



# The Blaze

Having Fun with Our Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs

Summer/Fall 2021 Newsletter

## Greetings from President Julie Vonada

WE HAVE A NEW LOGO!!!! A big giant thank you to Debra Draves for volunteering her talents to create our new logo. We've got nothing but positive responses on all the choices she provided us, but it was very apparent which was the most popular. Thank you to everyone that participated in the survey!

Lisa England, Kelly Stover and I have been working hard at preparing for the drafting event at the end of September! Thank you for the volunteers that will be helping during the event! We will be having a quick meeting after drafting on Saturday. I sure am looking forward to going and I hope to see many of you there, either drafting or just visiting.

I love doing different things with my boys, and I was looking to try something to keep them 'thinking' during this hot summer and came up with doing Scent Work. Oh my gosh they love it, and it is so fun to watch them 'work' while trying to find the scent tin. They remind me it is time to do scent hunting every day! These Swissys always amaze me on how willing and able to do pretty much anything you toss at them. To learn more about AKC scent work, please visit AKC's website: Scent Work.

If you are doing anything fun with your pups, please share so others can join in on the fun. 2022 is coming up on us fast! The board is already thinking of events and budgets already! Please let me know what events you would like to see next year! You can email me at [vonada@att.net](mailto:vonada@att.net) or text/call (707)236-2384 with your ideas!

Swissy Kisses,

Julie



## EVENT SPOTLIGHT: DRAFT TEST

Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club of America  
Two Day ALL BREED Draft Test

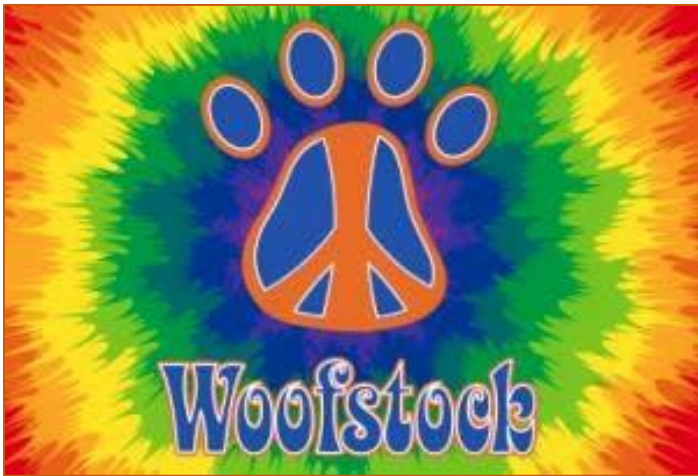
*Hosted by the*  
*GOLDEN STATE GREATER SWISS*  
*MOUNTAIN DOG CLUB*



Drafting in Wine Country  
**September 25th - September 26th, 2021**  
Skyline Wilderness RV Park 2201 Imola Avenue Napa, CA 994559

Judges:  
Todd Snyder  
James Maxwell  
Larry Bohlig

## UPCOMING EVENT



# Woofstock

November 4-7  
Solano County  
Fairgrounds

Now open for entries:

<https://m.infodog.com/default.htm>

### GSMSMDC is offering the following Ribbons and Trophies:

Thursday: Best Owner Handler

Friday: Upgraded ribbons for the following:

Winners  
R.Winners  
BOB  
BOS  
BOW  
Selects  
AOM  
Bred By  
Puppy  
Stud  
Brood  
Generation  
Best Owner Handler  
Veteran  
R. Veteran

Saturday: the trophies which accompany upgraded rosettes are as follows:

Class Wins= Leash  
Winners= Water Bucket and Clippers  
R.Winners=Clippers  
BOB= Mega Size Big Barker Bed  
BOS= Mega Size Big Barker Bed  
BOW=XL Big Barker Bed  
Selects= Large Big Barker Bed  
AOM= Elevated Dog Bed  
Bred By= Crate Mat  
Puppy= 4x6 RV Mat  
Stud & Brood= Large RV Mat  
Generations= Crate Mat  
Owner Handler= Duffle Bag  
Best Vet = XL Big Barker Bed  
Reserve Vet= XL Big Barker Bed

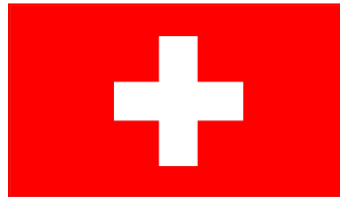
Sunday: Upgraded ribbons for:  
BOB, BOS, BOW

A special thank you to Erin Jacobson Stammer for working so hard on the ribbons and trophies!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Southern California's  
**Swiss Breeds Match 2021**  
October 23  
Shelter 5, Yorba Regional Park, Anaheim

All Swiss breeds are invited to compete in the conformation ring, no experience necessary to join in this fundraising activity for the BMDSC. They are also offering Canine Good Citizenship certification, Trick Dog Certification, and Obedience for fun. For more information: [www.bmdsc.org](http://www.bmdsc.org)



*Save the  
Dates*

**Howlidays Hike**  
December 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>



**More details coming soon!**

## RECENT CLUB EVENTS

### Swissy Social



In August Club members gathered at Huntington Dog Beach for a fun day in the sun, sand and water. Keep an eye out on the Club Facebook page and website for future Swissy Social activities. We'd love to have you join us!



