



# The Guardian

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Club of Atlanta, Inc.

MARCH 2014 ISSUE

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

March 16, 2014 – GSDC Atlanta Spring Match – Details below

With this issue, .....[Special Training tip.....](#) One each month.... This month, dog jumping

## [Your goal: 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. March Program –“Gait” learn about structure and movement. Don’t miss this learning opportunity.
2. [www.gsdcatlanta.org](http://www.gsdcatlanta.org) offers free listings of litters and dog advertisements for 90 days.
2. Members who are Breeders of Merit are listed free on our website

3. Have a website and want a free listing? Contact me.

<p><b>Do Not Forget To Visit The Club's <a href="#">Website</a> for regular updates and special announcements.</b></p> <p>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. 🏆</p>  <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.</p>	<p>The first president was Mrs. Michelle Leathers Billings who passed away in October 2013. Their purpose was the improvement of the breed.</p> <p>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 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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**Information about the German Shepherd Dog Club of America Inc. Contact: [GSDCA](#)**



## March 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4 Training class	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 Training class	12	13 Club Meeting	14	15
16 GSDCA Match	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 Newnan show
30	31					

### **March 16, 2014 – GSDC Atlanta Spring Match,**

**LOCATION:** at Parker Road Park, 1400 Park Road, Conyers, GA 30094

Erika Tracy and Barbara Stamper, Match Co-chairs

Betty-Ann Frederick, Match Secretary, 210 Franklin Farms Circle Fayetteville GA 30214 (770)-639-0747  
bettyann11.16@gmail.com

Registration is from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. with judging starting at 11 a.m.

**Conformation Judge:** Gene Workman Rally Judge: Lynda Bragg-Workman, Obedience **Judge:** Elaine LeRoy

Lunch break at judges' discretion; food (hot dogs, hamburgers, vegetarian chili) and drinks will be available. There will also be a booth displaying arts, businesses, and books of the club's members.

Entry fee \$7; checks payable to: German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta, Inc.

**Directions:** From I-20 take Exit 82 (GA 138 & 20) and go south. Turn right on Old Salem Road (becomes Iris Drive), drive 0.8, and turn left at Commercial Drive (before the bank). Turn left again onto Parker Road. The park is on the left; the match grounds are on the far end from the tennis center.

A Canine Good Citizen test will be offered when the match is finished.

Dog's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex (circle one): Dog Bitch Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

Breed: \_\_\_\_\_

Sire: \_\_\_\_\_

Dam: \_\_\_\_\_

Breeder: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle Class or Classes Entered

Conformation (Divided by sex), Jr. Showmanship, Obedience, Rally, Puppy: 3-6 Months, 6-9 Months, 9-12 Months, Adult, Novice, Open, Veteran, Junior, Intermediate, Senior, Beginner Novice A/B, Novice A/B, Graduate Novice, Open A/B, Graduate Open, Utility A/B, Novice, Advanced, Excellent

**North Georgia Working Group Association, Inc.** Fun Match, Saturday, May 10, 2014.

Details to follow in our next issue.

**GSDC Atlanta Show** - wills Park, Sept. 27, 28, 2014. Details to follow

**MINUTES OF CLUB MEETINGS:** Posted on the [website](#).

**NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS** **None pending**

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

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

**TRAINING CLASSES** – Start February 4<sup>th</sup> and end March 11<sup>th</sup>

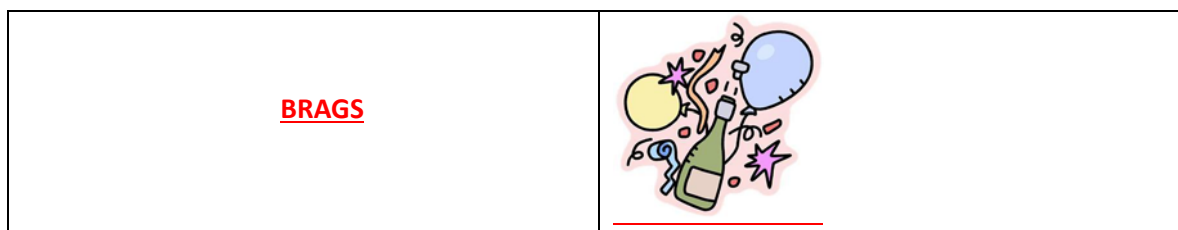
Classes held – each Tuesday . **Start Time: 7:30 p.m.**

Location: 3301 Windy Ridge Parkway Parking Garage main level. Directions - [website](#). 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. Students should bring vaccination records (up to date & if possible canine influenza). More information go to: [HTTP://GSDCATLANTA.ORG/TRAINING.PHP](http://GSDCATLANTA.ORG/TRAINING.PHP).

**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.

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



**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](#) and a puppy - [training book](#)

**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. Call [Carmen Battaglia](#) or [email](#)

**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](#)

**CLUB OFFICERS:**

**President:** Joan Turner, (404) 285 – 4152, [Missmicgsd@windstream.net](mailto:Missmicgsd@windstream.net) **Vice President:** Vice President/Training Dir. - Erika Tracy- [gramma510@hotmail.com](mailto:gramma510@hotmail.com), 678- 642-9303  
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**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**

- Club Phone** - ----- Andrea Washburn, (770) 245-0514
  - Hearts & Flowers** ----- Jan Eason, (678 -549-2113
  - 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 Assoc.** ----- Betty Ann Fredrick, (770) 639-0747
  - Trophy Chair** ----- 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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