



# The Guardian

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

December 2014 ISSUE

## Happy Holidays!

The Atlanta and North Georgia Clubs are going to be combined this year for our Christmas Party at the Hickory Flat Fire Station on December 13. Address of Fire Station is: 7675 Vaughn Road, Canton, GA. 30115. Time 5:30 PM with food served at 6:30 PM. The Atlanta club will provide turkey and ham...please bring a side dish and let Barbara Stamper ((770) 922- 0969) know what you will bring so she can keep it organized. We will also have a gift exchange if you wish to participate. Thanks! Hope you all can attend.

*From the President:*

Your dogs are welcome at Club Meetings. Just be sure your dog is under control and on a leash. It is wise to have young dogs inoculated prior to their first attendance at a meeting. As we know, many of the contagious diseases of young dogs are air borne; unfortunately, some of the animals picked up or surrendered to the Humane Society have not been inoculated.

Looking forward to seeing all of you plus a friend for our September meeting!!!!

Nancy Harper-Mulvaney



**Elaine LeRoy and Andera WASHbutn have been voted into Honorary Member of the GSDC of Atlanta**

**Come with your dog and meet up with other friends i**

### **Items of interest and reminders:**

1. [Our website](#) free listings of litters and dog advertisements for 90 days.
2. **Members and Breeders of Merit** are listed free on our website
3. **Free listings of litters**, website, stud dog etc. Contact me.
4. **Shows and Matches** see below

**COMPLIMENTARY ISSUES OF GUARDIAN: Send a copy to puppy buyers, friends/prospective members. Contact Joan Turner (404) 285 - 4152.**

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

**MINUTES OF CLUB MEETINGS: Posted on the website.**

**NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS: Roy & Renee West**

**NEW MEMBERS: Mark Hoban voted into membership, November 2014. Congratulations Mark.**

**MONTHLY MEETING DATE: The secpnd Thursday of each month.**

**TIME: 8 PM**

**LOCATION: Atlanta Humane Society – 981 Howell Mill Road NW, Atlanta GA 30318**

**Guests and Friends are always welcome. Bring your dogs; a great opportunity to socialize your young dogs or puppies. All dogs must be kept on leashes, make sure your dog is up to date on vaccinations. Come and learn about the Club and its German Shepherd related activities.**

Refreshments are offered during break time. We are fortunate to have many knowledgeable breeders, exhibitors, and performance members. Education programs are offered throughout the year.

**PROGRAM: SPECIALTY SHOW REVIEW** - Many members and friends worked as a team to produce a successful show in October. Thanks to our Show Chair Andrea Washburn and her committee. Thanks to all our members for their time and efforts. Trying to name everyone that assisted would be impossible, know that we appreciate your help. !!!!! At our November meeting we are asking for your input and suggestions for future shows. We are looking for ideas that will help us grow and attract even more exhibitors. !!!!

**CHRISTMAS PARTY: Saturday, December 13, 2014**

**LOCATION: Home of Ron and Nancy Harper-Mulvaney, 10245 Shallowford Road, Roswell, GA 30075**

Details for the Christmas Party will be sent to all members by month's end.

**PUPPIES AND LITTERS:** Be sure to give Connie Irving updated information on puppies and litters. Connie is handling our Club phone, she will direct callers to members who have puppies, studs, or older German Shepherds available. Contact Sara Wolfe to have updated information announced on the Club Web Site - Sara can also provide a current Club Roster.

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

**PICTURES** - Fall Show at [www.gsdcatlanta.org](http://www.gsdcatlanta.org) Members can list litters/dogs FREE. Contact [CarmenBattaglia513@gmail.com](mailto:CarmenBattaglia513@gmail.com)

**CLUB MEETINGS** - Held pm 2nd Thursday of each month at 8PM except for July, October and December. Visitors welcome, no need to call, just come.

**Directions to Club Meetings** - Atlanta Humane Society, 981 Howell Mill Road, NW, Atlanta GA, 30318.  
**More directions** - See: [www.GSDCAtlanta.org](http://www.GSDCAtlanta.org)

**December and January Programs** - Our Program will be the Christmas Party. For January Ed.Chair, Betty Ann Frederick, has arranged to **have** \_\_\_\_\_ . Don't miss this program.

