



# The Guardian

## A Monthly Publication of the German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta, Inc. March Issue, 2012

It's feeling like spring and time to begin training. Classes begin this month. See below how you can tune up your dog's behavior and your training skills. Everyone is welcome. Directions are on the website, [www.gsdcatlanta.org](http://www.gsdcatlanta.org)

Our Fun Match is also this month. It's a picnic like atmosphere and everyone is welcome. Bring your pups, neighbors, friends and family. We will have food, fun and a lot of nice people and German Shepherd puppies to see. Our breeders are proud of their accomplishments, come see and have fun.

Our Club program for March is a don't miss session. The meeting is thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at PM. See directions below. Everyone will find this speaker interesting .

Don't forget to bring your pup or dog to club meetings. About half of those attending bring their dog. It is a great outing for the dog and it is a good training opportunity.

Remember if you are a GSDC of Atlanta member and you would us to link to your website please contact me at [cbattaglia@mindspring.com](mailto:cbattaglia@mindspring.com). Use LINKS as your subject. Send me an email and tell me how you want to be listed and linked. Google spiders find web sites faster if they are linked to other sites. This is a good way to increase your visibility and help your club. Complimentary copies of the Guardian will be sent to your friends and any potential member. The best bargain is a paid advertisement. It is just \$12/year for your stud dog, kennel or anything else. Visit our club website site and see some of the new features. ([www.gsdcatlanta.org](http://www.gsdcatlanta.org)).

Thanks for reading along.

Editor

### **PROGRAM FOR MARCH**

Program begins at 8:00 p.m. Our speaker will be Dr. Regina Howton (DVM). She will demonstrate the V.O.M. Tech method of adjustment on dogs. See her website [www.vomtech.com](http://www.vomtech.com) for further information. A brief explanation:

Veterinary Orthopedic Manipulation (VOM) is a healing technology that locates areas of the animal's nervous system that has fallen out of communication, and re-establishes neuronal communication and thus induces healing.

VOM is singularly the most simple, effective and safe healing modality in veterinary care to date. For the VOM practitioner it is an exquisitely objective, fast and easy to apply technology that takes a minimum amount of time to master and whose scope of application has yet to be fully appreciated.

She's asked that we limit it to about 10 dogs for her to work on (for free). My dog Jed will be the initial demo since he is used to the technique. He's been being adjusted for over a year because he was toeing in with his rear feet. After an adjustment, his movement is corrected.

**You will not want to miss this program**

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**MINUTES OF CLUB MEETINGS:** The minutes will be posted on the website.

<http://www.gsdcatlanta.org/>

**NEW MEMBERS – FEBRUARY:** Stephen Gebbia

**NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS – Vince Battaglia, Farris Lyons**

**GUESTS IN FEBRUARY WERE:** Vince Battaglia and Farris Lyons

**TRAINING CLASSES - TWO LOCATIONS** (N. DeKalb & Windy Ridge Parkway)

**NORTH DEKALB MALL**

Start: March 27<sup>th</sup> for six weeks

Classes – each Tuesday

Location: North DeKalb Mall, 2050 Lawrenceville Hwy, Decatur, GA

Start Time: 7:30. A six-week beginning scent work class will start on Saturday, January 14 at 4:30, registration beginning at 4, covering the basics of scent theory and the introduction of the dogs to the handler's preferred target scent. Contact Erika ([gramma510@hotmail.com](mailto:gramma510@hotmail.com)) for more information.

Rates: \$25 member; \$75 non-members. The PetsMart rates are \$125.

Contact: Elaine Leroy: [edbleroy@bellsouth.net](mailto:edbleroy@bellsouth.net) or Erika at: [gramma510@hotmail.com](mailto:gramma510@hotmail.com)

Directions: North DeKalb Mall is at the intersection of the Lawrenceville Highway (29), Stone Mountain Highway (78/410), and Druid Hills Road. How about this for finding the location in the Mall parking

The specifics to reach our classes: Find the service entrance between AMC theatre and Macy's. There will be a post office on your right and a furniture store on your left. This is where you will walk in with your dog, it's not for parking. The back door to the site is to the right and on the left. We will have a sign on the door. Look for Rm. 4010.

**WINDY RIDGE PARKWAY PARKING GARAGE**

Start: March 27th

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. The PetsMart rates are \$125.

Contact: Elaine Leroy, edbleroy@bellsouth.net who will manage the basic/CGC class test. Or Joye Evans (770) 438-2285 or Email jevans@hardinconstruction.com

## **BRAGS**

### **FUTURE EVENT DATES:**

#### **March 18, 2012 – GSDC Atlanta Match.**

**Location: 1400 Parker Road, Conyers, GA 30094**

**Directions to Match Site: From Interstate 20, take exit 82 (GA Highways 138 & 20) and go south. Turn right onto Old Salem Rd. at the Shell Station continue on Iris Drive. Turn left onto Parker Road (beside the Conyers Welcome Center). Turn left at the red light (Parker Road) and the building/park is on the left.**

