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THE GUARDIAN

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Message from the President

Happy August everyone. What a privilege it is to belong to a club with such a wealth of German Shepherd knowledge. We honored Nancy Harper-Mulvaney at our Awards Banquet with the Nancy Van Cleve Battaglia award. For those of you who didn't know Nancy Van Cleve Battaglia she was a wonderful German Shepherd Dog person who shared her experience and knowledge with anyone who called upon her. She left us too soon but wonderful memories of her at training class. We are truly a blessed club to have wonderful mentors in our club, i.e. Nancy Harper-Mulvaney, Carmen Battaglia who we don't see often enough, and lots of others very experienced and willing to share their knowledge of our breed.

If you have a question or just want to talk dogs, feel free to reach out to one of your fellow club members. We have members who are experienced in herding, barn hunt, agility, obedience, rally, tracking, working dog sports and don't forget the new titles of fast cat, nose work, trick dog and the backbone of our existence - conformation.

Hope to see you at our August meeting.

Joye Evans

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**Next club meeting is August 8th at 8pm. See page 2
for details about the exciting program!**

EVERYONE INVITED!! SPREAD THE WORD....

**The German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta
wishes to cordially invite you to three special
upcoming programs.**

Thursday, August 8, 2019 at 8pm

Canine Good Citizen and Trick Dog titles—what's required and how to earn them, with additional information about an upcoming clinic where dogs of all breeds (including mixed) can be tested and possibly earn those titles.

Thursday, September 12, 2019 at 8pm

Dr. Carmen Battaglia, chair of the American Kennel Club's Detector Dogs program, will give a presentation on that program, whose purpose is to increase the number of dogs trained to help defend and protect the United States.

Thursday, November 14, 2019 at 8pm

Representatives from the German Shepherd Dog Rescue of Georgia will present a program on their rescue group and how it works, and will bring special canine visitors who have been successfully adopted or are up for adoption.

Location:

Blue Pearl Pet Hospital, 455 Abernathy Road, Sandy Springs

2nd floor meeting room on left side of building as you face it from the parking lot. There is an elevator. (This is formerly Georgia Veterinary Specialists.)

SPOTLIGHT ON NANCY HARPER-MULVANEY

The GSDC of Atlanta recently awarded Nancy with the prestigious Nancy Van Cleve Battaglia Award for her “Service to the Breed.” Nancy’s love of the breed began in 1957 while studying in Germany. She saw a large boned, handsome sable GSD striding down the street with his owner’s briefcase in his mouth. She was hooked. She purchased her first GSD male and brought him back to the states. That was the beginning of her lifelong commitment to the breed.

Back in the day, she showed her own dogs and was a fierce competitor. Nancy could often be seen at dog shows with her five children in tow. I saw her in the ring only a few years ago showing a lovely 4-6 month puppy that she bred, and yes, she won.

This feisty southern lady has stories to tell that will leave you laughing hysterically and wanting more. My favorite story was when she entered a dog in the wrong class and James Moses was scheduled to show her dog. He already had one to show in that class, so Nancy borrowed a pair of tennis shoes from someone in the crowd. The shoes were too big so she stuffed tissue in the toes, and in the ring she went. Nancy was last in the ring, and imagine the shock when the judge moved Nancy’s dog to the front of the line where she proudly walked past Mr. Moses. She went on to win the class. I’m not sure who was more surprised, Nancy or James.

Nancy has been a member of the GSDC of Atlanta and GSDCA for many years, and has served in numerous capacities for both clubs. She has been a well-respected AKC Judge since 1997 and was just nominated by the GSDCA BOD to judge at the national in 2020. Nancy was instrumental in forming the North Georgia German Shepherd Dog Club which still exists today. She is also an AKC Breeder of Merit.

Nancy is revered by many as a “subject matter expert” when it comes to German Shepherds. She recently presented a program about pedigrees that included a history of the breed that was fascinating to the audience. Her knowledge of pedigrees is second to none, and she is happy to share that knowledge with anyone interested.

