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AKC Annual Awards for Canine Excellence

Is your canine the kind that always lifts your spirits when you're feeling blue? Do you know a dog that helps the sick feel better? Heard of a pooch who played a role in a dramatic rescue? If so, what better way to pay tribute to a deserving dog than by nominating him for an American Kennel Club Award for Canine Excellence (ACE)?

An AKC ACE award is a national honor, given to only five dogs each year who have performed an exemplary act or series of acts, whether large or seemingly small, that have significantly benefited a community or individual. One award is given in the following five categories: law enforcement, search and rescue, therapy, service, and exemplary companion dog.

In addition to the prestige of being chosen, each of the five honorees receives a cash award of \$1,000, an engraved sterling silver collar medallion and an all-expenses-paid trip for dog and owner to Tampa, FL, to be honored at the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship in January 2006. The engraved names of the five recipients will also be added to the ACE plaque that is on permanent display in the AKC Library in New York City. All entrants will receive an AKC ACE Certificate of Recognition in acknowledgement of their nomination.

Anyone, including the dog owner or handler, may submit a nomination. Submissions for the American Kennel Club Awards for Canine Excellence for 2005 must include:

- A non-returnable, original photograph of the dog. Hi-resolution electronic photos (300dpi and at least 5x7 inches or, 72dpi at least 20x30 inches) are permissible but not scans.
- A 500-word-or-less description of how the dog has demonstrated excellence.
- Dog's call name, registered name if applicable, breed, age and sex.
- Owner/Nominator name(s), address, phone number, e-mail address.

Please note that to be considered, dogs must be AKC registered or registrable.

Nominations will be accepted until June 15, 2005 and should be sent to:

Ronald N. Rella
ACE Awards 2005
The American Kennel Club
260 Madison Ave., 4th Floor
New York, New York 10016

Email submissions:
ACEAwards2005@akc.org•



GSDCA Annual Award's Banquet

July 23, 2005 • Drinks 6:30 • Dinner 7:00

Are you eligible for an award?

If your dog earns/earned a title between
June 2004 – May 31, 2005, you're eligible.

Start gathering your awards and get them ready to submit.

Details on the dinner and awards will come in future issues of
the *Guardian* and be posted on the website.

Meetings of the GSDC of Atlanta are held at 8:00 p.m. the second Monday of each month (except July & December) at the Atlanta Human Society, 981 Howell Mill Road, Atlanta, GA. The next meeting will be held Monday, April 11. The GSDC of Atlanta encourages visitors to attend Club meetings.

Board Meeting Information – Board meetings are held at the home of one of the Board Members and are open to all Club members (members must notify the host Board Member before attending). Club members are not permitted to participate in discussions (unless delivering a committee report) or to vote.

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AKC Needs Club Support to Spread Responsible Dog Ownership Message

The American Kennel Club (AKC) is pleased to announce that the third annual AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day will be held on Saturday, September 17th (the day the AKC was founded in 1884). The goal of the initiative is to educate first-time dog owners about the responsibilities of dog ownership and help current owners enhance their relationships with their pets.

All AKC-affiliated dog clubs are encouraged to participate by holding public events in their communities anytime during the month of September. All clubs and organizations wishing to hold an AKC RDO Day event are asked to fill out the online response form by August 1, 2005. The first 500 who confirm the details of their event will receive a resource-filled packet including posters, brochures, sample press releases and many more materials that will assist them in putting together an entertaining and informative event. All events

will be listed on the AKC web site, searchable by state, beginning on July 1.

On Saturday, September 17th the AKC will hold flagship events in both New York City and Raleigh, North Carolina, where their offices are located. Included will be activities such as AKC Canine Good Citizen tests, Obedience/Agility/Rally demonstrations, ID clinics, breeder referral and rescue information, raffles, games and many more entertaining and educational events.

“Holding an AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day event is a great way for fanciers to reach out and demonstrate what dogs and the people who love them bring to a community. Hosting an event can help a club raise their visibility with local legislators and news media as well as establish themselves as a resource for the public to learn about training, locating reputable breeders, AKC dog shows and so much more,” said

AKC spokesperson Gail Miller. “We hope that our clubs will join us and help demonstrate all the ways that the purebred dog fancy positively impacts the public.”

To learn more about AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day, sign-up to hold an event or view photos and information about previous years' events, please visit <http://www.akc.org/clubs/rdo/index.cfm>.



