



June 2020

# THE GUARDIAN

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GSDC of Atlanta

## Message from the President

Oh what a fuzzy crystal ball I have. What do I know – I appreciate all of you, wish we were having fun at a dog show, club meeting or just a social gathering. But we aren't so in anticipation of those fun times ahead, we can make plans.

We are planning our Awards Picnic and hopefully everyone will feel comfortable attending. We will be social distancing, bring your own chairs, perhaps even your own food if you aren't comfortable with grilling burgers, etc. And if you are entitled to awards, send your certificate information to me and plaque information to Barbara Stamper.

Our August club meeting hopefully will be back at Blue Pearl but if not, I'll check with Aldo's Restaurant and see if we can meet there.

And our September 11, 12 shows and Southeast Futurity September 13 are still on. Our September club meeting will need to be moved up to the first Thursday in September and will be devoted to wrapping up our planning for the shows. Hopefully Blue Pearl can accommodate us but we will see.

Everyone stay safe and take care.

Joye Evans

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**TO: GSDC OF ATLANTA MEMBERS**  
**FROM: NANCY HARPER-MULVANEY**  
**SECRETARY, GSDC OF ATLANTA**  
**REF: ANNUAL ELECTION OF GSDC OF ATLANTA OFFICERS & BOARD**  
**DATE: 16 JUNE, 2020**

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**Dear Members,**

**As you know our June Club Meeting was cancelled due to the Infectious Virus. Therefore, an email was sent to all Members in Good Standing which included:**

- ♦ · **Receipt of said email within the required number of days prior to election date per Club By-Laws**
- ♦ · **Verification of election date.**
- ♦ · **Final date and time for receipt of electronic vote**
- ♦ · **Instructions on voting by electronic means.**
- ♦ · **The slate of Officers and Board as selected & accepted by nominees.**

**I am pleased to announce the persons nominated by the Nominating Committee were elected unanimously by the membership.**

**Officers**

**Joye Evans - President**  
**Morgan Lewis – Vice President**  
**Sara Wolfe – Treasurer**  
**Nancy Harper-Mulvaney – Secretary**

**Board**

**Alice Carnahan – Member at Large**  
**John Conley – Member at Large**  
**Ren Lewis – Guardian Editor**

*Nancy Harper-Mulvaney*

# A VIRTUAL TRAINING SESSION ON SATURDAY, JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup> AT 6PM

It would appear that shows will be starting up again soon. So, in anticipation of this, we're excited to offer this virtual training session. This session is geared toward the folks new to showing in conformation and those that want a refresher.

The topics will include:

- ♦ Searching the AKC website for events
- ♦ Premium lists (what does it all mean?)
- ♦ On line entries
- ♦ Understanding the classes
- ♦ Judging schedule
- ♦ Listening to your handler's instructions (double handling)
- ♦ Specialties vs all breed

I remember how confusing it was when I first started in obedience & rally. Back then you had to fill out a paper entry and mail it. Joye Evans checked my entry forms prior to mailing for longer than I care to admit. Then I started in conformation a few years ago and had even more to learn. I'm hoping this will give our new members some tools and confidence as they get ready to enter their dogs in conformation.

I have 3 new folks signed up already. If you're interested, please email me at [renlewis1@gmail.com](mailto:renlewis1@gmail.com) or call 678-646-7555. I'll be sending out a few website links to the participants prior to the call. Please be sitting at your computer ready to learn. If you have other topics you'd like included, please send them to me. If you're interested but can't make it Saturday, please let me know and we'll try to plan another session.

