

The
German Shepherd Dog
Club of Atlanta



The Guardian

Your Monthly Newsletter from
The German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta

January 2016 Issue

Dear Members,

Happy New Year to everyone!

We are looking forward to a great year in 2016, beginning with our first club meeting of the New Year on **Thursday, Jan 14 2016, 8PM** at the Atlanta Humane Society. Directions to the meeting are included in this GUARDIAN. Club meetings provide a great opportunity to socialize your dogs. For the safety and health of your dogs, we recommend up-to-date vaccinations for contagious diseases, and all dogs must be kept on leash.

At the January meeting, Joan Turner, Treasurer and Co-Chair of our 2015 Specialty Shows, will present an overview of our income and expenses for the Specialty Shows. We will then present to the membership new ideas and possibilities for expanding our Specialty Show weekend by partnering with other clubs, enabling us to offer exhibitors and handlers an opportunity to participate in more than two shows on a given weekend. We need and appreciate any and all input from you, the membership. It is vital for the growth and well being of our club to receive your suggestions. **If you are unable to attend this important meeting, please send your overviews and suggestions to nancy@heinerburgshepherds.com.** Be assured, your comments and suggestions will be included in our discussion.

Our yearly AKC Sanctioned Match is held each year in March. It is always a treat to view and play with the “new batch” of German Shepherd puppies. What a great way to welcome the start of the spring Show Season. We are in need of two people who will share the job of co-chairing the Match. Many GSDC of Atlanta Members are willing to assist with our Match, their help is just a phone call away. Assigning various tasks to members ensures a smooth and enjoyable Match.

Thanks to all who came and brought delicious food to the Club Christmas Party. Our wonderful GUARDIAN editor, Stacey Pollio, took great pictures, look deeper inside this issue for a peak.

I wish each and every one of you a Happy and Successful New Year in 2016.

*Nancy
Harper-
Mulvaney,
President*



Member Brags

Kimberlite's Twist n Shout, aka Abby, earned her RATO (Rat Open) title December 19-20. Abby now has her CD, RAE PT HSAs OJP NJP RATO. Abby is owned and loved by Joye Evans.



Ch. Kimberlite's Shangri-La, aka Edie, earned her RATN the same weekend which, pending confirmation, meets the requirements for her DAE. Congratulations Joye on both of your girls' success!

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Phoenix Crowe and **Ch. Katie** won three more Grand Champion points in Savannah. Way to go girls!



John & Stacey Pollio have a **NEW CHAMPION!**

### **Champion Miracle's DaVini Vidi Vici TC**

At three and half years old, DaVini gaited his way to Winners Dog and Best of Winners at the all breed shows in Montgomery, AL, Savannah, GA, and Orlando, FL, earning his Championship with a total of three majors! DaVini is sired by **Ch. Winsome's Dreamlovebear Peddacre** out of **Van Cleve's Francesca V Miracle TC**. He is owned and loved by John & Stacey Pollio, bred by Stacey Pollio & Nancy Battaglia, and professionally handled to his championship by Scott & Loren Yergin.



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John Conely (who has recently applied for club membership) reported that his pretty young 7-1/2 month old daughter, sired by **GCH Wolf Creek's Galaxy of Merivern** out of **GCH Wonderland's Force of Nature**, on her first two weekends out, won 4 of her 6 classes, including Best Opposite Puppy at the Eastern Virginia Specialty as well as a 4 point major reserve in Orlando, FL. Wonderland's Darby v Wolf Creek has two older sisters that have also been winning. Wolf Creek's Sophie of Wonderland was a BIS winner in MS, and Wolf Creek's Serena v Wonderland went Select at the 2015 National.

**GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG
"RUMOR"
WINS BEST IN SHOW
AT LARGEST EVER
AKC/EUKANUBA NATIONAL
CHAMPIONSHIP!**

We would be remiss if we didn't mention the beautiful German Shepherd Dog, Rumor, even though you may have already heard about her ...



