



ATLANTA KENNEL CLUB DIGEST

SEPTEMBER 2012



SEPTEMBER MEETING
WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER 19TH

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SEPTEMBER MENU

GRILLED MARINATED FLANK STEAK
HERB ROASTED NEW POTATOES & SEASONAL VEGETABLE MEDLEY
Carrot Cake with Cream Cheese Frosting

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

SEPTEMBER 19, 2012 MEETING PROGRAM:

Guest Speaker: Dr. Michelle Tilghman, DVM, CVA, CCRP
Loving Touch Animal Center -
The center was established in 1986 as the first
holistic veterinary practice in Atlanta.
Dr. Michelle will speak about "Keeping Dogs Young".

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 (September 16th)** 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.



September Birthdays:

James Gibson 9/14
Margaret Imeson-Hines 9/18
Debbie Brown 9/21
Charles Walker 9/25
Sandra Cook 9/27
Dot Bates 9/28
Kathleen Steen 9/29

October Birthdays:

Jo R. Sarbell 10/1
Irene Eskridge 10/2
Charles Lloyd 10/5
Jim Macke 10/6
Cindy Stanselln 10/6
Liz Goodman 10/7
Freda Kirtley 10/10
Paula Steele, DVM 10/11

Anniversaries

Yvonne & George Cooper 9/25
Valerie Dombrowski 9/26
Doris-Jean Molin 9/28
Denise Nickerson 10/1
Tim & Lane Dorn 10/2
Gary & Ethel Oller 10/3
Carla Joyce 10/10
Pam Mingo Sain & Tim 10/10

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

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear fellow Members of the Atlanta Kennel Club,

Fellow members, it is hard to believe that the summer is really over and that fall is here, but I'm sitting down to write the September letter to the membership. I am sorry that I missed the regular members meeting in August but I had a previous commitment to judge a sweepstakes in Colorado and I was out there for that, just as we were meeting here last month. I hear Mary Ellen did quite a wonderful job filling in for me and I want to thank her for her help.

We seem to be on track with the preparations for the show .Please don't forget that this is the show that we steward our own show. If you can help Jim out we NEED you. This is a big undertaking, and it means you make a commitment to be at the show early, and work hard. I think it says so much about the character of our club that we can do this. It means something to me that we have enough members who care enough to steward a show this size. We do have a new twist in the mix this year with the owner handler Best in Show that is handled very much by the steward so there will be some education going on before you get to your rings about how to handle this somewhat new division.

Don't forget to bring your friends in the dog show world who are not affiliated with other all breed clubs as guests, we would love to meet them. I am going to make it my personal goal to call two different people I have in mind that I have not seen in a while just to say hi, and make sure they know I miss them.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting this month, and if you're involved in the show let's all get excited and here's hoping we continue on an upward climb.

Jerry
PRESIDENT, ATLANTA KENNEL CLUB

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UPDATES ON SOME OF OUR OLDER MEMBERS

FRANCIS ABERCROMBIE – One of our past Presidents lives in Duluth, Georgia, and will celebrate her 98th birthday in Sept. She is still living at her current address – She called to confirm she still enjoys receiving her Digest and in knowing about the club's activities . I recently found an old pic of her late husband Abbe Abercrombie in the archives from the 70's that I will copy and share with her. Francis was a well known Boxer breeder (Francis was the president when I joined the club).

MARY ANN KRICKEL – Lives in Viola, Tennessee – she called to let us know she also enjoys her digest and is doing well. Her breed was Long Haired Dachshunds and I shared with her about some of our current members including Anne Carson and Jerry Cerasini who are also in Dachshunds. She has 3 children and many grandchildren and some great grandchildren that keep her busy trying to keep up with.

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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.



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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).

OBITUARY SUBMITTED BY JEANNE RATLIFF - Though she was not a member of the Atlanta KC there might be others in our club that would appreciate knowing of her passing.

OLWYN DAVIES HAWKINS - INTERNATIONALLY KNOWN SCOTTISH TERRIER BREEDER - DEC 30, 1927 – JUNE 4, 2012

Olwyn Hawkins died June 4 at the age of 84 in Gay GA at her residence. Graveside services were held at Crouch Cemetery in Gay with Rev. Jonathan Porter officiating. A tribute to her memory was written by her brother Emlyn Davies of Wales, UK.

