

GERMAN SHEPHERDS DOG CLUB OF GREATER NEW HAVEN MEETING NOTICE -September, 2010

*John Vaught, Pres., Ralph Ciocchi, Vice Pres., Barbara Newton, Corr. Sec.,
Joan Tuthill, Rec. Sec., Richard Lewis, Treasurer*

Meeting Notice information can be found on our club website at:
www.gsdcgnh.org

Board Meeting & General Meeting: Will be held at ODTW in Oxford, CT, Friday, Sept. 17, 2010, at 7:00p.m.

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS WITH DETAILS ON CLUB WEBSITE (EVENTS 2010) AND ALSO IN FUTURE MEETING NOTICES:

September 5, 2010 – Fall Specialty Conformation Match with Obedience/Rally for all breeds at Old Mine Park Junction of Rt. 25 and Rt. 111, Trumbull, CT. Come on down and help your club put on this match by helping to set up for the match or entering you dog(s) or just simply to walk around and watch what's going on, and perhaps next year you will want to volunteer and help your club.

NOTE: There has been a change in the judge for Conformation. Beth Zils will judge Conformation.

Match Judges:

Shepherds only: Conformation – Beth Zils

Puppy Sweeps – Jason Lyle

All Breeds: Utility and Open – Jim Hurlbut

Novice and Pre-Novice – Lindsey Ciocchi

Rally-O - Margaret McKulsky

October 16, 2010 – Fall Specialty Show, Ron McCutcheon Park, Middletown, CT, with Conformation Judge, Dr. Robert Kish of Kismet German Shepherds, and Obedience/Rally for German Shepherds only with Judge Pat Scully. Starting times to be announced.

October 23, 2010: PET EXPO - Our club has again been invited to represent the German Shepherd Dog at the **Pet Expo**, held every year at the CT Exposition Center just off RT 91 North, in Hartford, CT.

Some of you are probably familiar with this event and have probably even attended in past years. This is not a dog show, but a showcase of different breeds that people who might be thinking of obtaining a new puppy can attend and perhaps see what the breed they are thinking of acquiring would be like as a puppy, and as an adult, along with being able to talk with experienced owners and breeders about the particular breed they are interested in, and to determine if it is the right breed for them. This is an opportunity for German Shepherd owners to showcase their GSD's and talk with people about this wonderful, intelligent all-purpose dog. Dogs with good temperament are welcome. (Puppies must be 3 months or older.)

See the emailed invitation to participate in the CT Expo with your dog from Joan Tuthill below.

December – Annual Awards Dinner – Details as we get closer to the holiday

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Email Invitation from Joan

Dear Members,

THIS IS NOT A SHOW

PETS - WORKING DOGS - RESCUE DOGS - SHOW DOGS - FAT DOGS - OLD DOGS - YOUNG DOGS - PUPPIES (3 months old and up) are all invited - ***GOOD TEMPERAMENT and groomed is the basic requirement.

On Saturday, Oct 23 2010 the Pet Expo will once again be held in Hartford at the Expo center right off RT 91 (directions will be sent with your packet if you sign up to attend with your dog). Start time is about 10 a.m. and we are asked to stay till closing about 4:30 p.m.. The kennel Clubs will provide Morning Hospitality and Lunch to the exhibitors. There is NOT going to be room for a club table but we can use the top of one of the crates to put our club flyer and bus. cards on.

The herding group usually goes in the ring about 3 p.m..

Our members should let our Cor Sec (Barbara Newton barwenshepherds@sbcglobal.net)

know if they are interested in exhibiting at the Pet Expo before Sept 30th so she can let the kennel club make all of the arrangements and get the paper work done and your Exhibitor Pass, directions, etc., can be sent to each of you that plan on attending.

Saturday is the day for the Herding breeds and some of the other large breeds to be exhibited. It is indoors. Bring a dog crate, your chair, water & dish for your dog.

Exhibitors can pass out their business cards to visitors who stop by to pet your dog and talk too you about the breed. Some just like to tell you about the shepherd they once had or have right now. Some ask for info about locating a breeder or who has puppy's. You can leave your area and walk around to visit the other exhibits. There is a cat show on the other end of the building. The time goes by rather quickly once the public starts coming thru and you loosen up and start talking too them. Its an informal event for the most part which helps too keep it friendly and inviting for the general public. Hundreds of people pass thru... looking to pet the dogs or just looking at different breeds that might appeal to their family situation.