A couple of years ago, Nancy and I went to a show out of state. During our trip, we went to dinner one evening with two young male handlers. I sat and listened/watched as Nancy spoke about structure, judging dogs, pedigrees, and the breed standard, among other things. I remember watching as one young handler was so mesmerized that he caught himself leaning closer and closer to Nancy so as not to miss a word she said. It was so refreshing to listen to someone sharing knowledge about our wonderful breed, and the two young men soaking it all in. It was an evening I won’t forget.

Nancy’s love for this breed shows in everything she does daily. My guess is that she gets a minimum of 5 calls each day from people asking questions and needing advice or help with a dog issue. The GSDC of Atlanta also relies on Nancy for advice and assistance. She can be seen on weekends ring-stewarding, taping puppy ears, judging, juggling dogs, grooming dogs, doubling dogs, or most anything else she’s asked to do. Where does she find the time and energy?

Nancy loves her dogs and she’s owned, and bred some great ones! A few are:

AOE Sel CH Lothario of Heinerburg ROM – WD at AM National

AOE Sel Ch Heinerburg’s Gone With the Wind DePahl

AM Ch Can Sel O’Danny Boy of Heinerburg ROM

Ch Donaghan O’Rourke of Heinerburg ROM

Ch Heinerburg’s Magnolia ROM

Ch Van Cleve’s Dee Dee V Heinerburg ROM

We can't speak about Nancy without Ron. Ron is her devoted husband and confidant. He holds down the fort when Nancy flies off to judge a dog show, or goes on road trip (dog show) with a friend, and he always has her back. His love and devotion to Nancy, and the breed, are unwavering. He still refers to Nancy as "my girlfriend".

The GSDC of Atlanta is proud to have Nancy as a very active club member!

Nancy's contributions:

- Past President of the German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta (served 2 times)
- President & Founding Member of the GSDC Quad City
- Board Member for the German Shepherd Dog Club of America for 8 years
- Chairman for the 100th Anniversary Centennial for the GSDCA
- Chairman for the US Futurity/Maturity System for 5 years
- Judged specialty in Venezuela and Judged Males at the Canadian National
- AKC Breeder of Merit
- Nominated by the GSDCA BOD to judge National in 2020
- 2014 Recipient of the Connie Beckhardt Award presented by the GSDCA



NANCY IS ADMIRER BY MANY.....

I am so glad to hear that Nancy is getting this award. She is one of the classiest, most knowledgeable and highest integrity individuals in our great sport of German Shepherd Dogs and is most deserving of any recognition that comes her way. If you ever have a chance to sit with Nancy and talk dogs or have the pleasure of her telling you about stories from the past take full advantage of it. The great passion, humor and flair that comes with her wonderful personality will keep you spellbound and you will get totally immersed in whatever she's telling you. She'll usually start with a "Well honey let me tell you" and from that point her audience is "all ears" and eating out of her hand. As a handler I can attest that Nancy gets the utmost respect for her knowledge, her integrity and her unwavering procedure. People can trust her to find the good dogs and be able to explain her choices, she makes people feel comfortable because her great knowledge and integrity inspires confidence in her choices. She is kind but firm in the ring and you better follow her instructions, I know from personal experience you don't mess with judge Nancy. Many years ago, Nancy dumped my prize dog for not following her procedure (after she gave me many chances) and that was the day I said now there is a "great judge" and the day my respect for her grew that much more. In my opinion she's one of the best. Nancy has been a great breeder and a great mentor to many, her pleasure is the Breed and its well-being, her core is how well she treats all those around her with respect and humor. Nancy Harper is one of Georgia's sweetest "peaches" and I am truly honored to call her my friend.

Respectfully, Bill Basu

For as long as I have known Nancy Harper she has always been a true steward of the German Shepherd Dog breed. She has a great regard for the standard in and out of the ring. She is encouraging to new comers in the sport sharing any knowledge she can. Lastly as a great breeder she always stands behind her breedings. I am thankful to know her.

