



The Guardian

Lagniappe Edition



The German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta, Inc. is a nonprofit organization chartered in Georgia in 1974. The club's objectives are to uphold the intents and purposes as stated in the Articles of Incorporation, and to conduct sanctioned and licensed specialty shows and all AKC events for which the Club is eligible under the rules of the American Kennel Club. Further, to conduct approved GSDCA-WDA events under the authority, rules and regulations of the German Shepherd Dog Club of America Working Dog Association, Inc.

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A message from
The Guardian's
Keeper

Happy Fall Y'all! 🍁 🍂



I hope that you and the fur babies are enjoying the weather and the changing leaves.

I would be remiss if I did not comment on the many people who enjoyed and expressed satisfaction with my first newsletter. 😊

Thank you all so much for the kind words and encouragement. Your feedback and support are highly valued and greatly appreciated. 💛

I am still extremely excited about my new role that I have coined 'The Guardian's Keeper' and I am looking forward to continued connections, interactions and engagements with fellow GSD lovers, fanciers, and enthusiasts.


I hope to keep you guys entertained, enlightened, educated, and eager for the next edition!


Tanya A. Jones

CLUB HIGHLIGHTS

 **October – GSD Nationals – no club meeting**

 **Next meeting - Saturday, 11.22.25 at 11 am (call-in)**

 AKC approved - New Winter Specialties to be held with Winter Wonderland All-Breed cluster in Perry, GA

 New show site for 2026 Spring Shows - more details to come

 Herding Instinct, HT/PT entries open

 New club member - Linda Colby

New club member application: None at this time

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|------------------|--------------|----------------|-------------|
| Full Page | \$17.00 | \$27.50 | \$50.00 |
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|-----------------|----------------------|-------------|
| Front Page | \$12.50 | N/A |
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| Half Page | \$7.50 | \$12.50 |
| Quarter Page | \$6.50 | \$10.00 |

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These outlets are a great way to connect with a larger audience from an established source.

If you and/or your business is interested in advertising possibilities, feel free to reach out.

Club 2025-2026 Schedule

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| October | No club meeting | GSD National |
| November 22nd | Saturday | Call in, 11am General Meeting & finalizing Winter shows |
| December | No club meeting | Club Christmas Party - TBD |
| January 31st | Saturday | location TBD General Meeting |
| February 14th | Saturday | Outdoor/park TBDM General Meeting |
| | | Outdoor/park TBD |
| March 14th | Saturday | President appoints Nominating Committee for the purpose of selecting a slate of nominees for the elective offices and directorships for upcoming Club Year |
| April 11th | Saturday | Outdoor/park TBD General Meeting & finalizing spring shows |
| | | TBD |
| May TBD | Saturday | Additional nominations can be made at the May meeting by any Active Member in attendance for the elective offices and directorships for upcoming Club Year. |
| | | TBD |
| June TBD | Saturday | Designated Annual meeting, held in the month of June, at which Officers and Directors shall be elected for the ensuing year. Elected Officer(s) shall take office immediately upon the conclusion of the June meeting and retiring officer overturns all items related to office by July 1st. |
| July TBD | TBD | Club Award Banquet - TBD |

GSDC of Atlanta Awards Banquet!

Thank you to everyone who attended the Awards Banquet and enjoyed the beautiful weather. If you were unable to attend, we're sorry you missed it, we're sorry we missed you, and we hope to see you next time.

We started off with a 1.5 mile walk led by Lisa's girls, Fancy and Lita. We were safe with Ren's boy Viper covering the rear and keeping an eye on the weird lady behind him (me).

They walked up hills, crossed bridges and fields, and encountered kids, bikes, and kids falling from bikes. Justin even prepared for his future in Barn Hunt. P.S. The fallen kid was wearing a helmet and was not injured!



GSDC of Atlanta Awards Banquet!



*woMAN's
Best
Friend*



GSDC of Atlanta Awards Banquet!



For those who don't know, Joye and Ren have been friends since Hec was a pup! They met in the 80's when Joye had a GSD and Ren had a...shit zoo, wait no, a shit poo, sorry, a Shih Tzu. Yes, a lovely little shih tzu! Fortunately, Joye challenged Ren to foster a GSD puppy and the rest is history!



Shout out to friendships, dogs, and friendships created by dogs!



I hope I haven't offended any Shih Tzu lovers! I love them too and have a few besties who adore me!



GSDC of Atlanta Awards Banquet!

Dan the Grill Man & his right hand man took care of the grub!



The guys got busy grilling while the others caught up, including litter mates Viper and Luna. Vess 'The Dogfather' did his part auditing the grill guys making sure everything was up to par! They did an awesome job... Way to keep them in line Vess!



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GSDC of Atlanta Awards Banquet!

Once the walking, talking, laughing, sweating and meeting future GSD owners, handlers, and members was done, it was time to eat and award!



Mindi graciously accepted awards on Jessica Ball's behalf.



John was awarded for titles on Nic and Luna.

Shout out to friendships, dogs, and friendships created by dogs!



The lovely Marilyn and her love bug Hilary were awarded for titles on Easter.



Mark your calendar!

We are coming to Perry, Georgia!

2 Concurrent Specialties in connection
with The Winter Wonderland Cluster
and the Kennesaw & Oconee River Kennel Clubs

Saturday, November 29 - Judge Vicki Bemont

Sunday, November 30 - Judge Jon Cole

Entries close Wednesday, November 5

Georgia National Fairgrounds
401 Larry Walker Parkway
Perry, Georgia

Superintendent
Foy Trent Dog Shows
PO Box C, Sturgeon MO
www.FoyTrentDogShows.com
573-687-2101

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Annual Dues Notice (past due)
German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta, Inc.

<https://www.gsdcatlanta.org>

Facebook: **GSDC of Atlanta**

Instagram: **gsdcofatlanta**

Thank you for your continued support of the Club!

We truly appreciate it!

Be an early bird and donate toward the Trophy Fund for our upcoming 2025-2026 shows. Please add it to your dues payment :)

INDIVIDUAL: \$40.00

HOUSEHOLD: \$50.00

Name(s): _____

Current Address: _____

Current Email: _____

Current Cell #: _____

Accounts will be considered past due after October 1st of the current fiscal year. After that date, your membership will lapse. Reinstatement of membership must be requested in writing before December 31st (please send an email to the Treasurer) and will incur a \$5.00 fee which will be added to your dues.

Payment methods

Paypal: send to treasatlgsdclub@gmail.com & please add \$1.50 to payment to cover fee

Zelle: if interested, reach out and I can share the phone/email associated to club

Checks: Please make checks payable to - *German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta, Inc.*

mail to: c/o Justin Moore, Treasurer
6345 Forsyth Dr, Cumming, GA 30028



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Reading is good for the soul
Food for thought



We have interesting reads
for your perusal with listings of
upcoming events for you and
your pup to explore.



Is your pup getting adequate
mental exercise & stimulation?

What
about
your
pup's
owner?

Is your pup getting enough
physical exercise?

What
about
your
pup's
owner?

What are you feeding your
pup's brain?

What
about
your
pup's
owner?





HOW FORM/FUNCTION CONNECT

CROP/DOCK

VIA CITIZEN SCIENCE

by Dr. Carmen L. Battaglia

Solving problems using Citizen Science is not new. It builds on a community of people who work together on topics of mutual interest. Traditional research was always considered the purview of the university. This belief effectively ruled out other kinds of good science and the motivation of others to become involved. Today, there are many Citizen Science projects that involve monitoring the Chesapeake Bay, astronomy, environmental science, climatology, hydrology, neuroscience and genetics. In the dog world, it shifts the restrictions imposed by laboratory controls and allows breeders to participate in dog studies like the Morris Animal Foundation that has been studying Golden Retrievers, and the Dog Aging project at Texas A&M. Other ongoing studies are being used to shed light on problems of a specific interest. Citizen Science efforts can also mirror a successful concept used by the American Kennel Club Canine Health Foundation called the "Acorn Grant". These are small seed grants (studies) designed to determine the viability of an approach to a specific subject or to a problem area. In this case, breeders and their clubs could use the Citizen Science approach to study how Form and Function might be interconnected with helping the growing problems of breeds that use Crop and Dock techniques.

