



Atlanta Kennel Club

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Atlanta Kennel Club Newsletter

January 2016

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Meeting Date Moved!

*The February Meeting has been moved in date to a different day!
Why? Find out more on Page 6!*

January Meeting

Wednesday, January 18th, 2017

Menu

Entrée

Chicken with Tropical Salsa

First course is a salad with a choice of dressing.

Kids Choice

Chicken Fingers with Fries

All Meals are served with chef's choice of vegetable and starch, bread and butter, dessert, coffee & tea (Fresh sliced fruit plate may be substituted for dessert.)

Alternate choices upon request when making reservations.

Vegetarian choices are also available.

Meeting Program

"Veterinary Collectibles"

Dr. Mike Smith shows off a collection of collectable, historical veterinary medicine in an effort to keep the history of veterinary medicine preserved!

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 DINE 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. You may reserve and pay via Paypal on the club website under "Events"

OR Contact our Kellie Holbrook - 770-664-5756 or email her at holbrookcc@mindspring.com ***NO LATER than Friday at NOON (January 13th)** prior to the meeting on the following Wednesday. If you RSVP'd 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 to attend later, you can order food "to go" from the res-

Birthdays

Jan. / Mid Feb. Birthdays

Cabot Fairchild, Jan 1

Laurie Ford, Jan 3

Lana Dorn, Jan 4

Brooke Van Etten, Jan 6

Ron Mulvaney, Jan 7

Ed Adams, Jan 8

Vicky Jones, Jan 10

Sylvia McDaniel, Jan 16

Lindsey Tobery, Jan 16

Barbara Zahn, Jan.17

Tamara Brower, Jan 18

Johnette Hood, Jan 19

James Carroll, Jan 20

Lucy Rowland, Jan 21

Katie Averill, Jan 21

Justin Smitey, Jan 21

Donna Slavin, Jan 21

Pat Joyce, Jan 25

Neil Bates, Jan 25

Susan Catlin, Jan 28

Brenna Potash, Jan 29

Carol Simmons, Jan 30

Sue Reukc, Jan 21

Richard Smith, Jan 31

Pat Klausman, Feb 1

Kellie Holbrook, Feb 3

Paul Hulsing, Feb 3

Karen Mays, Feb 4

Linda Shipley, Feb 5

Alison Lowe, Feb 9

Joyce Osburn, Feb 14

Gail LaBerge, Feb 15

Anniversaries

Bonnie Turner, Jan 3

Alberto & Terry Berrios, Feb 14

January Speaker: Vet Collectibles with Dr. Mike Smith

Dr. Mike Smith is a veterinarian, even so far as owning the Evans Mill Animal Hospital for over 30 years. But when he isn't healing animals or giving check-ups, he is collecting antiques and other collectibles. Some of such collectibles are old veterinarian medicines and other implements used in a simpler time. He brings such things here, to our meeting, in hopes that he can keep the history of his field alive, to distribute that history, and to show that collecting these items isn't as nerdy as it might sound.

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.

Do not forget to like us on FACEBOOK! Do you have something to post ?

Tamara Brower is the Facebook Administrator for the **Atlanta Kennel Club**, the

Peach Blossom Cluster and the **Georgia Classic Cluster**. tamarabrower@gmail.com

Contact Tamara at tamarabrower@gmail.com.



Brag:

Please send any brags for the Digest to Ginger Aldrich – snofire@aol.com, 770-380-9404, P.O. Box 6501, Gainesville GA 30504 (usually to be received just prior to the 1st of each month)

Juniors: The AKC Junior Showmanship Facebook page: Check it out, Juniors and Juniors supporters!

<https://www.facebook.com/akc.juniors> - Also send any Juniors brags or recent wins to the Digest Coordinator Ginger Aldrich - snofire@aol.com for inclusion here. We want to know what is happening out there in the JS rings!

Notice: You should submit a request for club support of \$350 if you are going to compete at Westminster and/or Invitational now! Not later! Now! Quickly! Stop procrastinating!

Good Sportsmanship Award Request

The Good Sportsmanship Award is presented to a nominated person by the membership of the Atlanta Kennel Club for (his or her) positive attitude and display of Good Sportsmanship in all (his or her) activities and contributions to the club.