Ren Lewis

# IT'S TIME TO CELEBRATE OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS!!

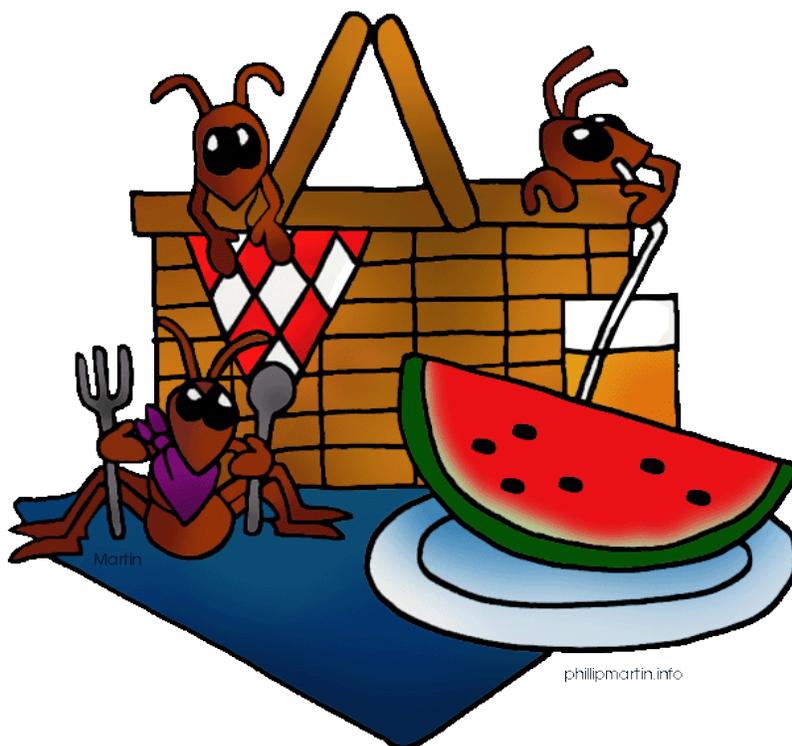
THE GSDC OF ATLANTA WILL BE HOLDING OUR ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET/PICNIC ON SUNDAY, JULY 19TH AT 2PM

**Submission for the awards are due to Barbara Stamper no later than July 5th.**

We still have to decide how to handle the food - do we grill burgers/hot dogs, individual condiment packages, packs of chips and dessert or does everyone bring their own dinner and we order a cake, or will the world be more normal and everyone brings a dish and we all share. Please let Joye know if you plan to attend ([jevans0107@gmail.com](mailto:jevans0107@gmail.com)) and what your preference is regarding food.

We want everyone to feel safe and comfortable so please bring your chairs and let's do some social distancing. It's been a long time since our last club meeting in March. Even if you aren't receiving an award, please try to attend.

Directions to Barbara's will be sent later.



# TRAINING AT HOME

Ren Lewis

Training a dog can be challenging, especially during a pandemic. As a certified dog trainer from the Animal Behavior College, I can tell you that each dog is different, just as each person is different. I've attending more training classes than I can remember and I take something away from each of them. All instructors have their own ideas on training and the key is to take away what works for you and your dog.

Many years ago, I went to a local kennel club with my GSD puppy for puppy class. The instructor was very "old school" and believed that there was only one way of training a command...period. He was rough with puppies and expected his students to "force" the issue if the puppy didn't perform. Needless to say, I didn't last long in that class. Always be an advocate for your dog; whether during training, an interaction with people/dogs, or at a vet visit.

Consistency and patience are key tools for training!! Training should be limited to short training sessions at home. If you've had a lousy day, do something easy and fun instead of working on something new with your dog. Always end on a good note!! If you're working on something new that your dog just isn't getting and you're getting frustrated, switch gears to something fun and easy so that you end the training session on a positive note. Always end your training on a positive note, you'll both be happier!

I know we have a few folks with new young puppies. Please train your new puppy to "come", and reward with a treat and lots of praise! There's nothing scarier than having a puppy get away from you and then refuse to come. The most fun way is to have 2 people about 10-15 feet apart (both should have plenty of yummy treats). The 1st person calls the pup, and give a treat. The minute the pup takes the treat from #1, the #2 person calls the pup and treats. Keep the pup going back and forth. Remember to use a happy voice when calling your dog, as with all training. They will quickly realize that coming when called is handsomely rewarded.

If you're struggling with a command, think outside the box. Sometimes you have to get creative with your training. Young puppies love to train and don't forget that older dogs love it too.

**TRAINING IS FUN FOR EVERYONE!!**

## 2020 SHOW UPDATE FOR JUNE NEWSLETTER

The show dates are Friday, Sept. 11, Saturday, Sept. 12 and the Futurity/Maturity will be held on Sunday, Sept. 13. Our club will host the afternoon shows on Friday and Saturday. Closing date is August 26<sup>th</sup> so mark your calendars!! **PLEASE NOTE:** Volunteers will need to attend all shows, not just our club shows. We are expecting a huge turnout so please pitch in to help!! If you haven't contacted me to volunteer yet, it's not too late; please contact me at [renlewis1@gmail.com](mailto:renlewis1@gmail.com) or call me at 678-646-7555.

