



The Guardian

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On January 25, 26, 27 the German Shepherd Dog Club of America Board held their January board meeting at the airport Hilton Hotel. A special “think tank” session was held on Friday night at 7PM. A round table discussion allowed board members and the general membership the opportunity to address a wide range of important topics. The board considered a number of issues which included the 2013 German Shepherd National Specialty and Centennial in October and the German Shepherd World Trial in October (Philadelphia). They also appointed a committee to look into changing the coat and color sections of the breed standard. A proposal was made to remove the word “fault” regarding the long coat. A second change was made that would reword the disqualification for color. Up until the Nazi’s took charge in Germany, the standard disqualified only an Albino and those with Albino characteristics. White was an allowable color. The committee will report back to the board in April.

As a reminder the findings in a published bloat survey show that the lifetime risk of bloat is 24% in large-breed show dogs and 21.6% in giant-breed show dogs. Risk factors uncovered include: personality – happy and easygoing dogs with temperament and submissive behaviors were associated with a decreased risk. The published article may be requested by contacting me at www.breedingbetterdogs.com. Use “Bloat” in the subject field. The less technical article is available on the site along with an emergency Bloat Kit.

For those new to the disease **Bloat** is a dreaded disease that occurs in many breeds. It occurs when the stomach distends with air and then while dilated, twists. This action interferes with the blood supply to the stomach and other digestive organs, blocks the passage of food, causes the stomach to distend, impedes the return of blood to the heart and results in reducing cardiac output. Blood and oxygen are deprived from tissues which in turn causes them to die releasing toxins into the blood stream which causes serious disturbances in heart rhythms and usually results in death unless treated. The article can be found at www.breedingbetterdogs.com. Click on articles.

Don’t forget, club meeting is Thursday the 14th and the match is the 17th. Don’t forget to bring your dog. See details below.

Editor

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 Club Meeting 8 PM	15	16
17 GSD Match See Directions	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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UP COMING EVENTS

2013 MATCH, SHOW AND TRIALS

March 17, Match – CONFORMATION, OBEDIENCE AND RALLY – The German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta invites everyone to our Annual B/OB Specialty and All Breed/All American Breed Obedience and Rally Match! – St. Patrick’s Day.

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

Directions: From I-20 take exit 82 (GA Hwys 138 & 20) and go south (Right if headed East). (If headed West, turn Left and ignore the sign for Iris Dr. shortly after you turn). Go prox. 2/10 mi. and turn Right onto Old Salem Road at the light. (Gas station on the corner). Prox. 4/10 mi. Old Salem becomes Iris Drive. Continue on Iris Dr. prox. 1/2 mi. and make Left onto Parker Rd.

(Bank on corner). Go a short distance to the light, make another Left onto Parker Rd. The complex is a series of buildings about 1/4 mi. on the Left with a long parking lot. Turn Left into the parking lot, going toward the buildings; then turn Right driving thru the lot as far as possible ... Match site is at the end of the parking area.

See the map on our site www.gsdatlanta.org

Registration: Begins at 10:30 a.m. judging starts at noon. Short break for lunch. Food will be available.

April 5, 2013 Show, Two Conformation Shows, AM and PM. Sponsored by the German Shepherd Dog Club of North Florida, St. Johns County Fairgrounds, 5840 State Road, 207, Elkton, FL 32033. Judging outdoors regardless of weather. Entries close March 20, 2013.

Show Secretary Candy McCullough 904) 646 3715, bestbuds1@comcast.net

September 28 & 29. - CONFORMATION, OBEDIENCE AND RALLY

- Conformation judges - Bob Slay and Chris Walkowicz

- Obedience and Rally Judges – Minta Willoquette and Tony Cherubini

2013 German Shepherd National Specialty Show, Philadelphia, PA

- **Oct 08 - 11- Herding, Obedience, Agility, Fut./mat. and class judging**
- **Oct 12 Best of Breed Competition**

2013 - WUSV World Championship, Philadelphia, PA.

- Oct. 09 – 12th GSDCA Conformation concluding with BOB competition on Saturday
- 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

PROGRAM FOR CLUB MEETING - MARCH:

Lisa Bedenbaugh, PT, CCRP, the Director of Rehabilitation Services for Rehab Animal and Fitness Center. Lisa will discuss rehabilitation to maintain a dog's fitness, as well as therapy from an injury.

You will not want to miss this program. Remember to bring your dog.

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

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS – Nadia Adams.

PENDING - Jack and Holly Bryan

TRAINING CLASSES – (WINDY RIDGE PARKWAY)

Training classes – Starting in the spring

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. Elaine Leroy will manage the basic/CGC class test.

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

Conformation Classes – Three week short course – FREE

For more information about training contact: Vice President/Training Director – Scears Hardie, 404-713-2788, scears@bellsouth.net

BRAGS:

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB AND OTHER NEWS

2013 AKC Official Point Schedule

Effective: May 15, 2013

http://www.akc.org/events/conformation/point_schedule.cfm

	Points	1	2	3	4	5					
German Shepherd Dogs entered	2	2	5	5	7	8	10	12	14	18

Mary Gattone sends us this news: She has items which feature the 2013 World Trial (T-shirts, sweat-shirts, magnets for your car or refrigerator etc. Call her at: 770 922-2172, emails her at: DestinoGS1@aol.com

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, OCTOBER AND DECEMBER. Visitors welcome, no need to call, just come.

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.

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Working Dog Ass. Contact – Betty Ann Fredrick, bettyann11.16@gmail.com, 770 - 639-0747

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING AND OTHER LISTINGS IN GUARDIAN

Free litter or dog advertisement for 90 days and your dog's show picture is free for one year. This is now available to all members of the Atlanta and North Georgia Clubs.

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 to Joan Turner (404) 285 - 4152.

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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