



The Guardian

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Some of our members missed a good program in April. The turn out was better than expected and eight members brought their dogs. The food was good and the conversation was exciting.

As I mentioned last month all cell phone numbers went public in April. They are being released to telemarketing companies and you will start to receive sales calls. Read on to see what you can do.

Here are some statistics about the Guardian and GSD Atlanta website. The Guardian is now being sent to 108 subscribers and more continue to subscribe. The club website by the numbers. We have the following: Ads, 3 for three stud dogs; 1 for breeder, 1 litter and 6 brags and achievements; 9 links; 4 articles; 12 show and match pictures and 30 + newsletters. In the members section you will find the club Roster, Bylaws, Policy and Procedures Manual, Audit report and minutes. We are also adding members who have been recognized by the AKC as an AKC Breeder of Merit.

Benefits of membership. Don't forget that you can place your dog's picture on our 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).

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

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 MAY 2011 – Election of officers. Be there and make your vote count.

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

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

In accordance with Section 4 of the German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta, Inc.'s Bylaws as shown below, the nominating committee presented the following slate for the Board of Directors - term of July 2011 – June 2012 at the April 2011 meeting:

President ~ Joan Turner

Vice President ~ Elaine LeRoy

Treasurer ~ Sara Wolfe

Secretary ~ Erika Tracy

Member at Large ~ Betty Ann Frederick

Guardian Editor ~ Carmen Battaglia

SECTION 4 - NOMINATIONS

The president shall appoint a nominating committee at the March club meeting for the purpose of selecting a slate of nominees for the elective offices and directorships. The committee shall consist of three members who have been active members of the German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta, Inc. for one year. A nominating committee meeting must be held before April 1. (Rev. 6/06)

- A. The committee shall nominate one candidate for each office and position on the Board of Directors, and after securing the consent of each person nominated, shall immediately report its nominations to the Secretary in writing. Upon receipt of the nominating committee's report the Secretary shall, at least two weeks before the May meeting notify each member in writing of the candidates so nominated. A candidate must have been an active member for at least one year prior to nomination. (Rev. 11/09)

- B. Additional nominations may be made at the May meeting by any Active Member in attendance provided that the person so nominated does not decline when his name is proposed, and provided further that if the proposed candidate is not in attendance at this meeting, his proposer shall present to the Secretary a written statement from the proposed candidate signifying his willingness to be a candidate. No person may be a candidate for more than one position; therefore, the additional nominations which are provided for herein may be made only from among those Active Members of at least one year who have not accepted a nomination of the nominating committee. (Rev. 11/09)

NEW MEMBERS: April - None

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS: Barbara Guzzo

TRAINING CLASSES:

Training Classes: Started April 26

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

Stacey Pollio will manage the basic/CGC class test.

FUTURE EVENT DATES:

A. Fall shows:

1. November 11, 2011. Friday. German Shepherd conformation; all breed obedience and rally
2. November 12, 2011. Saturday. German Shepherd Dog Club two shows . German Shepherd Conformation; all breed obedience and Rally
3. November 13 German Shepherd conformation; all breed obedience and rally

Location Patriot's Park, Appling, Georgia (Augusta area)

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

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

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YOU WILL BE CHARGED FOR THESE CALLS

To prevent this, call the following number from your cell phone:
888-382-1222.

It is the National DO NOT CALL list. It will only take a minute of your time... It blocks your number for five (5) years. You must call from the cell phone number you want to have blocked. You cannot call from a different phone number.

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

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB AND LOCAL NEWS

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: Vacant

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](mailto:Mary.Gattone@akc.org) 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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