



ATLANTA KENNEL CLUB DIGEST

FEBRUARY 2015



Wednesday
FEBRUARY 18TH

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NEW LOCATION!
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February Menu

CHICKEN CHAMPIGNON

WITH CHEF'S CHOICE OF STARCH, VEGETABLE, & DESSERT

Mixed Green Salad with Choice of Dressing
(Fresh Sliced Fruit Plate substitute for dessert)

KIDS CHOICE: Chicken Fingers and Fries

All Meals are served with Fresh Bread and Butter, Coffee & Tea

Alternate Choices upon request when making reservations.

Vegetarian Choice is available.

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FEBRUARY 18, 2015 MEETING PROGRAM:

"A CRITIQUE OF WESTMINSTER 2015"
by former Westminster Herding Group Judge, Kathleen Steen

We will have the video of the Westminster Judging and
Kathleen will share a critique of the dogs shown.

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NEW LOCATION:
DOUBLETREE BY HILTON HOTEL ~ ROSWELL

1075 Holcomb Bridge Road • Roswell, GA 30076

Phone: 770-992-9600

www.atlantaroswell.doubletree.com

Time: 6:45 pm Salads Served • 7:15-8:00 pm Dinner
8:00 pm (Sharp) Program begins • 8:45-9:15 pm Adjourn

Directions: Take GA-400 North to Exit 7B Roswell exit and turn onto
Holcomb Bridge Road going West TOWARDS Roswell; the hotel is located
.5 mile on the left at the second traffic light, Dogwood Road.

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 Friday at NOON (February 13th)**
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 \$25 adults (this price reflects
the reduction to the members from the actual cost as Atlanta KC subsidizes all dinners in
the amount of \$5 each as a benefit of membership) and \$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.



Birthdays

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:

Sheila Delashmutter 2/16

Sherry Buchla 2/17

Marcene Perry 2/17

Vicki Allenbrand 2/19

Rebecca Kestle, DVM 2/19

Mrs. John Moore 2/19

Sheila O'Brien 2/20

Clinton Vail 2/21

Mary Sechler 2/23

Gary Oller 2/23

Mavis Barr 2/27

Jane Snider 2/28

MARCH BIRTHDAYS:

Greg Benkiser 3/1

Charlene Kickbush, DVM 3/5



Anniversaries

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES:

Gary & Mary Johnson 2/23

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES:

Carl & Tully Vitner 3/1

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

JUDGES SELECTION COMMITTEE 2014-2015

Please call committee members from the appropriate group to suggest judges for consideration by the selection committee which meets several times during the year. Please remember not everyone "suggested" can be placed on a panel due to a variety of reasons however club member input is given priority. We do work with our "sister" cluster clubs and also have a policy not to hire the same judge for the same show 2 years in a row. Since we do share judges with the other cluster clubs, we tend to try to hire judges approved for several groups, if possible, to control expenses through judge sharing. Members provisional for any breeds are also given a priority as well as suggestions from specialty clubs for their supported entries.

Show Chairman – Kathleen Steen – 770-751-0311 - kathleensteen@bellsouth.net
Sporting – Mary Ellen Macke – 404-310-5933 - maryellen.macke@harrynorman.com
Working – Carl Vitner – 404-291-0123 - samoyed@bellsouth.net
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Toys – Candy Wright – 678-851-4633 - chiggerbug@gmail.com
Herding – Dr Carmen Battaglia – 770-998-3679 - cbattaglia@mindspring.com
Terrier – Gilda Mallik – 770-394-4098 - gilndon@comcast.net

Contact your breed's group representative to submit possible judge choices for future shows.

MEMBERSHIP:

GILDA MALLIK - GILNDON@COMCAST.NET - 770-394-4098



NEW MEMBERS

Welcome New Members, **DONNA SLAVIN** and **JUSTIN SMITHEY** voted into membership at the January Meeting.

