



ATLANTA KENNEL CLUB DIGEST

JULY 2012

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JULY MEETING WEDNESDAY JULY 18TH



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JULY MENU

SEASONED PORK TENDERLOIN WITH BLACK BEAN BRUSCHETTA
WITH PICO DE GALLO AND RASPBERRY CHIPOTLE COULIS
Cold Bread Pudding

All Meals are served with Salad, Fresh Bread, Whipped Butter, Olive Tapenade,
Freshly Brewed Coffee, Herbal Teas and Unsweetened Iced Tea

Children's Menu Available:

Tell Hospitality Chair When Making Reservation

JULY 18, 2012 MEETING PROGRAM:

Guest Speaker: Charles E. Rupprecht, VMD, PhD
Chief of the CDC Rabies program

*Internationally known as an expert on the Rabies virus,
Dr. Rupprecht heads the program for Rabies surveillance,
molecular biology, and guidelines for prevention and treatment.*

**Do you worry about giving your pet their Rabies vaccines?
Bring all your questions about Rabies, because this is THE EXPERT!**

LOCATION: Villa Christina Restaurant (404) 303-0133
www.villachristina.com

4000 Summit Boulevard, Atlanta, GA 30319
(Less than 1/2 mile from I-285 & Ashford Dunwoody Rd.)

Time:

6:45 p.m. - Salads Served
7:15-8:00 p.m. - Dinner
8:00 p.m. (Sharp) - Program begins
8:45-9:15 p.m. - Adjourn

Directions: I-285 Exit 29, Go South (Inside the Perimeter) on Ashford Dunwoody Rd. Turn Right at first street, Lake Hearn Dr. (3/10ths mile), Turn Left at Parkside Place NE, then take next Right on Perimeter Summit Blvd. **Go to Stop Sign & Turn Left** (Watch for Signs for Villa Christina). Note Perimeter Summit Blvd. Turns Left & Becomes Summit Blvd. The Restaurant is a Free-Standing Bldg & is the Last Bldg on Left - Look for Signs. Complimentary Valet Parking **and Self-Parking Past the Bldg & Turn Left.** Meeting Room Location is Upstairs on the 2nd Floor (Stairs or Elevator Access). A Map is available on the Villa Christina Website with a Link to Mapquest.

RSVP: DINNER RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED If you plan to eat with us! You are not required to have dinner however. Join us for drinks or come shortly before 8 for the program only and short business meeting following. Please be sure to call ahead for your reservations if you plan to join us for Dinner as the Restaurant has a cut off for reservations and cancellations. Contact our **Kellie Holbrook - 770-664-5756** or email her at holbrookcc@mindspring.com **NO LATER than Sunday night (July 15th)** prior to the meeting on the following Wednesday. If you are on the standing reservation list and do not attend you will be billed for your meal. Price \$20 adults \$5 for children under 12. If you have special menu needs please mention this to the Hospitality Chair when you make your reservations. If you decide later to attend you can order food "to go" in the restaurant & bring it upstairs to eat with us. Let us know if you can & a place will be held at a table.

July Birthdays:

- Jenny Eppinga 7/15
- Denise Nickerson 7/15
- Roger Hunter 7/17
- Teresa Gleason 7/20
- Marsha & Kaila Greene 7/20
- Lara Spears 7/22
- Gwynne McNamara 7/22
- Tully Vitner 7/23
- Martha Pinnell 7/23
- George Carnahan 7/24
- Joyce Wiggins 7/28
- Nick Demos 7/29
- Elizabeth DeMartino 7/29

August Birthdays:

- Kathryn Roberts 8/1
- Don Mallik 8/1
- Susan Wise 8/4
- Doris-Jean Molin 8/6
- Susan Hardwick 8/7
- Ed Eassey 8/7
- Carmelita Ferrone-Prince 8/8

Anniversaries

- Jerri Alberti 7/15
- Lee Brown 8/2
- Rebecca Kestle, DVM 8/7

FYI:

**Birthdays are mid-month to mid-month.
Anyone Missing?
Please let us know so we can get our lists up to date!!
Contact: Ginger Aldrich
snofire@aol.com**

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

ATLANTA KENNEL CLUB BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday • May 23, 2012

The Diner at North Point • Alpharetta, Georgia

PRESENT: Ginger Aldrich, Jerry Cerasini, Bud Hidlay, Mary Ellen Macke, Chuck Quinlan, Beth Hawthorne, Carol Simmons, Wayne Holbrook, Kathy Steen and Ann Wallin.

