



The Guardian

Your Monthly Newsletter from
The German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta

November 2015 Issue

From the President

The amount of entries at this year's GSDCA National was one of the best we have seen in recent times. Not only was the entry larger than usual, but the QUALITY was VERY DEEP. The Canadians are breeding beautiful style – The Winners Dog is an example of their consistent breeding program. I believe the Grand Victor and Winners Dog were half brothers having the same sire. Many thanks to our Atlanta Club Members who made it a point to be “up and at it” very early in order to be present for the Regional Club Parade. Our green shirts were a “hit” – and our thanks to Jessica Ball for her idea, follow through and hauling the shirts to St. Louis.

The grounds at Purina are fantastic, great for all kinds of trials including Working Dogs, Herding, Coursing, and Dock Diving. To top this off, the weather was just perfect. The specialty show on Tuesday was held out of doors – it would have been great to see those beautiful class dogs and Specials out of doors for the National Show. The indoor surface leaves something to be desired, it is not a natural surface for working, gaiting dogs. The older class dogs did better than some of the youngsters in the way they handled the floor.

The show Chair, Gail Steifferman did a yeoman's job; she was here, there, everywhere the entire week!! THANK YOU GAIL FOR ALL OF YOUR HARD WORK!!

We are so proud of our Atlanta Club Members who exhibited their lovely dogs and bitches. The fact that Joye Evans, Kim McNamara, Renee West, Holly Bryan, Joan Turner, and the Crow's traveled all the way to the National, and most came with dogs or bitches, speaks volumes about our Club Members passion and commitment to the Breed.

Congratulations to our own Carmen Battaglia for his election to the Presidency of the German Shepherd Dog Club of America. Elected to Board positions were local exhibitor and breeder, Linda Bankhead, Helen Gleason (Florida), Gloria Birch and Ken Tank (both from California). Another Board member in close proximity is Dr. Morton Goldfarb (Alabama). Our VP is former President, Frank Fasano. Pam O'Dell from Washington State will remain on the Board, serving another year. Treasurer is Larry Rock from St. Louis.

When the GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF ATLANTA WAS ANNOUNCED AS THE WINNER OF THE MID-SIZE NEWS LETTER – we were so proud we almost burst. Carmen received the lovely Ribbon for our Club. Then, another honor – Best mid-size Club Web site!!!!

Nancy Harper-Mulvaney, President

Member Brags

Not only did Phoenix Crowe come home from the Nationals with the Robert Hamilton award, but she won her class Open Intermediate in Juniors with her wonderful dog "Katie" **Ch. Van Cleve's Katherina V Heinerburg**, and she won Amateur Owner Handler Bitch Class with "Tina" Kaleefs Proud Mary V Zahnarz't (co owned with Ms. Peggy Kurtz). And last, but certainly not least, she won 4th Amateur Futurity Bitch with her baby girl "Dusty" Lilis Veiled in Stardust.

Congratulations Phoenix on coming home from the Nationals with so many awards!



Here is Joye Evans' pretty Champion Edie competing at the National. What a beautiful girl!



First Place!

Our own "THE GUARDIAN" received a First Place Award in the Medium Division of the annual Newsletter Competition this year. Thank you to each of our members for keeping the editor up to date and informed on all the latest news! Remember, when you have anything you would like included in the newsletter, simply send an email to the editor at stacey@miracleshepherds.com



The GSDC of Atlanta would also like to extend our congratulations to the GSDC of North Georgia. Linda Bankhead's gorgeous dog, Travis, who earned the very high honor of Select Excellent #2 at the Nationals! **Gch Campaigner's Lindel Time Traveler TC CGC**. Travis was bred by: Linda Delarso, Melissa White, and Joan F Fox. He is sired by: **Ch Mar Haven's And The Beat Goes On** out of **Ch Campaigner's Melana Suzi**. Travis is owned by: Linda Bankhead, Matthew McMillan & Joan Fox.

Upcoming Events Calendar

NOVEMBER:

Board Members meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 4.

There is no regular club meeting in November. Instead, we are hosting a Sheep Herding Fun Day on Saturday, November 14.

DECEMBER:

The 2015 AKC/Eukanuba National Championship is coming up on December 12th and 13th in Orlando, Florida. Click the link below for more info:

<http://www.akc.org/events/aenc/>



In December we will have our annual Christmas Party at Nancy and Ron Mulvaney's home... date and time to be announced soon!

NEXT MARCH:

Our annual Match is coming up in March. Please extend your hand to help with the match as a Match co-chair. There are always members who pitch in and help with all aspects of the Match. Please step forward to lead the Club in this annual endeavor.

This year we will send out flyers and emails to all breed Clubs at a much earlier date – we want to fill our Performance Classes. If you know individuals applying for Performance Licenses let Nancy Mulvaney know so they can be contacted early, BEFORE SPRING.

Sheep Herding Fun Day

Join us for Sheep Herding Fun Day!
Saturday, November 14, 2015



at

The Bailey's
1519 Bailey Waters Rd.
Dawsonville, GA 30534
706-265-2669

call Betty Ann to register 770-639-0747
or email: bettyann11.16@gmail.com
(email is the best way!)