Whelped March 20, 2005
6 Males and 2 Females
Sire: Jarick's Fools Rush In of Melana OFA prelim H/E
Dam: Melana's Lovin' Scoop-ful OFA H/E

Contact: Melissa Campbell at 770-459-4330 or melanagsd@bellsouth.net

Club meeting minutes can be found in the members only section of the Club website www.gsdcatlanta.com.

The German Shepherd Dog Club of America wants you (as a member). To apply for membership, visit: www.gsdca.org/Noframes/membership_new.html.



2005 GSDC of Atlanta B-OB Match



Best Puppy
Sara
Sire: Packy (Heikobs)
Dam: Sara
Breeder(s): Joan Turner and Peggy Kurz



Best Opposite Puppy
Windsweep
Sire: Ch. O'Danny Boy of Heinerberg
Dam: Ackerman's Miss Honeysuckle
Breeder(s): S. McDaniel and B. Barton



Best Adult
Kadaki's Cadence of Randar
Sire: Ch. Trafalgar's Premium Blend
Dam: Carmil's Jazz of Stoneway
Breeder(s): Randy Carney



Best Opposite Adult
Cran-Jo's Nawlins Bye-U
Sire: Royal Vladimir of Strongberg
Dam: Cran-Jo's Laces & Bows
Breeder(s): Patricia G. Johnson

Thank you to everyone who pitched in to make the day successful especially our Conformation Judge, Libby Cameron and our Obedience and Rally Judge, Diane Pegram.

A huge thank you to all of our stewards and everyone else whose contributions made the Match such a success.

There are far too many names to mention, but the Match would not have happened without you.

Meanwhile, at the Obedience Ring!!



Rally Advanced – 1st Place (100) - Washintaul's Luxan D'Argo, CGC, CD, RN, owned by Ken and Faith Wallace; 2nd Place (100) - Athena's Mya Fire, CGC, CD, NA, NAJ, RN, PPD1, TDI, owned by Ken and Faith Wallace; 3rd Place (93) - Abraxas Kimberlite's Kacy, PT, HSAs, RN, owned by Kim McNamara • Rally Novice – 1st Place (84) WarrenMiller Aspen Powderhound owned by Joe and Susan Morabit • Pre-Novice – 1st Place - Bronson Nolde Son of Rex owned by Sandra Kay Watson.



If our
dogs
could read,
they would
read this book.

Help for Your Shy Dog by Deborah Wood

The right advice is critically important to working with “special needs” dogs, and this is just the book to use. Deborah Wood does a wonderful job of making real-life scenarios meaningful.

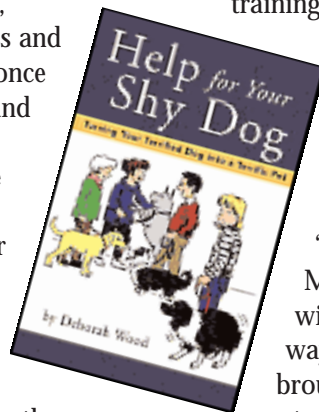
This book expertly blends the author’s professional background working with emotionally damaged people with her canine experience. She has clarified many misconceptions and presented solutions in a way we all can apply successfully.

Meet nine dogs—Goldie,

Weazie, Nellie, Challenge, Tarah, Colter, Reno, Tess and Briggs. All were once fearful and shy, and skeptical owners and shelters alike feared that these dogs would never enjoy happy, active lives. Now, these canines are great companions, therapy dogs and obedience competition winners.

What has helped transform these terrified dogs into such terrific pets? Sensitive,

specific and practical training methods



explained by dog trainer Deborah Wood. An owner of a former “terrified” dog, Ms. Wood shares with readers the ways in which she brought her beloved pet out of her shell and right into the hearts of all who meet her.

A must read for anyone who owns a pet pooch that is scared or shy. •

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In memory of my two beautiful girls...



Amherst's Custom Made Lexus
May 11, 1990 to September 21, 2004

Lex was the foundation of Jomari Shepherds. I was very blessed to have her in my life for so long. She was not only a beautiful strong bitch, she had a "true" GSD temperament and feared nothing. No doubt, Lexie is up in heaven ruling the roost somewhere!