Tails Docked – There are several breeds that dock tails. Some might be for aesthetic reasons and others for reasons that might center around issues involving the breed's form and function. The problem for these breeders is that surgery could produce pain and suffering which leads others to argue that docking tails is not in the best interests of the dog or the breed.

Ears Cropped – Breeders of the Working and Herding breeds strive to increase the dog's awareness, so for a number of reasons need dogs to have standing ears. Some are in order to improve the dog's ability to know where game is and where a threat may unexpectedly come from. Sporting breeds all have down or hanging ears to protect their ears from pests and environmental hazards. They all rely on scent

and vision to hunt and detect. This has led to the argument that ear cropping is not a fashion and is linked to a breed's form and/or function. The problem for these breeders is that surgery involves anesthesia, which also has been connected to the concern that it could produce pain and suffering if not enough anesthesia is given during surgery.

In order to better understand the uses for docking and cropping, there needs to be a review and a study that examines the issues and how they are linked to important breed functions. For example, one could argue that standing ears are needed so the dog can rely on their ability to better hear and respond to things in their environment. This would explain why many breeds with naturally hanging ears often dock them.

Regardless of which argument is used, the controversy continues and begs for a small study that looks at a breed's form and function. A Citizen Science study could shed light on both of these issues. Ear cropping has generally been associated with certain breeds, particularly those used for guarding, hunting, and fighting. The popularity of ear cropping occurs in many breeds such as Doberman Pinschers, Great Danes, and Boxers, and the practice began in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Much of the controversy focuses on questions that involve fashion versus function, surgery, pain and suffering. This all leads to the argument that the procedure is used for aesthetic and cosmetic purposes in order to give a dog a particular "look". Others argue that cropped ears make the dog look tougher and more intimidating. Most of these arguments fail to back up their claims, and there is little support to address the surgical procedure that is said to cause:

- Pain, especially if performed without anesthesia.
- Infection: Cropped ears can become infected.
- Scarring: Can lead to further pain.
- Distorted ears: May not stand up or may have a distorted shape or position.
- Behavioral issues: Can make dogs more likely to be misinterpreted as aggressive.
- Communication difficulties: Dogs use their ears to communicate, and without their natural ears, they may struggle to communicate, which can lead to aggression.
- Hearing: May affect a dog's awareness. Dogs move their ears to help them interpret sounds.
- Emotional trauma: Cropping is usually performed on young puppies between 6-12 weeks of age. The surgical procedure is said to cause pain and suffering.

A Citizen Science study using the Acorn Grant approach would allow breeders, breed clubs and researchers the opportunity to study and evaluate the results of both issues. It would be an effort to see if they are connected to the form and function of these breeds.

WHY THE CONCERN?

For more than a generation, the Animal Rights groups (AR) have successfully carried out a systematic campaign against purebred dog owners. Today, there are laws in cities and states that affect the future for many breeds. The AR has successfully used a wide range of strategies and approaches aimed at breeds they believe have traits that are extreme or unnatural, such as those with extreme angulation along with the chondrodysplasia, hairless and brachycephalic breeds. All are associated with AKC purebred dog breeders.

History shows that undefined labels are one of the best ways to drive the winds that have already altered and brought about changes in the dog world.

The growing interest in animal welfare has been used to craft labels which can be applied to certain AKC breeds and events where breeds and breeders can become the candidates for anti-dog legislation. Over the years the AR has used the power of undefined labels to capture the public's interest and attention with great success.

History has demonstrated that labels are an effective way to drive ideas. They are not new in the industrialized world. Advertising agencies and political campaigns use them to influence policy, regulations and elections. The hotter the issue, the more dramatic the pitch and the more clever the strategy. When the issue is ideological, labels are used to energize supporters. Labels are also used on websites to announce issues and promote ways to address problems. Combined with slogans, they become even more important as the vehicles for influencing opinions and changing perceptions. Sociologists call this the "labeling process". Many studies have reported how groups and organizations have been targeted. They all confirm that the "labeling process" is effective when applied to specific goals and objectives.

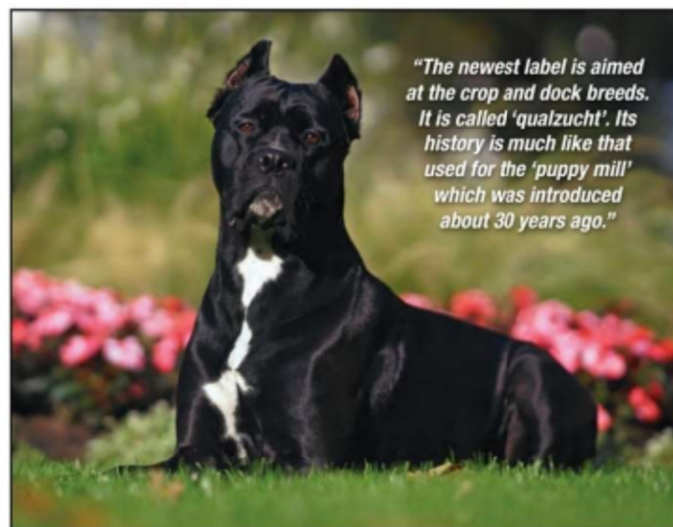
Understanding how the "labeling process" is used to drive more anti-dog legislation is central to the need for a Citizen Science study. For example, we should not overlook why breeders are willing to use undefined labels without ever understanding their meaning or purpose, and more importantly, how they will be used to make them the next victim.

In the dog world, some of the first uses of labels focused on certain breeds and their breeders which influenced changes to policies, zoning regulations and animal legislation. The strategy was to get the breeders and writers to accept their use in conversation, at meetings and on websites. This step also involved critic groups whose job was to develop the arguments needed for court cases and to find the methods that the public and a jury would accept.

In the past, the most popular use of an undefined label was to aim it at the commercial, or high-volume breeders, calling them "puppy mills". Other labels were added which included "overpopulation", "vicious dogs" and "dangerous dogs". While

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each enjoyed widespread acceptance, none were ever defined, and in each case, the fancy and the public accepted them without any understanding of what they meant or how they would be used. After more than three decades, the use of undefined labels continues to expand. For these reasons, it is important to appreciate who creates them (change agents), why and how they are used, and what effect they will have on the AKC, veterinary schools, dog clubs, registrations, and ultimately the breeds and their breeders.

A few years ago, a new label was introduced which was designed to make breeders the victim and their pups the target. It was called the "responsible breeder". It focused on the quality of the pups being produced. What made it politically correct was the fact that it had many meanings and interpretations. Most importantly, it offered everyone who "does the right thing" the opportunity to label themselves a "responsible breeder". Underneath its exterior was the special emphasis that focused on the quality of the pups being produced. The label assumed that if a pup was of poor quality, unhealthy or had something wrong, it should not be bred and its parents should be removed from the breeding pool. Most breeders agreed with this notion and responded by selling pups without AKC registration papers or on a limited registration or a spay/neuter contract. The underlying assumption was that they were being "responsible breeders". The notion that the unsound and unhealthy should not be bred was fundamental to the label and it served as the best indicator of whether a breeder was being responsible or not. This strategy also identified some that were better than others. It saluted those who bred to produce quality. Their success proved they could influence important and fundamental issues that breeders would be quick to endorse without ever understanding their impact if they could label themselves a

"responsible breeder". This led to a scramble for the use of new and better technologies like DNA. All of this was tied to the "responsible breeder" label and the goal for quality pups. Thus, a responsible breeder could be measured by the number of quality pups they registered and produced. One measure would count the number of pups being sold on a limited registrations or without papers.

