



# The Guardian

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I hope you did not miss the Christmas party. More than thirty attended and everyone had a great time. If you missed our very successful Temperament Test you will not want to miss the January club meeting and catch up on things. We had 19 dogs pass the test. Suzanne Kinman was the evaluator. Helpers were Anna Rabidou Milligan, Elaine Leroy, Sara Wolfe, Joye Evans, Connie Irvine, Kathy (Sara's Friend), Ruth Neil, Michael Mulligan (the gunman) and Frank Irvine (the weird stranger). Everyone had a great time. Let's remember that the GSDCA Temperament Test is one of the three requirements for a CHIC Certificate.

Don't forget to bring your dog to club meetings. Treat yourself and your dog to a fun time. This is also a good time to get advice from others about a dog problem.

It is hard to believe that it is time for New Year resolutions. Here are a few suggestions. Promise that you will attend meetings and volunteer to work on club committees. Promise that you will take your dog to training class even if it is just for the ride and the opportunity to see fellow club members. Promise that you will remind others about how they can help the parent club with important projects such as the Purina Pro Club and Purina Alliance Programs. Both produce revenue for GSDCA projects.

We have two new free benefits of membership. The first is your dog's picture on the GSDCA Atlanta website will be free for one year. The photo can be from any placing at an AKC event. Just send me the show photo, name of dog, owner, breeder and or handler in the picture. Take a look at the pictures already on our site. Click on "Braggs and Achievements" The second is the free advertisement of your new litter for ninety days. Just send me the email addresses of your puppy buyers I will send them complimentary copies of the Guardian. This also includes your friends and any potential member. If you want someone added to the mailing list send their contact information to: ([cbattaglia@mindspring.com](mailto:cbattaglia@mindspring.com)).

Remember to nominate your litter in the Futurity as soon as the bitch is in whelp. The nomination is FREE and the GSDCA gets credit from Purina for every nominated litter. To learn more about the free listing click [here](#)

Visit our club website site and see some of the new features. ([www.gsdcatlanta.org](http://www.gsdcatlanta.org)).

Thanks for reading along.

Editor

## **BRAGGS**

**Carmen L. Battaglia – Recognized by AKC as a “Breeder of Merit”**

**Nancy Hart Battaglia - Recognized by AKC as a “Breeder of Merit”**

**Ch Van Cleves Dashiell Hammett** – Passed the GSDCA Temperament Test in October. Dash is owned & bred by Dr. Carmen and Nancy Battaglia

**Ch Van Cleves Fair and Sassy** – Passed the GSDCA Temperament Test in October. Sassy is owned & bred by Dr. Carmen and Nancy Battaglia

**Miracle’s Charlie Anna** – Passed the GSDCA Temperament Test in October, Charlie was bred and is owned by Stacey H. Pollio.

**Van Cleve’s Francesca V Miracle** – Passed the GSDCA Temperament Test in October. Francesca was bred by Nancy Hart Battaglia, and is co-owned by Stacey H. Pollio and Nancy Hart Battaglia.

**Kiahaus' Favor Von Der Konig** UDT RE CGC; BC – Passed the GSDCA Temperament Test in October. Owner: Elaine LeRoy

**Winterwood's Red Sky In The Mornin** CGC. Passed the GSDCA Temperament Test in October. Owner: Elaine LeRoy. Sky was the only dog that "growled" at the umbrella, but recovered nicely. Owner: Elaine LeRoy

**Kiahaus' Favor Von Der Konig** UDT RE CGC; BC, Favor earned her RAE (Rally Advanced Excellent) Title on Sat. Nov. 20th at the AOC Trial. Owner: Elaine LeRoy

**Rivendell’s Vancouver, PT, RE, TC** @ German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta, Judge Anthony Cherubini, October 2, 2010 Novice B 1<sup>st</sup> Place, third leg for CD title and was high scoring in trial. Rivendell’s Vancouver is owned by Joye Evans

**Kimberlite’s Twist N Shout, PT, RN, TC** @ Dogwood Rottweiler All Breed Herding Trial, Judges Jane Bradley and Marc Mesa, October 16 – 17, earned two qualifying legs toward Herding Started A Course Sheep and was reserve high in trial 10/17/2010. Kimberlite’s Twist N Shout is owned by Joye Evans and Kim McNamara

**Wolfebau's Jedrik of KCK OFA, TT, CGC, RN** - Passed the GSDCA Temperament Test in October. Jed is bred by Sandy Kozub & Sara Wolfe, and is owned by Sara Wolfe.

