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**UPCOMING MEETING PROGRAMS**

**Our Next Meeting is  
 January 08, 2007**

Anyone having club property or records, please contact someone from the Board with what you have so that we can document it and make sure it goes to where it should be.

From The Editor.....

*Happy New Year everyone ! I hope all of you made it through the holidays in one piece and without showing too much evidence of AHCI (additional holiday caloric intake ) .*

*As we go into this new year, our thoughts are with Ken & Faith Wallace as Faith recovers from a very long stay in the hospital with a serious respiratory illness. I know Ken has to be exhausted and can probably use a few words of encouragement and a gentle club hug by now. We know that Faith will continue to fight so that she can get home and eat something besides green hospital jello and clear beef broth. I am sure she is looking forward to a nice soothing bubble bath at home with a glass of fine wine and her own bed.*

*We have a lot to look forward to this year. GSDC of Atlanta is holding the very first seminar on AKC's new Working Dog Sport on January 20th along with a micro chip clinic. Here's your chance to see and experience a bit of what this is all about. DO NOT MISS IT !! Hopefully this year, we will also find common ground to put the brakes on the apathy we seem to have regarding club meeting attendance, club socializing and come up with new ways to get back on track and make this club what it used to be, which was the premier German Shepherd Dog Club in Georgia !*

*I want to wish everyone a very successful year with their dogs in whatever venue they choose to participate. Just PARTICIPATE and have FUN with your dogs.*

Denise

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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 German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta, Inc., encourages visitors to attend.

Our next meeting is January 08, 2007

**Club Meeting Minutes**

Club meeting minutes can be found in the members only section of the club website at

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**Club Hospitality**

**WE NEED A VOLUNTEER TO ACT AS CHAIRPERSON TO COORDINATE HOSPITALITY**

*Volunteer to provide refreshments for a club meeting. Refreshments need not be elaborate. Chips, cookies and other finger food and drinks is all that's needed. No cooking necessary !*

**e-mail: gsdcatlguardian@aol.com to volunteer**

*Our Thoughts and Prayers.....*

*On Wednesday, December 13th, our fellow club member, Faith Wallace was admitted to the hospital. She was put into ICU for pneumonia which turned into septic shock and respiratory failure. She was sedated and put on a ventilator. Ken has been by her side since the beginning and with the help of many of our club members, has been filling the room with cards and balloons. On December 20th, the doctors were easing off of the medications and slowly weaning her off of the ventilator. As of December 27th, she was off of the ventilator and they were hoping to move her to a regular room.*

*Update on January 02, 2007 right before The Guardian went to print. Faith was released from the hospital today! Hooray!!! She faces a lot of physical therapy, but at least she's home.*

*Say an extra prayer for Faith and keep Ken in your thoughts.*

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## Canine Oral Cancer

Oral cancers are the 4th most common types of cancers in dogs . Six percent of all types of cancers found in dogs are oral cancers. There are several types of canine oral cancers. Oral tumors, as with most cancers, are most successfully treated aggressively when they are small. Removal of large sections of the jaw is the most common treatment followed by radiation therapy cryosurgery ( freezing). Reconstruction using bone grafts , can be done to restore the cosmetic shape of the jaw and allow the animal to live as close to normal as possible.

Oral Epulis are the most common benign tumors and the types are composed of the fibromatous epulis, Ossifying epulis and Acanthomatous epulis. Epulis tumors come from the gingival or periodontal ligament. Fibromatous epulis is located in the gums and surgical removal normally is all that is needed and does not invade the bone. Ossifying epulis is a little more invasive and harder to cure by just removal of the tumor. Cryosurgery on the bed of the gum using three cycles after removal of the tumor is normal procedure. Sometimes however, partial removal of the underlying bone is needed. This procedure is called partial maxillectomy or partial mandibulectomy, depending on the location of the tumor. Acanthomatous epulis can have either a smooth or an ulcerated appearance and most commonly affects the front of the lower jaw. This type is more aggressive and invasive into the bone. This type comes from the periodontal ligament that holds the root in the bone. A maxillectomy or or mandibulectomy has to be done to remove this type of tumor because it is so locally invasive. Ameoblastoma and Keratinizing ameoblastomas come from odontogenic epithelial cells or the cells in the formation of the teeth and jaw bone. They are slow growing and are seen as swelling in the bone.

Locally invasive malignant tumors which are deeply rooted into the jaw bones consist of Fibrosarcoma which is a soft tissue sarcoma and Squamous cell carcinoma. Malignant tumors that tend to metastasize consist of Melanoma and Osteosarcoma. Fibrosarcoma makes up ten to twenty percent of all oral tumors in dogs and commonly invade the surrounding bone. Radical surgery is needed to remove the tumor followed up with radiation and chemotherapy. But even with all of that, the survival time is one or two years. Less than 20 percent of Fibrosarcomas spread to the lungs. Squamous cell carcinoma if located in the front of the mouth, has a good cure rate with surgery. But if it is in the back of the mouth, on the tongue or tonsils, the chance of it spreading to other parts of the body is extremely high .

Malignant tumors that have a tendency to spread or metastasize are Melanomas and Osteosarcomas. Melanomas are normally already spreading into the lymph nodes or lungs by the time it is diagnosed, are locally invasive and normally look like a black mass. Depending upon the size of the tumor, survival is generally 6 months to one and a half years if radical local surgery is done and possibly radiation and or chemotherapy. The size and stage or spread of the tumor to other parts of the body , also has a large bearing on survival time. If the tumor is isolated to the jaw or in stage 1, survival can be up to two years. If the tumor is in stage 2 and has spread to the local lymph nodes or stage 3 which is in the local lymph nodes and the lungs, the prognosis for long term survival is poor.

