

*The German Shepherd Dog  
Club of Atlanta, Inc.*



**The Guardian**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter



THE GUARDIAN

# The German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta

WAS FOUNDED WHEN A SMALL GROUP OF BREEDERS AND OWNERS INTERESTED IN THE GSD MET IN ATLANTA, GA. OUR FIRST CLUB PRESIDENT WAS MRS. MICHELLE LEATHERS BILLINGS. THE CLUB'S PURPOSE WAS, AND REMAINS, THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE BREED. THE CLUB BECAME A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION CHARTERED IN GEORGIA IN 1974, THE GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF ATLANTA, INC.



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## HIGHLIGHTS

NEXT MEETING: APR 11<sup>TH</sup>

CLUB SPECIALTY SHOWS: APR 17<sup>TH</sup> & 18<sup>TH</sup> (CLOSES 4.1 AT 6 PM)

NGABHDA HERDING TRIALS: APR 25<sup>TH</sup> & 26<sup>TH</sup> (CLOSES 4.13)

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS: MATULLO FAMILY (CYNTHIA, GLENN, ALEX)

# The German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta, Inc.



## Club 2025/2026 Schedule

Date	Day	Note Worthy
August 16th	Saturday	11am - Eagles Beak Park, 8250 Old Federal Rd, Ball Ground 30107.
September 20th	Saturday	1st meeting of new year, General Meeting Outdoor/park TBD General Meeting
October	No club meeting	GSD National
November 22nd	Saturday	Call in, 11am General Meeting & finalizing <a href="#">Winter shows</a>
December	No club meeting	Club Christmas Party - TBD
January 31st	Saturday	location TBD General Meeting
February 14th	Saturday	Outdoor/park TBDM General Meeting Outdoor/park TBD
March 14th	Saturday	President appoints Nominating Committee for the purpose of selecting a slate of nominees for the elective offices and directorships for upcoming Club Year Outdoor/park TBD
April 11th	Saturday	General Meeting & finalizing <a href="#">spring shows</a> TBD
May TBD	Saturday	Additional nominations can be made at the May meeting by any Active Member in attendance for the elective offices and directorships for upcoming Club Year. TBD
June TBD	Saturday	Designated Annual meeting, held in the month of June, at which Officers and Directors shall be elected for the ensuing year. Elected Officer(s) shall take office immediately upon the conclusion of the June meeting and retiring officer overturns all items related to office by July 1st.
July TBD	TBD	Club Award Banquet - TBD



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Full Page	\$12.50	\$17.50
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Quarter Page	\$6.50	\$10.00

\* Design is extra and based on time spent

Ads copy and photos should be sent to the [Newsletter Editor](#)

# ENTRIES

## CLOSE APR 1<sup>ST</sup> @ 6 PM

You have one last chance!  
Get those entries in now!

For the complete Combined Premium List, go to

<https://www.gsdca.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/Atlanta-North-Georgia-2026-Premium-1.pdf>

**GSDC of North Georgia**  
**GSDC of Atlanta**  
**COMBINED PREMIUM LIST**  
Four Shows – One Location  
Outdoors & Unbenched  
\*(all shows – entry limit of 100 per event)  
**ENTRIES OPEN FEBRUARY 4, 2026**

The German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta, Inc.  
(Licensed by the American Kennel Club)  
Friday, April 17, 2026 (AM)  
Saturday, April 18, 2026 (PM)  
Specialty Conformation, Junior Showmanship  
& 4-6 Month Beginner Puppy  
AKC National Owner-Handled Series  
AKC Event #'s 2026085901, 2026085903, 2026085902



**German Shepherd**  
**Dog Club of North Georgia, Inc.**  
(Licensed by the American Kennel Club)  
Friday, April 17, 2026 (PM)  
Saturday, April 18, 2026 (Late AM)  
Specialty Conformation, Junior Showmanship  
& 4-6 Month Beginner Puppy  
AKC National Owner-Handled Series  
AKC Event #'s 2026645401, 2026645402, 2026645403

4-6 Month Beginner Puppy – Friday AM & Saturday AM Only  
Junior Showmanship – Friday PM, Saturday PM Only

**GSDCA Southeast**  
**Futurity/Maturity**  
Sunday, April 19  
Judge: Dick Jones

**Official Show Site**  
Etowah River Park (Canoe Launch Area)  
600 Brown Industrial Parkway  
Canton, Georgia

NEW EXHIBITOR – BRIEFING  
NEED HELP - NEW EXHIBITOR - ANY EXHIBITOR  
Please come to the Show Secretary's Table between  
Friday (8AM-9AM) or Saturday (11:30AM-12:00PM)

