

The  
German Shepherd Dog  
Club of Atlanta



# The Guardian

Your Monthly Newsletter from  
The German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta

## February 2016 Issue

### From the President

#### SPECIAL EVENT NOTICE

*The Alpharetta K-9 Unit is sponsoring a UNIQUE  
5K Race - Runners will be **ACCOMPANIED BY**  
**THEIR DOG!!***



*and ...* as promoters and supporters of The German Shepherd Dog, our Atlanta Club has been invited to participate in this event. What a fabulous opportunity to support the officers and our great BREED, the German Shepherd Dog K-9's!

Mark your calendar; on Saturday, March 12, 2016 the runners AND their dogs will assemble at the Alpharetta Community center - 8AM.

Can most of us participate in the 5K run? Well, not to cast aspirations, but I think not. Gone are the days when most of us could participate – Vince Battaglia, Jessica Ball, (& any others who are also fit). Where are you?

How about this? GSDC of Atlanta members appear accompanied by a large banner, our green GSDC Atlanta shirts with a well-behaved German Shepherd Dog in tow. You think? Perhaps the GSDC of North GA would like to participate. Surely we cannot allow this opportunity to pass us by. We can also participate as a sponsor. More information on this at our next meeting scheduled for February 11, 2016. MEANTIME, mark your Calendars and forward your ideas for promoting our Club, Our Breed, and the Alpharetta K-9 Department.

Our Club members are doing a great job! We have new Champions and new Performance titles with more coming down the pike. Congratulations to John and Stacey Pollio on their lovely New Champion, to Joye Evans on her successful Barn Hunt venture with her Champion. Erika Tracy has been busy with her crew, and Connie Irvine's Corgi recently took a big major! Kim McNamara's breeding program is doing so well with many awards this past year. Pauline Moon received Club awards AGAIN!! Joan Turner did well in Mobile, her male taking Breed – it was Mobile wasn't it? Congratulations to Renee West on her BOB wins in Augusta; and to Jessica Ball for a great job of handling the Winners Bitch. We are always excited to learn of members' successes - PLEASE, don't forget to send all your wins and awards to Stacey Pollio our talented Editor of the "GUARDIAN". We love to brag about all of you AND, we don't want to leave ANYONE OUT; plus those awards

go toward adding up our [REGIONAL CLUB COMPETITION](#) points. So, for anyone we missed in this newsletter, make sure Stacey knows of any and all achievements so they be included in the March newsletter.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

The first full weekend of February (Feb 4-7) brings us the [CHEROKEE ROSE CLUSTER](#) All Breed Dog Show held in Jonesboro. Many of our Club Members have dogs entered, so be sure to go, enjoy the show and cheer on our Members. Obedience and Rally are also offered and we hope members will take advantage of the opportunity to participate.

The [Atlanta Obedience Club](#) is offering competition on Feb 20 and 21 and again on the 28<sup>th</sup> of the month.

4 Paws Agility is offering events on 3/12. This followed by the Oconee River Kennel Club in Watkinsville, GA. For exact dates and location go to [InfoDog.com](#)

### DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Thurs, Friday, Sat, & Sun – Feb 4, 5, 6 and 7, 2016  
Cherokee Rose Cluster

Thursday, Feb 11, 2016 Board Meeting – 6:45 PM  
Atlanta Humane Society

Thursday, Feb 11, Membership Meeting – 8 PM  
Atlanta Humane Society – Education Program & Refreshment – bring your dogs!!

Sunday, March 13, 2016 - GSDC of Atlanta Annual Spring Match - Watch for the upcoming Flyers – thanks Barbara Stamper and Jessica Ball for helping

### EXCITING NEWS FOR OUR FUTURE

At our last Board Meeting the future of our Specialty Shows was discussed in depth. Many ideas were laid out and examined. The focus included larger entries, profitability, teams of workers, expenses and the various opportunities within our geographical area. The discussion was positive with comprehensive participation. Approximately 10 days later, the sitting Board of the German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta voted unanimously to co-mingle our Specialty Shows WITH the German Shepherd Dog Club of North GA, using the Fall dates of the Atlanta Club. This vote includes the development of a joint “SHOW COMMITTEE” consisting of Atlanta and North GA members whose purpose shall be the development of a written detailed Show Plan and the execution of the Show Plan. The “Show Plan” to include and address all details required to meet AKC regulations as well as identification of the details required for successful shows.

This is a great opportunity for us to offer four major shows appealing to handlers and exhibitors alike. Please step forward and offer your opinions and suggestions. We need all of you. Many hands make light work for all. We have exciting ideas for a great show weekend – plan with us for a fun and very successful Fall Show Cluster THIS YEAR - 2016.

### SPECIAL REQUEST

Members, please forward the day and month of your birthday to Stacey Pollio – we want to recognize and wish members a Happy Birthday each month.

Stay well, keep warm, HAPPY VALENTINE’S DAY, and have a great month in February.

*Nancy Harper-Mulvaney,  
President*

## 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.

## Puppies!

Kimberlite German Shepherds announces two litters, born in late January, 2016.

Litter One: BIM Ch. Signature's Abby Scuito TC OFA H&E x Am/Can. Sel. Ch. Karizma's Malawi Kaleef VonLoar. Three boys, five girls, black and tan.

Litter Two, co-bred with Tindrock German Shepherds: Jerrwen's Sunrise in Cheyenne OFA H&E (Nicaragua daughter) x Sel. Ch. Regency's Ya Gotta Know When to Hold 'Em TC OFA H&E. One boy, one girl. Companions available around the end of March. Contact Kim McNamara, AKC Breeder of Merit, at [klite3gsd@gmail.com](mailto:klite3gsd@gmail.com)



Barbara Guzzo also has a beautiful litter of AKC white German Shepherd puppies. Contact Barbara Guzzo at [blueflintcamping@yahoo.com](mailto:blueflintcamping@yahoo.com)

## Upcoming Events Calendar

### FEBRUARY:

Our next regular club meeting will be on Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 8pm at the Atlanta Humane Society.

### MARCH:

Our annual Match is coming up in March. Please extend your hand to help with the match as a Match co-chair. 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

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

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 also 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>



## Training

Everyone is welcome to come out and socialize their dog(s) during our training sessions. Training classes are usually held on Wednesday or Thursday nights in a corporate park just north of the Perimeter near I-285 and I-75. The next sessions will start in the spring ... date and time to be announced. Click here to go to our training page:

<http://gsdcatlanta.org/training.php>



**For more information about training, contact one of our following club members, see below:**

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## 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 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

## 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.

## **CLUB OFFICERS**

### **President:**

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### **Secretary:**

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### **Treasurer:**

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### **Members-At-Large:**

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**Connie Irvine** (770) 507-7408  
[francon1@bellsouth.net](mailto:francon1@bellsouth.net)

## **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 the editor:

**Stacey Pollio, email:**  
[stacey@miracleshepherds.com](mailto: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/](http://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.



## **COMMITTEES**

### **Club Phone:**

Connie Irvine (770) 507-7408

### **Hearts & Flowers:**

Jan Eason (678) 549-2113

### **Herding/Library:**

Erika Tracy (678) 642-9303

### **Internet/website:**

Stacey Pollio (404) 353-0588

### **Audit:**

To be announced

### **Equipment:**

Barbara Stamper (770) 922-0969

### **Obedience:**

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### **Versatility:**

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### **Awards & Banquet:**

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### **Working Dog Association:**

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### **Trophy Chair:**

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## **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)

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