



The Guardian

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Do Not Forget To Visit The Club's Website at:
www.gsdcatlanta.org for regular updates and
special announcements. Web Master: Paul Costa



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.

Guest Speaker- September is Nancy Akin, who with her husband have a team of dock diving Labrador Retrievers called Team 4 Dawg Flite. (www.3dawgflite.com). They are members of DockDogs Worldwide, and have competed in DockDogs events all over the eastern U.S.

Nancy has presented her program to the following clubs: Griffin Kennel Club, Macon Kennel Club, Atlanta Kennel Club, Lawrenceville Kennel Club, Kennesaw Kennel Club, and Douglasville Kennel Club. Her presentation is not only informational, but also entertaining. Her husband is a professional sports photographer, so the presentation is full of awesome photos and action shots.

Training classes for the summer are over and three dogs tested and earned their Canine Good Citizen certificates. Classes start again next Tuesday, September 3. Let Erika Tracy know if you're coming, her contact info. gramma510@hotmail.com, 678-642-9303. Tell her who you're bringing, and what you want to learn. Conformation practice for the upcoming specialties will be taught by Dr. Carmen Battaglia and they are free. See class details below or go to: <http://gsdcatlanta.org/training.php>.


Club dues are due now. Send them to: Sara Wolfe, online www.gsdcatlanta.org or Mail to 3332 Ethan Drive, Marietta GA 30062.

Trophy donations are needed – Renee West Phone 404 449 4798 or Barbara Guzzo telephone # 770-480-0505. Don't wait for a call call Renee or Barbara with your trophy support.

Raffle - \$ 1,000 Crate, You do not have to be present at the World Championship to win. Get your ticket at: <http://www.wusv2013.org/>

Remember..... at club meetings..... Bring your dog and learn.

Pictures from the spring Match are now on our site. WWW.gsdatl.org. Go to the home page, click on photos. Members can list litters/dogs free on our website. If you have a website and want to list it contact me at cbattaglia@mindspring.com with the information.

<p>THE CLUB</p> <p>Records are vague, but it seems that The German Shepherd Club of Atlanta was founded in the 1956 when a small group of breeders and owners interested in the German Shepherd Dog met in Atlanta Georgia. The first president was Mrs. Michelle Leathers Billings. 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.</p> <p>Programs are presented at monthly meetings held on the second Thursday of month, except for July, October and December.</p>	<p>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 shows each year, which includes Obedience and Rally. Puppy matches, Temperament Testing and AKC Good Citizen tests are often scheduled through the year.</p> <p>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.</p> 
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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 - Atlanta Humane Society at 981 Howell Mill Road NW Atlanta, Georgia 30318. Specific directions <http://www.gsdatlanta.org>

September 2013

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



UP COMING EVENTS - 2013

September 28 & 29th Show - German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta

Location: Will Park, Show Secretary: Kathy Gross, 91 Orr Rd. Sharpsburg, GA 30277
 678-480-1822, fax 404-329-7894

CONFORMATION, OBEDIENCE AND RALLY. Conformation judges - Bob Slay and Chris Walkowicz, Obedience and Rally Judges – Minta Willoquette and Tony Cherubini
 Directions and entry form: www.gsdcatlanta.org

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, Sponsored by the GSDCA, Inc. minutes from Philadelphia Airport, at PPL Park.

- **October 17 -20, if you can't come, please buy a \$20 ticket for a veteran, wounded warrior, police or fireman. Ticket office www.pplpark.com or call 1 800) 298 4200, use the Will-Call option. More information: www.WUSV2013.org**

Schedule for World Trial:

- 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 SEPTEMBER –Juliana Sandoval Munoz

NEW MEMBERS: Doug Wilson; Laforte, Michelle, Shannon & Courtney; Steve & Janet Raper

Guests at June meeting – Elvyn Sanchez - 407-616-3682, ems06f@my.fsu.edu, Roy & Renee West, cedarknollfarm@att.net

TRAINING CLASSES –

Training classes – Start September 3, (Windy Ridge Parkway)

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.

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Conformation Classes – Three week short course – FREE

For more information about training contact: Vice President/Training Director – Erika Tracy
at: gramma510@hotmail.com, 678-642-9303.



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. AKC has set a new standard with 500,000 fans on Facebook

Regional Club Challenge – Members of the GSD Atlanta can help. Go to WWW.GSDatlanta.org and see how you and your dog can help. Contact Stacey Pollio
(404) 353 - 0588

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

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CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING AND OTHER LISTINGS

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

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

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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