



The Guardian

Your Monthly Newsletter from
The German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta

August 2015 Issue

From the President

Congratulations Members of the German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta! Wonderful accomplishments were made by our Members and their German Shepherd Dogs this year! Everything from Canine Good Citizens, Temperament Testing, Herding Instinct, Champions, Rally Points, Futurity/Maturity wins and Best Puppies. Most impressive was the good sportsmanship and support given by members to one another, visitors and newcomers.

We are looking forward to another productive year. We had a fun time at the awards party celebrating our member's achievements. Unfortunately, the pictures did not turn out. Many thanks to Barbara Stamper for ordering all the plaques and certificates.

Speaking of shows, we have our 100th and 101st Specialty Shows in September! Those numbers in and of themselves speak volumes about our club; its' past, its' present, and of course, its future. Our founders consisted of very dedicated and passionate German Shepherd Dog enthusiasts, many who went on to become well respected judges of many breeds. Our 100th and 101st specialty shows call for something special. We are having the Alpharetta K-9's and Handlers as a special attraction AND we will have something special on our ribbons as a commemorative of our 100th and 101st Specialty Shows. We are open to all suggestions so put on your 'thinkin' cap and send us your ideas.

Here are some dates for your planning purposes:

Thursday, August 13 – General Meeting, 8 PM
Humane Society. Introduction/Herding Instinct

Wednesday, September 2 – Board & Show
Committee Meeting

Saturday, September 26 – 100th Specialty Show /
Obedience, Rally, Jr Showmanship at Wills Park

Sunday, September 27 – 101st Specialty Show /
Obedience and Rally, at Wills Park

Wednesday, November 4 – Board Meeting

Saturday, November 14 – Herding Instinct / Picnic
at Hubert Baileys in Dawsonville, GA.

Connie Irvine will be contacting you for your support and help with our shows. Please be as generous as possible. We also need ring stewards ... experienced as well as those who would like to learn. Ring Stewarding puts you up 'close and personal' to the judge, the procedures, and the dogs and handlers. You will always have someone to guide you – so step up and have fun as you support your club. Looking forward to seeing all of you at the August Meeting.

Nancy Harper-Mulvaney, President

It's Summer Time

Boy is it HOT! Summer in Georgia and we're all concerned about dogs being left in parked cars and people walking their dogs on hot pavement. But of course all of our club members know these two things are a big NO NO. How do you keep your dog cool during the summer? Around our house, dogs come in to the air conditioning when it's over 90 degrees outside ... or they get wet down with the garden hose (which they love), are kept in the shade, and always with access to plenty of fresh water. Kiddie pools are great too!



Braggs

We have a few more braggs from the Southeast GSDCA Futurity/Maturity held last June... Several of our members' dogs who were not mentioned in last month's issue need acknowledgement!

Barrbara Guzzo's Cottonwood Ghost Cowboy earned his Temperament Certificate. Joyce Quick's Champion Jomari's American Idol earned his Temperament Certificate. Jessica Ball & Barbara Stamper had THREE dogs that earned their Temperament Certificates – Way to go ladies!!

And Kim McNamara's Ch. Kimberlite's Can't Buy Me Love received her Temperament Certificate as well. It's great to see so many well tempered dogs in our club!



Connie Irvine, and Nancy Harper's dog, Heinerburg's Eye of the Eagle V Drum took first place in 9-12 Puppy Dogs and Best Puppy on Saturday, then first in Jr. Futurity Dogs on Sunday

Pauline Moon is proud of her litter out of her GCh. Ropaja's C'est Cache by GCh. Campaigner's Lindel Time Traveler. Two of her puppies placed second and fourth in Intermediate Futurity Dogs; one placed first in Intermediate Futurity Bitches and yet another placed first in Amateur Futurity Junior Dogs and won Best in Amateur Futurity. Two pups took first and second in the 15-18 mo. classes. Additionally, another was entered in the Mid-Atlantic Futurity and he placed second in the Intermediate Futurity Dog class. Congratulations to Pauline for having entered all puppies from one breeding and doing so well among stiff competition both here in the Southeast and the Mid-Atlantic.

And big Congratulations to Barbara Stamper's bitch, Shoal Creek's Sangria V Barick, for achieving her Register of Merit this year!!

