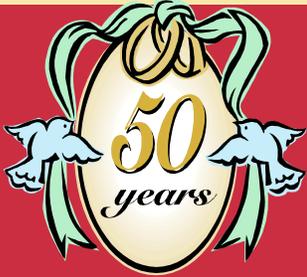




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celebrates 50 wonderful
years next month*

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Dogs are not our whole life,
But they make our lives whole.

~ Roger Caras

Club Meeting Hospitality

Contact Susan Morabit at 770-977-1557 or e-mail *slrmrn@bellsouth.net* to volunteer to bring refreshments for a club meeting. Refreshments do not have to be elaborate—just drinks and finger food.

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Club Meetings

Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month , except July and December , at the Atlanta Humane Society, 981 Howell Mill RD, Atlanta, GA at 8:00PM. The GSDC of Atlanta encourages visitors to attend. Our next meeting is September 12, 2005.

Our guest speaker this month is Dr Ana Adams of Hamby Road Animal Hospital in Alpharetta, GA. Dr Adams is a canine reproduction specialist

Club Meeting Minutes

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

Please note that our website has changed to :

www.gsdcatlanta.us



**Don't forget.....
We're Having A 50th Anniversary Party !!**

October 15

*Conformation Judge : Sharon Newcomb
Rally/Obedience Judge : Jean Porter Lynch*

October 16

*Conformation Judge: Barbara Lopez
Rally/Obedience Judge: Barry Roland*

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The President's Corner

Happy New Year!!!! Whoops, that was last January, wasn't it?! LOL Welcome to the new year for the GSDC of Atlanta. Thank you all for having confidence that I would do as good job as your new president.

When I joined the club over 23 years ago I never even thought about being president. My folks had owned Shepherds in the past and at that time I owned Kelly, a small black and tan, female of German import breeding. Kelly and I competed in obedience, and herding [Kelly was the first NON AKC herding titled dog in the club. The AKC program came many years later.....], and did pet assisted therapy. I loved her and wanted to be included in a group of others who loved the breed.

I am a product of this club. The first person I met in the club was Janet Barwick. Yep, our very own Janet! She introduced me to George and Mert Stephens, past Training Directors. I joined the club the Monday AFTER I finished Kelly's CD. Some of the same folks who were active then are still here – Gene Valentine, Kay [Rice] Valentine, Mary Gattone, Carmen Battaglia, Elaine LeRoy, and Don Jones. Boy, was I in for an education. I learned about conformation, and agility, and war dogs, and schutzhund, and a myriad of other things that people do with their companions. This was an inclusive club. I trained with Harry Fewox, then Training Director, who also completed in Schutzhund. Mary, Don, Carmen, and the Valentines introduced me to breed – and what a great group of mentors with which to start! Elaine introduced me to pet therapy. All of these folks, and so many more, taught me not through word, but by example, to serve the club as a member and worker. Others since then have joined the club and from them I've developed a passion and great respect for the war dogs, current and past, for health issues, and companion ownership! I've developed a passion for protecting our companions in the event of a disaster! Because of all the people I've met in this club I've gone on to do things never even dreamed all those years ago. I've become an AKC, ARBA, ASCA, and Rarities conformation judge and an ASCA obedience judge and I've competed in almost every arena that recognizes the German Shepherd Dog. I've also made lifelong friendships that I never would have had had I not met Janet. I AM a product of this club.

While I'm no longer allowed to vote, I am opinionated. I have ideas for the coming year, several of which have already been discussed in the Board, to introduce new programs and bolster old ones. I hope to earn the right to be included in that great list when our new president is elected 20 years from now and look forward to an exciting year of fun and friendships! As I take the reins for the coming year I pray that I've learned enough from Gene and those who have served the club for so long and so well.

Welcome to the new year!

SUZANNE

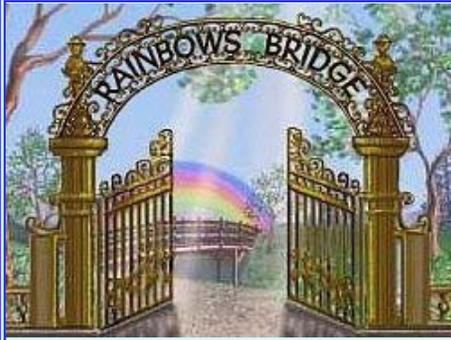
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We Extend Our Sympathies to

*Joyce Quick on her loss of "Kid" Ch Jomari's New Kid In Town H/C OFA
H/E
May 11, 1995 — July 8, 2005*

*Joan Turner on her loss of "Sprint" Ch Collinswood Super Sprint OFA
May 24, 1991 — August 7, 2005*

*John and Freddie Forrester on their loss of HMS' "Brett" Miss Brett Bedford
September 15, 1994 — August 25, 2005*

From Your New Editor

*You'll notice a lot of changes to the Guardian which I hope you will enjoy. Each month there will be a health related article, performance related article and breed related article along with current events regarding our club, the breed and animal legislation that I hope we all can learn and grow from. I have also added a page called Out Of The Crate where you, the reader, can write in and express your opinion on matters related to the breed, The Guardian and the club and give us your thoughts, positive or negative since we can all learn from both views. There will also be an area called Members Tally for members brags and accomplishments. Since we can't possibly know all that is going on, please call or e-mail your brags so we can post them. If you have any ideas for additions or changes, feel free to call or e-mail me and let me know. We want to know what you think.
This is YOUR publication and we want your thoughts and input.*

Denise Groenewald

Board Meetings

Meetings are held at the home of one of the Board Members or prior to a regular club meeting and are open to all Club Members. Members must notify the host Board Member prior to attending. Club Members are not permitted to participate in discussions unless delivering a committee report. Club Members are not permitted to vote.

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Members Shine At Awards Banquet



Saturday July 23, 2005 at the Le Paz Mexican Restaurant in Vinings, the members of the GSDC of Atlanta showed the hard work they've put in this past year with their dogs. Thanks to Faith Wallace and Susan Morabit for all your hard work in putting this together.

CERTIFICATES

Versatility Started

Beth Bradshaw
Joe & Susan Morabit

Chandi von Mansl
Warren Miller Aspen Powderhound CGC, NAJ

Versatility Intermediate

Beth Bradshaw
Kim McNamara

Tashi's Jannu von Manaslu AXP, AJP, CGC, NAC-V, NJC-V
Abraxas Kimberlite's Kacy PT, HSAS, RA, TC

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Athena's Mya Fire CGC,CD,TDI,PPD2,RA,OA,NAJ,TN-N,NJC

Plaques

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Michael & Helen Chamblee (2004)
William & Denise Groenewald

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Ch Greenwood's Tyanna HIC OFA H &
Ch Legend's Magic Onyx of Kck

Margaret Kurz & Sandy Kozub

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Joye DeMoss
Joe & Susan Morabit
Julie Minor & Tom Przewoznik

Rhett Butler Burnette CD, RN
Charbar The Spy Who Loved Me PT, CD
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Peekay CD, RN

Performance Intermediate

Kim McNamara
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Abraxas Kimberlite's Kacy PT, HSAS, RA, TC
Athena's Mya Fire CGC,CD,TDI,PPD2,RA,OA,NAJ,TN-N,NJC
Washintaul's Luxan D'Argo CGC, CD, RN, RA, TN-N

Performance Excellent

Beth Bradshaw

Tashi's Jannu von Manaslu AXP, AJP, CGC, NAC-V, NJC-V

Special Recognition to

Jerry & Denise Kiah

2004 GSDCA Agility/High Scoring Victor MACH 3 Kiahaus Diamond Rio

Gene & Kaye Valentine

2004 Select title on Sel Ch Kagen's Two To Tango

Suzanne Kinman

Best In Show on Ch Adlegard's Yancy D Von Marquin

Pauline Moon

Best In Show on Ch Ropja's Chateau Beaujois

Speaking of Awards

REGIONAL CLUB CHALLENGE NUMBERS ARE IN !!! FROM KIM MCNAMARA

Last year we had a really great year and submitted 485 points, earning 2nd place among large clubs in the Regional Challenge. But this year - the GSDC of Atlanta has taken it to a new level! **I have completed our submission for this year's Challenge, and we have upped last year's total by more than 32 per cent!! Atlanta ROCKS with a total this year of 643 Regional Challenge points!** And remember - we didn't even have Specialty shows this challenge year!