**ALL SHOWS ARE HELD OUTDOORS REGARDLESS OF WEATHER**  
ENTRIES CLOSE AT 6:00 P.M. CDT., WEDNESDAY, April 1, 2026, AFTER WHICH TIME ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED, CANCELLED, ALTERED, OR SUBSTITUTED EXCEPT AS PROVIDED FOR IN CHAPTER 14, SECTION 6 OF THE AKC DOG SHOW RULES



**THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB CERTIFICATION**  
Permission has been granted by The American Kennel Club for the holding of this event under American Kennel Club Rules and Regulations.  
Sheila Goffe, Executive Secretary

**THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION APPLIES TO ALL EVENTS:**

**VETERINARIAN (On Call)**

Veterinary Emergency Group (VEG) 2725 Old Milton Pkwy, Alpharetta GA	404-445-8222 24 Hours
Animal Medical and Surgical Center 9100 Knox Bridge Hwy, Canton GA	770-479-0111 Mon-Fri 7:30am-5:30pm Sat 7:30am-12:00pm, Sun Closed

**OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHER**

Valerie Harrington Photography, Crossville TN  
<http://valerieharrington.zenfolio.com>  
vharringtonphoto@outlook.com – 708-906-4803

**ONLY THE OFFICIAL SHOW PHOTOGRAPHER IS ALLOWED TO TAKE WIN PHOTOS**  
All professional photography & video requires permission from the show-giving clubs.

**SHOW HOURS – LOCAL TIME**

8:00AM - 6:00PM Friday (Eastern Daylight Time)  
11:30AM – 6:30PM Saturday (Eastern Daylight Time)

**THERE IS A SK RACE BEING HELD AT THE PARK ON SATURDAY MORNING, APRIL 18 – DO NOT ARRIVE AT THE SHOW SITE PRIOR TO 11:30AM!**

Dogs may arrive any time prior to their scheduled time of judging. Dogs not required for further judging will be excused. Consult the judging program for the times of judging. Show Location is available to exhibitors as follows: 8:00AM-6:00PM Friday, 11:30AM-6:30PM Saturday.

**ENTRY FEES**

First Entry of Each Dog Per Event.....	\$32.00*
Puppy Classes (6-9, 9-12) .....	\$25.00*
Veteran Classes (7 years & over).....	\$15.00*
4-6 Month Beginner Puppy .....	\$15.00*
Jr. Showmanship .....	No Charge
*ADD \$3 PER ENTRY/PER EVENT IF PAYING THRU PAYPAL (not applicable to Juniors)	

Fees include the \$4.00 AKC Event Service Fee and \$5.50 AKC Recording Fee on the entry of each dog. ENTRIES OPEN FEBRUARY 4, 2026. ENTRIES CLOSE at the Show Secretary's address 6:00PM Wednesday, April 1, 2026, after which time entries will not be accepted, cancelled, altered, or substituted, except as provided for in Chapter 14, Section 6 of the AKC Dog Show Rules.

MAKE CHECKS and Money Orders payable to the respective club whose event you are entering. ALL ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED ON OFFICIAL AKC ENTRY FORMS. Photocopies of front and back will be accepted only if legible. PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY OR TYPE ENTRY FORM. Errors on entry form are owner's responsibility.

MAIL ENTRIES with fees to: Valerie Harrington, Show Secretary  
15 Creigmont Ct., Crossville TN 38558  
708.906.4803 – Email: [valerieharrington123@gmail.com](mailto:valerieharrington123@gmail.com)

**ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED without signature, fees, and back of entry form with agreement.**  
NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED from persons with outstanding NSF checks from prior shows until such checks are made good and a collection fee of \$40.00 is paid.  
CANADIAN EXHIBITORS: Make fees payable in U.S. Funds.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR ONLINE ENTRY PAYMENTS**

Email your completed entry form to: [ValerieHarrington123@gmail.com](mailto:ValerieHarrington123@gmail.com)

VISIT [www.paypal.com](http://www.paypal.com) - Log into your PayPal Account, select "Send Money"

SEND PAYMENT TO: [ValerieHarrington123@gmail.com](mailto:ValerieHarrington123@gmail.com)

**In the memo section be sure to list the club/dog's name/class/event of each dog entered**  
Enter your TOTAL ENTRY FEES, **ADDING A \$3.00 PER DOG/PER EVENT NON-REFUNDABLE SERVICE FEE** for processing (does not apply to Junior Showmanship or Veterans).