The advantage they gained using labels is that they could continue to keep them vague and undefined, which also reduced the chances for resistance. When catchy words and phrases were linked to them, they became more effective. The better labels painted only a general description and thus were able to gather attention and the willingness of breeders and their clubs to use them.

The newest label is aimed at the crop and dock breeds. It is called "qualzucht". Its history is much like that used for the "puppy mill" which was introduced about 30 years ago. This new label called "ra-

dial qualzucht" which translated from German literally means "torture breeding". It refers to pain, suffering, damage and behavioral disorders. It leads the audience to the conclusion that certain breeds and their extreme traits and appearances are inhumane (Goeff).

Whether "Qualzucht" will follow in the footsteps of the other labels is yet to be determined, but based on the past, it is safe to say that without research via Citizen Science or the Acorn grant, breeds that use crop and dock will be labeled "torture breeds". The label will attract the attention of the public and juries will not look kindly on breeds that use surgery unless there are studies and research to show why it is needed, or how it can be linked to the form and function of a breed. Lessons from the past confirm that labels have, and will continue to be, an effective tool that wins on issues of importance. Therefore, research and science needs to be used that will clarify and bring into focus a better understanding of the issues.

About the Author

Carmen L. Battaglia holds a Ph.D. and Master's Degree from Florida State University. He is an author of many articles, several books, an AKC Director, judge and researcher. He is a well-known lecturer and leader in the promotion of breeding better dogs. Dr. Battaglia is also a popular guest on TV and radio talk shows including several appearances on Animal Planet. His seminars on breeding better dogs, selecting sires and choosing puppies have been well received by breed clubs. Those interested in learning more about his writings and seminars should visit the website <http://www.breedingbetterdogs.com>

Healing Dogs with Their Own Cells: The Promise of Regenerative Medicine



Imagine helping your dog heal from an injury or arthritis using their own cells. It sounds like science fiction, but that's the promise of regenerative medicine for pets. Regenerative medicine refers to advanced therapies that tap into the body's natural healing abilities—treatments like stem cell therapy, platelet-rich plasma (PRP), and others. The goal is a faster recovery by aiding the body to heal itself so dogs can enjoy healthier, more vibrant lives.

What Exactly Are Stem Cells?

You've probably heard of stem cells—but what are they, exactly? In short, they're versatile cells capable of becoming different types of tissue. Some are true blank slates, able to turn into any cell in the body, while others are more specialized and limited in what they can become.

This unique power makes stem cells so exciting: they don't just fight disease, they can actually rebuild tissue and speed healing.

Where Do Stem Cells Come From in Dogs?

Stem cells are extraordinary, and they're already inside us. Even as adults, we carry these natural tools for growth and repair. Scientists are finding ways to tap into their potential to treat injuries and disease.

Two of the richest sources are bone marrow and fat (adipose) tissue. Fat is especially abundant in stem cells, and collecting a small fat sample is quick, simple, and minimally invasive.

How Does Stem Cell Therapy Work?

So, how do we go from a bit of fat tissue to repaired tissue? Here's what canine stem cell therapy can look like:

Collect: A small fat sample is taken from an area like the belly or shoulder area through a tiny incision.

Isolate: In the lab, stem cells are extracted from the fat. Thanks to their abundance in fat tissue, a therapeutic dose of stem cells can be ready in hours.

Inject: The cells are put directly into the problem area, like an arthritic joint or injured tendon, where they reduce inflammation, release growth factors, and help regenerate healthy tissue.

Next-Level Therapy: Priming Cells for Targeted Repair

Many stem cell therapies inject cells directly into damaged areas and let them get to work healing. Researchers are also developing ways to guide stem cells into becoming specific tissues, like cartilage or muscle, before they ever enter the body.

In Australia, Dr. Ronald Sluyter's team at the University of Wollongong, working with the AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF), is exploring this approach for damaged joints. They're studying two enzymes, CD73 and CD39, that influence adenosine, a chemical that controls the immune system and helps tissues respond to stress. By using targeted antibodies to block these enzymes, the team hopes to reduce arthritis-related inflammation.

The work is still in early stages, but could one day give vets more options to treat damaged joints. Dr. Sluyter first discovered this enzyme connection in dogs through his human medicine research, and sees promise for both species.

"Dogs are a very important part of people's lives and the fabric of our society," Dr. Sluyter said. "Hopefully our work can help with more diseases like cancer therapies, autoimmune conditions – inflammation is central to most diseases. We want to try to raise awareness to show that what we discover in humans can be applied to companion animals."

Proven Benefits for Dogs Today

Regenerative therapies are already helping dogs with osteoarthritis and joint injuries. Studies show treated dogs often limp less, have less pain, and move more easily. Early research also suggests they can speed ligament healing and reduce scarring. One trial is testing stem cells for a common shoulder tendon injury in dogs, aiming to restore function without chronic pain.

Research is expanding beyond joints, too. A recent CHF-funded study used a dog's muscle-derived regenerative cells to treat urinary incontinence (leaking urine) in female dogs that didn't respond to standard therapies. Amazingly, it found that 14 out of 15 dogs showed significant improvement, and many remained mostly continent for at least two years.



