



The Guardian

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Time seems to fly. It is hard to believe that this is my tenth issue of the Guardian. In my first issue as Editor 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. In retrospect we were slow in getting started but we are still on schedule. The board has appointed a committee to study how to make the website better and more robust.

The Annual Awards Banquet will be here before you know it and Mary is getting things ready. Be sure to get your reservation to her.

In this issue and in the past issue the information has been listed about the club Versatility program. I must confess I did not know that the program is cumulative which means as you accomplish things with your dog, it adds to your dog's record of versatility. Now that I know that I can only say that we all need to be doing more with our dogs. Make them better GS citizens. Be watching for training opportunities at our club meetings.

Dogs are welcome to come to club meetings but they must be on lease and well behaved.

The GSDC Atlanta club website is slowly moving forward. It is now timelier than in the past with information about training, the board, committee reports, articles (forthcoming), shows, the match etc. If you miss something or are wondering about it try the website <http://www.gsdcatlanta.org/>

Complimentary copies of the Guardian will be sent to all new puppy buyers, friends or potential members. If you would like to have someone on the list 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 ANNOUNCEMENTS

The club has elected the following class to serve the 2010-2011 term

President - Joan B. Turner
Vice President/Training Director - Elaine Leroy
Secretary - Joye Evans
Treasurer - Sara Wolfe
Member at Large - Betty Ann Fredricks
Guardian Editor - Dr. Carmen Battaglia

PROGRAM FOR AUGUST:

Program will feature a continuation of structure and movement. This program depicts why good structure is needed for utility, performance, herding, obedience and conformation dogs.

You will not want to miss this program.

CLUB UPDATES:

1. **Total Membership: 62 voting members**

CONFORMATION JUDGES / 2011

James A Moses
Douglas Crane

OBEDIENCE – RALLY JUDGES / 2012

Christina Stoner
Minta Williquette

MATCH JUDGES / 2011

Andrea Washburn
Pauline Moon

4. **AUDIT COMMITTEE FOR 2009-2010:** Nancy Harper, Mary Gattone, Suzanne Kinman

5. **FREE LITTER ADVERTISING** on the GSDC Atlanta Website for 90 days. If you have a litter contact Scars Hardie to list your litter.

6. **IRS:** Club is on track regarding the possibility for 501 (c) 7 status change.

MINUTES OF CLUB MEETINGS:

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

NEW MEMBERS: none

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS: Ruth Neil

GUESTS: John Pollio, Catherine Gilbert, Ruth Neil

17 members signed in on the sign in sheet including President Joan Turner.

2010 GSDC Atlanta Show – October 2-3.

Location: Conyers, Georgia

Show Chair: Stacey Pollio, if you can help call Stacey (404) 353 0588.

Show Secretary: Kathy Gross, 91 Orr Rd., Sharpsburg, GA 30277

Trophy Solicitation: Andrea Washburn

Hospitality: Barbara Stamper/Laura Petry

Catalog Sales: Ruth Neil

Ring Steward Conformation: Lee Jewel

Ring Stewards Obedience – volunteers needed, call Joye Evans at 404-391-1490

Ring Steward Rally – Volunteers needed, call Joye Evans at 404-391-1490

Event Committee: Carmen Battaglia (Chair), Stacey Pollio, Nancy Harper, Joye
Evans, Joan Turner

2010 Judges:

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

Future Show Dates:

2011 GSDC ATLANTA SHOW – OCTOBER

2011 GSDC ATLANTA - MATCH

*** 2013 TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2 – MONDAY OCTOBER 15.**

Three great events:

- 1. The GSDCA National 2013***
- 2. The GSDCA 2013 Centennial celebration ***
- 3. The 2013 WUSV World Championship Trial ***

*** The locations and final dates are pending.**

TRAINING CLASSES:

The class starts – September 7th, 2010

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: Elaine Leroy, edbleroy@bellsouth.net or Joye Evans (770) 438-2285 or
Email jevans@hardinconstruction.com**

Stacey Pollio will manage the basic/CGC class test.

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB NEWS

GRAND CHAMPION - NEW CONFORMATION TITLE

Effective: May 12, 2010 the Grand Championship competition began. 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 2nd Thursday of each month, EXCEPT IN THE MONTHS OF JULY, OCTOBER AND DECEMBER. Location: The Atlanta Humane Society, 981 Howell Mill RD, Atlanta, Georgia at 8:00 PM. Visitors welcome.

DIRECTIONS TO CLUB MEETINGS

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

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NOTE: Stacey Pollio conducted a CGC Test on May 26. Seven GSD's were certified. Congratulations to everyone who participated.

CLUB OFFICERS:

President Joan Turner 404 -285-4152

Vice President/Training Director - Elaine Leroy 770 – 504-1218

Treasurer Sara Wolfe 770 - 579-2548

Secretary Joye Evans 770 - 438-2285

Member at Large - Betty Ann Fredricks 770 - 461 0714

Guardian Editor Carmen Battaglia 770 - 998-3679. <http://www.gsdcatlanta.org/>

Past President Mary Gattone 770 - 922-2172

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, Suzanne Kinman

Website – Scears Hardie 404-219 4803

Equipment - Barbara Stamper 770 - 922-0969
Obedience - Elaine Leroy 770 - 504-1218
Regional Challenge - Stacey Pollio 404 - 353 0588 (call Stacey)
Versatility - Joye Evans 770 - 438-2285

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](#)

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.

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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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