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## Cool New Toy for Your Dog by Ken Wallace

Naya and D'Argo loudly (and some may say menacingly) "greet" the UPS truck each time it rumbles to a stop in front of our house. So much so that I fear the man in brown may one day turn and run before dropping the package on the porch.

If, however, D'Argo knew what was in the big box that was delivered a few weeks ago, he would have been smart to stifle his bark. Because if Mr. UPS turned and ran, D'Argo's would never have realized his dream of never-ending fetch. You see, along with the dog-biscuit peace offering the UPS man now routinely leaves with all packages, he dropped off the GoDogGo™, the first, and still the only, Automatic Fetch Machine for dogs.

How can I put this? D'Argo is a fetching maniac. A perfect day for him would be retrieving hundreds of balls (followed by running through the sprinklers, but that's another story). But as you can imagine, he can't throw the balls himself (something about not having opposable thumbs, I assume). So that means he needs a ball thrower. That, of course, would be me. Until now!

Yes, now D'Argo can play fetch by himself. The GoDogGo tennis ball launcher was designed to provide hours

of healthy exercise and enjoyment for dogs. The GoDogGo is now D'Argo's personal playmate that's ready to play whenever he is!

According to the company website ([www.godoggoonline.com](http://www.godoggoonline.com)) GoDogGo was designed to let people choose how much or how little interaction to have with their dog while he's playing with his new favorite dog toy.

GoDogGo is a remote-control tennis ball launcher designed specifically to play fetch. The manufacturer knows there will be days that you'll want to play with your dog and his new favorite dog toy and other days, when you're tired or busy, that you'd prefer your pooch entertain himself. GoDogGo was invented by a loving dog owner who felt the same way. That's why GoDogGo has both automatic and manual ball launching settings. From the remote control, you can set GoDogGo to any one of three modes. In the two automatic modes, your GoDogGo will launch tennis balls to your dog every 7 or 15 seconds. In the manual mode, your GoDogGo will launch a new ball with each press of the button.

GoDogGo was meant to be used in small yards, big yards, dog parks, and

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**Practical Protection Dog (PPD) Spring 2005 Trial**  
Saturday and Sunday, May 14 and 15  
Check [www.protect-dog.com](http://www.protect-dog.com) for more information, classes, times and location.

**People 4 Pets Humane Society Fur Ball 2005**  
*Black Tie (optional) Affair at the Historic Canton Theater*  
Saturday, June 11  
Contact Felicia McAleer, 770-516-7885 for more information.

**Fun Match Hosted by The German Shepherd Dog Club of North Georgia**  
Sunday, May 15, at Red Top Mountain State Park. Registration: 10:30 -11:30 am; Judging starts at 12:00. \$5.00 entry per dog. For more information and show flyer, email Becky Barton at [beckbart7@bellsouth.net](mailto:beckbart7@bellsouth.net).

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, May 9. 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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## Georgia Canine Coalition

The Georgia Canine Coalition, Inc., (GCC) is a non-profit organization dedicated to responsible dog ownership in the State of Georgia through communication, education, and fair legislation. The GCC accomplishes its mission by sponsoring informational programs; publishing a newsletter; monitoring legislation on the state, county and municipal levels; and advancing favorable legislation.

The GCC has a membership of All-Breed and Specialty Breed Clubs (including the German Shepherd Club of Atlanta), Hunting, Herding, Obedience, and Training

Clubs and individual members, representing approximately 25,000 dog owners, handlers, breeders, and judges throughout the state of Georgia.

The GCC supports fair legislation governing animal abuse and neglect. The GCC opposes legislation that will restrict dog ownership, restrict breeding and eliminate canine activities.

The GCC is composed of concerned and informed individuals and dog-related organizations throughout the State of Georgia. It is also supported by generous individuals and animal-related organizations. The GCC welcomes individuals

and dog-related organizations who espouse the goals of the GCC.

The GCC is dedicated to protecting Human/Canine activities which provide for varied emotional and physical needs. These activities contribute largely to a thriving local economy; veterinarian services, dog food, pet supplies, grooming, and training. The economy is also bolstered through the use of therapy and assistance dogs, local shows, obedience and agility trials, hunting, herding or other canine competitions.