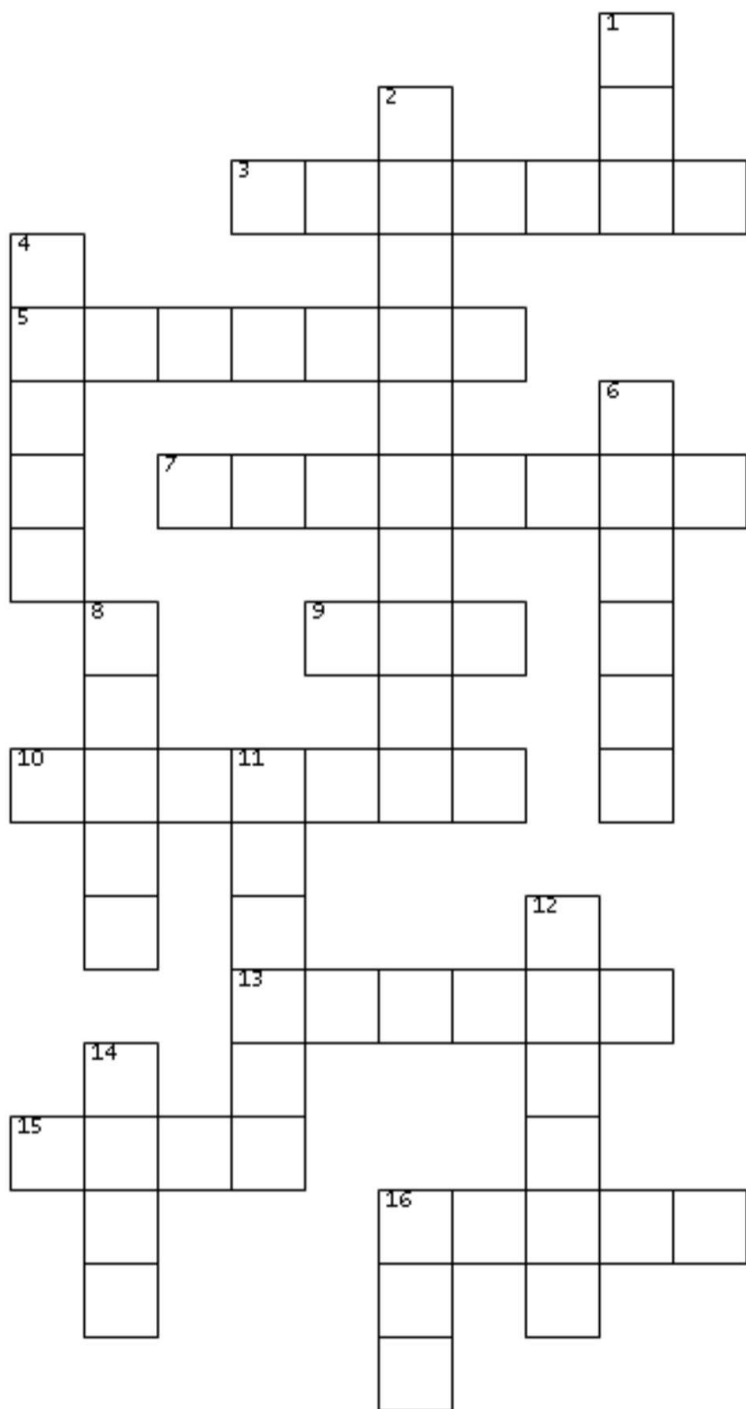


ACROSS

3. GSDs belong to which grouping of breeds.
5. Other than being natural guard dogs, GSDs are also known and adored for their ____.
7. The most common coat color for GSDs.
9. A popular canine movie star ____ Tin Tin.
10. Most GSDs love hugs and ____ with their owners.
13. In addition to physical activity and exercise, GSDs also needs ____ stimulation.
15. GSD has a one that is bushy and reaches to the hock.
16. GSDs were originally bred for herding ____.

DOWN

1. The GSD breed was founded on the dog Horand ____ Grafath.
2. GSDs are loyal, intelligent, and also ____ by nature.
4. Some of ours may be a bit goofy, but GSDs in general are known to be ____.
6. GSDs are great ____ companions.
8. One way to help manage the amount of loose hair on our German Sheddors is to ____ more frequently.
11. Best way to cut GSDs thick nails.
12. GSDs have a long neck which is ____ when excited, and lowered when moving at a fast pace, as well as stalking.
14. GSDs are longer than they are ____.
16. Acronym for Search & Rescue.



Note: Treats for the 1st two members to return both puzzles (correctly completed 😊).



GSD lovers

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Upcoming Barn Hunt Events



| Friday, October 10th, 2025 | | | Contact | Judges |
|-------------------------------|------------------|---|--|--|
| Trial | Lawrenceville GA | Canine Country Academy 975 Cripple Creek Drive | Canine Country Academy Barn Hunt Club email: Jeanne Anderson 770-380-3618 | Judy Amarose, Acworth GA |
| Saturday, October 11th, 2025 | | | Contact | Judges |
| Trial | Lawrenceville GA | Canine Country Academy 975 Cripple Creek Drive | Canine Country Academy Barn Hunt Club email: Jeanne Anderson 770-380-3618 | Judy Amarose, Acworth GA |
| Fun Test | Cairo GA | 24K Retrievers 165 Tobacco Circle | Tallahassee Dog Obedience Club email: Destiny Martel 229-872-3905 | Heather Nicole Peppers |
| Sunday, October 12th, 2025 | | | Contact | Judges |
| Trial | Lawrenceville GA | Canine Country Academy 975 Cripple Creek Drive | Canine Country Academy Barn Hunt Club email: Jeanne Anderson 770-380-3618 | Judy Amarose, Acworth GA |
| Fun Test | Cairo GA | 24K Retrievers 165 Tobacco Circle | Tallahassee Dog Obedience Club email: Destiny Martel 229-872-3905 | Heather Nicole Peppers |
| Saturday, October 25th, 2025 | | | Contact | Judges |
| Trial | Pine Mountain GA | Champion Crossroads Canine 35 Bethany Church Road | Champion Canine Barn Hunt email: Elizabeth Blume 713-416-9722 | Darla Lacey, Winder GA |
| Sunday, October 26th, 2025 | | | Contact | Judges |
| Trial | Pine Mountain GA | Champion Crossroads Canine 35 Bethany Church Road | Champion Canine Barn Hunt email: Elizabeth Blume 713-416-9722 | Darla Lacey, Winder GA |
| Friday, October 31st, 2025 | | | Contact | Judges |
| Trial | Waleska GA | Gogogodog Acres 585 Moores Mill Ln | Georgia Barn Hunt email: Judy Amarose 770-329-1211 | Connie Moody, Olive Branch MS |
| Saturday, November 1st, 2025 | | | Contact | Judges |
| Trial | Waleska GA | Gogogodog Acres 585 Moores Mill Ln | Georgia Barn Hunt email: Judy Amarose 770-329-1211 | Connie Moody, Olive Branch MS |
| Sunday, November 2nd, 2025 | | | Contact | Judges |
| Trial | Waleska GA | Gogogodog Acres 585 Moores Mill Ln | Georgia Barn Hunt email: Judy Amarose 770-329-1211 | Connie Moody, Olive Branch MS |
| Friday, November 28th, 2025 | | | Contact | Judges |
| Trial | Perry GA | Covered Horse Arena Georgia National Fairgrounds 401 Larry Walker Pkwy | Georgia Barn Hunt email: Judy Amarose 770-329-1211 | Janna Heiligenstein, West Bend WI Becky Moses, Ocala FL |
| Saturday, November 29th, 2025 | | | Contact | Judges |
| Trial | Perry GA | Covered Horse Arena Georgia National Fairgrounds 401 Larry Walker Pkwy | Georgia Barn Hunt email: Judy Amarose 770-329-1211 | Janna Heiligenstein, West Bend WI Becky Moses, Ocala FL |
| Sunday, November 30th, 2025 | | | Contact | Judges |
| Trial | Perry GA | Covered Horse Arena Georgia National Fairgrounds 401 Larry Walker Pkwy | Georgia Barn Hunt email: Judy Amarose 770-329-1211 | Janna Heiligenstein, West Bend WI Becky Moses, Ocala FL |
| Saturday, December 6th, 2025 | | | Contact | Judges |
| Trial | Pine Mountain GA | Champion Crossroads Canine 35 Bethany Church Road | Champion Canine Barn Hunt email: Elizabeth Blume 713-416-9722 | Jennifer Simpson, Bethlehem GA |
| Sunday, December 7th, 2025 | | | Contact | Judges |
| Trial | Pine Mountain GA | Champion Crossroads Canine 35 Bethany Church Road | Champion Canine Barn Hunt email: Elizabeth Blume 713-416-9722 | Jennifer Simpson, Bethlehem GA |

Don't miss out! Registration opened
9.1.25 & closes on 10.10.25 🐑

Let's bring our herding dogs out and
let them do what they were bred to do!