NOTE from Joan...

When I went last year, I set up near the Conn Dog Federation Table because I helped with that a little bit. It turned out too be fun talking to the people who stopped by to look at my dog and pet her. She turned out to be quite the "ham" and ended up enjoying the petting part more than I thought she would. Near the end of the day (about 3 p.m. I think) each breed was asked to line up and come into the "ring". A description of the breed standard was read as I gaited my dog, she was the only German Shepherd there, **(This is why we need volunteers to come out and help with their**

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dogs, you don't have to stay all day.) around the ring and she stood in the center of the ring stacked.

I didn't do a very good job as I couldn't get back up after I stacked her, but we managed to carry it off and she stood while I pushed up using her for balance, kind of embarrassing but, Oh well....we lived thru it)

*** good temperament: the public will expect to be able to touch your dog/puppy, there will be kids, adults, and people with handicaps - also other dogs and/or cats may pass by your crate/table so your dog should be able to handle most of this - I have attended these events several times and most people ask before touching - you can put your dog in its crate to give it a time off - dogs can be walked outside - bring your poop bags as you are expected to pick up after your dog, of course.

Joan M Tuthill
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<http://tuthill-abriasherds.net/>

A REMINDER FROM AKC: This info. Was sent to me by Joan Tuthill and I thought, even though we, as dog owners know this, it would be a good reminder.

Protect Your Pet from Theft

From parking lots to pet stores and even backyards, dog thefts are on the rise. Thefts range from tiny puppies being stuffed into purses at pet stores to, most recently, purebred pets being snatched from cars in parking lots and shelters. The AKC offers the following advice to prevent your "best friend" from being a target of a crime:

At Home

- **Don't let your dog off-leash or unattended in your yard.** Keeping your dog close to you reduces the likelihood it will wander off and catch the attention of thieves. A Saint Bernard that had wandered away from his owner in Nebraska was snatched up right off the road.
- **Breeders need to be aware of home visits by potential puppy buyers.** From Yorkies in Los Angeles to Bulldogs in Connecticut, thieves posing as would be "puppy buyers" have visited breeder homes to snatch dogs, while other homes have been burglarized when the owner was away.

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On the Road

- **Never leave your dog in an unattended car, even if it's locked.**
- **Don't tie your dog outside a store.** This popular practice among city dwelling dog owners can be a recipe for disaster. Reports have surfaced of such thefts in Manhattan.
- **Be vigilant.** Always remain aware of your surroundings when entering or leaving any dog-friendly establishments.

Recovery

- **Protect your dog with microchip identification.** Collars and tags can be removed so make sure you have permanent ID with a microchip. Keep contact information current with your recovery service provider. For more information and to enroll your pet in a 24 hour recovery service visit <http://www.akccar.org/>.
- **If you suspect your dog has been stolen.** Immediately call the police / animal control and pet shelters in the area your pet was last seen.

Have fliers with a recent photo ready to go if your dog goes missing. Keep a photo of your dog in your wallet or on an easily accessible web account so that you can distribute it immediately if you're dog goes missing.

DIRECTIONS to the ODTWC, 11 Robinson Lane Oxford, CT 06478 Phone: 203-888-9156

Take I-84 East or West to Exit 16. At end of ramp, turn Left onto Rt. 188 South. Go Approximately 1 mile and turn left onto Airport Rd. Continue straight about ¾ mile and turn right onto Christian St. (2nd right off Airport Rd.) stay on Christian St. for approx. 1 mile to Robinson Lane (4th right) between Ma's Mini-Storage and Joyce Trucking. Turn on to Robinson Lane. The training facility is .1 mile on the left in the back of the building.

Rte 8 South or Rte 63 to I-84 and proceed as above.

Rte 8 North to exit 22 (Bank Street) Left off exit. Left onto Route 67. Proceed on Rt. 67 for 5 miles. Turn right onto Christian St. for 1.5 miles. Turn left on to Robinson Lane and proceed as above.