NEW MEMBER APPLICANTS

To be read at the February meeting

Laurie L. Ford

1672 Sierra Drive, Marietta, GA 30062
Home phone: 770-315-5135 • Cell: 770-543-9855
artscape1964@hotmail.com

BREED: Pomeranian/Australian Shepherd
SPONSORS: Beth Hawthorne, Bud Hidlay



Janie and Richard "Rick" Smith

406 Northampton Lane, Canton, GA 30115
Home: 770-704-7944 • Cell: 770-241-1732
jhsros@aol.com • rsmith6580@aol.com

BREED: Parson Russell Terriers
SPONSORS: Mary Ellen and Jim Macke



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CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

GINGER ALDRICH ... P.O. Box 6501, Gainesville, GA 30504 ... Phone same: 770-380-9404 ... (yes, we are still on the boat but just moved our mailbox to a closer location).

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CHANGE OF EMAIL ADDRESS:

DR. CARMEN BATTAGLIA ... now carmenbattaglia@gmail.com

MEMBER OF THE MONTH:



FEBRUARY: Congratulations to **JIM MACKE** for his work in organizing our Agility trial and in organizing our club's Barn Hunt Association recognition to host Barn Hunts.

DIGEST COORDINATOR:

GINGER ALDRICH - Snofire@aol.com - 770-380-9404



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

Ideas on Programs anyone?

KATHY SMITH, our Program Chair, is requesting any member suggestions and contact info for 2015 Programs you would like us to plan. She needs ideas on interesting programs you would like to have. Please contact Kathy at goodtimegldns@aol.com 404-256-4451.

WEBMASTER:



JIM MACKE - JIMMACKE@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.



We are on **FACEBOOK!** Thanks, **TAMARA BROWER** for creating our FB page ~ it's beautiful! We have had some great participation but we want everyone to check it out and "Like us" and spread the word far and wide to your other FB dog friends. Great photos now from our recent BARN HUNT – check it out, okay?!!

www.facebook.com/AtlantaKennelClub

CARDS AND FLOWERS:

MARSHA GREENE - toydogs@bellsouth.net - 770-851-0130



Please think of our members who have recently had surgery or otherwise been under the weather!

BOARD MEMBER, PAUL AVERILL, continues to recuperate from his car accident at home but we hear he is doing well and even went into his clinic recently for a few hours which is great news

Get well Paul! Call and wish him well at 706-865-7010

JUNIORS:



THE AKC JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP FACEBOOK PAGE – Check it out Juniors and Juniors supporters!

<https://www.facebook.com/akc.juniors>



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

OUR PREMIUM LIST FOR APRIL SHOWS 8-12 will be up on the Onofrio website momentarily so please check for it - NOTE Premium lists will not be mailed as in the past - many clubs are moving to electronic sending of Emails - You should be receiving Onofrio notices of coming shows regularly - This saves a huge amount on first class postage and mail costs which make it possible to keep our entry fees where they are.

PLEASE VISIT THE PEACH BLOSSOM WEBSITE for updates on the shows and all events. New is Barn Hunt, Carting, and Dock Diving - AKC accepts Barn Hunt association and Dock Diving titles from approved associations - so come out and try your dogs out in these new fun events. The Match is moved to Friday night in McGill Bldg. Lure Coursing, Agility, and more Obedience Events will also be offered. New also is the Terrier Group club on Sunday - we now have 3 Group Clubs! www.peach-blossom.org. *Please help spread the word about our shows in April via your facebook pages and social media.*

START COMPILING YOUR LISTS FOR TITLED DOGS you finished this past year to send for the Annual Meeting program - Another notice will be sent in March - it will be due to me after Perry Shows.

Newnan Kennel Club, Inc.

B-OB MATCH

Saturday, March 28, 2015

Coweta County Fairgrounds, 275 Pine Road, Newnan, GA 30263

**** Conformation Indoors; Obedience, Rally & CGC Outdoors**

Pre- entries - \$5.00 / Day of match entry fee - \$7.00.

