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THE GUARDIAN

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Remember to join our Facebook Group: GSDC of Atlanta

Message from the President

I look forward to seeing a lot of club members and visitors at our Awards Banquet July 21 at Aldo's Restaurant, where we have held our last two banquets. We order from their menu and they provide us with a nice private room. If you have earned titles, please provide the information to Barbara Stamper as soon as possible but no later than July 5. If you have questions, please contact either of us for assistance.

We are pleased to announce our new Board for July 2019 – June 2020. A lot of familiar faces on the Board except for Member At Large – Alice Carnahan. Alice is already hard at work lining up programs for the upcoming year. Our goals for this year include introducing our members to more AKC events that we can do with our dogs and increase our membership.

The Board would like to thank everyone for your assistance last year and we look forward to an exciting new year.

Joye Evans

New Members Application was received on 6/13/19 for
Mindi Kelley-Chase and Marty Chase

Sponsored by active club members Morgan & Ren Lewis

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UPDATED NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING RATES

Commercial Advertising Rates

Design is extra and based on time spent

Size	Monthly	Quarterly	Yearly
Full Page	\$17.00	\$27.50	\$50.00
Half Page	\$10.00	\$22.50	\$32.50
Quarter Page	\$7.50	\$15.00	\$22.50
Business Card	\$5.00	\$7.50	\$12.50
Large Business Cards	3" - \$5.75 4" - \$6.75	\$9.50 \$11.00	\$17.50 \$22.50

Non-Commercial Advertising Rates

	Member	Non-Member
Front Page	\$12.50	N/A
Back Cover	\$12.50	N/A
Stud Dogs	\$6.00 per year	N/A
Breeder / Services	\$6.00 per year	N/A
Whelping Box	1 free litter per year	N/A
Full Page	\$12.50	\$17.50
Half Page	\$7.50	\$12.50
Quarter Page	\$6.50	\$10.00

6 Ways to Help a Dog That's Afraid of Fireworks

By Liz Donovan
Jul 02, 2018

A fear of fireworks is common among dogs. In fact, more canine companions get lost during the Fourth of July holiday than any other time of year due, in part, to local firework displays and pet owners getting distracted at family gatherings, among other things. But there are ways to help your pup overcome his fear. Here are some tips from experts at the AKC GoodDog! Helpline:

- 1. Know what your dog loves.** You'll need to select a treat he finds desirable enough that the emotional response it elicits is stronger than his fear.
- 2. Observe your dog and learn his body language so that you can tell when he's becoming stressed.** This is an important one. To successfully recondition a dog's emotional response, he needs to be in a state of mind where he can respond to you. Call your dog when he's first showing signs of stress.
- 3. After the fireworks end, quickly cheer "Treats!" while you give your dog some.** The goal is for the scary sound to become a predictor of something great instead of something fearful.
- 4. Consider getting a digital recording of fireworks.** This will help you start the desensitization process before the snap, crackle, pop begins. Play the recording on a low volume while you present a high-value treat. You can gradually increase the volume as your dog starts associating the noises with yummy food.
- 5. Have patience.** Conditioning your dog to associate fireworks with something good takes time and multiple experiences.
- 6. Get assistance.** For minor cases, the experts at the GoodDog! Helpline are here for guidance. More extreme cases, however, may require veterinary intervention.

<https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/training/dog-scared-of-fireworks/>



AWARDS BANQUET

When: Sunday, July 21, 2019 at 5pm

Where: Aldo's Restaurant, 6690 Roswell Road
(corner of Roswell Rd & Abernathy Rd)

The award year is June 1, 2018 to May 31, 2019. Submissions should go to Barbara Stamper at barickshep@bellsouth.net. Submissions are due to Barbara no later than July 5th.

As the date approaches we will need to provide the restaurant with a headcount. Please let Joye know that you plan to attend (jevans0107@gmail.com).

We'd love to see ALL club members attend, even if you aren't receiving an award. This is a great time to reconnect with old friends and meet new ones. Need a ride to the banquet, please contact a board member and we'll do our best to arrange a ride for you.

Let's celebrate our accomplishments!!

EXCITING ANNOUNCEMENT

On August 8th (club meeting) we will be having an exciting program on Canine Good Citizen (CGC) and Trick Dog! Then on Saturday, August 17th you can "test" your dog and hopefully earn those AKC titles!

We're asking all club members to print pages 5 & 6 and post these at your vet's office, where you buy your dog food, and anywhere else you can think of where people might be interested. We want to have a great turnout for Cari and Anne, who are so generously doing these programs!