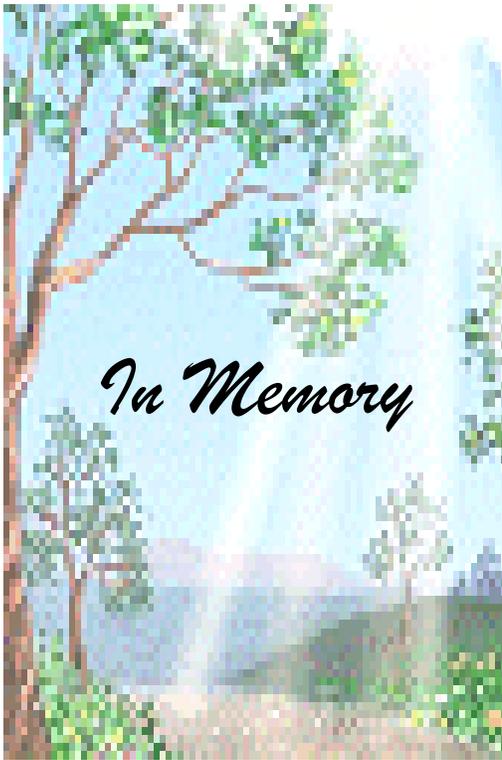
Osteosarcomas survival time depends on whether it is located on the upper or lower jaw. Surgery sometimes can cure an Osteosarcoma in the lower jaw if caught in the very early stages. These types have a 71% survival rate at 1 year after surgery. However, if the tumor is in the upper jaw, survival time is generally only about five months with a maximum of one year with surgery and chemotherapy.

There are several tests used to diagnose the different types of cancer . First, a blood cell count, chemistry profile and urinalysis are needed to determine the health of the dog. Then, chest x-rays and oral x-rays are used to determine if the tumor has spread to the lungs and to see how invasive it is in the bone. A biopsy is done on the tumor to determine the stage, type and chances of survival . If there is suspicion that the tumor has spread to the lymph nodes, a small needle biopsy is done. After surgery to remove the tumor and affected areas, the tissue is sent to check the margins to make sure that all of the tumor and cells have been removed.

The types of surgery used are a maxillectomy, which is removal of the upper jaw and mandibulectomy, which is the removal of the lower jaw. With smaller tumors, only a portion of the jaw is removed, but in some cases, the entire jawbone is removed. There has been large successes in rebuilding the jaw bone using microvascular surgery and transplanting bone grafts from the hind leg.

The signs of oral cancer are spreading of teeth, misplaced teeth in growing puppies, smooth pink lumps on the gum line, firm masses that can be black or non pigmented, chronic inflammation and swelling of the jawbone.

The decision of whether your dog should have treatment and how far you will go to achieve a longer survival time is of course in your hands and ability to afford the treatments available. There is a 501c foundation called Land Of Pure Gold which is dedicated to canine cancer research and education. Hopefully in the next few months I will be able to share with you a small part of the vital information they have available. I have also been following the story of a 6 month old female GSD with a malignant oral cancer. The owner has decided not to opt for surgery since the prognosis is not good and the cost is unattainable for his family. Her story is on page 14.



*I held her in my hands when she took her first breath  
and just held her in my arms as she took her last.*

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*My home will never be the same.*

*Ch Tsali Destino Show Me The Cookies HT PT RNTC CGC always known as Cookie.....*

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## AKC's Canine Good Citizen® (CGC) Program

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Welcome to the AKC's Canine Good Citizen® (CGC) Program Sponsored by K9 Advantix®. Started in 1989, CGC is a certification program that is designed to reward dogs who have good manners at home and in the community. The Canine Good Citizen Program is a two-part program that stresses responsible pet ownership for owners and basic good manners for dogs. All dogs who pass the 10-step CGC test may receive a certificate from the American Kennel Club.

Many dog owners choose Canine Good Citizen training as the first step in training their dogs. The Canine Good Citizen Program lays the foundation for other AKC activities such as obedience, agility, tracking, and performance events. As you work with your dog to teach the CGC skills, you'll discover the many benefits and joys of training your dog. Training will enhance the bond between you and your dog. Dogs who have a solid obedience education are a joy to live with—they respond well to household routines, have good manners in the presence of people and other dogs, and they fully enjoy the company of the owner who took the time to provide training, intellectual stimulation, and a high quality life. We sincerely hope that CGC will be only a beginning for you and your dog and that after passing the CGC test, you'll continue training in obedience, agility, tracking, or performance events.

AKC's Canine Good Citizen® (CGC) Program Sponsored by K9 Advantix® is one of the most rapidly growing programs in the American Kennel Club. There are many exciting applications of this wonderful, entry level that go beyond the testing and certifying of dogs.

Many other countries (including England, Australia, Japan, Hungary, Denmark, Sweden, Canada, and Finland) have developed CGC programs based on the AKC's CGC Program. A CGC Neighborhood Model has been established, police and animal control agencies use CGC for dealing with dog problems in communities, some therapy dog groups use the CGC as a partial screening tool, and some 4-H groups around the country have been using the CGC as a beginning dog training program for children.

A number of specialty (one breed only) clubs give the CGC at their annual national dog show. Dog clubs have discovered that the CGC is an event that allows everyone to go home a winner. Veterinarians have recognized the benefits of well-trained dogs and there are some CGC programs in place in veterinary hospitals. State legislatures began recognizing the CGC program as a means of advocating responsible dog ownership and 22 states now have Canine Good Citizen resolutions.

In a little over one decade, the Canine Good Citizen Program has begun to have an extremely positive impact in many of our communities. This is a program that can help us assure that the dogs we love will always be welcomed and well-respected members of our communities.

### Training/Testing: CGC Test Items

Before taking the Canine Good Citizen test, owners will sign the **Responsible Dog Owners Pledge**. We believe that responsible dog ownership is a key part of the CGC concept and by signing the pledge, owners agree to take care of their dog's health needs, safety, exercise, training and quality of life. Owners also agree to show responsibility by doing things such as cleaning up after their dogs in public places and never letting dogs infringe on the rights of others.

