

The  
German Shepherd Dog  
Club of Atlanta



# The Guardian

Your Monthly Newsletter from  
The German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta

## October 2015 Issue

### From the Editor

Our Annual Fall Specialty Shows were held the last weekend in September, and what a weekend it was!

The German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta proudly celebrated its **100<sup>th</sup> and 101<sup>st</sup> Specialty Shows** in spite of rainy weather! What an honor it was for us and a special tribute to those who came before us.



Members wore their 100<sup>th</sup> Specialty Show T-Shirts even though we had to cover them up with rain gear!



THANKS AGAIN TO  
JESSICA BALL for this  
brilliant idea and the follow up  
to make it happen!!! Everyone  
loves their shirt!

If you are attending this year's National Specialty in St. Louis, don't forget to wear your shirt in the Regional Club Parade.

Although it was a wet weekend, we had a great turnout with over fifty very nice dogs and puppies competing in Conformation, Obedience and Rally. A little rain doesn't stop a German Shepherd Dog (or a Handler!) from performing.



Remember, the Augusta German Shepherd Dog Club is holding their double Specialty Show weekend on Saturday, October 31 and Sunday, November 1. Entries close on Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>!

*Stacey H. Pollio, Editor*

## Member Brags

**Ch. Kimberlite's Shangri-La TC CHIC (Edie)** went **Select** at our Specialty show on Saturday, giving her five points toward her Grand Championship title. Edie is sired by Sel Ch. Winsome's Ray Bearone v Eko-Lan out of Jerrwen's Sunrise in Cheyenne. She is owned by Joye Evans and Kim McNamara. Congratulations Edie, Joye and Kim!! Here's a picture of Edie competing at the show this weekend.



**Ch. Cedar Knoll's Malcolm v Van Cleve of Heinerburg** who went **Best of Breed** on Sunday, and **Best Opposite Sex** on Saturday. Malcolm was bred by Renee West and Carmen Battaglia. He is owned by Renee West, Nancy Harper-Mulvaney and Ron Mulvaney. Big Congratulations to Malcolm, Renee, Nancy, Ron and Carmen!



On Sunday, Heinerburg's Liberty Belle came out of the Novice Bitch Class to win **Winner's Bitch**, **Best of Winners**, and **Best Opposite Sex**. Belle is sired by **Ch. Cedar Knoll's Malcolm v Van Cleve of Heinerburg**. She is owned by Holly Bryan and Nancy Harper-Mulvaney. Huge Congratulations to Belle, Holly, and Nancy!



## Special Thanks

Special thanks to Officer Mike Schulman from the Alpharetta Canine Unit, and his K-9 partner, Lekso, who came out to give a wonderful presentation about their service to our community.



## Free Online Classes from the AKC Help Owners Teach Their Dogs to Do Tricks

Who doesn't love anything free? Check out this new free online class from the AKC. Click on the link below and teach your dog to do tricks!

<http://www.akc.org/akc-dog-lovers/online-classes-help-owners/>



If you have an interest in Barn Hunting with your dog, contact Erika Tracy.

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## Barn Hunting Fun

Club members held an informal Barn Hunt seminar in September. Everyone who attended had a great time.



Barn Hunting is a new and growing dog sport based on the traditional roles of many breeds in ridding farms, barns, crop storage areas, and homes of destructive vermin. Barn Hunt is an independent sport, but titles are recognized by both the American Kennel Club (AKC) and United Kennel Club (UKC).

Check out Barn Hunting on the Barn Hunt Association website link at:

<http://www.barnhunt.com/>



## Upcoming Events Calendar

### OCTOBER:

There is no meeting in October. Since many of our members leave town to participate and compete in the Nationals, we normally do not have a regular club meeting in October.

**Time for the Nationals!**  
**German Shepherd Dog Club of America**  
**National Specialty**  
**Purina Farms, (St. Louis, MO)**  
**October 9<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

### ***Streaming Video....***

*If you cannot attend the Nationals in person, the parent club is offering streaming video again this year. Click the link below for info!*

<http://gsdca.org/events/2015-national-showtrial/streaming-video>

### NOVEMBER:

In November we are planning to host a Sheep Herding Instinct day which will replace our regular club meeting in November. Watch for an email from Nancy Harper at the end of October with specific details about the Herding Instinct Day.

