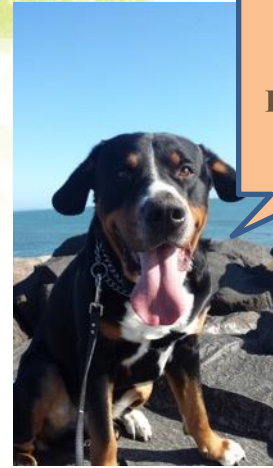
Abbey Aldridge is 14!



Blumen Riewe is 10



Boone Dewar is 1



Brutus Detore-4

Happy Birthday!!  
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Every year is a gift to us.



Cassie Escalle is 1



Dixie, Murray, Berkeley & Freddie Vonada



Charlie Hernandez-5



Dixie is 9!



Echo Webb 8 and Nexpa Webb 5



Freya Escalle is 4



Hamish Bryson-6



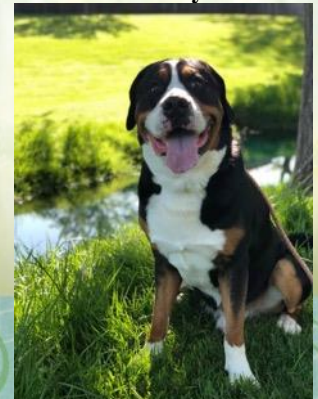
Hansel Hansen is 2



Harley Rose Bush is 6



Jackson Socarras is 1



Koda Allen is 5

# MORE BIRTHDAYS!



Liddy Robinson is 2



Party hardy, Murdoch (5)!



Obi Bourdon is 2



Berg Stecyk is 2, too!



Pug Lite for Freddie on his 6<sup>th</sup> birthday



This is 1 year old Philo Remski

[Click here for 7 year old Philo.](#)



8 year old Zen Pixie Cordan

**At 4 months**  
"You were cute"

**At 6 months**  
"You ate most of my shoes"

**At 1 year**  
"You were getting big"

**At 2 years**  
"You were hyper"

**At 4 years**  
"We were best friends"

**At 9 years**  
"We were inseparable"

**At 14 years**  
I wish I could do it all over again

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**Never leave home without a kiss, a hug and an 'I love you.' Then remove the dog hair from your mouth as you walk to the car.**

# A Dog's Emotional Cup

Every dog has a cup that needs to be filled—with social connection, security, access to reinforcers, and enrichment.

Some dogs seem to have a full cup most of the time, either because of a genetic pre-disposition, or because they have learned good ways to get a refill.

Most things that dogs do are completely normal—including the annoying stuff, like DIGGING up the garden, CHASING cats, or BARKING at the mailman. But all dogs show signs of stress when their cups get near empty.



## Signs your dog may be coping with an empty cup

- \* hoarding resources, over-protective
- \* over-reacting, or shutting down when exposed to new things
- \* restlessness
- \* slow to recover from exciting events
- \* changes in appetite
- \* escalating behaviors to get something or to get away from something
- \* increased grumpiness, or flare-ups
- \* intense social appeasement

## What refills a dog's cup:



- ▼ Doing Dog Things: SNIFFING, CHEWING, FORAGING, BARKING, DIGGING, PLAYING
- ▼ Being included in the family (dogs/humans)
- ▼ Freedom to move
- ▼ Freedom to make choices
- ▼ Ability to control outcomes and get reinforcers
- ▼ Unconditional love and attention
- ▼ Good health: nourishing food, no parasites, etc.
- ▼ Having a safe, quiet place to rest
- ▼ Predictable routines and interactions
- ▼ Getting to do things a dog loves to do

## What empties a dog's cup:



- ▲ Social isolation
- ▲ Long periods of confinement with no enrichment
- ▲ Poor nutrition, untreated illness, or pain
- ▲ Denied access to reinforcers
- ▲ Scary or unpredictable reactions from important humans
- ▲ Over-stimulation (over-exercised) or not enough
- ▲ Set up to fail, and then punished for it
- ▲ No preparation for challenging situations
- ▲ Unclear training: not knowing how to get reinforcement
- ▲ No one responding when expressing a need
- ▲ Too much "impulse control" (i.e. no sniffing, no eating, no exploring, no barking, no doing Dog Things ) for too much of the day

Words by Sarah Owings

Art by Lili Chin

Inspired by THE EMOTIONAL CUP by Upbility

## A DOG'S EMOTIONAL CUP by Sarah Owings and Lili Chin.



### TTouch: EAR WORK

Thumb & index finger

#### ① STROKING

- START AT THE BASE, STROKE IN THE DIRECTION THE EAR GROWS
- DON'T DO STROKE OVER & OVER IN THE SAME SPOT
- STIMULATES ACUPOINTS
- CALMING (GOOD FOR CAR SICKNESS)

#### TWO HANDS

START AT MIDDLE OF TOP OF HEAD OR AT BASE OF EARS

STROKE

(CATS LOVE THIS)

#### ② MOVE THE SKIN ON TOP OF DOG'S HEAD... CIRCULAR MOVEMENT.

BASE OF EARS MOVE

#### ③ HOLD BASE OF EAR: MOVE IN CIRCLES—CLOCKWISE, ANTI-CLOCKWISE

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Lili Chin doggiedrawings.net  
inspired by Lori Stevens's TTouch DVDs seattlettouch.com



Take a look at the new GSMDCA website. (Click on the logo.)  
 It is full of very informative information about our Swissies.  
 Some of our own Swissies made the pages!