Regional Club Challenge

The points have been tallied for this year's annual Regional Club Challenge. We had a grand total of 490 points (which is not nearly as good our best year in 2013 when we had 870 points). Let's do more next year. Get your dogs out there! Thank you to all of our members who achieved points ... see the complete list below. If your name is on it, you did good! When you put 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.



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

Club Member's Name	Dog's Name/Registration/Description	Award/Description	Date	Points
Barbara Guzzo	Cedar Knoll's Bound For Glory V Heinerburg	Canine Good Citizen	Apr-15	5
Barbara Guzzo	Cottonwood Ghost Cowboy	Temperament Tested - TC	Jun-15	5
Barbara Guzzo	Red Rock' s Got My Mind Set On You	Temperament Tested - TC	Jun-15	5
Jessica Ball/Barbara Stamper	Barick's Jumpin Jack Flash V Tindrock	Temperament Tested - TC	Oct-15	5
Jessica Ball/Barbara Stamper	Ch. Barick's Wildfire V Tindrock	Temperament Tested - TC	Jun-15	5
Jessica Ball/Barbara Stamper	Barick's Here Comes Paradise	Temperament Tested - TC	Jun-15	5
Jessica Ball/Barbara Stamper	Ch. Barick's Wildfire V Tindrock	Health Award of Merit - CHIC	Jun-15	10
Jessica Ball/Barbara Stamper	Shoal Creek's Sangria V Barick	Register of Merit - ROM	Jan-15	35
Holly Bryan	Marquis' Loaded Pistol v Kenlyn (Ruger)	Temperament Tested - TC	Jun-15	5
Lilli Crowe	Li' lis Veilded in Stardust "Dusty "	Best Opposite SE Amateur Maturity	Jun-15	5
Joye Evans	Kimberlite's Shangri-La (Edie)	Reserve Maturity Bitch	Jun-15	5
Joye Evans	Kimberlite's Shangri-La (Edie)	Temperament Tested - TC	Jun-15	5
Nancy Harper/Renee West	Cedar Knoll's Malcolm V Van Cleve of Heinerburg	Championship	Jun-15	25
Stacey Pollio	Miracle's DaVini Vidi Vici	Temperament Tested - TC	Jun-15	5
Stacey Pollio	Miracle's Darlin Hello Darlin	Temperament Tested - TC	Jun-15	5
Carmen Battaglia	Van Cleve's Mojo V Cedar Knoll	Temperament Tested - TC	Jun-15	5
Joyce Quick	Ch. Jomari's American Idol	Temperament Tested - TC	Jun-15	5
Joyce Quick	Ch. Jomari's American Idol	Health Award of Merit - CHIC	Jun-15	10
Kim McNamara	Signature's Abby Scuito	Championship	Mar-15	25
Kim McNamara	Ch. Kimberlite's Cant Buy Me Love Tindrock	Temperament Tested - TC	Jun-15	5
Kim McNamara	Ch. Kimberlite's Cant Buy Me Love Tindrock	Health Award of Merit - CHIC	Jun-15	10
Pauline Moon	Ch Ropaja's C'est Cache	Rally Novice RN	Dec-14	5
Pauline Moon	Ch Ropaja's C'est Cache	Beginner Novice BN	May-15	5
Stacey Pollio	Missile My Miracle CGC CD RN TDI	13 Club Recognition	Jun-15	10
Kathy Wayman	Melana's Ms Independence of Wayman's Way	Rally Novice RN	Oct-15	5
Kathy Wayman	Melana's Ms Independence of Wayman's Way	Beginner Novice BN	Feb-15	5
Kathy Wayman	Melana's Ms Independence of Wayman's Way	Therapy Dog	Apr-15	5
Kathy Wayman	Melana's Ms Independence of Wayman's Way	Canine Good Citizen	Nov-14	5
GSDC Atlanta B-OB-RB Match		Hosted Fun Match	Mar-15	10
GSDC Atlanta Specialty Show		Offering Specialty Show (Sat)	Sep-14	10
GSDC Atlanta Specialty Show		Offering Junior Showmanship (Sat)	Sep-14	10
GSDC Atlanta Specialty Show		Offering an Obedience Trial (Sat)	Sep-14	10
GSDC Atlanta Specialty Show		Offering a Rally Obedience Trial (Sat)	Sep-14	10
GSDC Atlanta Specialty Show		Offering Specialty Show (Sun)	Sep-14	10
GSDC Atlanta Specialty Show		Offering Junior Showmanship (Sun)	Sep-14	10
GSDC Atlanta Specialty Show		Offering an Obedience Trial (Sun)	Sep-14	10
GSDC Atlanta Specialty Show		Offering a Rally Obedience Trial (Sun)	Sep-14	10
GSDC Atlanta Herding Day		Offering a Herding Day Club Event	Sep-14	10
GSDC Atlanta Sept Meeting	Program-Tracy Sargent-STAR K9	Educational Program	Sep-14	10
GSDC Atlanta March Meeting	Program-Gait, Structure & Movement	Educational Program	Jan-15	10
GSDC Atlanta June Meeting	Program-Mark Spivak	Educational Program	Jun-15	10
Mark & Karen Hoban		New Members		10
Participation in the GSDCA newsletter competition				10
Participation in the GSDCA Regional Club Website competition				10
Regional Club Members who are GSDCA members		Total 19 members (18 x 5 points = 95 pts)		95
Individual action to politicians re: legislation		Battaglia: meeting with Ted Yoho Congressman discuss dog legislation	Mar-15	5
Total Club Points				490