## **MICROCHIPS**

Need microchips? Contact Mary Gattone 770 922-2172. She has a supply of AKC chips for \$6.00/chip.

**PROGRAM FOR JANUARY 2011 – Don’t miss it.; A discussion followed by Q & A’s** regarding the GSDC Atlanta’s Versatility program . Presenter is - JOYE EVANS

**MINUTES OF CLUB MEETINGS:** The minutes will be posted on the website.  
<http://www.gsdatlanta.org/>

**NEW MEMBERS:** December - None

**NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS: DECEMBER - None**

**TRAINING CLASSES:**

**TBA**

**Class – Tentatively, each Tuesday**

**Location: 3301 Windy Ridge Parkway Parking Garage main level.**

**Start Time: 7:30 p.m**

**Offerings: Rally and Obedience classes plus Canine Good Citizen (CGC) Classes.**

**Rates: \$25 member; \$75 non-members. Petsmart rates \$125. Rate for CGC \$10.00**

**Contact: Elaine Leroy, [edbleroy@bellsouth.net](mailto:edbleroy@bellsouth.net) or [Joye Evans](mailto:JoyeEvans@hardinconstruction.com) (770) 438-2285 or  
Email [jevans@hardinconstruction.com](mailto:jevans@hardinconstruction.com)**

**Stacey Pollio will manage the basic/CGC class test.**

**FUTURE EVENT DATES:**

- 1. Spring Picnic – TBA - Chair- Carmen Battaglia (770) 998 3679**
- 2. GSDCA/WDA board meeting, Atlanta, GA, January 15th and 16th 2011.  
Saturday, 8am - 5pm; Sunday, 8am – Noon; Location: Comfort Inn & Suites  
Airport Camp Creek, 3601 N. Desert Dr. East Point, GA 30344, (404) 762-5566,  
Rooms: \$69.00 per night. Directions: I-285 W to Camp Creek parkway (exit #2)  
proceed toward Airport, Take the ramp toward College Park/East Point, Merge  
onto Camp Creek Parkway, Go 0.1 miles and make left onto Desert Dr.**
- 3. Spring Match – Chair – TBA**
- 4. GSDCA Centennial and World Trial (Tues, Oct. 2 – Mon. Oct 15, 2013).**
- 5. Three great events in two weeks:**
  - 1. The GSDCA National 2013 in Philadelphia**
  - 2. The GSDCA 2013 Centennial celebration in Philadelphia**
  - 3. The 2013 WUSV World Championship Trial in Philadelphia**

**AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB NEWS**

**BREEDER OF MERIT PROGRAM**

**Many GS owners meet these requirements. The form you need is at:**

**<http://www.akc.org/breederofmerit/index.cfm>**

### **Specific Requirements:**

- Has a history of at least 5 years involvement with AKC events.
- Earned at least 4 Conformation, Performance or Companion event titles on dogs they bred.
- Member of an AKC club.
- Certifies that applicable health screens are performed on sire and dam as recommended by Parent Club.
- Demonstrates commitments to ensuring 100% of the puppies produced are AKC registered enabling AKC to maintain accurate records.

### **Benefits:**

- Breeder of Merit registration applications and registration certificates featuring a special designation
- Complimentary access to online reports
- Access to the AKC Direct toll free number
- Online record support
- A certificate of distinction
- Breed-specific web banners that participants can use to proudly promote their involvement in Program
- Acknowledgement in the AKC Gazette and on AKC.org; Lapel pin and more!

