



The Guardian

Your Monthly Newsletter from
The German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta

September 2015 Issue

From the President

Dear Members and Friends,

Our Annual Fall Specialty Shows are approaching quickly!! Where oh where has the time gone!

ENTRIES CLOSE ON SEPTEMBER 09 PACIFIC COAST TIME – ENTRY DIRECTIONS ON GSDC OF ATLANTA WEB SITE AND CLUB FACEBOOK GROUP.

The German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta proudly celebrates its **100th Specialty Show!** What an honor for us and a special tribute to those who came before us. We all wanted to celebrate our 100th show as a “special occasion”, - what to do? Jessica Ball to the rescue!! Jessica is having a 100th Specialty Show T-Shirt created for Club Members and friends. This special shirt will bear our Club Logo with text stating “Celebrating our 100th Specialty Show” and of course the name of our Club. On the back of the shirt is the Atlanta skyline with GS head and again announcing our 100th show. Club members attending this year’s National Specialty in St. Louis will wear these shirts in the Regional Club Parade. THANK YOU JESSICA for this brilliant idea and the follow up to make it happen!!! These special shirts will sell for a most reasonable price of \$10.50 per shirt. HOWEVER, ANY CLUB MEMBER WORKING AT THE SHOW WILL RECEIVE THEIR SHIRT FOR just \$5.50.

The shirts are medium green in color with dark black lettering. Here is a sneak preview of the design on the back.



Jessica is striving to have these special shirts available to you at the September Club Meeting (Thursday, Sept 10th). We hope you will be there to pick up your shirt! Just think how special it will be to see all of our members decked out in these very special shirts at our specialty show. Maybe the newspaper will see fit to take our picture also. AND don’t forget the special feature of the Alpharetta K-9 unit – they will give a demo during lunch break.

Nancy Harper-Mulvaney, President

Braggs

Kim McNamara's bitch, **Ch. Kimberlite's Cant Buy Me Love Tindrock** TC, earned her Barn Hunt Novice title on July 4th. With the GSDCA Board approving this sport into the Dual Award program, this gives "BB" her Dual Award Excellent title as well. So she is now DAE **Ch. Kimberlite's Cant Buy Me Love Tindrock** TC RATI RATN OFA H&E! BB is owned and loved by Kim McNamara and Cheryl Olson.

Ch. Kimberlite's Shangri-La TC CHIC (Eddie) finished her Championship at the Griffin Kennel Club all breed show on August 20. Eddie 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 Eddie, Joye and Kim!! Here's a picture of Eddie winning at the Southeast Maturity.



Ch. Cedar Knoll's Malcolm v Van Cleve of Heinerburg finished his Championship as well. Malcolm was bred by Renee West and Carmen Battaglia. He is owned by Renee West, Nancy Harper-Mulvaney and Ron Mulvaney. Congratulations to Malcolm, Renee, Nancy, Ron and Carmen!

Sunday Funday

Club member Barbara Guzzo recently held a Sunday Funday at her house, and everyone who came had a great time herding ducks and practicing Barn Hunt.

Here is Jewel herding ducks



Renee and Peggy find the rat tunnel



Erika and Marty find the rat tunnel



We'll be planning another fun day soon!

AKC News

Statement Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Changes to AKC Breed Histories

Questions have arisen regarding modification to the history of particular breeds of purebred dogs. The AKC will make no changes to breed historical references in its records, unless there is a formal, documented and substantiated request made by the applicable AKC Parent Club. Any decision regarding the changes to historical breed references will be handled on a case-by-case basis when the request is received from a Parent Club.

The Institutionalized Inhumane Treatment of Dogs

The recently held Yulin Dog Meat festival in China has resulted in cries of protest among the dog-loving public worldwide. The American Kennel Club believes that these protests are completely justified and imperative for there to be any chance of eliminating this institutionalized and heinous treatment, torture, and consumption of thousands of dogs each year. The AKC, as well as other purebred registries in the world, recognizes dogs as devoted companions and working partners, and denounces their use as food products and subjection to cruel and inhumane treatment.

AKC urges all of the purebred dog registries in China to implement educational programs to help put an end to the barbarous practice of torturing and eating dogs, and extends the offer to assist in this effort in any way possible.

Upcoming Events Calendar

SEPTEMBER:

**The next regular club meeting is
Thursday, September 10 at 8pm.
See you there!**

September 26 & 27, Sat/Sun Celebrating 100 consecutive Specialty Shows!

The club is gearing up for our annual Specialty Shows in September at Wills Park. We are very excited to have the Alpharetta Canine Unit who will be giving a demonstration during lunch time. We have invited the Neighborhood News, and hope to give our Club and our outstanding breed promotional exposure.

OCTOBER:

Time for the Nationals!

**German Shepherd Dog Club of America National
Specialty – Purina Farms, (St. Louis, MO)
October 9-17. (Includes Working Dog
Show/Trials)**

The National Specialty is in October and will be held at Purina Farms in St Louis, Missouri. We will not have a meeting in October.

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER:

In November we are planning to host a Sheep Herding Instinct day which will replace our regular meeting in November. 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 SEPTEMBER:

We will dedicate the September GENERAL MEETING to our Fall Specialty Shows.

There will be a lot to cover, Board Members please be at meeting before 7:45pm to discuss wording of Agreement letters for future judges. Regular meeting will begin at 8PM.

Training

Training sessions began on Wednesday, August 12th. Here is the link to our training flyer: <http://gsdcatlanta.org/pdf/training-classes/08-12-15.pdf>

For more information about training contact:

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

Location
3301 Windy Ridge Parkway
Atlanta, GA 30339



Directions:

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.

Directions: 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

Complimentary Guardian

To send a complimentary copy of The Guardian to puppy buyers, friends, or prospective members, Contact the editor, Stacey Pollio at stacey@miracleshepherds.com

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, September, 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 Specialties 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.

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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.

Contact Stacey Pollio to have updated information announced on the Club Web Site. Contact Erika Tracy for a current Club Roster.

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

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/

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

German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta
www.gsdcatlanta.org

American Kennel Club
www.akc.org

German Shepherd Dog Breed Standard
www.akc.org/dog-breeds/german-shepherd-dog/

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 15th of the month prior to issue. Members and Breeders of Merit are listed free on our website.



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Barn Hunt September 12

Club members are holding a Barn Hunt seminar on Saturday morning, September 12th. The cost is \$20 per dog. If you have an interest in Barn Hunting with your dog, contact Erika Tracy.

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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/>