ABSENT: Karen Mays, Carl Vitner, and Vicki Allenbrand.

GUEST: Jim Macke

The May 23, 2012 meeting of the Board of Directors of the Atlanta Kennel Club was called to order by the president, Jerry Cerasini, at 7:05 P.M.

MINUTES OF APRIL MEETING: On a motion by Kathleen Steen, the April 25, 2012 meeting minutes were approved as amended.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT, CAROL SIMMONS: New Stationary and Envelopes are here.

Two pieces of information were received from AKC described their position on "a proposed change to how the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)/Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) may administer federal Animal Welfare Act (AWA) regulations affecting "Retail Pet Stores and Licensing Exemptions" was published to the Federal Register". (Copies were attached to our meeting notice). No action was taken by the board.

TREASURER'S REPORT, WAYNE HOLBROOK (CHAIRMEN OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE): The outgoing treasurer has not turned over the records to the new treasurer as of this date. Wayne expects to meet with the outgoing treasurer within the next two weeks to get all of the old records and to validate that all bills are paid to date. After the transfer of all of the records, the bank and brokerage accounts will be provided new approved signature cards. All of the credit cards will be reviewed for appropriate limits.

AKC DELEGATE'S REPORT, ANN WALLIN: June Delegate meeting will be held in Raleigh on June 12. The Delegates will be voting on one amendment to the Rules Applying to Dog Shows Chapter 11 Section 6, "to allow superintendents and show secretaries using AKC entry verification to correct entries as appropriate. These corrections to the exhibitor's entry data would be limited to data fields that concern breed, birth date, breeder, registration number, name, sex and color." Ann was instructed by board to vote for this amendment.

The AKC Board voted at their May meeting to allow clubs, at their discretion, to offer lower entry fees for Juniors Handlers at Agility, Obedience, Rally, and Tracking events beginning January 1, 2013. Ann will be obtaining more information on this and reporting back.

Discussion was held concerning the AKC "Board Policy" concerning Grooming Space which was voted on in the May meeting and is to take effect on January 1, 2013. The policy states "All clubs are required to set aside an area that is reserved for grooming that is reasonable in size for the entry of the show. At least 50% of this space must be available for exhibitors including "Day-of-event" exhibitors and be designated as unpaid grooming space. This space must be in a reasonable/convenient location preferably in the main grooming area. The clubs will still have the right to have paid reserved grooming areas." Ann said that there would be a discussion held at the Delegate Meeting concerning the appropriateness of this being a Board Policy instead of a rule which would require the vote of the Delegates. Ann will report the results of the discussions and there was no action required by the board at this time.

The All Breed Committee, which meets on Monday, June 11th, is currently working on how to help clubs with their contracts for show sites, hotels, judges etc. Ann will give us an update at the next board meeting.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES (continued)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SHOW, KATHLEEN STEEN: The 2013 Canaan Dog Club of America National will be held in conjunction with our Fall Show. Kathy is currently working on a dog friendly hotel list for the Fall Show Premium list. Suggestions were made to look South of Jonesboro where there are several such hotels. Kathy will look into. The judges of next year are currently being worked on. We are still having communication issues with Onofrio.

CARDS AND FLOWERS: Card was sent to Jan Lucree whose mother passed away.

MEMBER OF THE MONTH: Sue Catlin is Member of the Month for the June Meeting. We need to decide on the members of the month for the next couple of months at the June meeting.

AGILITY, JIM MACKE (REPORTED BY MARY ELLEN MACKE): July Trial entries opened today (May 23rd) with 80 online entries and a "pile of mail".

RDO DAY, CHUCK QUINLAN: RDO Day is September 8th at Willis Park. More information will be presented at next meeting.

ROSTER, GINGER: Ginger reported that the membership roster is 95% complete and showed the board a proof copy of the booklet. Discussions were held concerning the need for a hard copy and the binding method. It was decided by the board that many members like to have a hard copy to carry so we would once again produce the roster in printed form. Ginger is currently getting quotes for the printing and binding. Mary Ellen Macke made a motion that Ginger should be allowed to make the decision and get the roster printed. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

ANN WALLIN reported that Gail LaBerge said that the Georgia Canine Coalition did not receive the \$2,000 contribution as voted on in the March Board Meeting. Wayne will check on this.

