



ATLANTA KENNEL CLUB DIGEST

AUGUST 2012



AUGUST MEETING WEDNESDAY AUGUST 15TH

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AUGUST MENU

BARBEQUE CHICKEN BREAST

CREAMY MACARONI & CHEESE AND STEAMED GREEN BEANS

Southern Pecan Tart Served with Whipped Cream and Bourbon Crème Anglaise

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

AUGUST 15, 2012 MEETING PROGRAM:

Guest Speaker: Dr. Mary Schick

Atlanta Animal Allergy & Dermatology

Dr. Schick will speak on updates in dermatology and hold a question & answer session.

Keep your calendars marked for January as well!

Our own Dr. Carmen Battaglia will speak on the Super Dog!

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 (August 12th)** 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.

Birthdays



August Birthdays:

Dr. Don Jones 8/10
Jerrilyn Naylor 8/10
Cecilia Williams 8/11
Lynette White 8/16
Sharon Smith 8/18
Jean Warren 8/20
Lili Gipson 8/21
Pete Emery 8/21
Mary Ellen Macke 8/23
Valerie Dombrowski 8/28
Susan Roman 8/30
Ava Tyree 8/30
Alberto Berrios 8/31

September Birthdays:

Susan Pennington 9/2
Mrs. Joe Petty 9/2
Angela Stillwell 9/2
Jeff Brower 9/4
Walter O'Brien 9/7
Robert (Bud) Hidlay 9/7
Shawn Mullinix 9/8
Carl Vitner 9/10
Jenny Baum 9/11

Anniversaries



Anne Carson 8/11
Todd & Sherry Buchla 9/3
Cindy Smith 9/4
Jeff & Tamara Brower 9/10
Chuck & Darcy Quinlan 9/11

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**

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear fellow Members of the Atlanta Kennel Club,

My fellow kennel club members I can hardly believe it is already August and the end of summer is drawing near. The business at the board has not slowed down at all. We have many projects on the burners at once and I will try to inform you about what we are doing and where we currently are with each in this letter.

I mentioned at the members meeting last month that we would be putting on a Regional Juniors event and that Sue Rekuć along with her committee will be coordinating this to have our inaugural event at our fall show and depending on the success we could see us having this event annually or semiannually.

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We are currently negotiating with a facility to begin an eight week handling class that would be offered in the spring and fall. We would like to offer the class as a whole unit one price for the eight weeks. Perhaps there would be some ability for dropins at some price, details would have to be worked out. The class would be offered at a minimum cost to our members and a higher cost to nonmembers. We would hope that there would be either professional handlers or nonprofessionals that would be interested in teaching these classes, but it truly is a service that a kennel club our size needs to offer our members as well as the community at large. I also feel that it will go a long way to fulfill my personal goal for the club to increase membership, as I believe people who take the classes may end up joining us. If you are interested in teaching the class please contact Mary Ellen Macke, as she is coordinating this effort.

The other project we are currently working on is Responsible Dog Ownership Day, which will be held once again at Wills Park. We would hope that all of you plan to attend. Please encourage your breed clubs to bring a booth and set up something for a "meet the breed" and we always have a very fun match where you will be able to get your puppies out and let them get a little ring experience in a fun atmosphere. Chuck and Darcy Quinlan and Sue Catlin have already been doing a lot of work on this project and I am sure they could use all the help they could get with getting the word out or set up tear down and just running the event as it happens so don't be shy about volunteering to help these members out. Mark your calendars for September 8th .

Another of the pressing projects that we have almost completed is a new membership roster. Ginger Aldrich and Jim Macke are working hard at getting this out. This is a large project and it takes many hours of tedious work, so we need to thank them for their efforts.

As you can see, your board has been busy this month trying our best to keep things going. Keep in mind we will put on a wonderful show in October and we look forward to seeing everyone at the members meeting on the 3rd Wed this month.

Jerry

PRESIDENT, ATLANTA KENNEL CLUB

MEMBERSHIP:

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



NEW MEMBERS (Voted into membership during the July Meeting):

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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)

DIGEST COORDINATOR:

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



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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).

Valdosta Kennel Club member **JOE CRAIGMILES** has had recent back surgery and is in the hospital in Valdosta.

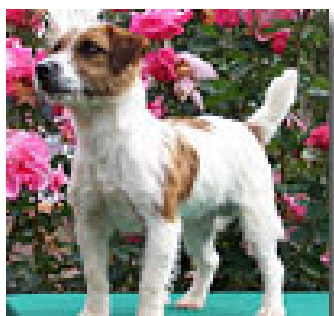
Send good wishes for a speedy recovery to: Joe @ P.O. Box 546, Thomasville, GA 31799.