Starting time: 9:00 AM

Fee: \$20.00 due day of event
Dogs will be allowed two runs each

Preference will be given to German Shepherd Dogs, but we will accept other breeds if openings are available after the registration period and up to start of event. Please check with Event Coordinator Betty Ann Frederick for availability due to cancellations or no-shows prior to or on the day of the Event.

Club Meetings

Our next regular monthly club meeting will be in January 2016. Until then, we will see you at the Herding Fun Day in November and at the Christmas Party in December!

Training

Training sessions began again on Thursday, October 1st. Everyone is welcome to come out and socialize their dog(s), even if it is after the start date!

Click here to go to our training page:
<http://gsdcatlanta.org/training.php>

Or for more information about training contact one of our following club members:

Assistant Training Director
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Location

Training classes are held in a corporate park just north of the Perimeter near I-285 and I-75.

**3301 Windy Ridge Parkway
Atlanta, GA 30339**

AKC Breeders of Merit

Breeders of Merit are listed on the websites of the American Kennel Club, The German Shepherd Dog Club of America, and the German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta. The requirements to be an AKC (American Kennel Club) Breeder of Merit are as follows:

1. Must have a history of at least five years involvement with AKC events.
2. Must have earned AKC Conformation, Performance or Companion* event titles on a minimum of four dogs from AKC litters they bred/co-bred..
3. Must be a member of an AKC club.
4. Must certify that applicable health screens are performed on breeding stock as recommended by the Parent Club (OFA Hips/Elbows, GSDCA Temperament Test).
5. Must demonstrate a commitment to ensuring 100% of puppies produced are AKC registered.

GSDCA ATLANTA MEMBERS AKC BREEDERS OF MERITT

Dr. Carmen Battaglia, Roswell
Nancy Hart Battaglia, Roswell
Kim McNamara, Newnan
Joyce Quick, Palmetto
Nancy Harper-Mulvaney, Roswell



About the Club

Records are vague, but it seems that The German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta was founded in 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. The purpose of the club was the improvement of the breed. Today, the club's 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, and December. Meetings are at 8:00 PM. Both prospective members and non-members are welcome. The club holds numerous special events including two breed Specialty shows each year and also Obedience and Rally competitions. Puppy matches, Temperament Testing and AKC Good Citizen tests are 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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Classified Advertising

Our website offers free Classified Listings for litters and dog advertisements for 90 days. Your dogs' picture is free for one year. Paid advertisements for stud dogs, kennels and breeders are \$12/year. Deadline for submissions is on the 15th of the month prior to issue. Members and Breeders of Merit are listed free on our website.



To place an ad, contact the editor:

Stacey Pollio, email:

stacey@miracleshepherds.com

Reminders

If you would like to join the conversation on Facebook, you can find the club's FB Group here:

www.facebook.com/groups/177807582290973/

Information about The German Shepherd Dog Club of America Inc. (aka 'The Parent Club') can be found on the parent club website, see the web link here: www.GSDCA.org

German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta
www.gsdcatlanta.org

American Kennel Club
www.akc.org

German Shepherd Dog Breed Standard
www.akc.org/dog-breeds/german-shepherd-dog/

PUPPIES AND LITTERS: Give Connie Irvine information on puppies and litters. Connie handles the Club phone; she will direct callers to members who have puppies, studs, or older German Shepherd Dogs available.

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

COMMITTEES

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Jan Eason (678) 549-2113

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Betty Ann Fredrick (770) 639-0747

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Connie Irvine (770) 507-7408

Coconut Oil

Giving coconut to your dog is an excellent health decision and can improve your dog's quality of life, but there is a right way and wrong way to start supplementing your dog's diet with coconut oil.



Start slow and increase gradually. Giving too much coconut oil too soon can cause digestive issues. Because coconut oil kills bacteria, viruses, parasites, yeasts, and fungi, your pet may respond negatively at first. Signs of detoxing too rapidly may include lethargy, headaches, flu-like symptoms, fatigue, and diarrhea. Large amounts of coconut oil given to a dog can cause diarrhea or greasy stools while his body adjusts to the change in diet. Start with small amounts, such as 1/4 teaspoon per day for small dogs or puppies and 1 teaspoon for large dogs, or even just a dab if your dog's constitution is sensitive. If your dog seems tired or uncomfortable or has diarrhea, just cut back the amount temporarily. Gradually increase the amount every few days. Coconut oil is best given with food. Solid or liquid coconut oil can be added to food at any meal. Solid coconut oil can easily be melted quickly in hot water. Most dogs like the taste of coconut oil so you shouldn't have trouble feeding it to them.

Special Thanks

The GSDC of Atlanta would like to thank Mr. Steve Raper for his service to the club. Steve is resigning his position as Vice President and Director of Training due to a wonderful job opportunity out of state.

Thank You!

Complimentary Guardian

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