# LUNCH ORDERS DUE BY APR 10<sup>TH</sup>

LUNCH ORDER GSDC OF ATLANTA  
Friday – April 17

**Chick-fil-A Lunch Box**  
All lunches include chicken sandwich/chips/cookie/beverage

**FILL OUT AND RETURN**  
**Atlanta Specialty Lunch**  
**FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2026**

Lunch Box Qty \_\_\_\_\_ x \$14 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
GRAND TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

NAME ON ORDER: \_\_\_\_\_

In case there is a question on your order:

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment:

- 1) Make check payable to GSDC of Atlanta and mail to:  
GSDC Atlanta, c/o 6345 Forsyth Dr., Cumming GA 30028
- 2) Zelle payment to [treasatlgdclub@gmail.com](mailto:treasatlgdclub@gmail.com) (no add'l fee)  
OR
- 3) PayPal to [treasatlgdclub@gmail.com](mailto:treasatlgdclub@gmail.com) (add \$1 for each box order)

After submitting order/payment, please notify  
Linda Colby ([colbyhaus@comcast.net](mailto:colbyhaus@comcast.net)) with  
name on order and # of lunch orders.

All orders must be received no later than **Friday April 10**.  
Questions? Contact Linda Colby: [colbyhaus@comcast.net](mailto:colbyhaus@comcast.net) or 603-848-5813



Celebrate good times,  
**COME ON!**  
Let's celebrate!

## 70+1 Anniversary Celebration

LET'S PARTY—BETTER LATE THAN NEVER

**You're Invited!**

**DATE**  
Friday, April 17th  
**WHEN**  
After the 2nd show  
**WHAT'S PROVIDED**  
Free Food & Drinks & Fun

Help Us Plan — No Pressure!  
RSVP is NOT required, but if you think you'll make it, please reach out so we can get a rough headcount for food. The more the merrier — just let us know you're coming!  
[gdcofatlanta@gmail.com](mailto:gdcofatlanta@gmail.com)

**What's Going On**

- Free Grub & Drinks  
Club's got you covered — food and drinks on us!
- Giant Jenga  
How steady are those hands aÖer a long show day?
- Rally Signs  
Fun for dogs and handlers — show off those skills!
- Good Company  
Friends, dogs, laughs — the best combinaÖon there is.

**See You There!**  
Dogs are welcome and encouraged.  
Bring your four-legged best friend and let's toast to 71 years of the greatest breed and the greatest community around!

**A MUST READ BOOK!**

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## German Shepherd Dogs

DR. Carmelo L. Battaglia

*Unleashing 100 Years of History*



~ The German Shepherd Dog Club of America ~



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PROGRAM!**

# Dr. Carmen Battaglia

## THE WEALTH OF KNOWLEDGE THAT KEEPS ON GIVING!

### *Unleashing 100 Years of History 1913-2013*

**Recommendation:** This is a must-read for anyone interested in its history and development.

A detailed and captivating journey through the history of German Shepherds. Starting with the origins and foundation by Max von Stephanitz, it explores the significant roles in various historical events, evolution in dog sports, and the notable dogs.

Spanning 15 chapters and 12 appendices, it covers various facets of the German Shepherd Dog's history and development, including the early years, name changes, roles in wars, dog shows, health, working dog sports, Hollywood connections, breeders and awards.

This book is an indispensable resource for breeders, trainers, historians, and anyone interested in understanding the history and development of the German Shepherd Dog. It provides historical depth and practical information, honoring the passion and dedication of those who have contributed to the development and preservation of the breed. Overall, it is a valuable addition to any collection and an inspiring read.

**Prof. Dr. Heinrich Messler, Frm President, SV, WUSV**

Dr. Battaglia's, *Unleashing 100 Years of History* is an insightful, comprehensive look at the German Shepherd Dog through the years, explaining the history of the breed and how it was developed. Dr Battaglia is a lifelong enthusiast and breed expert who is extremely skilled at providing easily understood pedigrees and detailed information; this is a must read for anyone wishing to learn more about these amazing dogs. A spectacular reference for breeders and breed clubs. I thoroughly enjoyed it!

**James Moses - Breeder of the Year, AKC Judge and expert in the art of breeding and showing dogs. Former Director of the GSDCA.**

A must-read for anyone who loves German Shepherd Dogs. Dr. Battaglia brings to life the ideas and concepts used to develop the breed, and more importantly, he helps the reader understand the German Shepherd's past, present and future.

