



The Guardian

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This is my fifth issue of the Guardian. In the first Guardian I said that my goal would be to bring you a Newsletter that does not require hours of reading but rather to bring you snippets of information with a link or two for more extended information.

The real challenge to this goal is to gather good materials. Our plan is to bridge the Guardian to the website with monthly Minutes, committee and audit reports, articles, show and match dates, picnics etc. If you miss something in the Guardian the plan is to have you find it on the website along with other useful club information.

Complimentary copies of the Guardian will be sent to every puppy buyer, friend of a member or potential member. Just email their contact information to (cbattaglia@mindspring.com). Thanks to member Stacey Pollio we are sending the Guardian to ten potential members.

My guess is that by now most of us have begun to implement our New Years resolutions. The problem for some is that the list is so long. Others with more wisdom will focus on only one or two goals and then drill down into them so that they make good on their promises. There is however a third group. They do not have goals for the New Year. Sometimes they are talked into a resolution if prompted by a friend or someone at the office. Here is my plan for 2010. I put my list of resolutions on the refrigerator. I love breakfast, so when I go there for the fruit, juice and milk that make up my morning drink they are there to remind me of my commitments. They stare at me as a reminder of what I have set out to do.

High on the February list is a reminder that I need to encourage at least one person to attend one of our monthly meetings. Scears continues to work on the website so we can reach out even further. I hope you will visit the site and see some of the new features.

Thanks, for reading along.

Carmen Battaglia

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations to member and past president Mary Gattone. Mary was appointed to the GSDCA/WDA board at the WDA board meeting in Dallas, Texas on January 30, 2010. Mary brings a great deal of experience and skill to the board and will represent the interests of the members.

Helen Chamblee is on her way to a good recovery. Helen had back surgery on Jan. 27th and is now at home. She will be having rehabilitation therapy for the next three weeks, but she is on the mend. A card or a short note will help her to know that we are all thinking of her and wishing her a speedy recovery.

MARK YOUR CALANDER – SAVE THESE DATES:

2010 GSDC Atlanta Show – October 2-3

2010 GSDC Atlanta Match - March

2011 GSDC Atlanta Show – October

2011 GSDC Atlanta Match - March

2013 Tuesday, October 2 – Monday October 15.

Three great events in 2013:

- 1. The GSDCA national**
- 2. The GSDCA Centennial celebration**
- 3. The WUSV World Championship Trial**

The locations of these three are pending.

MINUTES OF CLUB MEETINGS:

The minutes will be posted on the website. <http://www.gsdcatlanta.org/>

NEW MEMBERS: January 2010 - None

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS: January 2010 – None

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB NEWS

GRAND CHAMPION- A NEW CONFORMATION TITLE

For the past 100 years AKC has not added a new title to conformation. Many titles have been added to herding, agility, rally and performance. This new title in conformation is intended to encourage owners of champions to bring their dogs back out for others to see them. Below is a description of the program.

On May 12, 2010 the Grand Championship competition will start concurrent with the implementation of the 2010-2011 Schedule of Points. Competition for this new title will be judged concurrently with Best of Breed competition at both all-breed and specialty shows.

Why does AKC offer Grand Champion?

- For many owners there is little incentive to continue to exhibit dogs that have completed their championship title. All exhibitors do not have the financial means or desire to extensively campaign a dog in pursuit of top rankings. This title permits quality dogs to be recognized without extensive travel as the Grand Champion title can be earned at all shows with Best of Breed competition.

How does a dog earn the Grand Champion title?

- Only Champions are eligible to earn Grand Championship points. (This includes dogs that are “moved up” to Best of Breed competition from completing the requirements for their CH title at a previous show.)
- Best of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex, Select Dog and Select Bitch are eligible to earn Grand Championship Points. Select Dog and Select Bitch are Champions that were recognized as the top quality of their sex after BOB and BOS have been awarded. Judges need not award Grand Championship points to dogs that in their opinion are not worthy of the award.
- Grand Championship points are earned using the same schedule of points as is used for Championship points and the title requires:
 - Twenty five Grand Champion points including, three “majors” (three or more points) won under three different judges, and at least one or more of these points won under a fourth judge. They must also have defeated at least one other AKC Champion at three shows.

How are Grand Championship points determined?

- Grand Championship Points are determined using the schedule of points for each breed in each division. However, all dogs defeated by BOB, BOS, Select Dog or Select Bitch will be counted in the computation. Grand Champion points may be awarded to eligible dogs as follows:

- **Best of Breed** – All dogs of the both sexes in the breed or variety exhibited in the regular classes and Best of Breed competition will be counted.
- **Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed** – All dogs of the same sex in the breed or variety exhibited in the regular classes and Best of Breed competition will be counted.
- **Select Dog or Select Bitch** – One dog less that the number of dogs of the same sex in the breed or variety exhibited in the regular classes and Best of Breed competition will be counted.
- **Champions of Record** including champions that are non-regular class winners or dogs that have been “moved up” to Best of Breed competition for the show are the only dogs eligible for Grand Championship points. Although class dogs can win BOB or BOS, they have not yet obtained their CH title and are not eligible for Grand Champion competition. (Dogs entered in non-regular classes are not counted in the computation of Championship or Grand Championship points.)

How does the Grand Champion competition affect the show-giving club?