NEW BUSINESS

JERRY CERASINI spoke to Linda Hurlebaus and she would like to have Junior Seminars at the Fall Show. It was discussed and recommended that Jerry get in touch with Carl Vitner to help locate a place. It was also discussed that if it was after 2 pm the lunch area would be available.

JERRY CERASINI will be calling all Committee Heads to make sure they still wish to serve in that capacity.

MARY ELLEN MACKE made a motion to recognize Sue Pennington for her outstanding service in obtaining our monthly general membership meeting speakers and to award her with a \$50 Gift Certificate. Motion carried.

CAROL SIMMONS made a motion to have a dedication page in our fall catalog in memory of the 3 life and 1 long term members who passed away this year. Motion Carried. The exact format TBD.

ANN WALLIN made a motion to add Hazel Ayers name to the scholarship already bearing her husband Roy's name. Motion carried.

CAROL SIMMONS was designated to get new name tags for officers.

BUD HIDLAY brought up the fact that since AKC/Eukanuba announced that the National Championship Show in Orlando was going to be an open show he has been told by many exhibitors that this event has lost its specialness. In addition, many exhibitors indicated that it since it was no longer important to be a top 25 dog in breed to be invited, why worry about it and save money.

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This announcement was made a couple of days after our Perry show and this was the first chance we had to discuss it. Many of the board members said they had been thinking the same thing and Ann suggested that we encourage everyone to write AKC with their objections and they will listen.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT "BUD" HIDLAY for **KAREN MAYS**
RECORDING SECRETARY

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear fellow Members of the Atlanta Kennel Club,

Dear fellow members of the Atlanta Kennel Club. I hope you have enjoyed a wonderful 4th of July and are getting ready for the rest of a busy month. We already have a large contingency of members down in Perry Georgia putting on an agility trial that not only gives members in our club with this interest a place to go, but people from around the southeast travel to this great location to run their dogs at this wonderful facility. Please keep up the good work those of you who are facilitating that event.

In conformation I know we have many members who are out there doing wonderful things with their dogs. Since this is my area I get to see many of the participants and it really looks like we are all having fun, but none much more than Wayne and Kellie Holbrook who have recently received back to back BIS's and are currently number one in their breed and number 7 in their group. The commitment it takes to accomplish goals like that, and the quality of Clumber Spaniel they are breeding is impeccable and speaks very highly of them, their breeding program, and I like to think it speaks highly of the Kennel Club they chose to be affiliated with. We should all take great pride in this, as well as all of our members' accomplishments.

It is that time of year when you should be very aware of the heat, so when you are traveling with your dog, please do not leave them in an unattended car, get them in the hotel room as soon as you can. Sometimes leaving them in the building may be the kindest thing you can do for your dog, just check on them frequently. I realize we all have our own standards.

I still want to remind you about my efforts to get you to bring a friend with you to our meeting. And I really want to see some of my old friends come back, basically because I miss you. I'll call out Keith Bates In this Letter but there are more to come. Keith I miss seeing you, please come, dinner's on me this month, and you don't have an excuse, come see us.

Jerry

PRESIDENT, ATLANTA KENNEL CLUB





AWARD RECIPIENTS
2012 AWARDS PRESENTATION

Left to Right:

GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD – Valerie Dombrowski

UNSUNG HERO AWARD – Wayne Holbrook

President - Mary Ellen Macke

JJ DUNCAN AWARD – Karen Mays

PRESIDENTS AWARD – Marleen Burford (Not pictured)

MEMBERSHIP:

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VICKI ALLENBRAND - BLACKJACKDOGS@EARTHLINK.NET - 678-429-4609



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PAPILLONS AND BEAGLES

Sponsored by Vicki Allenbrand and Kathleen Steen



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PAPILLONS

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NEW APPLICANTS:

SECOND READINGS TO BE HELD IN JULY

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Phone: 770-887-1406

DACHSHUNDS AND DOBERMANS

Sponsored by Jerry Cerasini and Anne Carson



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BRAGS:

Please send any brags to Ginger Aldrich for the Digest – Snofire@aol.com, 770-380-9404, P.O. Box 42, Murrayville, GA 30564 (usually to be received prior to the 1st of each month)

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Send any brags or articles of interest to Ginger. Mail Address: P.O. Box 242, Murrayville, GA 30564.