Russell Terrier is AKC's 175th Breed

The AKC welcomed the feisty [Russell Terrier](#) into its registry on June 27, 2012. Originating in England and developed in Australia, the breed was used for fox hunting as well as finding vermin below ground. Although they share many common characteristics of the Parson Russell Terrier, the two breeds are distinctly different in body structure and height and have been maintained as separate breeds in the US and Europe.

Russell Terriers are small, confident, and highly intelligent dogs that are devoted and loving family companions. Because of their energy and intensity, these dogs do best in a family with an active lifestyle. Their weatherproof coat requires minimal grooming beyond brushing and occasional bathing. [Read more about the Russell Terrier](#) in the digital edition of AKC Family Dog magazine.

Three breeds have also been moved into the Miscellaneous Class as a next step towards full registration. Read about the [Coton de Tulear](#), [Spanish Water Dog](#), and [Miniature American Shepherd](#).





**The Atlanta Kennel Club, in partnership with the
American Kennel Club, invites you to join us for a day of
Pure Bred Canine activities to celebrate
Responsible Dog Ownership**



- Date:** Saturday, Sept. 8, 2012
- Location:** Wills Park Equestrian Center
11915 Wills Road
Alpharetta, GA 30004
- Time:** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Fee:** Free parking
\$ 10 Match Entry fee
- Contact Info:** Darcy Quinlan
Phone: (770) 887-4417
Email: stnvally@bellsouth.net or atlantakc@aol.com
- More info:** www.atlantakennelclub.org

Atlanta's RDO Day will be an exciting and fun event for all. The Combined Specialty Clubs of Atlanta, comprised of 28 member Dog Clubs, and other Specialty Breed Clubs, will be participating in "Meet the Breed" booths to share information about their specific breeds.

Other events for the day include:
Canine Good Citizen info & testing (proof of Rabies vac required),
Microchip Clinic, AKC Conformation B Match, Vendors, Handling
Classes, Junior Showmanship Events and AKC Educational materials
will be available to all.

Contact Darcy Quinlan for more information or to save your space to
participate with us.



AKC Government Relations



July 13, 2012

http://www.akc.org/news/index.cfm?article_id=4697

The US Department of Agriculture (USDA)/Animal Plant Health and Inspection Service (APHIS) [announced today](#) that the comment period on the proposed regulations regarding “Retail Pet Stores and Licensing Exemptions” has been extended until August 15, 2012. We encourage any concerned dog owners who have not yet signed the AKC petition and/or submitted comments about this problematic proposal to take advantage of this extra time to do so.

Background:

This important proposal would require all who own more than four “breeding females” and sell even one animal “sight unseen” to be regulated as a commercial breeder and be subject to federal commercial breeder licensing, regulation and inspections. The term “breeding female” is not defined, so it is unclear how USDA or even breeders themselves would determine who falls under these regulations. The term also includes multiple species (including cats, dogs, and other small mammals).

The AKC believes that the USDA’s “one size fits all” regulations are not in the best interest of all dogs, responsible breeders, or puppy buyers. It is unreasonable and virtually impossible for many small hobby breeders to comply with the strict kennel engineering standards that were designed for large commercial operations.

[Visit AKC’s USDA/APHIS Regulations Resource Page](#) for more information on this proposal, including frequently asked questions, a fact sheet from APHIS, an educational handout and other resources.

How You Can Help:

- **Sign the AKC’s Petition** – If you have not already done so, visit www.akc.org/petition and join the tens of thousands who have signed our online petition in support of responsible breeders. *The new petition signature deadline is August 13.*
- **Submit Comments Directly to the USDA’s Animal Plant and Health Inspection Service (APHIS)** – You may submit comments online [by clicking here](#). To view comments already submitted, [click here](#). You may also mail comments to:

Docket No. APHIS–2011–0003
Regulatory Analysis and Development
PPD, APHIS, Station 3A–03.8
4700 River Road, Unit 118
Riverdale, MD 20737–1238

Both actions are important in helping send a strong, clear message to APHIS on this issue. The petition, which will be submitted with the AKC’s formal comments to the USDA, will demonstrate the immense number of people who are concerned about this issue, and direct comments will help educate on exactly how this proposal will impact responsible breeders, dog owners, and puppy buyers.

AKC Government Relations (AKC GR) will provide more information as it becomes available. For more information, [visit AKC’s USDA/APHIS Regulations Resource Page](#). Further questions may be directed to AKC GR at (919) 816-3720 or doglaw@akc.org.