### DECEMBER:

Don't forget the 2015 AKC/Eukanuba National Championship coming up on December 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> in Orlando, FL!

And in December we will have our Christmas Party ... time and place to be announced soon!

## Club Meetings

Our monthly club meetings are at the Atlanta Humane Society, 981 Howell Mill Road NW, Atlanta, GA 30318.

**CLUB MEETINGS – Held on - 2nd Thursday of each month at 8PM except for July, October and December. Visitors welcome, no need to call, just come and well behaved dogs on leash are welcome as well.**



For directions to Club Meetings see our website, or click here – > [DIRECTIONS](#) to the Atlanta Humane Society, 981 Howell Mill Road, NW, Atlanta GA, 30318.

Guests and Friends are always welcome.

Bring your dogs for a great opportunity to socialize. All dogs must be kept on leashes; make sure your dog is up to date on vaccinations. Come and learn about the Club and its German Shepherd Dog related activities. Refreshments are offered during break time. We are fortunate to have many knowledgeable breeders, exhibitors, and performance members. Educational programs are offered throughout the year.

### **PROGRAM FOR OCTOBER:**

**There is NO MEETING in October! Everyone is off to the Nationals in St. Louis, Missouri.**

## Training

Training sessions begin again on Thursday, October 1st. Everyone is welcome to come out and socialize their dog(s), even if it is after the start date!

Click here to go to our training page:  
<http://gsdcatlanta.org/training.php>

**Or for more information about training contact one of our following club members:**

Training Director  
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[stever6757@aol.com](mailto:stever6757@aol.com);

Assistant Training Director  
Erika Tracy (678) 642-9303  
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### Location

Training classes are held in a corporate park just north of the Perimeter near I-285 and I-75.

**3301 Windy Ridge Parkway  
Atlanta, GA 30339**

### Directions:

**From I-75 South Bound:** Go south on I-75 to Exit 260 - Windy Hill Rd./Smyrna - Turn Left on Windy Hill Road for 0.7 miles. Turn right on Powers Ferry Road for 0.5 miles. Turn left onto Windy Ridge Pkwy, then turn right into the first driveway. The parking garage is straight ahead.

**From other points in Atlanta:** Take I-285 to Northbound I-75 and/or follow I-75 north. Continue northbound on I-75 to Exit 260 - Windy Hill Rd./Smyrna. Turn right on Windy Hill Road for 0.7 miles. Turn right on Powers Ferry Road for 0.5 miles. Turn left onto Windy Ridge Pkwy, then turn

right into the first driveway. The parking garage is straight ahead.

### Format

Classes meet once a week for 6 weeks.

Non Club Member Cost: \$50.00

Club Member Cost: \$25

## AKC Breeders of Merit

Breeders of Merit are listed on the websites of the American Kennel Club, The German Shepherd Dog Club of America, and the German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta. The requirements to be an AKC (American Kennel Club) Breeder of Merit are as follows:

1. Must have a history of at least five years involvement with AKC events.
2. Must have earned AKC Conformation, Performance or Companion\* event titles on a minimum of four dogs from AKC litters they bred/co-bred..
3. Must be a member of an AKC club.
4. Must certify that applicable health screens are performed on breeding stock as recommended by the Parent Club (OFA Hips/Elbows, GSDCA Temperament Test).
5. Must demonstrate a commitment to ensuring 100% of puppies produced are AKC registered.