Junior Showmanship – Free

Canine Good Citizen (CGC) Test - \$15

Mail Pre-entries to be received by Mar. 24 to:

Match Chair – Carolyn Stauffer 101 Fern Vale, Peachtree City, GA 30269

770-487-1689, corgicarolpem@gmail.com

Make checks payable to Newnan Kennel Club

Schedule

Day of Match Entries taken from 9:00 – 11:30.

Rally and Junior Showmanship Judging begin at 12:00

Obedience judging to follow Rally

Conformation judging to follow Junior Showmanship

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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)



BELLE WINS AT EUKANUBA!

Congratulations to LYNETTE WHITE!

X-Rays vs. Ultrasound on Pregnant Bitches

Both radiographs (x-rays) and ultrasound have costs and benefits in determining pregnant dogs and puppy numbers. Both are equally prone to missing puppies, some of them are just sneaking about hiding!

Ultrasound

- This is a very non-invasive means of looking at puppies. There is virtually zero risk to mom of the pups. The most accurate times for using ultrasound is between 18 and 25 days of pregnancy. Anything beyond 28 days loses accuracy because the horns of the uterus are beginning to twist and double-up on itself to accommodate the increasing size of fetuses. The accuracy in determining numbers of puppies is only as good as the skill of the ultrasonographer, but a good one should be +/- 1 pup. This is not a simple skill to learn, and most vets who are good at it have attended special training seminars to learn. Even then, it takes a lot of practice to learn how to take a 2-dimensional picture and turn it into 3 dimensions. We are blessed by having two of the best in the field here at the vet school. The advantages in doing ultrasound is that pregnancy can be confirmed at a much earlier time than even palpation. The dog simply has to lay quietly on her back and get a belly massage with warm gel. What corgi wouldn't love this!!! Viability of puppies can also be determined, by visualizing heart beats, age can be more accurately determined, by looking for key changes in the fetuses, such as intestinal motility, giving a better whelping date. Ultrasound can also identify empty sacs, indicating reabsorption of a fetus. Ultrasound close to whelping can identify some abnormalities, such as hydrocephalus, and skull sizes can be measured. The disadvantages of ultrasound is the cost and availability.

Radiographs

- Simple, readily available, less expensive than ultrasound. Greater risk to the developing fetuses during early gestation, so that alone is reason not to have them done before the last trimester. As someone already mentioned, the skeleton doesn't ossify (calcify) until after 47-49 days of gestation, so you have to wait until past this point before you have any hope of visualizing puppies. You can usually count puppies readily on radiographs, again +/- one puppy. (Count skulls, not spines!) Even here, someone can be hiding behind another puppy or along mom's spine. I have hunted for that last puppy after whelping and still not found him on radiographs, knowing he was there. The other advantage is that the skulls can be compared in size to the width of the dam's pelvis. I did a c-section on a bitch because she only had one puppy who was huge, AND he was pointed in the wrong direction. Now, he might have decided to turn himself around, but why take chances? The viability cannot be determined on radiographs alone. Unless a puppy has been dead for a long period of time, and is already decomposing, there is no way to determine if the skeletons you see on a radiograph belongs to a living puppy. The other big use for radiographs is as a quick check to determine if there is anyone still in the uterus after the bitch looks like she is done. Sometimes the contracting uterus feels so hard it resembles a puppy. I have heard of (not done, fortunately) c-sections on bitches without puppies, based on palpation, and I have certainly seen bitches who felt "empty" who had another puppy in the lobby or on the way home from the vet clinic.

So there you have it. What you use, whether you use anything at all, will be determined by your ultimate questions to be answered by the procedure, cost, availability and skill of the operators in question, and your veterinarian. I do not routinely x-ray or ultrasound every pregnant bitch, just the ones that I have questions or concerns about. Until returning to the vet school, I didn't have easy access to ultrasound without driving at least an hour. For simple pregnancy determination, I trusted my own palpation skills, which have proven to be quite accurate over the years on corgis.