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Merry
CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY
New Year

Message from the President

I hope all our club members and friends have a wonderful Christmas, reflect on what you accomplished or aimed at accomplishing in 2018 and make plans for an even more exciting 2019.

Time does seem to fly and 2018 will soon be in the books. Our club hosted a very successful show, we have a dedicated board focused on improving our club and making it again one of the strongest clubs in the United States. Times have changed, and we have new challenges ahead – dog clubs are struggling, and we are no exception. Be aware of the local and national animal restrictions and become involved. We have a very special hobby and a lot of dedicated people, but they can't do it without our help.

Don't forget our Christmas Party is Sunday, December 9 at 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 at Ippolito's, 5277 Peachtree Parkway, Peachtree Corners. If you haven't RSVPed, please contact me soon - we must confirm our headcount by December 5.

Merry Christmas to you and your furry friends.

Joye Evans

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HEALTH AND THE GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG

Dr. Carmen L. Battaglia

Many traits are often used to describe the uniqueness of the German Shepherd Dog but its health, temperament and work ethic are often cited as those most cherished by their owners and breeders. This paper summarizes a few accomplishments of the breed and its mission, health, welfare and temperament.

The GSDCA uses 60 committees to drive four goals (club/breed, education, health and legislation). Skilled breeders use pedigree analysis, radiographs, laboratory screenings, the IPO sport, temperament tests and training to advance the breed. Other improvements occur through several venues which include: conformation, obedience, agility, tracking, herding, rally, tracking and the working dog sport. The official GSDCA temperament test is used to evaluate how well a GSD responds to an approach by stranger who is passive, friendly, calm and aggressive. Sudden movements, varying surfaces, a gun test and the approach by a weird stranger are part of this evaluation. At All-Breed dog shows judges are encouraged to use an “in-ring temperament” test. Training and club activities are also used to advance the clubs mission and goals.

Research about diseases are collected and shared with breeders, judges and members. For example, OFA publishes information about the occurrence of HD by breed. In some breeds, HD occurs in only one hip (unilateral). In humans, the left hip is involved more frequently than the right at a ratio of 10:1. Unilateral dysplasia follows a similar pattern in canines but the predominate hip affected is breed dependent. For example, the left hip is more frequently affected in Labrador

and Golden Retrievers, Newfoundland and Akita breeds but more frequently in the right hip in Rottweilers. The German Shepherd Dog does not have a side (left or right) predilection.

OFA also provides data that helps breeders make decisions about breeding stock. Table 1 is based on 152,589 progenies in their OFA Hip database with known sire and dam hip scores.

TABLE 1. MATING PROBABILITY

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Dysplastic
Excellent	T= 5,8325 N= 5,630 (96.5%) D=205(3.5%)	T=16,315 N=15,481(94.9%) D=834(5.1%)	T=1,931 N=1,782(92.3%) D=149(7.7%)	T=362 N=308(85.1%) D=54(14.9%)
Good	T=17,281 N=16,291(94.3%) D=990(5.7%)	T=69,041 N=63,346((91.8%) D=5,695(8.2%)	T=12,008 N=10,566(88.0%) D=1,442(12.0%)	T=1,826 N=1,525(83.5%) D=301(16.5%)
Fair	T=3,146 N=2,888(91.8%) D=258(8.2%)	T=15,475 N=13,581(87.8%) D=1,894((12.2%)	T=3,957 N=3,311(83.7%) D=646(16.3%)	T=632 N=456(72.2%) D=176(27.8%)
Dysplastic	T=595 N=528(88.7%) D=67(11.3%)	T=2,941 N=2,394(81.4%) D=547(18.6%)	T=935 N=698(74.7%) D=237(25.3%)	T=309 N=197(63.8%) D=112(36.2%)

Another dreaded disease that occurs in the breed is gastric dilatation–Volvulus (GVD), which affects many other breeds. This disease has a reported lifetime risk of 24 % in large breeds and is one of the leading causes of death. Risk factors reported include management, environment, and personality differences. Large deep chested dogs seem to have the highest risk. Diet has also been found to be a contributing factor. Feeding a single or a large quantity of food increases risk however the addition of eggs or fish to food was associated with a decrease in the risk of GVD.

