



GOLDEN GATE  
GREATER SWISS MOUNTAIN DOG CLUB

# The Blaze

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## Petra Delivers Ace Service For Nancy Glenn

Petra (AKA Apple Blossom's Caber CGC, TT, CSD, TDI, CD, NDD) is loved, owned and adored by Nancy and Randall Glenn. Though spayed, and therefore with a limited registration, she will always be a champion in our eyes. She is a versatile, loving dog with more titles than many dogs twice her age. Petra entered our lives about 3 years ago. At that time, my first service dog, Velvet was starting to show signs of age. On the advice of our veterinarian, we decided to retire her early and as soon as we could acquire a new service dog. Unfortunately, we were informed that the waiting time for a new dog was approximately seven years. Velvet simply would not survive for that length of time.

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**Local Girl Makes Good**  
**CH. Whispering Pine Anne**  
**Oakley**

**Annie's Best in the West**

Lyle and Toni Killpatrick of Whispering Pine Kennels proudly announce the championship of their young girl Annie. Annie took "Winners Bitch" and "Best of Opposite Sex" at the Coyote Hills Dog Show on May 22, 2005. The two points that she earned brought her to sixteen total points and the AKC Championship title.

Annie was born on July 26, 2004 making her one week short of ten months of age on the date she achieved her title. She was sired by Ch. Derby's Such an Answer and out of Int'l Am/Ch Beowulf Whispering Pine Elka. Annie was finished in all Bred By and Exhibitor classes handled by Toni Killpatrick, [skeeter@sierratel.com](mailto:skeeter@sierratel.com)

**GSMD Events**

**Golden Gate Greater Swiss  
Mountain Dog Club**  
**First Independent Specialty Show and  
Sweepstakes**  
**Saturday, August 6, 2005**  
**Dixon Fairgrounds**  
**566 S. First St. Dixon CA**  
**Show Hours 6:00 – 10:00pm**

**Conformation:**

Regular Classes

Non-Regular Classes (Single & Multiple Dogs) Veterans, Brace, Stud Dog, Brood Bitch)

**Judge: Mr. Thomas J. Tracy**

**Sweepstakes Classes**

(Classes to be divided by sex and age)

Puppy Dogs & Bitches (6-9months)

Puppy Dogs & Bitches (9 & under 12 months)

Dogs & Bitches (12mos & under 18 mos)

Veteran Sweepstakes

Dogs & Bitches (7 yrs & under 10 yrs)

Dogs & Bitches (10 yrs & older)

**Judge: Ms. Lori Price**

**Club Potluck Lunch and Meeting**

Saturday, August 6, 2005 at 12:00 Noon during the Richmond Dog Fanciers All-Breed Show. Contact Donna Zetterquist at (831)429-9716 for more information

**Hospitality Raffle –Silent Auction**

**We Need Raffle Items!**

Look for the Hospitality Table under the Golden Gate GSMD Club Banner. Auction and raffle items on display and tickets available for purchase. Contact Toni

Kilpatrick to make donations at (209)742-5462 or [skeeter@sierratel.com](mailto:skeeter@sierratel.com)

**Companion Show:**

**Richmond Dog Fanciers All-Breed Shows**

August 6 & 7

For more information contact:

[www.infodog.com](http://www.infodog.com)



## INT'L/Ch. Derby's Warlock of Whispering Pine Adam

### Adam Champions With Bewitching Style

Int'l/Ch. Derby's Warlock of Whispering Pine transformed himself into an AKC champion before the approving eyes of owners Lyle and Toni Killpatrick. At the May 21<sup>st</sup> show, Adam took Winner's Dog and then Best of Winners. The two points earned brought Adam to his Championship.

Adam was born April 29, 2004 and finished in proud fashion in his 13<sup>th</sup> month. Adam was sired by Ch. Derby's Xcalibur Tug of War and is out of Ch. Derby's Simply Bewitching. Adam was finished by Toni Killpatrick as an owner handler. [skeeter@sierratel.com](mailto:skeeter@sierratel.com)

## National Specialty

**National Specialty 2005  
September 28 - October 2, 2005**

**GSMDCA National Specialty  
Morven Park Equestrian Center,  
Leesburg, Virginia**

### Schedule of Events

**Tue Sep 27** Early arrival Meet and Greet, Holiday Inn Frederick, Lounge/Restaurant 6PM until ?

**Wed Sep 28** Swissy Fun Day, Draft Test, Weight Pull, Herding, Welcome party under the tent at the Horse Park following Fun Day/events