This person is normally a member of the club however anyone can be nominated.

Please send your nominee in writing to the Digest editor for listing in the Digest
Ginger Aldrich, snofire@aol.com or PO Box 6501 Gainesville GA 30504

The voting will occur at the April meeting and the award presented at the Annual Meeting in May with a medallion from the

February Meeting – Westminster Party!

We interrupt this Digest to bring you this news bulletin! Instead of the normal February meeting next month, we will instead be hosting a Westminster Viewing Party where we all watch the Westminster Dog Show on a projector so that all can observe. Since this takes place on a different day than our usual meeting date, we will be hosting our party on February 14th, also known as Valentine's Day!

I ask you this: What's more romantic than a big screen with a bunch of *adorable dogs* on it?

All members who attend will be required a \$20 fee (with a \$25 fee for non-members), with access to hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. The

Rosters:

Please do not forget also to check the Atlanta KC Website to check our roster info where it is posted

Many people ask for a roster – it is there now and all you need to do is print it off if you want a hard copy – it is updated whenever we add new members.

New Members:**Viktoriia Ivanouskaia**

228 Harmony Ct.

Alpharetta, Ga. 30004

(347) 393-4041

(no email address currently)

Member News — Address Change

One of our members, **Sandy Weaver**, has changed residence to Marietta, Georgia with a P.O. Box of 68389 and a Zip Code of 30068 if anyone needs to reach her! I hope you enjoy your new home to its fullest extent, Sandy!

Dr. Carmen Battaglia Seminar

Dr. Carmen Battaglia will be hosting a two-day seminar sponsored by Kennesaw Kennel Club on February 18th and 19th from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM each day, detailing plenty of great insights into various points of dog breeding. From breeding methods to seeing the structure of the new pups, this seminar has it all, even live demonstration dogs! That's right! Every dog that will be used in a demonstration is already supplied, ergo it might be prudent to leave one's dogs home.

The seminar itself is just \$65 per day or \$100 for both days! Moreover, there is a box lunch available for \$10 a day (must be paid for in advance), so you won't go hungry listening to this great knowledge. If you have any more questions (such as location), please visit

Upcoming Show and Specialty — Peach State Winter Sieger

The 2017 Peach State Winter Sieger will be held on January 14th and 15th at the Georgia International Horse Park in Conyers, GA. This show will be indoors. We will be setting up on Friday afternoon so if you plan on setting up early, please wait until we begin our setup first. The Show Roster will be updated periodically as entries come in and the Show Schedule will be available within a flyer for this show few days of the show closing. You can enter the show online or via fax or mail. Would you like to help them hand out fliers? They'd really appreciate it! Send an e-mail to info@iabca.com "Winter Sieger Links" and they'll ship you a box of fliers to help pass out!

Furthermore, the Chinese Crested Regional Specialty will take place on Saturday, January 14th — judged by Ms. Gloria Kerr! The entries for the specialty are closed already however, as they closed on January 1st, but feel free to attend and watch the Crested do their thing! I'm sure it will be a blast!

Upcoming Shows and Trials — January and April!

January 18th will be the beginning of a five day Agility trial in Perry, Georgia! The wondrous Fairgrounds are going to be our home for the next five days as we once again race our dogs through awesome jumps, tunnels and weaves all the way to victory! Make sure you register before it closes!

Furthermore, save the date for April 12th to the 16th for another awesome show! www.peach-blossom.org

For more information please check out our website at: "www.atlantakennelclub.org"

American Kennel Club Operations Report

Event Operations would like to take this opportunity to update your club on a few items recently passed by the Board of Directors. Any questions should be sent to eventnews@akc.org.

Code of Sportsmanship

The AKC would like to remind all clubs that sportsmanship is one of the hallmarks of dog sports. All our events are family friendly! Please post the [AKC Code of Sportsmanship](#) in as many locations as possible. Potential locations include the premium list, the judging program, the catalog, on ring number posts, and at the secretary or superintendents table. Help remind everyone that good sportsmanship is critical to the sport.