**North Georgia All Breed Herding Dog
Association**

Jul 13 · 🌐

SAVE THE DATE

October 25, 2025 (2) AKC Instinct Tests

October 26, 2025 (2) HT/PT Test



**NORTH
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SAVE THE DATE!!

Fall Herding Tests

October 25th and 26th, 2025

2 Herding Instinct Tests

Saturday, October 25th

2 HT and PT Tests October,

Sunday 26th

Tests will be on 3 Sheep



Upcoming Herding Trials

Share:

HRTS | HRTS Any AKC Recognized or FSS Breed GA, AL, SC, NC, ... 09/01/25 - 11/02/25 More Options

SEPTEMBER 2025

Fri
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HRTS | FDC Fri Sep 26, 2025

Herding Club of the Carolinas
Union, SC

Event Approved #2025751624

Opens: Aug 01, 2025
Closes: Sep 26, 2025 Noon
Atlantic Time

Entry Fees:
HRTS: \$45.00
FDC: \$25.00

Eligible Breed(s):
• HRD Event Breed (HRTS)
• All AKC-Recognized Breeds (FDC)

Event Document(s):
• Premium List (Includes Entry Info)

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HRTS | FDC Fri Sep 26, 2025

Herding Club of the Carolinas
Union, SC

Event Approved #2025751625

Opens: Aug 01, 2025
Closes: Sep 26, 2025 Noon
Atlantic Time

Entry Fees:
HRTS: \$45.00
FDC: \$25.00

Eligible Breed(s):
• HRD Event Breed (HRTS)
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Sat
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HRTS | FDC Sat Sep 27, 2025

Herding Club of the Carolinas
Union, SC

Event Approved #2025751626

Opens: Aug 01, 2025
Closes: Sep 27, 2025 Noon
Atlantic Time

Entry Fees:
HRTS: \$45.00
FDC: \$25.00

Eligible Breed(s):
• HRD Event Breed (HRTS)
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HRTS | FDC Sat Sep 27, 2025

Herding Club of the Carolinas
Union, SC

Event Approved #2025751627

Opens: Aug 01, 2025
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Atlantic Time

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HRTS: \$45.00
FDC: \$25.00

Eligible Breed(s):
• HRD Event Breed (HRTS)
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HRTS | FDC Sun Sep 28, 2025

Herding Club of the Carolinas
Union, SC

Event Approved #2025751628

Opens: Aug 01, 2025
Closes: Sep 28, 2025 Noon
Atlantic Time

Entry Fees:
HRTS: \$45.00
FDC: \$25.00

Eligible Breed(s):
• HRD Event Breed (HRTS)
• All AKC-Recognized Breeds (FDC)

Event Document(s):
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HRTS | FDC Sun Sep 28, 2025

Herding Club of the Carolinas
Union, SC

Event Approved #2025751629

Opens: Aug 01, 2025
Closes: Sep 28, 2025 Noon
Atlantic Time

Entry Fees:
HRTS: \$45.00
FDC: \$25.00

Eligible Breed(s):
• HRD Event Breed (HRTS)
• All AKC-Recognized Breeds (FDC)

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Sat
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HRTS | HRTS Sat Oct 11, 2025

Cardigan Welsh Corgi Club of America, Inc.
Denton, NC

Event Approved #2025204221

Opens: Aug 20, 2025 08:00am
Closes: Sep 24, 2025 06:00pm
Eastern Time

Entry Fees:
HRTS: \$55.00
HTRA: \$55.00

Eligible Breed(s):
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HRTS | HRTS Sun Oct 12, 2025

Cardigan Welsh Corgi Club of America, Inc.
Denton, NC

Event Approved #2025204224

Opens: Aug 20, 2025 08:00am
Closes: Sep 24, 2025 06:00pm
Eastern Time

Entry Fees:
HRTS: \$55.00
HTRA: \$55.00

Eligible Breed(s):
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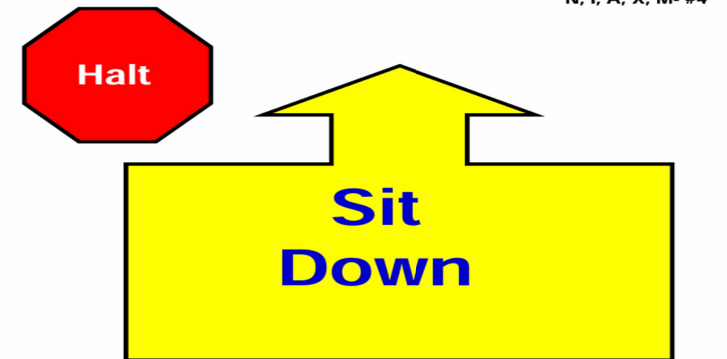


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| 09/19/2025 - 09/21/2025 | 2025 NADD West Volusia Cl... | SouthEast Mobile Dock | Deland FL |
| 09/26/2025 - 09/28/2025 | Mugu's Jump into the New Sea... | Mugu's Pet Resort | St Marys GA |
| 09/26/2025 - 09/28/2025 | 2025 The Brightside's Goodbye... | The Brightside Dog Training | Dacula GA |
| 09/26/2025 - 09/28/2025 | 2025 NADD Fall Fling AKC A... | SouthEast Mobile Dock | Pendleton SC |
| 09/27/2025 - 09/28/2025 | Spectacular September Courte... | Courteous Canine Diving Dogs | Lutz FL |
| 10/03/2025 - 10/05/2025 | 2025 Legacy Diving Dogs Jum... | Legacy Diving Dogs | Deland FL |
| 10/03/2025 - 10/05/2025 | Bratty Paws October Fall Splas... | Bratty Paws Dog Plex | Punta Gorda FL |
| 10/09/2025 - 10/12/2025 | 2025 NADD Harvest Clus... | Great Lakes Mobile Dock | Lebanon TN |
| 10/09/2025 - 10/12/2025 | 2025 NADD Pirate Cluste... | SouthEast Mobile Dock | FT Peirce FL |
| 10/17/2025 - 10/19/2025 | Mugu's Halloweenie Weekend (...) | Mugu's Pet Resort | St Marys GA |
| 10/17/2025 - 10/19/2025 | 2025 NADD Oneworld Canin... | SouthEast Mobile Dock | Anniston Alabama |
| 10/18/2025 - 10/19/2025 | October Courteous Canine Spl... | Courteous Canine Diving Dogs | Lutz FL |
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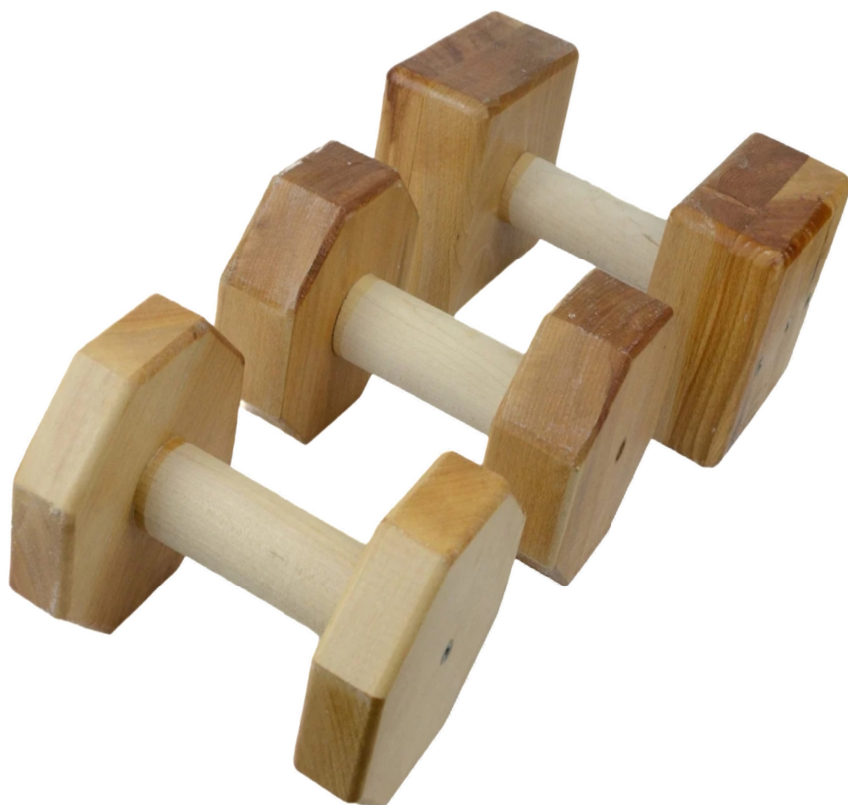
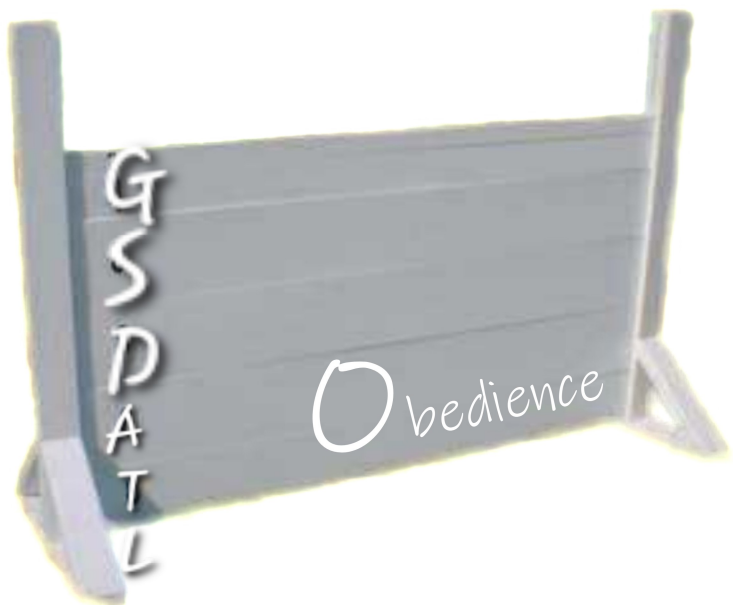