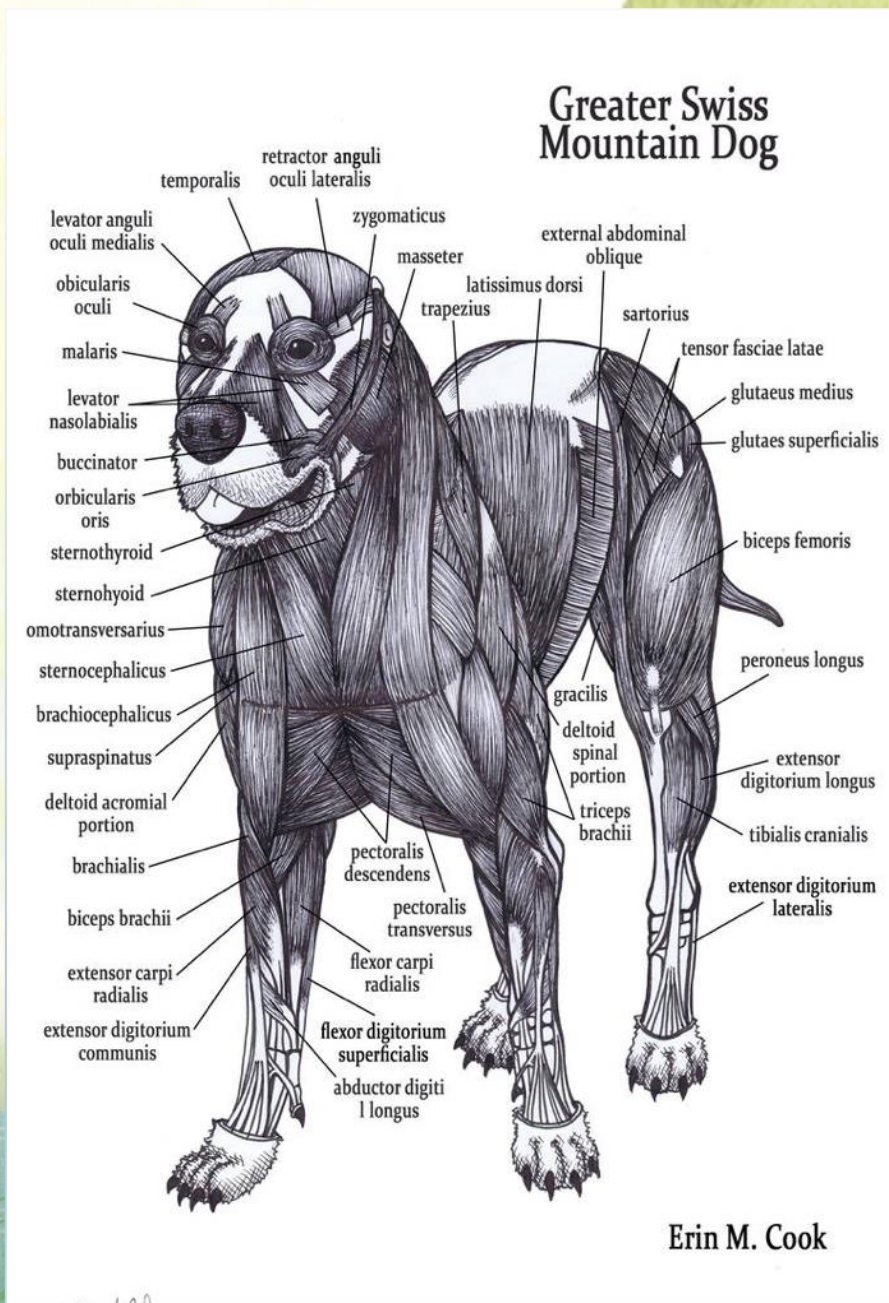
Check these out:

[Harry and Roy](#) (Breed Points)

[Roy](#) (National Specialty Winner 2009)

[Murdoch, Emmie, Sophie, Blumen, Fagan, Morgen and Fredrick](#) (Versatility Dogs)

[Norman](#) (People's Choice Awards)



# SILVER OAKS FLOWER POWER

4 Groovy hippie chicks & 4 totally cool dudes bloomed on March 22, 2019

Sire: BRIG

Int/Am CH GCH Alpinéz England's Silver Oak FDC, NDD, TKN, CGCA, WPD, RATI, HCT

Dam: ISSIE

Int/Am CH CH Cedarcoves Princess of England's Isadore-Able NWPD, CGC, TKN, RATI



SILVER OAK'S FIRST BLOOM "HARPER"  
WITH THE SPRINGER FAMILY  
NEWHALL CA



SILVER OAK'S LIGHT MY FIRE "SADIE"  
WITH THE LANGAN FAMILY  
PLEASANTON CA



SILVER OAK'S MISS AMERICAN PAI "PAI" WITH  
MICHAEL & HEIDI MEJIA  
MARIN CA



SILVER OAK'S MICK JAGGER "MOOSE"  
WITH JOSH & MYRANDA VASQUEZ  
CLOVIS CA



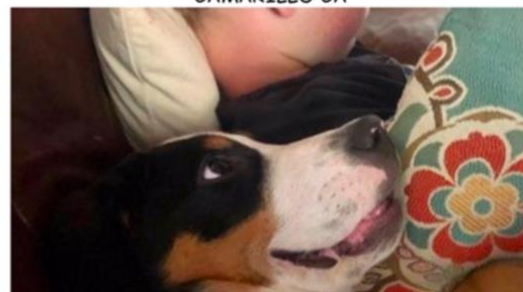
SILVER OAK'S VODOO CHILD "BRUCE" WITH  
MICHAEL & MICHELLE MAY  
SAN DIEGO CA



SILVER OAK'S ELTON JOHN "JOHN"  
WITH BRENT KUYLEN & JESSE SHURTLEFF  
CAMARILLO CA



SILVER OAK'S FAR OUT "BERKELEY" WITH FRANK &  
JULIE VONADA  
LOWER LAKE CA



SILVER OAK'S HIPPIE CHICK "POPPY" WITH THE  
ENGLAND FAMILY  
NEWHALL CA



## Benadryl for Snake Bites

This article was written by a veterinarian of the United Waterfowlers Forum.

"First, let me say that I have been a vet for 23 years in N Florida. We treat probably an average of 15 snake bites a year. That would translate to over 300 snake bite cases I have treated, or been involved in. So my opinions are not based on what happened to one dog, or my neighbor's dog or even the 2 dogs that have been bitten that I personally owned. So not only have I treated a lot, but since I do treat so many, I stay current with current treatment options and what works best (based on data, not stories).

So, here goes with some absolutes about snakes. The things that follow are facts that I have either observed or read or both.

-There is no magic time for how long until treatment. get them there as soon as you safely can. I have saved dogs that were bitten 24 hours prior and had patients die that I saw within 30 minutes. The exception is if there is a bite to the tongue or inside of mouth that may cause breathing issues. I have never seen a bite to the nose cause life threatening breathing issues.

-You do not need to make any effort whatsoever to "get the snake" to take it to the vet. If it is poisonous and causes swelling, we know what to do. The only other poisonous snake in FL is the coral and it does not cause swelling. Unless it is some released species and we will not have antivenin anyway.

-Antivenin (antivenom) is NOT an antidote (meaning it cures). I rarely give it anymore. There are situations where I think it is best to give it, but I have found very little prediction of survival based on antivenin administration. There are some cases that are so bad, you had better use everything you have (bites to the trunk (body) of small dogs or cats).

-Benadryl (Diphenhydramine) is NEVER wrong to give and almost always, if not always, will help the patient. The liquid is nearly as fast as an injection. 1mg per pound of body weight (or Children's Liquid, generic is fine - 1 tsp for every 12.5 pounds of body weight if they are bitten).