### GSDCA ATLANTA MEMBERS AKC BREEDERS OF MERITT

Dr. Carmen Battaglia, Roswell  
Nancy Hart Battaglia, Roswell  
Kim McNamara, Newnan  
Joyce Quick, Palmetto  
Nancy Harper-Mulvaney, Roswell

## About the Club

Records are vague, but it seems that The German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta was founded in 1955 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 who passed away in October 2013. The purpose of the club was the improvement of the breed. Today, the club's 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 meetings held on the second Thursday of month, except for July, October, and December. Meetings are at 8:00 PM. Both prospective members and non-members are welcome. The club holds numerous special events including two breed Specialty shows each year and also Obedience and Rally competitions. Puppy matches, Temperament Testing and AKC Good Citizen tests are 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 OFFICERS

### President:

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## Classified Advertising

Our website offers free Classified Listings for litters and dog advertisements for 90 days. Your dogs' picture is free for one year. Paid advertisements for stud dogs, kennels and breeders are \$12/year. Deadline for submissions is on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to issue. Members and Breeders of Merit are listed free on our website.



To place an ad, contact the editor:  
**Stacey Pollio, email:**  
[stacey@miracleshepherds.com](mailto:stacey@miracleshepherds.com)

## Reminders

If you would like to join the conversation on Facebook, you can find the club's FB Group here:  
[www.facebook.com/groups/177807582290973/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/177807582290973/)

Information about The German Shepherd Dog Club of America Inc. (aka 'The Parent Club') can be found on the parent club website, see the web link here: [www.GSDCA.org](http://www.GSDCA.org)

German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta  
[www.gsdcatlanta.org](http://www.gsdcatlanta.org)

American Kennel Club  
[www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org)

German Shepherd Dog Breed Standard  
[www.akc.org/dog-breeds/german-shepherd-dog/](http://www.akc.org/dog-breeds/german-shepherd-dog/)

**PUPPIES AND LITTERS:** Give Connie Irvine information on puppies and litters. Connie handles the Club phone; she will direct callers to members who have puppies, studs, or older German Shepherd Dogs available.

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

## **COMMITTEES**

### **Club Phone:**

Connie Irvine (770) 245-0514

### **Hearts & Flowers:**

Jan Eason (678) 549-2113

### **Herding/Library:**

Erika Tracy (678) 642-9303

### **Internet/website:**

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### **Audit:**

### **To be announced**

### **Equipment:**

Barbara Stamper (770) 922-0969

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### **Trophy Chair:**

Connie Irvine (770) 507-7408

## Message from the President

“To all the members of the GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB of ATLANTA, I would like to extend my sincere thanks for your dedication and hard work. Without you, our Specialty Shows would not be offered year after year. Despite the less than co-operative weather our shows were well received, and the exhibitors were impressed by our hospitality. One exhibitor made a comment to me that says it all ... “there is a palatable feeling of good will among all the exhibitors”. What a wonderful comment from one of our guests.

Barbara Stamper hauls that heavy trailer year after year, show after show. Thank you, Barbara! And if that isn't enough, Barbara takes charge of the early morning coffee, AND the luncheon. Thank you also to the members who contribute to the side dishes each year.

At the risk of accidentally omitting someone, we do want to recognize the following members who made MAJOR contributions and spent many personal hours to ensure a successful show.

BARBARA STAMPER & JESSICA BALL – Hospitality, & Equipment always delivered with a smile.

ANDREA WASHBURN – for her Guidance and beautiful handmade Trophies.

CONNIE IRVINE – Trophy donations, helpmate to Andrea, & Raffle guru.

FRANK IRVINE – without whose help the club trailer and Barbara might still be at Wills Park!

STEVE & JANET RAPER – for their ever ready presence at the performance rings.

ERIKA TRACY – for helping at the Performance Rings throughout the day & silent auction.

JOYE EVANS – for her Expertise & Stewarding in the performance rings.

HOLLY BRYAN – Stewarding with professionalism & diplomacy & breakdown after show.

KIM McNAMARA – Chief Ring Steward, efficiently keeping everyone on schedule.

RENEE WEST – assisting with breakdown until the last piece of equipment left the grounds.

BETTY ANN FREDERICK – Catalogue sales & acting Show Secretary on grounds.

RON MULVANEY – Hospitality, Judges Transportation, airport & hotel runs. “



*Nancy Harper-Mulvaney, President*

## Complimentary Guardian

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