Matt McMillan

What does one say when describing this truly "SOUTHERN BELLE."

To pay tribute to Nancy's passion for the German Shepherd breed. I would have to coin a gambling phrase, "ALL IN."

Nancy's love affair with the breed started in Germany. As a student there she purchased a puppy, to her parents' chagrin. She bought this young dog back to the USA after completing her studies.

Hence forth she has pursued this passion for the breed as an Owner, handler, exhibitor, Stellar breeder and articulate JUDGE.

She has always been a dedicated and willing participant with local and parent breed clubs. Always willing to mentor new comers to the breed.

This recognition is truly deserved and we wish Nancy the best in all her future endeavors.

Your Friends,

Tony & Jennifer Monk

The more we learn about Nancy, the more we love her. We were talking about judges recently and she spoke about a judge that had a newbie in the class with a dog that was clearly a pet. The handler was nervous, and of course, didn't win. But the judge spoke with her afterward and made positive comments about her dog. The handler left the ring with a smile on her face. Nancy was so pleased with that judge for taking the time to speak with the newbie. Nancy told us, "you can always find something positive to say about any dog, even if that dog isn't your cup of tea, cause that dog means the world to that owner/handler." Good for Nancy and the judge!

Treating newcomers, and everyone in this sport with respect is a trademark for Nancy; one that we can all learn from. She knows her stuff and will help anyone willing to listen. We've learned so much from her.

We're thrilled that the GSDC of Atlanta chose to honor Nancy with this prestigious award! She is a true asset to our club, the parent club, and to the German Shepherd Dog Breed.

Morgan & Ren Lewis

DRUMROLL PLEASE...

AND THE AWARDS GO TO.....

What a great time to celebrate with our friends! Below is a list of awards that were presented at the GSDC of Atlanta Annual Awards Banquet on July 21st. We're so proud of our club members and their dogs. Special thanks to our awards chair, Barbara Stamper, for the beautiful plaques, and Joye Evans for the certificates. Pics from the banquet are on the next page.

Plaques presented:

Dime Con Brewer BH
Owner: Philippa Fendler

CH Ropaja-Falkrigia's Voila' D'Artagnon TC
Owners: Pauline Moon, Lynda Bragg-Workman

CH Caretti's One Way Out
Owners: John Conely, Edward Farrell, and
Cyndi Flautt

CH Charbar's Elke RN TC
Owner: Joye Evans

The Nancy Van Cleve Battaglia Award for
Service to the Breed

Nancy Harper-Mulvaney

Certificates presented:

Best New Member
Philippa Fendler

Fast Cat (BCAT title)
Matchmaker's Top Gun V Heinerburg
Owners: Ren & Morgan Lewis

Trick Dog Novice
Ty
Owner: Alice Carnahan

Herding Tested & Trick Dog Novice
Cottonwood Improper Opinion RN
Owner: Erika Tracey



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Donations make it possible for the AGSDCF to continue supporting grants and fellowships. Please join us in our mission to better the health of our beloved breed.
[click here to donate](#)

THE SEARCH FOR A CURE NEVER ENDS!

AKC/CHF has announced the launch July 1 of a new clinical trial for hemangiosarcoma research. A year-long fundraising initiative by CHF is coming to fruition by putting dollars raised directly to work for dogs and to fight this devastating disease NOW!

Your donations to the AGSDCF have played a role in advancing this CHF hemangiosarcoma research initiative. The AGSDCF is proud to be a part of this initiative and we

thank those who have donated to
help us be part of it.