Ch. Jomari's Tequila Sunrise
May 12, 1995 to February 18, 2005

Quila was the gorgeous granddaughter of Lex. She unfortunately lost her struggle with liver disease and was taken from us much too young. Her best buddy "Solo" and I are both devastated over her loss, but I am comforted by the fact that she is no longer suffering. Quila blessed me with two litters of beautiful puppies. I am hoping to soon have her grandbabies out of her daughter "Jomari's My Fair Lady" to carry on Quila's legacy.

Godspeed to my lovely girls.

Love, Mom

STUD Directory

The following are Club member's dogs which are offered for public stud. For more information on a stud, including terms and fees, contact the stud dog owner. Most stud owners require notifications on the first day of the bitch's season and proof of current BC/VC.

Ch. Kagen's Roll Tide, HIC OFA GS4465G24M

SIRE: Ch. Kagen's Legend of Andiron, CD, TC, CGC, HIC, OFA GS-3526F24M
DAM: Ch. Cartel's Jessica Flanders, ROM (Lothario daughter) "Bama"

This handsome red & black dog with all majors under noted specialty judges. The planned breeding of our two best producing champions is the culmination of several generations chosen for style, type and movement. His littermates include Ch. Kagen's Ringleader, HIC, OFA; Kagen's Ragtime HIC, OFA (major reserve winner) & Kagen's Rather Risque CD, HIC, OFA. He is dominant for producing wonderful sidegait (long & low in stride), fabulous pigment, beautifully masculine head, short hocks, perfect feet, dark eyes, full dentition & excellent temperament.

Breeder/Owners: Gene & Kaye Valentine, 1542 Narroway Church Circle, Dallas, GA 30132, (770) 433-8600, <http://members.aol.com/kagensd>



Multiple BOB winning BISS CH. Adelgard's Yancy D von Marquin

SIRE: Double/Double GV Marquin's X-tra! X-tra!

DAM: Schneiderhof's Highland Treasure (Ch Highlander ROM daughter)

"Yancy" hit the ring running, completing his championship in 9 shows start to finish with multiple Best of Breed wins from the classes over Specials. He is a close coupled sable and is ALL male with a blocky head, tremendous bone and substance, and outstanding character. Yancy is turning heads all over the Southeast. Watch for him at a show near you! Proof of BC/VC required.

Owner: Suzanne Kinman, 2320 Georgia Hwy 20 SE, Conyers, GA 30094, (770) 761-5748, www.tsalishpherds.com, tsaligsds@comcast.net



Melana's Murphy's Law (Major pointed)

SIRE: Dbl Am & Dbl Can GV Sel. Ch. Marquin's Xtra! Xtra! OFA H/E

DAM: Melana's Obsession v Clihu OFA H/E (dam of 2 Champions)

"Murphy" has started his career with a 5 point major from the 12-18 class at 13 months of age. He was also the 2nd 6-9 Puppy Dog at the 2003 GSDCA National - the 3rd National placer his dam has produced. He's a large, heavy boned male with a nice masculine head, dark eyes, full dentition, and excellent feet & pasterns. He has a smooth, balanced sidegait with an exceptional forehand, strong ligamentation and is squeaky clean coming and going. Murphy is an eager, assertive stud dog with his first litter on the way. BC/VC required.

Owner: Melissa Campbell, 140 Tyson Rd, Villa Rica, GA 30180, (770) 459-4330, www.melanaspherds.com, Mjc114@bellsouth.net



GSDC of Atlanta Club
Training starts Tuesday,
April 19 at Cobb
Galleria. Please see the
Club website for
details.

Club Meeting Hospitality

Following is a list of
club members who
have volunteered to
bring refreshments to
club meetings.

Refreshments do not
have to be elaborate—
just drinks and snacks.

Email or call
Susan Morabit at
slmrn98@bellsouth.net
or 770-977-1557 if you
want to volunteer to
bring refreshments.

April
Ren Burnette

May
Open

June
Denise Groenewald

Color in the German Shepherd Dog

By *Sophia Kaluzniacki, D.V.M. (abridged)*

The German Shepherd Dog standard has this to say about color: "The German Shepherd Dog varies in color, and most colors are permissible. Strong, rich colors are preferred. Pale, washed-out colors and blues or livers are serious faults. A white dog must be disqualified." This description is not very complete, but it does support the premise that color is not to take precedence over the working qualities of the dog. The basic colors are sable, black and tan, and solid black.