While we didn't finish as many breed champions as last year, we were represented well in this area with two all-breed Best In Show dogs, a Select Excellent at the National and three breed champions. But what really sent our point total skyward was Agility - 220 of our points came from members who have achieved agility titles at all levels. The new sport of Rally obedience was another favorite, with 70 of our points coming from AKC's newest titling competition. **But what's really cool is that we submitted titles for every AKC performance type: agility, rally, obedience, tracking and herding.**

I'd like to single out a couple of our top over-achievers:

Jerry Kiah and Rio brought in 70 points - the highest from any of our dog-owner teams. In just one year they earned MACH2, National Agility Victor, MACH 3, and Rio even appeared on the GSDCA Annual Training Achievement Awards list for points earned by Rio's progeny. And Jerry's newest partner, Frenzi, geared up her agility career with 45 points this year. Jerry is officially forbidden from ever moving away from Atlanta.

Beth Bradshaw and Jannu were close behind Rio with 60 points. Beth and Jannu started the challenge year with zero points and earned six agility titles in record time. Amazing!

Alice Carnahan and Delta showed that sometimes you can earn points without even trying. Alice brought me a copy of Delta's TDI card at our awards banquet and I thought - good! Five points! But when I pressed Alice for a little more documentation, we found she and Delta had earned a total of 40 points - the TDI, a CGC that preceded it, and 6 therapy visits they had made over a three month period.

I'd like to thank all the members who submitted their titles to me - but more importantly who got out there with their dogs doing stuff to demonstrate just how great this breed is. We are well on our way for the next challenge year.

And no matter how we place when the Regional Challenge winners are announced at the National this November - I KNOW for a fact - we already are WINNERS!

Thanks,

Kim



**If you move
If you change your phone number
If you change your e-mail address,
PLEASE let us know by contacting Peggy Kurz at
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Are We An Exclusive Club?

Clubs exist for every type of event from dog shows, to kid shows, to flower growing and bird watching. People seem to have an inherent need to be part of a group. We are a nation of clubs! WE are a group of German Shepherd owners who chose to form and join a club exclusively for German Shepherd owners; to provide areas of competition exclusively for German Shepherds; to provide support exclusively for German Shepherd owners; and encourage camaraderie among German Shepherd Owners. American Heritage defines exclusive as pertaining to or characterized by exclusion. We have separated ourselves to such an extent that the dog show world recognizes us as a power unto ourselves; a Force to be reckoned with; or as an all breed judge recently put it "There are 150 recognized breeds and one religion!" We are an exclusive club!

Exclusive also has a several deeper, darker meanings – not divided or shared with others; catering to a wealthy clientele; to omit from consideration; to disregard; to exclude certain people as from membership or participation.. ARE we an exclusive club?

Each day and each decision made for the club, every vote, and every action should be judged against one standard – as Obe Wan would say "Are you part of the Force or a part of the Dark Side??" Are we an exclusive club in the positive light or have we become the Darth Vaders of the dog world – catering only to a select group to the exclusion of all others?

The CODE committee, who will be selected shortly, will be empowered to plan quarterly Sunday afternoon events, hopefully picnics, to educate newer members of the club. One of the greatest programs CODE produced was by Nancy Battaglia. We set up four rings each with a different judge. After covering the standard, the group selected a ring to start and entered with that group. Each dog was "evaluated" by that judge and each received a verbal critique. Once the group was finished they moved on to the next ring. The owner got to see the judge's thinking process, got four different critiques on each dog, and got to learn a little bit about dog shows and handling. What a way to spend a Sunday afternoon. These are the types of programs we need to return to. We encourage participation of all members – new and old.

The Awards Committee will be empowered to reevaluate our current club awards program. First, any title recognized by the AKC and GSDCA/WDA should be included. No title so recognized should be excluded. Other titles earned outside these venues should be submitted to the Board for consideration BEFORE the title is won. Don't wait until you've earned a title to see if it will be recognized. Additionally, with the new PC Club Challenge we are competing against other clubs for "points" earned by club members. We need to reevaluate our exclusion of certain club members. On the one hand, we will count the titles earned for the club competition. On the other hand will we not acknowledge the owner for all their hard work and dedication? This definitely needs to be reevaluated.

Over the next few months, we will be addressing several new and old projects to better include more of the membership.

The board will be exploring the option of two different rotating meeting sites to better accommodate all the members. Places where we can sit down and have dinner before or during the meeting so that meetings better fit busy work schedules. If you have suggestions, please feel free to offer them. However, do your homework first. Facilities must have a private meeting room, audio/visual equipment and permit us there on a Monday night for several hours.

Have you ever been excluded or felt excluded from club discussions and plans ? New members have too. They need to get caught up on topics under discussion and upcoming events of the club. Let's be *INCLUSIVE*!. We need volunteers able to mentor newer members in club etiquette. Introduce them to your favorite activity and be ready to explore theirs. You need not be an expert in any one activity. Just be an active club member.

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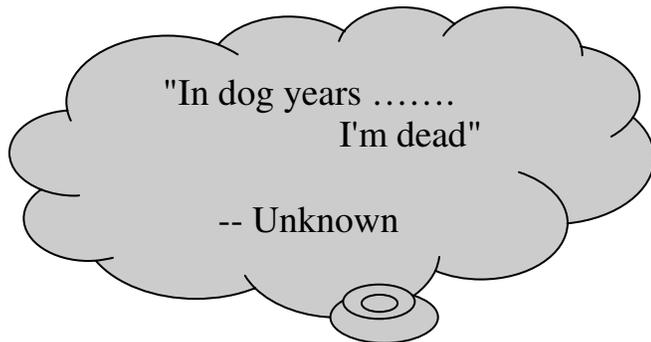
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Support for other aspects of the breed will be investigated. What are your interests?? Please let Scars know what programs you'd like to see. What types of programs and events would you like to see the club participate in?? What events will you be available to work? What obedience classes would you like to see in training? Are you available to teach a class?

The German Shepherd is the most versatile breed in the world - conformation, obedience, herding, schutzhund, agility, war dog, guide dog, therapy dog, police dog, drug dog, SAR dog, companion dog and baby sitter! Our club should be as versatile as the dogs we love! So far as our organization is concerned, no one facet of the breed should be more important than another. We should be an inclusive club – encouraging every aspect of the breed and participation in any aspect of competition. My goal for the year 2005-2006 is this:
"WE ARE AN INCLUSIVE CLUB!"

Suzanne

OUT OF THE CRATE is a section where members can speak about what is on their mind, give suggestions and/or ideas regarding aspects of the club. No kennel names, dog's names or member names will be permitted to be used in any way detrimental to the club in any form. The opinions contained in OUT OF THE CRATE are those solely to the commentator and does not imply endorsement or favoring by The German Shepherd Dog Club Of Atlanta.





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TALKING DOG

A GUY IS DRIVING AROUND AND HE SEES A SIGN IN FRONT OF A HOUSE: " TALKING DOG FOR SALE "" HE RINGS THE BELL AND THE OWNER TELLS HIM THE DOG IS IN THE BACKYARD. THE GUY GOES AROUND THE HOUSE INTO THE BACKYARD AND SEES A HANDSOME GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG SITTING THERE.

**"YOU TALK ? " HE ASKS.
 "YEP" THE GSD REPLIES.
 "SO, WHAT'S YOUR STORY ? "**



THE DOG LOOKS UP AND SAYS " WELL, I DISCOVERED THAT I COULD TALK WHEN I WAS PRETTY YOUNG AND I WANTED TO HELP THE GOVERNMENT. SO I TOLD THE CIA ABOUT MY GIFT AND IN NO TIME THEY HAD ME JETTING FROM COUNTRY TO COUNTRY, SITTING IN ROOMS WITH SPIES AND WORLD LEADERS, BECAUSE NO ONE FIGURED A DOG WOULD BE EAVESDROPPING.