The GCC accepts contributions from private sources, individuals, member clubs, veterinarians and a variety of animal-related organizations. Contributions are used to fund legislative activities, education and communication in support of the rights of Georgia dog owners.

For further information about GCC and how you can get involved, visit <http://georgiacaninecoalition.org>.

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Club meeting minutes can be found in the members only section of the Club website [www.gsdcatlanta.com](http://www.gsdcatlanta.com).

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



# The German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta

## Annual Award's Banquet

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



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Price TBD

Checks should be payable to GSDC of Atlanta and sent to  
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Payment must be received by July 1

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### Are you eligible for an award?

For titles in obedience, Rally, agility, herding, tracking or other sport, send, in writing, the names of the dog and the owner(s) (as you want them to appear on the plaque), title of the dog and verification of the title to Susan Morabit via email at [slmrn98@bellsouth.net](mailto:slmrn98@bellsouth.net).

For titles in conformation, send, in writing, name of the dog and owner (as you want it to appear on the plaque) and a copy of the champion certificate to Susan Morabit via email at [slmrn98@bellsouth.net](mailto:slmrn98@bellsouth.net).

If you want a picture of the dog on the plaque, please send a picture with your name on the back with all of your information to Faith Wallace at the above address.

Please note titles must have been earned between June 2004 – May 31, 2005. All title information must be received by June 13 (the date of our June club meeting) in order to receive an award at the banquet.

### Place your votes!

Vote for the GSDC of Atlanta's Most Valuable Member and Most Valuable New Member. Email your vote to Faith Wallace at [faithwallace@earthlink.net](mailto:faithwallace@earthlink.net)

Questions? Call Faith Wallace at 678 581 1102 or email her at [faithwallace@earthlink.net](mailto:faithwallace@earthlink.net).





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

## Schutzhund: Theory and Training Methods

by Susan Barwig and Stewart Hilliard

An outstanding analysis of why and how Protection, Obedience, and Tracking all play an integral part in Schutzhund training, with emphasis on selecting and raising a dog to suit the owner's needs.

### From the Back Cover

Schutzhund is one of the fastest-growing forms of canine competition in the United States. The desire to have a reliable protector and steady family companion all in the same dog has encouraged interest in the Schutzhund philosophy. Schutzhund began in

nineteenth-century Europe as a test of a dog's ability to work for humans. In the early 1900s. Max von Stephanitz refined and redesigned the tests to include obedience, protection and tracking. *Schutzhund: Theory and Training Methods*, a superb explanation of Schutzhund and its components, shows how obedience, protection and tracking all play an integral

part in training a Schutzhund dog.



The authors emphasize selection and raising of the dog to suit the owner's needs as well as crystallizing the goals and techniques in training for each phase of the process. A unique format guides the reader first through an overview of each component and then into the philosophy and training techniques for all activities. •

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## GoDogGo *continued from page 1*

open wide fields. The launch distance is adjustable from 15 to 30 feet, depending on the size of the outdoor space your dog will be playing in (I wish the balls flew farther, but add to the 30 feet the natural bounce of tennis balls, and they certainly go far enough for D'Argo).

We've been trying (not too hard, mind you) to train D'Argo to drop the balls in the bucket, but it's not necessary for your dog to put the balls back in the bucket to enjoy his GoDogGo — you can

always reload the bucket yourself. The manufacturer says that most GoDogGo-addicted dogs have never been trained to do it and still love playing with GoDogGo. I agree.

Since you may want to use the GoDogGo in your backyard or at the park, it can be powered by either six "D" batteries or an electrical outlet (with the included AC adapter). The manufacturer says that when using batteries, GoDogGo will run for up to five fun-filled hours.

The GoDogGo is D'Argo's absolute favorite toy. It's great to watch him anticipate the toss as the little launch motor winds up (You know that GSD head-cocking thing they all do) — then "whoomph" out comes the ball and off goes D'Argo only to run back and listen for the motor and wait for the next ball.

At a cost of about \$150, the GoDogGo is not cheap, but if you have a dog that loves to fetch, check out the GoDogGo. D'Argo is glad we did!•



D'Argo sits and waits patiently for the GoDogGo to throw its next ball. When he hears the whir of the motor winding up he gets ready and then, Whoomph, a ball shoots out. Holding up to 15 balls, the GoDogGo entertains him all day every day.