-Treatment by a veterinarian will ALWAYS result in less disease for the patient. Absolutely, many patients will survive without veterinary treatment. But snake venom is a huge protein and huge proteins are deposited on the basement membrane of the kidneys when filtered. This leads to immune related injury to the kidneys from snake bites that may not be clinically relevant, but could lead to permanent kidney damage that could affect them later in life. Intravenous fluids reduces this risk as well as keeps the patient well hydrated to get rid of the venom and reduce the toxins built up from necrotic (dead) tissue resulting from snake bites. Simply put, if you want to increase the dogs chances of survival and less long term disease, take them to the vet.

-Moccasins are the least toxic, copperheads next (we have tons of them around here) and rattlesnakes are the worst. Moccasins may have more tissue toxicity-damage local tissue and pain-but they are the least toxic of the snakes. But they can still kill a dog.

A lot of factors play a role in the odds for the dog:

\*Location of bite-nose, face, head, legs, trunk of body (best to worst)

\*time of year-fall snakes have been actively feeding and have less stored venom, spring snakes have more likelihood of having stored venom from less recent feeding

\*amount of injection - a miss or an oblique bite that does not get full injection

\*species of snake

\*size of snake (more venom = more serious)

\*prior history of bites improves patients odds (more immune response to the venom)

-Anyone, vet or otherwise, can NOT predict which dog will live and which will survive by looking at them, or even by running tests. there are just so many variables. I can often tell someone that the odds are bad or that the odds are good, but sometimes I am wrong. I still get surprised.

**IV fluids are the single most important factor that we can control in helping a snake bite victim recover with the minimal amount of disease, with Benadryl being second.** Some patients are going to die, no matter if they were in a veterinary University Teaching Hospital at the time of the bite and there is NOTHING that could have been done to save them. I have had patients die with 30 minutes of the bite (one was a Jack Russel bit in the side of the chest, the other was an American Bulldog bit between 5-10 times all over the body).If you ask me, "What can I do to make the odds the best in my dog's favor that it will not die from a snake bite?", I would say:

--keep Benadryl in your dog first aid kit - Children's Liquid, generic is fine. Give them 1 tsp for every 12.5 pounds of body weight if they are bitten.

--DO get your dog to a vet if they are bitten as soon as reasonably possible - do not be over-dramatic and get in a car accident to get there, but do not stop at the dry cleaners on the way either. Proceed with due haste."



Logan-Borst Bunch (Garnet Glenn, Louise, Ivy, Norman) Hamilton Gamboa

Lucas and Leah

### COPYCAT FROSTY PAWS

Mary MacCachern at <https://homeiswheretheboat.is.net>



To make these frozen dog treats you'll need:

**1 banana**

**32 oz. plain yogurt, Greek or regular, *unsweetened***

*(I used Greek yogurt so the mixture was thicker and the mini dog biscuit would stand up as a handle)*

**2 heaping tablespoons of *\*peanut butter***

***\*make sure your peanut butter does not contain Xylitol, a natural sugar alcohol sweetener which is harmful to dogs***

You can vary these ingredients~ add an additional banana, more peanut butter, pumpkin puree, or leftover cooked oatmeal. ***Just make sure your yogurt does not contain artificial sweeteners (harmful to dogs) or added sugars.***

Place all your ingredients in the blender or food processor and puree them.

Place in your containers and allow them to freeze solid.

When ready to serve, pop them out of your trays or peel the paper off your cups. The dog biscuit makes a convenient and tasty handle to pull the frozen treats out of the trays.



Holman Lawrence



Garnet



Jetty near his new condo



Piper and her pal



Murray Ridenour



Rhone Vignau buried in sand

# Our RODEO Swissies-Working Hard at Working Titles



**New Grand Champion + GSMDCA Owner-Handled Award to RODEO's Catch Me Kiss Me Snowy Mtn TKN "Alta"  
Bred by Holly & Jeff Webb & DaLena Christensen Owned by Holly & Jeff Webb.**



**New Champion Snowy Mtn RODEO's Catch A Falling Star aka "Catcher"**

**Bred by: Holly & Jeff Webb & DaLena Christensen and owned by: (at time of title) Holly & Jeff Webb, Norman & DaLena Christensen (and now owned by Stefanie Funston)**

**New Rally Intermediate-  
GCH CH Snowy  
Mountain's Echo  
RI CGCA TKN NDD ROM  
aka "Echo"  
Bred by  
N&D Christensen and  
R&D Erickson  
Owned by  
Holly & Jeff Webb**

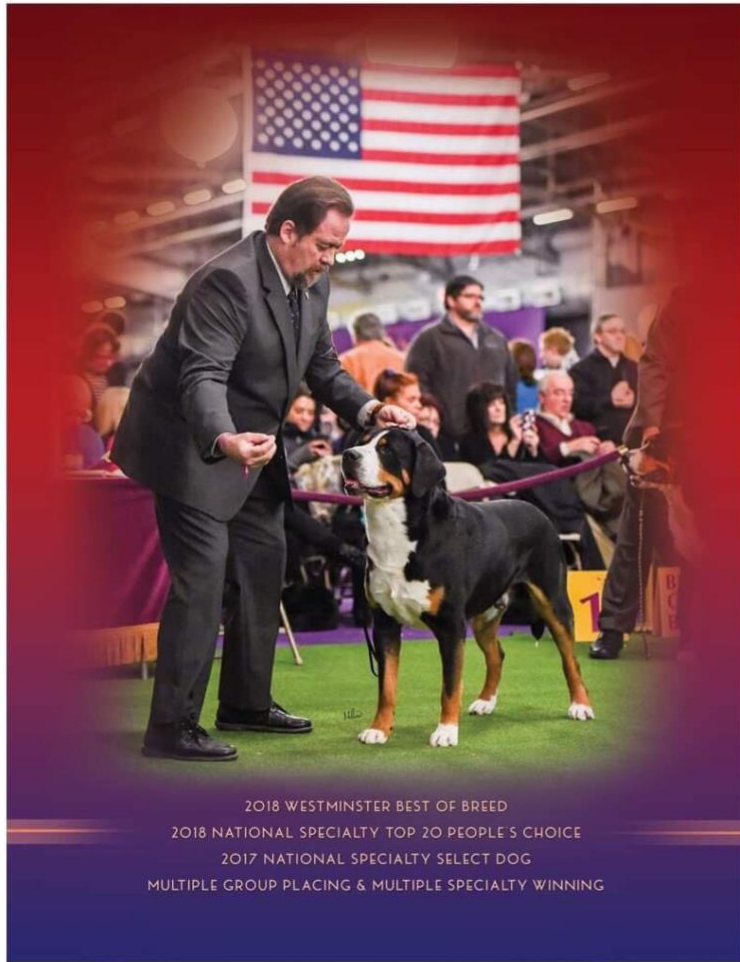


**New CH CedarCove's  
Geordi  
RODEO Next Generation  
aka "Geordi"  
Bred by  
Carolynn Wamsley  
Owned by  
Holly Webb  
and Terrie Strom**



**This team makes us proud!  
Andie Hansen and Murdoch  
from our Grand Canyon North Rim Litter got a CD level Obedience title on 5-12-19. That earned his VGS TITLE!!!!**

# GGGSMDC Team Norman in Utah – WORKING DOG Kudos



**NORMAN** THE DOG THAT CAN DO IT ALL!

*Top 10 GSMD*  
 3 YEARS IN A ROW  
 BREED & ALL-BREED

Thank you specialty judge  
 Mrs. Christie Martinez.

