



The Guardian

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I hope you have made your New Years Resolutions. It is hard to believe that the time for New Year's resolution has passed. Here is a suggestion for everyone. Promise that you will attend meetings and volunteer to work on club committees. Promise that you will take your dog to training class even if it is just for the ride and the opportunity to see fellow club members. Promise that you will remind others about how they can help the parent club with important projects such as the Purina Pro Club and Purina Alliance Programs. Both produce revenue for GSDCA projects.

Don't forget to bring your dog to club meetings. It is a treat for your dog to have a night out with you. This is also a good time to get advice from others about a dog problem.

Just as a reminder. We have two new free benefits of membership. The first is your dog's picture on the GSDS Atlanta website will be free for one year. The photo can be from any placing at an AKC event. Just send me the show photo, name of dog, owner, breeder and or handler in the picture. Take a look at the pictures already on our site. Click on "Braggs and Achievements" The second is the free advertisement of your new litter for ninety days. Just sends me the email addresses of your puppy buyers I will send them complimentary copies of the Guardian. This also includes your friends and any potential member. If you want someone added to the mailing list send their contact information to: (cbattaglia@mindspring.com).

Remember to nominate your litter in the Futurity as soon as the bitch is in whelp. The nomination is FREE and the GSDCA gets credit from Purina for every nominated litter. To learn more about the free listing [click here](#)

Visit our club website site and see some of the new features. (www.gsdcatlanta.org).

Thanks for reading along.

Editor

Passing of a Member:

Suzanne Kinman passed away early on the morning of Februray 1, 2011. The service will be Friday, Feb. 4, at Horis A. Ward Rockdale Chapel. Visitation is from 12-2PM with the memorial starting at 2PM.

MICROCHIPS

Need microchips? Contact Mary Gattone 770 922-2172. She has a supply of AKC chips for \$6.00/chip.

PROGRAM FOR February 2011 – The program for February is going to be Capt. (Vet) Valentino from Fort McPherson. She will talk to us about the Military Working Dogs, how they care for the dogs, and their life in the military and will answer the many questions which I am sure we will have. **Don't miss it.; the discussion will be followed by Q & A's.**

MINUTES OF CLUB MEETINGS: The minutes will be posted on the website.

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

NEW MEMBERS: December - None

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS: DECEMBER - None

TRAINING CLASSES:

Training classes – next session will start 2/22 at 7:30 at 3301 Windy Ridge Parkway

Class – each Tuesday

Location: 3301 Windy Ridge Parkway Parking Garage main level.

Start Time: 7:30 **p.m**

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](mailto:JoyeEvans) (770) 438-2285 or Email jevans@hardinconstruction.com

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

FUTURE EVENT DATES:

- **Ian Dunbar Seminar, March 11-13.**

Location: Sheraton Gateway Hotel Atlanta Airport, 1900 Sullivan Road, Atlanta GA 30337

February 11 – Lincoln's Birthday

February 21 – Presidents Day

1. **Spring Picnic – TBA - Chair- Carmen Battaglia (770) 998 3679**

2. **Spring Match – Chair – TBA**

3. **GSDCA Centennial and World Trial (Tues, Oct. 2 – Mon. Oct 15, 2013.**

4. 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

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB NEWS

BREEDER OF MERIT PROGRAM

Many GS owners meet these requirements. The form you need is at:

<http://www.akc.org/breederofmerit/index.cfm>

Specific Requirements:

- Has a history of at least 5 years involvement with AKC events.
- Earned at least 4 Conformation, Performance or Companion event titles on dogs they bred.
- Member of an AKC club.
- Certifies that applicable health screens are performed on sire and dam as recommended by Parent Club.
- Demonstrates commitments to ensuring 100% of the puppies produced are AKC registered enabling AKC to maintain accurate records.

Benefits:

- Breeder of Merit registration applications and registration certificates featuring a special designation
- Complimentary access to online reports
- Access to the AKC Direct toll free number
- Online record support
- A certificate of distinction
- Breed-specific web banners that participants can use to proudly promote their involvement in Program
- Acknowledgement in the AKC Gazette and on AKC.org; Lapel pin and more!

NAMING OF AN AKC DOG

Many are confused about a dogs name and how it can be changed. The AKC says that the person who owns the dog at the time the application for registration is submitted to the

AKC has the right to name it. Names are subject to AKC approval and the following guidelines:

- Name choices are limited to (36) thirty-six characters
- All letters in a dog's name are limited to the standard English alphabet
- Registered Kennel Name cannot be included in a dog's name unless its use is authorized by the owner of the name.
- Roman numerals must not be included at the end of the dog's name. The AKC reserves the right to assign roman numerals for identification purposes.
- The AKC permits thirty-seven (37) dogs of each breed to be assigned the same name.
- Words and phrases that may not be included in a dog's name:

Champion, champ, Sieger or any other AKC title or show term, either spelled out or abbreviated. Obscenities and words derogatory to any race, creed or nationality or transliterations of such words. Kennel(s), male, stud, sire, bitch, dam and female. Breed names alone. There are no restrictions on Arabic (1, 2, 3), cardinal (one, two, three) and ordinal (first, second, third) numbers that are spelled out.

- An imported dog must be registered with the same name under which it was registered in its country of birth, except for the addition of a Registered Kennel Name.
- The name of an AKC registered dog may be changed provided the dog was whelped in the United States.
- Further, in cases where the litter owner(s) first individually registered the dog, the litter owner(s) written consent shall be required. A dog name containing a Registered Kennel Name cannot be changed without the written consent of the owner(s) of that Registered Kennel Name. However, no change in name will be recorded by the American Kennel Club after the dog has produced or sired an AKC registered litter or has received an award at an AKC-licensed or member event. Any name change must comply with all AKC requirements.

You can [download a Dog Name Change Authorization application](#) from our Web site. The fee for changing a dog's name is \$25.00.

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

Member at Large - Betty Ann Frederick, 770 - 639-0747

Guardian Editor - [Carmen Battaglia](#), 770 - 998-3679. <http://www.gsdatlanta.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

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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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