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Regional Club Challenge

In 2004, the German Shepherd Club of Atlanta made some noise with its strong entry in the Regional Club Challenge, and took **second place!** Congratulations to everyone who made this great showing possible.

By way of review, the mission of the Challenge is to recognize and foster competition among the GSDCA Regional clubs as well as the sharing of ideas and resources. In addition, the GSDCA Regional Club Challenge is meant to promote camaraderie among the individual members with the regional clubs associated with the GSDCA by encouraging competition with other clubs.

The Challenge competition runs from September 1 through August 31 of each year. This timeframe allows time for points to be compiled prior to the National. Regional clubs may receive credit for events or titles earned during that time.

Awards will be presented at the National to the "Best Regional Club of

the Year" according to the size of the club. The GSDC of Atlanta fits into the, 61+ member category — the largest category.

How Points Are Awarded

GSDCA Regional Club Challenge points will be awarded for titles that were earned in the United States. All AKC, GSDCA-WDA Performance Sports that result in titles being awarded will also be awarded Regional Club Challenge points.

Point categories are broken down in performance and conformation with many subcategories in each section. You can find the specific breakdowns of titles and point values on the Club website.

Individuals are responsible for submitting their own points (the forms will be on the website). Kim McNamara will submit Club information for consideration.

Let's get everything ready for the 2005 Challenge and win first place!•

Letter from the editor – This is my final edition of the *Guardian*. I hope you have enjoyed these last 12 issues as much as I have enjoyed bringing them to you. I can only hope that you offer the next *Guardian* editor the same contributions and overall support you have given me. Thank you.



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

— Atlanta GSD
Rescue Website

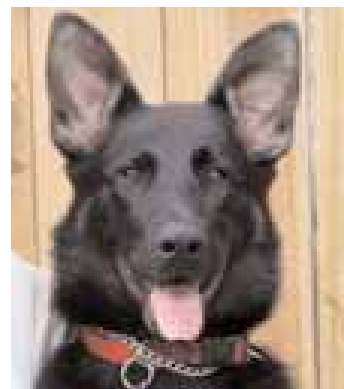
My name is Chiana. I am a 5+ month-old puppy. I've met a lot of new people recently. At first I may bark or shy away, but a minute later I see they are nice and have treats and I like them and give them kisses and let them pet me.

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 lots of new doggie friends.

I don't chase cats (I may want to sniff them). I need to be in a house where I am the only girl dog. Other boy dogs are great.

I'm looking for a nice forever home. •



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

Please send any articles, photos, advertisements, questions, suggestions, etc. to **Ken Wallace**, at GSDCGuardian@earthlink.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, June 13. 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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Club meeting minutes
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www.gsdcatlanta.com.

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wants you (as a
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[www.gsdca.org/Nofra
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.html](http://www.gsdca.org/Noframes/membership_new.html).



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The German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta

Annual Award's Banquet

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



2950 New Paces Ferry Road
Atlanta GA 30339
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\$22 per person

Payment must be received by July 1

\$25 per person for anyone paying after July 1

Checks should be payable to GSDC of Atlanta and sent to
Faith Wallace • 2382 Sainsbury Drive • Kennesaw, GA 30152

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.

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.

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

Questions? Call Faith Wallace at 678 581 1102 or email her at faithwallace@earthlink.net.



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

The Monks of New Skete:

How to Be Your Dog's Best Friend: The Classic Training Manual for Dog Owners

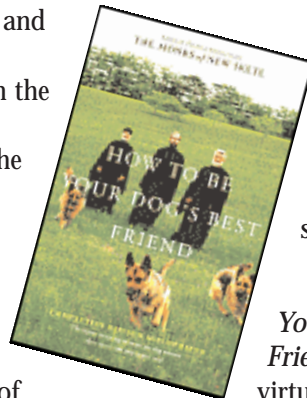
For nearly a quarter century, *How to Be Your Dog's Best Friend* has been the standard against which all other dog-training books have been measured. This new, expanded edition, with a fresh new design and new photographs throughout, preserves the best features of the original classic while bringing the book fully up-to-date. The result: the ultimate training manual for a new generation of dog owners — and, of course, for their canine best friends.

The Monks of New Skete have achieved international

renown as breeders of German shepherds and as outstanding trainers of dogs of all breeds. Their unique approach to canine training, developed and refined over three decades, is based on the philosophy that “understanding is the key to communication, compassion, and communion” with your dog.

The importance of honest and effective communication with your dog is underscored

throughout this guide, especially in the practical training exercises: a detailed, comprehensive, fully illustrated obedience



course through which the monks lead you (and your dog) step-by-step.

How to Be Your Dog's Best Friend covers virtually every aspect of living with and caring for your dog. •

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Junior Showmanship

The Junior must obtain a Junior Number (this is very important, and we recommend taking care of this now instead of waiting so everything is in order come show time).

As we prepare for our upcoming show, the GSDCA of Atlanta is pleased to announce we are offering Junior Showmanship at our trial. We thought we would take this opportunity to refresh you on the rules so our Juniors can show right along with all of us "seniors." You can find the complete rules for Junior Showmanship at www.akc.org/rules/juniors.

According to the AKC website, "Participation in Junior Showmanship is intended to encourage Juniors to learn how to care

for and present different breeds. Part of the educational process could include apprenticeship or assisting professional handlers. Junior may take their employers' dogs into the ring while still retaining amateur status."

