



## November 2016 Issue

# The Guardian

Your Monthly Newsletter from  
The German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta

### From the President

Dear Members,

Greetings and Felicitations one and all.

First thing I wish to say is a big thank you to everyone that worked/helped the weekend of our show. We cannot do this without you ... the membership. So, a round of applause for all. 'Ya done good'!

I sent a request to several who were involved asking for input re: the show and any problems. The result of that inquiry has been sent to everyone on the show committee. Bottom line most felt it was a very good show and had a good time. The problems that were stated can easily be fixed, i.e. a map of the grounds and where everything will go to be distributed -- additional help at the food station -- more ring stewards -- making sure we have all the required paperwork and the location of such. We all learned a great deal and can carry it forward. I am hoping our entire committee agrees to help again next year as we are no longer 'the blind leading the blind'!

Betty Ann Frederick has agreed to be our Match Show Chair and Nancy Harper-Mulvaney is checking on conflicts so we can change the date if necessary.

Betty Ann also has a flyer ready for our Herding Fun Day on November 19th, contact Betty Ann for further information.

Please plan on attending the Nov. 10th Board/General membership meeting -- and we need a volunteer for our Christmas Party.

I have asked Joan Turner to chair our judges nominating committee and I know Lillie Crowe would like to help. Anyone else interested let us know. Joye and Erika, I ask you to help with the Obedience judges .... pretty please!

In closing I wish the GSDC of Atlanta club members a very Happy Thanksgiving .... enjoy.

Respectfully submitted,

*Connie Irvine  
President*



## Fall Specialty Show Success!

Our first annual COMBINED Fall Specialty Show with both the German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta and the German Shepherd Dog Club of North Georgia was held the first weekend of October, and what a weekend it was! The weather was perfect, and we had a great turnout with many very nice dogs and puppies competing in Conformation, Obedience and Rally.



A little sunshine, great judges, beautiful German Shepherd Dogs, and friendly people all go a long way towards having a successful dog show.



Not only was it a first joint club effort, it was also the first time an AKC Canine Good Citizen test was offered at our show, and we think it was a success!



The CGC test was open to all breeds and FIFTEEN new Canine Good Citizens passed their test. Too many pictures to include everyone, but here are two of Atlanta's newest Canine Good Citizens.



Everyone worked together to set up tents and equipment, steward, and assist exhibitors and each other. Congratulations to all the winners!



*Stacey H. Pollio, Editor*

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## Member Brags

We have a new champion!

On Saturday, October 22nd, Joan Turner's Morgan finished her championship with her 3<sup>rd</sup> major! She is now **Ch. Sater-Nordlicht Morgan V Crimson OFA H/E**. Morgan has one champion daughter and two ROM qualifiers from her first and only litter sired by 2016 GV 2xSel Ch. Wolf Creek Galaxy of Merivern. Morgan's litter brother, Ch. Sater-Nordlicht Boston also finished his championship in Washington state last month joining Joan's Grand Ch. Sater-Nordlicht Chase V Crimson OFA H/E. Another litter brother is on his way to his championship also. Joan and Sandy thank everyone for their support. Morgan is sired by Ch. Hi-Cliff Free N'Easy out of Zima of Sater Nordlicht. She is bred by Rick Pearce & Donna Sater & Samuel Israel, and owned by Joan Turner & Sandy Steinkoof.

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We have another new champion! **Knights Gambit Jordan II** just went BOB and Group 3 to finish. She was Futurity Victrix and Best in Futurity at the National. She was bred by Ed Farrell and John Conely; owned by Don and Elizabeth Knight. She is sired by the Best of Breed 2016 Grand Victor GCH Wolf Creek Galaxy of Merivern ROM (Fritz) and out of GCH Wonderland's Force of Nature (Penny). As always, shown to perfection by Team Yergin.

Wonderland's Darby finished in IL the weekend after the National, she's the litter sister to the Futurity Bitch. Wonderland's Mia Hamm went Best Puppy in Augusta under Jimmy Moses, and Sholan Kysarah's Party Like a Rock Star (Miley) went BOB under Vicky Roye in Atlanta.

Congratulations again to our very own junior handler, Miss Phoenix Crowe. Phoenix came home from the Nationals with **Kaleefs Proud Mary V Zahnarz't (Tina)** winning First Place in Amateur Owner Handler! (Dusty) Lilis Veiled in Stardust TC and GCH Van Cleve's Katherina V Heinerburg TC showed their hearts out to their best of their ability. And Phoenix also placed first in her juniors class and won the Robert Hamilton and GPA award! And if that wasn't enough, Phoenix also won Best Junior Handler at our specialty shows right here in Atlanta! Look at this lovely candid photo of Phoenix at our specialty.



