



The Guardian

A Monthly Publication of the German Shepherd
Dog Club of Atlanta, Inc.

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Do Not Forget To Visit The Club's Website at:
www.gsdcatlanta.org for regular updates and
special announcements. Web Master: Paul Costa



German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta Newsletter
ranked # 3 in 2011 and 2012 and # 2 in 2012. In the Regional Club
Challenge we were 1st in 2011, honorable mention in 2012 and #1
in 2013.

December 14, 2013 Christmas Party

Bring a gift (\$10 value) for the exchange and one food item

Call Barbara Stamper, 4142 Merle Court, McDonough, GA 30252;

770-922-0969; barickshep@bellsouth.net

Rememberat club meetingsBring your dog and learn.

Training classes will continue in February. Directions are on the website. Let Erika Tracy know if you're coming, her contact info. gramma510@hotmail.com, 678-642-9303. Tell her who you're bringing, and what you want to learn. See class details below or go to: <http://gsdcatlanta.org/training.php>.

Pictures from the fall show are now on our site. WWW.gsdatl.org. Go to the home page, click on photos. Members can list litters/dogs free on our website. If you have a website and want to list it contact me at cbattaglia@mindspring.com with the information.

THE CLUB

Records are vague, but it seems that The German Shepherd Club of Atlanta was founded in the 1955 when a small group of breeders and owners interested in the German Shepherd Dog met in Atlanta Georgia. The first president was Mrs. Michelle Leathers Billings who passed away in October 2013. Their purpose was the improvement of the breed. Today the Clubs goal is the same. Through programs and activities members learn about all aspects of the German Shepherd Dog, including mental and physical development; the breed standard, working ability, breeding, care and rearing of puppies, etc.

Programs are presented at monthly meetings held on the second Thursday of month, except for July, October and December.

The meeting is at 8:00 pm unless changes are published in the Guardian. Both prospective members and non-members are welcome. The club holds numerous special events including two breed Specialties shows each year, which includes Obedience and Rally. Puppy matches, Temperament Testing and AKC Good Citizen tests are often scheduled through the year.

In July, at the Annual Awards Banquet, trophies are presented to members whose dogs have earned titles over the year. A Holiday party is held in December. If there is an interest, show handling classes are offered to members.



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 - Atlanta Humane Society at 981 Howell Mill Road NW Atlanta, Georgia 30318. Specific directions <http://www.gsdcatlanta.org>

Information about the German Shepherd Dog Club of America Inc.
Contact: www.gsdca.org

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DECEMBER 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 No club meeting	13	14 Xmas Party
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	Directions to Xmas party on	GSDCAtlanta. org website		

UP COMING EVENTS –

December 14, 2013, Club Christmas Parity. – More information on the GSDCatlanta.org website.

January 14, 2014 – GSD Club of Orlando Specialty, Judge Dr. Firouz Shahrokhi, Show Secretary Geo. Fee 863) 8548 2110 geo.fee@uno.com. Entries close Dec. 18, 2013

March 16, 2014 – GSDC Atlanta Spring Match, Chair – Erika Tracy, co-chair Barbara Stamper.

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

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS None pending

NEW MEMBERS: Doug Wilson; Laforte, Michelle, Shannon & Courtney; Steve & Janet Raper

Guests at November Meeting – Frances Crumel, Irvin Dale

TRAINING CLASSES – Start in February

Classes held – 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.

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For more information about training contact: Vice President/Training Director – Erika Tracy
at: grammar510@hotmail.com, 678-642-9303.



BRAGS

Stacey Pollio dogs name here - won back to back majors at the ??????????????????shows in ??????????? Florida.

Guardian Newsletter (GSDC Atlanta) again won second place in the GSDCA national competition among the 100 other GSD Clubs.

The GSD Club of Atlanta again won First Place in the GSDCA Regional club competition among the 100 GSD Clubs. Let's all thank our committee Chair, Stacey Pollio.

Dr. Carmen Battaglia and Renee West bred Van Cleves Miranda of Cedar Noll who was winners bitch and now has 2 points. Miranda was just 12 months old.

Wolfsong in Georgia: Memoirs of a German Shepherd Dog Family, author Alice Carahan. Published as a paperback on Amazon.com, and as an e-book for all e-reader platforms. The e-book is \$3.99. The paperback is \$24.99, which I think is ridiculously high, but it costs a lost to print all those color photos.

Book author ?????????????????? name of book?????????

Erica Tracy has a couple of short essays (one is on adopting an older dog) http://www.goodreads.com/author_blog_posts/3970098-anniversary and a puppy - training book at [lulu.com/Spotlight/Erika Tracy](http://lulu.com/Spotlight/ErikaTracy)

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB AND OTHER NEWS

<p>•</p> <p>Facebook</p> <p><u>Regional Club Challenge</u> – Members of the GSD Atlanta can help. Go to WWW.GSDatlanta.org and see how you and your dog can help. Contact Stacey Pollio (404) 353 - 0588</p>

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

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Available to all members of the Atlanta and North Georgia German Shepherd Clubs.

Free litter and dog advertisement for 90 days. Your dog's picture is free for one year.

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

Breeders of Merit are listed on the websites of: 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 - Complimentary issues will be sent to puppy buyers, friends and prospective members upon request contact 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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