



The Guardian

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This makes twelve issues since my first issue. The goal was to bring you a Newsletter that does not require hours of reading but rather offers snippets of useful information with links to our website. We got off to a slow start but things are changing. The board has appointed a new webmaster and your ideas for the website would be appreciated. A few changes have already been added. More will occur in the second week of September. By October first you should see a better more efficient site. Let me know if you think we have missed something.

One of the goals is to be able to pay for entries, dues and advertisements on line. We have a PayPal account and it will be functional soon. You can go there to pay your dues.

The board is trying an experiment through January 2011. Dogs will be welcome at club meetings but they must be on leash and well behaved.

If you have new litter advertising it on the club site is free for ninety days. If you send me the email addresses of your puppy buyers I will send them complimentary copies of the Guardian. This includes your friends and potential members. If you want someone else added to the list send their contact information to: (cbattaglia@mindspring.com).

Visit the club site and see some of the new features. Thanks for reading along.

Editor

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

MICROCHIPS - Those who need microchips should contact Mary Gattone 770 922-2172. She has been able to get a supply of AKC chips for \$6.00.

PROGRAM FOR SEPTEMBER:

Deborah Marshall will share with us how the Atlanta Humane Society serves dog clubs and the community. Deborah has served on the AHS board for several years and has been its Board Chairman. She will tell us about the very interesting history of the AHS legal issue with animal's ways that we can help. She has been an AHS volunteer and has participated in animal rescue. She is now VP of Major Gifts and planned giving to the AHS.

You will not want to miss this program.

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

NEW MEMBERS: Ruth Neil

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS FOR AUGUST: none

GUESTS: John Pollio, Catherine Gilbert, Ruth Neil

19 members attended the meeting

TRAINING CLASSES:

Class start – Tuesday, September 7th, 2010

Location: 3301 Windy Ridge Parkway Parking Garage main level.

Start Time: 7:30 p.m and continue for 8 weeks.

Pre-registration is strongly requested

Offerings: Rally and Obedience classes plus Canine Good Citizen (CGC) Classes.

Rates: \$25 member; \$75 non-members. Petsmart rates \$125. Rate for CGC \$10.00

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.

2010 GSDC ATLANTA SHOW – OCTOBER 2-3 DON’T MISS IT

Go to our website for the entry form and other details

<http://www.gsdcatlanta.org/> Click on “shows and matches”.

Johnson Park, 1781 Ebenezer Rd., Conyers, GA 30094, Show Hours: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM
All Classes will be held outdoors

Show Secretary - Kathy Gross, 91 Orr Rd., Sharpsburg, GA 30277
Phone 678.480.1822 Email: atlgdsshowentry@att.net

Judges

Saturday October 2, 2010

Breed and Junior Showmanship -Didier Ardoin.....161 Dan Drive, Eunice, LA 70535

Obedience -Anthony Cherubini..... 3934 Stoney Hill Rd., Newberry, SC 29108

Rally - Sharon D. Crossman..... 3934 Stoney Hill Rd., Newberry, SC 29108

Sunday October 3, 2010

Breed and Junior Showmanship - Barbara Hefner 912 Easley Hwy, Pelzer, SC 29669

Obedience - Sharon D. Crossman 3934 Stoney Hill Rd., Newberry, SC 29108

Rally - Anthony Cherubini 3934 Stoney Hill Rd., Newberry, SC 29108

Show Chair Stacey Pollio
Show Committee..... Carmen Battaglia, Stacey Pollio, Nancy Harper, Joye Evans, Joan
Turner

**HOST HOTEL- The host hotel should be: The Jameson Inn, 1164 Dogwood Dr,
Conyers, GA 30012, 770-760-1230.**

OFFICIAL SHOW PHOTOGRAPHER – Joyce Quick

ENTRY FEE

**Conformation and Obedience \$24.00 for the first entry of each dog except puppy class and
bred-by exhibitor class which are \$19.00. Second entry of same dog per show is \$19.00.**

. Rally \$26.00. Second entry same dog on same day \$19.00

**Junior Showmanship: No charge if dog entered in a class. \$5.00 if only entered in Junior
Showmanship**

Entry fee includes AKC recording fee and event service fee.

Directions to Show Site

**From Interstate 20, take exit 80 (West Avenue) from the West turn right onto West Ave
from the East turn left onto West Ave. Turn left onto Johnson Road, at the red light.
Follow Johnson Road until it dead-ends into Ebenezer Road. Turn left onto Ebenezer Road
and Johnson Park is immediately on the right.**

**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**

FUTURE SHOW DATES:

2013 TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2 – MONDAY OCTOBER 15.

Three great events in two weeks:

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

The **Atlanta Schutzhund Verein** cordially invites you to pack up your dog, his favorite toys, and a pocket full of treats and head for Ellenwood Georgia for an exciting weekend with **Charlie Meszaros** and the newest GSDCA- WDA Schutzhund Club of Georgia!!

From beginner to expert and BH to Schutzhund 3 this two day seminar will cover all phases of the sport – tracking, obedience and protection with emphasis on positive reinforcement to get the results you want - a dog that is happy to be on the field and shows it! Each team will receive individual attention to build teamwork on the field.

September 18 – 19, 2010 7AM to 4 PM - ASV Training grounds located at 6298 Hearn Road, Ellenwood, GA 30506

Fees: Owner with adult dog - \$250 [second dog \$200]
Owner with puppy [12 month and under] - \$125
Audit without dog - \$50

Join us for a fun filled weekend of camaraderie with serious competitors!
Bring a chair. Lunch will be provided on grounds for \$10.00.
All dogs must be kept on lead or crated unless working.

Pre-registration is recommended as space is limited. Mail/e-mail entries to: Sigrid Riess-Mundy
811 Butter Street Landrum, SC 29356
Sigrid@reebochk9sport.com cell 864-607-4131

Contact during seminar: Suzanne Kinman cell 770-634-2606

NAME: _____ CELL PHONE # _____

ADDRESS: _____

Check one: _____ ADULT DOG _____ PUPPY _____ AUDIT

DOG'S CALL NAME: _____ Age: _____ Sex: _____

Tell us about your dog [where you currently are in training]: _____

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB NEWS

Remarks by AKC Director Carl Ashby

The AKC is in a significant transition as we adapt to a world that was never envisioned when we were founded 126 years ago. One of the mandates of the Delegate's has been to place business people on the Board and for the Board and Staff to look at the American Kennel Club through 2 lenses...the sport organization we are and the rest of the world in which we must exist. Overcoming the many obstacles inherent in our history and finding solutions compatible with our traditions isn't easy...since all of us have things we treasure. The inconvenient truth is today we do not have complete control of the world of dogs...we share that space with the Animal Rights community, the 32 offer registries, the changing culture of participants, additional opportunities for leisure activities, etc.

Marketing research is incredibly important to understand this new environment. Sometimes it will be general in nature and in other cases it will test various notions as validations of other ideas...i.e. consistency of response. Survey recipients are randomly chosen to meet targeting goals in order to be able to scientifically gauge response of different groups...thus why only intended recipients can respond and they were randomly chosen based on targeting criteria...not people. Just as with a political survey controlling response is essential for statistical accuracy.

CLUB MEETINGS - held on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 8PM , EXCEPT FOR JULY, OCTOBER AND DECEMBER. Visitors welcome.

DIRECTIONS TO CLUB MEETINGS

Location: 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.

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

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

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/website – Carmen Battaglia 770 998 3679

Audit – Mary Gattone, Nancy Harper, Suzanne Kinman

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

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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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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