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### Meet The Breed

Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club of America, Inc. is participating in a Meet the Breed across the Nation. San Diego was one of the first stops and Camille Sybert, Christine Mata and their 3 girls volunteered to present the breed to participants wishing to know more about Swissies. They reported that the event was very well put together. They had a HUGE set up and happened to be strategically placed right at the entrance. Everyone stopped by to meet the girls, the \$35 admission and mask requirement did not deter attendees. We are so proud of these outstanding breed representatives. They certainly won over several families and gave opportunities to those who are interested in the breed to meet a Swissy in person!



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### Shaver Lake Pack Hike

Shaver Lake was the location of a Primitive Pack Hike on June 26 & 27. Always an adventure when a group of women and their pups head out for a primitive pack hike. Lots of chatting and of course laughter. Especially when pitching the tents. The pups did great and their humans survived. If you haven't participated in a Pack Hike yet start planning for one now, you and your Swissy will love it!





## WELCOME TO THE CLUB

Join us in welcoming some of the members that have joined GSGSMDC since the last edition of The Blaze.



Meet Behr, family member of Sean and Nikki Fennell in Orange. Behr is from Blue Hill Swissies in Utah.

Follow Behr on his own Instagram account [@Swiss.Behr](#).



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# WELCOME TO THE CLUB

Thank you to Debra Draves for sharing these pics of her beautiful boys Thor and Reno. Debra and David live in El Dorado Hills and their Swissies both hail from Brush Creek Farm in Springfield, MO.

## Thor & Reno

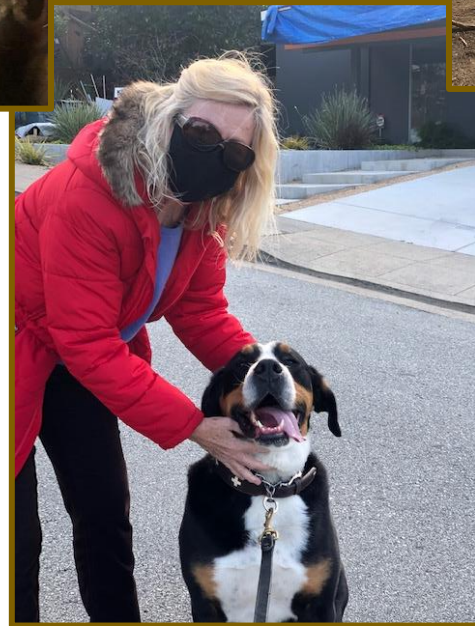


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This handsome guy is Axel, beloved Swissy of Tim and Michelle McNeil in San Mateo.



AXEL



## WELCOME TO THE CLUB



Please welcome Koda and his family to the GSGSMDC. Koda's AKC name is Dahlgren's Forbidden Prince Koda Ruby Blue. He is the new puppy in Ray Elmore's family. They live in Willits, CA.



# KODA

## SUPER SWISSIES!!



Berkeley and Fredrick Vonada on a fun camping trip!



Congratulations to Berkeley! He earned his CD at the age of 2 finishing off his last leg with a 1st place!



Congratulations to Issie England! Lisa England says, "So very proud of our Mama Bear for earning her VHMA today!! Thank you to Auntie Julie for testing her ♥ Next for this gal, her drafting title:) I challenge all of Issie & Brig's pups to earn the VHMA title alongside their Mama & Big Daddy ♥"

# SUPER SWISSIES!!

## New GSMDCA Versatility Greater Swiss

MBISS GCHB CH Alpinez Precious Silver  
RN CD CGC CGCA NDD GNDD TKN NWPD WPD VGS



CH Alpinez Colorful Dream X GCH CH Big Hunk of Whispering Pine  
Owned and Loved by Kelly A Stover  
Bred by Alyssa A Shah & Antoniette Killpatrick  
DOB 4/5/2014



In Loving Memory of Brig England 04/05/2014 - 08/11/2021  
Faithful Friend and Family of Lisa and Alan England

Our hearts are broken. We helped Brig cross the Rainbow Bridge on 8/11/21,

Alan & I miss him every day!

