



The Guardian

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For those who missed the March Match in Conyers You missed a great time. The turn out was better than expected and we had lots of pups and older dogs to see. The food was good and the conversation was exciting.

Remember that all cell phone numbers go public this month. All cell phone numbers are being released to telemarketing companies and you will start to receive sales calls. Read on and see what you can do.

Back to the club. There are benefits of membership and they continue to grow. I want you to go to our website and see for yourself. You are missing out. We have several free benefits of membership. For instance, you can place your dog's picture on the GSDS Atlanta website 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". Another benefit is the free advertisement of your new litter for ninety days. Just send me what you want to say along with the email addresses of your puppy buyers and 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).

There is more. The cost of a paid advertisement was reduced. It is now \$12/year to advertise your stud dog, kennel or anything else.

Now that the AKC is promoting the Breeder of Merit Program I have listed the criteria on our website. We have several members that are eligible. The AKC, German Shepherd Dog Club of America Inc. and German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta list members who are Breeders of Merit. Don't forget to take advantage and be recognized for your years of work.

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

Thanks for reading along.

Editor

MICROCHIPS

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

PROGRAM FOR APRIL 2011 – The April program will feature Dr. Lena Vacca from Loving Touch Animal Center. There offices are in Midtown and Stone Mountain, Georgia. There specialty is rehabilitation and therapy and alternative medicine such as massage, acupuncture and Chinese medicines. This promises to be an informative lecture and discussion. New ideas about treatment and alternatives to problem solving.

Don't miss it. Q & A's will follow.

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

NEW MEMBERS: March - None

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS: None

TRAINING CLASSES:

Training classes – Started February 22.

Classes – 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 (770) 438-2285 or
Email jevans@hardinconstruction.com

Stacey Pollio will manage the basic/CGC class test.

FUTURE EVENT DATES:

1. GSDCA Centennial and World Trial (Wed. 9 – Mon. Oct 20, 2013).

2. Three great events in two weeks:

- a. GSDCA National 2013 in Philadelphia
- b. GSDCA 2013 Centennial celebration in Philadelphia
- c. 2013 WUSV World Championship Trial in Philadelphia

- Wed Oct 09, 2013 GSDCA Conformation concluding with BOB competition on Saturday Oct 12, 2013.
- Friday, Sat and Sun October 11,12,13, GSDCA Performance events
- Sat and Sun October 12 and 13 World teams arriving
- Mon & Tues October 14 and 15 World teams practice at stadium
- Wed Oct 16 World Competition begins.
- Sunday October 20 conclusion of WUSV events

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<https://www.donotcall.gov/default.aspx>

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB AND LOCAL NEWS

PROPOSAL TO TAX VETERINARY SERVICE

March 28, 2011

The GCC' in the Crossover Day Legislative Report' had stated that the GCC did not expect the tax on Veterinary Services to move, and the GCC is pleased to state today that the proposed tax on Veterinary Services has been removed from the proposed tax bill for this year.

The GCC wants to thank all of you who called your Representative and opposed this proposed tax. Those phone calls helped convince the Committee the bill was assigned to, not to go forward with the proposed tax on most services which included Veterinary Services.

Gail LaBerge
President, GCC

BREEDER OF MERIT PROGRAM

Many GS owners meet these requirements. There are 4,100 breeders already in the program. It is free. The application form you need is at:

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

Requirements:

- 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. They are OFA hips, elbows and GSDCA Temperament Test.
- 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 to proudly promote involvement in Program
- Acknowledgement in the AKC Gazette and on AKC.org; Lapel pin and more!

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.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, Andy Carolus

Equipment - Barbara Stamper, 770 - 922- 0969

Obedience - Elaine Leroy, 770 - 504 -1218

Regional Challenge - Stacey Pollio, 404 - 353 - 0588

Versatility - Joye Evans, 770 - 438-2285

Awards - _____

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING AND OTHER LISTINGS IN GUARDIAN

Litter free advertisement is free for 90 days. Your dog's show picture is free for one year.

Paid advertisements for stud dogs, kennels and breeders are \$12/year

Breeders of Merit are listed FREE on the websites of the: American Kennel Club, German Shepherd Dog Club of America and German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta

For more information contact me: cbattaglia@mindspring.com.

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.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS is on the 15th of the month prior to issue.

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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