**Match Chair: Andrea Washburn**

**Conformation/Showmanship Judge: Pauline Forman**

**Obedience Judge: Stacey Pollio**

**Rally Judge: Elaine LeRoy**

#### **Combined Specialty Weekend – 2 shows - September 28 and 30, 2012**

**German Shepherd Dog Clubs of Atlanta and Augusta**

**Location: Wills Park Equestrian Center, Open Field, Alpharetta, GA**

#### **September 28 and 30, 2012 - Augusta GSDC Show**

**Breed Judges: Kathy Potter and Carmen Battaglia**

**All Breed Obedience and Rally Judges: Barry Roland and Richard Mullen**

**Show Secretary: Diane Boykin (706) 284-6455 drboykin@bellsouth.net**

**September 29, 2012 (two shows) AM & PM - GSDC Atlanta**

**Breed Judges:** Mary Ann Imhoff and Ellen Migliore

**All Breed Obedience and Rally Judges:** Marlene Burford and Stephen Picciolo

**Show Secretary:** Kathy Gross (678) 480-1822 atlgdshowentry@att.net

**October 08 to October 14, 2012** - GSDCA National Specialty in Denver, CO See [www.gsdca.org](http://www.gsdca.org)

**Nov 3 & 4th, 2012 Spatiality Show** – N. Ga. German Shepherd Dog.

**Location:** Ellijay, GA

**Judges:** Dick Jones and Dan Dwier

**May 18-20, 2012,** -National Universal Seiger Show (NUSC)

**2013 - October 07 to October 13, Philadelphia, PA** (100 Year Celebration and World Trial).

**2013 - WUSV World Championship,** Philadelphia, PA.

- Oct. 09, Wed. GSDCA Conformation concluding with BOB competition on Saturday the 12th.
- Oct. 11, 12, 13. GSD Friday, Sat and Sun Performance events
- Oct. 12 and 13. World teams arriving
- Oct. 14 and 15. Mon & Tues. World teams practice at stadium
- Oct 16. Wed. World Competition begins.
- Oct. 20. Sunday - Conclusion of WUSV events

**AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB AND LOCAL NEWS**

The Labrador Retriever continued its unbroken string as America's most popular dog breed in new statistics released by the American Kennel Club and revealed on TODAY Tuesday, claiming the top spot for the 21st consecutive year, based on AKC registration statistics. But the beagle moved up to the No. 3 spot, displacing the Yorkshire terrier

**Genetic Tests**

Science continues to move us forward. Here is the link to the list of genetic tests:  
<http://www.akcchf.org/canine-health/genetic-tests>.

**GERMAN SHEPHERD DISEASE – GENETIC TESTS:**

**Degenerative Myelopathy**

**Breeds affected:** American Eskimo Dog, Bernese Mountain Dog, Boxer, Cardigan Welsh Corgi, Chesapeake Bay Retriever, German Shepherd Dog, Golden Retriever, Great Pyrenees, Kerry Blue Terrier, Pembroke Welsh Corgi, Poodle, Pug, Rhodesian Ridgeback, Shetland Sheepdog, Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier, Wire Fox Terrier

**Disease:** Degenerative Myelopathy

**Laboratory:** Orthopedic Foundation for Animals – see [www.akcchf.org/canine](http://www.akcchf.org/canine) for the lab that conducts the test.

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**Hyperuricosuria - Elevated Uric Acid**

**Breeds affected:** American Staffordshire Terrier, Australian Shepherd, Black Russian Terrier, Bulldog, Dalmatian, German Shepherd Dog, Giant Schnauzer, Jack Russell Terrier, Labrador Retriever, Large Munsterlander, Parson Russell Terrier, Pomeranian, Weimaraner

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**Merle - SILV**

**Breed(s):** All Dogs

**Disease:** Coat

**Laboratory:** IDEXX Vita-Tech

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**Mucopolysaccharidosis Type VII**

**Breeds affected:** German Shepherd Dog, Mixed Breeds

**Disease:** Mucopolysaccharidosis

**Laboratory:** PennGen Laboratories

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**Multi-Drug Reactivity (MDR1)**

**Breeds affected:** Australian Shepherd, Australian Shepherd (Miniature), Border Collie, Collie, German Shepherd Dog, Longhaired Whippet, Old English Sheepdog, Shetland Sheepdog, Silken Windhound

**Disease:** Multi-Drug Sensitivity

**Laboratory: Washington State University - Veterinary Clinical Pathology Laboratory**

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**Renal Cystadenocarcinoma and Nodular Dermatofibrosis (RCND)**

**Breed(s): German Shepherd Dog**

**Disease: Renal Cystadenocarcinoma**

**Laboratory: VetGen LLC**

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**MICROCHIPS -Contact: Connie Irvine - 770)507 7408. She has chips for \$10/chip**

**CLUB MEETINGS** - held on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 8 PM, EXCEPT FOR JULY, 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

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Treasurer - Sara Wolfe, - 770 - 579-2548

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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, Andy Carolus

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 - \_\_\_\_\_

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### **CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING AND OTHER LISTINGS IN GUARDIAN**

Free litter advertisement for 90 days and 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](mailto: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.

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**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS** is on the 15<sup>th</sup> 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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