*Working Pack  
 Dog Excellent*

19 HIKES  
 OVER 162 MILES  
 CARRYING 25+ POUNDS  
 (20% BODY WEIGHT)  
 GSMDCA AWARD

MBISS GCHG SNOWY MOUNTAINS  
 NORMAN INVASION AT REDROCK RN WPDXRATI

Owners: Jennifer Logan & Steven Borst | Breeders: Norman & DaLena Christensen  
 Presented By: Kylie Henneter

DESIGN BY: Jani Williams, ENDOGPHOTOGRAPHY.COM

## Jen Logan and Norman-Fourth Qualifying Rally Novice leg and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place



Jen + Norman "People's Choice" Winner at the GSMDCA 2018 National Specialty  
 #1 All-Breed, #2 Breed AKC GSMD through June 2019  
 We are so proud of you!



### CONGRATULATIONS, Team Stover!



At the Grand Canyon State Bernese Mountain Dog Club Draft tests on 7/18 & 7/19 Kelly Stover & Emmie earned their Master's Open Draft Dog leg. **Congratulations** on a leg toward Master's Novice Brace Draft Dog to Kelly with Emmie & Sophie.

...and then there's Samson...

Trick Dog Novice

Herding Instinct Test

CGC Ribbon with Julie Vonada



### KUDOS to SILVER OAK SWISSIES!



Chunk got his CGC and Trick Dog Novice titles.



Brig has his Novice Draft Dog from the Berner, Swiss and Bouvier Draft Trials.



Alan and Bauer took TWO Best of Breeds at the Beverly Hills Dog Show and were televised in the Working Group. She is new CH PineGrove England's Hat Trick IT CGC TKN

### What is a VGS TITLE?

The **Versatility Greater Swiss** title is designed to honor the special individuals of the Greater Swiss Mountain Dog breed that have proven their merit in multiple arenas; conformation, obedience, and working/performance.

The Versatility Greater Swiss (VGS) title is awarded to dogs whose achievements have been recognized with at least four (4) conformation, obedience, and performance event certifications.

Dogs receiving the VGS title must have completed at least an AKC conformation Championship (CH), and AKC Companion Dog (CD) title, and two (2) other titles from two (2) of the other performance category.

**Versatility Greater Swiss Excellent (VGSX)** for those dogs who have already achieved a VGS and go on to advanced titles in obedience and working/performance areas.

### We have three in the last two years!



Team Stover, Kelly and GCH Quartz Mountain Easter Award Winning CD RN BN IT CGCA FDC DD NBPD NWPD TKN VGS



Team Murdoch, Andie Hanson and Grand Sieger BIS Intl CH AKC CH RODEO'S all about Murdoch a SOLDIER of Fortune CD, BN, RN, FDC, THD, CGCA, CGCU,TKI, RATI, RATN, HIT, WPD, WWD, NDD, VGS



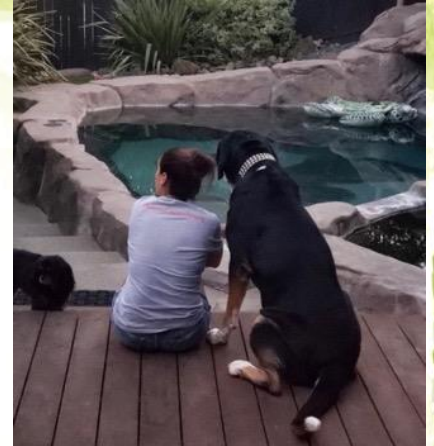
Team Vonada, Julie and Int/NatCH CH RamsGate's Sparkler CD, BN, NDD, RA, RATN, CGCA, CGCU, TKI, FDC, WWD, NWPD, VGS

In the past, these GGGSMDC Swissies have also earned their VGS: Sophie Stover, Fagan and Petra Glenn, and Troy Riewe's Blumen and Morgen.

# KEEP ON CLAPPING for THESE AWARD WINNERS!



Enzo came out of semi-retirement and made a showing debut at the Supported Entry. He trotted off with Best Veteran & Best of Breed... owner handled!.



## WAY TO GO, TAMMI ESCALLE and her STARCREST GSMD CREW!

April 2019  
New Grand CH  
Ramsgate's Absinthe  
"Freya"  
Handled by  
Jennifer Holmberg-  
Baggenstos  
Sire-GCH Trout  
Creek's On a Roll  
Dam-GCH  
Ramsgate's Witchy  
Woman



What a great weekend at the Portland Stumptown Show!  
Saturday - BOB  
Sunday - BOS  
Thank you,  
Jennifer Holmberg-  
Baggenstos  
for your expertise and love in showing Freya so beautifully in the ring.



May 2019  
New Champion  
Starcrest's Cassiopeia  
"Cassie"  
Handled by  
Annie Oster  
Sire-CH Painted Mtn's  
Give It Up  
Dam-GCH Ramsgate's  
Absinthe



May 2019  
New Champion  
Starcrest's Taurus  
Handled by  
Jennifer Holmberg-  
Baggenstos  
Sire-CH Painted Mtn's  
Give It Up  
Dam-GCH Ramsgate's  
Absinthe

# WHAT A SPRING FOR GGGSD Club's SWISSIES!

Jager earned his GCH on 4/20/19 at Chief Solano KC in Vallejo **and** his National CH on 7/21/19. He is now GCH CH Nat/Intl CH Landhof's Jaegermeister Jager of Brush Creek TKN.



Jager in Group ring at Woofstock



Jager with Mercedes



Jager and Mercedes at International Show

We love the laid-back, casual feeling of an International Dog Show!

It's so much fun to actually be able to talk with the judges and receive on-the-spot evaluations & written reviews.

Jager, handled expertly by Mercedes Messer, completed 5 shows this weekend earning 5 "V-1" orange cards and lots of compliments!

We've now added National & International titles and have 2 "V-1's" toward his Honors Champion title.

If you've never entered an International show, I encourage you to give it a go! You'll have a blast!