I WAS ONE OF THE MOST VALUABLE SPIES FOR EIGHT YEARS RUNNING. BUT THE JETTING AROUND REALLY TIRED ME OUT AND I KNEW I WASN'T GETTING ANY YOUNGER, SO I WANTED TO SETTLE DOWN. I SIGNED UP FOR A JOB AT AIRPORT TO DO SOME UNDERCOVER SECURITY WORK. MOSTLY WANDERING NEAR SUSPICIOUS CHARACTERS AND LISTENING IN. I UNCOVERED SOME INCREDIBLE DEALINGS AND WAS AWARDED A BATCH OF MEDALS. I GOT MARRIED, HAD A MESS OF PUPPIES AND NOW I'M JUST RETIRED.

**THE GUY IS AMAZED. HE GOES BACK IN AND ASKS THE OWNER WHAT HE WANTS FOR THE DOG.
 "TEN DOLLARS " SAYS THE OWNER.**

**THE GUY SAYS "THIS DOG IS AMAZING ! WHY ON EARTH ARE YOU SELLING HIM SO CHEAP ? "
 "BECAUSE HE'S A LIAR. HE DIDN'T DO ANY OF THAT STUFF."**



Rescues Available



Jinx is a 6-7 month old solid black. Good with children (all ages) and other dogs.

Polly is a 9 month old black and tan female. Just came in to rescue. Currently being housetrained, crate trained and learning basic obedience.

Mickey is a handsome 1 1/2 year old black and tan male. He is house trained, crate trained and knows some basic obedience commands. Mickey is good with female dogs, loves people and is very energetic but is too exuberant for young children. Mickey is ready to go to the right home which MUST have a fenced yard and an owner committed to playing with him.

Also Waiting For The Perfect Home



Resume of Shaggy Newcombe

Description

Shaggy is a 4 year old *pure breed* female German shepherd. She's a well-behaved, protective dog who enjoys the great indoors. When she's not busy sleeping in the sun with her legs up in the air, she enjoys playing with her favorite toy or watching baseball on TV with her owners. She is perfectly house trained and always loves a treat. Shaggy has been the beloved animal companion of Kevin and Joyce Newcombe for four years. Having come from a foster home after being taken in because of abuse, she has been treated with only tender loving care.

Health

Shaggy is *spayed* and also tick and flea-free. She receives monthly doses of Hartguard and Frontline. Shaggy is a longtime patient of veterinarian Dr. Sprott at Newnan hospital, where she has annual checkups and vaccinations.

About Shaggy's Caregiver

As responsible dog caregivers, Shaggy's owners regularly provides fresh water and food each day and allow for plenty of human contact although they both work fulltime. When her caregivers travel, Shaggy would be cared for by one of two professional pet-sitters

References

If it's requested, Kevin and Joyce Newcombe are willing to provide references from neighbors or Shaggy's pet-sitters. Health records from Shaggy's veterinarian documenting that she is spayed, is current on her vaccinations, and receives regular veterinary care will also be turned over.

The Newcombe's would be happy for a potential caregiver to meet Shaggy and thank you for considering her as a prospective member of your family.

Contact GSD of Atlanta Rescue at www.atlgsdrescue.com or call 770-247-8396



Rescue Me

Crates and Rehabilitation of Rescues

An article by Chere Fuller from Bone Up On Dogs

The rehabilitation of rescued dogs can take several paths. Since I tend to "bring in" the medically needy, the dying or the severe behaviorally challenged dogs I use crate training for house training, and to create "changes" in the dog.

The first really important thing with any rescue is consistency or rules. Dogs are comforted by routine, even when the routine is NOT something they're used to. Establishing almost immediately that the dog will remain in the crate when he's not on a leash and supervised, helps eliminate guess work on the part of the dog. The dog cannot roam away from the people and "get cornered" and defensive. The dog isn't loose to make house training mistakes. When a human can't be on the end of the leash the dog is crated, even if the dog resists it. There is no choice in the matter, even if it takes two people to get the dog in the crate. As long as it's not done in anger and harshly, but quietly and persistently then the dog will come around.

Many of the dogs we brought in had never been inside a home, never successfully house trained. Crates allow those dogs to watch you, to watch the other dogs if there are any, to get a feel for the environment without having to react to keep themselves "safe." Usually any new dog is fed in their crate since it's impossible to know if the dog will resource guard food, and a fight with another dog, or a bite taken out of me would be a big set back.

Keeping rules consistent is important. If the dog will always be allowed on the couch, then it's okay to let the dog on the couch. If you're tempted to allow something "for now" out of sympathy or kindness, don't. Changing the rules on dogs is unfair. They don't understand "for now" or "while they're small" if it will be all right when the dog is healthy and full grown, fine. If not, don't do it.

Crating is just such a thing. If you crate immediately and consistently the dog comes to accept and rely on the crate. Adult dogs can and do learn to accept crating and then even to enjoy their crates. Crates become a safe haven, a part of their new life. Then if you need to kennel the dog it has it's crate, if you adopt the dog out, it's crate can go with it. The crate becomes the traveling home, no matter where or why you go. The dog feels safer and has less stress if it's HOME comes without.

Handling rescued dogs is about preventing mistakes, about teaching trust, about reducing stress. Some puppy mill dogs, who've been grabbed or seized periodically actually benefit more from a hands off approach. Keeping the dog confined to an exercise pen and crate area, where the dog can watch and learn from a distance, letting the dog decide when he's ready to accept human interaction and affection.

I have mostly stuck to the method of leashing the dog to me and teaching the dog to follow me while I move around the house. Some call it tethering, some call it umbilical cording, it takes a good long leash and some coordination but does work to quickly establish leadership and a bond. Carabiners work well to attach leashes to belt loops or a belt. Freeing up your hands.

Rehabilitation is a joy once you know how the game is played. Problem solving is really rewarding. And there are so many problems to solve... More later.

If you cannot rescue,

do not breed.

Pets are for a lifetime,

not throw—away toys



From the Atlanta GSD Rescue Website



AGILITY

Introduction to Dog Agility

Special thanks goes to Janet Gauntt for contributing this introductory information on agility. This is a great place to start if you are new to the wonderful sport of dog agility.

Topics:

Basics of Agility

Breeds involved

Ages

Training

Health-related aspects

Basics of Agility

Dog agility is a sport in which a handler is given a set amount of time in which to direct a dog off-leash through an obstacle course. Originally loosely modeled on equestrian stadium jumpers competitions, the sport has evolved its own additional obstacles, scoring systems and performance ideals. Agility made its debut as an entertainment for spectators at the Crufts Dog Show in 1979; it has since become the most rapidly growing dog sport in England, Western Europe and North America. Spectators continue today to get caught up watching the dog and handler's enthusiasm in their athletic race against the clock.

In the United States, there are several national organizations for agility which sanction tests or trials held by local dog training clubs. Trials which are based on the original international rules and specifications call for the highest level of agility from the dogs both in terms of speed and the physical ability to perform the obstacles. There are also domestic varieties of the sport that call for less actual agility (by using lower jump heights and smaller obstacles) from the dog and focus more on the handling aspects of the game.

There are several obstacles common to all the different organizations:

Aframe

Dog Walk

See-Saw

Pipe Tunnel

Collapsed Tunnel

Pause Table

Weave Poles

Tire or Hoop Jump

Various Types of Jumps

[pictures of dogs performing these obstacles can be found at the Agility Photo Journal].

The obstacles used in agility have been designed with both safety and spectator appeal in mind. All jumps have easily displaceable bars so that the dog should not experience injury should he misjudge and take down a jump bar. All obstacles that the dog must physically scale have 'contact' zones painted on the equipment; the contact zones enforce safe training techniques since handlers know that dogs will be faulted unless one or more feet are in the contact zones when ascending/descending these contact obstacles. All contact equipment surfaces are roughened for good traction in both dry and wet weather.

In competition, the obstacles are arranged in various course configurations, always unique from trial to trial, that offer levels of challenges appropriate to the class and experience level of the dogs competing. The handler must direct their dog around the course in the

sequence that has been predetermined by the judge. At the entry levels of competitions, courses contain few complications and are more of a test to prove the dog can competently perform the equipment within a reasonable amount of time. As the dog and handler earn their way into successively higher levels, the courses increase in complexity and begin to require split second timing and coordination between the handler and dog in order to accomplish the course within the 'Standard Course Time' (SCT) established by the judge.