Dear CAROL M. SIMMONS,

Joining AKC are more than 60,000 voices heard on its petition to protect responsible small breeders in light of proposed rule changes of the Animal Welfare Act. The American Kennel Club, in its leadership role as experts in breeding and raising dogs since 1884, provides dog owners, responsible breeders, and lawmakers' careful analysis of proposed local, state, and federal laws and regulations. As a leading animal welfare organization AKC is dedicated to have a more informed public policy process. AKC speaks up for dogs based on more than a century of shared knowledge in the breeding and kenneling of dogs.

Enhanced Care and Conditions of Dogs Policy

As the only purebred dog registry with a routine inspections program, the American Kennel Club has inspected more than 55,000 kennels since 2000. The AKC spends millions annually to fund this program and to position inspectors across the country, committing boots on the ground to ensure compliance with its Care and Conditions of Dogs policy. The enhanced policy, passed by the AKC Board in April, provides American dog and kennel owners with guidelines detailing best practices that embody responsible dog ownership regardless of the number of dogs owned. These guidelines are meant as a basis for helping individuals ensure that dog care practices are performed and housing facilities are maintained in a safe, humane, and responsible manner. In addition to guidelines set forth in this policy, individuals are expected to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations regarding ownership and caring for dogs.

Non-compliance results in the potential loss of an individual's ability to use AKC services, such as registering their dogs with the AKC and participating at AKC-sanctioned events, as well as possible civil and criminal government sanctions, as a result of our cooperation with government authorities. We are committed to protecting the integrity of our registry, ensuring that all AKC dogs are cared for in a humane way, and that cruelty will be reported immediately to the proper federal, state or local authorities should our inspectors find such conditions. Our policy embodies AKC's mission to promote responsible dog ownership and demonstrates our continuing support of efforts to strengthen enforcement and increase penalties for canine cruelty and neglect.

Protecting Responsible Breeders

Because of our long history and breadth of experience in advancing the care and conditions of dogs, and responsible dog ownership, we know that regardless of the number of dogs owned or the manner in which breeders interact with potential puppy buyers, a "one size fits all" breeder regulation is unfair and unenforceable and not in the best interest of dogs and consumers in this country. That experience has led us to the conclusion that the proposed USDA regulations will place an unfair burden on small, hobby breeders because the hobby breeder who raises puppies in their home will be impacted in the same way as the large scale commercial internet puppy seller. The AKC believes it is neither the intent of the Animal Welfare Act nor USDA to do this, and as the leader and expert in raising and maintaining dogs, the AKC is obligated to express its concerns to the USDA and share the benefit of its expertise.

We are the Dog's Champion

The American Kennel Club® is a not-for-profit organization which, along with our more than 5,000

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licensed and member clubs and its affiliated organizations, has a 128-year history advocating for dogs as family companions, advancing canine health and well-being, working to protect the rights of all dog owners and promoting responsible dog ownership. The American Kennel Club and the affiliates it has founded provide more services and resources to promote the wellbeing of dogs than any other organization in the country. Through the AKC Canine Health Foundation, the AKC has given more than \$25 million to fund sound scientific research to prevent, treat and cure canine disease. Through AKC Companion Animal Recovery, more than \$4 million has been donated to Canine Search and Rescue and pet-related disaster relief and preparedness efforts, in addition to offering recovery services seven days a week, 24 hours a day and reuniting over 400,000 dogs with their families. Furthermore, the American Kennel Club, along with its parent club rescues and affiliates, make up the largest network of dog rescue groups and volunteers throughout the country. These clubs rescue all dogs, not just purebred dogs, and attempt to locate loving homes for them. Through various education programs, including its annual Responsible Dog Ownership Days and AKC Meet the Breeds, the AKC teaches potential and current dog owners how to find the best dog for their family and ensure the best care for their dogs.

No other organization has done more to protect and support dogs than the American Kennel Club. No other organization is doing more today to protect and support dogs than The American Kennel Club. We are the Dog's Champion.

Sincerely,



Alan Kalter
Chairman of the Board
American Kennel Club



COMPANION EVENTS Obedience & Rally



AMERICAN
KENNEL CLUB

To: All AKC Clubs Licensed to hold Obedience Events

The AKC Companion Events department has some exciting news for clubs licensed to hold obedience/rally events regarding changes to the regulations.