After signing the Responsible Dog Owners Pledge, owners and their dogs are ready to take the CGC Test. Items on the Canine Good Citizen Test include:

#### **Test 1: Accepting a friendly stranger**

This test demonstrates that the dog will allow a friendly stranger to approach it and speak to the handler in a natural, everyday situation. The evaluator walks up to the dog and handler and greets the handler in a friendly manner, ignoring the dog. The evaluator and handler shake hands and exchange pleasantries. The dog must show no sign of resentment or shyness, and must not break position or try to go to the evaluator.

#### **Test 2: Sitting politely for petting**

This test demonstrates that the dog will allow a friendly stranger to touch it while it is out with its handler. With the dog sitting at the handler's side, to begin the exercise, the evaluator pets the dog on the head and body. The handler may talk to his or her dog throughout the exercise. The dog may stand in place as it is petted. The dog must not show shyness or resentment.

#### **Test 3: Appearance and grooming**

This practical test demonstrates that the dog will welcome being groomed and examined and will permit someone, such as a veterinarian, groomer or friend of the owner, to do so. It also demonstrates the owner's care, concern and sense of responsibility. The evaluator inspects the dog to determine if it is clean and groomed. The dog must appear to be in healthy condition (i.e., proper weight, clean, healthy and alert). The handler should supply the comb or brush commonly used on the dog. The evaluator then softly combs or brushes the dog, and in a natural manner, lightly examines the ears and gently picks up each front foot. It is not necessary for the dog to hold a specific position during the examination, and the handler may talk to the dog, praise it and give encouragement throughout.

**Test 4: Out for a walk (walking on a loose lead)**

This test demonstrates that the handler is in control of the dog. The dog may be on either side of the handler. The dog's position should leave no doubt that the dog is attentive to the handler and is responding to the handler's movements and changes of direction. The dog need not be perfectly aligned with the handler and need not sit when the handler stops. The evaluator may use a pre-plotted course or may direct the handler/dog team by issuing instructions or commands. In either case, there should be a right turn, left turn, and an about turn with at least one stop in between and another at the end. The handler may talk to the dog along the way, praise the dog, or give commands in a normal tone of voice. The handler may sit the dog at the halts if desired.

**Test 5: Walking through a crowd**

This test demonstrates that the dog can move about politely in pedestrian traffic and is under control in public places. The dog and handler walk around and pass close to several people (at least three). The dog may show some interest in the strangers but should continue to walk with the handler, without evidence of over-exuberance, shyness or resentment. The handler may talk to the dog and encourage or praise the dog throughout the test. The dog should not jump on people in the crowd or strain on the leash.

**Test 6: Sit and down on command and Staying in place**

This test demonstrates that the dog has training, will respond to the handler's commands to sit and down and will remain in the place commanded by the handler (sit or down position, whichever the handler prefers). The dog must do sit AND down on command, then the owner chooses the position for leaving the dog in the stay. Prior to this test, the dog's leash is replaced with a line 20 feet long. The handler may take a reasonable amount of time and use more than one command to get the dog to sit and then down. The evaluator must determine if the dog has responded to the handler's commands. The handler may not force the dog into position but may touch the dog to offer gentle guidance. When instructed by the evaluator, the handler tells the dog to stay and walks forward the length of the line, turns and returns to the dog at a natural pace. The dog must remain in the place in which it was left (it may change position) until the evaluator instructs the handler to release the dog. The dog may be released from the front or the side.

**Test 7: Coming when called**

This test demonstrates that the dog will come when called by the handler. The handler will walk 10 feet from the dog, turn to face the dog, and call the dog. The handler may use encouragement to get the dog to come. Handlers may choose to tell dogs to "stay" or "wait" or they may simply walk away, giving no instructions to the dog.

**Test 8: Reaction to another dog**

This test demonstrates that the dog can behave politely around other dogs. Two handlers and their dogs approach each other from a distance of about 20 feet, stop, shake hands and exchange pleasantries, and continue on for about 10 feet. The dogs should show no more than casual interest in each other. Neither dog should go to the other dog or its handler.

**Test 9: Reaction to distraction**

This test demonstrates that the dog is confident at all times when faced with common distracting situations. The evaluator will select and present two distractions. Examples of distractions include dropping a chair, rolling a crate dolly past the dog, having a jogger run in front of the dog, or dropping a crutch or cane. The dog may express natural interest and curiosity and/or may appear slightly startled but should not panic, try to run away, show aggressiveness, or bark. The handler may talk to the dog and encourage or praise it throughout the exercise.

**Test 10: Supervised separation**

This test demonstrates that a dog can be left with a trusted person, if necessary, and will maintain training and good manners. Evaluators are encouraged to say something like, "Would you like me to watch your dog?" and then take hold of the dog's leash. The owner will go out of sight for three minutes. The dog does not have to stay in position but should not continually bark, whine, or pace unnecessarily, or show anything stronger than mild agitation or nervousness. Evaluators may talk to the dog but should not engage in excessive talking, petting, or management attempts (e.g, "there, there, it's alright").

**Equipment**

All tests must be performed on leash. Dogs should wear well-fitting buckle or slip collars made of leather, fabric, or chain. Special training collars such as pinch collars, head halters, etc. are not permitted in the CGC test. We recognize that special training collars may be very useful tools for beginning dog trainers, however, we feel that dogs are ready to take the CGC test at the point at which they are transitioned to regular collars.

The evaluator supplies a 20-foot lead for the test. The owner/handler should bring the dog's brush or comb to the test.

**Encouragement**

Owners/handlers may use praise and encouragement throughout the test. The owner may pet the dog between exercises. Food and treats are not permitted during testing, nor is the use of toys, squeaky toys, etc. to get the dog to do something. We recognize that food and toys may provide valuable reinforcement or encouragement during the training process but these items should not be used during the test.

**Failures - Dismissals**

Any dog that eliminates during testing must be marked failed. The only exception to this rule is that elimination is allowable in test Item 10, but only when test Item 10 is held outdoors.

Any dog that growls, snaps, bites, attacks, or attempts to attack a person or another dog is not a good citizen and must be dismissed from the test.

