



The Guardian

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Dog Club of Atlanta, Inc.

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<p>Do Not Forget To Visit The Club's Website at: www.gsdcatlanta.org for regular updates and special announcements. Web Master: Paul Costa</p>	<p> German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta was ranked # 3 Newsletter for 2011 and 2012 and # 3 in 2011 and honorable mention in the GSDCA National Regional Club Challenge.</p>
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The program for May will feature Erika Tracy who has agreed to do a short program on beginning puppy obedience. Kim McNamara will be bring a puppy for demonstration

The club will be accepting nominations from the floor at the May meeting on May 9th, 2013. Elections will take place at the June meeting.

Slate of officers prepared by the nominating committee:

President- Joan Turner; Vice President/Training Director - Erika Tracy, Secretary - Genie Jones, Treasurer - Sara Wolfe, Members at Large - Barbara Stamper and Jessica Ball, Past President --- Betty Ann Frederick

Nominating committee: Connie Irvine, Erika Tracy, Andrea Washburn

Come to club meetings, bring your dog and learn. Last month our program featured a demonstration on grooming the dog's feet and coat.

If you missed it and want to know more come to the May meeting with your questions. You will not want to miss May program.

Pictures from the spring Match are now on our site. WWW.gsdatl.org. Go to the home page, click on photos. See if you or your dog can be found. Over 136 people with dogs attended.

THE CLUB

Records are vague, but it seems that The German Shepherd Club of Atlanta was founded in the 1950 when a small group of breeders and owners interested in the German Shepherd Dog met in Atlanta Georgia. Their purpose was the improvement of the breed. Today the Clubs goal is the same. Through programs and activities members learn about all aspects of the German Shepherd Dog, including mental and physical development; the breed standard, working ability, breeding, care and rearing of puppies, etc.

Programs are presented at monthly dinner meetings held on the second Thursday of each month, except for July, October and December. The meeting is at 8:00 pm unless changes are published in the Guardian. Both prospective members and non-members are welcome.



The club holds numerous special events including two breed Specialties a year, one in April and one in October which includes Obedience and rally. Puppy matches, Temperament Testing and AKC Good Citizen tests are often scheduled through the year.

In July, at the Annual Awards Banquet, trophies are presented to members whose dogs have earned titles over the year. A Holiday party is held in December. If there is an interest, show handling classes are offered to members.

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.

May 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 Club Meeting	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	
						



UP COMING EVENTS

2013

German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta

- September 28 & 29th - CONFORMATION, OBEDIENCE AND RALLY
Conformation judges - Bob Slay and Chris Walkowicz , Obedience and Rally Judges – Minta Willoquette and Tony Cherubini

German Shepherd Dog Club of America National Specialty and Centennial

- Oct. 09 – 12th Conformation concluding with BOB competition on Saturday
- Oct. 11th Centennial reception (reception, honor ceremony, military , law enforcement Seeing eye and other guests

WUSV World Championship, Philadelphia, PA.

- 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

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

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

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS – Elmer Cortez

Guests at March meeting – Greg and Adele Rubio ; Michele Laforte -2nd; Shannon Laforte – 2nd; Cortney Laforte -2nd; Eric Williams, Steve Raper; Frances Crumel

TRAINING CLASSES – (WINDY RIDGE PARKWAY)

Training classes – Starting in the spring - TBA

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: Erica Tracy has a couple of short essays (one is on adopting an older dog) http://www.goodreads.com/author_blog_posts/3970098-anniversary

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB AND OTHER NEWS

The AKC is working with clubs to help their entries. Owners are being sent email announcements about upcoming events.

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

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CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING AND OTHER LISTINGS

Free litter and dog advertisement for 90 days. Your dog's picture is free for one year.

Available to all members of the Atlanta and North Georgia German Shepherd Clubs.

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

Breeders of Merit are listed on the websites of: 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 - Complimentary issues will be sent to puppy buyers, friends and prospective members upon request contact 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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