WEBMASTER:

JIM MACKE - ATLANTA KC@COMCAST.NET OR

MARY ELLEN MACKE - MARYELLEN.MACKE@HARRYNORMAN.COM

404-310-5933. Call or email either Mary Ellen or Jim for website questions or help.



CARDS AND FLOWERS:

MARY SECHLER, CHAIRPERSON - 770-446-8889 OR 678-371-9226

If you know of someone needing a little extra cheer, contact Mary at 770-446-8889 (Home) or 678-371-9226 (Cell).



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP COMMITTEE ~ CHAIRED BY SUE REKUC

The Junior Showmanship Committee is planning a NEW Regional Juniors Competition for our Fall Show, 2012, open to all Juniors who qualify in all age groups. Juniors will need 2 qualifying wins from January 1st to July 30th or end of August. More information will be sent soon and will be in the Premium list. This event will be in addition to our regular Juniors Competition. There will be no fee to enter the Regional event if the Junior qualifies. Contact Sue for more information or watch for your premium list.



INFO FOR CLUB OFFICIALS, & SHOW CHAIRS - NEW EVENT MANAGEMENT ONLINE TOOL IS LAUNCHED!

Dedicated club members have used AKC's "Online Plans" or "Event Management System" on the AKC website for many years in an effort to streamline the event application process. Based on club member user feedback and in consultation with event secretaries, we have developed a new, easier-to-use system for clubs. The newly launched Online Competition Management System (OCMS) gives clubs the ability to manage event details AND judging assignments on a single screen and receive real-time editing and feedback on the status of any changes. Everything is now located in one convenient place with easy navigation using a convenient tab layout. For those clubs already taking advantage of managing their events online, they know that using web-based tools, versus mailing a paper application to AKC, speeds up the process and accuracy of the event application and approval. We encourage clubs to use OCMS when planning your next AKC sanctioned event. The current OCMS version allows clubs to manage the breeds/classes, judging assignments and payment of event fees for the following competitions:

- Open Show Conformation
- Specialty
- Parent Club Specialty
- Junior Showmanship
- Sweepstakes

Go to the AKC website for more information. www.AtlantaKennelClub.org

AKC CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

-- Join With the AKC to Protect Responsible Small Breeders --

NEW YORK, NY Outside the Johnson County Courthouse in Warrensburg, Missouri, stands a statue dedicated to a Foxhound named Old Drum - commemorating a famous trial held there in 1870. Old Drum was shot and killed when he wandered onto the neighboring farm. His owner's only recourse was to sue the neighbor. A young attorney, George Vest, who later became a United States Senator, was retained by the owner. Senator Vest's closing argument at the trial was just 400 words, eloquently in support of the value of a dog and included this thought:

The one absolutely unselfish friend that man can have in this selfish world, the one that never deserts him, the one that never proves ungrateful or treacherous, is his dog. He is as constant in his love as the sun in its journey through the heavens. Shortly after he spoke, the jury found for his client and awarded him the maximum allowable damages of \$50 which was a lot of money back then.

We all know firsthand the devotion Vest spoke about it is a large part of what makes us ardent supporters of dogs. But today, there are forces at work that do not look at dogs like we do. And there are those who think breeding should be controlled to the point of extinction. I believe the greatest characteristic we possess is our unyielding dedication to the preservation of each of our unique breeds. It is through a combination of our responsible breeders committing to a never-ending quest to produce dogs true to type and healthy in body, mind, and spirit, coupled with all of you personally committing to always do what is best for the dogs, that has allowed the people associated with the American Kennel Club to claim the mantle of the dog's defender from Senator Vest for the last 128 years. When we come together like this, we always have much to discuss some about our sport, some about business, and some about our governance. All of those are good and valid topics that require discussion and will only serve to strengthen our organization. I believe there is no unsolvable problem if we face it wisely, creatively, and courageously.

But we know our calling is for much more than the job of simply overseeing our business it is most importantly, the responsibility we each embrace to, and for, the dogs. By recognizing that, we can together establish a beachhead of cooperation to create new initiatives that grow ownership of purebred dogs, grow our ranks of participants and supporters, and grow our voice in all things pertinent to the preservation of our breeds. We must act quickly and with great purpose to accomplish all of that. And we must start right now.