# The Bella Diaries

By Cindy Hartman, who thinks she's the alpha in this relationship

The Bella Diaries are the adventures of a young GSD puppy who travels from her birthplace across country to her new home and teaches her would be owner a few things or two  
.....as told by Bella, the GSD puppy

Hi, my name is Bella. I was recently taken from my siblings and the only home I've ever known. So, I am very attached to my new mom. I used to really howl when I couldn't see her. Now, I don't howl so much as I get into mischief. I figure anything is fair game. I have a box of toys, but I prefer shoes, remote controls, or even glass candle votive holders. I've even managed to get a couple of things off the kitchen counter. The crate is a different story. When she puts me in there, I make sure everyone knows what a set of lungs I have. I do settle down after a while, but I don't like it in there. I know she is wondering how long this will last or what she should do with me.

A really horrible thing happened to me earlier today – she put me outside all by myself. I made sure the neighbors thought I was being tortured by howling and jumping on the screen door. I didn't get to come in right away though. I just like it better when my mom is always with me.

Oh, and she makes me sit before I eat and go through a door (she calls it nothing-in-life-is-free). Before, I took my time sitting, but now I do it right away (well maybe I take my time once in a while). Sometimes, before she even gets the food dish down, I am sitting. I am so smart!!

Although I am still adjusting to my new home and being a little scared, I must admit it is pretty good here. I have a warm bed, lots of toys, and I have gotten to meet a lot of new people. In fact, all of the new people I've met have said how beautiful I am. So, this morning when we came in from outside, I ran and jumped in the soft chair before my mom could get there - she said I wasn't that cute and made me get down.

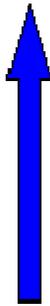
Oh, I almost forgot to tell you about the cats. I know they are downstairs. A real little one named Vera comes up a lot. I accidentally slap her with my big paws though so she runs and then I chase her, but there are these gates up so I can't chase her too far. My mom keeps telling me gentle and stops me from running after her. And then there is this real big cat - he hisses at me so I stay away from him. I know there is another one, but I haven't seen her yet.

Well, if it is all right with you guys, I will write more next week and let you know how things are going.

Bella a/k/a Belle of the ball.....



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"Try this recipe for homemade Pedialyte to have available in case of unexpected illness:

- 1 quart purified or natural spring water
- 2-4 teaspoons raw, unprocessed sugar,
- or 1-2 teaspoons of powdered fructose (fruit sugar)
- 1 teaspoon Himalayan or Celtic sea salt

Boil water, add sugar (or fructose) and salt.  
Stir and then let cool.

Refrigerate what you do not use,  
but do not keep for more than 48 hours;  
make a new batch.

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**Tomato Gumbo**

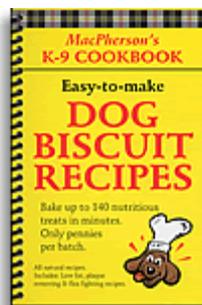
**Ingredients**

- 1 (16-ounce) bag frozen vegetable gumbo
- 1 (14 1/2-ounce) can stewed tomatoes (undrained)
- 1 teaspoon gumbo filé
- 1 teaspoon vegetable seasoning blend
- salt and pepper, to taste

**Steps**

1. Place vegetables, tomatoes, seasonings, salt and pepper in medium saucepan. Stir together, cover and bring to boil on medium-high.
2. When boiling, reduce heat to low and simmer 15-20 minutes, or until vegetables are tender, stirring occasionally. Serve.

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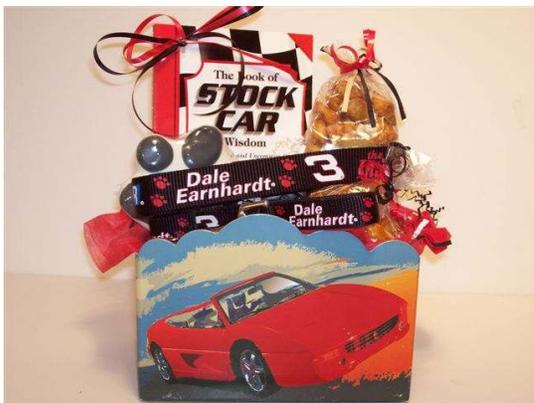


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By Carmen Battaglia

If we listen carefully to the voices of some Americans we will hear them rejecting what they are being told might become their future. While it may be true that life as we know it changed because of the events of September 11, it does not mean that everything is doom and gloom even though over the past years we have heard that there is little we as individuals can do about it. I am one who rejects the idea that we are stuck in this mess. With crime in our streets coupled with our open borders we continue to have problems with our immigration policy, which most believe needs major improvement. Despite these problems breeders can do something to help fight crime in our cities and protect our borders even though they are long, hard to patrol and difficult to protect.

Breeders can help by breeding better dogs that can become the next generation of candidates needed to meet our national needs. When I hear the voices of the well-intentioned but misinformed reject this idea, I am reminded that we are a nation that put men and women in space and landed them on the moon. I also know that we are a nation of patriots who hate the illegal aliens who brought about the attacks of September 11. Many believe that we need better laws, new agencies and more government spending to fight foreign invaders. According to the Immigration and Naturalization Service, at least 78,000 illegal aliens from terror-supporting or terror-friendly countries live in the U.S. They are among the eleven million illegal aliens, who have crossed our borders, overstayed their visas, jumped ship and evaded deportation orders. More than 300,000 illegal alien fugitives, including 6,000 from the Middle East remain loose inside our borders. They remain in this country despite deportation orders (Malkin 2002).

As the grandson of legal immigrant's I am reminded of the rights and responsibilities that come with citizenship and our way of life. I am also reminded by the oath my grandparents took in the 1800's when they became citizens. It resonates even more powerfully after September 11:

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Most Americans have never seen that oath and according to Professor Robert Wathnow at Princeton, "we are a spoiled society", in part because "we are instant consumers". His concerns are related to the reluctance on the part of many Americans to be proactive. Since 911, we have all learned to appreciate and fear the prospect of reprisal on our own soil.