The rules are fairly simple; handlers may give an unlimited number of commands or signals to their dogs, but may not touch either the equipment or the dog. Dogs are 'faulted' for actions such as taking down a jump bar, failing to put one or more feet in the safety or contact zone when ascending/descending contact equipment, taking obstacles out of sequence, and running past or stopping before the next obstacle to be performed. Time penalties are additionally assessed against dogs that exceed the SCT.

Dogs compete only against dogs of similar height at the withers within a fixed number of jump height divisions. The number of height divisions and the ranges of dog heights assigned to a height division (and therefore the difficulty factor) differ considerably from organization to organization. Regardless of the organization, the dog with the lowest number of faults and the fastest time wins the class or height division.

The largest national organizations are as follows:

United States Dog Agility Association (USDAA) P.O. Box 850955, Richardson, TX 75085-0995

American Kennel Club (AKC) 5580 Centerview Dr., Suite 200, Raleigh, NC 27606-3390

United Kennel Club (UKC) 100 East Kilgore Rd, Kalamazoo, MI 49001-5598

North American Dog Agility Council, Inc. (NADAC) HCR 2, Box 277, St. Maries, ID 83861

Agility Association of Canada (AAC) 638 Wonderland Road South, London, ONT N6K 1L8

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Warm Weather Hazards For Your Dogs

Here are some common items we all have around every day when the weather is hot that can poison your dog:

- Animal toxins—toads, insects, spiders, snakes and scorpions
- Blue-green algae
- Citronella candles
- Cocoa mulch
- Compost pile fertilizers
- Flea products
- Outdoor plants and plant bulbs
- Swimming pool treatment supplies
- Fly baits containing methomyl

Being prepared can save your dog's life

- Know your vet's procedures for emergencies, especially those that occur after normal office hours.
- Keep your Veterinarian, Veterinary ER and Animal Poison Control numbers in a convenient location.

Keep a poison safety kit on hand for emergencies

Your kit should include:

- A fresh bottle of hydrogen peroxide 3 % (USP)
- Can of your dog's favorite canned food
- Turkey baster, bulb syringe or large medical syringe
- Saline eye solution to flush out eye contaminants
- Artificial tear gel to lubricate eyes after flushing
- Mild grease-cutting dishwashing liquid for bathing after contamination
- Rubber gloves
- Forceps to remove stingers
- Muzzle
- Crate

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Your Dog's Health

Bloat/Torsion

By Barbara Lee Williams

I came into the German Shepherd Breed as an active participant in the Show Scene in 1954....I do not recall ever hearing the term 'Bloat' in reference to dogs, prior to the 1960's...

Were we seeing Bloat/Torsion and not recognizing it for what it was...as many did not have autopsies performed on their dogs?. Perhaps, we were seeing it early on and simply not recognizing it for what it was? .

The first time I ever heard the word used, 'Bloat'... was in reference to the death of a very beautiful Axel vd Deininghauserheide daughter..., who had been exhibited on the West Coast, where I had seen her, imported by Ernest Loeb. I was told, (I do not know for a fact.) that she died in his Kennel from 'Bloat'... That was in 1961 I believe. I only know this because I had written to inquire about a puppy from her and was told of her very untimely death due to Bloat. I asked, 'What's Bloat? Is that the same thing as it is in horses????? Then, in the late 60's and 70's, we suddenly had many beautiful Show Winning Start dying young, from Bloat/Torsion.. and the long pitiless, endless list, began to march on and on and on....new names added on a regular basis...

...I studied the pedigrees... intently, feeling with an uneasy certainty, that what we were seeing had Genetic implications for the German Shepherd Breed. My close friend Marty Lou Plinski and I have worked for many years gathering the pedigrees of Shepherds who had suffered with Bloat/Torsion and making Genetic charts and keeping track of certain Sires where the incidence was unusually high in affected progeny. This deadly problem reached close to epidemic proportions.

The tragedy is and was, that most people, were so mesmerized by the beautiful progeny they were getting from these dogs even though in many cases they had in common, First Generation Sires and Dams, Relatives and Siblings, who had been stricken by Bloat, They chose to turn a blind eye and deaf ear, and kept inbreeding and practicing close line breeding back into those same lines, without benefit of outcross breedings now and then. ...Blaming the Bloat problem on Diet and Stress, etc. and not facing the Genetic implications that were becoming so devastatingly plain to those few of us who were paying attention. It was a time of covering up the eyes and mouths and ears, and playing the 3 Monkeys." See no Evil...Speak no Evil... Hear no Evil".

What did that attitude accomplish? A firestorm of defective Predisposition to Bloat Genes being released on the entire American Bred Shepherd population... mainly the Conformation Show Lines. Now we look back and say, what happened? I believe if you look at the pedigrees, you will understand what happened...

We still have many today who do not believe that Bloat/Torsion, whether Gastric or Splenic or Mesenteric, is inherited. They believe it is from environmental influences, such as running and exercising directly prior to, or after, such activities. Or it is the Kibble or something else that they are eating or not eating that is causing them to Bloat and Torsion. Or it is STRESS from going for a Car Ride? Or maybe, from being separated from their Owners? They offer a long list of endless possibilities

..Many Authorities have supported these beliefs by refusing to study and research the Pedigrees of the affected and afflicted and accepting only that it is an unpredictable and wholly random Deadly Disease which can strike suddenly, to those who ignore the warnings of feeding their dogs in elevated food dishes, or providing water after a romp in the yard on a hot day and allowing the dog to drink it's fill..etc.. and on and on...with endless warnings and conditions being applied and advised to thwart the Deadly Bloat from rearing it's ugly head.. However, if a dog has not inherited a Predisposition to Bloat/Torsion, they can most likely indulge in any of the warned against activities and conditions and thrive without ever experiencing Bloat/Torsion. It does not matter if they are nervous, high strung or Cool as Cucumbers personality... if they inherit the Predisposition to Bloat, they are like a Ticking Genetic Time-Bomb waiting for the fuse to light and then explode.

EXACTLY What is that fuse?? What lights it? That has been the cause of great concern and conversations among many people for many years, amateurs and professionals alike. I would just like to offer my thoughts for what they are worth after years of being involved with the Disease and hopes for a cure.

I believe it is Inherited as a Genetic Predisposition to Bloat/Torsion as a Dominant with Limited Penetration. Which simply means a Dog or Bitch can inherit the Genetic Predisposition but not be affected themselves, but still pass it on dominantly. So what You see isn't always what you get. The implication of the increase in EPI (Exocrine Pancreatic Insufficiency) which is now considered Genetic in the German Shepherd Breed and only a Random disease in other Breeds, gives us pause to think...and be very concerned... I tend to believe that EPI is a strong possible factor in lighting the ' Fuse ' for Bloat/Torsion, whether it be Gastric or Mesenteric...Plus in Gastric Torsion we may find a connection with the Pyloric Valve having stenosis, a narrowing of the Valve... which could possibly cause a back-up of Stomach fluids, recent Food intake, or just Gas, as often the stomachs are empty with dogs that have Gastric Bloat/Torsion. I would hope research would be conducted to rule that out or in.

In Mesenteric Torsion, where the root of the Intestine is involved and twists, one often finds a case history of a poor eater, suffering with SIBO (small intestinal bacterial overgrowth) or IBS (Irritable Bowel Syndrome) which often leads to Bowel Inflammation and EPI is often a symptom. EPI is not easily to identify and requires some rather intensive and expensive tests. However any Dog whose Complete Blood Panel shows a low average range Pancreatic activity, should go ahead and seek the answer with more sophisticated tests. There are supplements, Viokase, etc. which can be given to dogs who need help. But there is no cure for EPI and it is an inherited Disease in German Shepherds. It is familial, meaning it runs in Families.

Splenic Torsion is another complicated Disease, that is going to require a lot of serious study and research as well, to find the answers. The Spleen is often removed when a Dog has surgery for Gastric Bloat/Torsion as it is so often quite involved and damaged in Gastric torsion.

I am not a Veterinarian nor a Geneticist and these are simply my observations...gathered over a very long time over, 40 years. I hope they are of benefit and will at least lead to Breeders being aware of the Genetic Implications of Bloat/Torsion in German Shepherds.