**Do Not Forget To Visit The Club's [Website](#) for regular updates and special announcements.**

### **German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta**

Newsletter ranked # 3 in 2011 and 2012 and # 2 in 2013 & 2014. In the Regional Club Challenge we were 1st in 2011, honorable mention in 2012 and #1 in 2013.



**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, September, and December. Meetings are at 8:00 PM. Both prospective members and non-members are welcome. The club holds numerous special events including two breed Specialties shows each year and also Obedience and Rally competitions. Puppy matches, Temperament Testing and AKC Good Citizen tests are 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.



**March 15, 2015 – GSDC Atlanta Match Chair will be Vice-President, Steve Raper, who has offered to be in charge of Performance for the Spring Match. There are several members willing to assist in various roles for the match. Our competent Secretary will develop the Match Flier which will be distributed to the regional All Breed Clubs for Performance and to Specialty Clubs in our Region. The distribution of fliers greatly enhanced our entries the past two years.**

**June 6, 2015 N, GA GSDC Speciality show ; June 7, 2015. 2015 N. GA GSDC** – The German Shepherd Dog Club of North GA will host the 2015 Southeast Futurity/Maturity and two Specialty Shows in June of 2015. The shows will be held at our own Wills Park, Alpharetta GA. No need to drive to enter or watch this prestigious event – Judge for the Futurity/Maturity is Terry Hower a longtime successful handler and occasional breeder of German Shepherd Dogs.

**TRAINING CLASSES** – have been suspended until further notice .

**Here is what you can expect when they resume.** Six weeks at a cost of \$50.00

Location: 3301 Windy Ridge Parkway Atlanta, GA 30339.

Format: Classes meet once a week for 6 weeks.

Non Club Member Cost: \$50.00          Club Member Cost: \$25

**All dogs must have proof of current vaccines, including Bordetella. To Register or for questions: E-mail: TRAINING DIRECTOR, STEVE RAPER: [stever6757@aol.com](mailto:stever6757@aol.com), (770) 365 4075.**

**Directions for training:**


**I-75 South Bound** Go south on I-75 to Exit 260 - Windy Hill Rd./Smyrna - Turn Left on Windy Hill Road for 0.7 miles. Turn right on Powers Ferry Road for 0.5 miles. Turn left onto Windy Ridge Pkwy, and then turn right into the first driveway. The parking garage is straight ahead.

**Directions: From other points in Atlanta.**

Take I-285 to Northbound I-75 and/or follow I-75 north. Continue northbound on I-75 to Exit 260 - Windy Hill Rd/Smyrna. Turn right on Windy Hill Road for 0.7 miles. Turn right on Powers Ferry Road for 0.5 miles. Turn left onto Windy Ridge Pkwy, and then turn right into the first driveway. The parking garage is straight ahead.

Bring "pooper-scooper" and your dog's drinking water, bowl, and favorite treats. Bring a six-foot cloth or leather leash. To learn more about the Canine Good Citizen test, go to akc.org. .

**For more information about training contact:** Training Director- Steve Raper, (     ) [stever6757@aol.com](mailto:stever6757@aol.com); or assistant Training Director – Erika Tracy at: [gramma510@hotmail.com](mailto:gramma510@hotmail.com), 678-642-9303. .

<p><b>Renee West and Nancy Harper-Mulvaney are happy to announce our 'MALCOLM' garnered 3 points at the Augusta GSDC under judge Dean Wylie.</b></p>	 <hr/> <p><b><u>BRAGS</u></b></p>
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**The GSDCA, honored Nancy Harper Mulvaney with the Connie Beckhardt Award was Awarded This inscription on the platque reads “The reason for breeding dogs is a love for what surely is man’s Best Friend. This award is in recognition of those individuals who have repaired that friendship through years of devotion, integrity and ongoing commitment to the comfort and well-being of all dogs in their care The following breeder is honored how as a true Best Friend of German Shepherd Dogs. Oct 2014.**

### **CLUB OFFICERS**

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**Breeder Referral**: Andrea Washburn, (770)-460-6776; NO EMAIL

**Regional Challenge** -Stacey Pollio - [stacey@miracleshepherds.com](mailto:stacey@miracleshepherds.com)

**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

## COMMITTEES

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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

Erika Tracy has a couple of short essays and a puppy - training book

**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](mailto: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 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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