- Based on the enthusiastic exhibitors’ comments, we anticipate a significant increase in the entry of champions competing for Grand Championship points at both all-breed and specialty shows. The only increased expense will be one additional ribbon if three champions are entered or two additional if four or more AKC champions are entered in Best of Breed competition in that breed or variety. AKC will be sending email to the owners of all dogs that have finished since 1/1/2007 to inform them of this new opportunity to showcase their dogs.

CLUBS CAN HOLD CLASSES FOR MIXED-BREED DOGS AT STAND-ALONE COMPANION EVENTS STARTING APRIL 1, 2010

The American Kennel Club has launched its new AKC Canine Partners program. More than 1,200 mixed breeds have enrolled and more than 365 AKC events have been approved to hold mixed-breed classes.

This is an opportunity to attract new members as well as entries for upcoming events. This program provides a great way for clubs to reach out to other dog-loving organizations in your community. Working together with veterinarians, groomers as well as shelters, clubs can provide training classes and events that other organizations’ clients and customers can participate in.

Regional clubs should encourage local mixed-breed dog owners to enroll in AKC Canine Partners which includes enrollment in AKC Companion Animal Recovery pet recovery service and a one-year subscription to AKC Family Dog magazine.

Alerting dog owners to ways AKC helps keep all dogs happy, healthy and safe is something we can all be proud to promote.

To learn about the components of this new program, look at www.akccaninepartners.org. The web site includes updated show trial applications for clubs to apply for mixed-breed classes at upcoming events. Clubs who want to add mixed-breed classes to their event should contact the Event Operations Department via email at eventplans@akc.org or by phone at 919-816-3579.

WORKING DOG CONFERENCE PROGRAMS

INTERNATIONAL WORKING DOG ASSOCIATION, <http://iwdba.org>
Breeders whose interest is in guide dogs, military, SAR or performance dogs will find these meetings and papers very useful.

CALIFORNIA NARCOTIC & EXPLOSIVE CANINE ASSOCIATION
19th Annual Training Seminar, NARCOTIC & EXPLOSIVE K9 DETECTION TRAINING
January 11 to 14, 2010, Burbank, California
For more information, visit (www.cnca.com)

PENN VET WORKING DOG CENTER PRESENTS:
Selecting Working Dogs for the Next Century
Scientific Advances and Man's Best Friend
Dates: March 12-15, 2010
Location: Philadelphia, PA, For More Information, visit:
http://www.pennvetwdc.org/Working_Dog_Conference.html
The program and registration is now available on line at
www.PennVet.WDC.org

GSDC of ATLANTA CLUB MEETINGS

Meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month, except July, October and December, at The Atlanta Humane Society, 981 Howell Mill RD, Atlanta, GA at 8:00PM. Visitors welcome.

GSDC of ATLANTA CLUB MEETINGS - DIRECTIONS

Address: Humane Society at 981 Howell Mill Road NW Atlanta, GA 30318. Specific directions are on the GSDC of Atlanta site (<http://www.gsdcatlanta.org/>) which you can find with this link.

NOTICE: Club meetings are now the second Thursday of each month at 8:00 P.M. at the Humane Society of Atlanta. No meetings will be held in the months of October, December, and July.

GSDC of ATLANTA MEETING - FEBRUARY PROGRAM:

Gail LaBerge of the Georgia Canine Coalition will be the speaker at the February 11th, 2010 meeting of the German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta. The meeting starts at 8:00pm in the Auditorium of the Atlanta Humane Society located at 981 Howell Mill Road NW Atlanta, GA 30318. The subject of her talk is an update on the current legislative session regarding dog ownership issues and ways we as pet owners can participate in the process. The web site information for the Georgia Canine Coalition is <http://www.georgiacaninecoalition.org/>

The program will be exciting. We hope everyone will come.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

Don't miss this opportunity to list your litter, stud dog, stuff you want to sell etc. <http://www.gsdcatlanta.org/> Contact: [Scears Hardie](#)

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS is on the 15th of the month prior to issue.

COMPLIMENTARY GUARIDAN

A complimentary will be sent to puppy buyers, friends and prospective members upon request. Contact [Mary Gattone](#) 770-922-2172 and give her the contact information.

GSDC ATLANTA TRAINING CLASSES:

Training classes started on Wednesday, Jan. 20. They begin at 8:00 p.m and will continue for 8 weeks. The location is 3301 Windy Ridge Parkway Parking Garage main level. A rally class for beginners/CGC class and possibly a puppy class. Please contact [Joye Evans](#) (770) 438-2285 if you are interested – pre-registration strongly requested. 770-438-2285 or email charbargs@aol.com. Rates \$25 member; \$75 non-members. Stacey Pollio, a new club member, is the trainer to help with basic/CGC class.

NEWMAN KENNEL CLUB WILL HOLD AN ALL-BREED, RALLY OBEDIENCE MATCH

SATURDAY, MARCH 6, 2010,

LOCATION: Coweta County Fairgrounds, 275 Pine Road, Newnan, GA 30263

DIRECTIONS: From I-85 (South of Atlanta), take Exit #41 (Hwy A27/29). Go North 0.5 miles to Pine Road. Turn left on Pine Road. Go 0.6 miles to Fairgrounds on left (Kiwanis Road).

Pre-Entries are due in hand by Monday, March 1, 2010
Registration 9 AM to 11 AM on day of match
Match Chair: Jay Berkowitz, jwberkowitz@hotmail.com

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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

The AKC has always opposed breed bans on the basis that there are no bad dogs, just bad owners.

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