

The  
German Shepherd Dog  
Club of Atlanta



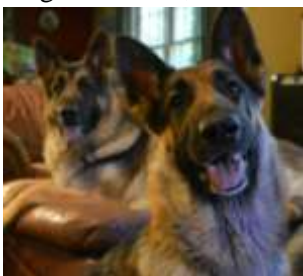
# The Guardian

Your Monthly Newsletter from  
The German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta

## July 2015 Issue

### New Editor

Hello! This issue is my first as your new editor. I know we will all miss having Dr. Carmen Battaglia bringing us the latest news about our club, our members and our breed. The Guardian was nationally ranked #3 in 2011 and 2012, and #2 in 2013 and 2014 during Dr. Battaglia's reign as Editor, and I can only hope to fill some very big shoes!



Most of you already know me, Stacey Pollio, but for those who don't ... my husband and I live and work northeast of Atlanta (near Lake Lanier) and share our home with several German Shepherd Dogs ranging from three to thirteen years of age.

Here is a picture of two of our dogs, Charlie and Cash, brother and sister who just turned six! We regularly participate in Conformation and Obedience; have bred a few litters to date, and have dabbled a little in other venues, including Therapy, Agility, Tracking, Frisbee, and Schutzhund, just to name a few. But enough about us, let's kick off this month's issue with some recent member achievements ...

### Braggs

Our "sister club", The German Shepherd Shepherd Dog Club of North GA, hosted a successful Southeast GSDCA Futurity/Maturity, two Specialty shows, and a Temperament Test at Wills Park in

Alpharetta in June. The attendance was large and several of our members earned new titles and ribbons on their dogs.

Kim McNamara and Lee Jewel showed two of their puppies, Marlo and Jeannie, who won their puppy classes. Our own Phoenix Crowe won best Junior Handler. Nancy Harper's handsome dog, Malcolm, won Winners Dog. Joye Evans' lovely bitch, Edie,



won first place Senior Maturity Bitch and Reserve Maturity bitch ... and a trip to the Nationals! Several of our dogs received their Temperament

Certification (TC), including Edie, Dr. Battaglia's dog, Mo, and two of my own young dogs, DaVini and his sister Darlin received their TC as well. The North GA Club ran 34 dogs through the Temperament Test and had an 80% pass rate. I don't have everyone's name, but congratulations to everyone who passed!

## Regional Club Challenge

Attention club members! It's time to tally club points for the parent club's annual Regional Club Challenge. If you have put ANY titles on one or more of your dogs this year, please email your information and copies of the certificates (or other proof) to me at [stacey@miracleshepherds.com](mailto:stacey@miracleshepherds.com).

We're an accomplished bunch and have done well on our Regional Challenge the past few years. Our club won First Place in 2011 and 2013, and an honorable mention in 2012. Last year 2014 we didn't even place! There are many ways to earn points for the club. You can review them all on the GSDCA website, click on the link below:



[http://www.gsdca.org/images/pdf\\_items/Regional\\_Club\\_Challenge\\_Award\\_Form.pdf](http://www.gsdca.org/images/pdf_items/Regional_Club_Challenge_Award_Form.pdf)

## Annual Awards Banquet

Our Annual Awards Banquet is coming up soon. Make sure you receive your plaques and certificates by emailing ANY achievements for awards, versatility points, and club records to [nancy@heinerburgshepherds.com](mailto:nancy@heinerburgshepherds.com), [gramma510@hotmail.com](mailto:gramma510@hotmail.com), and [barickshep@bellsouth.net](mailto:barickshep@bellsouth.net).

If you have a lot of performance titles and health tests, please email the full list to Erika Tracy at [gramma510@hotmail.com](mailto:gramma510@hotmail.com) for Versatility. The list on the club page is a little out of date and we're working on the new AKC-recognized titles. If you and your dog have your Barn Hunt Masters or Dock Diving Junior or something else not on the list, we do want to know about it.

