



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.

# 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.*

## 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.