GSDC of Atlanta Fall Match



Best Adult

Drum's Chocolate Mousse
 Breeder/Owner: Constance Irvine
 Sire : Ch Tara Karley's Legend Kck OFA
 Dam: Ch Windancer Adrahaus Firefox CGC OFA



Best Opposite Adult

Missmic Hei-Kob Win-Fred
 Breeders/Owners: Joan Turner and Peggy Kurz
 Sire : Ch Campaigner's Honor Guard TC
 Dam : Heritage Serendipity Ken-Delaine



Best Puppy

Soaring Softly of Heinerburg
 Breeders/Owners Nancy Harper & Ron Mulvaney
 Sire : Ch Tempest Antigua
 Dam: Am/Can Ch Meghan O'Shea of Heinerberg



Best Opposite Puppy

Crystal Clr's Kagen Rebellion
 Breeder: Crystal Blair
 Owners: Gene and Kaye Valentine
 Sire : Ch Kagen's Boston Pops
 Dam: Crystal's Delta Dream

Obedience

Highest Scoring Dog In Non-Regular Class was Suzanne Kinman with BIS Ch Adlegard's Yancy D Von Marquin HIC CGC

Rally

Novice

- 1st Place was Ren Burnette with Rhett Butler Burnette CD RA
- 2nd Place was Suzanne Kinman with BIS Ch Adlegard's Yancy D Von Marquin HIC CGC
- 3rd Place was Naomi Sonke with Hannah Sonke

Advanced

- 1st Place was Ren Burnette with Rhett Butler Burnette CD RA



Although the heat index was nearly 105 degrees, we had a wonderful turnout on August 21st at Pine Log Park in Conyers, with 29 Conformation entries, 7 Rally entries and 4 Obedience entries. Thanks to Judge Lynda Bragg-Workman for judging all those nice puppies and to Ken Wallace for judging Rally/Obedience in that oppressive heat. Big thanks to those who came early to help set up and those who stayed after to help break down. Special thanks to the members who participated in the raffle to offset the expenses of our AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day that we are hosting along with the GSDC clubs of North Georgia and West Georgia on September 11th. Four people took home water pails, one took home a centerpiece basket and one took home an insulated lunch cooler full of dog supplies and we took in \$ 114.00 that will be used to rent and purchase needed supplies to host the event. One of our Junior Handlers won the 50/50 raffle and took home \$28.50 to add to her college fund. Kudos for the 4 young Junior Handlers who braved that heat and were in nearly every class .

These girls are ones to watch out for. They are good.

PET ANIMAL WELFARE STATUTE

SUMMARY AS OF: HR 2669
5/26/2005--Introduced.

Pet Animal Welfare Statute of 2005 - Amends the Animal Welfare Act to revise the definition of dealer (in animals) to include: (1) sellers of dogs imported from outside the United States; and (2) persons who sell more than 25 dogs or cats or who whelp for sale more than six litters of dogs or cats annually.

Defines "retail pet store" for purposes of the Act as a public retail establishment that sells animals commonly kept as pets in U.S. households (e.g., dogs, cats, guinea pigs, rabbits, and hamsters). Excludes from such definition: (1) a person breeding animals to sell to the public as pets; (2) a person selling hunting, security, or breeding dogs; or (3) a person selling wild animals.

Requires dealers and retail pet stores to provide the Secretary of Agriculture with source records relating to the purchase or acquisition of dogs and cats.

Authorizes the Secretary to extend the period for the temporary suspension of a dealer license for a violation of the Act from 21 to 60 days, if the Secretary believes that such violation will continue past the initial 21-day period and will jeopardize the health of any animal.

Authorizes the Secretary to apply directly to a U.S. district court for a temporary restraining order or injunction to address violations of the Act.

Senator Santorum Introduces Legislation to Protect Pets
Legislation will help end puppy mill abuse

May 26, 2005 -
For Immediate Release
Contact: Christine Shott (202) 224-0610

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senator Rick Santorum (R-PA), Chairman of the Senate Republican Conference, today introduced the Pet Animal Welfare Statute (PAWS) in the Senate to address the lack of regulatory oversight that has allowed some in the pet industry to operate below the acceptable care standards for pets. Senator Richard Durbin (D-IL) is an original cosponsor of the legislation.

Wholesale dog and cat breeding facilities are licensed to operate by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and are required to comply with the rules and regulations of the Animal Welfare Act (AWA) which sets forth standards for humane handling and treatment of animals. However, under current law only breeders and others who sell animals at wholesale are regulated, allowing some clearly commercial breeders and brokers to avoid regulation by selling directly to the consumer. The USDA has very limited ability to oversee the care and condition of animals in these facilities.

PAWS calls for regulation of large commercial breeders who sell directly to the public and does not affect hobby breeders or dog and cat fanciers. The legislation would require a USDA license for breeders who breed seven or more litters of dogs or cats per year. In addition, this broad ranging legislation would cover importers, Internet sellers and other non-breeder dealers who sell more than 25 dogs or cats per year, strengthen USDA's enforcement authority, and assure USDA access to source records of persons who acquire dogs for resale. Finally, PAWS expands the USDA's authority to seek injunctions against unlicensed dog and cat dealers.

"As the proud owner of a two-year-old German Shepard named Schatzie, it is disturbing to see the number of breeders who are careless in their responsibilities of breeding dogs in a healthy and humane environment," said Senator Santorum. "Breeding and raising dogs without respect to the animal's welfare guarantees bad results for the unknowing owner, and for the health of the dog and her puppies.

In an effort to provide the proper care and treatment of animals in commercial breeding facilities, Senator Santorum introduced the Puppy Protection Act in the 107th Congress, which was passed by the Senate and included in the 2002 Farm bill, but was removed from the Farm bill before final passage. The bill called for the enforcement of existing standards for the health maintenance and well being of animals in commercial dog breeding facilities, ensuring that puppies have a safe and disease-free life.

Senator Santorum is a member of the Senate Agriculture Committee and Chairman of the Subcommittee on Research, Nutrition and General Legislation, which has jurisdiction over this issue.

"I look forward to working with Chairman Saxby Chambliss (R-GA) and my other colleagues on the Senate Agriculture Committee to take swift action on this important bill," said Senator Santorum.

Legislation

Alert: NAIA Opposes PAWS S. 1139 the Pet Animal Welfare Statute of 2005

US Senator Richard Santorum of Pennsylvania has introduced S 1139, a bill to amend the federal Animal Welfare Act. Dubbed the Pet Animal Welfare Statute of 2005, this bill poses a dilemma for animal welfare advocates: On one hand, it proposes amendments to bring people who import dogs for resale into the system and to provide USDA with better enforcement tools, goals that are worthy of support. On the other hand, it veers from its original purpose to regulate commercial breeders who sell wholesale into a scheme to regulate breeders by the numbers they produce and sell, an untenable goal that NAIA cannot support.

The question is whether it's possible in the current political environment to make any substantive improvements to the Animal Welfare Act without simultaneously creating unacceptable consequences. NAIA firmly believes that any amendment must support and strengthen the Act's fundamental intent – to regulate the handling of animals in commerce – not weaken it by expanding its scope to other categories of animal breeding and sales.

Unfortunately, this fundamental intent has been blurred by multiple attempts to amend it in recent years. Driven by animal activists who oppose pet breeding, these attempts have changed both public and government perception of AWA goals and hampered efforts to identify remaining problems and devise workable solutions. As a result, the one-page law passed in 1966 has become a patchwork of amendments and regulations extending to an ever-growing array of species in an ever-expanding number of settings. The goals of the Act are still laudable, but they cannot be reached by expanding federal oversight to small scale breeders who produce puppies and kittens as a hobby or avocation in their homes.

Animal industries have significantly upgraded their animal-handling practices in the years since the act was first adopted. Abuses that were commonplace several decades ago are relatively rare today. While recognizing that the AWA spurred many of these changes, we believe that what is needed now is better enforcement of the current Act. We do not believe that the USDA should broaden its coverage to parties based on numbers or any other artificial standard.