Questions should be directed to Alice Carnahan at alicecarnahan@gmail.com.

ALL DOG LOVERS ARE INVITED!

Free presentation on the American Kennel Club's **Canine Good Citizen** and **Trick Dog** Titling programs for all dogs, both purebreds and mixed breeds. Come and learn how to get titles for your dogs in fun new ways.

When: *Thursday, August 8, 8:00 p.m.*

Where: *Blue Pearl Pet Hospital*

(formerly Georgia Veterinary Specialists); 455 Abernathy Rd NE; Sandy Springs, GA 30328; 2nd floor meeting room on left side of building as you face it from the parking lot. There is an elevator.

All are welcome! Hosted by the German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta, but you don't have to be a shepherd person to attend! We love everybody who loves dogs! No preregistration required. Questions? Send to AliceCarnahan@gmail.com

Canine Good Citizen (CGC) and Trick Dog Tests

Saturday, August 17, 2019

Morning testing will begin at 10 a.m.

Afternoon tests will begin at 1:30 p.m.

Alchemy Dog Training (an indoor climate-controlled facility)

545 Glover Street

Marietta, GA 30060

All breeds and mixed breeds welcome!

Anne Jones, founder of Alchemy Dog Training, will be providing both CGC and Trick Dog (novice and intermediate levels) testing for members and friends of the German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta. Anne is an approved AKC evaluator/tester for both CGC and Trick Dog titles, as well as a very successful obedience and agility competitor and coach for many dog/handler teams.

If a dog earns the CGC title, then he/she needs only to perform five more “tricks” in order to complete the Trick Dog Novice title. If the dog does not have a CGC title, he/she has to perform 10 tricks (note that many of the “tricks” are very easy for a dog with any obedience training). The requirements for both the CGC test and Trick Dog titles can be found on the American Kennel Club site, akc.org. You will need to bring a copy of the AKC form listing the tricks so that Anne can sign and date it if your dog(s) earn their CGC and/or Trick Dog title(s). Dogs may wear either buckle or choke collars. Bring your dog’s brush or comb for the CGC test.

Cost will be \$20.00 for each test, per dog, paid to Alchemy Dog Training. You may pay at the door, with either cash or a check. Please note that AKC charges another \$20.00 for the title certificate once the dog has passed the test, to be paid directly to AKC.

Please preregister by August 13 to AliceCarnahan@gmail.com and indicate whether you prefer morning or afternoon.

Mesenteric Torsion: The Sudden Killer!

By Barbara Lee Williams

Increasing incidence and has been seen to occur more commonly in German Shepherds than any other breed. The symptoms of this condition are rapid onset of shock, abdominal pain and vomiting. The twisting stops the blood flowing to the intestines, causing tissues to necrotize (in other words: ROT) immediately. This condition causes a dilemma for veterinarians as the symptoms are obtuse and diagnosis is difficult. The dog is usually “down” – in shock, making any surgical options a tough decision. By the time the dog shows any symptoms and you get it to the vet, the torsion has caused the intestines to lose their blood/nutrient supply and also the blood vessels begin to rupture causing internal haemorrhaging. Any condition that predisposes the dog to abdominal pain and/or intestinal irritant can be a predisposing cause of mesenteric torsion.

By this medical conclusion, we come to the connection of other diseases or conditions which are highly linked to Mesenteric Torsion. Exocrine Pancreatic Insufficiency (known as EPI), Inflammatory Bowel Disease (known as IBD), Pancreatic Acinar Atrophy (known as PAA) and Small Intestine Bacterial Overgrowth (known as SIBO) all show evidence as being predisposing factor to Mesenteric Torsion as well as Gastric Torsion. Another disease/condition called Toxic Gut Syndrome is also linked to Mesenteric Torsion. As you will see descriptions of these conditions listed below, remember that “Any condition that predisposes the dog to abdominal pain and/or intestinal irritant can be a predisposing cause of mesenteric torsion.”