**Deborah Stern, Past President and Director, German Shepherd Dog Club of America, Past Chair of the GSDCA Charitable Trust, Recipient of the Don Cliff Good Sportsmanship Award, Director, GSDC San Gabriel Valley**

This is a masterful look into the breed's history, with rare photographs and personal conversations which is unprecedented today!

**Dr. Morton Goldfarb MD, FACS - AKC Judge., Frm SV and International WUSV Breed Judge, WUSV Continental Director N. America, Mexico, Trinidad and Tobago.**

This 100 year book records the history of progression and development of the breed as: Guardian of the family, the flocks, Police, Military and Search and Rescue work.

**Betty M Winthers - GSDCA Board Member, AKC, Judge, Delegate for Pasadena Obedience Club.**

Carmelo (Carmen) Battaglia lives in Roswell Georgia where he continues to breed German Shepherd Dogs and do his research.

# Recent Events & Activities



Rain, snow, sleet or hail, the shows MUST go on!

Mississippi State Kennel Club Shows (MS) 1.16.26, 1.17.26 & 1.18.26 **Luc** OS, OS and Sel  
**Sassi** B, G3, B, B, G2

Alexandria Kennel Club Shows (LA) 1.24.26 **Iceman** W, BW (3-pt major)

International Dog Shows & IABCA (GA) 2.7.26 & 2.8.26 **Amaya, Style, Tango, Viper** International Champions  
**Viper** also earned his CGC Title while at the IABCA Show.

United Kennel Club Shows (GA) 2.28.26 & 3.1.26 **Tango** B, B, G2  
**Rage** W

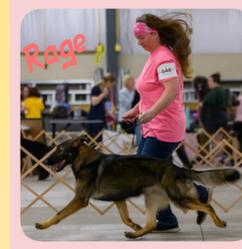
GSD Club of Tampa Shows (FL) 2.28.26 & 3.1.26 **Bella** W, BW (4-pt major)

Cary Kennel Club Shows (NC) 3.4.26 thru 3.8.26 **Style** Sel, Sel, B, G1, B, G3 and B, G1 (6-GC pts)

GSDC of San Antonio (TX) 3.14.26 & 3.15.26 **Nik** B X 3

Virginia Beach Kennel Club Shows (VA) 3.21.26 & 3.22.26 **Luc** B, G4, OS (6-GC pts) \*\*\***Bronze Grand Championship**  
**Miley** (Luc's daughter) W, B, BW (4-pt major)

Griffin Kennel Club FAST CAT (GA) 3.21.26 & 3.22.26 **Bold** FCAT, Fastest Herding Dog x 2



In today's world of acronyms, we sometimes assume that everyone is aware of the latest shortened form, initialism, or abbreviation that was created in the last 48 hours. We don't want to assume that all readers are aware of placement abbreviations. So, IYKYK, and if you don't, here you go 😊

B - Breed

BW - Best of Winners

OS - Best of Opposite Sex

Sel - Select Dog or Bitch

W - Winners

G1 - Group 1

G2 - Group 2

G3 - Group 3

G4 - Group 4

CGC - Canine Good Citizen

FCAT - F - Fast Coursing Ability Test

BIS - Best in Show

RBIS - Reserve Best in Show



## Recent Events & Activities *cont'd...*



THE **SASSI SHOW** MUST GO ON!  
Sassi finished 2025 as the #1 GSD (All-Breed)  
Sassi started the first period of 2026 as the #1 Herding Dog  
#1 GSD

In addition to the three Breed with G3 and G2 wins at the Mississippi State Kennel Club Shows, Sassi was awarded five Breed placements, with three G1, two G2, and lovely RBIS and BIS placements at the Kenosha Kennel Club Shows (WI).

This dynamic duo collected four more B/G1 and a BIS at the Danville Kennel Club Shows (IL), and four additional B/G1 at the Detroit Kennel Club Shows (MI). Team Sassi kept it moving to the Cyclone Country Kennel Club of Ames Shows (IA) and picked up two B/G2, the Dubuque and Wisconsin Kennel Club Shows (WI) where she collected five Breed, and G1, G2, and G3 placements, before they finally landed at the Pensacola Dog Fanciers Association Shows (FL) and gracefully and graciously received RBIS and two BIS placements. WOW!

