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The Next Agility Grand Victor? by Ken Wallace

Like many of you, last month I was absolutely amazed at Rio's accomplishment. Just reading about all that it took to become the 2004 Grand Victor made me tired. And it made me realize how much work is ahead of me.

You see, Naya and I have been training in agility for about a year and a half and D'Argo and my wife, Faith, have been training for about six months. And we have miles to go before we could ever imagine competing at the level of Rio. He's galaxies away from us in terms of skill (not to mention Jerry's superior ability to read and run a course).

For those who don't know, agility is a sporting event in which one dog and one person work together as a team so the dog can successfully navigate a series of obstacles arranged in a course. The course is usually about 180 yards long and snakes around inside an area about 100 feet square. Each run is timed and/or scored so that the goal is to complete the course with the highest score or the quickest time .

Agility was born in 1977 when Crufts Dog Show needed something to fill spare time in the main arena between the end of the obedience championships and the start of the group breed judging. The main idea of

a dog jumping competition is based on the show jumping of horses. Some people put their heads together and they came out with a test based on vast practical dog training knowledge and experience in working trials. Main factors that had to be kept in mind were: that it should be fun, without being dangerous and it should have to amuse spectators. And so the base was laid for the agility we know now.

Enough history lesson—back to our experiences. Naya and I have been training at Alchemy Dog Training in Woodstock, GA.

The biggest challenge we have with Naya is speeding her up. As you have read, the objective is to complete the course as fast as possible. This means that meandering through the course is not a good thing. Naya knows all the obstacles and usually will do them all well; just not necessarily...quickly.

In August 2004 after about a year of training we entered Naya in her first match and she did extremely well. She moved swiftly (for her) around the course and completed everything (even those dreaded weave poles). We were encouraged that she would soon be ready to enter a trial.

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RESCUE, do not
BREED.
Pets are for a
lifetime, not
throw-away
toys.**

— Atlanta GSD
Rescue Website

Sadie is a radiant six-month-old sable German Shepherd dog (look at those giant ears!).

Her foster mom says that Sadie has good house manners, is great in the crate, likes cats, men and other dogs. She's been quiet at home, but when Sadie

talks, she has an impressive-sounding bark. Sadie knows "sit" and is learning more and more every day.

Sadie is available through Atlanta GSD Rescue.

**For more information
on GSD Rescue, visit
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call 770-247-8396.**



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Warning – Onions Are Toxic to Your Dog!

by Wendy Wallner, DVM

Onions are toxic to dogs. The toxicity is dose dependent, so the bigger the animal, the more onion need be consumed to cause a toxicity. Onion toxicity causes a Heinz body anemia. Heinz bodies are small bubble-like projections which protrude from a red blood cell and can be seen when the cells are stained. This “bubble” is a weak spot in the red blood cell and, therefore, the cell has a decreased life-span and ruptures prematurely. If numerous red cells are affected and rupture, anemia can result. It is a form of hemolytic anemia. Onions are only one of the substances which can cause Heinz body anemia. Other substances such as Acetaminophen (Tylenol) and benzocaine-containing topical preparations can also cause Heinz body anemia in the dog.

The toxic effect of the onions are the same whether the product is raw, cooked or dehydrated. The hemolytic episode usually

occurs several days after onion ingestion (lowest hematocrit around day 5 post ingestion).

Daily feeding of onions could have a cumulative effect due to ongoing formation of Heinz bodies versus a single exposure with a wide gap until the next exposure, allowing the bone marrow time to regenerate the prematurely destroyed red cells.

The cat is even more susceptible. Recently, Gerber began to add onion powder to all its meat baby foods. They are labeled as “better tasting.”

Since baby food is often used in sick cats that are not eating (to stimulate their appetites), there was concern that the onion powder would cause a Heinz body anemia in these cats. Within a week or two of the

change, there were numerous reports of Heinz body anemia in cats receiving Gerber baby food in their diets.

I strongly recommend NO ONIONS for dogs. There is no benefit and certainly the potential to cause harm.

Note: Garlic is safe for your dog used in moderation and can help with myriad things such as gas, flea prevention and it has natural antibiotic properties. •



Club meeting minutes can be found in the members only section of the Club website www.gsdcatlanta.com.

The German Shepherd Dog Club of America wants you (as a member). To apply for membership, visit: www.gsdca.org/Noframes/membership_new.html.