***The fight against canine
hemangiosarcoma doesn't stop here
but it surely starts here.***

Please donate to help us continue this fight
against canine cancer and other diseases that
affect our great breed

They will be seeking study participants.
For more information on study
participation, click here

To The Health of the Breed

To date the AGSDCF has funded research grants totaling over \$817,000

*Our only mission is to fund research projects that improve the
health and well-being of our great breed.*

Please help us fulfill our mission by [clicking here to donate](#)

*American German Shepherd Dog Charitable Foundation [AGSDCF.org](#)
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We urge you to donate to this worthy cause!

www.agsdcf.org

A Dog Identity Crisis: Why They are Called German Shepherd Dogs

Alice Carnahan

Although now the most widely recognized breed in the world, the German Shepherd Dog did not exist until the late 1800's, when German Captain Max von Stephanitz set out to design a dog who would be a superb herder, but could also excel in obedience, tracking, and protection work. Von Stephanitz realized that the industrial revolution was changing the world and a dog with herding as its sole talent might soon become extinct. After careful consideration, he chose the initial bloodstock from which he would create what is now known as the German Shepherd Dog. The dogs he bred were predominantly grey, had erect ears and a long muzzle, and a rumor sprang up that the breed's ancestors included a wolf. That was not true, but the rumor lingered and was later to figure in one of the breed's official names.

In 1920, animal trainer Larry Trimble went to Europe to search for a dog to bring to Hollywood and star in feature films. He chose Strongheart, a three year old German Shepherd Dog who had been trained as an attack dog and weighed 125 pounds. Strongheart became hugely successful in the silent movie business and, long before Lassie, became Hollywood's first canine movie star. Strongheart died young as a result of an accident and therefore never made the transition to "talkies."

In 1918, a year after Strongheart was born, U.S. pilot Lee Duncan was searching through the rubble of a bombed out kennel in Germany when he found five puppies huddled in a ditch. He adopted a male and a female pup, and brought them home with him after the war's end. The girl died before reaching Los Angeles, but Duncan began training the male, Rin Tin Tin. "Rinty" lost at his first dog show, but won a jumping contest. His first break came when a Warner Brothers crew was unsuccessfully trying to film an outdoor scene with a wolf. Duncan bragged that Rinty could complete the scene in one take. He did, and eventually made 26 movies for Warner Brothers. Like Strongheart, Rinty performed all of his own stunts. Warner Brothers executives referred to him as the "mortgage lifter," and credited him with saving the studio from bankruptcy.

Probably because of these two dogs' immense popularity, there was no outcry in the United States to change the breed's name. Nevertheless, keep in mind that Rinty's first starring role was as a wolf. At the end of World War I, it was feared in Great Britain that the wonderful breed would lose its popularity because of the "German" part of his name. Apparently England's Kennel Club preferred wolves to Germans. So, the dog was anointed the Alsatian Wolf Dog (for a French territory), and flourished in the UK under that name. Eventually the "Wolf" was dropped, and he became the Alsatian Dog. Finally, in 1977, after numerous campaigns by breeders, he became the German Shepherd Dog even in Great Britain (he had never been an Alsatian much less an Alsatian Wolf Dog in the United States), and has remained so ever since. To this day, however, many Britishers refer to their beloved "Alsations."

Von Stephanitz would be pleased by the "new" official moniker: he had dubbed his new breed the Deutscher Shaferhund, which translates literally as German Shepherd Dog.



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The German Shepherd Dog Club of America, Inc.

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 Mr. Ken Tank-Futurity & Maturity Dogs
 Mr. Robert Drescher-Best In Futurity & Best in Maturity

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 GSDC Versatility Competition

Go to www.gsdc.org for more information on the National Specialty in Loveland, CO

GOOD LUCK!!!