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Joye Evans' pretty girl, Edie, earned all three of her Rally Novice legs at the August Jonesboro shows! With scores of 97, 93 and 97 she is now **DAE Ch. Kimberlite's Shangri-La, TC, RN RATO**.

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**Miracle's Darlin Hello Darlin TC CGC** went Winners Bitch, Best Opposite Sex, and Best of BREED at the Cherokee Rose Cluster in August, earning her first major and more points toward her

championship. She now has eleven points! Darlin is sired by **Ch. Winsome's Dreamlovebear Peddacre** out of **Van Cleve's Francesca V Miracle TC**. Darlin is owned by John & Stacey Pollio, bred by Stacey Pollio & Nancy Battaglia, professionally handled by Scott Yergin.



Darlin also passed her AKC Canine Good Citizen test the same weekend!

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Miracle's Charlie Anna TC CGC BN received her Beginner Novice Obedience Title in August. Charlie is sired by **Ch. Rebar's Windsweep of Sylmar** out of **Miracle's Anabella**. Charlie is bred, owned and handled by Stacey Pollio.



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**GCH Cedar Knoll's Malcolm V Van Cleve** received his Canadian Championship with Group 1 and Group 2 wins. Malcolm went Best of BREED at the Wolverine GSAC Specialty, and he also went Best of BREED all three days! at the Peach Blossom Cluster in Jonesboro in October. Malcolm is sired by **Ch. Jerrwen's King Edmund** out of **Ch. Van Cleve's Dee Dee V Heinerburg**. Malcolm is owned by Renee West, and Nancy & Ron Mulvaney, bred by Dr. Carmen Battaglia and Renee West.

## First Place!

Our own "THE GUARDIAN" received a First Place Award in the Medium Division of the annual Newsletter Competition this year for the second year in a row!. 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 [gsdateditor@outlook.com](mailto:gsdateditor@outlook.com)



## Regional Club Challenge

The club also won Third Place in the medium division of the Regional Club Challenge this year, and Second Place with our website. Great honors from the parent club!



## PUPPIES!

Joye Evans has a litter of TWELVE! puppies born October 1, 2016. All black and tan.



The sire is **AOE GCH. Sel Ex Karizma's Malawi Kaleef Von Loar** (aka Chewie) TC, HT, PT, RN, OFA GS90256G29M-VPI / EL30146M29-VPI / GS CA1184/29M/P-VPI / GS-TH645/29M-VPI.

The dam is **DAE CH Kimberlite's Shangri-La**, TC, RN, RATO, OFA GS92087G24F-VPI / EL31638F24-VPI, DM Clear.

- 7 males
- 5 females

Contact Joye to reserve your puppy now!

Phone: 770-438-2285

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## Critical Periods In A Dog's Life – Developmental Stages – Part II

By: Nancy Harper-Mulvaney

We hope you enjoyed the first installment on this topic in the last issue of The Guardian, and find this second installment useful. Our wonderful *GUARDIAN* Editor, Stacy Pollio, has listed a few years of the Guardian on our web site. The first of the series of these articles can be found in the September issue of The Guardian on the club web site. As before, your input is welcome. Please submit to our Editor suggested topics for future Guardian articles. Education about our breed is never ending.

### CANINE SOCIALIZATION PERIOD – 21 TO 49 DAYS

With dam and littermates present, pups learn about social interaction, play, and inhibiting aggression from mother and littermates. PUPPIES MUST STAY WITH THEIR DAM AND LITER MATES DURING THIS CRITICAL PERIOD. **PUPPIES LEARN THE MOST IMPORTANT LESSON IN THEIR LIVES DURING THIS PERIOD – THEY LEARN TO ACCEPT DISCIPLINE!!**

For lines that develop incisors late (seven weeks or older) this learning period may last longer. Bite inhibition can only be learned if there are teeth!!! Social AWARENESS, i.e. learning to be dogs, overlaps with this second period of development.

- Play fighting behavior becomes increasingly intense.

