



The Guardian

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This is my fourth issue of the Guardian. As I stated in the first Guardian my goal is to bring you a Newsletter that does not require hours of reading. I intend to bring you snippets of information with a link or two for more extended information.

The challenge built into this goal is to gather good materials that can be supplemented by the GSDC Atlanta website up. Our plan is post each: Guardian, the monthly Minutes', committee and audit reports, articles, show and match dates, picnics etc. on the website. If you miss something in the Guardian you will find it on the website along with other useful club information.

I will continue to send complimentary copies of the Guardian to every puppy buyer, friend of a member or potential member. Just email their contact information (cbattaglia@mindspring.com).

Now for the 2010 year. My guess is that by now most of us are finalizing or are beginning to implement our New Years resolutions. The problem for some is that the list is so long that we can not accomplish our good intentions. Others with more wisdom will focus on only one or two goals and then drill down into them so that they make good on their promises. There is however a third group. They do not have goals for the New Year. Sometimes they are talked into a resolution if prompted by a friend or someone at the office.

When I began to think about my 2010 New Years resolutions I became aware of the vast number of opportunities. For me, I thought about resolutions for my role as a husband, father, lecturer, board member and breeder. That is a lot to cover especially when I try to think about making meaningful resolutions for the next twelve months. The more I consider my options and what is realistic, the more I am reminded that I must stay focused on the important categories. As a husband I could be more considerate of little things I need to do around the house which would make life easier for my wife. As father, I could support my children who are now grown but might need fatherly advice or ideas about something they find troubling. As the Guardian Editor and board member I could invest more of my time on improving the club and its infrastructure. As a writer I could choose a few good and

timely topics that are aimed at those new to the club and breeding. I could go on but I think you get my drift.

At the end of the day, I want each resolution to be positive so that by next year I will have made a difference. Now that they are done I wondered if I can accomplish what I have listed. If I don't try, nothing would be accomplished. Here is my plan. I will put my list of resolutions on the refrigerator. Each day they will serve as a good reminder of what I had promised to do. I like keeping my goals in front of me and the refrigerator is where my day starts. I love breakfast, so when I go there for the fruit, juice and milk that make up my morning drink and there to remind me are the resolutions that stare at me as a reminder of what I have set out to do.

Rather than just posting the list, I developed a "to do" list that I keep in my calendar. I have a to-do list for each resolution for each month. For example, in January and February I have a list of people to contact and specific things to get done. Scears is working on website issues. Another is to send thank you notes to those who shared cards and ideas with us. I could go on, but I will save the rest for another day.

Thanks, for reading along.

Carmen

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Happy New Year to All,

We are off to a good start for January as we have new training classes starting this month. This should be fun for all . Please contact Joye or check our web site for more details.

Our web site and the Guardian are still works in progress, so please be patient with us. Carmen and Scears are working diligently to ensure our communication tools are top notch to meet the needs of our club members.

The Christmas party was held December 5th at the home of Barbara Stamper, who graciously hosted along with her daughters and grand daughters! Connie and a host of others provided more delicious food than anyone could ever eat!!! And as always, the Xmas present exchange provided the usual array of laughs and thefts! For those of you who could not make it, you missed a LOT of good food and lots of fun. Hope to see you all there next year.

Our Fall show was successful due to the hard work of our club members and enjoyed by all who attended. We are currently looking for a show site for the fall show, so if anyone has any ideas please share with a board member. Our show will be Oct. 2nd and 3rd 2010 , a week latter than usual due to the AKC calendar. Wills

Park is not available due to this date change. The Augusta GSDC will have their show the last week end in Sept. We also need a volunteer for show Chairman.

If any of you have puppies, please let Andrea know. It seems everyone is looking for a puppy this season. A number of club members have had inquires as have I and as of my last check with Andrea, no puppies available. So if you are planning a litter or have a litter , call Andrea 770-245-0514.

Hope to see all of you at the next club meeting and may each of you have a happy and prosperous New Year!

Joan

SAVE THESE DATES:

2010 GSDC Atlanta Show - October 2-3

2010 GSDC Atlanta Match - March

2011 GSDC Atlanta Show – October

2011 GSDC Atlanta Match - March

2013 Tuesday, October 2 – Monday October 15.

Three great events in 2013:

- 1. The GSDCA national**
- 2. The GSDCA Centennial celebration**
- 3. The WUSV World Championship Trial**

The locations of these three are pending.

MINUTES OF CLUB MEETINGS:

The minutes will be posted on the website. <http://www.gsdcatlanta.org/>

NEW MEMBERS: December 2009 - None

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS: December 2009 - None

AKC's VOTE ON 10 GROUPS

AKC has deferred the action on group realignment. The delegates will vote on the matter in March 2010.

CLUBS CAN NOW APPLY TO HOLD CLASSES FOR MIXED-BREED DOGS AT STAND-ALONE COMPANION EVENTS STARTING APRIL 1, 2010

The American Kennel Club has launched its new AKC Canine Partners program. More than 1,200 mixed breeds have enrolled and more than 365 AKC events have been approved to hold mixed-breed classes.