FROM THE EDITOR

- ♦ **Editor Challenge:** I challenge each club member to enter at least one dog in our upcoming CGC & Trick Dog Tests!! It should be a fun day!
- ♦ **Book reviewers wanted.** Have you read a good dog book lately? Share your thoughts with fellow dog lovers. Reviews of both fiction and nonfiction welcomed. Open to dog stories of all breeds, if you think a book is really good!
- ♦ The last 2 pages of this newsletter contain membership applications for both the GSDC of Atlanta and the GSDCA. Also included below are the website links to both.
<https://www.gsdcatlanta.org/forms.php>
<https://store.gsdcga.org/GSDCA-New-Membership-s/1845.htm>
- ♦ We are working on several improvements/updates to our website. Check back often. Pics of our awards banquet will be on our site shortly.
- ♦ Help US Help You! Your suggestions and comments are always welcome as we strive to give you what you need, and want.
- ♦ The Awards Banquet was a great evening with great friends, old and new! Thanks to all those that attended to help us celebrate the accomplishments of this GREAT BREED!.

May 15-17, 2020 SHOWS

Your Board has been busy working on details for our 2020 shows that will be held in Augusta, GA. The Augusta GSDC will be hosting the 2020 Futurity/Maturity on May 17th. They've asked us to cluster with them on the pre-shows. The GSDC of Atlanta will host the Friday and Saturday PM shows with the Augusta GSDC hosting the Friday and Saturday AM shows. There will be no obedience or rally at these shows. The judges are as follows:

| | | |
|--------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Friday AM: | Randy Chestnut | (Augusta GSDC) |
| Friday PM: | Dr. Didier Ardoin | (Atlanta GSDC) |
| Saturday AM: | Michael Cheeks | (Augusta GSDC) |
| Saturday PM: | Doug Crane | (Atlanta GSDC) |

Futurity/Maturity will be held on Sunday and the judge is Jeff Pyle.

We are working out the details now, but we plan to host Fast CAT all three days, with a "fun run" on Thursday for those that will be getting into Augusta early. Never tried it? Go to the AKC website for details or YouTube for videos. No prior training is needed and the dogs love it!

(ALL ARE PENDING AKC APPROVAL)

UPDATED NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING RATES

Commercial Advertising Rates

Design is extra and based on time spent

| Size | Monthly | Quarterly | Yearly |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Full Page | \$17.00 | \$27.50 | \$50.00 |
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(For more information, please visit <https://www.vonderraeuberbande.com/litters>)

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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Canine Good Citizen and Trick Dog titles—what's required and how to earn them, with additional information about an upcoming clinic where dogs of all breeds (including mixed) can be tested and possibly earn those titles.

CGC & Trick Dog Tests, Saturday, August 17th

Alchemy Dog Training, 545 Glover Street, Marietta

All breeds & mixed breeds welcome! Preregister by August 13th. Contact Alicecarnahan@gmail.com for more information.

GSDC OF ATLANTA CLUB MEETINGS

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

NO MEETING IN OCTOBER, SEE YOU AT NATIONAL

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH

Mobile, AL shows Sept 4th-Sept 8th

Shows close Aug 21st, superintendent is Onofrio

Specialty shows are Wed, Sept 4th, judges are Lynda Bragg-Workman & Patricia Trotter

Judges for other shows are Dana Cline, James Frederiksen, Charles Olvis, and Charles Trotter

Greater Gulf States Fairgrounds

Jonesboro Shows Aug 22nd-25th

Shows close Aug 7th, superintendent is MB-F, Inc.

Breed judges are Linda Hurlebaus, Jan N. Paulk, Janet Turnage Nahikian, and Dorothy N. Collier

The Atlanta Kennel Club will host its first activity at their new facility called the "Atlanta KC Training Bldg" on Aug 17th, located at: 1155 Alpha Dr. Suite B, in Alpharetta, just a few exits up 400. This is a **one day seminar**, topics include: Breeding Better Dogs, Developing Puppies, Early Neurological Stimulation, Structure, Movement & Pedigree Analysis. **Presenter: Dr. Carmen Battaglia**, Contact Persons are : Mary Ellen Macke and Ginger Aldrich, maryellenmacke@gmail.com; snofire@aol.com; Phone: 1 (404) 310-5933, 1 (770) 380-9404

What is “The Parent Club” and Why Should You Join it?