Concurrent specialties

The Board of Directors approved a change to the entry limit for the specialty event. In the cases, where a specialty event is held over multiple days and one or more days of the specialty will be concurrent with an all-breed or group event, the entry limit for the specialty show is 100 entries each day. The entry limit for the all-breed or group event for the breed having a concurrent specialty remains 100 entries. The complete policy can be found at <http://www.akc.org/rules/policy-manual/policy-manual-shows/>.

Junior Showmanship at Limited Breed Events

For Limited Breed events held on or after January 1, 2017 clubs will have the option of offering Junior Showmanship classes for all AKC recognized breeds. Clubs will need to publish in their premium list if they are opening up Junior Showmanship to all AKC recognized breed or limiting it to the breeds in their group.

Event Closeout Notices Now Delivered By Email

As part of our continued effort to improve communication, Event Closeout Notices are now delivered by email to those clubs that have designated email as their primary form of communication. The Closeout Notice is generated after the completion of results processing for an event and it contains information about the following year's event. It is especially important for clubs to review the corresponded date of the following year's event.

Canine Officer Program

The Sports Services Department would like to remind clubs, if they are currently supporting law enforcement by purchasing dog vest, dog food, etc., AKC would like to honor those officers and their canine partners. Please contact canineofficer@akc.org for more information. Information about this program can be found

Judges' Selection Committee 2016-2017

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

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Herding – Dr. Carmen Battaglia – 770-998-3679 - carmenbattaglia@gmail.com

Terrier – Gilda Mallik – 770-394-4098- gilndon@comcast.net

Committee is now working on 2017 FALL Judges

If anyone in our club is newly provisional in new breeds, or thinking you may be soon, you must let Kathleen know in order to be included in a future panel- the new judges lists are not necessarily being monitored OK – just an FYI reminder

If you know of someone who may be provisional in their first group – non member etc — to recommend also let Kathleen or the group leader know as they are always seeking provisional judges for AKC requirements.

Update: Mary Ellen is now looking for judges for the Peach Blossom Cluster for the Puppy 4-6. These classes will be on Friday with the Valdosta Kennel Club. If you are interested, please let Mary Ellen know at "maryellen.macke@harrynorman.com" — remember,

Upcoming Obedience Trial!

The Cocker Spaniel Specialty Club of Georgia is hosting an all-breed obedience trial on January 28th and 29th; this month! It will be an indoor trial with solid hours of 7:30 AM to 6:00 PM. There are three hotels nearby and yes, there is full hookup RV parking! This venue is the whole package! Remember, all dogs are welcome, too, including "All American Dogs"!

For directions, sign-up and more information, please check their website at: "www.cockerspanielclubofgeorgia.net"! Good luck, and have fun everyone!

Atlanta Kennel Club Owner/Handler Changes

ATLANTA KENNEL CLUB - POLICIES AND PROCEDURES 2016- 2017

as revised by the Board of Directors, February 24, 2016.

MEMBERSHIP

The Atlanta Kennel Club is dedicated to pure-bred dogs, and does not approve of mixed breed or cross breed litters. Purebred dog is defined as any breed recognized by AKC. Any applicant who has had a mixed breed or cross breed litter within two years of the date of application shall be denied membership unless such applicant has spayed/neutered all puppies before the puppies leave such applicants premises.

Applicants who apply after March 1 and are subsequently approved shall have their membership extended through the following fiscal year. Applicants will be eligible for participation in any Member Function provided they were read at the previous meeting. A member, to be in good standing, must not have any delinquent debts to the club.

Membership applications will be available to applicants at Atlanta Kennel Club events including matches, shows, agility trials, regular monthly membership meetings, and on the public facing page of the Atlanta Kennel Club website. Applications must be mailed directly to the membership chairperson or turned in at regular monthly membership meetings. Applicant must be physically present at one meeting when the application is read. Applicants shall be published in the Digest prior to their election to membership. If an application is not available at an event or meeting, the applicant may request to receive one in the mail. The applicant may return the application to the membership chair or corresponding secretary via mail or may bring it to a meeting and before the meeting give it to the membership chair to be read.

The Club Roster is available to members only and not to outside organizations without prior Board approval.