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And it's not on-line, but in the Guardian. Neat, huh?

You have a crate you're not using? **Do you need a crate?** Don't really need the 42 bowls you bought last year? **Need some bowls?** Have a trip or show coming up and would love to borrow some pooch supplies? **Have some random dog supplies you're not using?** Have a dog that'll need a ramp to get in the car due to surgery? **Have a ramp you're not using right now?**

These are some of the ways that GSDBay can help connect those who have and those who need.

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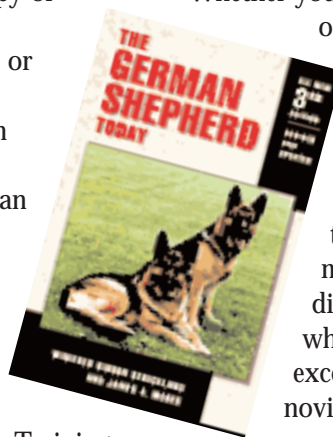
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could read,
they would
read this book.

The German Shepherd Today

by Winifred Gibson Strickland, James A. Moses

The third edition of *The German Shepherd Today* continues in the tradition of this peerless guide to provide the best, most complete information on this breed to its legion of admirers. Fully updated, it brings you the Shepherd's story from the beginning and takes it right to the closing years of the 20th Century. In 35 definitive chapters, you can explore in as much depth as you like everything that makes this breed both remarkable and justly celebrated. Here are just some of the topics:

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- Reading German Pedigrees
- Naming a German Shepherd
- Housebreaking
- Grooming and General Care
- Preliminary Training
- Early Obedience Training
- Retrieving
- Obedience Classes, Tracking, Agility
- Conformation Training
- The Sieger Show and a great deal more.



Whether you are seeking or raising your first puppy, looking for help in basic or advanced training in the many disciplines in which the breed excels, are a rank novice or a seasoned veteran with the breed there

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Refreshments do not have to be elaborate—just drinks and snacks.

Email or call **Susan Morabit** at slmrn98@bellsouth.net or 770-977-1557 if you want to volunteer to bring refreshments.

January 2005
Alice Carnahan

February
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March to July 2005
Open

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In November 2004 she entered her first trial. It was completely different than the match. The atmosphere was crazy with a ton of hustle and bustle. In total, there were about 300 dogs entered, many of which were crated near the ring or were walking or warming up near where Naya had to run. It was overwhelming for both of us. You wouldn't believe how loud it was with dozens of dogs barking and howling in an enclosed space.

All in all Naya didn't do too well the first day. She was confused, I was nervous and it ended with her doing the best she could under the circumstances (which meant she didn't even come close to a qualifying score, but she had a big dog smile and that

made it worthwhile anyway).

The second day, however, she and I knew what to expect and she was more comfortable, and we (she) did much better. Not well enough to qualify, but enough to impress me and make me hopeful that our next time in the ring will be even better.

On the upside, I did get to watch Rio run a few times over the weekend and as you could imagine he (and Jerry) was as impressive as you would expect the 2004 Grand Victor to be.

Naya is entered in two more trials this month. Perhaps her first "jumps" toward that national recognition. One never

knows and one can always dream. We'll keep you posted and maybe see her posing on the cover of the *Guardian* in a few years. •



After about a year and a half of training, Naya is still learning the agility ropes. The photos down the right column were from her first agility match in August 2004. The photos above were from her first trial November 2004. She didn't qualify, but we both learned much that weekend.

STUD Directory

The following are Club member's dogs which are offered for public stud. For more information on a stud, including terms and fees, contact the stud dog owner. Most stud owners require notifications on the first day of the bitch's season and proof of current BC/VC.

Ch. Kagen's Roll Tide, HIC OFA GS4465G24M

SIRE: Ch. Kagen's Legend of Andiron, CD, TC, CGC, HIC, OFA GS-3526F24M

DAM: Ch. Cartel's Jessica Flanders, ROM (Lothario daughter) "Bama"

This handsome red & black dog with all majors under noted specialty judges. The planned breeding of our two best producing champions is the culmination of several generations chosen for style, type and movement. His littermates include Ch. Kagen's Ringleader, HIC, OFA; Kagen's Ragtime HIC, OFA (major reserve winner) & Kagen's Rather Risque CD, HIC, OFA. He is dominant for producing wonderful sidegait (long & low in stride), fabulous pigment, beautifully masculine head, short hocks, perfect feet, dark eyes, full dentition & excellent temperament.