# 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/kagengsd>*



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](http://www.tsalishpherds.com), [tsaligsds@comcast.net](mailto: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.melanasherds.com](http://www.melanasherds.com), [Mjc114@bellsouth.net](mailto:Mjc114@bellsouth.net)*





### 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.

**May**  
Open

**June**  
Denise Groenewald

## GSDC of Atlanta Versatility Program

By Alice Carnahan

There has been a change to our Versatility Program — the addition of Rally Obedience and as new performance category. Please see the club's web site for a comprehensive listing of the various levels of Versatility awards and how to earn them. Everything is the same except for the addition of Rally Obedience as a new separate performance category.

If your dog is eligible for any Versatility award, please send your information to Alice Carnahan at 3921 Sanders Road, Marietta, GA, 30008. If you have questions, please call 770-222-9292 or e-mail mishaboy@bellsouth.net. Versatility awards do require written confirmation of the dog's receipt of the information/points needed to qualify. The deadline for all Versatility information to be in to Alice is June 15, 2005.

If your dog is eligible for Versatility Intermediate recognition, you will need to notify Alice whether your 4" x 6" photo will be vertical or horizontal so the plaques can be made correctly. If your dog is eligible for a Versatility award higher than Versatility Intermediate, please call or e-mail Alice.

Versatility Started recognition consists of a certificate only. Good luck earning Versatility recognition for your dogs!

Please note that Agility titles earned in the Agility Preferred program *do* count as regular Agility titles, per the AKC's Agility Regulations, Chapter 8. So, those of you with Agility Preferred titles are encouraged to seek recognition for your dogs accomplishments! Thanks to Beth Bradshaw for getting this clarified. •



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## German Shepherds do it Better *by Faith Wallace*

While members of our club were demonstrating their solid structure and gait in the conformation ring at the Peach Blossom Cluster in Perry, GA, others were showcasing their prowess in obedience, Rally, and agility.

At Perry, German Shepherds really did do it better, and GSDCA members supported each other on the sidelines. Why do German Shepherds do it better?

Maybe you haven't walked by the Obedience Ring to see Ren Burnette and Rhett nailing a recall or Ken Wallace and D'Argo sailing over the broad jump. The Rally ring was hopping with qualifying scores from Kacy (Kim McNamara), Rhett

(Ren Burnette), Aspen (Joe Morabit), Naya and D'Argo (Ken Wallace). Kim McNamara was counting up the regional club challenge points while she cheered us on as we turned in circles with 360s, 270s, and loads of about turns.

Perhaps the most excitement was in the agility arena. Chart topping pairs like Jerry Kiah and Rio and Dan Weiss and Villain wowed the crowd through pinwheels and serpentines. Frenzi (Jerry Kiah), Jannu (Beth Bradshaw), and Naya (Ken Wallace) held their own, turning, jumping, and climbing day after day, racking up the qualifying scores.

Then, there were the newcomers: Adel, Aspen, and Chandi. These German Shepherd Dogs are the next generation of agility dogs. Adel's (Delores Weiss) speed, Chandi's (Beth Bradshaw) vigor, and Aspen's (Joe Morabit) precision will make history in the years to come. Waiting in the wings was D'Argo (Ken Wallace) and Veruca (Susan Morabit) studying the competition awaiting their debuts.

The best part of the show was the sheer number of German Shepherd Dogs and club members supporting each other, demonstrating the versatile nature of the breed we love. •

**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.

Ken Wallace and D'Argo collect a ribbon in rally Obedience.



Joe Morabit and Aspen soar to new heights in their first agility trial.



Beth Bradshaw and Chandi zip through the course in Novice Agility.



Ken Wallace and Naya leap tall jumps in a single bound in Open Agility.





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

— Atlanta GSD  
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For more information  
on GSD Rescue, visit  
[atlgdsrescue.com](http://atlgdsrescue.com) or  
call 770-247-8396.

## *My Name is Chiana. What's yours?*

Hey there. My name is Chiana. Well, that's my new name. I'm not sure what my old name was or if I'll get a new name. Either way, I am a four-month-old German Shepherd Puppy. I was found wandering around and a nice woman took me in and fed me. She looked for my family but no one came to get me.