The updated premium list and Fast CAT premium list are expected to be complete in the next few days. As promised, both will be emailed to the club members promptly, added to our website and the GSDCA website. Both will also be posted on our club Facebook page. Please feel free to forward to your dog friends!!

We have updated the Futurity/Maturity ad for the catalog and it has been submitted to Holly Bryan on the F/M committee. Val Harrington, Show Secretary, has done an outstanding job!! She has added the language required by the GSDCA regarding COVID-19 to the premium list.

Don't forget to make your hotel or RV reservations. The host hotel is the Baymont By Wyndham (2155 Gordon Hwy, Augusta, GA) 706-737-2300. The alternate is the Red Roof Inn (4328 Belair Frontage Rd, Augusta, GA) 706-228-3031. RV reservations for the Diamond Lakes RV Park should be made online at [www.reserveamerica.com](http://www.reserveamerica.com). Pet policies vary by hotel so please inquire at the time you make reservations. I understand that the Baymont has a wing of the hotel dedicated to those with dogs.

Of course, everything is subject to change should our state suffer another outbreak of the virus. These events are subject to state and local regulations regarding Covid-19. We encourage each of you to carefully read the premium list concerning Covid-19 and adhere to the guidelines so everyone can remain safe. Of course, we understand that there might be people that would feel uncomfortable about going to a dog show during this time. We completely understand and encourage those folks to stay home. This is a personal decision that everyone must make for themselves. If you previously contacted me about volunteering and have now change your mind, please contact me promptly.

Ren & Morgan Lewis  
Co-Show Chairs



# Prostate Cancer, The Hidden Killer

## Barbara Williams

Or it can be very coffee-brown dark, sometimes with a bloody urine discharge. Some dogs will stand a bit hunched up over the loin, or show some discomfort upon being palpated. Some will exhibit fullness above the abdomen, which indicates the bladder is not being fully emptied upon urination. If any of these signs are apparent, get to your vet ASAP, as they can be life-threatening, if not treated.

Some dogs show no symptoms, until it is too late and too much damage already has been done. I would never have known my Nero had any problems at all if I hadn't taken him to ICSB to have his sperm collected again.

The sperm collection showed a large amount of blood and inflammation in it. We all were shocked. I went straight to our regular vet's office and they examined him. This is done manually, by inserting a finger into the rectum and palpating the prostate gland itself, feeling for any abnormality or enlargement. Nero withstood this exam quietly, although it is painful.

Our vet found Nero's prostate gland was enlarged and she felt a suspicious lump as well. We discussed our options: neuter him and hope for the best, or treat him and re-examine him on a weekly basis. I didn't want to put him out, which would be necessary if he were to be neutered. One reason was that I have a particularly terrible dread of anesthesia plus there can be bleeding and/or infection afterwards as no surgery is without risk Nero appeared to be in otherwise excellent health and had always been a very physically strong and healthy boy, so we treated him with the maximum dose (two capsules daily) of Baytril for eight long weeks, and had his veterinarian check him every week. He was always good about it, even though he knew what was coming his way when we entered the vet's door. But he knew we all were trying to help him, and he stoically tolerated the weekly exams. It is important that you always have the same veterinarian do the exam, as he or she will know what is normal or abnormal for your particular dog's prostate gland size and shape.

The lump appeared to have gone down and the size of the prostate gland also had decreased. Nero was not experiencing any problems with urination. He maintained his 90 pounds and glossy coat and appeared to be in great shape. We were very happy and relieved. All seemed to be going well on our side in this fight. We felt great relief at having dodged a big bullet, or so we thought.

The painful vet exams were extended now to once every month He was almost 10 years old when once again he began to show signs of frequent urination with a small, stop and start stream. Then the bladder would not fully empty. Nero went back on the antibiotics, but this time to no avail.

So I would like to caution all of you to have regular checks performed on your males, and. As a precaution, neuter those you do not intend to breed. We did not want to put our Nero boy through chemotherapy, so we just went day by day. It is still too terribly painful to recall all the details. But I would like to strongly suggest to all of you to have this testing done and watch for any signs of urinary discomfort or problems.