Olwyn was one of 3 children born in a small village in South Wales where she lived many years with her parents. She attended school there and later became a government clerical officer in Cardiff. In 1952 she was asked to join an office of the Board of Trade in New Delhi, India. During that time she attended a reception to mark the occasion of the conquest of Mt Everest by Sir Edmund Hillary and Sherpa Tensing. Also while in India she met her future husband US Marine Raymond Hawkins whom she followed back to Delaware where they married. Olwyn joined a medical centre there as a medical secretary. They remained in Delaware for a number of years prior to moving to Gay, GA. Olwyn always had a desire to breed Scotties and had a lifelong passion for the breed. Over a period of years she and Ray became very well known on the show circuit and Olwyn became a judge of the breed. Following Ray's death in 1992 she continued showing her many champions at competitions throughout the US and in the UK. Only in these later years did she decide to retire.

Olwyn is survived by her brother Emlyn, his wife Margaret, granddaughter Liz and her husband Tony, and grandson Richard and his wife Liz and her great granddaughters Christian and Sebastian.

Olwyn was very involved in the organization and direction of "Fala Days" at the Little White House in Warm Springs GA. She was a member of the Scottish Terrier Club of Greater Atlanta.

Memorial contributions may be made to the STCGA c/o Nancy Mitchell 3807 Sweet Bottom Dr, Duluth GA 30096. Online condolences may be offered at www.ssmfuneralhomes.com



**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.



ATLANTA KENNEL CLUB

Sanction "B" Match

Saturday, Sept. 8, 2012

Wills Park, Alpharetta

In conjunction with "Atlanta RDO Day"

www.atlantakennelclub.org

see website for other events

CGC - Meet the Breeds - Handling classes etc

Conformation Entries from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Handling class from 10:30 to 11:00 a.m.

Judging will start promptly at 11:15 a.m.

All A.K.C. Breeds, F.S.S. and Rare Breeds Welcome

Rosettes for

1st - 4th In Group

\$50.00 for Best Adult In Match

\$50.00 for Best Puppy In Match

\$25.00 GIFT CARD for Best Junior

**Going back to our old tradition Best Puppy and Best Adult will be judged
by our President, Jerry Cerasini**

COME JOIN US FOR A GREAT DAY

For information: Match Chair, Susan Catlin

770-422-1625 or email: mrs.happylegs@mindspring.com

COMPLIMENTARY COFFEE AND DONUTS AVAILABLE

ATTENTION PERFORMANCE DOGS!

Do the Dew (claws)? Article reprinted from www.secrethavenkennel.com/resources/DewClawExplanation.pdf

Dr. Zink is a charter member of the American College of Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation, the newest specialty in veterinary medicine. She presents seminars worldwide to veterinarians and working dog professionals

M. Christine Zink DVM, PhD, DACVSMR

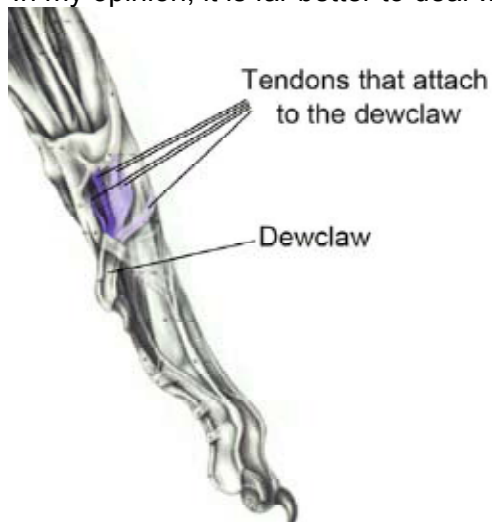
I am a vet that works exclusively with performance dogs, developing rehabilitation programs for injured dogs or dogs that have had surgery as a result of performance-related injuries. I have seen many dogs now, especially field trial/hunt test and agility dogs that have had chronic carpal arthritis, frequently so severe that they have to be retired or at least carefully managed for the rest of their careers. Of the over 30 dogs I have seen with carpal arthritis, only one has had dewclaws. The others have all had them removed.

If you look at an anatomy book (*Miller's Guide to the Anatomy of Dogs* is an excellent one –see figure below) you will see that there are 5 tendons attached to the dewclaw. Of course, at the other end of a tendon is a muscle, and that means that if you cut off the dew claws, there are 5 muscle bundles that will become atrophied from disuse.

