

Dogs will try out for new club

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Bill Jenkins, owner of Texoma K-9 Training Center of Lawton, met Bob Milner, a fellow German shepherd enthusiast and now the company's marketing director, several years ago. They share a fondness for working dogs and equal enthusiasm for the German-derived sport of Schutzhund. Their common goal is to form a Schutzhund club in the Lawton area.

"Almost every dog needs to have a job to do," Milner said. "Schutzhund promotes a bond with the dog, gives the dog a job and brings out what the dogs were bred for."

Texoma K-9 Training Center is holding its first Schutzhund seminar on Jan. 5 and 6. The two-day event will be conducted by Mark Chaffin, a Schutzhund training specialist from Colorado.

Schutzhund is like martial arts for dogs, Chaffin said.

"It's very disciplined," he said. "In martial arts or boxing, if you get mad you can't fight; in

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Paladin Vom Linmarc clutches the bite sleeve worn by his trainer. He is practicing protection work, which is one of the three areas of concentration in the sport of Schutzhund.