Just as important-- please do not accept anyone's word, even from your closest friends, that a bitch brought to your stud dog has been tested for mycoplasma and the other sexually-transmitted diseases. Our veterinarian believes this was the beginning of Nero's problems-- being infected with Mycoplasma from a natural breeding. Fortunately, we had frozen semen stored prior to the infection.

So, for the welfare and well-being of your stud dogs, do not take anyone's word that their bitch has been cleared of STDs. Insist that you see a certificate from the veterinarian and call the vet yourself to confirm. Mycoplasma can cause sterility in the male and can bring on inflammation of the prostate and urinary problems.

It takes 21 days to get the results of a mycoplasma test, so the test has to be performed prior to the bitch coming in season. Don't let it be 'a lesson too late for the learning' for your stud dog.

Prior permission was given by Barbara Williams to publish her articles

Photos of her beloved "Nero".

## Nero von Rossbergerland



## German Shepherd Dog Club of America Charitable Trust

If you are an Amazon shopper, please ensure you set your charity at [smile. Amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com).

I received notification this morning that the GSDCA Charitable Trust has received a quarterly donation of \$100.25 thanks to customers shopping at smile Amazon.com. It costs you nothing and is easy to set up.

If you need assistance setting this up, please contact Ren Lewis at 678-646-7555 or via email at [renlewis1@gmail.com](mailto:renlewis1@gmail.com).

**Happy Birthday to our club members celebrating  
June birthdays!!**

**Joye Evans  
Joyce Quick**



**PLEASE CONTINUE TO  
WASH YOUR HANDS AND  
PAWS!!**

Did you wash your paws?



**AT STUD**  
**CH Jomari's Last of the Mohicans TC**  
**"MAGUA"**

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Joyce Quick

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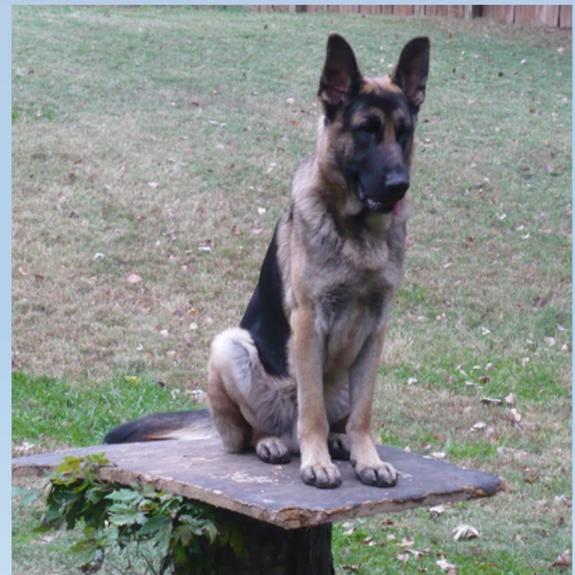
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# **GSDC OF ATLANTA LIBRARY**

Did you know The GSDC of Atlanta has a library of informative, valuable books, even a few rare books? Originally packed away in multiple boxes, we are unpacking & beginning to identify each book, its subject & author – a complete list will be in future Guardians. Members will be able to request a specific book & pick-up @ Club Meeting; special pickup arrangements may be possible. A return date will apply. Our Library offers an exciting and broad scope of information authored by acclaimed experts such as;

“Structure and Terminology”, - by Edward M. Gilbert Jr.- an advanced study of Canine structure and gait.

“Dog Behavior”, - The fascinating Original studies -by expert Clarence Pfaffenberger

“This is the German Shepherd” - by Capt. William Goldbecker & Ernest H. Hart – a rich history & origin of the German Shepherd Dog in America- a must for serious Breeders.

“Help For Your Fearful Dog” - by Nicole Wilde – an acclaimed book addressing methods for fearful, and/or aggressive dogs as well as dogs exhibiting other difficult issues.

“The Dog Listener” by Jan Fennell – revolutionary insight into the canine world, case histories of problem dogs, bridges the language barrier separating us from our dogs.

“No Bad Dogs” - by Barbara Woodhouse.

“Expert Obedience Training For Dogs” - by Winifred G Strickland- acknowledged expert/a superb book by a successful breeder/ exhibitor of the German Shepherd Dog.

“V Stephanitz” – rare copy of original German Work - all rights reserved - Verein fur deutsche Shaferhunde - Extensive details of the German Shepherd Dog in the formative years of the Deutsche Shaferhunde in Germany. Not an easy Read - Worth the effort.

