



# The Guardian

A Monthly Publication of the  
[German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta, Inc.](#) May, 2010

This is my eighth issue of the Guardian. My first issue as Editor of the Guardian I stated 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 can 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](mailto:cbattaglia@mindspring.com)).

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

Thanks, for reading along.

Carmen Battaglia

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi to All,

Here it is May, I know I said this before, but I am not sure where the year has gone already!

At least it is not so COLD and the sun is shining most of the time. Our March match was called because of the weather but has been rescheduled to Sunday June 6<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see everyone there. More information will be in the Guardian, on the web site, or contact Nancy. And as a reminder, The North Georgia club will be having their match on May 16<sup>th</sup>; you may contact Lee Jewell or Scears for more information.

The Awards Dinner is just around the corner in July, so please get your information in to Mary and Joye. I know we have had a LOT of accomplishments and wins this

year, but you must report them in a timely manner to give time for the award plaques to be ordered. We do not want to miss anyone, but it is up to you to get the information in to Mary and / or Joye. 770) 922 2172 or 770) 438 2285

The November show is well on its way, however, we do not have a confirmed show secretary. If you would be interested in this or any other position, please contact Stacy (our show chairman) or one of the board members.

Our club election of officers will be held in June. Any additions to the slate must be presented at the MAY meeting. We will be voting on Judges for the next shows at the MAY meeting. This is a meeting you really do not want to miss. My understanding is there will be no program this month since we have so much club business.

If you have puppies, do contact Andrea Washburn and of course Scears to advertise in the Guardian.

Joye has reported training is going well and we appreciate all the hard work it has taken to get this back on track.

As stated before, the Guardian is still a work in progress. Do take a few minutes to visit our web site and let us know what you think.... Again more appreciated hard work by Carmen and Scears.

Hope everyone is doing well and best to all,

Joan

### **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MAY MEETING** – We vote on judges and nominate future board members and officers. Your vote counts. See the committee reports below.

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### **CLUB UPDATES:**

- 1. Total Membership: 62 voting members**
- 2. Judges Nominating Committee: Kim McNamara, Nancy Harper, Carmen Battaglia**
- 3. Nominating Committee: Per the by laws. The nominating committee consisting of Mary Gattone, Chair, and committee members Suzanne Kinman and Stacey submit the following:**

**President - Joan B. Turner**  
**Vice President/Training Director - Elaine Leroy**  
**Secretary - Joye Evans**

**Treasurer - Sara Wolfe**  
**Member at Large - Mary Gattone**  
**Guardian Editor - Dr. Carmen Battaglia**

**Nominations from the floor at the General Meeting on May 13, 2010. Elections will be held at the General Meeting in June.**

**Nancy Harper-Mulvaney - Secretary German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta**

- 4. Audit Committee: Nancy Harper, Mary Gattone,**
- 5. FREE LITTER ADVERTISING on the GSDC Atlanta Website for 90 days. If you have a litter contact Scears Hardie to list your litter.**
- 6. Club net worth: \$41,148.72**
- 7. Club will investigate IRS status and possibility for 501 (c) 7 status.**
- 8. JOYE EVANS had 2 dogs earn their TC at the GSDCA National in October.**
- 9. Suzanne Kinman continues to improve and she appreciates everyone's support and help. Susanne Kinman has been very busy with her group. "Yancy" was BOS on April 9th at the Birmingham KC, not to be out done by his daughter, "Adelgard's Guilty As Charged v. Tsali RN,TC,CGC, who was WB & BOW for a three point major. Now that is the way to save gas. Hopefully, "Gillie" will finish quickly and get another award this year.**

**MINUTES OF CLUB MEETINGS:**

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

**NEW MEMBERS: April, 2010 – Andy Carolus**

**NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS: none**

**GUESTS:**

**PROGRAM FOR JUNE: Program will feature structure and movement of the GSD. This program depicts why the utility, performance, herding, obedience and conformation dog needs good structure.**

