



# 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](http://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.



**Remember .....at club meetings .....Bring your dog and learn more about the GSD.**

**Here are a few items of interest and a few reminders:**

- 1. Our website. [www.gsdcatlanta.org](http://www.gsdcatlanta.org) offers free listings of litters and dog advertisements for 90 days.**
- 2. Club members who are Breeders of Merit are listed free on our website**
- 3. If you have a website and want a free listing contact me.**


**For more information contact me: [cbattaglia@mindspring.com](mailto:cbattaglia@mindspring.com).**

**COMPLIMENTARY ISSUES OF GUARDIAN – We will be copies to puppy buyers, friends and prospective members upon request contact Joan Turner (404) 285 - 4152.**

**Information about the German Shepherd Dog Club of America Inc. Contact: [www.gsdc.org](http://www.gsdc.org)**

**Training classes** will continue in February. Directions are on the website. Let Erika Tracy know if you're coming, her contact info. [grammar510@hotmail.com](mailto:grammar510@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](http://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](mailto:cbattaglia@mindspring.com) with the information.

<p><b>THE CLUB</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>Programs are presented at monthly meetings held on the second Thursday of month, except for July, October and December.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> 
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**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>



# January 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 CLUB MEETING 8 PM	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

## UP COMING EVENTS

January 14, 2013. GSD Club of Orlando Specialty. Judge Dr. Firouz Shahrokhi, Show Secretary: George. 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.

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**BRAGS**

**Stacey Pollio Miracle's Devin Vida Vici (Vini)) at 18 months of age won two back to back majors under Judges Leah R. James and Col. Joe B.Purkiser in Ocala, FL. Breeders Stacey Pollio & Nancy Battaglia. Sire: Ch. Winsome's Dreamlovebear Peddacre, Dam: Van Cleve's Francesca V Miracle**

**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 lot to print all those color photos.

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

## **AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB AND OTHER NEWS**

- **The following is a sampling of those innovations impacting our sport - some already in place, some coming before the end of the year, some starting next year:**
- **Scheduled the inaugural AKC National Owner-Handled Series Finals in Orlando in December**
- **Expanded the AKC National Owner-Handled Series to specialty and group shows**
- **Evaluating testing all-breed and group clubs meeting certain criteria to hold two shows in one day**
- **Offered the option for clubs to award a three-point major to the Reserve Winners at National Specialties**
- **Created levels of the Certificate of Merit to encourage dogs to continue to compete**
- **Evaluating adding the Bred-by-Exhibitor Class to Miscellaneous**
- **Added CGC as a title program**
- **Launched advanced CGC Community Canine program**
- **Added new "Pre" classes for Obedience (Pre-Novice, Pre-Open, and Pre-Utility)**
- **Approved AKC Rally National Championship launching in Pennsylvania in April 2014**
- **Removed restrictions on Rally to allow any club to hold Rally whenever they desired**
- **Permitted clubs to hold Rally events without also having to offer Obedience**
- **Approved the offering of two Agility Trials in a day by Specialty clubs**
- **Modified mileage restrictions to allow Agility events within 100 miles of each other with the agreement of both clubs**
- **Upgraded Online Entries system to better serve Agility competitors and Trial Secretaries**
- **Held Agility Advisory Committee – first recommendations for administrative improvements will be effective 1/1/14 with others to follow**
- **Approved allowing Canine Partners to participate in Tracking at the club's option effective 1/1/14**
- **Added new Tracking test (Tracking Dog Urban) to tracking program effective 1/1/14**

- **Implemented Online Plans and Results tool for clubs offering Coursing Ability Tests**
- **Added Retriever Hunting Test Lifetime Achievement title effective 1/1/14**
- **Added new Grand Field Champion titles earned in Pointing Breed field trials starting 1/1/14**
- **Added three new breeds participating in Performance events**
- **Increased the number of titles AKC displays on a dog's record and on printed documents (extended Dog Title Name)**
- **Recognized Barn Hunt titles**
- **Implemented program to recognize Wilderness Search & Rescue dogs**
- **Expanded number of clubs holding My Dog Can Do That**
- **Changed all sport Rules/Regulations to allow clubs to offer lower entry fees for Junior Handlers at the club's discretion**
- **Approved allowing premium lists and judging programs to be delivered solely by email**
- **Modified policy on combined catalogs to support national specialties and clusters**
- **Implemented Standing Board approval of common special attractions**
- **Added asterisk to designate Delegate Judges in the Online Judges Directory**
- **Expanded the type of clubs eligible to participate in the Club Outreach program**
- **Welcomed Agility clubs to apply to become member clubs**

**Facebook**

**Regional Club Challenge** – Members of the GSD Atlanta can help. Go to [WWW.GSDatlanta.org](http://WWW.GSDatlanta.org) and see how you and your dog can help. Contact Stacey Pollio (404) 353 - 0588

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

**CLUB OFFICERS:**

**President:** Joan Turner, 404) 285 – 4152, Missmicgsd@windstream.net

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<b>Trophy Chair</b> -----	Renee West (404) 449- 4798

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## CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING AND OTHER LISTINGS

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

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**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS** is on the 15<sup>th</sup> 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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