Each new member shall be given a folder. The folder will contain a welcome letter from the President, a club roster, a list of yearly events, a membership card and pin, a club decal, a list of committee heads and a questionnaire asking on what committees the new member would be interested in serving. New members must attend a meeting to receive their packet and membership pin. Membership Chair will be responsible for sending a list of new members to the Committee Chairs of those willing to serve on their committees when new information is compiled or when a new member joins.

Under a separate mailing, a dues notice, a copy of the code of ethics, and a membership form are to be mailed by the Membership Chair to regular members during the month of March. Dues & completed forms are to be returned to the Membership Chair, who will forward the information to the committee chairs the names of people willing to serve on their committees. Lifetime members will be contacted annually by the Membership Chair to request any changes in status. Membership Chair will forward checks to the Treasurer for deposit. Membership renewal -The Code of Ethics is to be included with each member's renewal form and dues payment. Life members shall provide one signed copy of the current code of ethics.

MEETINGS

The Program Chair is allotted up to \$1000.00 during the year for program expenses.

Program presenters at regular monthly meetings will be provided with dinner for the speaker and one guest.

The Board of Directors will meet the fourth Wednesday of each month, the time and place to be decided by the Board.

The date and time of the meeting may be changed by a ¾ vote of the Board. The membership will be notified by email of the change of meeting details.

Board Meeting information, including date, time and place will be on the calendar page of the Atlanta Kennel Club website.

AWARDS

A printed program will be prepared for the Annual Meeting and Awards banquet each year that will contain a list of life members, new members, deceased members, and a list of members who have earned titles or other significant awards on dogs during the year. A complete list of the life members, new members and deceased members will be sent by the Membership Chair to the Digest Editor who will be responsible for preparing the program.

The recipient of the "Good Sportsmanship Award" will be selected by nomination (50 words or less) and balloting of the membership. Nominations will be published in the March issue of the Digest. The first nomination received for each nominee will be the one published. Balloting will be held at the April meeting and recipient announced at the Annual meeting.

The "J.J. Duncan Distinguished Service Award" will be presented at the Annual Meeting and Awards banquet each year to a member selected by the Board of Directors who, over the preceding year, has displayed hard work, determination, devotion to club projects and dependability.

The "President's Award" will be presented each year at the Annual Meeting and Awards banquet to a member or a non-member. It will be given to someone who has made a significant contribution to the club or to the sport of dogs. The award is given at the sole discretion of the President.

An optional award may be given each year, at the discretion of the president, to recognize a club member or other person that has contributed significantly to the success of the club or our shows while serving in a background position.

Junior Members, who qualify to enter Westminster and / or the AKC National Invitational JS competition, will be offered \$300.00 to help defray travel costs. The Junior must enter and attend the Westminster and / or the AKC National Invitational Dog Show and within three months of the event request in writing to the Board of Directors to receive the funds, which will be presented at a meeting attended by the Junior.

A Junior Member or Regular Member who is awarded a scholarship by the American Kennel Club (AKC) may request a matching grant, not to exceed \$500.00, from the Atlanta Kennel Club. Any grant awarded must be approved by the Board of Directors.

The Atlanta KC. will offer 4 scholarships, all in memory of J. Wen Lundeen, Roy and Hazel Ayers, Herman and Judy Felton, Gloria and Paul Karelson, and Asa Mays, DVM. A check for \$2000.00 for each scholarship will be presented to the students selected by the University Of Georgia College Of Veterinary Medicine at their annual awards banquet. The recipients are to be Georgia residents specializing in Canine Medicine. Special Consideration to be given to students with an involvement in the Sport of Purebred Dogs

SHOWS and MATCHES

The President, Show Chair, Assistant Show Chair, Treasurer, Chief Ring Steward, Judges Hospitality Chair, and Judges Transportation Chair shall not handle a dog at Atlanta Kennel Club shows. The Obedience Chair and Assistant Obedience Chair shall not handle any dogs in obedience at Atlanta Kennel Club shows.

A Judges Selection Committee shall be selected and chaired by the Show Chairman and shall include one member to represent each Group and Obedience. The Committee will solicit names of judges from the membership. Committee Members will be listed in the Digest each month and in the Annual Roster.

The chair of the Judges Selection Committee has the authority to hire judges up to four years in advance.