**ALL BREED OBEDIENCE/RALLY**  
**and**  
**GERMAN SHEPHERD SPECIALTY MATCH**  
**Hosted by the German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta**

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**When: Sunday, June 06 2010**

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

**Registration: PRE-REGISTRATION: \$5.00  
On Site registration: 9:30 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**

For further info or entry forms visit our club website at

<http://www.gsdcatlanta.org/>

Or contact [nancy@heinerburgshepherds.com](mailto:nancy@heinerburgshepherds.com)

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**2010 GSDC Atlanta Show – October 2-3.**

Show Chair: Stacey Pollio

Show Secretary: TBA

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

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

**2010 GSDC ATLANTA MATCH - Sunday, June 06, 2010, 1400 Parker Road, Conyers. Judging begins at 12 noon. See information above.**

**2011 GSDC ATLANTA SHOW – OCTOBER**

**2011 GSDC ATLANTA MATCH - MAY**

**\* 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 and final dates are pending.

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**AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB NEWS**

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

**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? See the April issue for details.

**CLUB MEETINGS - GSDC OF ATLANTA**

Meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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**DIRECTIONS TO CLUB MEETINGS**

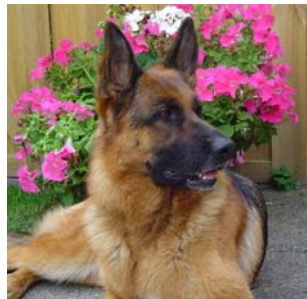
Address: Humane Society at 981 Howell Mill Road NW Atlanta, GA 30318. Specific directions are on the GSDC of Atlanta site (<http://www.gsdcatlanta.org/>) which you can find with this link.

**PROGRAM FOR MAY: Voting on judges and nominations for future board members and officers. Your vote counts.**



# AWARDS BANQUET

CAFÉ MILANO   
875 FLAT SHOALS ROAD  
CONYERS, GEORGIA  
770-860-1144  
SUNDAY JULY 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2010  
4PM—6:30PM



**Let's all join together and celebrate our members and their dog's accomplishments for the past year!**

**DEADLINE FOR AWARDS SUBMISSION IS JUNE 15TH, 2010**

**VERSATILITY: Joye Evans**  
3600 Mill Creek LN. Marietta, Ga. 30060 770-4382285

**CONFORMATION & PERFORMANCE: Mary Gattone**  
2359 Lake Capri Rd. Conyers, GA. 30012 770-922-2172

## **MENU SELECTIONS TAX & GRATUITY INCLUDED**

**New York Strip Steak served with mixed vegetables and potatoes \$25.00**

**Italian Sampler (Lasagna, Ravioli, Manicotti, & Baked Ziti) \$23.00**

**Seafood Trio (Shrimp, Scallops, Clams in herb & garlic sauce over Linguine noodles) \$25.00**

**Chicken Francese (Chicken breasts sautéed in lemon butter, & white wine sauce) \$23.00**

**House salads are included with dinner and your choice of beverages, Coffee, Tea, Coke, Diet Coke or Sprite.**

**Dessert is available Ala Carte**

**No Alternative menu selections are available.**

**Special dietary needs? Contact Mary Gattone 770-922-2172**

**Send reservation request, meal choice and check payable to the GSDC of Atlanta no later than July 6, 2010 to: Mary Gattone 2359 Lake Capri Rd. NW Conyers, Ga. 30012 770-922-2172**

**Directions to Banquet . I-20 East to Hwy 138 & GA Hwy 20 exit. Right at top of exit ramp. Proceed through the fourth traffic light and make the next right (just before BB &T Bank), at stop sign make a right into the strip shopping center. The restaurant is on the end of the strip to your right.**

## **CONFORMATION & PERFORMANCE AWARDS**

**Here are the rules for program. Get your information for the Awards:**

**CONFORMATION & PERFORMANCE TO: Mary Gattone , 2359 Lake Capri Rd. Conyers, GA. 30012 770-922-2172. Deadline for submission of information June 15..**