Breeder/Owners: Gene & Kaye Valentine, 1542 Narroway Church Circle, Dallas, GA 30132, (770) 433-8600, <http://members.aol.com/kagengsd>



Multiple BOB winning BISS CH. Adelgard's Yancy D von Marquin

SIRE: Double/Double GV Marquin's X-tra! X-tra!

DAM: Schneiderhof's Highland Treasure (Ch Highlander ROM daughter)

"Yancy" hit the ring running, completing his championship in 9 shows start to finish with multiple Best of Breed wins from the classes over Specials. He is a close coupled sable and is ALL male with a blocky head, tremendous bone and substance, and outstanding character. Yancy is turning heads all over the Southeast. Watch for him at a show near you! Proof of BC/VC required.

Owner: Suzanne Kinman, 2320 Georgia Hwy 20 SE, Conyers, GA 30094, (770) 761-5748, www.tsalishpherds.com, tsaligsds@comcast.net



Melana's Murphy's Law (Major pointed)

SIRE: Dbl Am & Dbl Can GV Sel. Ch. Marquin's Xtra! Xtra! OFA H/E

DAM: Melana's Obsession v Clihu OFA H/E (dam of 2 Champions)

"Murphy" has started his career with a 5 point major from the 12-18 class at 13 months of age. He was also the 2nd 6-9 Puppy Dog at the 2003 GSDCA National - the 3rd National placer his dam has produced. He's a large, heavy boned male with a nice masculine head, dark eyes, full dentition, and excellent feet & pasterns. He has a smooth, balanced sidegait with an exceptional forehand, strong ligamentation and is squeaky clean coming and going. Murphy is an eager, assertive stud dog with his first litter on the way. BC/VC required.

Owner: Melissa Campbell, 140 Tyson Rd, Villa Rica, GA 30180, (770) 459-4330, www.melanaspherds.com, Mjc114@bellsouth.net



Happy New Year

Here's wishing everyone a happy, healthy and prosperous 2005!

As we turn the page to 2005, Rally Obedience (see article in November 2004 issue) is now a titling class.

Check

www.infodog.com for Rally trials near you.

GSDCA Holiday Party Recap

by Kathie Wayman

The food was great and the party was awesome! I would like to say thank you to everyone who spent their time and energy to make sure it was successful.

As everyone knows each year there is always one present that gets stolen over and over again...well this year it was a stuff German Shepherd that SINGS! He was wearing a Santa Hat with white dog paw prints all over it. He was so cute. So cute in fact that I knew if I "stole" him, I would not be able to keep him even with my lucky number being 26 and we only had 30 numbers. So the very next day I drove down to the store and purchased the last TWO on the shelf. With 30% off. Way cool! Now I have matching book ends.

The German Shepherd Rescue auction

was a success. It was a huge success thanks to little Jessica (should we install a new rule that states you have to be at least 60" inches tall before we hand you an ink pen? Could someone be sure to bring that up at the next board meeting please? <g>).

We spent all night trying to hide the ink pens from her. She was out bidding us all. Go Jessica! (if you still want to sell to me that cute German Shepherd puppy that was in the basket, my offer still stands. But we will be renegotiating the cost).

All of you helped make it a true success and I would like to thank you all again! And special thanks Joye Demoss for getting there early. I was late. Maybe next year I will do better and get there on time. •



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Dog Friendly Mountain Cabin by Ken Wallace

For the fourth consecutive year we spent new years eve listening not to the throngs of people whooping and hollering, not to the crack and pop of fireworks and not freezing at Times Square with 250,000 of our closest friends.

Nope, once again we spent it in a cozy mountain cabin called Chiracahua at the Last Resort in Blue Ridge, Georgia.

We happened upon The Last Resort in 2001 when we were looking for mountain cabins that had the best of all worlds: rustic feel with modern amenities, dog friendliness, hiking trails and a lake. The Last Resort totally fit the bill.

All of their cabins feature a wooded setting or mountain view (deluxe townhouses overlook the lake), indoor hot tubs surrounded by natural stone and skylights, completely furnished kitchens, air conditioning plus ceiling fans in bedrooms and lounge areas. The deluxe cabins (like Chiracahua) have central heating and air conditioning with spacious porches with swings and rockers and gas fireplaces.