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PUPdates



Mani's mental
stimulation



Mani had his first
dive into the world
of Barn Hunt! He
was curious,
confident, and
totally captivated
by the whole game.



Justin is excited to see how far
his little hunter in training will
go!!



No rats were harmed, but plenty
of tunnels were conquered and bay
hales inspected.



New beginnings...

PUPdates



Congratulations Joye!!

We are so happy for your acquisition of this beautiful girl, **Cher!**

Since she has already turned up the energy in your home, we hope you have an extra pair of running shoes ready!



CHER



We can't wait to see you turn up with Cher!

Congratulations Hilary & Marilyn!!

Special Delivery!

Easter Bunny baked up a special batch of mini-bunz!

Bunz, Bunz, and more Bunz!!!

7 boy bunz
3 girl bunz



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DOGgone Special



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Miss Tango attended an AKC Greenville Kennel Club show and took WB, BOW, and OHBOB!

Welcome to the south Miss Tango!

Both Dan & Tango had 1st time experiences at UKC Middle GA Kennel Club Shows.

Tango - UKC event, hotel stay with Dan

Dan - UKC handling, hotel stay with Tango, 10 times in the ring without sleep 😞 (Thanks Tango)

They took two Breed and Group 1's at the Saturday shows, and two Best Female wins at the Sunday shows.



colbyhausWhiskeyTangoFoxtrotTC

VOILAAA 🎵 After two days and four shows, Tango earned her UKC Championship!

Breeders/Owners: Linda & Stephen Colby, Justin Moore, Dan Picknell, Sylvain Genereux

Great to see Dan back in the ring!

DOGgone Special



Busy guy **Luc** took some time off from the conformation ring, but returned strong as ever!

He took two Selects and two Best of Opposite Sex against lovely competition in Kenner, LA at Louisiana and Metairie Kennel Club shows.

THEN, he went to four shows in Doswell, VA and collected Best of Breed x 3 and a Select!

**DAE GCH CH Trademark's Going Where Snowman Has Gone Before
TKN PT CGCA CGCU AHBA JHD FDC TC CHIC**



Breeder: Vera Symonds Owners: Lisa Reynoldson, Vera Symonds

DOGgone Special

Oooh she did
it again!



The lovely Scandal attended the Salisbury North Carolina Kennel Club shows and took Select and BIS, yes Best In Show!

Scandal's win tied the Black GSD BIS record. As fast as she is, she probably already surpassed the record and we missed her flying by!

She also flaunted her stuff at the Lake Norman Kennel Club show and took Breed and Group 2.

CONGRATS !!



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Breeders/Owners: Karena Moses, James Moses

We want to take a moment
to recognize and
acknowledge our club
Veterans!

Let's give our club Veterans
their cookies and flowers!



11 Club

Zip – Morgan & Ren L.

10 Club

Badger – Kathy V.

Tucker – Dan P., Justin M., Linda C.

8 club

Casey – Mindi & Marty C.

Krissy – Dan P., Justin M., Linda C.

Brooks – John C.

7 club

Rassie – Morgan & Ren L.

Maverick – Morgan & Ren L.

June – John C.

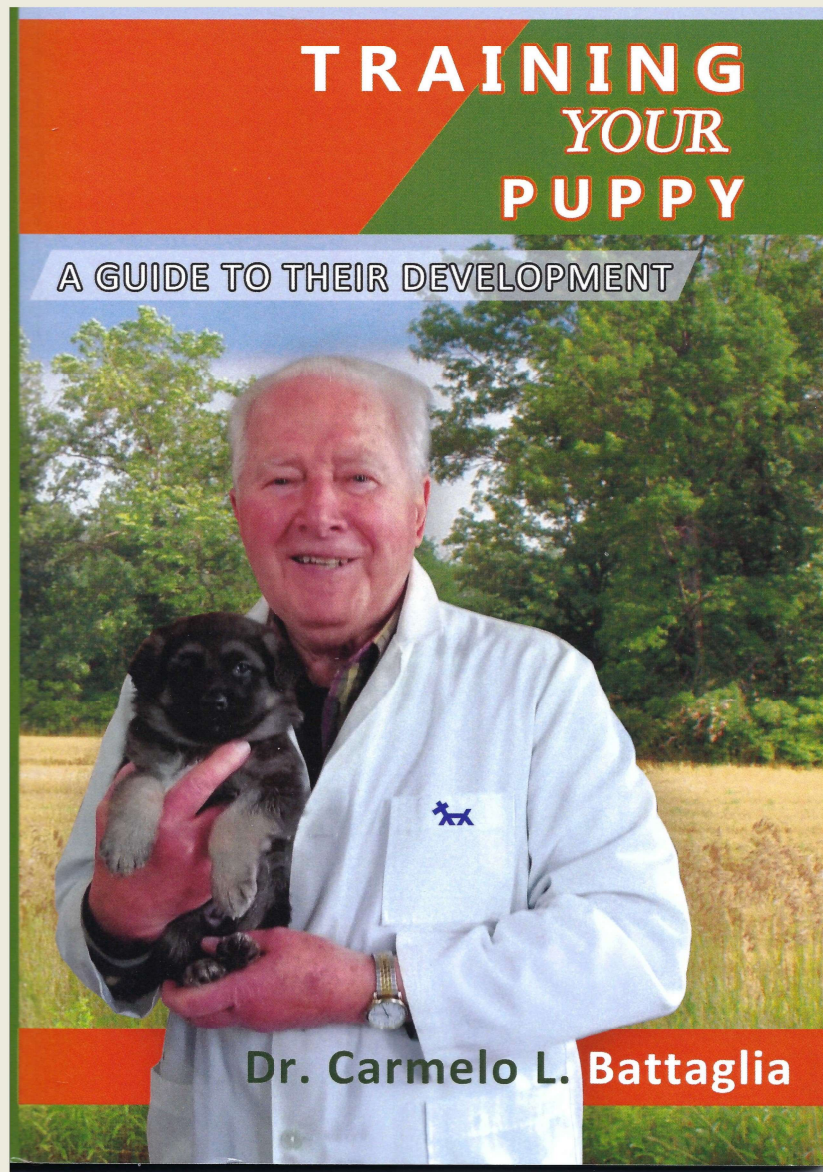
AND the Senior
Veteran Award
goes to.....

ZIP GCH CH
Ranita's Song of
the South TC PT



Still Available!!

EXTRA! EXTRA!



