

The
German Shepherd Dog
Club of Atlanta



The Guardian

Your Monthly Newsletter from
The German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta

December 2015 Issue

Dear Members,

Where in the world has 2015 gone in such a hurry? Thanksgiving is over, 2016 is just around the corner, and so is our annual Club Christmas Party! The German Shepherd Dog Club of North Georgia is joining us this year and it promises to be a fun time. With so many names on our list it is important to RSVP to Holly Bryan who has graciously agreed to "take numbers" for us. Once more Barbara Stamper is putting together the various side dishes members will contribute to our "feast". Thanks Barbara for all you do for the Club! Don't forget about the gift exchange AND this year we will have a contest ... 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prize for the BEST CHRISTMAS SWEATER!!!!

We had great fun on HERDING DAY, many thanks to Betty Ann Frederick for arranging Herding Instinct Fun Day, it was beautiful weather and we had a great turn-out. We will do this again in the future – back by popular demand.

We will have our Monthly Membership Meeting on Thursday, January 14, 2016 – Atlanta Humane Society – 8 PM. This meeting will be focused on the results of our Fall Specialty Shows and the possibility of creating a cluster of shows in the future. Cluster Shows offer more shows in the same location, on the same weekend. The ability to attend and exhibit at 3 or 4 shows on the same weekend is apparently the up and coming resolution for Specialty Clubs that continue to struggle to

support clusters. We are fortunate to have two other GSD Specialty Clubs in close proximity PLUS we have several large All Breed Clubs. We want and need each member's input. Come prepared to offer suggestions, discuss, and look to the future for our Club.

In an effort to promote our breed we are looking at developing a program entitled "INTRODUCTION TO THE GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG". This program would be offered to schools, nursing homes, and various organizations. We are developing a visual presentation. Your input is important for this project.

Nancy Harper-Mulvaney, President

Happy Holidays!

Our annual Christmas party is being held on Saturday, December 12th at Ron & Nancy Harper-Mulvaney's home. If you are an official member of the German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta or the German Shepherd Dog Club of North Georgia, you should have already received an online invitation via email. If you have not received an invitation, please call or email Holly Bryan and let her know

Remember to bring a wrapped gift ... we will have our usual Gift Exchange which is always a lot of fun, except when your favorite gift gets stolen!

Is your dog the reason for the season? Well maybe not the only reason, but surely he or she (or they) is a big part of your holiday activities, and many of us plan to give at least one gift to our furry friend(s) during the holidays. Do you do anything special for your German Shepherd Dog during the holidays?

Of course if you only have one dog, you may want to splurge a bit and buy him or her an expensive toy, but you don't have to spend a fortune. Christmas time at our house, each dog gets a brand new "bed" and a stuffed animal to play with, courtesy of old comforters and used stuffed animals from Goodwill for just a few dollars each.

Do you give your dog a special bone, or some extra turkey meat in his dinner bowl? Does your best friend like extra gravy, or maybe some green vegetables as a special treat? Perhaps Rusty would prefer a new ball, or a new tug toy that you ordered last month online. Or maybe the only thing your pooch really wants is to spend a special day with you, perhaps helping you shop for the loved ones in your life.



Happy Holidays everyone, we will see you at the Christmas party!

Member Brags

Joye Evan's two girls, Abby and Edie, both earned their RATI (Rat Hunt Instinct) title during their first attempt at a Barn hunt trial. Then they went on to qualify for their first legs toward RATN (Rat Novice). Nice work girls!



Miracle's DaVini Vidi Vici TC gaited his way to Winners Dog and Best of Winners at the all breed shows in Montgomery, AL, and Savannah, GA, picking up several more points toward his Championship! DaVini is sired by **Ch. Winsome's Dreamlovebear Peddacre** out of Van Cleve's Francesca V Miracle TC. He is owned by John & Stacey Pollio, bred by Stacey Pollio & Nancy Battaglia. Here's Vini at home in his backyard.



Upcoming Events Calendar

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... Saturday, December 12th, 5pm! Please RSVP if you haven't already!

JANUARY:

Our next regular club meeting will be on Thursday, January 14th at 8pm at the Atlanta Humane Society.

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.

Get Your Microchips Now

Dogs who are lost or stolen have a better than ninety percent chance of being returned to their owners when they are microchipped. Microchips can be ordered through the German Shepherd Dog Club of America (aka, the Parent Club), at the low cost of \$19.95. This includes permanently enrolling your dog/puppy in the AKC/Reunite database and you receive a free microchip!

Click the link below to orders yours today:

<http://store.gsdca.org/product-p/akc-r-001.htm>



New Member Application

John Conley has applied for membership.

Training

Everyone is welcome to come out and socialize their dog(s). 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
Erika Tracy (678) 642-9303
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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**

5. Must demonstrate a commitment to ensure 100% of puppies produced are AKC registered.

GSDCA ATLANTA MEMBERS
AKC BREEDERS OF MERIT:

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

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).

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 just a few chips left for \$10 each.

COMMITTEES

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TBD

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Betty Ann Fredrick (770) 639-0747

Trophy Chair:

Connie Irvine (770) 507-7408

Sheep Herding Fun Day

What a wonderful time was held at our Sheep Herding Fun Day in November. We had perfect weather and it is just beautiful in the mountains of North Georgia at Hubert Bailey's farm in Dawsonville. Look at Erica herding those sheep! Or is she herding her dog ☺, or is her dog herding the sheep? Either way, they look great doing it!



<http://gsdca.org/events/performance-events/herding>

The next time we have a herding fun day, be sure and bring your dog(s) out to have a great time and find out how it's done!

Complimentary Guardian

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