- The Atlanta Kennel Club may hire a judge for two consecutive shows providing that judge is not judging the same breeds or groups. **Every effort** will be made to refrain from repeatedly hiring the same judges within a 2 full year period unless it cannot be avoided in order to cooperate with other Cluster Club's preferences or it is to accommodate provisional or new breeds for which a judge may have recently been given permit status.
- Members who are approved to judge new breeds or who are given a permit status by AKC, may notify the Show Chair as to their new status. The Show Chair will make every effort to assign the member to their new breeds at either one of our shows or a show in either of our Clusters. It is the total responsibility of the member obtaining new breeds to notify the Show Chair in writing in order to be considered.
- AKC recognized Specialty clubs may provide their own judge (s) at an Atlanta KC show and will be reimbursed at the rate of \$3.50 per entry, excluding Sweepstakes.
- For the spring and fall shows, the club will offer the following trophies: Best in Show, Reserve Best in Show, High in Trial, and Best Junior Handler. The club will provide trophies for all unsupported (not offered by individuals or others) Group placements and 1st Place in each Junior Showmanship class.
- A Group trophy will be donated by person(s) for two consecutive shows beginning each spring, after which time the option to sponsor the trophy will pass to the next person(s) listed in that Group or on a waiting list.
- The club will provide rosettes for Supported Entry and Specialty shows held as part of the Atlanta KC show for Best of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex, Winners Dog and Bitch. The club will also offer Rosettes for all Best of Breed wins at its shows for those breeds with entries of 25 or more.
- The Trophy Chair's responsibilities are as follows:
- Call to solicit trophies.
 - Immediately mail out an invoice with a self-addressed envelope.
 - Collect money and keep a log for their specific group(s).
 - Make certain solicitors give checks and donor list(s) to Trophy Chair.
 - Make certain those who do not pay by the due date are not listed in the show premium.
 - Group Chairs will receive spreadsheets on diskette or hard copy.
 - Trophy Chair is to deposit checks monthly and send copy of checks, the deposit slip and bank receipt to the Treasurer.
 - An invoice will be sent to the donor, a copy to the Trophy Chair and to the Treasurer. The invoice sent to the donor will also have a self-addressed return envelope. Forms will state, "if not received by (DATE), your donation will not be listed in the premium or program.
- The Atlanta Kennel Club will have the option to publish a condensed trophy list in the premium list for the spring and/or fall shows. The list will include trophy definition and donors for Best in Show, Reserve Best In Show, Conformation Group Placements, High in Trial, High Rally, and High Scoring Dog in each Group in Obedience, 1st place in each Junior Showmanship class and Best Junior. The Atlanta Kennel Club will also publish the following text in the premium list: Through the generosity and support of our membership and friends, the Atlanta Kennel Club offers trophies in numbers too great to detail in the premium list. The following condensed trophy list represents a small offering of the trophy donations from our supporters. This text is in addition to the text required by the American Kennel Club for a condensed premium list. (Supported and Specialty entries will absorb the costs of the listings if they want detailed trophy listings in the Premium List.)
- Unclaimed trophies donated by specialty clubs or individuals listed in the premium list may be reclaimed at the end of the show. All unclaimed trophies will become the property of the Atlanta Kennel Club after Best in Show on the day of the show.
- The Atlanta KC. will not pay for table skirting or extra tenting (above or beyond what is ordinarily provided) for breed clubs holding a Specialty or Supported Entry show as part of the Atlanta KC. show.
- The Atlanta KC. reserves the right to rent unused booth space up to and including day of show. Certain non-profit organizations may be allowed booth space by the Booth Chair at the Fall and Spring shows, if space allows, and be charged facility base vendor fees only.
- Members and friends will steward at the Fall show and all club matches.
- Bitches entered in Obedience and / or Agility classes who come into season after the show closing date and prior to the show, will receive a refund of entry fee, less the superintendent's fee, upon certification by a veterinarian.

