



The Guardian

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Dog Club of Atlanta, Inc.**

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If you missed the Christmas party you missed a wonderful time. Our clubs social events are great times to meet new friends and pick up ideas about owning a German Shepherd Dog.

If I did not mention it earlier our clubs newsletter (The Guardian) won first place for the second year in the German Shepherd Dog Club of America's national Newsletter Competition. Thanks to everyone who helped me with the newsletter. Our club also was given an Honorable Mention Award in the Regional Club Challenge. This is difficult competition because it involves what all of our members do throughout the year. Our thanks to Stacey Pollio who follows up and tabulates the efforts of our club members. There are 98 regional German Shepherd Dog clubs in the United States, so getting into the top group is always noteworthy.

A special treat to those of who live in or near Atlanta. On January 25, 26, 27 the German Shepherd Dog Club of America Board will host their January board meeting at the airport Hilton Hotel (see Calendar below). A special "think tank" session will be held on Friday night at 7PM. This discussion will allow members to have input on a wide range of important topics that affect the breed and the club. No reservations are needed just show up. The Saturday and Sunday board meeting is also open to everyone. Don't miss it. Go see and meet your national board members.

The German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta board met last week and decided to host another herding and instinct day where owners can get their dog certified in herding. More to come later after details have been worked out.

"Bloat – What You Need to Know". This is a new research article on bloat. It is a dreaded disease that occurs in dogs when the stomach distends with air and then while dilated, twists. This action interferes with the blood supply to the stomach and other digestive organs, blocks the passage of food, causes the stomach to distend, impedes the return of blood to the heart and results in reducing cardiac output. Blood and oxygen are deprived from tissues which in turn causes them to die releasing toxins into the blood stream which causes serious disturbances in heart rhythms and usually results in death unless treated. This new article can be found at www.breedingbetterdogs.com. Click on articles.

Editor

January 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 Club Meeting 8PM	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 * Think tank GSDCA BOARD	26* GSDCA Board Meeting Hilton
27 * GSDCA Board meeting- Hilton	28	29	30	31		

* Meeting at the Airport Hilton – everyone is welcome

UP COMING EVENTS

2013 MATCH , SHOW AND TRIALS - CONFORMATION, OBEDIENCE AND RALLY

January 26 -27 GSDCA-WDA Club Trial – Sharpsburg, Georgia. Details on their website www.southmetroatl.com

March 16, Match – show chair – Stacey Pollio

September 28 and 29 - Conformation judges - Bob Slay and Chris Walkowicz
Obedience and Rally Judges – Minta Willoquette and Tony Cherubini

2013 - WUSV World Championship, Philadelphia, PA.

- Oct. 09 – 12th GSDCA Conformation concluding with BOB competition on Saturday
- 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

PROGRAM FOR JANUARY : To be announced

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 MEMBER APPLICATIONS – None

TRAINING CLASSES - (North DeKalb Mall – indoors) Obedience and Scent Work

If you're interested in training your pup or dog in obedience or scent work contact Erika Tracy at gramma510@hotmail.com

TRAINING CLASSES – (WINDY RIDGE PARKWAY)

Training classes – Starting in the spring

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. Elaine Leroy will manage the basic/CGC class test.

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

Conformation Classes – Three week short course – FREE

For more information about training contact: Vice President/Training Director – Scears Hardie, 404-713-2788, scears@bellsouth.net

BRAGS: Van Cleves Katherina v Heinerburg won Winners at the AKC/Eukanuba shows in Orlando Florida in December. Cassandra needs 2 points to complete her championship.

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB AND OTHER NEWS

* **The AKC Board authorized the extending of an offer of employment to a new Chief Operating Officer. John Lyons, the current COO is retired January 3.**

* **The AKC Board decided that in 2014, it will begin investigating the best response to the property leases expiring in 2018 and 2020, in NY and Raleigh.**

* **The AKC Board established a \$50 processing fee for the handling of club membership lists, which are required to be submitted annually. The fee will be waived for clubs submitting their lists in an acceptable electronic format. This fee will become effective July 1, 2013.**

* **The fee for the registration of an imported dog was raised to \$100, effective January 1, 2013.**

* **The discipline guidelines for sexual harassment have been expanded to cover inappropriate comments and/or conduct regarding but not limited to another individual's race, color, religion, disability, national origin, age, sexual orientation, or gender.**

* **The AKC Board removed the moratorium on Parent Clubs requesting a lowering of jump heights for their breed in obedience. An application form has been developed for any Parent Club wishing to make such a request.**

Mary Gattone sends us this news: She has items which feature the 2013 World Trial (T-shirts, sweat-shirts, magnets for your car or refrigerator etc. Call her at: 770 922-2172, emails her at: DestinoGS1@aol.com

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

CLUB MEETINGS - Held on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 8 PM, EXCEPT FOR JULY, OCTOBER AND DECEMBER. Visitors welcome, no need to call, just come.

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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Herding - Helen Chamblee, (770) 466-0157
Library - Joan Turner, (404) 285 – 4152
Internet/website – Dr. Carmen Battaglia, (770) 998 – 3679
Audit – Nancy Harper, John Pollio & 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 Banquet - Barbara Stamper, (770) 922- 0969
Working Dog Ass. contact – Betty Ann Fredrick, bettyann11.16@gmail.com, 770 - 639-0747

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 to Joan Turner (404) 285 - 4152.

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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