**Thu Sep 29** National Specialty Sweeps National Specialty Juniors, Regular & Non-Regular Classes, Obedience and Rally-O Awards Banquet at Host Hotel

**Fri Sep 30** Pack Dog Hike (more info below) All breed show with supported entry and sweeps

**Sat Oct 1** All breed show with supported entry and sweeps

**Sun Oct 2** All breed show - Atlantic Coast Specialty presented by GWGS

**More information on the 2005 National Specialty can be found at :**

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

## Mark your Calendars:

### **Sept 24 & 25 -Pack Hike**

Contact Toni Kilpatrick [skeeter@serratel.com](mailto:skeeter@serratel.com) for more information

### **December 10 & 11 - Tom Lams Handling Seminar**

Contact Kathy LaRue [fgene@pacific.net](mailto:fgene@pacific.net) for more information

### **December 10<sup>th</sup> - Club Holiday Party**

**Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs  
Top 20 Breed Point Earners in the Nation**

01	<b>CH Foundation's I. B. The Doc</b> L Houha/A Wallace/S Sterling/J Sterling	258
02	<b>CH Red Fern's Beau Derby</b> A Mcfadden/D Echols	162
03	<b>CH Suddanly Tannenbaum</b> J Coates/D Campeau/D Coates	125
04	<b>CH Treensea's Hyde Park Rudy</b> M Alonso	91
05	<b>CH Carson City Hoss</b> L Wudel/R Wudel	85
06	<b>CH Fallen Oak Arapahoe Bruno</b> k plowucha/K Plowucha	78
07	<b>CH Snowy Mountain's Trinity</b> N Christensen/D Christensen	50
08	<b>CH Derby's XecutiveDecision V.CynOaks</b> A Rimler/P Cosner	49
09	<b>CH Red Fern's Bonanza Of Derby</b> J Mangiapelo/J Carver	43
10	<b>CH Dufenhof North To Alaska</b> S Smoker/S Reina/E Signet	36
11	<b>CH Brushcreek Sigi Landhof Ge-Lo</b> M Jensen/J Boughton/B Rhinehart/M Alonso	34
12	<b>CH Shamrock Commander And Chief</b> J Scott/C Scott	33
13	<b>CH Ruben V Maxamillion</b> A Stephenitch/H Nagler	32
14	<b>CH Claddaghs Legacy I'm Only Sleeping</b> C Fleming	30
15	<b>CH Stone Lea Get Off My Cloud</b> C Mckenzie/K La Rue	29
16	<b>CH Quiet Lion Von Himmelstor</b> K Spencer	26
17	<b>CH Quiet Valleys Wind And Fire</b> T Routh	24
18	<b>CH Colorfield's Nam Doc Mai</b> A Raygor/D Williams	21
19	<b>CH Brendamine Kall Me Daddysboy</b>	20

**Service and Love**

(Petra continued)

I spoke with friends of mine at "Canine Caretakers for Life" and "San Francisco Hearing Dogs." We decided that my experience in obedience training and juniors, with their help would allow me to train my own service dog. We immediately began a search for a breed that would satisfy the main criteria for a Mobility Assistance & Hearing Dog. Chief among these were; strength and size, trainability, independent intelligence & a people loving snuggle bunny.

During our search we happen across Dav-ka GSMD on the GSMDC website. We were very happy to see that they had a Swissy, (Yodel) that was a service dog, trained by "Canine Partners for Life". The GSMDC site led us to Tree 'N' Sea and Maria Jensen. We spoke with Maria, told her what we were looking for in a Swissy and she referred us to Cindy Meyerson of Apple Blossom Farms. Maria told us that Cindy had a litter on the ground! We spoke with Cindy and the rest is history.

We got to hold Petra when she was only 11 days old. She came home with us at 9 weeks of age and started her training that very day. At 9 months she earned her CGC, and at 15 months we entered a fun match where she took Best of Breed and 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Obedience. With that, we were hooked on working events. At 18 months she passed the Therapy Dog International Test. Petra took her Service Dog Certification test at 20 months and passed with 100% scores. Her tester, who was also a service dog user, said that Petra was even better behaved than the distraction dog that was also the tester's own service dog and had 5 years in service.