COMMUNICATIONS

- The purpose of the *Digest*: to communicate to the membership of the Atlanta Kennel Club and to applicants for membership. *Digest* Guidelines follow:
- The *Digest* is published monthly except in the month of December and distributed to all members in good standing via an e-mailed link to the Digest on the website or regular mail at the member's choice. If distributed by regular mail, the length of the Digest will be limited to ten (10) total pages, to manage postal costs. The Digest will be posted to the Club website each month and be archived there for at least one year. Board minutes and membership information will be included in the mailed Digest and will be archived in the Members section of the website for at least 1 year.
- The following information is to be included in both the version of the Digest posted to the website and the mailed Digest: Membership meeting announcements, show information, Member(s) of the Month. Board Minutes and Membership information will be in the Members Only portion of the website and not included in the "public facing" edition of the Digest
- Letters to the Digest Coordinator are to be restricted to current members in good standing of the Atlanta Kennel Club.
- The *Digest* material is to be copyrighted.
- All materials of the *Digest* are for the sole use of the members and may not be reproduced without the prior, written permission of the Digest Coordinator and author.
- Submissions must be original or if reprinted, the Digest Coordinator must first have received permission to reprint.
- No profanity and no disparaging statements towards any individual person, dog or organization will be published.
- Brags are to be published on a space available basis, at the discretion of the Digest Coordinator. The Digest Coordinator must receive the brag a maximum of 2 months following the win.
- The Atlanta Kennel Club shall publish in the June *Digest* the names of the members who have not yet renewed their membership, giving members the opportunity to renew by July 1. Absence of a name on the list indicates that the renewal has been received.
- All communications sent to the members of the Atlanta Kennel Club shall be approved by the Board of Directors or their designee.
- The Atlanta Kennel Club's Board of Directors will not entertain anonymous correspondence of any kind.

FINANCIAL

- The names of the Treasurer, President, First Vice President and Second Vice-President are to be listed as authorized signatures on the checking account, and all checks written for amounts in excess of \$2500 must be signed by the Treasurer plus one of the other signatories.
- The President, 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents and Chair of the BOD Finance Committee will have online access to view the bank records of the Atlanta Kennel Club. The monthly bank statement to be mailed to the President or his designee each month and a copy of said statement sent immediately to the treasurer for reconciliation.
- When a check payable to the Atlanta K.C. is returned, the Treasurer will redeposit the check. Upon second return, the Treasurer will send a form letter to the issuer that restitution shall be made in cash only, and all other charges incurred (dinners, trophies, etc.) must be paid for in cash until the debt is settled. The Atlanta K.C. will charge a \$30.00 administrative fee for dishonored checks received.

All reasonable efforts will be made by committee chairpersons to deposit checks in a timely manner. Checks should be mailed to the Treasurer for deposit or, if deposited by the committee chairperson, a copy of the check(s), the completed deposit slip and the bank receipt will be sent to the Treasurer.

The proceeds from the brag box will be donated to a canine related charity selected by the Board on January 1st of each year.

In order to be reimbursed for an expenditure of personal funds, submit the receipt or invoice, attached to a Request for Check Form, to the Treasurer. The Treasurer will have the Request for Check Form authorized by another Club Officer, and then issue a check for reimbursement.

The Atlanta Kennel Club shall support the Atlanta Kennel Club Foundation, Inc, a 501(c)3 Organization. The Atlanta Kennel Club shall donate to the Foundation, at a minimum the amount equal to the sum total of all scholarships and charitable endeavors agreed upon by the Atlanta Kennel Club Board of Directors. Members and friends may make tax-deductible donations to this fund. The Atlanta Kennel Club will provide the Atlanta Kennel Club Foundation with complete access to all member information, monthly unpaid advertising space in the Digest, free booth space at all Atlanta Kennel Club Dog Shows and time during Monthly Member meetings in order to solicit donations and report to members on the activities of the Foundation.

Original invoices for all equipment costing \$500.00 or more shall be kept on file by the Treasurer.

Any member who has made a reservation and either cancels it after the Friday prior to the Monthly Meeting or who fails to attend the Monthly Meeting will be billed \$30 for each occurrence. The bill will be sent by the treasurer within 7 days of the monthly meeting.

All Committee Chairs are required to provide an annual budget to the Board of Directors Finance Chair not less than 2 weeks prior to the June Board Meeting each year.