So blessed and thankful that he chose me, he came into my life when I needed him most. My best friend, my buddy, my pal, forever could never be long enough for me, to feel like I've had long enough with you.



Rest in Peace, Brig

NatCH/IntCH GCHB CH Alpinex England's Silver Oak FDC NDD CGCA TKN VHMA WPD WWD

HCT RATI

AKC Breed Ambassador

Registered Therapy Dog

Top 20 Dog in 2016

# YUMMY RECIPES



## Spiced Apple Gummy Dog Treat Recipe

Gelatin Gummy Dog Treats with Applesauce and Dog-Friendly Spices

These spiced apple gummy dog treats were made in moulds as individual shaped treats, but they can also be made as set-and-slice treats in a pan. The process is the same for either method, other than slicing of course.

Treat Ingredients:

3/4 cup cool water or homemade (or ready-made unsalted unseasoned) stock

3 tbsp quality powdered gelatin

1/4 cup unsweetened applesauce

Sprinkle of ground ginger and/or Ceylon cinnamon (optional)

Making the Treats:

Measure the water into a small pan.

Sprinkle the surface with gelatin powder.

Wait and let sit for approximately five minutes or longer for the gelatin powder to bloom / gel.

Once the gelatin has bloomed, gently stir the mixture over low heat until the

gelatin is completely dissolved. Take care not to shortcut with high temperatures or overheat. Heat can reduce the setting strength of gelatin.

Remove from heat.

Measure the applesauce and spices (optional) into a suitable container for mixing and pouring. Stir to combine.

Add your prepared gelatin mixture and stir to thoroughly combine.

Pour (or spoon) into a glass pan (cut and slice) or silicone moulds (shapes).

Chill to set.



## Peanut Butter and Pumpkin Dog Treats

Ingredients

1 cup whole wheat flour

1/2 cup peanut butter\*

1/4 cup pumpkin

1/4 cup liquid vegetable chicken or beef stock

1 teaspoon cinnamon

Instructions

Preheat oven to 350° F.

Combine flour, peanut butter, pumpkin and cinnamon in a large mixing bowl. Add stock and stir until well-combined. The dough will be thick.

Once combined, use your hands to press the dough into a ball. Place dough ball on a flat surface (with a sprinkle of flour if needed) and roll out evenly with a rolling pin. Dough should be about 1/4 inch thick. Use a cookie cutter to cut the dough into desired shape and place on ungreased baking sheet.

Bake for 18+ minutes or until golden brown and hard to the touch. The baking time will vary based on the size of the treats.

Store in an airtight container.

Note: \*Be sure your peanut butter doesn't contain Xylitol as it is dangerous for pets.





# CLUB ADMINISTRATION

## Golden State Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club

### Treasurer's Quarterly Report April thru June 2021 Treasurer: Kim Gradin

#### Accounts:

The **June 2021** statements show the following ending balances:

- Wells Fargo Bank Statement
  - Savings: \$ 14,750.69
  - Checking: \$ 1,515.39
- Paypal: \$ 0

There are no outstanding checks

There is no cash/checks to be deposited:

- \$0

There are no outstanding debts:

- \$0 reimbursements

**The Total Balance is \$16,266.08** (less outstanding activity of cash & checks to be deposited)

- 2021 Income: \$3,802.60
- 2021 Expenses: \$1,695.15

#### Treasury Business:

The club continues to have fundraising events that are bringing in funds. In this quarter there was revenue for the working dog day and 2 pack hikes one with a raffle bringing in a profit for the club. We had a few expenses this quarter for the web site and to the Secretary of State for our name change.

The books are able to be shared and open for review by active club members.

Respectfully submitted by,

Kimberly Gradin  
GSGSMDC Treasurer

# CLUB ADMINISTRATION

## 2021 Officers and Board Members

President: [Julie Vonada](#)

Vice President: [Lisa England](#)

Secretary: [Carol Bamsch](#)

Treasurer: [Kim Gradin](#)

Board Members:

[Maria Jensen](#)

[Kaitlyn Lawrence](#)

[Paula Robles](#)

## Committees

Membership & PR: [Susan Robinson](#)

Ways and Means: [Julie Vonada](#) and [Kim Gradin](#)

Awards and Trophies: [Erin Stammer](#)

Social Events: The Board and per event committee lead

Working Events (herding, draft, etc.): [Lisa England](#)

Newsletter: [Michelle Dawson](#)

Website: [Mike Jacobs](#)

Social Media: [Julie Vonada](#)

Nomination: [Maria Jensen](#), [Linda Ridenour](#) and [Toni Killpatrick](#)

Hospitality: The Board and per event committee lead