FOOD RECALLS AND TOYS

We hear all too often about dog food and dog treats that are being recalled. What's the best source for finding this information? I've found several websites that I've listed below. Do you have a "go to" place for getting updated information? If so, please provide the info to me so I can publish it in our newsletter.

www.truthaboutpetfood.com

www.petfoodindustry.com

www.avma.org

www.dogfoodadvisor.com

It seems the best place might be the FDA website. You can go to www.fda.gov, then click on Animal & Veterinary, then on the right you can go to Recalls, Animal Feed, Animal Drugs or Pet Food. Finding the best food for our GSDs is always a challenge and even more frustrating when foods are being recalled.

What about dog toys? Do you cringe when you're in a store and see the typical pet owner buying something you would NEVER consider bringing home to your dog? Do you look at the tag to see where the toy was manufactured before you purchase it? If a dog toy is made in China, do you leave it on the shelf and walk away? If you answered yes to any of these questions, you are not alone!

Ren Lewis



HOME BRED BRAG!!



Pending AKC confirmation CH KIMBERLITE'S ELKE, finished her championship with a 4 point major under Judge Bill Stebbins at the Greater Ocala Dog shows. Lucy is our first home bred champion and we are very excited about her future in the performance rings.

Lucy gave Reggie some pointers and Kimberlite's Elton v Kimberlite went Reserve at the Seminole Dog Fancier's show in Ocala under Judge Ms. Teddy McDowell, We hope for lots more wins for this sweet funny guy in 2019.

(official win photo coming soon)

Joye Evans

WE LOVE TO BRAG!!



Wonderland's June Carter Cash goes Best of Breed in the Beginner Puppy Class under Joan Fox at the 2018 National Pre-Show. June Carter was bred by and is owned by John Conely and Ed Farrell. She is sired by CH Kenlyn's Aries V Hicliiff ROM and out of GCH Wonderland's Force of Nature ROM OFA. We're very excited about this beautiful little girl.

John Conely

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Please note there are other events in December but have already closed.

DECEMBER 2018

Club Christmas Party, Sunday, Dec 9th

1:30—4:30

Ippolito's

5277 Peachtree Parkway

Norcross, GA

RSVP to Joye Evans at jevans0107@gmail.com

ORLANDO, FL 12/11—12/15

Space Coast Kennel Club of Palm Bay

Judge Carmen Battaglia (AB/JSHW) 12/11/18

Brevard Kennel Club

Judge Dick Jones (AB/JSHW) 12/12/18

Central Florida Kennel Club, Inc.

Judge Brian Meyer (AB/JSHW 12/13/18

Sunshine State Herding Group Association

Judge Sharon Redmer (LB) 12/14/18

American Kennel Club, Inc.

Judge Danelle Brown (AB/JSHW) 12/15/18

North Georgia All Breed Herding Association

December 29 & 30th

AKC Herding Trials

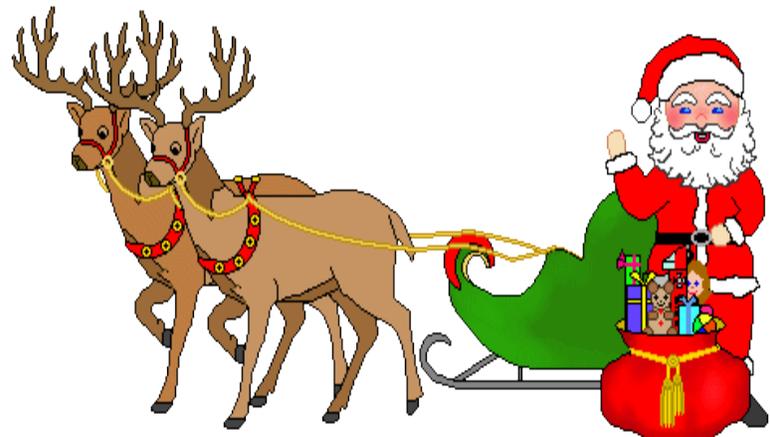
www.ngaabhda.org

The program entitled “Introduction to Pedigrees” has been added to our website. If you missed this program, please feel free to view it on our site.

Many thanks to Nancy Harper-Mulvaney for this information program! Stay tuned for more in this series in the coming months!!

Our next club meeting will be Thursday, January 10th at 8pm. We will meet at our normal location at BluePearl Veterinary Partners at 455 Abernathy Road in Sandy Springs.

Please bring a friend!!





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.

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
			Additional delivery charges	
			Delivery in poly wrap: \$5.00	
			1 st 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:** _____