In case you haven't heard, our own **Dr. Carmen Battaglia** recently published a new book, "Training Your Puppy". With his knowledge, education, and experience, it is a **MUST have!**

This book is a must-read for anyone bringing a new puppy into their home. Dr. Battaglia explains how to train and develop your puppy from the moment it walks into your home until it reaches adulthood using ideas and concepts that are easy to understand. His techniques have been well tested and easy to understand. Use them and your puppy will better understand you.

~ Tom Grabe, Publisher of The Canine Chronicle

This is a one stop manual for understanding your puppy's development and how you should train them. Battaglia provides ample evidence about how to speak to your puppy or dog using one syllable words and why one syllable words like "sit" and "stay" will help your pup to learn faster. He also includes information and tips on everything from introducing a new puppy into the family, to trimming toe nails. The book is written in a style that is simple to read, follow, and comprehend. The chapters can be read out of order as each chapter stands alone allowing readers to identify the answers they are seeking which are listed in the table of contents.

~ Chelsea Burdick

What a terrific book! It's all about common sense ideas...makes me think that even us "experienced (old)" breeders can learn something new.

~ Sylvia

If there were a Nobel Prize in the dog world for this, you should receive it.

~ Bryant Freeman, Ph.D. (Yale)

This book avoids the heavy jargon of the scientist and has something to offer anyone interested in owning and training a better puppy.

~ Ralph J. Graff, M.D. Director of Histocompatibility and Immunogenetics Laboratory Saint Louis University Medical Center

Carmelo Louis Battaglia is the author of TRAINING YOUR PUPPY. He lives in Roswell Georgia where he continues to breed and conduct his research.



**CONGRATS
CARMEN!**

Available on Amazon -

<https://www.amazon.com/Training-Your-Puppy-GUIDE-DEVELOPMENT/dp/B0DTTR1Z92>

A note from our Referral Coordinator Joye Evans



I joined the GSDC of Atlanta in 1972, moved out of the area and continued in obedience with my dogs until we moved back to Atlanta in 1984. I rejoined the club in 1988 after my old dogs had died and I purchased a puppy from Caralon Kennels. I've had dogs that were shown in conformation, obedience, rally, herding, FastCat, and dabbled in tracking and nose work.

Questions that I ask callers

Have you ever owned a GSD before
What area of town do you live in or does it matter how far away the puppy is located
Do you have a fenced yard or what is your exercise plan
Do you want a puppy or an older dog
What do you want to do with your dog – pet, show, performance, etc.
How did you find out about the club

Questions I advise callers to ask the person with puppies. Callers frequently know of "puppies" from a friend knows someone who has a litter.

What health screenings do the parents have, i.e. OFA, DM, etc.
Make sure you meet the dam of the puppies, if you don't like her leave
How old is the dam
Do they have both parents on site

I tell everyone that calls – your dog needs a job – if you don't give him one, they will make their own job.

Everyone has their own hot buttons and these are mine. I've been fortunate to have great mentors over the years. Scootie Sherlock of Caralon Kennels, was my first mentor and was always there for me even after I no longer had a dog from her bloodlines. Find yourself a mentor and then listen.

Club's Breeder Referral

I offer referrals towards our club members first. If I don't know of any club puppies, I offer names of others local to our area that I know offer a good dog and will stand behind their puppies. And I give no preferences to anyone – I try to be as unbiased as possible.

The below questions are based on my experience as a breeder and owner. My first dog purchase in 1968 was an inbred father/daughter litter, and he had the most titles of any dog in his 5-generation pedigree – a CDX. I will credit him with establishing my love of the breed and we had a lot of fun.

Members, keep me in the loop!
Let me know if you're having puppies, planning a litter, or have a dog you want to place.

MEET the BREED

Learn more about the breed through our parent club and AKC!!



NEW PUPPY tips!

- **MEET THE BREEDER**—Don't be put off if a breeder isn't immediately responsive. Some breeders have full-time jobs, and they don't always have available puppies. Be selective. Find a breeder who is knowledgeable and make sure you're comfortable with them. Establish a good rapport with them as they will be an excellent resource and breed mentor for you throughout the life of your puppy. *
- **ASK ABOUT THE PUPPY'S PARENTS**— Get an idea of what the future holds for your dog in terms of temperament and appearance. Breeders should be honest about the breed's strengths and weaknesses and knowledgeable about the genetic diseases that can affect their breed — including what's being done to avoid them. *
- **Don't expect to bring home the puppy until it's 8 to 12 weeks of age.** A puppy needs ample time to mature and socialize with its mother and littermates. *

American Kennel Club (AKC)

<https://www.akc.org/dog-breeds/german-shepherd-dog/>

<https://www.akc.org/breed-selector-tool/#/>

German Shepherd Dog Club of America (GSDCA)

<https://www.gsdca.org/>



German Shepherd Dog Club of America



We highly recommend Membership with our Parent club.

It puts you right in the mix of what's happening in the world of GSD's.

Multiple membership options are available: Single, Family, Juniors. Requirements for membership types can be viewed directly on parent club's website or can be reviewed on the next page of this newsletter.

<https://www.gsdca.org/application-and-info/>



The German Shepherd Dog Club of America, Inc., also known as the Parent Club for the GSD, was formed in 1913 & incorporated February 7, 1916.

The purposes for which the Corporation was formed are listed below:

- 1) To promote the breeding of the German Shepherd Dog;
- 2) To define precisely and publish definition of the true type, and to urge the adoption of such types on breeders, judges, dog show committees, etc., as the only recognized and unvarying standard by which the German Shepherd Dog is to be judged, and which may in the future be uniformly accepted as the sole standard of excellence in breeding and awarding prizes of merit;
- 3) To do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed by offering prizes, supporting certain shows, encouraging the development of working qualities and taking any other steps that may seem advisable;
- 4) To promote its most conspicuous characteristics as Police Dog, War Dog, Red Cross Dog, and Herding Dog, and;
- 5) To encourage therefore all trial and demonstrations in which those qualities may be shown, so as to interest the public generally, but especially the police and other municipal organizations in our ideals.

- GSDCA Membership Application -

Application is available on the parent club's website:
<https://www.gsdca.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/GSDCA-App-2.pdf>



GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OR RENEWAL

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 9 years of age and not more than 17 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 <https://www.gsdca.org/application-and-info/>

Check Your Desired Membership Type:

☐ Membership Review

☐ One Year

☐ Three Year

☐ Five Year

| Category | Delivery | | | |
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| Single | Online Only | \$55 | \$160 | \$265 |
| Single | Print & Online | \$75 | \$215 | \$355 |
| Family | Online Only | \$80 | \$230 | \$385 |
| Family | Print & Online | \$115 | \$325 | \$545 |

Additional Delivery Charges

The GSDCA conducts elections electronically (online). To Opt Out and receive a paper ballot via USPS Check Here

Delivery in Poly Wrap: +\$5.00

1st 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—principle & one other person).

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

What activities do you enjoy with your GSD? (Check 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: _____

To mail your application, send to Toni Pals, 4440 Burkholm Rd, Mims, FL 32754 with check payable to GSDCA

Membership Dues 1st Year: \$55 Individual \$65 Household
(Membership Dues Each Year Thereafter -\$40 Individual; \$50 Household) Check/payment must accompany application.

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| For Office Use Only: | |
| Reviewed by Board | |
| Joined GSDCAtl | |

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

Date Attended _____

Anything else you'd like to share with us?

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ars? _____ If so, how many? _____



Application is available on the club's website:
<https://www.gsdcatlanta.org/pdf/forms/membership-application.pdf>



To club members who have lost fur babies, we
are extending thoughts and prayers for your
peace and comfort during your time of loss.

We have all been there at some point in time
and we're all in this together.

WE are here for *YOU!!*

With puppy love,

"A pet is never truly forgotten until it is no longer remembered." Lacie Petitto

German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta, Inc.