Check out this link to see if there might be one in your area... <https://www.iabca.com/calendar.html>

### STARTING OFF A NEW SHOW CAREER

Jetty is with Garrick and Jen Faulk at their very first Puppy Match in Palm Springs. They proudly hold their owner-handled ribbon! They were coached by new So Cal Swissy friends, Kelly Stover and Lisa England.



Vera (treeNsea's Dressed to the Nines a la Moon Valley) in the 9-12 mos. Puppy Bitch class at just over 9 months. She's out of Ada and Nakota (Jim's & Charles' boy). Ada is shown by her breeder Maria Jensen



BoomBoom (aka CH treeNsea's Freedom Fighter) shown going WB/BOW/BOS with a major for her championship. BoomBoom is out of Wanda and Sigi.



# THE AWARDS JUST KEPT COMING—WHAT FABULOUS GSMD'S WE HAVE!



Paula Robles and Bomber "Aegis B-17 Flying Fortress by Fireside" won an Owner Handled Group 3 at Woofstock and his Grand Championship!

Sire: GCH Fireside's the Chase CGC      Dam: CH Jotunheim Noka Van Aegis



Rodeo earned her CGC :)

She's Alison Burns' GCH Bit-A-Swissy's This Ain't My First Rodeo RN CGC NWPD HCT



Blumen Riewe-New Trick Dog Novice



Maya Bamsch-Bever GCG and TKN



Liddy Robinson-CGC and TKN

These three Swissies earned their new titles at SWISS DOG DAY AFTERNOON.



# Swiss Dog Day Afternoon

Sunday, July 21, 2019, 10am to 4pm  
Upper Fort Mason Parade Grounds  
201 Fort Mason, San Francisco, Ca., 94109

Hosted by: THE BERNESE MOUNTAIN DOG CLUB OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

What fun we had! Thank you, Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Northern California, and Carol Bamsch with Patrick. We had a chance to earn some new titles there.



Mac was our awesome judge.

We tried beginner novice and novice obedience, breed conformation training, drafting, Canine Good Citizen and Novice Draft Dog testing.



Lori Ellis and Elsa set the mood.



Harry's new family



Jonathan (Walter), Troy (Blumen), Sean (Hansel)



Blue Hill siblings-Liddy and Hansel



Carol Bamsch and Tim McNeil



Black Diamond Littermates

**WELCOME to our NEW MEMBERS and their PUPS!**



**George-Tara and Zyla Dhillon**  
Los Altos Hills



**Sage-David Eriksen (with Camille Sybert & Grandma Arbor)**  
East Garrison, CA



**Buckeye-Becky and Dave Reinke**  
Mesa, AZ



**Albert-Karen and Joel Parsons**  
Los Gatos, CA



**Sadie-Chelsea and Kevin Langan**  
Pleasanton, CA



**...and WELCOME TO NEW PUPS with "OLD" MEMBERS!**



Berkeley Vonada



Harper Springer



Hogan and Weber Friesch



Alice Dewar with Whitney



Poppi England



Garnet-Nancy and Randy Glenn



Garnet



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Here is a wonderful way to help out our Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Rescue—Use Amazon SMILE!



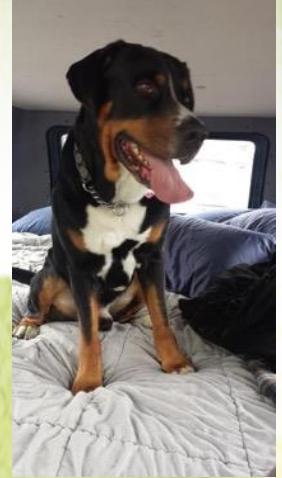
# SWISSY ADVENTURES



Hans Hanson at beer fest



Axel McNeil in Alpine



Brutus Detore travels in the Murder Wagon



Bruno Schmoltdt at the Golden Gate Bridge



Harley Rose Bush- aka Swissy Seal



Obi Bourdon enjoying the sunset



Chunk England trying Agility



Fredrick Vonada



Otter at Sea Ranch

Every moment spent with your Swissy is worth a Lifetime of memories.



Piper K caught in a sea of toes



Jetty and Hudson Faulk



Elsa Ellis in snow

# Swissies and Their Buddies



Glory at the Bark Park



Walter and his baby



Hansel and his Horse



Hamish and His Kitty



Lower Lake Working Dog Workshop



Spice, Cayenne, Mama Zeeva, and Draven Glenn



Slugger and Boss Krieschel's Family  
From left to right: Boss, Guen, Slugger,  
Piper, Honey, Iggy



Kait, Garnet and Dan Glenn

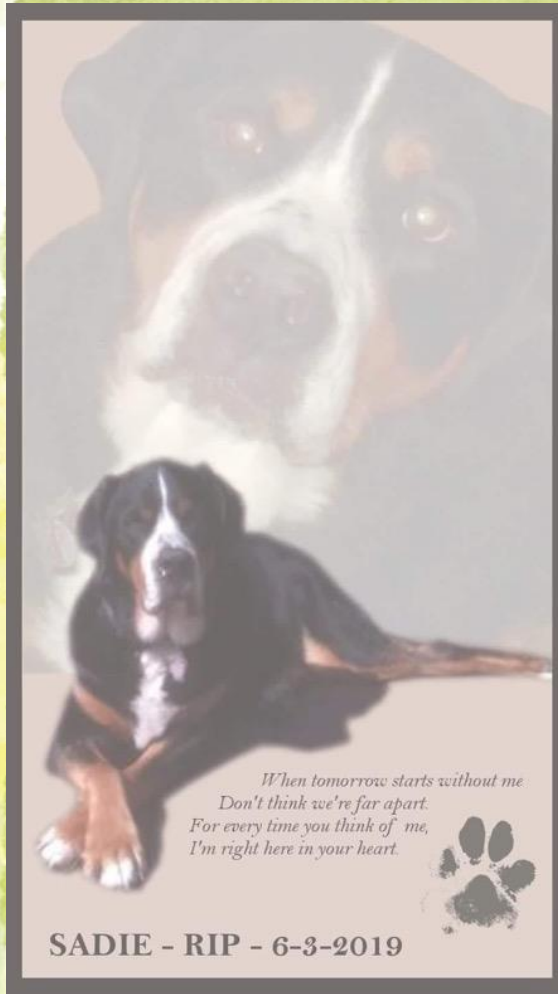


Roscoe and Beau Jennings  
are inseparable.

