



The Guardian

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

JULY 2014 ISSUE

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

Items of interest and reminders:

1. **July Program: No program but an Awards Picnic**
2. **Special Note:** Helen Chamblee is one of the old-time members of our Club. She was a vital part of our Club in years past and made many contributions to us with her hard work at shows and events. She is currently in the hospital, having undergone successful brain surgery to remove a mass. Please keep Helen and her family in your thoughts and prayers, she and her family will appreciate your concern.
3. **July Awards Picnic July 12, at Barbara Stamper's home , 4142 Merle Court, McDonough, GA 30252; 770-922-0969; barickshep@bellsouth.net . Club will supply a meat item, please bring- see details below**
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

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



July 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 Board Meets	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 Club Picnic
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

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

October 3-11, 2014 - German Shepherd Dog Club Of America National, St. Louis, Purina Farms

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

September 26 & 27 , 2015. GSDC Atlanta Speciality Show

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, 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. Classes held – each Tuesday.

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



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

PICTURES Fall Show at www.gsdcatlanta.org Members can list litters/dogs FREE. Contact CarmenBattaglia513@gmail.com

CLUB MEETINGS – Held pm 2nd Thursday of each month at 8PM except for July, September, 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

July Program - No meeting. Come to the club Awards Picnic. Call Barbara Stamper about what you can bring. Remember, the club will provide the meat. Do not wait. Make the call now. 770-922-0969;

August Program - Our Program Chair, Betty Ann Frederick, has engaged Mark Spivak for August. Mark is the founder of CPT (Comprehensive Pet Training). He excels in various methods of obedience training, assistance dog training, obedience competition including the sport of Schutzhund. Mark has trained dogs in all levels of obedience including tracking, and has earned Schutzhund titles on his own German Shepherds. Additionally, Mark has authored articles on all aspects of training. To learn more about CPT type in : Cpt-training.com/markspivak

CLUB OFFICERS

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Club Regional Challenge -Stacey Pollio - stacey@miracleshepherds.com

Regional Club Challenge – Members of the GSD Atlanta can help. Go to www.gsdcatlanta.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 ----- Erika Tracy: gramma510@hotmail.com, (678) 642-9303
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- Audit ----- **To be announced**
- 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 ----- Connie Irvine (770)507 7408

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.

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DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS is on the 15th 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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