At the Dixon show in 2004, Petra passed the ATTS, earning her TT title on the first day. The next morning she took 2nd place in the Rottwieler draft test, beating out 7 Rotties in their own test. In October of 2004 we tried to earn our Novice draft title but my disability raised its ugly head. I had an attack in the Controls Ring during the test; Petra did her job and chose intelligent disobedience over following my directions and helped me out of the ring, still hooked to her cart. The following Saturday I was back on my feet and we finished her CD title, taking a 1<sup>st</sup> place finish. (continued on Page 5)

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L Moskos/T Moskos



## **Ch Derby's Grand Beau Geste**

**Greater Swiss Mountain Dog - AKC WS09241803**

*Born July 6, 2004 - Derby Swissies of Kentucky*

*Championed at the Chief Solano Dog Show in Vallejo, CA on April 23, 2005*

*Handled by: Larry Weiss*

*Bred by: Kristin Kleeman and Chase Harpole*

Sire: BISS CH Beowulf  
Jotunheim Bello Chomo  
Owner: Lori Price

Dam: CH Derby's Xerox Copy  
CGC  
Owner: Kristin Kleeman and  
Chase Harpole

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## **Why Not Have Fun?**

(Petra continued)

This past April of 2005, Petra and I entered in the Nor Cal Bernese Mtn Dog draft test. We passed and she can now also put NDD behind her name. We are working on our Rally Novice (RN) title and have two legs. Hopefully by the time you read this we will have our RN title. I firmly believe that all work and no play make for a very boring and dull life for a dog. Service dogs must review everything that they have been trained to do at least once a week or they get sloppy. That is why we participate in the working events. Why not have fun while we review?

We lost Velvet to cancer in March of 2005 and we all still mourn her. She even helped teach Petra a few things by example. Petra has more than lived up to my expectations. She alerts on my Vertigo *prior* to attacks, she has alerted on total strangers who were having problems in public. Last New Years she saved my life. She pushed me out of the way as I was falling through a broken glass tabletop. Petra makes it possible for me to live as normal a life as possible and have some fun while we are at it. She has a new challenge now, as her new baby brother (Fagan) has come to live with us. But she is a patient big sister and I know that they will be good friends.

Please forgive my shameless bragging about my best girl. Petra will be 3 on July 23, 2005. She weighs 105lbs. and is 27 inches at the withers. Her sire is Arbaz (CH Arbaz vom Landestrost) and her dam is Window (CH Apple Blossom's Gravenstein). Last week we received notification that Petra has been nominated for the AKC ACE AWARD (Service Dog category) for 2005. The results will not be out until July, but as far as I'm concerned she my #1 girl and best friend — every day. I'd be lost without her.

Nancy Glenn



# 8th Annual Swiss Dog Day Afternoon

Sunday, July 3, 2005

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Upper Fort Mason Parade Grounds  
(Franklin St. x Bay St.)  
San Francisco, CA

This unique event brings together five of the native Swiss mountain breeds:

- the Sankt Bernardiner, (The Saint Bernard)
- the Berner Sennenhund, (The Bernese Mountain Dog)
- the Grosser Schweizer Sennenhund, (The Greater Swiss Mountain Dog)
- the Appenzeller Sennenhund, (The Apenzeller)
- the Entlebucher Sennenhund, (The Entlebucher).

The purpose of this gathering is to help strengthen the bond between our dogs and their Swiss heritage, and to promote the health and well being of each of the breeds.

## For the Swiss Dogs:

- NEMDA Entlebucher Conformation Show
- Obedience Fun Match
- Conformation & Obedience Event Fees are \$8 Pre-Entry/\$10 Day-of Event.
- Enter the free Patriotic Parade!
- Swiss Breeds Conformation Match
- Rally Run-Thru Course
- The always popular Mountain Dog Olympics! Mountain Dog Olympics entries are on-site only, and accepted until the start of the event (\$1 per event).
- AKC Canine Good Citizen Test. The CGC Test Entry Fee is \$10 Pre-Entry or Day-of Event. Day-of Event entries accepted 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.

## For the People:

Enjoy watching our parades and matches, Swiss Music, a great fund-raising raffle, Handmade Crafts and Souvenirs, a Swiss-Style Barbecue, and loads of Canine Fun! Admission is free for all spectators, and your leashed dog can accompany you as well! A portion of event proceeds will be donated to the Swiss Benevolent Society and individual breed Rescue and/or Health funds.

Registration forms with directions and a schedule of events is available at:

<http://www.nemda.org/events/swissday.htm>.

It's a great "warm-up" for Entlefest!

