



The Guardian

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By now our members and readers have made their New Year resolutions and perhaps a few of us have broken them already.

If you missed our show in Augusta you missed some good dogs and good judging. If you missed the Christmas party at Ron and Nancy Mulvaney's it was a great get together to see old friends from our club and the North Georgia GSD Club.

Let's begin 2012 with a pledge to attend meetings and get your dog to our training classes for a tune up on his or her behavior and your training skills. Everyone is welcome. Directions to the training site are on the website, www.gsdcatlanta.org

For those who missed my brief program about the working dog program at the U. Penn. Here is the website you will find interesting . <http://pennvetwdc.org/>

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is again cautioning consumers that chicken jerky products for dogs (also sold as chicken tenders, strips or treats) may be associated with illness in dogs. In the last 12 months, FDA has seen an increase in the number of complaints it received of dog illnesses associated with consumption of chicken jerky products imported from China. These complaints have been reported to FDA by dog owners and veterinarians. For more information, <http://www.fda.gov/AnimalVeterinary/NewsEvents/CVMUpdates/ucm280586.htm>

The following signs that may occur within hours to days of feeding the products: decreased activity; vomiting; diarrhea, sometimes with blood; increased water consumption and/or increased urination. If the dog shows any of these signs, stop feeding the chicken jerky product. Owners should consult their veterinarian if signs are severe or persist for more than 24 hours.

Remember if you are a GSDC of Atlanta member and you would us to link to your website please contact me at cbattaglia@mindspring.com. Use LINKS as your subject. Send me an email and tell me how you want to be listed and linked. Google spiders find web sites faster if they are linked to other sites. This is a good way to increase your visibility and help your club. Complimentary copies of the Guardian will be sent to your friends and any potential member. The best bargain is a paid advertisement. It is just \$12/year for 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

Contact: Connie Irvine - 770)507 7408. She has chips for \$10/chip

PROGRAM FOR JAUNUARY

Our program will be Thursday night at 8:00 p.m.

The speaker will be Dr. Carmen Battaglia, AKC board member and GSDCA Delegate. His topic will be using nutrition to enhance learning and development.

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: NOVEMBER - Jessica Ball

NEW MEMBER APPLICATION - Stephen Gibbia

GUESTS: No meeting in December. The club hosted a Christmas Parity at the home of Ron and Nancy Mulvaney. Friends and family from the German Shepherd Club of North Georgia attended.

TRAINING CLASSES - TWO LOCATIONS (N. DeKalb & Windy Ridge Parkway)

NORTH DEKALB MALL

Start: Jan. 10th, 2012-Feb. 14th, 2012

Classes – each Tuesday

Location: North DeKalb Mall, 2050 Lawrenceville Hwy, Decatur, GA

Start Time: 7:30. A six-week beginning scent work class will start on Saturday, January 14 at 4:30, registration beginning at 4, covering the basics of scent theory and the introduction of the dogs to the handler's preferred target scent. Contact Erika (gramma510@hotmail.com) for more information.

Rates: \$25 member; \$75 non-members. The PetsMart rates are \$125.

Contact: Elaine Leroy: edbleroy@bellsouth.net or Erika at: gramma510@hotmail.com

Directions: North DeKalb Mall is at the intersection of the Lawrenceville Highway (29), Stone Mountain Highway (78/410), and Druid Hills Road.

How about this for finding the location in the Mall parking

The specifics to reach our classes: Find the service entrance between AMC theatre and Macy's. There will be a post office on your right and a furniture store on your left. This is where you will walk in with your dog, it's not for parking. The back door to the site is to the right and on the left. We will have a sign on the door. Look for Rm. 4010.

WINDY RIDGE PARKWAY PARKING GARAGE

Start: March – Date to be determined.

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. The PetsMart rates are \$125.

Contact: Elaine Leroy, edbleroy@bellsouth.net who will manage the basic/CGC class test. Or Joye Evans (770) 438-2285 or Email jevans@hardinconstruction.com

BRAGS

None for December

FUTURE EVENT DATES:

January 14, 2012

The South Metro Atlanta Schutzhund Club will be hosting a GSDCA-WDA “Helper Seminar” with Steve Miller. Everyone is invited to attend. The fee for helpers is \$100 and is free to spectators. More information and updates can be found at:
<http://www.southmetroatl.com/events-results.htm>

January 21 - 22, 2012

The South Metro Atlanta Schutzhund Club, a GSDSCA-WDA club trial with SV Judge David Landau. Saturday: Obedience, Protection, BH's, Sunday: Tracking.

Everyone is welcome to attend. Please feel free to forward this e-mail to anyone who might be interested. More info and updates will be posted on our website:

<http://www.southmetroatl.com/index.html>

March 18, 2012 – Club Match. The chairperson and location are yet to be determined.

October 08 to October 14, 2012

The GSDCA National Specialty in Denver, CO See www.gsdca.org

May 18-20, 2012,

National Universal Seiger Show (NUSC)

2013 - October 07 to October 13, Philadelphia, PA (100 Year Celebration **and** World Trial).

2013 - WUSV World Championship, Philadelphia, PA.

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

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB AND LOCAL NEWS

AKC data shows that close to 50% of those eligible (17,000) for the Breeder of Merit Program have signed up for it.

Eligibility is free service is well within reach of many breeders. The requirements are:

1. A history of at least 5 years in AKC events.
2. Have bred and titled at least 4 Conformation, Performance or Companion dogs.
3. Membership in an AKC club.
4. Willingness to use the health screens recommended by their Parent Club. Many use the Canine Health Information Council (CHIC) for these tests.
5. Demonstrate a commitment to registering 100% of their puppies

BENEFITS

Here are a just a few of the benefits:

- BOM's are designated on all AKC registration applications and on AKC certificates
- Complimentary access to online reports
- Access to the AKC Direct toll free number
- Free online record keeping
- A frameable certificate of distinction
- Breed-specific web banners for use on the breeder's website (see below)
- A free listing in the AKC Gazette and on the AKC website.
- Free breeder online classified listings of their litters
- Free subscription to the Inner Circle Newsletter for breeders
- BOM Lapel pin

CLUB MEETINGS - held on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 8 PM, EXCEPT FOR JULY, 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:

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COMMITTEES

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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

Free litter advertisement for 90 days and 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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