I've been with my foster family since April 18. It's been fun. I have two other GSDs to play with, but they both are so much bigger than me (for now). But I love to run around with them.

I visited the doggie-doctor recently and I weighed about

45 pounds. She says I'm going to be a big girl when I grow up. Yay!

I've met a lot of new people recently. At first I may bark or shy away, but a minute later I see they are nice and have treats and I like them and give them kisses and let them pet me.

Also, when I see a new dog I may bark or hide first, but then I like to run around and play. I've now made several doggie friends.

My foster family has another little furry animal they call a cat. I don't really pay any attention to him. I don't chase him at all, but

sometimes I do go in for a quick sniff.

I have spent some time in a crate and I only cry if I can't see any people or the dogs. At night I sleep in a crate in my foster people's bedroom and I don't cry at all. And mostly I don't have to go out until morning.

I am quite proud to say that I have not had any accidents in the house and I quickly learned where in the yard I should do "my business."

I'm looking for a nice forever home. If you have room for me, I'd love to meet you. •



**My name is Chiana. I am about four and a half months old and, pictures don't lie, I am extremely sweet.**

## The American German Shepherd Dog Charitable Foundation, Inc.

The American German Shepherd Dog Charitable Foundation, Inc. is a non-profit organization devoted exclusively to funding research projects pertaining to the health of the German Shepherd Dog.

We are all responsible for giving something back of ourselves to our breed in thanks for the special dogs who have given us their heart and soul to make our daily lives a happier place to be. They ask nothing more than to be loved and their health needs



met. Working with your Foundation can make this happen.

Each year the German Shepherd Dog Club of America, Inc. receives requests for contributions to worthy projects but that organization, although making some donations from the general fund, does not have the tax exempt status necessary to solicit tax deductible funds. A need for an independent organization was recognized and thanks to some dedicated GSD enthusiasts since 1984 we now have The American

German Shepherd Dog Charitable Foundation, Inc., which allows tax deductible gifts to be made for projects beneficial to the German Shepherd Dog. The Foundation is an exempt organization under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and is registered and files The State of Wisconsin's Form 308, Charitable Organization Annual Report. Your help is needed now to continue funding valuable research studies on various medical problems that affect the German Shepherd Dog and other breeds. Visit <http://www.agsdcf.org/home.html> for more information. •

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## Schutzhund: The Basics *excerpted from [www.dvgamerica.com](http://www.dvgamerica.com)*

Schutzhund started at the beginning of this century as a test for working dogs. Its initial purpose was to determine which dogs could be used for breeding and which had true working ability. The growing demand for working dogs made more sophisticated tests and training necessary. These dogs were needed for police training, border patrol, customs, military and herding. As these tests evolved, more people participated just for the sheer

enjoyment of seeing if their personal dogs could be trained as effectively as these "professional dogs." Now, over sixty years after the first formal Schutzhund rules were introduced, tens of thousands of people participate in the sport each year.

Schutzhund tests three specific areas of a dog's training and behavior: tracking, which requires the dog to track footsteps over mixed terrain; obedience, with many of the exercises

similar to those in Open and Utility (with some exercises requiring the dog to work under the noise of a gunfire); and protection, with the key being the relationship between dog and handler — the Schutzhund dog is capable of the feats of never being aggressive except under specific situations, and even then it must always be under the absolute control of the handler.

Learn more about Schutzhund at [germanshepherd.com](http://germanshepherd.com) •

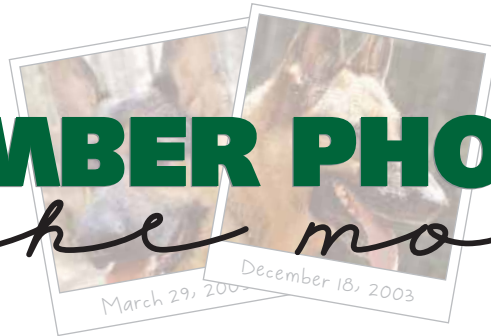
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# MEMBER PHOTOS

*of the month*



Aspen, owned by Joe and Susan Morabit, and D'Argo, owned by Ken and Faith Wallace, enjoy a race around the Doggie Fun Zone, which combines elements of lure coursing and agility.

Check out [www.doggiefunzone.com](http://www.doggiefunzone.com) for more information.

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