The search for real solutions

The federal government should not expand its authority beyond the large wholesale commercial operations they were intended to regulate. Instead, the Department should seek ways of reducing the number of people currently regulated so that it can focus its resources on the areas of greatest risk. Changing the original focus of the AWA from large commercial operations to residential breeders is a bad idea that would unnecessarily strain USDA's budget, take resources and attention from where they are needed and improperly expand the scope of federal authority into private homes, something the Act was never intended to do. Even if the initial regulation of wholesalers occurred because all of the large-scale commercial breeders of the day sold through middlemen, the intended licensees were still large commercial businesses, not small in-home breeders. Many of the states where large commercial kennels operate already have their own kennel inspection programs that are working very well. At the local level, counties fund agencies to enforce anti-cruelty laws. In addition, large national dog and cat associations like the American Kennel Club (AKC) and Cat Fanciers Association (CFA) have significant, time-tested inspection programs in full operation. As a result of these innovations, which are functions that did not exist when the AWA was passed, some kennels are inspected by as many as three entities a year, a wasteful and inefficient practice.

NAIA believes that USDA should consider leveraging the authority and expertise of state agencies and private associations that have reasonable inspection programs so they can focus their resources on enforcing current laws and closing down the few operations responsible for most of the problems. Such a plan would allow large and small retail sellers to be inspected and investigated locally unless the violations include circumvention of the federal law.

Over-regulation always leads to unintended consequences, a fact that animal advocates must keep in mind. The stunning growth of pet imports suggests that American breeders cannot keep up with the marketplace demand for pets. If the current zeal for ever more regulations continues and conscientious breeders elect to give up breeding rather than welcome the federal government into their homes, the number of imports from totally uninspected foreign kennels will grow to meet that demand. Many of these animals may carry contagious diseases that can threaten our pets, native wildlife, and even our own health.

The AWA should not be expanded to include residential breeders. Instead, its current provisions should be strengthened and enforced. People who seek better handling of animals in today's commercial pet trade should work with USDA and other regulatory bodies and stakeholder groups to create an appropriate response for today's challenges.

NAIA will continue to oppose the use of numbers as a threshold for regulation and to support efforts to strengthen the original purposes of the AWA where necessary. We will issue statements and alerts as developments warrant.

The National Animal Interest Alliance is an association of business, agricultural, scientific, and recreational interests dedicated to promoting animal welfare, supporting responsible animal use and strengthening the bond between humans and animals. Our members are pet owners, dog and cat clubs, obedience clubs and rescue groups as well as breeders, trainers, veterinarians, research scientists, farmers, fishermen, hunters and wildlife biologists. Its membership includes some of America's most respected animal professionals, advocates and enthusiasts.

Board O Gram
 July 2005 Board Meeting
 Written by Tom T. Mesdag
 Edited and approved by Ginny Altman

News Flash – August 25 – Re: US AIRWAYS from Nanci Nellis, National Show Chairman

Many of you have contacted me about the US AIRWAYS ban on carrying dogs as cargo or excess baggage after October 31, 2005. I have been in serious negotiations with US AIR executives and management for the past 72 hours. I am pleased to report to you the following:

YOU MUST FOLLOW THESE STEPS: In order to book reservations and arrange for transportation of your dogs on US AIR call 877-874-7687 press prompts 2 and 1 refer to GOLD FILE 89683535

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PLEASE BOOK WITH US AIRWAYS EVEN IF YOU ARE TRAVELING WITHOUT A DOG! They have been exceptionally accommodating and gracious. Have a safe and pleasant trip

Highlights of the July Board Meeting : The third regular Board Meeting of the German Shepherd Dog Club of America, Board of Directors was held on July 30 & 31, 2005, at the Hilton Fort Collins, Fort Collins, Co. On Friday the 29th the board members were welcomed by many of the local club members. We had an opportunity to preview a potential national show site which was approved for the 2007 National Specialty show.

Nominating Committee report: The following members were nominated for the offices and directors as follows: President - Evan Ginsburg; Vice-President - Jerry Guzman; Recording Secretary - Margery Golant

Board of Directors - Leon Breault, Kathy Casteel, Wayne Davis, Nancy Harper, Paul Root, Rita Sandell, Tish Walker

Treasurer's Report: The complete financials for 2004 are on the GSDCA web site in the secured area. They are in PDF format and can be downloaded if you wish to print them out for in-depth study and analysis. 2003 Comparative data is also available for each account category. Details of every transaction is also available for your study.

A reminder to committee chairs who collect money. Please either deposit the Funds to the GSDCA Bank of America account (Treasurer can send you deposit slips) or send the funds (do not send cash) to the Treasurer for deposit. Please do not hold checks as some banks will not honor checks drawn on them after 90 days and it places a burden on the writer of the check who wants their check to clear the banking system.

AKC Delegate Report on AKC DNA certification: Breeders should be reminded that after October 1, 1998, AKC DNA Certification is required for all stud dogs whose semen is frozen. In other words, semen stored before that date can be used and litters will be registered (collected from fresh extended or frozen use), including foreign stud dogs collected for imported semen use in the United States. Frozen semen collected and stored prior to October 1, 1998 in accordance with AKC's regulations and procedures is exempted from this requirement. Cheek swab samples must be obtained by the collector and submitted with the notification of collection to AKC (if the DNA sample is not already on file with AKC). DNA processing expenses are paid by the owner at a set fee (currently \$40). An AKC DNA Certificate with the DNA Profile and Number is issued to the owner.

Budget and Finance: Ken Downing reports that all committees are within their spending budgets. A congratulations to all committee chairs. This is how we keep our national club financially strong.

National Show Chairman Report: Nanci Nellis, Show Chairman and Agility Advisors recommend Board approval for redesigned and more equitable requirements for the GSDCA Agility Special Awards. Members may observe and/or participate in the First Rally Trial at the National. National sponsors Ralston Purina Pet Care Company, Royal Canine and Cabarrus County CVB are recognized. Agility, (Dan Weiss) and Obedience, (Dalene McIntire) still need helpers at the trials. Our Agility Trial will have super thick matting and equipment provided by MAX 200 with Max Trax matting. The Victory Dinner and cocktail hour will be held at the Cabarrus Arena and Events Center on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Please send in your reservations form to Gail Hardcastle for Victory Dinner, Gold Page tickets and seating right away. We need Trophy sponsors. Send your donations to Jan Coleman (conf.,fut/mat/Jr) Sue Sacco (Agility), Lori Nickeson (Obedience) Jennifer Root (Herding), Diane Castle (Tracking) Kim McNamara (Rally) Be sure to attend the GSDCA-WDA working dog competition in the show arena Wed. evening after conformation judging and Thursday at Mt. Pleasant High School which is just one mile away.

Candid photos wanted of selects, etc for "Gallery of Greats" contact Nanci Nellis.

GSDCA Herding Trial Report: Closing date of the Herding Trial is September 2

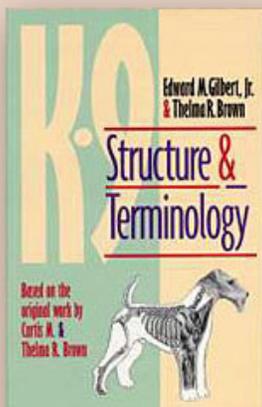
Obedience Report: Wanted: experienced obedience stewards for the 2005 National in Concord, North Carolina. If you are able to help out in this capacity, please contact Dalene McIntire at 253-852-0605 or by e-mail dalene.mcintire@verizon.net.