### **Awards Eligibility**

**The Club has requirements for those who are eligible to receive awards. The following apply to all award recipients:**

- 1. Only current members are eligible to receive awards. No dogs other than German shepherds are eligible for these awards.**
- 2. The recipient must have been member and must have owned or co-owned the dog at the time the title was won. (In the case of a dog co-owned by two or more club members, the person whose name first appears on the AKC papers is considered the "owner" and would be eligible to receive the award at no cost. Co-owners may purchase additional awards at their own expense.)**
- 3. The following titles shall be recognized: AKC titles of Champion, Companion Dog, Companion Dog Excellent, Utility Dog, Utility Dog Excellent, Tracking Dog, Tracking Dog Excellent, Variable Surface Tracking, Champion Tracker, Obedience Trial Champion, Herding Tested, PreTrial Tested, Herding Started, Herding Intermediate, Herding Excellent, Herding Champion, Novice Agility, Open Agility, Agility Excellent, Master Agility Dog, Novice Agility Jumper, Open Agility Jumper, Agility Excellent Jumper, Master Excellent Jumper, Master Agility Champion, Rally, and WDS I, WDS II, & WDS III, and any other title recognized by AKC or GSDC of**

**America. GSDC of Atlanta Titles of Versatility Started (certificate only), Versatility Intermediate, Versatility Excellent, AKC Versatility, and Health Versatility (must qualify for Versatility Started or higher). GSDC of America Titles of Select, Grand Victor/Victrix, Futurity!Maturity Victor/Victrix, Register of Merit, Obedience Victor/Victrix, Agility Victor/Victrix; and titles of Schutzhund I, Schutzhund II and Schutzhund III. Rev. 1/09**

**4. Awards shall be of two types, except where noted: plaques and certificates. To be eligible for a plaque, a member must meet one of the following requirements:**

- a. Attend 5 club meetings in the current awards year. Meetings may be any combination of club and/or board meetings.**
- b. Participate in a club training class as instructor or assistant.**
- c. Actively serve on a committee during the awards year.**
- d. Be a life member as defined in the club's bylaws.**

**Members not meeting requirements for plaques will be awarded certificates.**

**5. Any questions of eligibility shall be resolved by the Board.**

**6. The Club's awards year will extend from June 1 to May 31.**

### **Versatility Awards Program**

**Here are the rules for program. Get your information for Versatility to: chairperson Joye Evans no later than June 15. 770-438-2285 (home); 404-264-2164 (work), e-mail charbargs@aol.com, address 3600 Mill Creek Lane, Marietta, GA 30060.**

#### **Rules for the Versatility Awards Program.**

**The Versatility awards program was implemented by the German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta for two reasons: as an educational tool for members to promote the health, soundness, and welfare of German Shepherd Dogs; and as a recognition program for dogs and owners who have contributed to the breed in the arenas of performance, conformation, and social responsibility. Eleven different categories have been identified in which points can be earned. There are six levels of awards, to recognize and reward dogs and owners from a beginning level to those who have achieved the pinnacle of success in one or several of the targeted areas. The categories and point-earning achievements in each are listed below. Certificates are awarded for Versatility Started (VS); plaques or special awards of increasing size (which may include a photo if the owner submits one in advance are awarded for the higher levels, which include Versatility Intermediate (VI), Versatility Advanced**



(VA), Versatility Excellent (VX), Versatility Master (VM), and Versatility Super (SV).

**Versatility Started (VS)** requires five points from at least 3 different categories, with at least one point coming from an AKC performance category. The award is a certificate.

**Versatility Intermediate (VI)** requires 10 points from at least 4 different categories, including at least 2 AKC performance categories. A small plaque (with a 4"x6" photo if provided in advance by the owner) will be awarded.

**Versatility Advanced (VA)** requires 11 points from at least 5 different categories, including at least 2 AKC performance categories; one point must be earned by winning a point at either the CDX, RA, TDX, OA, HI or a WD2 level. A small plaque (with a 4"x6" photo if provided in advance by the owner) will be awarded.