Annual Awards Banquet

Our Annual Awards Banquet was held at Nancy Harper-Mulvaney's home in July. Club members received plaques and certificates for their yearly achievements and a good time was had by all. We even had two people who are not yet members attend the banquet. We love having new people come to all of our events.

Make sure you keep track of your performance titles and health tests, and email them to Erika Tracy at gramma510@hotmail.com for next year's Awards Banquet.

Upcoming Events Calendar

AUGUST:

Board meeting Precedes regular meeting at Humane Society – 7 PM – August 13, 2015 – followed by membership meeting – Members are welcome to attend Board Meeting. Subject of Board Meeting is Specialty Show.

Regular Membership Meeting

8 PM Humane Society

Program on Herding Instinct – Related to our club activity in November - Herding Instinct which will replace regular club meeting.

ALL BREED SHOWS

Jonesboro, GA August 20-23

Entries Close August 05, 2015!

Griffin KC: Dr Robert Smith ,
judging GSD's

Suwanne KC: Fred C Bassett, GSD's

Lawrenceville KC: Mrs. Leah R James, GSD's

Conyers KC: Pat A Mowbray-Morgan, GSD's



SEPTEMBER:

Board & Show Committee Meeting
- Time and Place to be announced.

Specialty Shows September 26 & 27
(Celebrating 100 consecutive Specialty Shows)

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.

OCTOBER:

Time for the Nationals!

German Shepherd Dog Club of America National Specialty – Purina Farms, (St. Louis, MO) October 9-17. (Includes Working Dog Show/Trials)

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.

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER:

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 ... time and place will be announced soon!

FOR COMPLETE INFORMATION ON FUTURE SHOWS IN THE SOUTHEAST VISIT WEB SITE "INFO DOG"

www.infodog.com

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 for a great opportunity to socialize. 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:

We are hosting a short Herding Presentation called “CAN YOUR GSD HERD?” Erica, Joye, Betty Ann and maybe Kim will be there to relate what herding is all about during our August meeting to prepare for our upcoming Herding Seminar that is being planned for November 14th with Hubert Bailey in Dawsonville, GA. Come on out and join us on August 13th!

Training

Our next training session is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, August 12th. Here is the link to our training flyer: <http://gsdcatlanta.org/pdf/training-classes/08-12-15.pdf>

For more information about training contact:

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Training classes are 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

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

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

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.

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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.

Contact Stacey Pollio to have updated information announced on the Club Web Site. Contact Erika Tracy for a current Club Roster.

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

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.gsdatlanta.org

American Kennel Club
www.akc.org

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

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.



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Barn Hunt Anyone?

There has been some interest among our club members regarding Barn Hunts. Barn Hunting is a new and growing dog sport based on the traditional roles of many breeds in ridding farms, barns, crop storage areas, and homes of destructive vermin. Barn Hunt is an independent sport, but titles are recognized by both the American Kennel Club (AKC) and United Kennel Club (UKC).

Check out Barn Hunting on the Barn Hunt Association website link at:

<http://www.barnhunt.com/>



The club is trying to put together a Barn Hunt seminar for our GSD's on Saturday morning, September 12, and we need at least 10 dogs. The cost is \$25 per dog. If you have an interest in Barn Hunting with your dog, contact Erika Tracy.

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