Sassi went on to win B/G1 at all four shows at the Leavenworth Kennel Club Shows (MO) and closed out the final show with BIS before going to the Mid-Kentucky Kennel & Kentuckiana GSD Club Shows (KY) for five Breed wins and 23-GC points.

But wait, that's not all!! Sassi, the point collector, and her team had the energy to go to the Sedalia & Columbia MO Kennel Club Shows (MO) for a BIS and two B/G2 before heading south to steal the first show of the Mississippi Gulf Coast Crawfish Cluster with a Best in Show! The Sassi Duo finished the Gulf Coast shows with two more BIS, one RBIS, two Herding Group B/G1 placements, and two Specialty Breed wins!

We recognize the resources, time, and hard work that go into keeping this well-oiled machine on the move to cover the mid-south, midwest, southeastern, and gulf coast regions recently traveled. We are proud of Sassi's representation of the German Shepherd Dog breed.





## Recent Events & Activities cont'd...



We had the opportunity to learn from the Accomplished K-9 Royce who demonstrated his Search And Rescue skills with his handler Brittany Buckley!

Ren volunteered as the missing subject and Royce did not waste any time rescuing her from the woods. We received valuable information related to the beginning stages of imprinting odors, building drive, introduction to tracking, and nuggets about different specializations.

We learned that the rainy conditions we experienced during the educational were ideal for tracking/trailing since the moisture helps to hold the scent to the ground. Brittany explained how the heat causes the scent to fade quickly, provided info related to ideal surfaces for searching, tips on reading your dog, and other environmental factors for consideration.

Tyrus volunteered and showed off his searching skills as he went on a couple of hunts for his 'humom'. Thanks to Justin who stepped in to handle the super eager Tyrus who wasted no time catching on to the game. Rainy showed off her skills with a quick building search before she found her 'humom' hiding in the woods.

Thank you  
Brittany!





# Upcoming Events & Activities



Club meeting - April 11<sup>th</sup> (Finalize Spring shows)

AKC GSD Specialty - GSD Clubs of Atlanta & N Georgia April 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>

Entries close Apr 1<sup>st</sup> @ 6pm [valerieharrington123@gmail.com](mailto:valerieharrington123@gmail.com)

NGABHDA Herding Trials - April 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>

Entries close Apr 13<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm <https://showentries.info>

Barn Hunt Trials - April 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> (Canine Country Academy)

Pre-entries close Apr 4<sup>th</sup> <https://secreterrier.com/>

Go to <https://secreterrier.com> for a listing of various AKC, UKC, Barn Hunt, scent work, and other events.

For the complete Premium List, go to <https://www.gsdca.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/Atlanta-North-Georgia-2026-Premium-1.pdf>



North Georgia All Breed Herding Dog Assoc.

(Sponsored by the American Herd Dog Club)

Spring Trial offering A and B Course  
Call Ducks and Sheep with HT/PT Tests

\*Entries By Mail - Please use a delivery service with Tracking -USPS First Class, UPS, FedEx or

Online at <https://showentries.info>  
(No surcharge will be added)

**AKC Herding Trials**

Saturday, April 25th, 2026

Trial #1: 2026620206 (Ducks)

Trial #2: 2026620205 (Sheep)

Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Trial #1: 2026620208 (Ducks)

Trial #2: 2026620207 (Sheep)

Entries open March 11th 2026 12:00 PM

Entries close April 13th, 2026 7:00 PM

All levels Started, Intermediate and Advanced - HT/PT

A and B Course Sheep

A and B Course Ducks

\* Khasidine/Barbado Cross Sheep (Value \$350.00)

Call Ducks (Value 75.00)

**OUTDOORS**

Woods End Farm, 2225 Salem Rd, Watkinsville, GA 30677

Test/Trial hours from 8:30 am to conclusion.

First handlers meeting at 9:00 am.

**Test/Trial Secretary**

Barbara Fitzgerald 2221 Salem Rd Watkinsville, GA 30677

[FitzgeraldTrials@gmail.com](mailto:FitzgeraldTrials@gmail.com)

Phone: 804-889-0340 [www.ngabhdca.org](http://www.ngabhdca.org)

\*\* Competitive Runs will have Priority over Exhibition Only \*\*

### Test/Trial Classes

Herding Trial- Started, Intermediate, Advanced

A Course trial class will use 3 sheep

B Course sheep will use 4 sheep

A Course duck will use 5 ducks

B Course duck will use 5 ducks

Herding Tests HT/PT 3 sheep

### Show Veterinarian

Vet at Blue Ridge, 24 S Barnett Shoals Rd, Watkinsville 706-769-7205 Open Sat. morning

(After Hours) Athens Emergency Hospital, 7530 Business Hwy 441, Watkinsville, GA

706-769-0229

### Entry Information

Bitches in Season will run in catalog order.