*National Champion Beats Dogs from All 50 States
and 27 Countries*

Orlando, FL (Dec. 13, 2015) – GCH Lockenhaus' Rumor Has It V Kenlyn, a German Shepherd Dog known as "Rumor," triumphed over more than 4,000 dogs to earn a \$50,000 cash prize and the title of Best in Show at the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship, held this weekend in Orlando, Fla. "Rumor," owned by Deborah Stern, Pamela Buckles, Patti Dukeman, Pam McElheney and Kent Boyles of Maumee, Ohio, was crowned "National Champion" by Best in Show judge Mr. Robert Stein after a weekend of intense canine competition.

Congratulations RUMOR

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**Christmas Party 2015**

Since pictures sometimes speak louder than words, suffice it to say, everyone who attended our annual Christmas party seemed to have a great time. More pictures are posted in our Facebook group; below are a just a few. Remember, you can find the club's FB Group by clicking this link:

[www.facebook.com/groups/177807582290973/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/177807582290973/)

Who knew stealing gifts could be so much fun!



## Upcoming Events Calendar

### JANUARY:

Our next regular club meeting will be on Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 8pm at the Atlanta Humane Society. Board members will meet at 7pm.

### MARCH:

Our annual Match is coming up in March. Please extend your hand to help with the match as a Match co-chair. Please step forward to lead the Club in this annual endeavor. This year we will send out flyers and emails to all breed Clubs at a much earlier date – we want to fill our Performance Classes. If you know individuals applying for Performance Licenses let Nancy Mulvaney know so they can be contacted early, BEFORE SPRING.

## Get Your Microchips Now

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

Dogs who are lost or stolen have a better than ninety percent chance of being returned to their owners when they are microchipped. Microchips can also be ordered through the German Shepherd Dog Club of America (aka, the Parent Club), at the low cost of \$19.95. This includes permanently enrolling your dog/puppy in the AKC/Reunite database and you receive a free microchip!

Click the link below to orders yours today:  
<http://store.gsdca.org/product-p/akc-r-001.htm>



## Training

Everyone is welcome to come out and socialize their dog(s) during our training sessions. Training classes are usually held on Wednesday or Thursday nights in a corporate park just north of the Perimeter near I-285 and I-75. The next sessions will start in the spring ... date and time to be announced. Click here to go to our training page:

<http://gsdcatlanta.org/training.php>



**For more information about training, contact one of our following club members, see below:**

Training Director  
Barbara Guzzo (770) 480-0505  
[blueflintcamping@yahoo.com](mailto:blueflintcamping@yahoo.com)

Assistant Training Director  
Erika Tracy (678) 642-9303  
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**The Training Location Address is:**

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

## 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 ensure 100% of puppies produced are AKC registered.

### GSDCA ATLANTA MEMBERS AKC BREEDERS OF MERIT:

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:**

**Nancy Harper-Mulvaney** (770) 640-0149  
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### **Secretary:**

**Erika Tracy** (678) 642-9303  
[gramma510@hotmail.com](mailto:gramma510@hotmail.com)

### **Treasurer:**

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### **Past President:**

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### **Breeder Referral:**

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### **Members-At-Large:**

**Barbara Stamper** (770) 922-0969  
[barickshep@bellsouth.net](mailto:barickshep@bellsouth.net)  
**Connie Irvine** (770) 507-7408  
[francon1@bellsouth.net](mailto:francon1@bellsouth.net)

## **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:

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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.gsdatlanta.org](http://www.gsdatlanta.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.

## **COMMITTEES**

### **Club Phone:**

Connie Irvine (770) 245-0514

### **Hearts & Flowers:**

Jan Eason (678) 549-2113

### **Herding/Library:**

Erika Tracy (678) 642-9303

### **Internet/website:**

Stacey Pollio (404) 353-0588

### **Audit:**

To be announced

### **Equipment:**

Barbara Stamper (770) 922-0969

### **Obedience:**

Barbara Guzzo

### **Versatility:**

Joye Evans (770) 438-2285

### **Awards & Banquet:**

Nancy Harper-Mulvaney (770) 640-0149

### **Working Dog Association:**

Betty Ann Fredrick (770) 639-0747

### **Trophy Chair:**

Connie Irvine (770) 507-7408

## **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](mailto:stacey@miracleshepherds.com)

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