



# The Guardian

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

APRIL 2014 ISSUE

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

**Items of interest and reminders:**

1. April Program – Learn about nutrition and what to feed. Don't miss this learning opportunity.  
[Details below.](#)
2. Several Matches are posted – a good place to show and train – see details below
3. [Our website](#) free listings of litters and dog advertisements for 90 days.
3. Members who are Breeders of Merit are listed free on our website
4. Free listings of litters, website, stud dog etc. Contact me.
5. Shows and Matches see below
6. Nancy Mulvaney , Pauline Forman & Elaine LeRoy make up our judges nominating committee and Betty Ann Fredricks, Barbara Stamper & Joye Evans make up the officers committee. These are both important committees and both need your input. Please if you have any ideas for judges, contact one of the judges committee members or if you are interested on being on the board or a officer , contact a member of that committee. They welcome your comments and suggestions. This is your club and we need your participation and help.

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**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 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.

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Information about the German Shepherd Dog Club of America Inc. Contact: [GSDCA](#)



## April 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Training classes	2	3	4	5 Conyers KC Match
6	7	8	9	10 Club Meeting Valdosta KC Show	11 Valdosta KC Show Perry GA	12 Atlanta KC Show Perry GA
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			
Griffin KC Match May 31						

**GSDC Atlanta Show - Conformation Judge:** Sept 27 & 28, 2014 Kevin Reynolds and Dr. Firouz Shahrokhi

Obedience **Judge:**

**Directions:** Wills Park

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

Details to follow in our next issue.

**Conyers Kennel Club ,AKC Sanctioned "B" Match,** April 5th, 2014, Earl O'Neal Sports Complex 2709 Old Covington Rd., NE, Conyers, GA 30013

**GRIFFIN GEORGIA KENNEL CLUB Match B/OB MATCH, PLUS RALLY, SATURDAY, MAY 31, 2014 GRIFFIN CITY PARK, PAVILION #2,**

[WWW.GRIFFINGEORGIAKENNELCLUB.ORG](http://WWW.GRIFFINGEORGIAKENNELCLUB.ORG),

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

**NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS** None pending

**NEW MEMBERS:**

**Guests at March Meeting:** Debbie Club, David H Qlan, Mark J. Hoban, and Irvin Roberts, Frances Crumel

**TRAINING CLASSES** – Start

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 goes 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.

Jessica Ball and Barbara Stamper had a wonderful day! Their male dog Travis, finished his championship. Barbara Stamper's male ..Now Ch. Barick's Turmoil in D.C. (an Ike son) bred by Barbara - was shown exclusively by her granddaughter Jessica Ball to ALL of his points!!! HUGE congratulations to BOT of them! Again this is not an easy accomplishment! We are very proud!!!! Wa to go Jessica!!!!



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

**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](#)

**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](#)

**April Program** - Our program will be presented by Janet from NATURAL'S FARMACY, in Jasper, GA The finest Holistic , Nutritional, Herbal and Homeopathic Products for Animals. She will talk about nutrition, probiotics, nutritional supplements, and how to use them, homemade diets. What the dog food bags are not telling us. Come with your questions about your dog's health, diets and our dogs at the different stages in their lives.

**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

<b>Club Phone</b>	----- Andrea Washburn, (770) 245-0514
<b>Hearts &amp; Flowers</b>	----- Jan Eason, (678 -549-2113
<b>Herding</b>	----- Helen Chamblee, (770) 466-0157
<b>Library</b>	----- Joan Turner, (404) 285 – 4152
<b>Internet/website</b>	----- Dr. Carmen Battaglia, (770) 998 – 3679
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<b>Equipment</b>	----- Barbara Stamper, (770) 922- 0969
<b>Obedience</b>	----- Elaine Leroy, (770) 504 -1218
<b>Regional Challenge</b>	----- Stacey Pollio, (404) 353 - 0588
<b>Versatility</b>	----- Joye Evans, (770) 438-2285
<b>Awards &amp; Banquet</b>	----- Barbara Stamper, (770) 922- 0969
<b>Working Dog Assoc.</b>	----- Betty Ann Fredrick, (770) 639-0747
<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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