ALL ENTRIES must be on SEPARATE Official AKC Entry Forms with the Agreement on the reverse for EACH DOG. Specify Day & Class entered by checking/circling appropriate box/class on each Entry Form.

Entries should be mailed with payment in \$US payable to "NGABHDA" to: Barbara Fitzgerald 2221 Salem Rd Watkinsville, GA 30677. If entries are sent overnight please send no signature required for delivery. **OR Online at <https://showentries.info>**

NO ENTRIES will be accepted prior to the **ENTRY OPENING March 11th, 2026** at the Test/Trial Secretary's address.

The Trial is open to ALL AKC Herding Eligible Dogs 9 mos. of age or older. The Trial is Limited to 50 Entries per Day. **Entries close April 13th** or when the Numerical Limit is reached at the Trial Secretary's address, after which date entries will be placed on an alternates list in order received.



Permission has been granted by the Barn Hunt Association, LLC, to hold this Barn Hunt event under BHA rules and regulations.

Canine Country Academy at 975 Cripple Creek Drive, Lawrenceville, GA 30043

Under cover on horse stall mats  
(mail entries to this address)

**Saturday, April 25 - Sunday, April 26, 2026**

Registration will open on Saturday, February 28, 2026, via [Secreterrier.com](https://secreterrier.com) and US Mail.

\*\*Secreterrier preferred since trials fill quickly.\*\*  
([www.caninecountryacademy.com/barnhunt-trials](http://www.caninecountryacademy.com/barnhunt-trials))

Pre-entries must be received by Saturday, April 4, 2026.

Two trials, run each day sequentially.

The run order of classes will be:

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY:** Instinct, Novice 1, Novice 2, Open 1, Open 2, Crazy 8s, Senior 1, Senior 2,

Master 1, Master 2 - Trial begins at 8:30 am.

The run order for specific classes will be posted at approximately 7:30 am daily.

**One Ring, One Judge:**

Elizabeth Shea Brooks, SC, BHAJ-294A, will judge all classes.

\*Back-up Judge Jenny Simpson, GA, BHIJ-322A

**Trial Chair:** Paula Nowak / [paula@caninecountryacademy.com](mailto:paula@caninecountryacademy.com) / 770-356-0997 (975 Cripple Creek Drive, Lawrenceville, GA 30043)

**Trial Secretary:** Jeanne Anderson / [events@caninecountryacademy.com](mailto:events@caninecountryacademy.com) / 678-979-2018

**Event Committee:** Paula Nowak, Jeanne Anderson, Sara Beth Pinson, Amy Rose Baumann, Ariel Boxall, Deb Leake, Jinnie Strickland, and Sandy Hemming

Day of Show entries accepted on Saturday & Sunday, 7:00 am to 7:30 am each day, if limits are not reached with pre-entries. Check-in begins on Saturday & Sunday begins at 7:00 am with General Briefing at 8:00 am. Judge's Class Briefing at 8:15 am for Instinct, Novice. No class briefing for Open, Senior, Master, and Crazy8s, unless there is a specific hazard or other issue to point out. A base-level map will be

For the complete Premium List, go to <https://www.caninecountryacademy.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/Barn-Hunt-Premium-April-2026.pdf>

# Breeder Referral



## Coordinator

I offer referrals towards our club members first. If I don't know of any club puppies, I offer names of others local to our area that I know offer a good dog and will stand behind their puppies. And I give no preferences to anyone - I try to be as unbiased as possible.

The below questions are based on my experience as a breeder and owner. My first dog purchase in 1968 was an inbred father/daughter litter, and he had the most titles of any dog in his 5-generation pedigree - a CDX. I will credit him with establishing my love of the breed and we had a lot of fun.

### \*\*\*Questions that I ask callers:

- Have you ever owned a GSD before?
- What area of town do you live in or does it matter how far away the puppy is located?
- Do you have a fenced yard or what is your exercise plan?
- Do you want a puppy or an older dog?
- What do you want to do with your dog - pet, show, performance, etc?
- How did you find out about the club?

### \*\*\*Questions I advise callers to ask the person with puppies.

- Callers frequently know of "puppies" from a friend knows someone who has a litter.
- What health screenings do the parents have, i.e. OFA, DM, etc?
- Make sure you meet the dam of the puppies, if you don't like her leave
- How old is the dam?
- Do they have both parents on site?

