

The Guardian

A Monthly Publication of the German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta, Inc

This is my first issue as your new Guardian Editor. It has been a bit challenging getting the first issue up and on time. It began with the thought.... How should I begin this column and what should be the point or points of interest for the readers.

Looking at our past, the Guardian was truly a magazine guided by a series of dedicated editors. Today it has evolved to a smaller newsletter which is internet driven. Because of these changes, I thought I would test the waters and give you my ideas and strategy to see what you, the members, have to say. Because we have a good website that can keep everyone current on shows, matches, minutes, officers, meetings and schedules, there is not a lot for the Guardian to cover other than articles and special kinds of information including letters to the editor.

I personally like keeping good articles on a website. It keeps me from having to remember where I have put them. So lets' assume we add to our website a tab called " articles" that would mean that good articles could be found there. The Guardian would only need to point the reader to the club site and give a short statement about the great article or place or link where everyone could access it. In my own case, I have a number of three ring binders where I print out exceptional articles that I refer to from time to time. Now I have it both ways.

So here is the question. I will begin this issue and the next few using the strategy that we will have most of what the core information members need on the club website. The Guardian will point to where important information can be found and what is new. For example, reminders of meetings, how to advertise your dog, AKC announcements and partner club issues, etc.

I am asking that you tell me as you begin to read the next two issues, if this style of Newsletter meets your needs. If it does not, please offer constructive suggestions. Thanks, for reading along.

Carmen

AWARDS BANQUET: The banquet was held on July 12th with eighteen members attending. Again, many of our members have been busy earning titles this past year. Dan & Dolores Weiss with Casar achieving his UD, AXJ ,AX, XF and a Versatility Advanced. They also were busy with Adel obtaining the title of XF and a Versatility Advanced. Suzanne Kinman working both “Gillie” and Helios qualified for Versatility Intermediate. Joye Evans was busy with “Dewey” in Rally obtaining an RN & a RA in addition to a Versatility Started. When not working “Dewey” , Joye was out herding with “Abbey” getting her Pre-Trial Tested . Lee Jewell and “Nick” achieved a Rally Novice, while “Ria” was busy in the conformation ring. The club also has three new Champions to brag about, Ann Cranford & Lee Jewell’s “Arson”, Melissa Campbell and Shakira, Denise Groenewald & Melissa Campbell owning “Maya.” Last, but not the least, Barbara Stamper, Lee Jewell, and Giovanni Middei for the Select title on Ch. Shoal Creek’s Sangria V. Barick. Congratulations are in order to the owners and co-owners of these fine dogs for their accomplishments and hard work. We all are very proud to have you as members of the club.

The surprises of the event were the Awards Committee voting Lee Jewell as the Most Valuable Member and the Board of 2008-2009 voting Scears Hardie to receive The Nancy Van Cleve Battaglia Breed Service Award. These awards acknowledge the hard work and dedication of these two people to our club.

GOOD NEWS: Helen Chamblee has recuperated and is back at it with “curfew” on the herding field. Betty Ann Frederick has recuperated so quickly that she attended the awards banquet. No down time for these women.

OTHER BITS & PIECES:

Dues are now payable for the current year. Sara will be sending out the notices.

Meeting Night Change: The meeting night for the club will now be the second Thursday of each month at 8:00 P.M. at the Humane Society of Atlanta. There will NOT be a General Members Meeting of the club for the months of October, December, and July.

AKC: The Board of Directors of the AKC will vote on making the Working Dog Sport a regular event, in August. Please send your positive comments to AKC Secretary James Crowley at JXC@AKC.Org or President Dennis Sprung at DBS@AKC.Org , prior to August 1st, 2009.

AKC: has updated its policy on the Four Month Rule. The AKC revised Four Month Rule is:

“If you use the services of an agent, instruct the agent that he/she, any member of the agent’s household, or any handling associate of the agent may not exhibit dogs under you or any member of your household while in your employ and for at least four months after working for you. In addition, you or a member of your household must not knowingly use the services of an agent, any member of the agent’s household, or any handling associate of the agent to handle your dog(s) for at least four months after that agent has exhibited under you. This policy applies to all levels of competition.”

Advertising: Contact Scears Hardie to place your Breeders ad, Stud dog listing, or new litter on our website.

Retirement: “Abbey” owned, loved, and trained by Sandy Saturn has retired from a job she has performed for ten years. “Abbey” is a Therapy Dog and has brought joy and comfort to many in nursing facilities in our area. Not only has “Abbey” served as a therapy dog, but she earned her CD and Herding Instinct titles. “Abbey” and Sandy have been goodwill ambassadors for our breed by adding visits to schools for some hands on by the students. Thank you Sandy and “Abbey” for representing us so well over the years. Our best to both of you in the future.

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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.

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