**Versatility Excellent (VX)** requires 12 points from at least 6 different categories, including at least 2 AKC performance categories; one point must be earned by winning the top level in an AKC performance category. A large plaque will be awarded (same criteria as noted above; photo is 5"x7".)

**Versatility Master (VM)** – requires 18 total points from at least 6 different categories; at least 10 of the points must be from 3 of the 6 AKC performance categories; the dog must have achieved the top level in at least 2 of those performance categories. A large plaque will be awarded; same criteria as above; photo is 8"x10".

**Versatility Super (SV)** requires 20 points from at least 8 different categories, and points must be earned in all 6 AKC performance categories; at least two points must be earned by achieving the top level in two different AKC performance categories. A special award will be presented; same criteria as above.

Non-AKC titles are limited to one point per category. For example, a dog with both a Canadian and a Mexican championship could claim only one point for his "foreign country championship."

There are 11 categories. One point is awarded for each accomplishment or award listed. The first 6 categories are the AKC performance categories. The dog must have passed the test or accomplishment listed in order to be awarded a point. C.E.R.F. certification must be renewed annually for the point to be counted in successive years. The program is designed to make versatility awards at some level accessible to all dogs and all owners. For example, if a dog does not have the health credentials and/or conformation or performance achievements to be a breeding prospect, the dog can still earn a point in the "Breedability" category by being spayed or neutered, in recognition of the owner's responsible decision not to breed that dog. A dog whose hips or elbows do not certify, but whose owner has chosen to

have the OFA results posted on the OFA's database, may earn a point for each OFA public database listing. Dogs who do certify earn extra points for those certifications.

The Versatility Awards year runs from June 1 to May 31; thus, all titles and certificates must have been earned no later than May 31 of the year in which the Versatility Awards are presented, at the Annual Awards Banquet in July. All Versatility Awards information must be submitted by regular mail to Versatility Chairperson at the mailing address below, no later than June 15 of the applicable awards year. Information received after that deadline will not be considered. Written documentation is required for all earned points. If you wish to receive a photo plaque for an eligible dog, you must specify whether the photo will be vertical or horizontal, and you must provide the photograph you wish to use.

To be eligible for a plaque, a member must meet one of the following requirements: attend 5 club meetings in the current awards year (meetings may be any combination of club and/or board meetings); participate in a club training class as instructor or assistant; actively serve on a committee during the awards year; or be a life member as defined in the club's bylaws. Members not meeting requirements for plaques will be awarded certificates.

You must send copies (non-returnable) of all titles, certifications, etc., as proof that your dog has earned points for those categories. More information about the performance titles can be found at the web site of the American Kennel Club, [akc.org](http://akc.org). Any questions of eligibility shall be resolved by the Board.