That in itself means we are in for a prolonged uncertainty. As a country, we have had little practice since 9/11 because much of the country is tucked safely away from targets and have not been truly tested.

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## A Case of Acanthomatous Epulis

### In A Five Month Old Female German Shepherd Puppy.

TooToo is a six month old German Shepherd female. At 5 months of age, her owner noticed that her lower canines were coming through in the middle of the lower jaw and it looked as if three teeth were trying to come in at the same site, instead of the front where they should have been growing. She also seemed to have a "soft" ear on the same side as the problem.

After much consideration and consultation with breeders, the owner took her to an oral surgeon who removed four teeth in the affected area. It was thought at that time to be a dentigerous cyst. A biopsy was sent to Colorado State Veterinary Hospital where the diagnosis of acanthomatous epulis.

Treatment options for the puppy ranged from radical aggressive surgery or radiation or both . With this aggressive type of surgery, there needs to be a clearance of at least 1 centimeter on all sides to ensure complete removal. In this puppy's case, that would have meant 50-75 percent removal of her mandible or lower jaw. Considering her young age, the surgeon was concerned that with this radical of a surgery, the puppy would not be able to get the calories needed for proper growth.

The oral surgeon recommended radiation treatments to attempt to kill the cells. After much research and questioning , the oral surgeon stated that she would more than likely develop a different type of oral cancer in the treated area within 4-5 years.

The owner opted to bring the puppy home, spay her and allow her to live as normally as she can for as long as she can. The original exploratory surgery, removal of 4 teeth and lab work was \$ 800.00. The quotes for treatments after the original surgery were ; Radiation \$ 4000.00 to \$ 4500.00 and removal of the jaw \$ 2500.00 to \$ 3000.00.

Below are the x rays of the 5 month old puppy when the tumor was diagnosed. I'd like to thank this puppy's owner , Brad Hansen, for allowing me to share Too Too's story, as painful as it is for him. In this sharing, and sharing of other stories in the coming months, we hope to educate others on canine oral cancers, so that they can be better armed to make the best decision for their dog should it happen to them.



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## Ch 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 ROM OFA H/E

Murphy finished with wins from both the specialty ( 2 majors) and the all breed rings, picking up a 2nd Senior MA, Sr Maturity and 2nd GSDCA National placing along the way. He is a large, stallion male with heavy bone, masculine head, full dentention, coal black eyes and strong feet and pasterns. His stride is very long, low and powerful with an exceptional forehand, strong ligamentation and he is squeaky clean coming and going. Bred very sparingly, he has multiple young progeny with many class wins, including 2 with reserves from the puppy class and a 2nd NE Jr Futurity Bitch. His progeny are typically large boned, plush, richly pigmented, well angulated with nice toplines, correct secondary characteristics, strong ligamentation, nice movement and sound temperaments. Please call 1st day of season.BC/VC required.

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## BIS/BISS Ch Adlegard's Yancy D von Marquin TC HIC CGC HT PT RN BH

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 medium sized, dark sable male, with a head to die for ! He has won under Specialty and All Breed judges alike, amassing a win record that is still growing. So far, Yancy has titled at every event for which we've trained with more performance titles coming in the next year! His first crop of youngsters have just hit the ring with one major reserve winner from the 6-9 class and several pointed. Yancy is producing his body style and working ability !

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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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Sire: 2x Sel Ch Bilmar's Here Comes Trouble OFA H & E  
 Dam: Ch Helmic's Cassandra OFA H & E ( Mastercharge daughter )

Killy is a handsome black & tan, medium sized male with medium bone, strong back, handsome head, good shoulder layback, excellent temperament, strong secondary sex characteristics, fully extended front and rear with a long reaching, exciting , low to the ground side gait. He is clean on both ends and has a promising career ahead of him. Killy has won a 3 point major, 4 point major, three 5 point major reserves, 2nd Novice dog at the 2005 National Specialty and 2006 Southeast Best In Maturity. So far Killy is passing on his correct shoulder, powerful long stride, nice bone, excellent secondary sex characteristics and solid temperament. Killy does carry the coat factor.

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## **Ch Lorien's Lights Out TC HT PT TDI OFA H(E) & E**

Sire: AOE 2x C/A Sel (E) Ch Elvaston's Southern Byrne TC PT OFA H & E  
 Dam: Ch Geor-Jan Lorien's Ice Castles ROM (4 champions) OFA H(E) & E

"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 breeding also shows in how he doing so well in herding and other activities outside the conformation ring. Proof of BC/VC required

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## **Ch. Van Cleve's Dashiell Hammiett, OFA Prelims, DNA**

Sire : 2003 Fut. Ch O Danny Boy of Heinerburg, OFA Prelim DNA certified  
 Dam: Van Cleve's Cassandra v Kaleef ROM, OFA, DNA certified

"Dash" is from a litter of 7. Two of his littermates finished quickly making his mother an ROM with her first litter. In the repeat breeding to Ch O Danny Boy of Heinerburg, there are 4 more qualifiers. Dash's breeding is called a formula breeding (line bred) on: "Dallas" , BIS Am/Can Sel. Ch. Kismet's Sight For Sore Eyes ROM, OFA DNA certified. Dash is expected to be one of the better producers. He finished quickly and placed second in his Futurity. His mother has a new litter of 10 (2-8) having been bred to BOS Fut, Ch Hi-Cliff's Bronson v Keleef . Pups available in August 2006.

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But as the world continues to be an unsettled place we find that we are entering into a period of code Orange that could be on and off for years. Charles Figley, a stress expert at Florida State University says that because of these events, "we are in uncharted waters". Everyone remembers how patriotism surged after the September 11 attacks and when the country first began the war on the "axis of evil". Soon thereafter, our government sent fifteen hundred dogs to Afghanistan to search the caves for terrorists, which was followed by an undisclosed number to Iraq. No figures have been released on the number sent to Bosnia to search for mines or those on duty at the 100 other bases where we have troops stationed throughout the world. When these numbers are combined it is clear that within our own borders there is and continues to be a shortage of trained dogs needed to protect our airports, cities and borders.