While we are faced with many challenges, none is more immediate than the proposed federal regulation of our responsible Fancy breeders. Undoubtedly you have heard about the proposed rule changes to the Animal Welfare Act, which regulates the selling of puppies in the United States. Currently, our Fancy breeders like you and I - are exempt, but the new regulations would treat each of us like a large-scale business. What does that mean for you? Breeders who maintain more than four females biologically capable of having puppies and who sell a puppy to just one person at a distance, would now be regulated as commercial breeders under USDA regulations. Think of the impact that would have on the preservation of our low-number breeds.

Our AKC Government Relations team met with the USDA on our behalf to get clarification regarding the language in the proposed rule that we will use to help shape our comments. We have identified dozens of critical issues that must be addressed by the USDA before they act. There are strong forces supporting these onerous regulations, making it more imperative that we create not a new balance of power, but a new understanding that the public wants the breed of dog they want, and those dedicated AKC Fancy breeders must be afforded the protection to not only survive, but prosper. Without our Fancy breeders, it will only be a matter of time before our breeds that have been preserved for hundreds of years, will become extinct. While that might be perceived as an unintended consequence of overzealous government regulation, I believe it is a quite intended consequence sought by the groups that challenge dog ownership every day.

Because we are the AKC, the USDA will pay careful attention to our comments. But we can maximize their attention through our individual support. Each of you can help achieve that. We have the opportunity now to unite our forces and clearly communicate a single, positive message for change. We have created a petition in support of the comments on the proposed regulations we will be submitting to the USDA and placed it on the AKC website. I ask that all of you join in and sign the petition. And then I ask that each of you circulate the link to every person you can think of to rally support for a most necessary outcome.

As Ronald Reagan said, “you and I have a rendezvous with destiny. “I believe it will be the one we make and not the one some others make for us. The most important single characteristic that defines a great organization is the desire to succeed that overwhelms all obstacles. I know we have that desire.

To those who believe we cannot come together and accomplish that, I say: You don’t know us.

To those who doubt our voice, I say: You will hear us.

And to those who love dogs as much as the jurors in Old Drum’s case, I say:

You must join us.

Sincerely,

ALAN KALTER
CHAIRMAN

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AKC/EUKANUBA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP OPENED TO ALL COMPETITORS

NEW YORK, NY (APRIL 17, 2012) - The American Kennel Club and Eukanuba are pleased to announce that the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship will become an open show awarding Championship and Grand Championship points. This new format will begin with the upcoming AKC/Eukanuba National Championship on December 15-16th, 2 012 in Orlando, Florida.

“We’re excited to open the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship to all competitors,” said Event Manager Michael Canalizo. “Allowing all dogs to compete in the extraordinary competition at the National Championship is an exciting enhancement to the show.”

The top 25 dogs from each breed as well as Bred-By Exhibitor Champions and other special qualifiers will continue to be celebrated with an invitation granting special recognition.

In addition to the conformation competition, the show will still feature the AKC Agility Invitational and National Obedience Invitational, the Bred-By Exhibitor competition, the Eukanuba World Challenge and AKC Meet the Breeds(r).

The Orange County Convention Center will once again host The Space Coast Kennel Club of Palm Bay, Brevard Kennel Club and Central Florida Kennel Club shows on Dec. 12-14, 2012, making for five full days of dog shows.

“Eukanuba is proud to partner once again with the American Kennel Club to present the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship as well as the preceding shows,” said Jason Taylor, Event Manager for Eukanuba. “Watch for updates on the show’s new format and additional enhancements that will be incorporated into the week-long activities.”

Dear Members: There seems to be some exhibitor opposition to the above changes. If you are one of those people, and will not be planning to attend the show due to the changes even though your dog might qualify, you may want to write a letter to the AKC Board and or the Event Manager, Michael Canalizo. There was discussion held in our Board Meeting, brought to our attention by Board Member Bud Hidlay. Contact Bud for more information.

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SENT FROM MEMBER PAULA MOORE AND THE BORZOI CLUB OF AMERICA

Folks, please read this and forward to all other breed and performance groups you are members of and have friends in. There are numerous problems with the wording of this bill which will dramatically alter the way we as hobby breeders have been able to accommodate purchasers of new dogs, affect negatively the way we raise our pups (in our homes) to socialize and prepare them for the real world, etc. There are lots of unclear definitions that need to be rewritten to help rule out puppy mills, yet maintain the integrity of the hobby breeders own kennel. This also drastically impacts large kennels of hunting dogs. Your help is needed now.