<p>1 OBEDIENCE</p> <p>a) CGC b) CD c) CDX d) UD e) UDX f) OTCH g) Obedience Victor/Victrix</p>	<p>2 AKC RALLY</p> <p>a) RN b) RA c) RE d) RAE*</p> <p>*1 point for each level</p>	<p>3 TRACKING</p> <p>a) TD b) TDX c) VST d) CT</p>	<p>4 HERDING</p> <p>a) HAC/HIC b) HT c) PT d) HS* e) HI* f) HX* g) HC h) Herding Victor/Victrix</p> <p>*1 point for each course/ livestock type</p>	<p>5 AGILITY</p> <p>a) NA/NAP* b) NAJ/NJP* c) NF/NFP* d) OA/OAP* e) OAJ/OJP* f) OF/OF* g) AX/AXP* h) AXJ/AJP* i) XF/XFP* j) MX/MXP* k) MXJ/MJP* l) MXF/MXFP* m) PAX</p>	<p>5 AGILITY (con't)</p> <p>n) MACH* o) FTC*/FTCP* p) Agility Victor/Victrix</p> <p>*1 point for each title or level</p>	<p>6 WORKING DOG SPORT</p> <p>a) TT b) WD1 c) WD2 d) WD3</p> <p>added to Performance 7/2008</p>
<p>7 HEALTH</p> <p>a) Hip status published on open OFA or SV database b) Elbow status published on open OFA or SV database c) Thyroid status published on open OFA database d) Cardiac status published on open OFA database e) Negative for von Willebrand's disease f) Normal TLI (pancreatic function) (5-35) g) Tattooed, microchipped, or DNA on file with AKC or SV h) 10 years or older i) Preliminary normal OFA hips j) Preliminary hip status published k) Preliminary normal OFA elbows l) Prelim. elbow status published</p>	<p>8 CONFORMATI ON/ BREEDABILIT Y</p> <p>a) AKC Show Ribbon b) AKC Champion c) Select or Best in Show d) Grand Victor/Victrix e) ROM (Register of Merit) f) Futurity Victor/Victrix g) Maturity Victor/Victrix h) Spayed or Neutered i) Hips rated Fair, Good, or Excellent by OFA or SV j) Elbows rated normal by OFA or SV k) Thyroid normal, per OFA l) CERF – eyes normal, per OFA, for current year m) Cardiac normal per OFA n) KKL Breed survey o) WDA/USCA Show Ribbon p) WDA V rating q) WDA VA rating r) North Amer. Sieger/ Siegerin</p> <p>m) added 2006</p>	<p>9 SCHUTZH UND</p> <p>a) BH b) SCH I c) SCH II d) SCH III e) FH 1 f) FH 2 g) AD</p>	<p>10 WORKING/A CTIVE DUTY</p> <p>a) Arson detection dog b) Bomb detection dog c) Drug detection dog e) Police dog f) Guide dog g) Service/Assistance dog h) Search &amp; Rescue dog</p>	<p>11 RESPONSIBL E OWNERSHIP</p> <p>a) Emergency Buddy System papers on file with club b) Temperament Tested or Certified c) Registered Therapy Dog d) Rescued Dog (ILP or breed) e) Other (Hero Dog, etc.) f) Goodwill Ambassador Dog (at least 3 visits, verified in writing by event officials, to seminars, clinics, schools, etc.) g) R.E.A.D. (Reading Education Assistance Dog) certification</p>	<p>12 OTHER CANINE ACTIVITIES/ AWARDS</p> <p>a) Scent Hurdle Team b) Flyball Team c) *Foreign/Other Championship d) *Other Obedience title e) *Other Agility title f) *Other Herding title g) *Other protection or working dog sport title (IPO I, II, III h) *Other Rally title</p> <p>*Limited to 1 point per listed title</p>	<p>11</p>

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**GSDC-ATLANTA TRAINING CLASSES:**

**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](mailto:jevans@hardinconstruction.com)**

**Stacey Pollio, will manage the basic/CGC class test on May 26.**

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**CLUB OFFICERS:**

**President [Joan Turner](#) 404 -285-4152**

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**All Other Officers**

**Member at Large [Scears Hardie](#) 404-219-4803**

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**Past President [Mary Gattone](#) 770 - 922-2172**

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**COMMITTEES**

**Club Phone - Andrea Washburn 770 -245-0514**

**Hearts & Flowers - Jan Eason 770 -963-4975**

**Herding - Helen Chamblee 770 - 466-0157**

**Library - Joan Turner 404 - 285-4152**

**Internet - [Scears Hardie](#) <http://www.gsdcatlanta.org/>**

**Audit – Mary Gattone, Nancy Harper, \_\_\_\_\_**

Website – Scears Hardie 404-219 4803

Equipment - Barbara Stamper 770 - 922-0969

Obedience - Joye Evans 770 - 438-2285

Regional Challenge – Stacey Pollio 404 – 353 0588 (deadline: call Stacey)

Versatility - Joye Evans 770 - 438-2285

Training - [Joye Evans](#) 770 - 438-2285

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#### **CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING IN GUARDIAN**

Don't miss this opportunity to list your litter which is FREE. Only a small charge for Breeder and Stud Dog listings. You can advertise stuff you want to sell at <http://www.gsdcatlanta.org/> Contact: [Scears Hardie](#)

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#### **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.

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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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