Let's start with EPI/PAA. EPI is Enzymatic Pancreatic Insufficiency. Linked with it – actually usually causing it – is Pancreatic Acinar Atrophy (meaning functional tissues of the pancreas atrophy – a wasting or decrease in size of a body organ, tissue, or part owing to disease, injury, or lack of use.) EPI is the inability to properly digest food due to the lack of digestive enzymes which are normally produced by the pancreas. EPI causes malabsorption of food in the intestines. Symptoms include weight loss linked with eating like they are hungry all of the time, poor hair coat, flatulence, and diarrhoea. Feces are often yellow-grey in color, often foul smelling and loose/soft. The only diagnosis is by having a blood test for the serum Trypsin-like Immunoreactivity also known simply as the TLI test. A low number indicates the condition. Treatment is supplementing the diet with dried pancreatic extracts such as Viokase along with supplying an easily digestible dog food. Treatment is for the life of the dog.

What is small intestinal bacterial overgrowth (SIBO)? The small bowel, also known as the small intestine, is the section of the gastrointestinal tract that connects the stomach with the colon. The main purpose of the small intestine is to digest and absorb food into the body. The entire gastrointestinal tract, including the small intestine, normally contains bacteria. The number of bacteria is greatest in the colon and much lower in the small intestine. Also, the types of bacteria within the small intestine are different than the types of bacteria within the colon. Small intestinal bacterial overgrowth (SIBO) refers to a condition in which abnormally large numbers of bacteria (at least 100,000 bacteria per ml of fluid) are present in the small intestine and the types of bacteria in the small intestine resemble more the bacteria of the colon than the small intestine. So, what causes SIBO? The gastrointestinal tract is a continuous muscular tube through which digesting food is transported on its way to the colon. The muscles of the stomach and small intestine propel the food from the stomach, through the small intestine, and into the colon. Muscular activity sweeps through the small intestine from the stomach to the colon even without food present. This muscular activity is important for the digestion of food, but it also is important because it sweeps bacteria out of the small intestine and thereby limits the numbers of bacteria in the small intestine. Anything that interferes with the progression of normal muscular activity through the small intestine can result in SIBO. The lack of muscular activity also may allow bacteria to spread backwards from the colon and into the small intestine. Simply stated, any condition that interferes with muscular activity in the small intestine allows the bacteria to stay longer and multiply in the small intestine can result in SIBO. These can be an actual foreign obstruction, infection, and also EPI, IBD, etc.

IBD is an Inflammatory Bowel Disease. The exact cause, which is often difficult to pinpoint, is responsible for a chronic stimulus of inflammation. It can be caused by a food allergy, parasites, inflammatory products, from normal bacteria living in the intestine, or it can be (and often is in the German Shepherd) a problem with the Immune System.

Idiopathic inflammatory bowel diseases are defined as a group of disorders characterized by persistent clinical signs of Gastrointestinal (GI) disease, and histological evidence of inflammation of undetermined cause in the lamina propria of small and/or large intestines. The proposed pathophysiology of IBD questions whether the disease is due either to an appropriate or excessive response to a foreign antigen or an inappropriate response to a normal antigen. Possible antigens include bacterial (connection to SIBO...), dietary/digestive (connection to EPI....) and/or parasitic antigens.

IBS: "Irritable Bowel Syndrome" This is a Stress related Diarrhea problem...Treatment for it is to try and eliminate the stress and help with medications that reduce the stress. However, in all cases, every test possible should be given to determine exactly what is causing the condition and if it is associated with any of the other Bowel Health Problems.

Toxic Gut Syndrome: The correct scientific name for TGS is Clostridial Enterotoxaemia. This is a rapid onset (acute) condition which will lead to death in about 24 to 36 hours, caused by the overgrowth of the bacteria Clostridium which produces toxins. Once this disease sets in there is no real hope to save the dog. This is one of the most devastating conditions a GSD can contract.

So, as you can see, all of these conditions have the same foundation and are all linked. There is a definite cycle or syndrome going on, where one can cause the other and then the other, etc, etc. We must get to the root of the situation and do our best to stop it from encroaching on the health and future of our breed.

The evidence all points to the Pancreas being the root and we have seen enough patterns to know this is a Genetic Issue at play. So how do we deal with this? What can we do to lessen the incidence? Test any breeding stock for EPI, using the TLI testing at intervals starting at 6 months. This can give us better insight into selecting breeding stock by eliminating those from the gene pool that have low levels or who do progress into full EPI. Track your lineage for patterns of "weak constitutions" and poor digestive systems. Keep in touch with all buyers of your puppies. Be outspoken and honest about what your lineage carries so that others can make INFORMED breeding decisions. Only by doing this and working together can we eradicate this from our GS Gene Pool. German Shepherds who are affected by any of these conditions should not be bred...and that includes their First-Generation Relatives and Siblings if we are truly interested and dedicated to in our efforts to control these Devastating Diseases.