Any Junior up to the age of 18 is eligible to compete as a Junior in Performance Events. The Junior must obtain a Junior Number (this is very important, and we recommend taking care of this now instead of waiting so everything is in order come show time). The

dog must be owned by the Junior Handler or the Junior Handler's father, mother, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, grandfather, or grandmother, including corresponding step and half relations, or by a member of the Junior Handler's household.

The AKC will acknowledge any Junior who successfully completes a title. The Junior must have been the handler of record for all qualifying scores leading to the title. All qualifying scores and titles must have been completed after January 1, 1999. Good luck Juniors!•



Jamie Simpkins, 11, showing Cran-Jo's Nawlins Bye-U at the German Shepherd Club of Atlanta's spring 2005 match.

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



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
slmnr98@bellsouth.net
or 770-977-1557 if you
want to volunteer to
bring refreshments.

June
Denise Groenewald

Summer Safety Tips

Summer is here. For many of us that means more time outside with our pooches. The following tips have been adapted from the AKC website. Keep them in mind for a healthy and safe summer.

Beware of insect bites. If your dog is bitten or stung, remove the stinger and watch the site for an allergic reaction. If a reaction occurs or there have been multiple wasp, bee or mosquito bites, take the animal to the vet.

Talk with your veterinarian about flea and tick prevention medications.

Heartworm is a common problem for dogs. Take your dog to a vet for a heartworm check every spring and follow your vet's advice for heartworm precautions.

Make sure that plants and fertilizers

within the dog's reach are not toxic.

The outdoors exposes dogs to the elements. Dogs may need extra brushing and bathing to stay clean and healthy.

No matter how careful and responsible you may be, accidents can happen. Make sure your vet's phone number is close at hand and available to all family members.

General Summer Safety Concerns

Hot weather can make anyone feel uncomfortable, and your dog is no exception. Here are some safety concerns for responsible dog owners:

Never leave your dog unattended in direct sunlight. Heatstroke can occur and lead to brain damage or death. Signs of heatstroke are panting, drooling, rapid pulse and fever. Immediately immerse the

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KAGEN SHEPHERDS

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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

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dog in cool water and seek emergency veterinary assistance.

Never leave your dog unattended in a hot, parked car. When it's only 80 degrees outside, the inside of a car can heat up to more than 120 degrees in just minutes. Leaving the windows partially rolled down will not help.

Always make sure your dog has fresh water.

All dogs should have proper identification at all times. The AKC suggests a collar with an ID tag, along with a tattoo or a microchip.

Keep your dog on a leash when he is outdoors to prevent accidents and injuries.

Try to avoid strenuous exercise with your dog on extremely hot days and refrain from physical activity when the sun's heat is most intense.

Does Your Doggie Paddle?

The majority of dogs can swim and they love it. But dogs entering the water for

the first time should be tested. Here are some important tips for teaching your dog how to swim:

Never throw your dog into the water.

Start in shallow water, and call your dog's name. You can also try to coax him in with a treat or toy - but always keep him close.

Another way to introduce your dog to the water is with a dog that already swims and is friendly with your dog. Let your dog follow his friend.

If your dog begins to Doggie-paddle with his front legs only, lift his hind legs and help him float. He'll quickly catch on and will then keep his back end up.

Swimming is a great form of exercise, but don't let your dog overdo it. He will be using new muscles and may tire quickly.

Be careful of strong currents or tides that are hazardous for even the best swimmers.

Never leave your dog unattended. You should always be in a position to

help him out of the water.

Beach Tips

While we live far from the ocean, if a trip to the coast is a part of your summer plans, there are certain precautions you should take:

Dogs can sunburn. Limit your dog's exposure when the sun is unusually strong, and apply sunblock to his ears and nose 30 minutes before going outside.

Watch the water - dogs are easy targets for jellyfish.

If your dog is out of shape, don't encourage him to run on the sand. Running on a beach is strenuous exercise, and a dog that is out of shape can easily pull a tendon or ligament.

Cool ocean water is tempting to your dog. Do not allow him to drink too much seawater. The salt in the water will make him sick.

Salt and other minerals found in the ocean can damage your dog's coat. So, when you are ready to leave for the day, rinse him off with fresh water. •

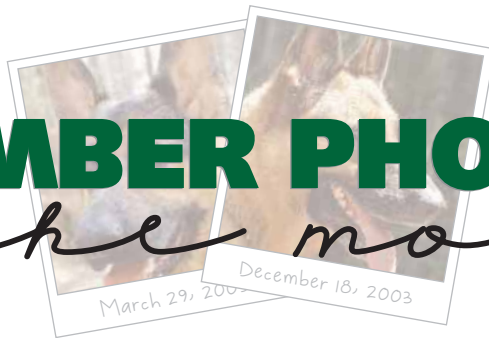
At the June meeting, Dr. Cribb formerly of Cobb Emergency and North Fulton Emergency Vets will speak on how to decide if your pet needs immediate medical attention or can wait until morning. He will address symptoms needing immediate attention.

Big BRAGS!

Abraxas Kimberlite's Kacy PT HSAS added the RA (Rally Advanced) title to her name on May 7 in Anderson, SC. Kacy is trained and owned by Kim McNamara.

MEMBER PHOTOS

of the month



The Hyde Pack has grown with the addition of a 10-week-old male named Ranger (owned by Greg & Laurie Hyde)



Bubba, owned by Freddie and John Forrester, serving as a representative of War Dogs, was the only dog allowed at the Wall.

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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