This is an opportunity to attract new members as well as entries for upcoming events. This program provides a great way for clubs to reach out to other dog-loving organizations in your community. Working together with veterinarians, groomers as well as shelters, clubs can provide training classes and events that other organizations' clients and customers can participate in.

Regional clubs should encourage local mixed-breed dog owners to enroll in AKC Canine Partners which includes enrollment in AKC Companion Animal Recovery pet recovery service and a one-year subscription to AKC Family Dog magazine. Alerting dog owners to ways AKC helps keep all dogs happy, healthy and safe is something we can all be proud to promote.

To learn about the components of this new program, look at www.akccaninepartners.org. The web site includes updated show trial applications for clubs to apply for mixed-breed classes at upcoming events. Clubs who want to add mixed-breed classes to their event should contact the Event Operations Department via email at eventplans@akc.org or by phone at 919-816-3579.

PENNVET WORKING DOG CONFERENCE PROGRAM

This is a program for those serious about working dogs. Registration is now available on line at www.PennVet.WDC.org

Please feel free to share the information with anyone that might be interested www.PennVetWDC.org

CLUB MEETINGS

Meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month, except July, October and December, at The Atlanta Humane Society, 981 Howell Mill RD, Atlanta, GA at 8:00PM. Visitors welcome.

DIRECTIONS TO GSDC of ATLANTA MEETINGS

Address: Humane Society at 981 Howell Mill Road NW Atlanta, GA 30318. Specific directions are on the GSDC of Atlanta site (<http://www.gsdcatlanta.org/>) which you can find with this link.

NOTICE: Club meetings are now the second Thursday of each month at 8:00 P.M. at the Humane Society of Atlanta. No meetings will be held in the months of October, December, and July.

JANUARY 2010 PROGRAM:

Jerry Hope, CDBC, PTI of Canine Behavior Clinic will be the speaker at the January 14th ,2010meeting of the German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta. The meeting starts at 8:00pm in the Auditorium of the Atlanta Humane Society located at 981 Howell Mill Road NW Atlanta, GA 30318. The subject of his talk is Dog Aggression Causes and Cures. In this informative discussion, Jerry will not only discuss ways to stop dog-on-dog aggression and dog-on-people aggression, and will also discuss some common causes of these issues. Using safe, easy to follow techniques, Jerry will describe well-documented methods which are designed to resolve aggressive issues, and limit the reoccurrence of similar behavioral issues. Additionally, Jerry will discuss ways to prevent fear and aggression problems from even becoming a problem.

Jerry's web site information is www.k9fixer.com www.JerryHope.com

The program will be exciting. We hope everyone will come.

DECEMBER 2009 PROGRAM.

A great Christmas Party hosted by Barbara Stamper at her home. It was well attended with much to eat. The highlight was the gift swap, exchange and steal. Everyone had a great time and we should all thank Barbara and those who brought food and helped with the decorations.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

Don't miss this opportunity to list your litter, stud dog, stuff you want to sell etc. .
<http://www.gsdcatlanta.org/> Contact: [Scears Hardie](#)

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS is on the 15th of the month prior to issue.

COMPLIMENTARY GUARIDAN

A complimentary will be sent to puppy buyers, friends and prospective members upon request. Contact [Mary Gattone](#) 770-922-2172 and give her the contact information.

TRAINING CLASSES:

Starting on Wednesday, Jan. 20, at 8:00 p.m classes will begin for 8 weeks at 3301 Windy Ridge Parkway Parking Garage main level. We will offer rally, Beginner/CGC class and possibly a puppy class. Please contact [Joye Evans](#) (770) 438-2285 if you are interested – pre-registration strongly requested. 770-438-2285 or email charbargs@aol.com. Rates \$25 member; \$75 non-members. Stacey Pollio, a new club member has offered to help with basic/CGC class.

HERDING FUN DAY(S):

Location: Sugre Herding Facility, 6985 Matt Highway (GA Highway 369), Cumming, GA

Sunday, January 10, 17 and 24, 10 a.m. Herding Meeting (please be on time)

Maximum 10 dogs each day - \$25 per dog

Sue Benkiser will host Herding Fun Days for the German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta during the month of December and possibly January depending on our level of interest. If the Atlanta club does not fill the 10 slots per day, the North Georgia German Shepherd Dog Club is invited to fill the remaining slots.

Sue is very familiar with German Shepherds, (she has Rotti of her own) and her sheep are used to being worked by “upright” herding dogs. If you and your dog are interested in continuing to herd, Sue offers herding lessons most weekends and she will be glad to discuss those with you.

Please contact Joye Evans at 770-438-2285 or 404-391-1490 if you have questions and also to reserve your herding “slot”.

Things to remember – bring a chair; bring something to drink for you and your dog. We will not work if it rains.

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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

The AKC has always opposed breed bans on the basis that there are no bad dogs, just bad owners.

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