



The Guardian

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The February meeting was another special meeting. Our speaker was Captain Valentino a veterinarian from Fort McPherson. She spoke about the Military Working Dog program, how dogs are cared for, their life in the military and other interesting and related topics. Maybe she will be asked to do another session later in the year.

Members continue to bring their dogs and pups to club meetings with great success. It's good socialization for the dog and an opportunity to ask others about training techniques. The board experiment is working.

The benefits of membership continue to grow. We have several free benefits of membership. For instance, you can place your dog's picture on the GSDS Atlanta website 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". Another benefit is the free advertisement of your new litter for ninety days. Just send me what you want to say along with the email addresses of your puppy buyers and 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).

There is more. The cost of a paid advertisement was reduced. It is now \$12/year to advertise your stud dog, kennel or anything else.

Now that the AKC is promoting the Breeder of Merit Program I have listed the criteria in this newsletter. We have several members that are eligible. The AKC, German Shepherd Dog Club of America Inc. and German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta list members who are Breeders of Merit. Don't forget to take advantage and be recognized for your years of work.

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).

Thanks for reading along.

Editor

MICROCHIPS

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

On March 20, 2011 at Parker Road Park in Conyers, in conjunction with the club match we are having a microchip clinic. A vet. Tech. from the Spring Lake Animal Hospital in Conyers, has agreed to insert the Microchips at the match. The only cost to the owner is \$19.00 enrollment fee with AKC/CAR. This is a one-time cost for the life of the dog.

PROGRAM FOR MARCH 2011 – The program for March is going to be the Versatility Program. The presenter will be by Joy Evans. Learn how you and your dog can participate in the Versatility Program and be recognized for the achievements of your dog

Don't miss it. Q & A's will follow.

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

NEW MEMBERS: February - none

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS: FEBRUARY: Don and Lillie Crowe submitted their application for membership. They live at Lake Oconee,

TRAINING CLASSES:

Training classes – Started February 22.

Classes – 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 or [Joye Evans](mailto:JoyeEvans) (770) 438-2285 or
Email jevans@hardinconstruction.com

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

FUTURE EVENT DATES:

1. **Ian Dunbar Seminar, March 11-13.**

Location: **Sheraton Gateway Hotel Atlanta Airport, 1900 Sullivan Road, Atlanta GA 30337**

2. The Carolina German Shepherd Working Dog Club would like to invite you to the GSDCA-WDA Club Show and Breed Survey on 12-13 March 2011 at the **Albert B. McClure Park**, 1230 Museum Rd., Statesville, NC 28625, <http://www.cgswdc.com/shows/show2011/index.html>

3. Spring Match – March 20, 2011, Sanctioned B Specialty & All Breed Obedience & Rally Match, Sunday March 20, 2011, Parker Road Park, 1400 Parker Rd, Conyers, GA 30094
Connie Irvine & Sara Wolfe Match Co-Chairpersons
401 Valley Hill Rd, Stockbridge, GA 30281, Call (770) 507-7408 or e-mail francon1@bellsouth.com for information
Registration is from 10:30 am until 11:30 am with judging starting at noon.
Conformation/Showmanship Judge: Andrea Washburn
Obedience Judge: tba / Rally Judge: Elise Merkin

Entry Fee: \$ 7.00 per class per dog. Make check payable to GSDC of Atlanta, Inc.

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4. Dogwood Rottweiler Club of Metro Atlanta, March 27-28. Two day All-Breed herding Test/Trail, Sugre Herding Facility, 6985 Matt Hwy, Cumming Ga 30028
Contact: Chuck Wiggins 770) 887 9195,
5. Spring Picnic – TBA - Chair- Carmen Battaglia (770) 998 3679
6. GSDCA Centennial and World Trial (Wed. 9 – Mon. Oct 20, 2013).
7. Three great events in two weeks:
- a. GSDCA National 2013 in Philadelphia
 - b. GSDCA 2013 Centennial celebration in Philadelphia
 - c. 2013 WUSV World Championship Trial in Philadelphia
 - Wed Oct 09 GSDCA Conformation concluding with BOB competition on Saturday Oct 12.
 - Friday, Sat and Sun October 11,12,13, GSDCA Performance events
 - Sat and Sun October 12 and 13 world teams arriving
 - Mon & Tues October 14 and 15 world teams practice at stadium
 - Wed Oct 16 World Competition begins.
 - Sunday October 20 conclusion of WUSV events

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB NEWS

BREEDER OF MERIT PROGRAM

Many GS owners meet these requirements. It is free. The application form you need is at:

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

Requirements:

- 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. They are OFA hips, elbows and GSDCA Temperament Test.
- 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 to proudly promote involvement in Program
- Acknowledgement in the AKC Gazette and on AKC.org; Lapel pin and more!

CLUB MEETINGS - held on the 2nd 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:

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Internet/website - Carmen Battaglia 770 998 3679

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Equipment - Barbara Stamper, 770 - 922- 0969

Obedience - Elaine Leroy, 770 - 504 -1218

Regional Challenge - Stacey Pollio, 404 - 353 - 0588

Versatility - Joye Evans, 770 - 438-2285

Awards - _____

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING AND OTHER LISTINGS IN GUARDIAN

Litter free advertisement is free for 90 days. Your dog's show picture is free for one year.

Paid advertisements for stud dogs, kennels and breeders are \$12/year

Breeders of Merit are listed FREE on the websites of the: American Kennel Club, German Shepherd Dog Club of America and German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta

For more information contact me: cbattaglia@mindspring.com.

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.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS is on the 15th of the month prior to issue.

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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