The Department continues to focus on growing participation by varying levels of competitors. To continue generating new competitor interest, the [AKC has developed new Optional Titling classes](#) and titles: the Pre-Novice Class, Pre-Open Class and Pre-Utility Class. The classes have been developed with no Group Exercises and the jumps in Pre-Open and Pre-Utility are set to half the height of the dog at the withers. With the addition of the new Pre-Novice Optional Titling Class, the current Non-Regular Pre-Novice Class has been renamed the Sub-Novice Class. These new classes become effective and may be offered at events beginning July 1, 2013.

With the addition of more new classes, it became apparent that AKC needed to allow exhibitors the ability to move their dog to more than just the traditional level classes when they complete a title. The language in the *Obedience Regulations*, Chapter 1, Section 16a has been [changed from "Move-ups" to "Transfers"](#). Effective July 1, 2012, after a dog earns a title, it may be transferred to another class in a future trial even though the closing date for the trial has passed, provided the club offers transfers and provided the dog and handler are eligible. Dogs competing in obedience in the Optional Titling classes may be moved to Regular Titling classes and vice versa or even to Non-Regular classes at the request of the exhibitor.

Transfers are only allowed within the same sport, e.g. obedience class to obedience class, or rally class to rally class. The request to transfer must be presented in writing to the superintendent or trial secretary at least 30 minutes prior to the start of each trial. Transfers may be approved provided the class and judge are available, and the class has not reached its limit. Movement between an "A" and "B" class at the same level is not considered a transfer — refer to Chapter 1, Section 16b of the *Obedience Regulations*.

Another change applies to the [Beginner Novice B Class eligibility requirements](#) (*Obedience Regulations* – Chapter 6, Section 2). Previously once a dog had earned the BN title, they were required to move out of the Beginner Novice Class. Effective August 1, 2012, a dog may remain in the Beginner Novice B Class until the handler believes the dog is ready to enter another level class.

Lastly, we know that parents have a lot of choices for their children to participate in multiple activities these days. The AKC has approved that clubs may offer a [reduced entry fee for Junior Handlers](#) in their obedience, rally, tracking and agility events effective for events applied for on or after January 1, 2013. A Junior must have an AKC Junior Handler Number and is defined as anyone under 18 years of age on the first day of the event. Please remember to encourage new exhibitors, especially juniors to participate in our sports; they are the future of the sports we love so much.

Sincerely,
Pamela Manaton
Director of Obedience, Rally & Tracking



Golden Retrievers are now on the list for Breed Specific Legislation.

Photo credit:

Sherry Crowell - From "The Examiner.com, Feb' 2010 – Ft Wayne Examiner

Sherry Crowell has been a lifelong dog owner and has worked with dogs since 1995. During that time, she has been able to get to know nearly every breed of dog and appreciate them for their unique qualities. She currently resides with five dogs, all of which were rescues or born with health defects and given to her by the breeder. She occasionally attends dog shows and local dog events in her hometown. She can be reached at sidyboysfoolin@aol.com.

Many people feel that they do not have to worry about Breed Specific Legislation if they do not own a Pit Bull, however the breed list is constantly growing and now includes over 75 breeds that have restrictions or complete bans in cities across America.

The current list of banned or restricted breeds includes dogs that you would never expect to be placed on such a list.

These breeds include the **Airedale Terrier, Alaskan Malamute, American Eskimo Dog, Australian Shepherd, Boston Terrier, Golden Retriever, Keeshond, Labrador Retriever, Pug, Samoyed and Siberian Husky**. These are just eleven of the over 75 breeds that are currently being discriminated against in the United States.

If a complete breed ban is enforced in your city you will be required to either move out of the city with your pet, re home your pet out of the city or turn your pet into the humane shelter to be destroyed. If the breed is restricted, these restrictions may include having to have the dog muzzled at all times while in public, you may be required to purchase insurance for the dog, the dog may be restricted to your property at all times unless it is a medical visit to your veterinarian, or keep the dog in a specific enclosure at all times.

Breed Specific Legislation began with a few breeds, such as the American Pit Bull Terrier, Rottweiler, American Staffordshire Terrier, etc. It has slowly spread to many other breeds and if the public continues being unaware of this or does not appear to care since it has not yet had an effect on their breed, all breeds will soon be banned or restricted.

What you can do to stop the further growth of this list is speak for the animals. Sign online petitions, write letters to public officials, join online groups and let your voice be heard and not donate to organizations that are supportive of the breed banning or restrictions.

As Reported by Duffy Dixon in the Atlanta AJC:

The following are breeds of dogs required to be registered in College Park:

Pit Bull

American Pit Bull Terrier

American Staffordshire Terrier

Staffordshire Bull Terrier