



# The Guardian

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

FEBRUARY 2014 ISSUE

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

With this issue, [a special Training tip.](#) One each month. This month's TIP is dog jumping.

[Your goal for jumping.](#) Stop jumping on you and others.

Begin this way. Do not encourage a pup or dog to stretch up to greet you, instead, crouch down to his level and then greet him. Because it is enjoyable to them, most pups/dogs enjoy the annoying habit of jumping on people to greet them.

The Fix. Whenever the pup jumps on you, simply grasp both front paws securely, holding them up long enough for it to become uncomfortable in the standing position then put the pup down gently. When the pup experiences this response consistently, he will avoid jumping.

[Below are a few items of interest and 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.

**Do Not Forget To Visit The Club's Website**  
at: [www.gsdcatlanta.org](http://www.gsdcatlanta.org) 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. 🏆



### **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 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.

**COMPLIMENTARY ISSUES OF GUARDIAN – To send copies to puppy buyers, friends and 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)**



## February 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4 Training Classes begin	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 Training Classes	12	13 Club meeting cancelled	14	15
16	17	18 Training Classes	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 Training Classes	26	27	28	

**March 1, Saturday - Newnan Kennel Club, Inc. Match** Coweta County Fairgrounds,  
 Conformation Indoors; Obedience, Rally & CGC Outdoors, junior showmanship, Canine Good  
 Citizen (CGC) Test  
 Chair: Carolyn Stauffer 770---487---1689

**March 16, 2014 – GSDC Atlanta Spring Match**, Chair – Erika Tracy, co-chair Barbara Stamper.  
September 27-28, 2014 GSD Atlanta fall show. Location: Wills Park.

Address:

Directions:

Also see [www.gsdcatlanta.org](http://www.gsdcatlanta.org) for more information.

Show chair

Show Secretary, TBA Phone.

Judgers:

Closing date:

**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 January Meeting** – Alex Bannikov, Heidi Coble, Giula Sadikova, Sebastian Onsoma, Washington Dryango, Diyora Sadikova.

**TRAINING CLASSES** – Start February 4<sup>th</sup> and end March 4<sup>th</sup>

Classes held – each Tuesday

Location: 3301 Windy Ridge Parkway Parking Garage main level. Directions - website [www.atlgsd.org](http://www.atlgsd.org). Let Erika Tracy know if you're coming at GRAMMA510@HOTMAIL.COM, 678-642-9303. Tell her who you're bringing and what you want to learn. Class details below. For more information go to: [HTTP://GSDCATLANTA.ORG/TRAINING.PHP](http://GSDCATLANTA.ORG/TRAINING.PHP).

Start Time: 7:30 p.m.

Students should bring vaccination records (up to date & if possible canine influenza)

**Offerings:** Rally and Obedience classes and coaching (Joye Evans) Canine Good Citizen (CGC) Classes include leash walking, coming when called and position commands (Barbara Guzzo).

**Rates:** \$25 member; \$75 non-members. The PetsMart rates are \$125. German Shepherd rescues with paperwork from a shelter or other organization get one free set of classes.

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**For more information about training contact:** Vice President/Training Director – Erika Tracy at: [gramma510@hotmail.com](mailto:gramma510@hotmail.com), 678-642-9303.

**BRAGS**



**Erika Tracy reported that her Dustin (Bar-Mill Tales of Hoffman) finished his Companion Dog title on February 2nd.**

**Erika 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%20Tracy)

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

**PICTURES Fall Show** at [www.gsdatlanta.org](http://www.gsdatlanta.org) Members can list litters/dogs FREE. Call Carmen Battaglia or email [cbattaglia@mindspring.com](mailto:cbattaglia@mindspring.com)

**CLUB MEETINGS** – Held pm 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 at <http://www.GSDCAtlanta.org>

**CLUB OFFICERS:**

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

## **COMMITTEES**

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<b>Internet/website</b> .....	Dr. Carmen Battaglia, (770) 998 – 3679
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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

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

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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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