If you are a German Shepherd Dog person, the “parent club” is the German Shepherd Dog Club of America. Virtually every American Kennel Club-recognized dog breed has a national breed club which acts as the umbrella for all the regional and local clubs for that breed. It is actually the “parent clubs” who write and revise the breed standard for each dog breed (a popular misconception is that the AKC itself writes and revises the standards).

Our parent club (see its gsdca.org website) has multiple goals and functions. Once a year, it sponsors the “National,” a huge German Shepherd-only dog show with competition in conformation and such performance sports such as obedience, agility, herding, Rally, and many more. In our breed, a top conformation win at the National is even more highly coveted than a win at Westminster. The National rotates around the country.

One of the parent club’s main functions is to improve our breed in all respects. It provides education about what a German Shepherd Dog should be, including what buyers should look for.

In the past couple of decades, the parent club has created new awards to recognize top GSD’s (German Shepherd Dogs) that have good hips and elbows and good temperaments as well as great conformation. The parent club also awards special titles to dogs who have excelled in many different venues, as well as earning titles in the very top levels of many different dog sports. The dual awards recognize dogs with titles in both conformation and performance.

Members of the parent club get to vote each year on prospective judges for our National shows, in both conformation and performance events, and also for changes to our by-laws.

The GSDC of America publishes the German Shepherd Dog Review, a nationally distributed magazine which has wonderful photos of GSD’s in different venues, as well as articles of interest to people pursuing all avenues with their German Shepherds. It frequently includes stunning ads bought by the connections of dogs who are currently being shown and doing well.

Many of the parent club awards are given only if the dog’s owner is a member of the parent club. That and the Review are possibly the best reasons to join. And if you possibly can, attend a National – it is a marvelous place to meet other people who love the best breed in the world!

(See Page 19 for an application for the GSDC of Atlanta, Inc. and Page 20 for an application for the German Shepherd Dog Club of America)

GSDC of Atlanta reserves the right to visit your dog facilities prior to acceptance for membership.



Membership Application

Membership Dues 1st Year: \$35 Individual \$45 Household
(Membership Dues Each Year Thereafter -\$20 Individual; \$30 Household)
Check/payment must accompany application.
Make check payable to: The German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta, Inc.

For Office Use Only:

Reviewed by Board

Joined GSDCAI

PLEASE PRINT Last Name First Name Telephone communicate via USPS mail only

Address City

Occupation E-Mail address *I/We authorize the GSDC of Atlanta to communicate with me/us via email unless otherwise indicated by checking the box listed above.*

Second Member (Household Membership Only)

Last Name First Name Occupation

Each Member is encouraged to participate in Club activities. Please circle your areas of interest.

Equipment Telephone Microchip/Tattoo Clinics Publicity Trophies
Newsletter Hospitality Training Classes Matches & Shows Library

Why do you want to join the German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta? _____

Let us get to know you better.

Circle any areas in which you have experience:

Do you belong to any other dog clubs or animal related organization? (i.e. humane societies, welfare organizations, etc.) Please list:

Obedience Tracking Conformation
Herding Training Agility

Do you have any children living at home? _____ If so, what are their names? _____

What other interests, talents or hobbies do you have? _____

Let us get to know your dogs better.... Please complete the back of this form

I/We agree to abide by the ideas espoused by the German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta, Inc. I/We agree to raise and show dogs in the true spirit of the breed, and to follow the rules, Constitution and By Laws of the German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta, Inc. and the American Kennel Club.

Signature of Applicant

Signature of Applicant

Signature of Active Club Member

Signature of Active Club Member

Requirement for membership: Prospective members shall be required to attend two of the last six club meetings or one club meeting and one club event before submitting an application to the Board of Directors. Names of applicants will be published in the Guardian 30 days prior to membership consideration.

Date Attended _____

Date Attended _____



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.
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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:** _____