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ATLANTA KENNEL CLUB DIGEST

JANUARY 2013

JANUARY MEETING

JANUARY 23RD

Due to a mixup with the restaurant regarding the meeting dates for the next year our meeting date had to be changed to Wed., 1/23 this month only. Thank you for your understanding. Next month we will return to our regular 3rd Wed. meeting date schedule.

JANUARY MENU

**HERB CRUSTED CHICKEN BREAST; ROASTED GARLIC ROSEMARY JUS,
SEASONAL ROASTED CHEF'S VEGETABLES, PARMESAN MASHED POTATOES
MIXED GARDEN GREENS SALAD
Traditional German Chocolate Cake**

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:

JANUARY 23, 2013 MEETING PROGRAM:

Guest Speaker: CARMEN BATTAGLIA

"Our own" Dr. Carmen Battaglia subject is "Making the Superdog". These new and better dogs can be found in the breeding programs for TSA, the Seeing Eye, in the show ring, obedience, tracking, hunting, herding, search and rescue & in Home Land Defense. He he will share many methods & ideas.

Dr Battaglia gives 1 and 2 day seminars on this topic – this will give you a taste of what you can learn.

Check out his website: www.breedingbetterdogs.com

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 (January 20th)** 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 and a place will be held at a table.



January Birthdays:

Lana Dorn 1/4
Ron Mulvaney 1/7
Ed Adams 1/8
Vicky Jones 1/10
Sylvia McDaniel 1/16
Lindsey Tobery 1/16
Ben Zahn 1/17
Tamara Brower 1/18
Johnette Hood 1/19
James Carroll 1/20
Lucy Rowland 1/21
Katie Averill 1/21
Pat Joyce 1/25
Neil Bates 1/25
Susan Catlin 1/28
Carol Simmons 1/30
Sue Rekuc 1/31

February Birthdays:

Pat Klausman 2/1
Kellie Holbrook 2/3
Karen Mays 2/4
Linda Shipley 2/5
Nancy Harper-Mulvaney 2/9
Alison Lowe 2/9
Joyce Osburn 2/14
Robert LaBerge 2/15



-Bonnie Turner 1/3
Alberto & Terry Berrios 2/14

FYI:

Birthdays are mid-month to mid-month. Anyone Missing?

**Please let us know so we can get our lists up to date!!
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NEW MEMBERS a/o November 14, 2012:

KAY ALLRED

6510 Bradford Place, Cumming GA 30040
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FIRST READINGS held November 14, 2012:

Second Reading to be December 10, 2012

JOHN & MELANIE BARNES

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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)

ATLANTA KC TOP JUNIOR COMPETITION RESULTS

We had 16 entries for the very first Atlanta Kennel Club Top Junior Handler Competition, a regional limited competition, with 14 competing. Mary Ellen Macke and Valerie Dambrowski did a FANTASTIC job selecting four (4) finalists from each of their respective preliminary groups of 7 (seven), sending truly what are the top juniors in our area (in the country really) to the finals, where Robert Schreve had a very onerous task of picking just one (1) Top Junior Handler.

THE FINALISTS WERE:

EMMA GRAYSON ECHOLS from Watkinsville, GA



Best Junior
EMMA ECHOLS

CHAZ McDONNELL from Greensboro, NC

KIMBERLY BENKISER from Cumming, GA (Atlanta KC Jr member)



KIMBERLY BENKISER

RACHEL KENNEDY from Clarksville, TN

BECKER REEP from Weaverville, NC

KYLIE SOAFER from Roswell, GA (Atlanta KC Jr member)



KYLIE SOAFER

MARY CLAIRE CTIBOR from Milner, GA

EMILY GOLDSTEIN from Chapel Hill, NC

EMMA GRAYSON ECHOLS, SHOWING HER YORKSHIRE TERRIER, TUCKER, RECEIVED THE NOD FROM JUDGE SCHREVE AS OUR INAUGURAL TOP JUNIOR HANDLER, receiving a \$1,000 scholarship that will be administered by the Atlanta Kennel Club Foundation and paid directly to an institution where Emma will enroll for post high school education or training.

It was a wonderful start to a what will prove to be a honored tradition of the Atlanta Kennel Club in its long practiced support of Junior Showmanship.

SUE REKUC
JR. SHOWMANSHIP CHAIR



CONGRATULATIONS TO JENNY BAUM AND “MYRNA”!

“MYRNA” is shown finishing her championship at the Bullmastiff Club of America National in Oconomowoc WI. Always breeder- owner handled, she finished with 3 regional wins, 2 regional reserves and 1 local show for 3 pts handled by junior member **KIMBERLY BENKISER**. Her first win came as a 6 mos puppy in Detroit, and then later in Texas, & Perry. At 1 year, from BBE class, she won in TN and Atlanta, and finished at the National at 15 mos of age.