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2006 Futurity Judges, Sites, and Dates:

Northeast: GSDC of Long Island. Date: Monday, May 8, 2006. Site: Mercer County Park, West Windsor, NJ.
 Judge: Robert Grady Alternate: Nadine Grady
 Mid-Atlantic: Southern New Jersey GSDC. Date: Saturday, June 3, 2006. Site: The Village Green, Lumberton, NJ.
 Judge: Fred Migliore Alternate: Michel Chaloux.
 South East: Treasure Coast GSDC. Date: Sunday, April 9, 2006. Site: Palm City Park, Palm City, FL
 Judge: Charles Mardecz Alternate: to be announced.
 Great Lakes: GSDC of Greater Cincinnati. Date: Monday, May, 29, 2006 Site: Holiday Inn East, Columbus, OH
 Judge: Vicki Migliore Roye Alternate: Leon Breault
 Mid-West: GSDC of St. Louis. Date: Sunday, May 14, 2006 Site: Emmenegger Park, Sunset Hills, MO
 Judge: Randy Darnell Alternate: Dick Jones
 South West: San Antonio, GSDC. Date: Sunday, April 2, 2006 Site: The Quality Inn, I-35 N, exit 162, San Antonio, TX
 Judge: Bo Vujovich Alternate: Jean Whalen
 South Pacific: GSDC of Southern Arizona. Date: Friday, April 14, 2006 Site: Inn Suites Hotel, Tucson, AZ.
 Judge: Peggy Douglas Alternate: Kenneth Rayner Jr
 Mid-Pacific: GSD Fanciers of No. CA. Date: Friday, June 30, 2006 Site: Birch Grove Community Park, Newark, CA
 Judge: Cyndi Flaunt Alternate: Randy Chestnut
 North West: GSDC of Oregon. Date: Monday, May 29, 2006. Site: Hammerie Park, West Linn, OR
 Judge: Tedi Ginsburg Alternate: Gary Szymczak

ATAA committee report: Rally Points will be awarded as follows: Rally Novice 4 points, Rally Advanced 8 points, Rally Excellent 12 points

Hero Dogs: Service Dog: Officer Mariann Baumbach and K-9 Partner Thor. Thor is trained in Narcotics Detection and has broken the record for the largest narcotics seizure by a K-9 for the Port Authority and was recognized by the US Canine Association in 2002. Pet Hero: Am Ch, Can. Sel. Ch Brown Hill's Hearthstone CD, TC (Soot) owned by Emily St Hilaire. Soot rescued her owner from an assailant and held him until the police came to arrest him. Good Will Ambassador Konigin's Great Balls Afire TC, CGC, TDI (Jerry) owned by Maureen Murkland who was a Therapy Dog that logged over 600 visits to Vietnam Veterans, Elementary Schools and Autistic Children.

AABOI Committee report: The committee recommended that the GSDCA, Inc. oppose the PAWS legislation. The Board adopted the recommendation and letters have been written to the AKC and SOAVA announcing our opposition. Members are urged to write to their congressmen. This is easily done using the instructions on the web site www.naiatrust.org. The site has a "letter writer" set up. For more detailed instructions call 651 481 0704 or email ginialtman@aol.com.

Education – Lana Jorgensen: The Board adopted a fall schedule for final review of the New Illustrated Standard Project which is now in its sixth year of work. The Board has an opportunity to provide edits to the chairman of the committee and a copy will be provided to Board Members for review and approval.

The Health and Genetics chair, Ginny Altman reported on the advances made by Dr. Roger Clemmons in genetic testing and stem cell transplant for Degenerative Myelopathy (DM) in GSD. Articles on cauda equina syndrome were distributed at the Board meeting and are available by contacting Ginny. The continuing series of articles on canine fungal diseases by Catherine Morton was distributed to the Board and will be printed in the GSD Review. It was approved that Ginny Altman and Catherine Morton attend the AKC/CHF Parent Club Health Conference in October.

Membership Chair Report: Dania Karloff. The committee which was formed to make an impact on the number of non-renewing members appears to be working. A formal program to honor recently deceased GSDCA members and others who have significantly contributed to our breed or to our club was adopted by the Board. A membership/regional club directory update inserts will be mailed sometime in mid August.

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Kate says.....

Dinner ready yet ?



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Tuffy says.....

This is my bush and I am NOT moving until you turn on the air conditioner!



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Internet Committee: You can update your membership information via email. Send new information to membership@gsdca.org. Keep your data current so you receive new and timely information about GSDCA activities. You can advertise your new litter on the GSDCA web site for 3 months for \$75.00. The site averages over 1,000,000 page hits per month. Please keep your Regional Club information current on the GSDCA web site. This helps people in your local area find you as the 1st step to being involved in local club activities. Send updated information to treasurer@gsdca.org. Policy and Procedure Committee: The Policy and Procedure Manual has been revised and updated except for some Committees and Officers that have not submitted their information. I am mailing these Chairman copies of their sections and hope to have this information shortly in order to print the 2005 Revision. Officers had theirs delivered in July. All Board mandated changes have been done after every meeting.

Products: Luggage Tags w/logo and Iron-On Patches are now available on our website. Make plans to stop at the Products table to say hello to Ann Mesdag. I'm "sure" Ann will be glad to show you our "new" items. Thank you to all who have supported the GSDCA Products. See you in Concord.

Public Relations: The American Kennel Club will once again be celebrating "AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day" (AKC RDO Day). Parent Clubs with members living in the greater New York City metropolitan area are invited to join the AKC delegation in this event. The 5th annual AKC/Eukanuba National Championship is being held at the Tampa Convention Center in Tampa, Florida on January 14 & 15, 2006. The GSDCA will be represented in the "Meet the Breeds" area. The GSDCA will also offer 3 special medallions at the show. B.O.B., BOS & Best BBE. Contact Debbie Hokkanen for more information.

Red Book Committee: Ellie reports that she is happy to report that the 2003 Red Book is almost sold out. The 2004 Red Book is progressing on schedule and should be at the printers by early September. Kim McNamara is once again handling the ROM section.

Regional Club: GSDCA Regional Club Challenge Program for 2005 to be from August 1, 2004 through July 31, 2005. Deadline for all clubs to submit their forms and supporting documentation for points earned will be August 31, 2005. Send hardcopy information only (Data will not be accepted via email) to: Kelly Knight, 2071 Midlothian Road, Roseville, MN 55113. Phone: 651-633-3652 (just in case) NEW EMAIL ADDRESS: Hadderway@comcast.net (For questions only)

Parent Club: Some orders for various items have already been received and filled by the Parent Club Office in preparation for the Nationals. Please start now to consider and order materials that may be needed by your committee. Some of these mailings are quite heavy, and earlier shipping may result in lower costs to the Club.

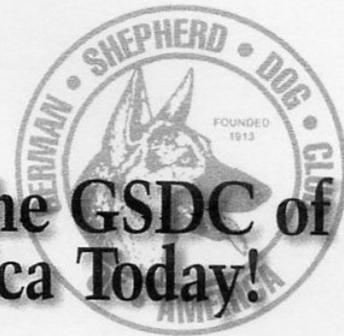
Temperament – Bob Penny: A letter to the AKC asking them to distribute a letter from the GSDCA, Inc. to all Field Reps and AKC German Shepherd Dog Judges that states our views on the loose lead temperament evaluation at all breed shows was reviewed and approved.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Disaster Dog Fund: The Board approved the Disaster Dog Funds to be deposited into the GSDCA Donor Advised Funds at the AKC/Canine Health Foundation with the understanding that it is allocated to Grant #3990 with AKC matching funds. Grant #3990 is for EXTENDED MEDICAL SURVEILLANCE OF DOGS DEPLOYED TO THE WORLD TRADE CENTER AND THE PENTAGON.

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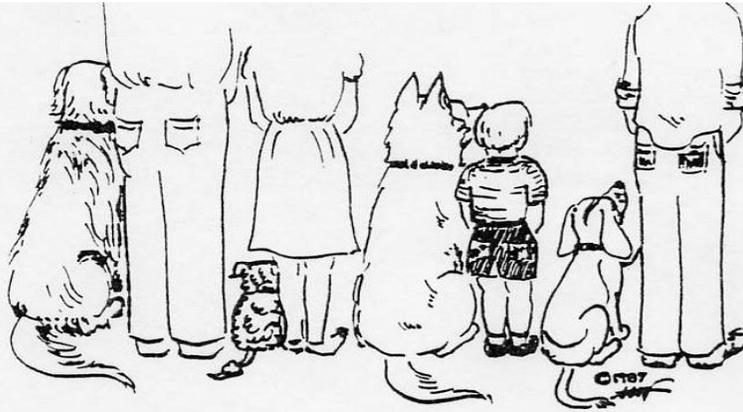


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BIMR Ch Lorien's Lights Out OFA GS-67969E24M GS-EL15766M24

Sire: AOE 2x Am/Can Sel Ex Ch Elvaston's Southern Byrne TC HT PT OFA H & E
 Dam: Ch Geor-Jan Lorien's Ice Castles ROM OFA H(E) & E (4 Champions)

"Curfew" is an impressive very correct solid black with good head and bone, clean coming and going with a strong, easy side-gait. He has a sound temperament that makes him comfortable in any environment. He is the second of 3 in his litter to finish and his Championship gave his dam her ROM. His pedigree is solid and is already showing in his progeny , with a black male from his first litter getting a major reserve under an all breed judge and younger progeny showing great promise. His pedigree also shows in how he is taking to herding and other activities outside the conformation ring. Proof of BC/VC required.