Unfortunately, the problems caused by those who would do harm to our families and our country continues. For example, on August 9, 2002, Mexican drug dealers killed Kris Eggle, a US Park Service Ranger at the Organ Pipe National Monument in southern Arizona. This federal park is "considered one of the most dangerous federal parks in the nation. As many as 1,000 illegal aliens trample across the Organ Pipe trashing our fences, ruining the environment, breaking our laws and endangering lives. It's a smugglers paradise and a national security nightmare" (Malkin). For these reasons, our borders are often referred to as our broken fences.

What do the broken fences have to do with AKC dog breeders? It was 22 years ago that criminologists George Kelling and James Q. Wilson introduced a theory in a ground breaking article in *The Atlantic* called "Broken Windows", the police and

neighborhood safety". Their argument was simple: Rampant crime and unrest is the inevitable result of disorder. If a window in a building is broken and left unrepaired, people walking by will conclude that no one cares and that no one is in charge. One unrepaired window becomes an invitation to break more windows and lawless then begins to spread out from the buildings to the streets to the community and then throughout the country.

On the streets of our cities there are panhandlers, vagrants sleeping in doorways and public urination. All serve as the equivalent of broken windows. In the subways, low level crimes like fare-jumping and petty vandalism act as other unmistakable signals. If left unchecked they will invite further chaos and more violence. The proliferation of graffiti also serves as another example. Even when not obscene it acknowledges that mischief behavior is uncontrollable. According to Kelling and Wilson, if these problems are allowed to continue it won't be long before the citizens will begin to complain. If the authorities respond with excuses, such as understaffing, lack of patrol dogs and over crowded courts, the citizen's will stop calling convinced that nothing can be done. When this occurs public support declines and the problems continue to increase.

In the 1980's, this kind of behavior and violence became epidemic with over 2,000 murders a year and 600,000 serious felonies in New York, City.

As Americans we have many unique problems because we are a nation of people who choose to live in a free and open society. The down side to keeping what we cherish is that we as individuals are not well prepared to protect it and we have little experience with terrorists on our own soil. This makes us vulnerable. Our government and our enforcement agencies tell us that

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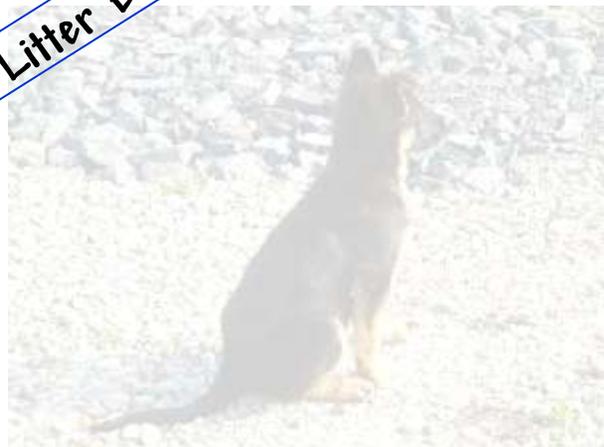
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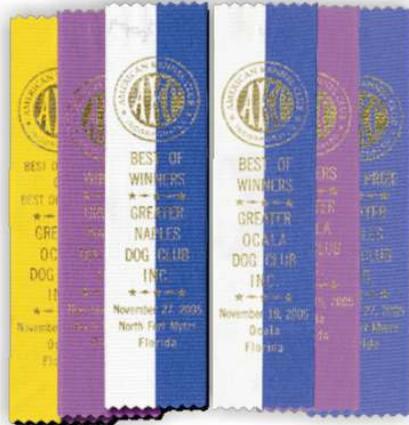


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we need an army of better bred dogs that can be trained to help fight crime and patrol our northern and southern fences. Our cities and both of our long borders need canine resources, which are in short supply. Many government agencies have begun their own breeding programs but their skill levels are low and they are not likely to catch up anytime soon. More than 19 breeds are being used in search, rescue, patrol and detection work. The candidates that are needed must have obedience, agility and tracking skills. The traits most common to these working dogs are their athletic abilities coupled with sound hips, elbows, lungs and hearts with a keen interest to work. The initial screening and entrance tests include their tolerance to a muzzle and their willingness to sleep in a crate. In the field they are tested for drive, endurance and their ability to work and ignore distractions. All must carry out commands such as sit, stay, come, no, be able to fetch dumb bells and be agile enough to perform the boardwalk and tunnel crawl. Those who pass these screening tests are candidates for specific kinds of training. The problem is that seven out of ten candidates do not pass the initial screening tests or the training program that follows. This high rejection rate is costly, time consuming and delays our state of readiness. The alternative is to involve more breeders who are willing to make selections based not only on conformation but also those needed by law enforcement and government agencies. Since most of the needed dogs come from the working, herding and sporting breeds, these breeders have the opportunity to fine tune their selection skills and at the same time help the country.

As our government moves forward to tighten security at our borders, airports and shipyards, the need for trained canines

continues to increase. As we begin to mend our broken windows and fix our fences there comes the realization that we must repair them one window and one post at a time. It takes manpower and a trained army of canines to make our cities safe and our borders secure. If we are successful, one-day code Orange will be just a memory. The AKC breeders are the most obvious group to help out in this time of need. They are the leaders in the breeding of dogs to a standard and they have access to the largest stud book and registration system in the hemisphere.

The shortage of good dogs is not unique to the United States. Countries throughout the world are learning how to depend on their national breed clubs to help identify breeding pairs and offspring suitable for training. History shows that governments have always relied on its citizens for help. Over the years many breeds have been used. They have been categorized based on their type of work. Today, they are all called working dogs because they can be identified and grouped by their varied and multiple kinds of assignments. Law enforcement and government agencies are now using as many as nineteen different breeds. Below is a list of breeds that have been used by law enforcement agencies, the military and search and rescue groups. This historical list is by no means complete.