Jenny also retired the best bred-by challenge trophy at this national which had been offered since 1991.

Jenny now goes to Eukanuba with **CH BEOWULF THE PERFECT WIFE HAPPYLEGS!**, and 3 others of her Beowulf dogs who were also invited -- 2 are BBE Champions and Myrna’s mom for her GCh.

“MOTHER” , **BEOWULF A MOTHER’S GLORY VCD1, BN, RE, OA, OAJ, NAP, NJP, OFF, THD, CAA. VCD1** at 8 1/2 earned her TD at the national and became the first and only Bullmastiff to earn AKC titles in all events in which Bullmastiffs can participate.

The VCD1 title (Versatility Dog)includes the CD & TD. The THD is the new Therapy dog title now awarded by AKC. This title requires 50 therapy visits, and she is now move than halfway to the THD2 title with her visits to an Alzheimer unit. She also needs a few more legs for her coursing ability excellent title.

Is there anything she can’t do? Congratulations Jenny for all you and “MOTHER” have accomplished.

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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).

SOCIAL MEDIA CORNER ~ AKC ON PINTEREST

Does your club have an overload of photos from club events, shows and trials? Consider displaying them on **PINTEREST!** You can organize them into different topics and create “boards” to “pin” them on.

AKC IS ON PINTEREST and our boards include Tips from Family Dog Mag, AKC Celebrates, Your Dog at Home, Safety Tips, Puppies, Training & Behavior Tips and AKC Meet the Breeds NYC.

Be creative — what board themes can you come up with? You can link the photos back to different pages on your website, which can help you promote your show information, public education programs and more.

You can find the AKC on Pinterest here. <http://pinterest.com/akcdoglovers/>

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB'S CANINE GOOD CITIZEN BECOMES AN OFFICIAL AKC TITLE

NEW YORK, NY...IN CELEBRATION OF DOGS WITH GOOD MANNERS AT HOME AND IN THE COMMUNITY, BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2013, PASSING THE AKC®'S CANINE GOOD CITIZEN® TEST CAN BE RECOGNIZED AS AN OFFICIAL AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB® TITLE FOR ALL DOGS.

Since the program began in 1989, the CGC® has been considered an award. Dogs that passed the 10-step test received a certificate, but CGC was not listed on the dog's title record. Now as a result of frequent requests from dog owners and instructors, owners of dogs registered or listed with AKC will be able to use the CGC suffix after the dog's name and include Canine Good Citizen on their dog's official title record.

We're pleased to celebrate the accomplishments of the thousands of dogs that pass the Canine Good Citizen test each year by offering CGC as a title, said Mary Burch, PhD, director of AKC's Canine Good Citizen program. The CGC program tests the skills that make dogs a joy to live with and many owners have expressed the desire to officially add this badge of honor to the end of their dog's official AKC name. We hope that CGC is the first of many titles these dogs earn.

For dogs that pass the test on or after January 1, 2013, owners will be able to choose from two options on the CGC test form: CGC as a title or CGC certificate only.

CGC as a title: CGC will be listed on the dog's official AKC title record. The dog must be registered or listed with AKC (via an AKC registration number, PAL listing, or AKC Canine Partners listing). Owners will receive the CGC certificate and may use the suffix CGC after the dog's name.

CGC certificate only: CGC will not appear on the dog's official AKC title record.

Owners whose dogs earned the CGC award from January 1, 2001 onward may convert the award into a title by filling out and submitting this form.

AKC began accepting CGC title applications on Monday, December 17, 2012. The processing of all CGC title application will begin Wednesday, January 2, 2013. Learn more about CGC as a title at <http://www.akc.org/events/cgc/title.cfm>.

To compete or earn any AKC titles, including the new CGC title, dogs must have an AKC number: an AKC registration number, a Purebred Alternative Listing (PAL) number or an AKC Canine Partners' number. If your dog doesn't already have an AKC number, learn how to obtain one at www.AKC.org

The Canine Good Citizen program is a two-part program that stresses responsible pet ownership for owners and basic good manners for dogs. Many dog owners choose Canine Good Citizen training as the first step in training their dogs. The program lays the foundation for other AKC activities such as obedience, agility, tracking, and performance events and also serves to enhance the bond between owner and dog, making dogs a pleasure with which to live. Get started or find a CGC instructor or approved AKC CGC evaluator at http://www.akc.org/dogowner/training/canine_good_citizen/links.cfm

THE RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNER DAY – SEPT. 8TH – WHAT A BEAUTIFUL DAY!!