# RAINBOW BRIDGE

## SADIE KRIESCHEL

MARCH 26, 2005 – JUNE 3, 2019



**Our Sadie Lady was born March 26, 2005.**

**Sire - CH SNOWY MT FERGUS V CALYPSO, "Gus"  
Dam - CORDILLERA'S NIGHT WIND SENT, "Peri"**

**We had fond memories every day.  
She was such a sweet but stubborn little girl!  
Sadie ruled the roost and was so loyal to our family.  
We clipped Slugger and Boss' nails this evening  
and the treat is always peanut butter.  
I teared up because there was no Sadie anymore.  
(Peanut butter was her favorite treat).  
Sadie's funniest thing was sucking on blankets!  
She had her own,  
but she would always steal Todd's blanket  
while he was napping.**

**We had her so long (14+ years), that I'm still having a  
hard time. 5 of our kids will be here next week for a  
visit and won't know how to deal without Sadie.  
They all grew up with her.**

Thanks to Erin Toon for the Tribute (left)





# Pet EO Ideas

Using 100% pure therapeutic grade essential oils from Young Living!  
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## Dog days of Summer!

Summer can bring a lot of challenges for taking care of our pets. We want to take them with us, but we worry about heat, insects, pests and more. What can we do to insure they enjoy the season as much as we do?



### Tummy Balls of Goodness

Are you looking for a gluten free and nutritious way to add a punch of goodness to your dog's diet? You can make these easy little sweet potato and spinach balls to add to 1 cup of kibble. Add a punch with your favorite essential oil for digestive health.

**What you need:** 2 sweet potatoes (peeled and cubed) and 1 cup spinach (chopped). Essential oils based on needs: Spearmint or Lavender, 1-2 drops for cooling, and Ginger or Digize 1-2 drops for warming.

**To make:** Steam the cubes of potatoes in about 2 tbsps of water in the microwave for about 10 minutes until soft. Mash them with a fork and allow to cool. Then add spinach and your essential oils.

You can roll them into small balls that are an appropriate size for your pet. Simply serve 3-4 of these over about 1 cup of their kibble as an added bonus. This is not intended to replace their current diet. You can store the left overs in the fridge for 2-3 days.

Did you know that skin problems are one of the top reasons owners bring their pets to the vet? The skin is an organ and is often the only outward reflection of a problem on the inside. With a holistic approach, the entire body may be restored to optimal health, which is then reflected in the condition of the hair and skin.

In the summer, allergies may worsen in our pets. Sometimes fleas or environmental/contact allergies may be the cause. Many pets are sensitive to flea salvia, as well as types of pollen, grass and weeds.

Diet can, however, be a contributing problem for many skin conditions in pets, just like humans. You might see a lackluster, brittle or coarse coat, dandruff and red, bumpy, scaly or oily skin which all can be signs of problems that go more than skin deep. Toxins can build up in your pet's system – either from excessive western medications or a poor quality diet.

Last year, there was an FDA alert about the increased use of grain-free diets in pets. Was it being overused and putting the pets at risk? Just like other things, not every diet is a perfect fit for your dog. However, according to Cornell University of Veterinary Medicine, grain is one of the most common causes of food hypersensitivity. A grain-free diet is therefore

an excellent first step in combating skin conditions in your pet.

Some pets are sensitive to ingredients other than grain, such as certain meats, vegetables, fruits or eggs. These are less common. Although a lamb and rice diet is often recommended for dogs with skin issues, lamb can actually worsen a 'hot' itchy dog according to principles of Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM). Lamb has a warming property



and is more 'yang' in intensity, instead of cooling 'yin' or neutral foods. Cooling choices might include white fish, turkey, duck or beef. Seek out your local holistic vet to discuss the best diet choice for your animal.

The best bet to combat itchy skin from the inside is to use a natural, minimal processed diet that is free of added chemical preservatives and fillers. Under the direction of your vet, you may be able to start reducing the use of steroids and antibiotics, which are the most common traditional treatment method. These methods may weaken the immune system and cause more dryness, which may worsen the problem. The good news is that there are many pet foods on the market now to help you find the right choice.

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**Chickens deserve a little oil love too! Keep their coops clean with this simple recipe.**

**Simple Chicken Coop Cleaner**

Supplies:

1. 16 ounce glass spray bottle
2. 1 cup white vinegar
3. 1/2 capful of Thieves Household Cleaner (THC)
4. 16 drops of lemon EO
5. Distilled water
6. Label for bottle
7. Funnel is needed

Instructions:

1. Add vinegar and THC to bottle.
2. Add lemon oil.
3. Fill remainder of bottle with distilled water.
4. Be sure to label your cleaner.

Tips:

1. Be sure to always wear gloves when you are cleaning chicken or bird coops for your safety.
2. Gently shake your spray before each use. Spray directly on or on cloth.

*Featured product:*



Item # 3414  
 WHSL: \$48.36  
 RETAIL: \$36.75  
 15ml bottle

Sacred Mountain™ is a blend of Ylang Ylang and conifer oils that evokes the sense of sanctity found in nature and promotes feelings of

strength, empowerment, grounding, and protection when needed.

If you have that foster pet or animal that is afraid of loud noises, storms, or being alone, this may be the ideal blend to help them build confidence and enjoy the summer.

Julie Folger, RN, BSN, CPA  
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**These oatmeal bath bars are great for your friends with sensitive skin and who love the summer outdoors!**

What you will need:

1. 1 pound goats milk soap base
2. 2 TBSP organic coconut oil
3. 2 TBSP shea butter
4. 1/4 cup crushed oatmeal
5. 15-20 drops Cedarwood EO
6. 10-15 drops Lemongrass EO
7. 10-15 drops Lavender EO
8. 7-10 drops Roman Chamomile EO
9. Spray bottle of rubbing alcohol
10. Silicone mold

Instructions:

1. In a microwave safe bowl, melt the soap base in 30 second intervals, or over double boiler, until melted. Repeat with shea butter and coconut oil. Then combine melted ingredients.
2. Allow to cool for 1 minute. Add essential oils. Use fewer essential oils for small dogs and more for larger dogs.
3. Add oatmeal and mix together. (I add a dust of oatmeal to molds.)
4. Pour in and allow to cool.
5. Store in sealed bag or jar.

**DIGIZE:** Is your pet's stomach upset? There are several ways to tell, but eating grass may not be one of them despite the wise tale. Did you know that only about 25% of dogs vomit after eating grass? Many times puppies will chew on grass while they are teething, dog's and cats may eat grass by instinct. It may simply be the actual grass that tickles the throat or stomach and causes the gag reaction.



But here are a few other things you may notice, that are not as obvious as vomiting and diarrhea:

1. Lip smacking
2. Drooling
3. Gulping
4. Licking surfaces
5. Loss of appetite
6. Burping
7. Stomach noises
8. Passing gas
9. Restlessness
10. Decreased Activity

When I notice this, my first response is to rub a drop or two of diluted Digize over the tummy. If behavior does not improve, seek the attention of your vet to investigate further!

One of my concerns is the animal eating grass that has been treated with any kinds of pesticides or chemicals. Try to keep them off your neighbor's perfectly groomed lawn.