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STUD DOG DIRECTORY

Melana's Murphy's Law OFA GS-71518F25M-PI EL17633M25-PI

Sire: 2x Am/Can GV Ch Marquin's Xtra ! Xtra ! ROM OFA H/E
 Dam: Melana's Obsession v Cihu HIC OFA H/E (2 Ch / 1 qualifier)

8 points / both majors. 2003 GSDCA 2nd 6-9 Month Puppy Dog. Murphy is a large, stallion male with large bone and head, full dentition and coal black eyes. He has a long powerful stride with an exceptional forehand, strong ligamentation and is squeaky clean on both ends. Murphy has sired 5 litters to date and is proving dominant for large bone, substance, topline, angles, movement and great temperament. Watch for his progeny soon in the SE, NE and GL regions. BC/VC required.

Breeder/Owner : Melissa Campbell, 140 Tyson Rd. Villa Rica, GA 30180
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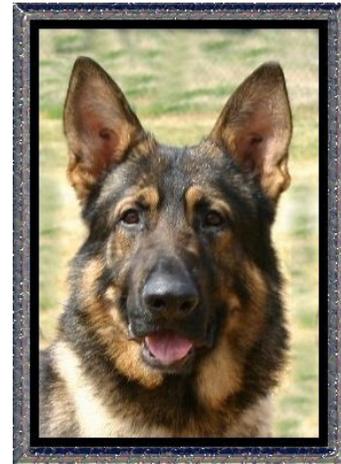


BISS Ch Adlegard's Yancy v Marquin

Sire : 2x Am/Can GV Ch Marquin's Xtra ! Xtra ! ROM OFA H/E
 Dam : Schneiderhof's Highland Treasure (Ch Highlander ROM daughter)

Yancy is a multiple BOB winning medium sized (64 cm) male with bone, substance and depth. Yancy has been turning heads all over the SE and to date has 11 Specialty BOB wins in addition to his Best In Show win. He is currently working in rally, tracking. Herding and SAR in addition to occasional forays into the breed ring. Yancy's "New Jersey" litter will be making their debut at the Nationals this year. BC/VC/DVC is required.

Owner: Suzanne Kinman 2320 Georgia Hwy 20 S E Conyers, GA 30094
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Ch Kagen's Boston Pops OFA GS-69003G28M-PI GS-EL16290M28-PI

Sire: Farmil's Stealth of Kagen HIC
 Dam: Kagen's Ragtime, HIC OFA

Boss is a medium sized, deep bodied male with a dark plush coat, excellent bone, strong pasterns, tight compact feet, strong back, good ligamentation and a long striding correct gait.

He has proven proficient in both rings with multiple herding group wins as well as specialty breed wins.

Boss, with limited breedings, is producing heavy bone, excellent secondary sex characteristics, dark plush coats and excellent temperament. To date, he has not produced long coats or off colors. VC/BC is required

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Upcoming Events

September 11.....Playful Paws Doggie Daycare Center 6625 Commerce Parkway Woodstock, GA
 GSDC of Atlanta, N. Ga & W. Ga host AKC Resposible Dog Ownership Day in Woodstock, GA. Call Denise @ 770-720-0125 for information.

September 23—25 Atlanta Expo Center South, Jonesboro, GA Entries close September 7

September 23.....Douglasville Kennel ClubBreed Judge ...Linda C. More..... . Group Judge ...Donna Buxton
 September 24... Atlanta Kennel Club..... .Breed Judge Donna Buxton.....Group Judge...Robert Slay
 September 25.....Newnan Kennel Club.....Breed Judge Robert Slay.....Group Judge...Kenneth Buxton

October 7 & 9 Partiot's Park, Columbia Road, Appling, Ga entries close September 23

October 7.....GSDC of Augusta.....Conformation.....Phillip MillerObedience.....Stephen A.D Picciuolo
 October 8.....Augusta Kennel Club.....ConformationDr Carmen Battaglia.....Group Judge.....Thomas A. Kilcullen
 October 9.....GSDC of Augusta.....Conformation..... Robert EatonObedience.....Richard H Mullen

October 15 & 16Wills Park Equestrian Center Wills Road, Alpharetta, GA 50th Anniversary Specialty Shows

entries close September 28
 October 15GSDC of Atlanta.....Conformation.....Sharon Newcomb
 .Junior ShowmanshipMargaret Kurz....Obedience /Rally....Jean Porter Lynch
 October 16.....GSDC of Atlanta.....Conformation.....Barbara Lopez
 Junior ShowmanshipJoyce Quick.....Obedience/RallyBarry Roland

October 22—23 Potter Community Center Wildfair Road Albany, GA Entries close October 5

October 22.....Thronateeska Kennel Club.....Breed Judge...Melbourne T L Downing.....Group Judge.....James Frederiksen
 October 23... ..Thronateeska Kennel Club.....Breed Judge...Dr Donald Jones.....Group Judge...Dr Donald Jones

October 27—30 Jim Miller Oark 2245 Calloway Road Marietta, GA Entries close October 12

October 27....Griffin Georgia Kennel Club.....Breed Judge...Mrs Byron (Corky) Gauger.....Group Judge.. Mr Robert C Thomas
 October 28....Griffin Georgia Kennel Club.....Breed Judge ...Mrs Robert C Thomas.....Group Judge...Mrs Robert C Thomas
 October 29....Kennesaw Kennel Club.....Breed Judge...Lawrence E Stanbridge.....Group Judge...Mrs Byron (Corky) Gauger
 October 30...Kennesaw Kennel Club.....Breed Judge...Mrs Keke Khan.....Group Judge...Lawrence E Stanbridge

October 28—November 05.....Carrabus Arena and Events Center 4751 NC Hwy 41 N Concord, N C

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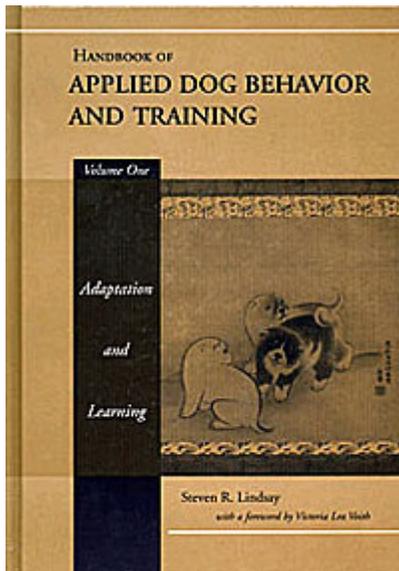
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ADHOC Committee: Board approved the addition of a website link for health issues. You will be able to view this link within the next few weeks. A disclaimer has been added. This will give the members easy access to research their questions relating to medical issues. This committee was made a sub-committee of the Health and Genetics Committee. These links will be updated quarterly. Suggestions for addition may be sent to helengleasonus@yahoo.com for review by the committee and inclusion in the site.

GSDCA-WDA Liaison: The GSDCA-WDA is soliciting contributions for travel support for the GSDCA Team at the world championship in France. Checks should be sent to Martylou Plinski, 245 Deerhill Dr. Bogart, Ga. 30622 and marked for the World team fund.

GSDCA-WDA 2005 North American Sieger Show: This is a must for any dog fancier who wishes to observe the German Shepherd Dog in one of the toughest competitions. The GSD character, physical endurance, and mental soundness will be put to the test. This promises to be an exciting event. The Keystone-Buckeye Hundesport Klub will be host to this event in Pittsburgh, PA. Oct. 14 - 16. 400 plus entries are expected. Complete information can be obtained at the GSDCA-WDA website.

Unfinished Business:

The Board adopted the motion that the Select award be given at the discretion of the Intersex Judge effective 2005.

New Business:

David Landau was named to chair a Working Dog Sport Committee. It was noted that the World Schutzhund Competition will be hosted by the GSDCA in 2013.

The Board adopted a new policy that an Intersex Judge cannot accept an assignment to judge the GSDCA, Inc. National Specialty within a two-year period if one has judged the Canadian National Specialty.

A new election agency, Election Trust, LLC, was selected by the Board to conduct the election and ballot process for the GSDCA.

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