Well if you missed this day, you missed a great day to be at a dog show!

Our Atlanta Kennel Club annual B match, held on the grounds of our much loved Wills Park, was fabulous!

Held in conjunction with our Responsible Dog Ownership Day, the match was fun, entertaining and blessed with perfect weather. Even though the forecast was for showers, our day was rain free . We had a lovely light breeze and with lots of cloud cover to keep the heat away.

Our Best Jr handler was Katie Gramling from Mableton , Ga with her handsome black Cocker, Touchstones Carbon , aka TC.

Thank you to Mary Ellen Macke for judging our Jr's., you did a super job.

Our Best Puppy was the Akita , Jencot Enchanted, aka Jinx. She was beautifully shown by the breeder/owner Stuart Kinghorn, who is our own Rebecca Kestle's husband and co-owner/breeder of Jinx.

Best Adult was the impressive Puli, Bartok's Harvest Song, aka Shaker. Owned and shown by Nancy Kelly of Alpharetta.

Thank you to our President Jerry Ceresini for judging our Bests. Polite, welcoming and polished, you did a great job.

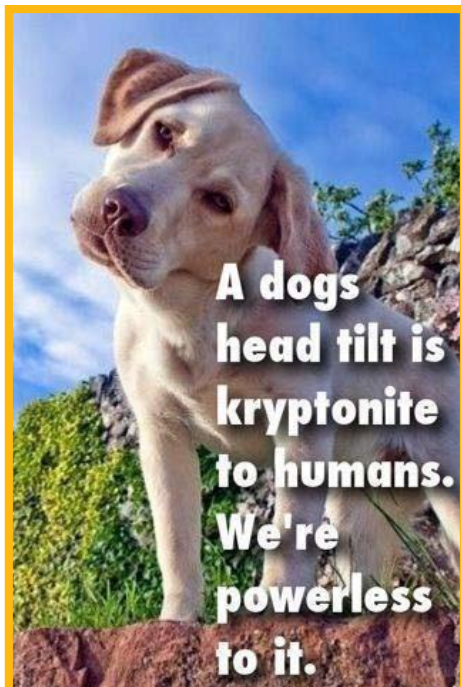
Thank you Dr. Paul Averil for judging the breed and groups . You came early, helped set up, take down and judged. Much appreciated.

Many thank you's to my good friends for helping me, you know it can't be done alone. Darcy, Chuck, Beth, Roger, Jerry, Greg.
Thank you

Thank you !

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THE ELEPHANT IN THE COURTROOM

Don't worry, kids. Elephants are staying in the circus. And the animal-rights activists who tried to drive them out are paying a price for their abusive litigation. On Friday Feld Entertainment, producer of the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus, announced a legal settlement under which the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) has paid \$9.3 million to the company.

Yes, you read that correctly. A special-interest group sued a corporation and in the resulting settlement it was not the business but the activist group that had to write a check. The case is an example of how the ASPCA has become increasingly politicized and much different from the nice outfit that looks out for the well-being of homeless and lovable dogs and cats.

Twelve years ago the ASPCA and other activist outfits joined with a former Ringling employee to sue the company under the Endangered Species Act. The claim was that Ringling was abusing Asian elephants. Perhaps the activists figured the circus would fold up its big top and write a check.

Not on Chairman and CEO Kenneth Feld's watch. He's been working in the family business since 1970 and tells us that he's "proud of our animal care and I'll put it up against anyone in the world."

After nine years of litigation, a federal court found that the plaintiffs had no standing to sue under the Endangered Species Act and that the former Ringling employee was "not credible" and "essentially a paid plaintiff and fact witness" whose only source of income during the litigation was the animal-rights groups that were his co-plaintiffs.

Mr. Feld says the \$9.3 million payment from the ASPCA represents less than half of what his company has had to spend defending itself against the "manufactured litigation" from the activists. But he seems likely to recover more. His company is continuing its litigation against the Humane Society of the United States, the Fund for Animals, the Animal Welfare Institute, the Animal Protection Institute United with Born Free USA, the former employee and the lawyers who prosecuted the bogus case.

"This goes way beyond economics," says Mr. Feld. He adds that the "level of harassment" that his elephant trainers undergo from activists is almost "unbearable" and that "the activists are trying to bring down an American institution." The longtime Ringling boss argues that he is the trustee of a tradition "older than baseball" that offers a vanishing commodity for American families: affordable G-rated entertainment.

Mr. Feld's legal victories ensure that the Ringling tradition will continue, but the larger winner is the cause of justice. A version of this article appeared December 31, 2012, on page A14 in the U.S. edition of The Wall Street Journal, with the headline: The Elephant in the Courtroom.

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