The vast majority of German Shepherd Dogs are some variation of black and tan with a black mask. The tan markings can vary in color from pale fawn and silver to rich red and mahogany. Most fall somewhere between these extremes. The gradation of colors in the tan points is quite arbitrary and not distinct. All shades are acceptable but the richer shades are

generally preferred. The amount of tan markings also varies a great deal, with some dogs having very few markings and appearing almost black, to other dogs that have very little black.

The sable in German Shepherds is the color that is genetically known as agouti or wolf gray. The sable or wolf color, can also vary a great deal with dogs that are almost silver in color with black tipping to the hairs, to dogs that are gray, golden or mahogany sables. All of these sables have guard hairs that are banded in color and tipped with black.

Solid black is also a very acceptable color, but it is less often encountered. It is seldom completely solid, with most dogs showing at least a few tan hairs between the toes and around the rectal area, under the tail. •



Breeder's Directory

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We have beautiful dogs with sound minds bred with an emphasis on family temperament. Fully guaranteed puppies you can be proud of for show, pet, or performance. CH OFA stud. Melissa Campbell, 140 Tyson Rd., Villa Rica, GA, 770-459-4330, Mjc114@bellsouth.net, www.melanashepherds.com

GREENWOOD SHEPHERDS

Quality German Shepherds for show, pet, or obedience. Contemporary bloodlines. Puppies occasionally. All sales guaranteed. CH OFA stud available. Bill & Denise Groenewald, 6652 Vaughn Rd., Canton, GA 30115, 770-720-0125, Rikers123@aol.com, www.greenwoodshepherds.com

KAGEN SHEPHERDS

Owners & Breeders of numerous champions since 1970. Showable puppies available. We will sell our good ones to show homes. Champion OFA stud service. Puppies Occasionally. All sales guaranteed. Visitors always welcome. Gene & Kaye Valentine, 1542 Narrowway Church Cir., Dallas, GA 30132, 770-443-8600, Kagengsd@aol.com, http://members.aol.com/kagengsd/

MISSMIC/HMS

Breeder of 14 Champions. Puppies Occasionally, home raised with kids. All Sales guaranteed. Joan Turner, 6654 Vaughn Rd., Canton, GA 30115, 770-345-0763, Missmicgsd@alltel.net

Dog Behavior Research Project by Susan Morabit

With the completion of the draft sequence of the dog genome, scientists now have powerful tools for understanding the relationship between genes and behavior.

Dr. Steven Hamilton and Dr. Karen Overall have joined efforts to develop genetic projects focused on canine behavioral conditions. Dr. Steven Hamilton is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of California, San Francisco, Langley Porter Psychiatric Institute. His research is focused on mapping genes for complex traits. Dr. Karen Overall is a world-renowned animal behaviorist and researcher at the Center of Neurobiology and Behavior at University of Pennsylvania, School of Medicine. They are particularly interested in studying dogs suffering from panic, anxiety related disorders, and aggression.

For one part of this project, much needed dog DNA is being requested from the dog community to understand the genetic diversity across breeds. Participating dogs of all pure or mixed breeds are welcomed. This approach,

particularly useful in looking at common traits that appear to affect all or most dog populations, relies on using a diverse array of dogs. In this case, having a large number of dogs with the trait being studied is helpful.

The other major component of this project is to identify pedigrees from purebred dogs in which behavioral problems, such as anxiety and/or aggression, are apparent. Why purebred dogs? Genetic mapping of traits, whether coat color, cancer, or behavioral conditions, is often facilitated by using "genetically homogeneous" populations. This means that the shared genetic background of purebred dogs is circumscribed, or simply put, was handed down from a limited number of founder dogs for the

breed. This ensures that all or most of the dogs with a trait within a breed are more likely to share the same genetic variation or mutation. This dramatically simplifies the process of finding the genes for these traits.

Our group has been invited to participate in this study, and I encourage everyone to take part in this wonderful opportunity to gain valuable information about our wonderful 4 legged companions!

For the details and the goals of the study, you can go to

<http://psych.ucsf.edu/k9behavioralgenetics>

You will be required to do two cheek swabs to

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The speaker for the **April** meeting is Nancy Harper, who owns Pet Air Carrier — shipping everything from birds and ferrets up to equines. She will speak on shipping pets.

May is the "show meeting," so there will be no speaker.

In **June**, Dr. Cribb formerly of Cobb Emergency and North Fulton Emergency Vets will speak on how to decide if your pet needs immediate medical attention or can wait until morning. He will address symptoms needing immediate attention.