**Peaceful Puppy:**

-  3 drops Lavender
-  2 drops Vetiver
-  1 drop Roman Chamomile

Outdoor confidence can be easy! Have you ever considered simply placing your favorite calming or outdoor blend on a bandanna and then placing it around your pet's neck for a decorative touch with purpose?

How do you do this? I like to take 2-3 drops of my favorite calming oils like Peace and Calming, Valor, or Stress Away and place it in 1/2 cup of water with a pinch of salt. For outdoor fun, I use 1 drop peppermint, 1 drop citronella, and 1 drop lavender. Soak the fabric in this solution, and when dry, you are all set to dress up your friend.



\*Tip: Make this in a large concentration in an empty bottle and have ready! Add just 5-6 drops.



GOLDEN GATE  
GREATER SWISS MOUNTAIN DOG CLUB

**Save the Date**

**~ END OF SUMMER PARTY ~**

*September 27<sup>th</sup> ~ 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019*

*Sonoma, California*

**\*\*Camping Available\*\***

**Friday**

*Weight Pull ~ 4pm Start*

**Saturday**

*Club Meeting @ Noon*

*Dinner & Vineyard Walk*

**Sunday**

*Weight Pull ~ 8am Start*

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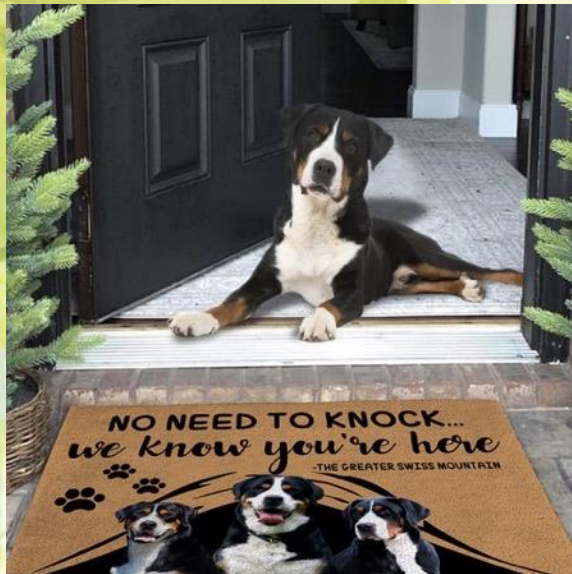
Please join in on a great weekend of  
laughter and fun with all of our dogs!!

*\*More info to follow on our Website and FB page\**

# A Little Humor

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by Mark Parisi



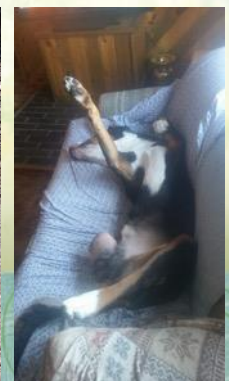
Garnet and Dan Glenn



Laine Michaels Raskulinecz



Harley Rose Bush and her stick



Boone Blind

## TRIM THOSE NAILS!

Casey Campbell

Trim your dog's nails, and then next week, trim your dog's nails, and then, the week after that, do it again. They live their life on those feet, so it's your job as a responsible owner to keep their feet healthy and comfortable. Every groom shop I've ever known will trim nails for a very reasonable price. I say groomer, because they tend to take the time to work with the dog, rather than pile on and do a quick, wham-bam job, and the dog learns to accept it, rather than fear it. Embrace Wellness (and probably others) will also reimburse you for nail trims. You pay for the insurance, so get your money's worth while avoiding health problems and unnecessary pain.

When do they need done? Every 1 to 2 weeks from birth on. Our puppies' nails are clipped at a few days old, and by 8 weeks old have been clipped and dremeled more than a handful of times. Most breeders do the same, so you likely have a puppy who is used to it the day you take them home, so keep up on it.

If you're not sure why it's important, walk around on your heels for a few days and see how your body feels. It doesn't take much for them to be walking with bent toes, either twisted sidewise or up at an unnatural position. Walk the dog on a hard surface. Can you hear the clicking? Trim their nails. Can't hear it? Good! Trim them anyway.

What tool should you use? I much prefer a rotary tool (ie dremel), but my Chicago Electric brand tool has been the most reliable and cost about \$20 at Harbor Freight 6-ish years ago. My cordless tool was \$18 at Walmart and has a light, which is amazing, but I like a corded tool for longer nails. Batteries dying with one foot left is frustrating. I use sanding bands, rather than stones, because they stay cooler. You can splurge and buy the diamond tip, but bands work just fine.

Omg, but what if they bleed! Unless your dog has a serious medical issue, they'll stop bleeding. Might look like a crime scene before it stops, but your dog won't die. Cornstarch, styptic powder, a romp in the dirt, and the blood will stop. It's pretty difficult to "quick" a dog with a dremel, and pretty easy to quick them with clippers.

How do you teach the dog to accept it, and even \*gasp\* enjoy it? There's a million answers for that. Ask your breeder, ask your groomer, ask your vet, ask other Swissy owners, watch **YouTube** videos, grab a foot and learn as you go, join the Nail Maintenance Facebook page. Whatever route, just do it. Your dog and future dogs will appreciate the effort.

There are very, very few good reasons to leave nails long, including weight pull and sledding, but chances are, 99% of the dogs on this page aren't doing those things, and don't need the length, and they're a health hazard. Keep them short, keep them in a routine, and you will have a much happier, healthier dog. Also, don't let them get fat, but that's a rant for another day..

Julie trimming Berkeley's nails



Long nails can affect so much more than just your wood floors. They turn toes which turn ankles which turn elbows which jack up shoulders which mess with the spine, and that's just the front end of the dog.  
Megan Lewis

[Nail Trimming Video \(Megan Lewis on Facebook\)](#)  
[Close ups of dremeling a nail \(Megan Lewis on Facebook\)](#)  
[How Important Is Cutting Your Dog's Nails? Leslie Woodcock](#)



## PUT THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR!

(Start practicing now.)

### BACK TO BACK PACK HIKES—2 DAYS AND A LITTLE ADULT RECREATION



Ojai Valley Wag & Walk



+ Wine & Wag at Topa Mountain Winery

WAG & WALK is a back to back hike, eight miles each day, in beautiful Ojai Valley, CA. The trail is mostly flat and shaded with majestic oak trees. The pack hike starts each day at 7 am., November 16 and 17. For questions, or to participate, please contact Lisa England at 805-791-9277 or [Lisa@silveroakgsmd.com](mailto:Lisa@silveroakgsmd.com).

WINE & WAG is a little wine tasting, fun, conversation and amazing Swissies. It will be Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, at 3 pm, at the Topa Mountain Winery. There will be hand crafted wine from the Central Coast, served in their beautiful tasting room with stunning views of Ojai Valley.