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Beagle. Because of their keen sense of smell, size and ability to detect substances, coupled with the ease of keeping them on ships makes the Beagle an ideal breed for the Coast Guard and Navy.

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Belgium Malinois. Because of their intensity, ability to adapt to changes in temperatures and willingness to work they have become one of the breeds of choice by many law enforcement and government organizations.

Bullmastiff. Developed in the 1860's in England primarily to protect large estates and game preserves from poachers.

Doberman Pincher. Developed in the 1890's by Louis Doberman who saw the need for a dog that could protect property and estates from thieves. The breed has been used for many tasks and has a noticeable track record as a police and war dog.

German Shepherd Dog. Developed in Germany by Colonel Von Stephentitz (1899). Originally used for herding but quickly became an all-purpose dog with skills suitable for police, search and rescue, companion and as a guide dog. Because of its adaptability to changes in temperatures and weather conditions, it has become the breed of choice by many law enforcement and government agencies.

German Shorthaired Pointer. Its keen sense of smell coupled with its untiring ability and willingness to work make it a highly desirable all-purpose working dog.

Golden Retriever. Its keen sense of smell coupled with its ability to work make it a highly desirable working dog for the Border Patrol, Customs Service and Secret Service.

Jack Russell terrier. Because of its size and ability to detect substances in small areas, coupled with the ease of keeping them on a ship makes them an ideal breed for the US Coast Guard and Navy.

Komondor. Developed in Hungary for the purpose of guarding large flocks of sheep on open plains.

Kuvaz. Developed in Tibet. The Turkish word for the breed is "Kawasz" meaning "armed guard of the nobility".

Labrador Retriever. Its keen sense of smell coupled with its natural drive and ability to work make it a highly desirable detection dog for the Customs Service, Secret Service and Border Patrol.

Mastiff. Caesar described this breed during the invasion of Britain in 55 BC when they fought beside the Roman legions. He was impressed by their courage and power. They were also matched against gladiators, bulls, bears, lions and tigers. .

Poodle. Long known for its intelligence and ability to learn, coupled with its keen sense of smell and its untiring ability to work make it a highly desirable all-purpose working dog.

Puli. Developed in Hungary as a herding dog. Its coat provides a natural protection against predators and insulates it from weather and temperature.

Rhodesian Ridgeback. . Developed in South Africa by farmers as a hunting dog. During the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> centuries the Dutch, Germans and Huguenots immigrated to South Africa and brought with them Danes. For the next 100 years (1707 – 1808) European immigration was closed and the native dog played an important role in the development of the Ridgeback. The Hottentots (a native race) cross-bred and interbred them in order to produce a guard dog for farmers and a protector from marauding animal and prowlers at night. It was adaptable to the heat of the day and cold of the night.

Rottweilers. Developed by the Romans in AD 74 –260 as a herding dog to protect the sheep that they took with them to feed the Roman legions.

The solution to many of our national problems begins with ordinary citizens and breeders who understand what Ronald Regan said nearly two decades ago. " The simple truth is that we've lost control of our own borders, and no nation can do that and survive" (Malkin). So what can be done about our open borders and our broken fences? We must mend them literally and figuratively, one post at a time. As breeders we can become involved because we have the skills and the dogs. There is no reason that our country must depend on the breeders of other countries to breed the dogs we need to protect our troops, our cities and our borders. Our goal should be to get involved as breeders. We can do that by joining the effort to help separate the gene pool that favors the better dogs. With dogs that are genetically superior, our government and law enforcement agencies can make a bigger difference in their ability to be nimble and their responsiveness to threat.

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# Legislation Updates

## Louisville Kentucky Passes Very Restrictive and Damaging Dog Law

On December 20, 2006, after 13 months of consideration and much heated debate, the Louisville Metropolitan Council passed 100 pages of revised dog ordinances. While the effort was undertaken following the fatal maulings of a child and an elderly man and was generally expected to include pit bull and other breed restrictions in the City, the adopted ordinances contained no limitations on dog breeds. Instead, literally at the 11th hour, the ordinance was rewritten to drop BSL and includes mandatory microchipping and \$50 annual fees for \*ALL\* intact animals, rather than a proposed \$100 intact pit bull fee. Unaltered dog license costs will remain at \$9/each.

In addition, the new law includes the following additional provisions:

- Pet limits--3 dogs on up to .5 acre; 7 dogs on up to 2 acres and no limit on tracts greater than 2 acres.
- New tethering restrictions
- Revaccination/relicensing requirement for all dogs/cats removed from a kennel or cattery.
- Breeder licensing.
- Prohibits use of invisible fencing for unaltered dogs.
- Requires 6 foot fence with one foot underground, 4 foot leash, and microchip for unaltered dogs.
- Mandates spay/neuter for any unaltered dog that is impounded for any reason before the owner can reclaim the dog.
- Requires vets to report rabies vaccination information to Metro Animal Services (MAS) so that dogs which got a rabies vax but not a license can be impounded.
- Allows dogs to be impounded for "irritating" or "perturbing" ANYONE.
- Prohibits ownership of ANY animals by anyone who has two violations within 5 years-no matter how minor.
- Requires reporting of all litters, including brief description of all puppies.
- Requires reporting of all sales of all dogs, with buyers name & address to be sent to MAS, even if buyer is not local.
- Requires dog license # to be published in paper in any sale advertisement.

In order to enforce this series of expensive and very intrusive regulations, the city of Louisville requires local veterinarians supply dog owner - dog information to identify intact dogs receiving rabies vaccinations. Vets outside the city's limits will undoubtedly see increased business as people avoid this "gotcha" database. Florida and Texas Veterinary Medical Associations blocked such statewide data collections in their states in past. Unfortunately, in 2006, the Virginia Medical Veterinary Association and certain dog owners supported such a statewide pet owner information reporting law.