- Pups are developing problem solving abilities, which include physical coordination, bite inhibition, and acceptance of dam's behavior as she begins to wean them.
- During this time period, puppies will begin to move to corners of the bed, box, pen, etc. to eliminate. House breaking can actually begin at this young age PROVIDED IT IS DONE WITH PATIENCE AND PROPER GUIDANCE.
- Leave pups together as litter, allow dam free access to pups.
- During the fourth week introduce food without removing dam.
- Continue handling daily (see first installment – September Guardian).
- During the fifth week (21-28 days) introduce pups to the outdoors. Take outside after eating and sleeping - if the weather does not permit outdoor visits make a designated area for elimination.

### BREEDERS DO'S

- Handle pups individually away from litter mates and dam for at least ten minutes a day. Solicit help from family members or prospective interested buyers.
- Daily experiences away from litter mates is crucial.
- During sixth and seventh weeks (35 - 49 days) increase sensory experiences, take outside if possible, introduce to car ride, turn on vacuum in next room. Introduce puppy to grooming table with treats, make new experiences POSITIVE.

### BREEDERS THIS IS THE PRIME SOCIALIZATION PERIOD!!!!

- Introduce new people, especially children!!
- Introduce to a GENTLE adult dog.
- Introduce situations that will stimulate problem solving behavior – tunnels are great, shoe boxes, cardboard boxes, steps, logs to climb over – allow SUCCESSES, VERY IMPORTANT and reinforce these successes with special treats.

### BREEDER NO, NO'S

- DO NOT PERMANENTLY REMOVE PUPPIES FROM LITTER DURING THIS PERIOD!!!!
- DO NOT COMPLETELY REMOVE MOTHER.
- DO NOT CORRECT FOR PLAY FIGHTING, HOUSEBREAKING ERRORS, OR MOUTHING.



Whew!!! ----- our next installment will cover the FEAR IMPACT PERIOD 8-12 WEEKS. Until then give us your input and let us know what topics you would like to discuss, OR PRESENT.

## Peggy Kurz



The GSDC of Atlanta recently said “farewell” to longtime member, Margaret (Peggy) Kurz. Peggy Kurz served her Club as Treasurer, Show Secretary, Match Chair, Trophy Chair to name just a few of the activities she supported.

Peggy's legacy reaches back to the days of Art and Helen Hess and the great moving Hessian GS dogs. As a breeder Peggy kept the blueprint of the Hessian bitches uppermost in her mind. Peggy was a mentor who dedicated much of her time to new comers, she eventually applied for her Judge's license and thoroughly enjoyed judging our breed throughout the U.S. Peggy was also the consummate CHIEF RING STEWARD who kept judges and exhibitors alike on track.

In addition to her many friends and acquaintances Peggy leaves behind her three boys, daughter Beth and grandchildren. She has joined her husband Dick who loved the dogs and supported Peg in all of her “doggie” pursuits.

Both Dick and Peggy had a “special” dog, that favorite companion, whose faithfulness and devotion set them apart from the others. The ashes of these special companions will be laid to rest, one next to Dick and Peggy's special girl will continue to keep vigilance by her side.

Rest in peace Dick and Peg, we will miss you.

~ Nancy Harper-Mulvaney

## Upcoming Events Calendar

### NOVEMBER:

Our regular club meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, see you there!

We are hosting a Sheep Herding Fun Day on Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. See the next page for more details.

### DECEMBER:

The 2016 AKC National Championship is coming up on December 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> in Orlando, Florida. Click the link below for more info:

<http://www.akc.org/events/national-championship/>

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FUTURE SHOWS IN THE SOUTHEAST  
VISIT WEB SITE “INFO DOG”  
[www.infodog.com](http://www.infodog.com)**

\*\* We will have our annual Christmas party some time in December. Who wants to host this year? Date, place and time will 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 fun event.

## Sheep Herding Fun Day

Join us for Sheep Herding Fun Day!  
Saturday, November 19, 2016



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](mailto: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 club meeting is on Thursday night, November 10<sup>th</sup>!



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.

## 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 of 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 ensure 100% of puppies produced are AKC registered.



### GSDCA ATLANTA MEMBERS AKC BREEDERS OF MERIT:

Dr. Carmen Battaglia, Roswell  
Nancy Hart Battaglia, Roswell  
Joyce Quick, Palmetto  
Nancy Harper-Mulvaney, Roswell  
Joye Evans, Marietta

## 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. Each summer 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.

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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 15<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to issue. Dogs and puppies advertised must be AKC registered German Shepherd Dogs. Members and Breeders of Merit are listed free on our website. To place an ad, contact the editor: **Stacey Pollio**, email: [gsdateditor@outlook.com](mailto:gsdateditor@outlook.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/](https://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](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/)

**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.

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