



# The Guardian

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

JUNE 2014 ISSUE

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

**Items of interest and reminders:**

1. **June Program:** Come hear Lyn Dobson, attorney at law discuss current laws regarding dog ownership and how it relates to owners, breeders, and those who sell pure bred dogs.
2. **Election of officers at June meeting.** Come and meet other members while you vote. See details below.
3. **July Awards Picnic at Barbara Stamper's home , 4142 Merle Ct, McDonough, GA 30252, Club will supply a meat item, – see details next issue**
4. **Our website** free listings of litters and dog advertisements for 90 days.
5. **Members and Breeders of Merit** are listed free on our website
6. **Free listings of litters, website, stud dog etc.** Contact me.
7. **Shows and Matches** see below

**Your participation can help.**

**Carmen Battaglia has a new email address – [carmenbattaglia513@gmail.com](mailto:carmenbattaglia513@gmail.com)**

**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.

**COMPLIMENTARY ISSUES OF GUARDIAN - 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)**

### **Election of Officers - June Meeting**

**Slate of Officers prepared by the Nomination Committee are as follows. For:**

**President - Nancy Harper-Mulvaney**

**Vice President/Training Director - Steve Raper**

**Secretary - Genie Jones**

**Treasurer - Sara Wolfe**

**Member-At-Large - Connie Irvine, Betty Ann Frederick**

**Past President - Joan Turner**

**Newsletter Editor - Carmen Battaglia**



## June 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 Club Meeting	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	Remember	July is our	Awards	Picnic	Details Below

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

Location: Wills Park. See website for details. [www.gsdcatlanta.org](http://www.gsdcatlanta.org)

**October 3-11, 2013 German Shepherd Dog Club Of America National,** St. Louis, Purina Farms

**2015 N. GA GSDC will host a show and Futurity in Ellijay, GA.**

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

**NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS Mark J. Hoban, Duluth, GA.**

**NEW MEMBERS:**

**Guests at June Meeting**

**TRAINING CLASSES – Started**

Starting Date: Tuesday, May 6 End Date: Tuesday, June 24 8 week classes

Enrollment Time 7:00 -- 7:15 May 6

Location: 3301 Windy Ridge Parkway Atlanta, GA 30339.

Format: Classes meet once a week for 8 weeks, each lasting 45 minutes.

Non Club Member Cost: \$75 Club Member Cost: \$25

Classes to be offered: 7:15 Puppy Class: Introduction to learning to work together; basic dog behaviors on command. 7:15 CGC: Preparation for AKC Canine Good Citizen test. Includes loose-leash walking and coming when called. 8:00 Detection Class: Nosework scents will be used and provided. (Prerequisite: decent public manners, a solid sit, down OR stand.)

AKC Canine Good Citizen test will be offered on the last class day. All dogs must have proof of current vaccines, including Bordetella. To Register or for questions: E-mail: Erika Tracy [gramma510@hotmail.com](mailto:gramma510@hotmail.com), phone: 678) 642 - 9303

**Directions: 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](http://akc.org). Classes held – each Tuesday.

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

## BRAGS



At Georgia specialties, Kim McNamara's, Signature Abby Scuito was WB, 4 point major under Rita Sandell, and reserve under Lew Bunch. Kimberlite's Camelot was 1st in the 12-18 class and reserve under Rita and WD for a 3 point major under Lew Bunch. Puppy Kimberlite's Kiwi won the 9-12 class both days and was Best Puppy both days.

Then at the NE Futurity/Maturity weekend in Connecticut, Abby got a big 5 point Major Reserve under Danny Dwier at the GSDCA Regional show, and then 1st Senior Maturity Bitch, Best in Maturity under Ben Bigornia. Meanwhile in NC, Kimberlite's Can't Buy Me Love Tindrock won a 3 point major to bring her point total to 9. Thanks to all my handlers: Joann Corbin and Jessica Ball for N GA, Lenny Brown for the CT wins and Scott Yergin in NC! Feels like I am on a roll!

**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** - See: [www.GSDCAtlanta.org](http://www.GSDCAtlanta.org)

**June Program** - Our program will be Lyn Dobson who will give a talk on current dog laws, dog ownership and what owners, breeders, and those who sell pure bred dogs need to know.

### **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.gsdcatlanta.org](http://www.gsdcatlanta.org) and see how you and your dog can help. Contact Stacey Pollio (404) 353 – 0588**

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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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