



The Guardian

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This is my sixth issue of the Guardian. In the first Guardian I reported 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 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 our plan is to have you find it on the website along with other useful club information.

We continue to send complimentary copies of the Guardian to every puppy buyer, friend of a member or potential member. Send their email contact information to (cbattaglia@mindspring.com).

Now that you have complete your New Years resolutions it is time to help the club. We need volunteers. If you have some time and are interested call Joan Turner, Stacey Pollio, Nancy Harper or myself. We could all use the talents and time of our members. Don't forget to bring a friend or a puppy buyer with you to our clubs meetings. It is a good way to get new people involved.

I hope you will visit the club site and see some of the new features.

Thanks, for reading along.

Carmen Battaglia

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Helen Chamblee –[update. Helen is doing well and on her way to a good recovery. Helen had back surgery on Jan. 27th and is resting at home. She will be in rehabilitation therapy for several weeks. 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*

Show Chair, Stacey Pollio

Show Secretary Joan Turner

Conformation Judges: October 2 - D. Ardoin; October 3 – B. Hefner

Obedience Judges: October 2 - Anthony Cherubini; October 3 - Sharon Crossman

Rally Judges, October 2 - Sharon Crossman; October 3 - Antony Cherubini

*** The new Grand Champion title goes into effect on May 1, 2010. Two dogs could earn points towards this title. See the criteria below.**

2010 GSDC Atlanta Match – March 21

Show Chair, Nancy Harper Mulvaney

Conformation Judge, Jerry Bobak

Obedience Judge for GS and mix breeds. Leslye Pinnell

Rally Judge for GS and mix breeds, Chris Cooper

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 are pending.

MINUTES OF CLUB MEETINGS:

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

UP DATE ON THE BY-LAWS VOTE

At the February Club meeting the membership acted on the following Bylaw changes:

Section 6 . Quorum - The proposal to change the quorum did not pass

Section 1. The frequency of Board Meetings was passed. The board will hold meetings at a time and place to be specified by the board. Passed

Section 3. Change the Membership Application, passed. A prospective member shall be required to attend one club meeting and one club sponsored event. Passed

Addition to Bylaws: The term Recording or Corresponding Secretary was changed. The new term will be Secretary. Passed

Addition to Bylaws: The Bylaws were amended to “conduct approved GSDCA-WDA events under the authority, rules and regulations of the German Shepherd Dog Club of America Working Dog Association, Inc” Passed

NEW MEMBERS: February 2010 - None

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS: February 2010 – Andrew Carolus

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB NEWS

GRAND CHAMPION - 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.

Effective: 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 than 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.

Regional clubs can hold mixed-breed dog events. The program is called the AKC Canine Partners Program.

To learn about the components of this new program, see: 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.

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 – MARCH PROGRAM:

Meeting program is the second half of Iditarod DVD.

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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Don't miss the German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta

***ALL BREED OBEDIENCE/RALLY
and
SPECIALTY MATCH***

When: Sunday, March 21 2010

Where: Parker Road Park
1400 Parker Road
Conyers, GA. 30094

Registration: PRE-REGISTRATION: \$5.00
On Site registration: 10 AM until 11:30

AM

Judging: Begins at 12 noon

Lunch: Home made sandwiches, chips,
dessert
and cold drink. Some lucky person
will
find a SURPRISE in their lunch bag.

Raffle: Join in the 50/50 raffle