I tell everyone that calls - your dog needs a job - if you don't give him one, they will make their own job.

Everyone has their own hot buttons, and these are mine. I've been fortunate to have great mentors over the years. Scootie Sherlock of Caralon Kennels, was my first mentor and was always there for me even after I no longer had a dog from her bloodlines. Find yourself a mentor and then listen!

Members, keep me in the loop! Let me know if you're having puppies, planning a litter, or have a dog you want to place.

Joye Evans



I joined the GSDC of Atlanta in 1972, moved out of the area and continued in obedience with my dogs until we moved back to Atlanta in 1984. I rejoined the club in 1988 after my old dogs had died and I purchased a puppy from Caralon Kennels.

I've had dogs that were shown in conformation, obedience, rally, herding, FastCat, and dabbled in tracking and nose work.

German Shepherd Dog Club of America (GSDCA)

<https://www.gsdca.org/>



<https://www.akc.org/dog-breeds/german-shepherd-dog/>

Learn more about the breed through our parent club and AKC!

MEET THE BREED



### TIPS:

- **MEET THE BREEDER**— Don't be put off if a breeder isn't immediately responsive. Some breeders have full-time jobs, and they don't always have available puppies. Be selective. Find a breeder who is knowledgeable and make sure you're comfortable with them. Establish a good rapport with them as they will be an excellent resource and breed mentor for you throughout the life of your puppy.\*
- **ASK ABOUT THE PUPPY'S PARENTS**— Get an idea of what the future holds for your dog in terms of temperament and appearance. Breeders should be honest about the breed's strengths and weaknesses and knowledgeable about the genetic diseases that can affect their breed — including what's being done to avoid them.\*
- Don't expect to bring home the puppy until it's 8 to 12 weeks of age. A puppy needs ample time to mature and socialize with its mother and littermates.\*

# German Shepherd Dog Club of America

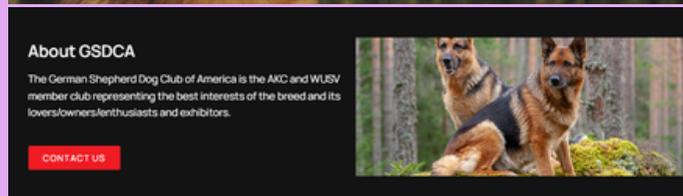
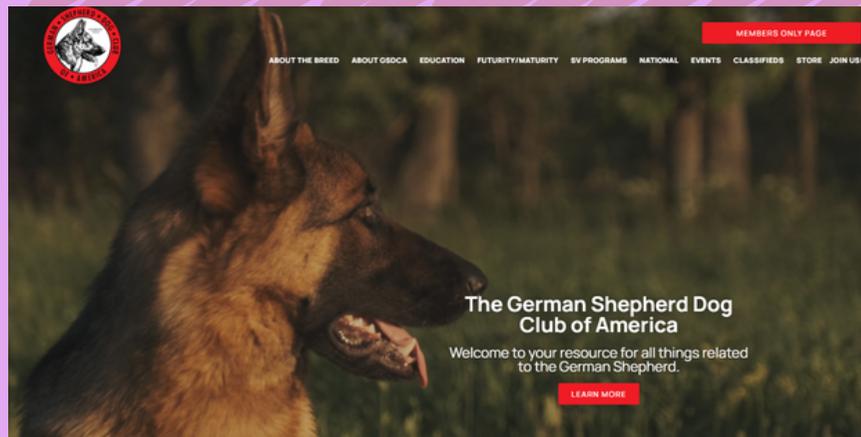


We highly recommend membership with our Parent club.

It puts you in a position to stay abreast of GSD happenings locally, regionally and nationally.

Multiple membership options are available: Single, Family, Juniors. Requirements for membership options can be located on the parent club's website or can be viewed on the next page of this newsletter.

<https://www.gsdca.org/application-and-info/>



The German Shepherd Dog Club of America, Inc., also known as the Parent Club for the GSD, was formed in 1913 & incorporated February 7, 1916. The purposes for which the Corporation was formed are listed below:

- 1) To promote the breeding of the German Shepherd Dog;
- 2) To define precisely and publish definition of the true type, and to urge the adoption of such types on breeders, judges, dog show committees, etc., as the only recognized and unvarying standard by which the German Shepherd Dog is to be judged, and which may in the future be uniformly accepted as the sole standard of excellence in breeding and awarding prizes of merit;
- 3) To do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed by offering prizes, supporting certain shows, encouraging the development of working qualities and taking any other steps that may seem advisable;
- 4) To promote its most conspicuous characteristics as Police Dog, War Dog, Red Cross Dog, and Herding Dog, and;
- 5) To encourage therefore all trial and demonstrations in which those qualities may be shown, so as to interest the public generally, but especially the police and other municipal organizations in our ideals.