#### PACK HIKING INFORMATION:

<http://www.gsmdca.org/working-activities/pack-hike/>

### Preview of the Quartz Mountain Boys

Two boys born on Mark and Lisa Stover's 37th Anniversary



# TIMBER RIDGE GSMD VIKING LITTER

Dam: CH Liberty Run's Journey of Zeeva CD RA CGCA NDD TKN "Zeeva"

SIRE: CH Cedarcoves Senntinel CGCA CGCU TKI "Roman"

Born 5/25/29 (Gradin's 29<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)



Timber Ridge's Hiding Harp Angel  
(Aslaug )"Alice" Whitney Dewar  
Pescadero, CA

Timber Ridge's Lord Brock the Rock  
"Brock" (Sigurd) Bell family  
San Diego Area

Timber Ridge's "Buck"  
(Ivar) Hall family  
Sacramento area



Timber Ridge's King Gorm  
"Gorm" Buckner family "Moose"  
San Luis Obispo



Timber Ridge's Moose on the Loose  
(Bjorn) Nuccio family  
LA area



Timber Ridge's Solveig the Enchanted  
"Solveig" Gradin Family  
Miranda, CA



Timber Ridge's "Thorhilde"  
(Ingrid) Aftel Family  
Bay Area



Timber Ridge's "Ugo"  
(Magnus) Billingsley family  
Bay Area



Viking Litter



Our mommy does Ways and Means for the club. Want an adorable customized sign? ❤️🐾👉

## CLUB WAYS AND MEANS

Ways and Means has some items to offer you!!

Part of the sales price for these goods goes directly to the club!!

### SWISSY YARD SIGNS



[Theresa Liedtke Turkovich](#) is on FB (Message her what you want) or you can find her on Instagram @tsign.collective

selling these fun signs and a couple of others that can be customized for you!  
She will donate a portion to the GGSMD C for each sign sold!

### T-SHIRTS FROM BETTIES AND BABES

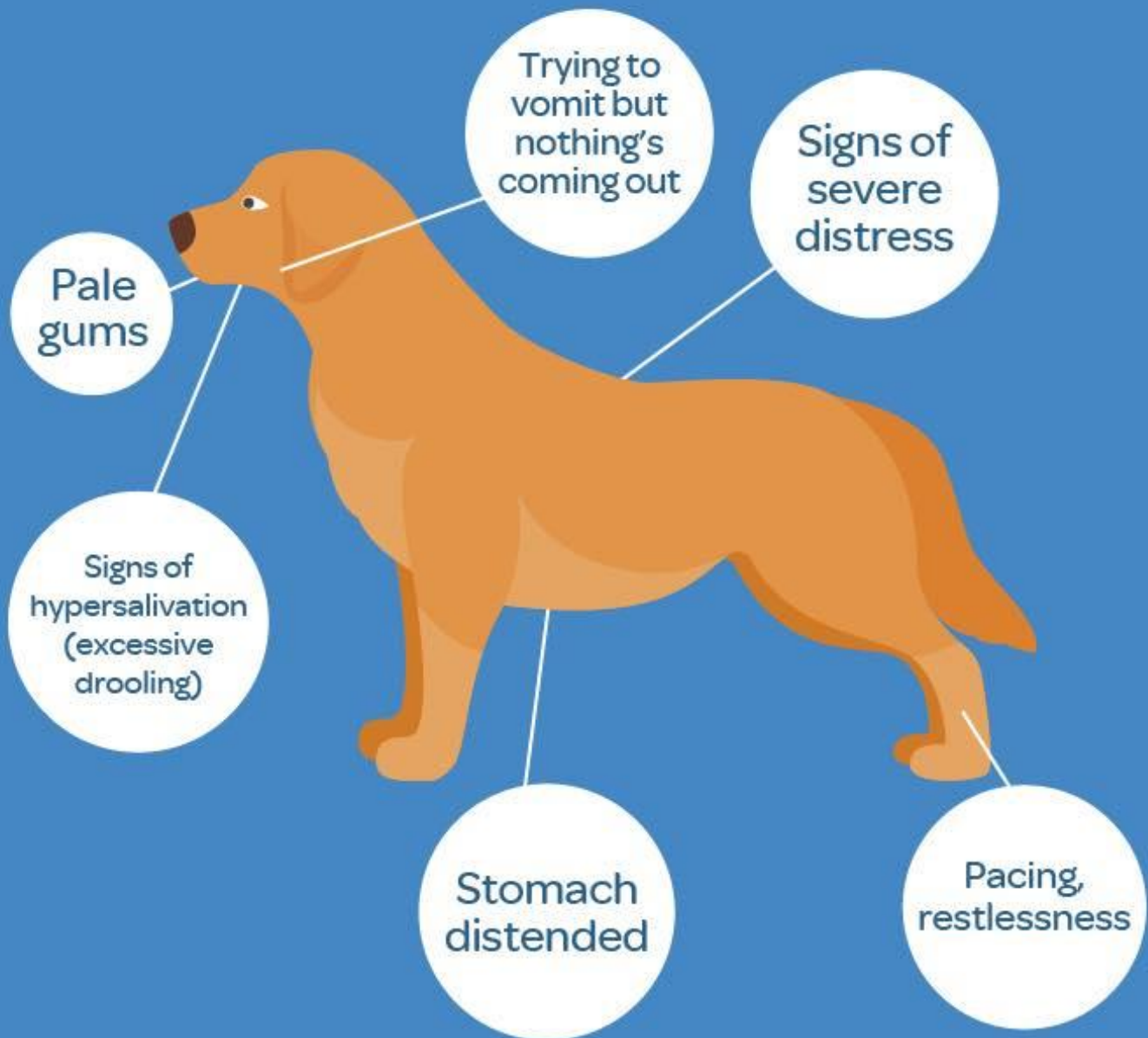
Pick your own color and size by clicking on the shirt.

A portion of every T-shirt sold goes to the club.



# BLOAT IN DOGS

NEEDS IMMEDIATE MEDICAL ATTENTION  
WITH THESE SYMPTOMS:





THE SATURDAY  
EVENING POST



### SIGNS OF DOG SICKNESS

Toni Killpatrick

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,

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

Luna Manjunathaia



### GROUP PHOTOS

Berkeley,  
Dixie,  
Fredrick  
Vonada

Samson,  
Glory, Mia,  
and  
Jetty



### INFORMATIONAL SITES to VISIT

- [Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club Facebook](#)
- [Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club of America:](#)
  - [Golden Gate GSMD Facebook Page](#)
  - [Bay Area Swisssies – Chelsea Stecyk](#)
  - [San Diego Social Swissy – Christine Mata](#)

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