### **NAMING OF AN AKC DOG**

Many are confused about a dog's name and how it can be changed. The AKC says that the person who owns the dog at the time the application for registration is submitted to the AKC has the right to name it. Names are subject to AKC approval and the following guidelines:

- Name choices are limited to (36) thirty-six characters
- All letters in a dog's name are limited to the standard English alphabet
- Registered Kennel Name cannot be included in a dog's name unless its use is authorized by the owner of the name.
- Roman numerals must not be included at the end of the dog's name. The AKC reserves the right to assign roman numerals for identification purposes.
- The AKC permits thirty-seven (37) dogs of each breed to be assigned the same name.
- Words and phrases that may not be included in a dog's name:

Champion, champ, Sieger or any other AKC title or show term, either spelled out or abbreviated. Obscenities and words derogatory to any race, creed or nationality or

transliterations of such words. Kennel(s), male, stud, sire, bitch, dam and female. Breed names alone. There are no restrictions on Arabic (1, 2, 3), cardinal (one, two, three) and ordinal (first, second, third) numbers that are spelled out.

- An imported dog must be registered with the same name under which it was registered in its country of birth, except for the addition of a Registered Kennel Name.
- The name of an AKC registered dog may be changed provided the dog was whelped in the United States.
- Further, in cases where the litter owner(s) first individually registered the dog, the litter owner(s) written consent shall be required. A dog name containing a Registered Kennel Name cannot be changed without the written consent of the owner(s) of that Registered Kennel Name. However, no change in name will be recorded by the American Kennel Club after the dog has produced or sired an AKC registered litter or has received an award at an AKC-licensed or member event. Any name change must comply with all AKC requirements.

You can [download a Dog Name Change Authorization application](#) from our Web site. The fee for changing a dog's name is \$25.00.

**CLUB MEETINGS** - held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 8PM, EXCEPT FOR JULY, OCTOBER AND DECEMBER. Visitors welcome.

#### **DIRECTIONS TO CLUB MEETINGS**

**Location:** Humane Society at 981 Howell Mill Road NW Atlanta, Georgia 30318. Specific directions are on the GSDC of Atlanta site (<http://www.gsdcatlanta.org/>) which you can find with this link.

#### **CLUB OFFICERS:**

President Joan Turner, 404 -285 - 4152

Vice President/Training Director - Elaine Leroy, 770 – 504-1218

Treasurer Sara Wolfe, 770 - 579-2548

Secretary Joye Evans, 770 - 438-2285

Member at Large - Betty Ann Frederick, 770 - 639-0747

Guardian Editor - Carmen Battaglia, 770 - 998-3679. <http://www.gsdcatlanta.org/>

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#### **COMMITTEES**

Club Phone - Andrea Washburn, 770 - 245-0514

Hearts & Flowers - Jan Eason, 770 - 963-4975

Herding - Helen Chamblee, 770 - 466-0157

Library - Joan Turner, 404 – 285 - 4152

Internet/website – Carmen Battaglia 770 998 3679

Audit – Mary Gattone, Nancy Harper, Suzanne Kinman

Equipment - Barbara Stamper, 770 - 922- 0969  
Obedience - Elaine Leroy, 770 – 504 -1218  
Regional Challenge – Stacey Pollio, 404 – 353 - 0588 (call Stacey)  
Versatility - Joye Evans, 770 - 438-2285

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#### **CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING IN GUARDIAN**

Don't miss this opportunity to list your litter which is FREE. Only a small charge for Breeder and Stud Dog listings. You can advertise stuff you want to sell

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS** is on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to issue.

**COMPLIMENTARY GUARDIAN** - a complimentary will be sent to puppy buyers, friends and prospective members upon request. Contact Mary Gattone 770-922-2172 and give her the contact information.

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#### **THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH**

The AKC has always opposed breed bans on the basis that there are no bad dogs, just bad owners.

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