



The Guardian

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This is my seventh issue of the Guardian. I mentioned in the first Guardian that my goal would be to bring you a Newsletter that does not require hours of reading but rather would bring you snippets of information with a link or two for more extended information. So far we are on schedule.

The Guardian is intended to supplement the website with timely information about board and committee reports, articles, show and match information, picnics etc. If you miss something in the Guardian 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 or potential member. Send their email contact information to:
cbattaglia@mindspring.com).

Visit the club site and see some of the new features.

Thanks, for reading along.

Carmen Battaglia

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Helen Chamblee – Update. I spoke to Helen and she said that after her spine and knee surgery she is out of the hospital but not yet able to drive. She is able to walk with a cane. She will be in rehabilitation therapy for several weeks. We wish her a speedy recovery.

CLUB UPDATES:

1. Total Membership: 61 voting members
2. Judges Nominating Committee: Kim McNamara, Nancy Harper,
3. Nominating Committee: Mary Gattone, Suzanne Kinman, Stacey Pollio
3. Audit Committee: Nancy Harper, Mary Gattone,

4. **FREE LITTER ADVERTISING** on the GSDC Atlanta Website for 90 days. If you have a litter contact Scears Hardie to list your litter.
5. Club Bank balance rounded: \$29,000
6. Club will investigate IRS status and possibility for 501 (c) 7 status.
7. Hadja v.d. Ianhoeve Sch H I, is now Kkl 1. She has passed her breed survey on March 6th and now has the highest rating for breeding. Hadja is owned by Mary Gattone.
8. Aino v. Hamingahoeve Sch H I is now Sch H II. Aino qualified on March 6th for this second title. Aino is owned by Giovanni Middei.

MARK YOUR CALANDER – SAVE THESE DATES:

2010 GSDC Atlanta Show – October 2-3.

Show Chair: Stacey Pollio

Show Secretary: Laura Petrey

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

Trophy Chair _____

Hospitality Chair _____

Grounds Chair _____

If you can help, please call Stacey (404) 353 0588

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/>

NEW MEMBERS: March, 2010 - None

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS: March 2010 – Andrew Carolus

GUESTS: Angela Priest and David Fanaty

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB NEWS

Secretary Nancy H. Mulvaney reported that AKC has approved our show application for October 2010.

NEW AKC BREED STATUS - The American English Coonhound advanced to Miscellaneous Class effective January 1, 2010.

- Russell Terrier advanced to Miscellaneous Class effective January 1, 2010.
- Bergamasco advanced to Miscellaneous Class effective January 1, 2011.
- Entlebucher Mountain Dog is eligible to compete in Herding Group beginning January 1, 2011.
- Norwegian Lundehund is eligible to compete in Non-Sporting Group beginning January 1, 2011.
- Xoloitzcuintli (Xolo) is eligible to compete in Non-Sporting Group beginning January 1, 2011.

GRAND CHAMPION - NEW CONFORMATION TITLE

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.

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.)

MIXED-BREEDS AT COMPANION EVENTS STARTING APRIL 1, 2010

The American Kennel Club has launched its new 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>
Breeder's whose interest is in guide dogs, military, SAR or performance dogs
will find these meetings and papers very useful.

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 - 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 the second Thursday of each month at 8:00 P.M. at the Humane Society of Atlanta. No meetings held in October, December, and July.

GSDC of ATLANTA – APRIL PROGRAM:

The program will be exciting. The program for the April 8th meeting is a selection of dog's exhibited at the 2009 National Specialty Show and a discussion of their performance. We hope everyone will come.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING IN GUARDIAN

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 GUARDIAN

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.

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GSDC-ATLANTA TRAINING CLASSES:

Graduation was scheduled - March 24th.

The next training class starts - April 7th

Location: 3301 Windy Ridge Parkway Parking Garage main level.

Offerings : Canine Good Citizen (CGC) Classes have been added. Rate: \$10.00

Obedience and Rally classes.

Start Time: 8:00 p.m and continue for 8 weeks.

Pre-registration is strongly requested

Rates: \$25 member; \$75 non-members. Petsmart rates \$125.

Contact: Joye Evans (770) 438-2285 or email jevans@hardinconstruction.com

Stacey Pollio, will manage the basic/CGC class test.

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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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