Pennsylvania has proposed extensive new rules for that state's dog breeders. These appear to closely mimic the Pet Animal Welfare Statute of 2005 (PAWS) in their design and potential scope. Ohio also has a troublesome dog statute pending, while California localities continue their assaults on pet ownership and Virginia animal rightists' agenda grows. These assaults will only intensify in 2007. SAOVA's website has been updated to reflect the 2006 election outcomes <http://saova.org/results.html> and a new SAOVA News and Updates page added <http://saova.org/news.html>

As you prepare your Holiday gift list, please consider supporting SAOVA's pro-active animal owner advocacy via a website PayPal donation. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Bob Kane  
 Sportsmen's and Animal Owners' Voting Alliance -  
 Working to identify and elect supportive legislators  
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Message From SAOVA December 11, 2006

Dear SAOVA Friends,

The 109th Congress finally ended early Saturday morning, December 9, 2006. This year's lame duck session was a light one legislatively, beyond passing the Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act (AETA), confirming Robert Gates as Defense Secretary and again extending government spending bill resolutions, this time into 2007. This limited result was expected. Fifty-three (53) new House members and ten (10) new senators went through orientation sessions, while the 472 incumbents jockeyed for position in the 110th Congress and frequently new offices. With a new party in control of both chambers, committee staff changes will be significant.

AETA's passage was milestone achievement and represents the culmination of years of effort by the medical research and agricultural communities. Equally noteworthy were the failures of several hard-fought, high-profile animal rightist supported bills, including the Pet Animal Welfare Statute of 2005 (PAWS) S1139/HR2669 and the Horse Slaughter Ban S1915/HR503. SAOVA, with your help, took a leadership role in opposing these last two bills, but these struggles will continue as both measures will be reintroduced next year.

Senator Dick Durbin's (D-IL) staff has indicated to the American Kennel Club (AKC) that he intends to introduce a version of PAWS early next session and the AKC, HSUS, DDAL are expected to pursue that anti-pet home breeding, anti-competitive registry measure again. Also of concern to pet owners is a bill or USDA rulemaking to require dog breeders to microchip their animals and perhaps add owner/dog information to a national database.

ACTION Items:

Club that have not joined the NO PAWS Honor Roll at <http://saova.org/1139opponents.html> please do so ASAP. We need to be united in our fight against PAWS and the greater the documented opposition, the more difficult it will be for the anti's to generate 2007 support for such anti-breeder measures.

Further, most of the sixty-three (63) new federal legislators have a limited understanding of the difference between animal welfare and animal rights. They're also likely to believe the propaganda spewing from the Humane Society of the U.S. and its allies, unless they hear the truth from their constituents. During the Holidays, please drop your new representative a greeting card. Wish s/he well in the 110th Congress and enclose materials such as those found at [http://www.ncraoa.com/AR\\_VS\\_AW.html](http://www.ncraoa.com/AR_VS_AW.html) Most election websites are still operational and contain the necessary contact information. Extend yourself. Offer to be a information resource for your current and new legislators.

Thank you for your moral and material support this past year. Best wishes for a Joyous and Blessed Christmas and Hanukkah.

Sincerely,

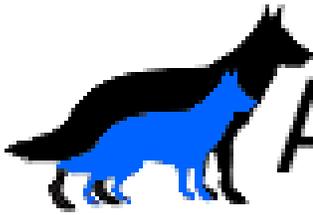
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# Upcoming Events

Date	Club	Location	Conformation Judge	Obedience Judge	Rally Judge	Agility Judge	Closing Date
01/04	Orlando GSDC	Trotters Park 2701 Lee Rd Orlando, Fl	Tom McPheron				12/20/06
01/05	Treasure Coast GSDC	Trotters Park 2701 Lee Rd Orlando, Fl	Temperament Test				ringside
01/06	Orlando GSDC	Trotters Park 2701 Lee Rd Orlando, Fl	Dick Jones				12/20/06
01/06	Treasure Coast GSDC	Trotters Park 2701 Lee Rd Orlando, Fl	Marion Lawrence PM show				12/20/06
01/07	N. Florida GSDC	Trotters Park 2701 Lee Rd Orlando, Fl	Gary Szymczak AM Show				12/20/06
01/07	Treasure Coast GSDC	Trotters Park 2701 Lee Rd Orlando, Fl	Fred Migliore PM Show				12/20/06
01/08	N. Florida GSDC	Trotters Park 2701 Lee Rd Orlando, Fl	Randy Chestnut				12/20/06

**01/20 /07 GSDC of Atlanta Presents**  
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# The German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta

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The Very First Introduction To The New AKC Event

# The Working Dog Sport

On Wednesday, May 10, 2006, The AKC Board of Directors granted the request of four Parent Clubs to approve the Working Dog Sport (WDS), effective January 01, 2007. The Working Dog Sport is designed to enable dogs of applicable breeds to demonstrate the physical and mental abilities needed to perform scent and protection work, while maintaining a high level of control and a strong degree of obedience. So, bring your lawn chairs, dogs and puppies and join us and learn all about the Working Dog Sport!

**When :** Saturday January 20, 2007 10:00 am—5:00 pm

**FREE FREE FREE Rain Or Shine**

**Where :** North East Georgia Schutzhund Club

Home of David & Heidi Landau

115 Deerfield Road, Bogart, Georgia 30622

**10:00 am—12:00 pm**

Dr Carmen Battaglia, AKC Board of Directors

& Dr David Landau, GSDCA-WDA Vice President & Liaison to the SV

Will present and explain to us this new event and answer all of your questions

**12:00 pm—1:00 pm**

Refreshments and Lunch will be available

**1:00 pm—3:00 pm**

Bring your dogs or puppies for A Participation Evaluation and get a little hands on what this new event is all about.

All dogs **MUST** be current on vaccinations.

**3:00 pm—5:00 pm**

A Home Again Micro-Chip Clinic will be held

Fee: 25.00 which includes registration with AKC's CAR Program.

Contact Mary Gattone for information

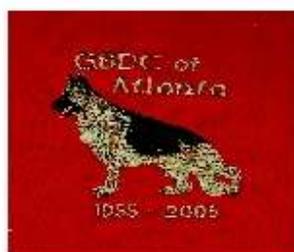
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