September Meeting

Saturday September 6th



Meeting Minutes September 6, 2025 Call-In Meeting
Saturday, September 6th at 11:00 AM

Attendees: Justin & Dan, Ren & Morgan, & Joye Evans

Dan called the meeting to order at 11:02am.

◆ Old business

➤ November 2025 Shows (29th & 30th)

- Vicki Bemont on Saturday and Jon Cole on Sunday
- Dan advised that our shows would be likely in the afternoon. Dan says that the hotel on site is set to open in September.
- Volunteers: ring steward, assistance ring steward, additional help on hand
 - o Joye will be able to ring steward during dogs but not bitches if her girl is entered. Justin can assist and Ren can jump in as well.
- Premium: board names, awards, drafts
- Ribbons: purchased rosettes, flat ribbons
- Ad in Review, page 81
- Donations – Linda Colby has donated several prizes. We are still needing donations toward rosettes.

⌚ Expense as of now \$308. Lisa covered Review ad expense.

⌚ April 2026 Shows – Jack Kilgour & Rita Sandell for our club

- o Friday AM – Jack Kilgour (ATL)
- o Friday PM – Ken Tank (NGA)
- o Saturday AM – (NGA) not confirmed yet
- o Saturday PM – Rita Sandell
- o Sunday – Futurity/Maturity -Dick Jones (NGA)

⌚ North Georgia has the Futurity/Maturity that weekend.

⌚ Ring set up possibly late Thursday evening.

⌚ Futurity will be Sunday.

⌚ Donations- still need donations

⌚ Hotel: NG block off rooms at Comfort Inn

⌚ Volunteers: ring stewards, pick up judges

Continued on next page

German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta, Inc.
September Meeting cont'd
Saturday September 6th



- ⌚ Ring location: Etowah River Park at the canoe launch area. We will not be using the pavilion, but we can drive to area which is right next to where the show site will be
- ⌚ Start time: Saturday @ noon (can arrive at or after 11:30am)
- ⌚ New Logo – Lisa is working on it and hopes to have logo for review/possible approval. Justin discussed the possibility of having some merchandise for members and possibly sell some items.
- ⌚ Expanding Club footprint: new members, new outings/events
 - ☐ Dan provided some info on the UKC shows in Perry. There were 18 GSDs entered. Dan was impressed with the show of support from these folks and enjoyed meeting them and discussing our shows. Some of the UKC folks showed interest in entering our Nov shows in Perry. Hoping to set up a practice ring in Oct so some of them can come and practice.

◆ New business

- Treasurer report – Nov show income as of end of August \$359.03, more than half the members have renewed their membership and paid dues.
- Brags
 - ⌚ Dan had a huge brag about UKC shows (Sat & Sun) – Tango came from classes, WB, Best of Winners, Best of Breed, and then Group 1 in Herding Group in two shows!! Tango was amazing and finished her UKC championship in two days with 110 points! Dan donated \$10 for the brag.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:39am.

German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta, Inc.

August Meeting

Saturday August 16th



Meeting Minutes – Eagles Beak Park in Ball Ground, GA
Saturday, August 16, 2025

Attendees: Dan Picknell, Justin Moore, Ren Lewis, Linda Colby, Marilyn & Hilary Boretz and Tanya Jones

Dogs: Krissy, Tango, Viper

The meeting was called to order by Dan at 11:12am

Treasury Report:

- ⌚ Justin advised that the treasury report is now on the club website for viewing for all club members.
- ⌚ The club is earning about \$80 per month from the CD.
- ⌚ Justin discussed the financials and the color coding he is using while staying with the same format as the previous treasurer.
- ⌚ A contribution of \$100 was made to the parent club for the upcoming national.
- ⌚ Membership dues are coming in.
- ⌚ \$60 payment was made for website

Old Business:

- ⌚ Novembers shows in Perry have been approved by AKC and fees paid.
 - o We are currently working on the premium list details to submit to Foy Trent.
 - o The shows will be outside in Perry.
 - o We still need donations for these shows.
 - o We are adding Owner Handled to Nov and will purchase a \$25 gift card for prize.
 - o Almost all prizes are purchased except for a very few.

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German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta, Inc.
August Meeting cont'd
Saturday August 16th



- o Linda Colby donated quite a few items as prizes. Thanks, Linda!
- o We are working with Foy Trent regarding the ribbons/rosettes and will confirm if we are required to purchase through them. Ren advised that we have enough flat ribbons in stock already.

New Business:

- ⌚ Linda Colby submitted application to join the club and was announced in our newsletter. She has attended several club events/meetings and the board approved to move vote to floor.
 - o Ren made a motion to accept her application for membership and Linda was unanimously voted into the club.
- ⌚ Justin suggested that the club should pursue some community outreach programs.
 - o Perhaps Tanya and Joye would be interested in coming up with some fresh ideas.
 - o Maybe attending some fall festivals, have a booth that could include info on how to obtain an AKC alternative #, and info on how to get involved in dog sports, etc.
 - o Justin said that getting a Mission on paper would be a good start and necessary if the club decides to pursue.
- ⌚ BRAGS:
 - o Hilary & Marilyn had a huge brag announcing that Easter is the proud momma of 10 puppies (7 boys, 3 girls) and all are doing well.
 - o Dan bragged that he recently showed Tango at the Greenville shows winning the open class, then going winners bitch, best of winners, and then Owner Handled Best of Breed. Tango just needs a major to finish.
 - These two brags netted \$20 each and the cash was given to Justin (Treasurer).

The meeting was adjourned at 12:18pm.

German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta, Inc.

June Meeting

Saturday June 7th



Club Meeting 06/07/2025 at 11:30am – Call-in Only

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Justin Moore, Dan Picknall, Ren & Morgan Lewis, John Conely, Hilary & Marilyn Boretz, and Lisa Reynoldson

The meeting was called to order by Justin at 11:32am.

- Old Business

- 2025/2026 Slate Presented for Acceptance
 - o President – vacant
 - o Vice President – Dan Picknall
 - o Treasurer – Justin Moore
 - o Secretary – Ren Lewis
 - o Members at large – Mindi Kelley-Chase & Hilary Boretz
 - o Newsletter Editor – Tanya Jones

All attendees agreed on acceptance of the new Board as presented. Since the President role is vacant, the VP will take on the role of President. John Conely has agreed to take on the role of VP.

- Annual Awards: eligibility thru June 2024 – May 2025, submissions due no later than June 26th
 - o Please provide a copy of the AKC certificate showing the title as it is important to get the spelling correct.
- July Banquet/BBQ – 7.12.2025 at East Cobb Park
 - o 8am – 12pm at Pavillion 1
 - o Meet up and do a trail walk with our dogs at about 8:30 or so.
 - o The club will provide hot dogs/burgers and club members are asked to bring the sides.
 - o Justin asked if we could invite the NGA club. It was agreed that we would invite them.

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June Meeting cont'd

Saturday June 7th



- Annual Dues, on/by July 1 st
- o Invoices went out on May 22nd.
- Show Report
- o 2025 fall specialties

§ Judges Contracts Received

Jon Cole for Sunday

Vicki Bemont for Saturday

· Fall Specialty Ad

o Lisa Reynoldson said she would cover the cost of the Review ad for \$200. Huge THANK YOU to Lisa!!

- New Business

o August Meeting (1st in upcoming club year)

o Currently scheduled for August 9th - what about a training session/introduction to Barn Hunt? Lisa has a contact and Justin also has a local contact.

o Saturday, August 9th. (preliminary) at 11am Two City Pizzas. 3433 Lawrenceville Suwanee Rd, Suwanee, GA.

o New club member application: Linda Colby - Justin will send the application to Ren for our club records.

· 2026 Spring specialties

o The show site (Etowah Park) has already been booked for Saturday by another group. Kim McNamara contacted the party that booked the park and asked if we could use another area of the park.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:19pm

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