**Red Books are available from 1979 to present.**

Nancy Harper-Mulvaney



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GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF AMERICA 2020 FUTURITY/MATURITY SCHEDULE

<p><b>Northwest - Sunday, July 12, 2020- Host Club: GSDC of Greater Eugene, OR</b></p> <p><b>Event# 2020009359 Closes Wed, June 24, 2020- 6:00 PM Central Time</b></p> <p><b>Judge: Bo Vujovich</b>                  Site: Bryant Park                  801 Bryant Way SW, Albany, OR 97321</p>		<p><b>Regional Chair: Kathy Martin</b>  <a href="mailto:foxtratgsd@gmail.com">foxtratgsd@gmail.com</a>                  541-760-4978</p>
<p><b>Great Lakes - Friday, July 31, 2020- Host Club: GSDC of Northern Ohio</b></p> <p><b>Event# 202000966 Closes Wed, July 15, 2020- 6:00 PM Central Time</b></p> <p><b>Judge: James Moses</b>                  Site: Canfield Fairgrounds 7265                  Columbiana-Canfield Rd, Canfield, OH 44406</p>		<p><b>Regional Chair Leslie Bercia</b>  <a href="mailto:Signaturegsd@aol.com">Signaturegsd@aol.com</a>                  330-441-2122</p>
<p><b>Northeast- Sunday, August 30, 2020- Host Club: GSDC of Greater New Haven</b></p> <p><b>Event# 2020009358 Closes Wed, August 12, 2020- 6:00 PM Central Time</b></p> <p><b>Judge: Lenny Brown</b>                  Site: Stony Hill Preserve                  67-69 Stony Hill Rd, Bethel, CT 06801</p>		<p><b>Regional Chair: Linda Cioeci</b>  <a href="mailto:lyneagle72@gmail.com">lyneagle72@gmail.com</a>                  203-268-0265</p>
<p><b>Southwest- Friday, Sept 4, 2020- Host Club: Pikes Peak GSDC</b></p> <p><b>Event# 2020009361 Closes Wed, August 19, 2020- 6:00 PM Central Time</b></p> <p><b>Judge: Ileana Noguera</b>                  Site: Island Grove Regional Park                  501 N 14<sup>th</sup> Ave, Greeley, Colorado 80631</p>		<p><b>Regional Chair: Diane Mehra</b>  <a href="mailto:Dmehra@aol.com">Dmehra@aol.com</a>                  719-371-8790</p>
<p><b>Mid Atlantic - Sunday, Sept 6, 2020- Host Club: GSDC of W. Pennsylvania</b></p> <p><b>Event# 2020009354 Closes Wed, August 19, 2020- 6:00 PM Central Time</b></p> <p><b>Judge: Dr. Jose Perez-Gurri</b>                  Site: Westmoreland County Obed Training Club                  16 Potters Rd., Delmont, PA 15626</p>		<p><b>Regional Chair: Alyshia Funk</b>  <a href="mailto:Alybabe911@hotmail.com">Alybabe911@hotmail.com</a>                  412-977-8376</p>
<p><b>Southeast - Sunday, Sept 13, 2020- Host Club: Augusta GSDC</b></p> <p><b>Event# 2020009360 Closes Wed, August 26, 2020- 6:00 PM Central Time:</b></p> <p><b>Judge: Jeff Pyle</b>                  Site: Diamond Lakes Park, Field 5 4335                  Windsor Springs Rd, Hephzibah, GA 30815</p>		<p><b>Regional Chair: Lynda Bragg Workman</b>  <a href="mailto:falkrigia@aol.com">falkrigia@aol.com</a>                  706-825-6834</p>
<p><b>South Pacific - Sunday, Sept 13, 2020- Host Club: Grand Canyon GSDC</b></p> <p><b>Event 2020009353 Closes Wed, August 26, 2020- 6:00 PM Central Time</b></p> <p><b>Judge: Pat Ayers</b>                  Site: Windemere Hotel &amp; Conference Ctr                  5750 East Main Street, Mesa, AZ 85203</p>		<p><b>Regional Chair: Debbie Smith</b>  <a href="mailto:debvcvt@gmail.com">debvcvt@gmail.com</a>                  480-452-9542</p>
<p><b>Midwest - Friday, Sept 25, 2020 - Host Club: GSDC of St Louis</b></p> <p><b>Event# 2020009355 Closes Wed, Sept 9, 2020- 6:00 PM Central Time</b></p> <p><b>Judge: Sandy Anderson</b>                  Site: Purina Farms 200 Checkerboard Loop,                  Gray Summit, MO 63039</p>		<p><b>Regional Chair: Jayne Faupl</b>  <a href="mailto:Jmfaupl@aol.com">Jmfaupl@aol.com</a>                  920-988-6505</p>
<p><b>Mid Pacific - Sunday, Sept 27, 2020- Golden State GSDC of San Jose</b></p> <p><b>Event# 2020009357 Closes Wed, Sept 9, 2020- 6:00 PM Central Time</b></p> <p><b>Judge: Kathaleen Strong</b>                  Site: Fremont Central Park                  4000 Paseo Padre Blvd, Fremont CA 94538</p>		<p><b>Regional Chair: Joan Intersimone</b>  <a href="mailto:gsdmum@sbcglobal.net">gsdmum@sbcglobal.net</a>                  925-286-6976</p>