Also on the property are streams with waterfalls, a mountain lake stocked with trout and catfish, and a hiking trail. And best of all, it's only about 70 miles from the perimeter (straight shot up 575).

We loved the comfort and the amenities in the cabin, but the dogs really loved the trails. At minimum they enjoyed three long hikes per day. It got so they knew the trail backward and forward and could take me directly to the waterfall. We like it when it's chilly, but this year it was around 60 degrees during the day.

We recommend The Last Resort to anyone looking to take their dogs and get away for a while (but not too far away). You can find out more at their website: www.thelastresort.com



One of The Last Resort's deluxe mountain cabins.



The sitting area in Chiracahua. The door leads to a deck.



The view off the back deck.

The speaker for the January meeting is Johnnie Mayo, Children's book author and Vietnam War Scout Dog Handler.

Johnny has authored *Buck's Heroes*, a Children's book on military dogs.

He will speak on his experience as a Scout Dog Handler and the proposed National War Dog Memorial in Washington, DC.

Johnny served in the 173 Airborne Brigade, 39th IPSD. He handled 2 GSDs in 1970-1971.

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- The German Shepherd Dog: An Owner's Guide To A Happy Healthy Pet
- German Shepherd Guide
- Pet German Shepherd
- The Holistic Guide For A Healthy Dog
- Solving Your Dog Problems: A Practical Handbook for Owners & Trainers
- Dog Talk: Training Your Dog Through A Canine Point of View
- Blind Courage
- Mother Knows Best: The Natural Way To Train Your Dog
- Play Training Your Dog
- Successful Obedience Handling: The New Best Foot Forward
- How To Photograph Dogs: A Comprehensive Guide
- The Champion
- Chicken Soup For The Pet Lover's Soul
- The Dog In Action
- Crazy About German Shepherds
- Love Of German Shepherds: The Ultimate Tribute
- The Family Library Of Dogs
- Guide To Skin And Haircoat Problems In Dogs
- Dog Owner's Encyclopedia Of Veterinary Medicine
- I Just Got A Puppy. What Do I Do?
- The Dog Intelligence Test
- The Junior Showmanship Handbook
- How Puppies Are Born
- The Koehler Method of Utility Dog Training
- The Koehler Method of Dog Training
- Animal Talk: Interspecies Telepathic Communication
- The Collins Guide to Dog Nutrition
- The Chosen Puppy
- The German Shepherd Dog
- The Complete Dog Book; Golden Anniversary Edition
- Nop's Trials

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- The Toolbox For Remodeling Your Problem Dog
- Dog Tags Of Courage
- Agility Training; The Fun Sport For All Dogs
- The New Complete German Shepherd Dog
- The New Complete German Shepherd Dog

- Control Of Canine Genetic Diseases
- The Body Language And Emotion Of Dogs
- Dog Language; An Encyclopedia Of Canine Behaviour
- The Dog's Mind; Understanding Your Dog's Behavior
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- When Good Dogs Do Bad Things
- The German Shepherd Dog; Its History, Development and Genetics
- Dog Training Made Easy
- How To Trim Groom & Show Your Dog
- The Distemper Complex
- The Koehler Method Of Open Obedience for Ring, Home and Field
- This Is The German Shepherd
- The Complete Guide To Dog Law
- The Complete Utility Obedience Course with Tracking
- Canine Acupressure; A Treatment Workbook
- The Complete German Shepherd

- The Merck Veterinary Manual, Third Edition
- Don't Shoot The Dog! The New Art Of Teaching And Training
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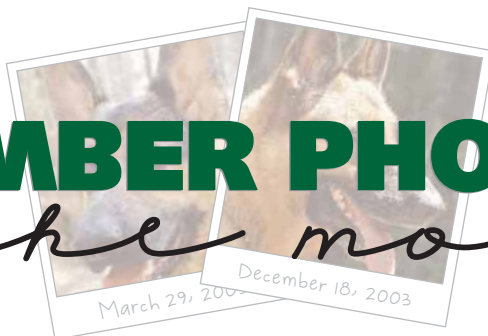
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right to view such
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of the month



Rhett and Scarlett at Christmas,
owned by Ren Burnette



D'Argo (L) and Naya, owned by
Ken and Faith Wallace



Naya, owned by Ken and Faith
Wallace, won Rally Obedience at
the German Shepherd Club of
North Georgia Fun Match

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location and date of the photo,
and the name of the owners.

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