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**If you cannot
RESCUE, do not
BREED.
Pets are for a
lifetime, not
throw-away
toys.**

— Atlanta GSD
Rescue Website

For more information
on GSD Rescue, visit
atlgdsrescue.com or
call 770-247-8396.

Special Focus on Rescue GSDs

The below photos represent three of the four dogs in our Club's Tuesday night Novice Training class.

All three dogs are Atlanta German Shepherd Dog Rescue dogs.

Thankfully, **Sangie** has already found her new forever home with Louise Hendrix who began the novice training with her several weeks after Louise adopted her. Louise plans to do additional training with Sangie and hopes to join the club to learn more about the breed. Sangie shares Louise with a sheltie named Callie and a cat named Callie (Louise didn't name them —

coincidentally they came with those names).

Sadie is being fostered by Joye DeMoss. She is a little over a year old and has been with Joye a while. Sadie is a wonderful girl, but definitely an alpha, so she needs to go to a home where she is the only female dog. She is an active girl who loves spending time outdoors, adores humans, is housebroken, crate trained and gets along with cats. Sadie is very smart and uses it to her advantage whenever she can. Her new home must include an owner with experience in being owned by a German Shepherd Dog.

Mickey lives with Janet Barwick, Ranger and Lily. Mick is rambunctious, and while he likes children, he is probably not good for very young kids. He is housebroken and crate trained, but still likes to chew things. He is a thief and will grab any shoes, socks or underwear he can find and run off with it. It may be found in one piece or not. Mick is a young adult who must have a home with a large fenced yard so he can burn off some energy. He cannot go with another male dog but needs a female friend to play with. He would be best with an experienced dog owner. •



Sadie



Sangie



Mick

Research *continued from page 10*

collect DNA on each dog and fill out a questionnaire about your dog's behavior. All results are confidential.

The research kits are free, but we are required to pay the postage on the kits we return.

This study is open to all dogs, but the research group has agreed to give our group a confidential summary of the behavioral traits of our dogs.

This study is open to all of our dogs, whether registered or not, breeding dog or family pet and even those dogs that are perfectly normal members of your family. The normal dogs are just as important to the

study as dogs that may be anxious or fearful. It is important to have the DNA of normal dogs to compare to the DNA of dogs that may have behavior problems.

They would also like to collect DNA on puppies.

If you would like to participate in this study, email me at Slmnr98@bellsouth.net and give me your name, address, email and the number of kits required.

I will forward this information to the research group and they will mail the kits to you.

If you know of anyone who is not in the club (i.e.

Puppy buyers!), please pass this information on to them and encourage them to participate. I know some of you out there have other breeds at home. Please include them in this study as well.

It is so important to preserve the personality and temperament of this special breed. This study may be the first step to help us define the traits that make our dogs special and hopefully someday, we will understand how these traits are inherited.

This is such an awesome opportunity to work with an outstanding research team. •

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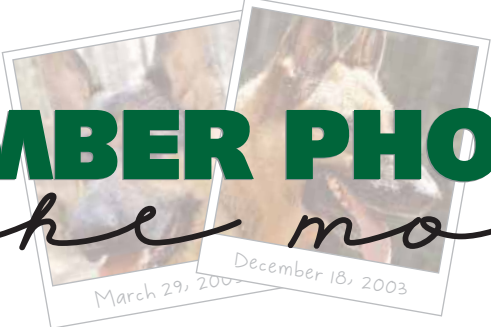
AKC Rally Seminar
Saturday, April 23
9:00 am to 3:00 pm
ADOG Training Facility
Chamblee, Georgia
\$40 (lunch and snacks included)
Contact: 770-923-4049

**AKC Seminar:
Information for Those
Thinking About
Applying to Judge**
Saturday, April 16
1:00 - 5:00 pm
Perry, Georgia
\$30
Contact: 919-816-3595

**German Shepherd
Club of North Georgia
Match**
More information to
come on time, classes,
etc.
Sunday, May 15
Red Top Mountain
State Park

MEMBER PHOTOS

of the month



Scout, owned by Greg and Laurie Hyde



Naya, owned by Ken and Faith Wallace, leaps tall hurdles in a single bound at an agility trial



Rhett, owned by Ren Burnette earns his first Rally Novice leg in Jonesboro, GA

To have a photo of your GSD(s) considered for a future issue, e-mail a photo to GSDGuardian@earthlink.net.

Be sure to include the name of the dog(s) and any people, the location and date of the photo, and the name of the owners.

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