## Alert!

Animal control in Savannah, Georgia is proposing all animals must be spayed or neutered by Jan. 2016. We should all be concerned and aware of what we may be fighting in the near future. Read the full article here:

<http://www.wtoc.com/story/29296808/animal-control-proposing-all-animals-must-be-spayed-neutered-by-jan-2016>

## Upcoming Events

The club is gearing up for our annual Specialty Shows in September at Wills Park. We are very excited to have the Alpharetta Canine Unit who will be giving a demonstration during lunch time. We have invited the Neighborhood News, and hope to give our Club and our outstanding breed promotional exposure.

The National Specialty is in October and will be held at Purina Farms in St Louis, Missouri. We will not have a meeting in October. In November we are planning to host a Sheep Herding Instinct day which will replace our regular meeting in November. And in December we will have our Christmas Party.

## Club Meetings

Our monthly club meetings are at the Atlanta Humane Society, 981 Howell Mill Road NW, Atlanta, GA 30318.

**CLUB MEETINGS – Held on - 2nd Thursday of each month at 8PM except for July, October and**



**December. Visitors welcome, no need to call, just come and well behaved dogs on leash are welcome as well.**

For directions to Club Meetings see our website, or click here → [DIRECTIONS](#) to the Atlanta Humane Society, 981 Howell Mill Road, NW, Atlanta GA, 30318.

**Guests and Friends are always welcome.** Bring your dogs; a great opportunity to socialize your young dogs or puppies. All dogs must be kept on leashes, make sure your dog is up to date on vaccinations. Come and learn about the Club and its German Shepherd Dog related activities. Refreshments are offered during break time. We are fortunate to have many knowledgeable breeders, exhibitors, and performance members. Educational programs are offered throughout the year.

**PROGRAM FOR AUGUST: There is not a monthly club meeting in July.** We are planning to host a short Herding Presentation during our August meeting to prepare for our upcoming Herding Seminar that is being planned for November.

## Training



No training classes being held this summer do the extreme heat! Our next training session is scheduled to begin in the fall. Date and time for the next training sessions will be announced.

**For more information about training contact:**

Training Director  
Steve Raper (770) 365-4035  
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Assistant Training Director  
Erika Tracy (678) 642-9303  
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Training classes are typically held in a corporate park just north of the Perimeter near I-285 and I-75.

### **Location**

3301 Windy Ridge Parkway Atlanta, GA 30339

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, 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, then turn right into the first driveway. The parking garage is straight ahead.

### **Format**

Classes meet once a week for 6 weeks.

Non Club Member Cost: \$50.00

Club Member Cost: \$25

## 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 15<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to issue. Members and Breeders of Merit are listed free on our website.

To place an ad, contact:  
**Sara Wolfe** (404) 543-2548  
[wolfebau@bellsouth.net](mailto:wolfebau@bellsouth.net)

## 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

## Complimentary Guardian

To send a complimentary copy of The Guardian to puppy buyers, friends, or prospective members, Contact the editor, Stacey Pollio at [stacey@miracleshepherds.com](mailto:stacey@miracleshepherds.com)

## 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, September, 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 Specialties 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.

### **CLUB OFFICERS**

#### **President:**

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MINUTES OF CLUB MEETINGS: Posted on the website.

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS: None

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

Contact Sara Wolfe to have updated information announced on the Club Web Site – Sara can also provide a current Club Roster.

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

## 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/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/177807582290973/)

Don't forget to visit the club websites for regular updates and special announcements. 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 below:  
[www.GSDCA.org](http://www.GSDCA.org)

German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta  
[www.gsdcatlanta.org](http://www.gsdcatlanta.org)

American Kennel Club  
[www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org)

German Shepherd Dog Breed Standard  
[www.akc.org/dog-breeds/german-shepherd-dog/](http://www.akc.org/dog-breeds/german-shepherd-dog/)

## **COMMITTEES**

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**Trophy Chair:**

To Be Announced

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