Thank you,

PAULA MOORE

FROM: PRESIDENT@BORZOICLUBOFAMERICA.ORG

TO: DAVIDOFFBZ@BELLSOUTH.NET

SENT: THURSDAY, JULY 05, 2012 10:37 AM

SUBJECT: BCOA NOTICES OPPOSITION LIST TO APHIS PROPOSED PET REGULATION

Dear BCOA Members,

I'm writing to you again on the subject of APHIS 2011-0003-0001. SAOVA (Sportsmen's and Animal Owners' Voting Alliance) is developing a list of clubs and organizations that oppose this proposed legislation. Below is the link.

<http://www.saova.org/APHIS_Opposition.List.html>

Borzoi Club of America, Inc. will be added to this list today. I hope that all of our regional borzoi clubs will also send in their names. Please contact your club officers to voice your support. Further, many of us belong to other parent clubs, as well as to performance and all-breed clubs and other animal-related organizations. Remember, this law would affect all pet breeders, not just dog breeders. Please advise the appropriate people in your groups about SAOVA's important protest.

Originally the USDA estimated that only 1500 kennels/breeders would be impacted by this legislation. Let's add to the evidence to persuade them that they vastly underestimated us!!

FRIENDLY REMINDER: If you have not yet commented on the USDA site, please do so at your earliest convenience. Write early and often. The deadline for comments is July 16, 2012.

<<http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=APHIS-2011-0003-0001>>

The comment box will "time-out" after 20 minutes, so you may want to compose your thoughts prior to accessing the site, then copy and paste. Works best for me -- though those who don't yet experience senior moments might easily compose on the fly. Thank you for your continued help to fight the good fight to protect our right to breed and live with home-raised puppies..

Hugs to your hounds!

REBECCA

Please forward to any concerned groups or individuals.

REBECCA PETERS-CAMPBELL

PRESIDENT, BORZOI CLUB OF AMERICA

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The Gordon Setter Club of America is proud to host:
The Structure In Action Workshop
Presented by Pat Hastings

STRUCTURE IN ACTION is a one-day workshop to be held **Sunday, August 5th 2012 in Marietta, Ga.** It combines Pat Hastings' Puppy Puzzle Presentation, as well as Hastings' discussion of the value of structurally evaluating adult dogs that are being considered for a breeding program, working trials or performance competition, along with a veterinarian's perspective on how to reduce the risk of structural injuries in working and performance dogs.

Dogs will do most anything we ask of them. The question is: Do we want to ask them to do things that they are structurally incapable of doing without breaking down? Is that what we really want to do to our most steadfast companions? The more we learn about canine structure, the more we understand what is reasonable to ask of our dogs, given their physical strengths and weaknesses.

AGENDA

- How to evaluate the structural quality of puppies - we will need a litter of 7 - 9 week old puppies to evaluate please contact Becky Haley at loveappies@comcast.net if you have a litter available.
- The basics of canine structure
- The weakest links
- How to evaluate the structural quality of your adult dog
- What your dog can do and should not be doing?
- A vet's ideas on how to strengthen structure and reduce the risk of injury
- Questions and hands-on work with 10 -12 attendees' dogs - if you are interested in having your dog evaluated please contact Becky Haley at loveappies@comcast.net

SPEAKERS

PAT HASTINGS

Pat is well respected in dog-world as an educator, author and AKC judge. Well-known for her Puppy Puzzle video, she evaluates the structural quality of over 300 litters per year.

Date: August 5, 2012

Time: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Location: Cheatham Hills Community Center, 3702 Barrett Pkwy, Marietta, GA 30064

(Note: This address underwent a name change and was formerly 10 Villa Rica Rd. some GPS still have the old coordinates in their system.)

Cost: Early bird prior to July 1st - \$80 **We can accept credit card payments through Paypal.**

After July 1st - \$90

We will accept walk up registrations if space permits. A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided.

To Register, complete the form below and send to Becky Haley, 10490 Windsor Park Dr. John's Creek, GA 30022. Please make checks payable to GSCA.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Dog Breed: _____