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WHELPING BOX NEWS



My brag this month is that Dime had her first litter. Unfortunately we lost 4 (boys) but I'm happy for the 6 that are thriving so far. Out of the 6 we have 2 boys and 4 girls. Several of these puppies are still available. I post weekly pictures on my kennel's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/Von-der-R%C3%A4uberbande-German-Shepherds-307908189651439/?ref=bookmarks>) and other details can be found on my kennel's website: <https://www.vonderrauberbande.com/litters>

Philippa Fendler

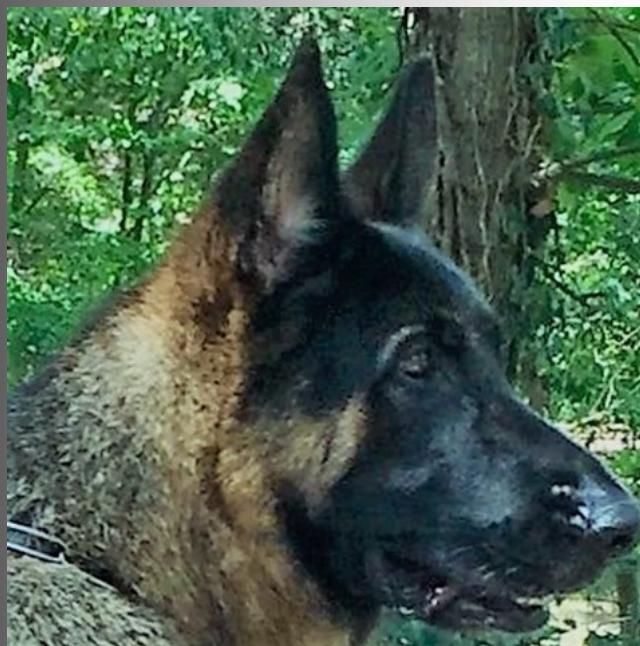
**If you have puppies or adults available, please be
sure to contact Connie Irvine
(francon1@bellsouth.net or 770-507-7408).
Connie handles the club referrals.**

STUD DOG

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JUNE 2019

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PLEASE SEE PAGE 11
FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING
THE 2019 FUTURITY
SCHEDULE

JULY 2019

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					HAPPY 4TH	Deadline for awards submission
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AWARDS BANQUET						
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NO JULY CLUB MEETING

Happy 4th of July!

July 5th is deadline for awards submission

July 21st—Annual Awards Banquet



German Shepherd Dog Club of America, Inc. Application for Membership

There are two types of membership. **Regular Members:** Minimum age of 18 years. Must be in good standing with AKC. Applicant (and renewing members) agrees to abide by the GSDCA by-laws and the Rules and Regulations of the American Kennel Club. Two endorsements by current members must be provided by new applicants. Applicant's name will be published in the *German Shepherd Dog Review*. Provided no objections have been filed within 30 days of publication in the *Review*, applicant will be notified that he/she is eligible for all privileges including the right to vote. **Junior Members:** Must be 10 years of age and not more than 18 years of age and shall subscribe to the same criteria as Regular Membership with the exception of the requirement to pay dues. Junior members cannot vote, hold office, or serve on committees other than junior committees.

To apply and pay ONLINE with a credit card, please go to gsdca.org/join-the-gsdca/apply-online.
You can MAIL this form to Laura Gilbert, 557 Dunning Lane, Chesapeake, VA 23322

Circle Your Desired Membership Type:

Membership Category	Review Delivery	One year	Three year	Five year
Single	Online only	\$45	\$130	\$215
Single	Print & online	\$75	\$215	\$355
Family	Online only	\$70	\$200	\$335
Family	Print & online	\$115	\$325	\$545
			Additional delivery charges	
			Delivery in poly wrap: \$5.00	
			1 st Class delivery: \$36.00	
			Outside United States: \$24.00	

Membership Information (please print)

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____

Date of Birth: _____ (Juniors Only)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP/ Postal Code: _____

Country: _____ Telephone: _____ Email: _____

For FAMILY Memberships, provide 2nd member information. (Family membership is defined as 2 people living in the same household – principal & one other person).

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

What activities do you enjoy with your GSD? (Circle all that apply) Agility Conformation Herding

House Pet Obedience Rally Schutzhund/Working Dog Sport Tracking Other

Endorser 1 Printed

Name & Signature: _____

Endorser 2 Printed

Name & Signature: _____

Applicant/ Member Signature: _____ Date: _____