## ***UPCOMING EVENTS***

**GSDC OF ATLANTA AWARDS BANQUET/PICNIC**

**SUNDAY, JULY 19 AT 2PM**

**BARBARA STAMPER WILL BE HOSTING THE CLUB AT  
HER HOME IN MCDONOUGH**

**The 2020 Futurity/Maturity premium list is now available on the Foy Trent website and also on the GSDCA website.**

**CAROLINE FOOTHILLS DOG SHOW CLUSTER**

**GREENVILLE, SC**

**July 23—26**

**Closes July 8th**

**Superintendent MB-F**

**Reserved free grooming and RV parking, registration will open on June 24th at 9am. Show limited to 2,000 dogs.**

**Premium list due out this week.**

**SAVE THE DATE: AUGUST 15TH**

The North Georgia All Breed Herding Dog Association will be holding herding trials (1 day—2 trials) in Watkinsville, GA. Rick Hardin will judge both AM and PM trials. More info to come....

*GSDC of Atlanta reserves the right to visit your dog facilities prior to acceptance for membership.*



## Membership Application

Membership Dues 1st Year: \$55 Individual \$65 Household  
 (Membership Dues Each Year Thereafter -\$40 Individual; \$50 Household) Check/payment must accompany application.  
 Make check payable to: The German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta, Inc.

For Office Use Only:
Reviewed by Board
Joined GSDCAtl

**PLEASE PRINT** Last Name First Name Telephone  communicate via USPS mail only

Address City

Occupation E-Mail address *I/We authorize the GSDC of Atlanta to communicate with me/us via email unless otherwise indicated by checking the box listed above.*

Second Member (Household Membership Only)

Last Name First Name Occupation

*Each Member is encouraged to participate in Club activities. Please circle your areas of interest.*

Equipment	Telephone	Microchip Clinics	Publicity	Trophies
Newsletter	Hospitality	Training Classes	Matches & Shows	Library

Why do you want to join the German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta? \_\_\_\_\_

**Let us get to know you better.....**

Circle any areas in which you have experience: Do you belong to any other dog clubs or animal related organization? (i.e. humane societies, welfare organizations, etc.) Please list:

Obedience Tracking Conformation  
 Herding Training Agility \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any children living at home? \_\_\_\_\_ **If so, what are their names?** \_\_\_\_\_

What other interests, talents or hobbies do you have? \_\_\_\_\_

**Let us get to know your dogs better.... Please complete the back of this form**

I/We agree to abide by the ideas espoused by the German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta, Inc. I/We agree to raise and show dogs in the true spirit of the breed, and to follow the rules, Constitution and By Laws of the German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta, Inc. and the American Kennel Club.

Signature of Applicant Signature of Applicant

Signature of Active Club Member Signature of Active Club Member

Requirement for membership: Prospective members shall be required to attend two of the last six club meetings or one club meeting and one club event before submitting an application to the Board of Directors. Names of applicants will be published in the Guardian 30 days prior to membership consideration.

Date Attended Date Attended



## 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](http://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
<b>Additional delivery charges</b>				
Delivery in poly wrap: \$5.00				
1 <sup>st</sup> 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:** \_\_\_\_\_