



The Greater Swiss Mountain
Dog Club

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GREATER SWISS MOUNTAIN DOG Working Pack Dog Titles

INTRODUCTION

PURPOSE

The Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club of America Inc., **Novice Working Pack Dog and Working Pack Dog Title** are titles that any Greater Swiss Mountain Dog may earn by accomplishing certain requirements. Working toward these titles will encourage people to work their Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs in the pursuits for which they were intended.

Guidelines

The Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club of America Working Pack Dog rules shall apply to all persons and dogs while participating at any Pack Dog event sponsored by the Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club of America. There is no time limit on how long a Greater Swiss Mountain Dog may take to earn these titles. Once a title is earned it is kept for the remaining lifetime of that GSMD. A Greater Swiss Mountain Dog may compete at non GSMDCA sponsored events so long as their rules meet the minimum standards set by these rules.

Policy

It is the policy of the GSMDCA to invite and encourage any Greater Swiss Mountain Dog to enter any Working Pack Dog event sponsored and/or approved by this Club. Non-Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs are also invited to compete at events sponsored by this club. Non-Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs will be given confirmation letters regarding their accomplishment to be returned to their own Breed Club.

Novice Working Pack Dog Title

1. Dogs and bitches must be 14 months or older on the day of the event to be eligible for participation.
2. A GSMD must carry a daily initial weight equal to a minimum of 20% of the dog's weight. The weight shall not decrease except by normal consumption of items such as food or water. All water or food not actually consumed by the dog or owner must be put back into the dog's pack. No food or water can be discarded.
3. Pack trips must be on natural terrain such as hiking trails or cross-country.
4. **Option 1:** GSMD must pack a minimum of 30 miles. Each trip must be a minimum of 10 miles per day or an overnight camp out with 5 miles in and 5 miles out. A minimum of one trip must include an overnight camp out.
Option 2: GSMD must pack a minimum of 40 miles. Each trip must be a minimum of 10 miles per day.

5. Elevation gain may be substituted for mileage in the following manner: 1,000 feet of elevation is equivalent to 1 mile of flat terrain. Elevation gain will be figured as the distance between the highest and lowest points of the trip.
6. Packing requirement shall be spread out over a minimum of two trips.
7. An Event Coordinator must sign the form to be sent to the Committee verifying proof of distances and dogs competing.

Working Pack Dog Title

1. Dogs and bitches must be 18 months or older on the day of the event and must have previously completed the Novice Working Pack Dog title to be eligible for participation at the Working level.
2. A GSMD must carry a daily initial weight equal to a minimum of 30% of the dog's weight. This weight shall not decrease except by normal consumption of items such as food and water. All water or food not actually consumed by the dog or owner must be put back into the dog's pack. No food or water can be discarded.
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Requirements for holding a Pack Dog Event

1. The Event Coordinator must receive approval for holding the event 6 weeks prior to the scheduled date of the event. The Event Coordinator will make all possible efforts to advise as many members as possible regarding the event.
2. The Event Coordinator must provide a method to actually weigh the GSMD's on the day of the event.
3. A course must be mapped and measured and this information must be submitted to the Working Dog Committee along with the application to hold an event.
4. A vehicle must be provided within a reasonable distance to provide emergency transportation for any injured GSMD or handler.
5. The Event Coordinator will always keep the safety of the GSMD's and their handlers in mind throughout these events. The Event Coordinator will disqualify any GSMD that is showing a noticeable limp during this event.