Looking for a puppy?



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Guidelines for finding the right German Shepherd puppy to match your lifestyle and interests.

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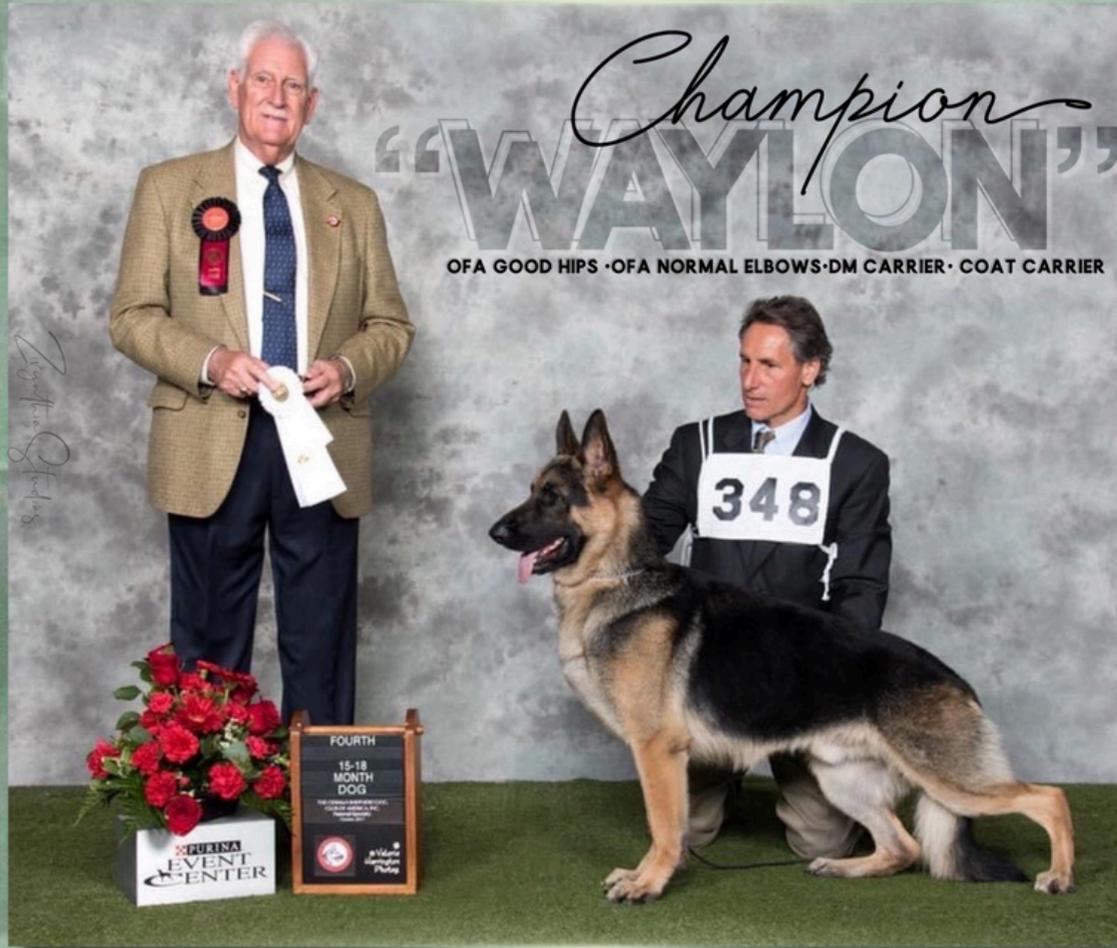


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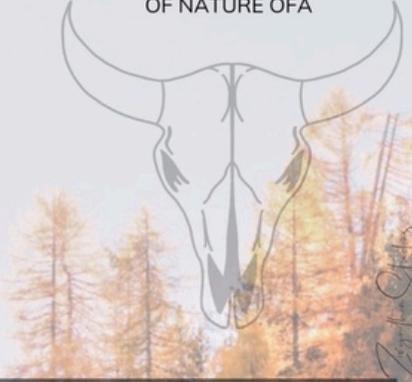
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