Those muscles indicate that the dewclaws have a function. That function is to prevent torque on the leg. Each time the foot lands on the ground, particularly when the dog is cantering or galloping, the dewclaw is in touch with the ground. If the dog then needs to turn, the dewclaw digs into the ground to support the lower leg and prevent torque. If the dog doesn't have a dewclaw, the leg twists. A lifetime of that and the result can be carpal arthritis. Remember: the dog is doing the activity regardless, and the pressures on the leg have to go somewhere. They can be absorbed by the dewclaw, or they will move up and down the leg to the toes, carpus, elbow, and shoulders.

Perhaps you are thinking, "I never have had one of my dogs have carpal pain or arthritis." Well, we need to remember that dogs, by their very nature, do not tell us about mild to moderate pain. If a dog was to be asked by an emergency room nurse to give the level of his pain on a scale from 0 to 10, with 10 being the worst, their scale would be 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10. Most of our dogs, especially if they deal with pain that is of gradual onset, just deal with it and don't complain unless it is excruciating. But when I palpate the carpal joints of older dogs without dewclaws, I almost always elicit pain with relatively minimal manipulation. As to the possibility of injuries to dew claws. Most veterinarians will say that such injuries actually are not very common at all. And if they do occur, then they are dealt with like any other injury.

In my opinion, it is far better to deal with an injury than to cut the dew claws off of all dogs ,just in case."



Continue the Tradition! Volunteer to Steward!

It is a long tradition of the Atlanta kennel Club for our members and friends to steward our Fall Show. That is virtually unheard of in these days for a show the size of ours. I extend a very heartfelt thank you to all of you who have volunteered to steward and made that accomplishment possible. But now it's another year and another dog show and we need your help to extend our string of successes. So again I ask you to volunteer to steward for all or part of the day of our show on October 20. Please help us out and volunteer this year so we can keep the tradition alive.

The ring steward is our ambassador of hospitality and good sportsmanship to the exhibitors. For many exhibitors, the ring steward is the only representative of our club that they will meet at our show. I hope many of you will volunteer to steward and help to extend the warm and friendly Atlanta Kennel Club hospitality in which we all take pride.

I hope all of you that volunteered last year will do so again this year. We ask our more experienced members to please volunteer again, to help at least part of a day. Your experience will be invaluable as some of our newer members learn their way around the ring. And for our newer members, this is a great way to start getting involved. We need all of you! Please help us staff all of our rings with our own members and friends (you don't have to be a member to steward, bring your neighbors or co-workers, what a way for them to learn about dog shows!)

For those of you that are still wavering, remember we will send you a **free reserved parking pass AND there will be a free lunch**. I'm sure you will agree that it's worth at least a few hours of your time to be able to enjoy a gourmet lunch arranged by our own Chuck Milne. Our lunches are now legendary in the dog show world. It sure beats 'dog show food.' I'm sure none of you will be able to resist volunteering with these enticements.

Now for a personal plea. I know a lot of you are sitting there reading the Digest and thinking "I'm willing to help but I'll just wait until Jim calls me." Please help me out and go ahead and pick up the phone and call, or fill out the attached form and fax it, or even mail it. Those of you reading the Digest online, just go ahead and email me now. But whatever you do, even if you insist on waiting for my phone call, please help continue the Atlanta Kennel Club tradition of hospitality and volunteer to steward. We can schedule you around other commitments you may have at the show so don't let that deter you. If you are inexperienced, we'll pair you up with an experienced steward for some OJT... You may call me at 404-583-5783, e-mail me at jimmacke@comcast.net, or mail the sign-up form to me.

Thank you,

Jim Macke, Chief Ring Steward (Fall, 2012 Show)

Atlanta Kennel Club Steward Sign-up Form

I volunteer to steward at the Atlanta Kennel Club Fall Show on October 20, 2012.

Name: _____

Phone: (Home): _____ (Cell): _____

E-mail: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

When Available (examples; all day, until noon, after judging of Maltese): _____

Are you showing? ____ Do you have a dog entered? ____ What breed(s)? _____

Will you need time for grooming? _____ How long? _____

I would like to steward for (breed or judge): _____

I am experienced: yes _____ no _____ I need training: yes _____ no _____

Comments: _____

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