A complete annual financial report shall be published in the "Members Only" Section of the online Digest each year in the month of August. This is to be provided by the treasurer. An annual budget for the club year shall be published in the Digest each year in the month August. The budget is to be provided by the Atlanta Kennel Club Board of Directors Finance Committee.

GENERAL

All ring, obedience, and agility equipment belonging to the club will be available for rent or loan at the discretion of the Atlanta Kennel Club Board of Directors.

The Atlanta Kennel Club trailer will be towed by Atlanta Kennel Club members, or others pre-approved by the Board of Directors, showing proof of proper drivers license and proof of insurance as well as the proper vehicle and hitch.

Cards and flowers will be sent at the discretion of the President and/or the Cards and Flowers Chairman.

The Atlanta Kennel Club, Inc. shall indemnify and hold harmless its directors, officers, employees and agents against expenses (including attorney fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement under circumstances described in, and to the maximum extent allowed by the Georgia Non-Profit Corporation Code.

No two members of a household shall serve simultaneously on the Atlanta Kennel Club Board of Directors.

Club Policies/Procedures may be amended throughout the year, allowing flexibility of expression and action in governing the Club.

AKC National Owner-Handler Series (NOHS) Changes!

As part of the AKC's continuous effort to evaluate and improve the AKC National Owner-Handled Series (NOHS) based on feedback from exhibitors, clubs, superintendents, and AKC Executive Field Representatives, the AKC Board of Directors has approved a number of changes to the NOHS effective April 1, 2017. A significant change is the conversion of the current NOHS Best Practices & Policies to [NOHS Regulations](#). Regulations have an advantage of enforceability which will provide consistency and clarity in the execution of the competition.

Additional modifications to the program were made to provide more structure to the NOHS judging panel requirements. The judging panel changes are:

- a. Require a different judge to be assigned to the same NOHS group for each day of a weekend/cluster/circuit.
- b. Require a different judge be assigned to the regular and NOHS group/BIS at the same event.
- c. Judges will not be approved to judge a breed and, at the same show, the NOHS Variety Group of which the breed is a part and NOHS Best in Show.
- d. Single individuals cannot judge all the NOHS groups at an event.
- e. A judge must be approved for at least one breed in the group to judge the NOHS Group unless they are approved for at least 1 full group, in which case they may judge any NOHS Group.

With the adoption of the above; fewer judging conflicts will occur at the Group level, and the issue of pre-judging dogs has been eliminated as an individual cannot judge the same regular & NOHS Group at the same event. It is our expectation that their execution will greatly reduce exhibitor frustration on the day of the event by minimizing judging conflicts between the regular and NOHS Groups.

Currently, it is recommended that NOHS Groups be scheduled to start at least 30 minutes prior to the regular to minimize any opportunity for conflicts. If that scheduling does not meet the needs of the club's event, an alternative recommendation that is available to clubs at their discretion is to schedule the NOHS Group/BIS judging to occur immediately following the completion of the regular Group/BIS judging [in the same order].

However, even with the best schedule, circumstances on the day can lead to conflicts for exhibitors that have been awarded both NOHS and regular Best of Breed/Variety. AKC Board Policy states "judging of a special attraction must not interfere with the orderly conduct of regular or group judging at the event. Best in Show judging may not be delayed more than 15 minutes for a Special Attraction judging." Accordingly, when exhibitor conflicts occur, clubs should delay the judging of NOHS Groups in order to alleviate a conflict for an exhibitor that needs to be in both the regular & NOHS Group. The remaining NOHS Groups can then follow the alternative recommendation listed above to complete the day.

To view an online version of this article with downloadables and links, please visit this link: "<http://www.akc.org/events/nohs/nohs-finals/>"

All Wrapped Up — A Christmas Party Retrospective Gallery

Ho ho ho! Hooo...?! Another year went by already? I suppose it makes sense given the saying: Time flies when you're having fun!



(Who's that handsome devil on the right, wearing that snazzy plaid?)



(This guy is probably better at operating that smartphone than I am, to be perfectly honest.)



(I'm not sure what's more adorable: This cute kid, or the dachshund ornament she just opened)



("Dog Treats"? Are they made from real dogs?)



We all had a wonderful time — good food, good fun, good friends. From the wonderful laughs we had to the delicious food that I couldn't stop eating, we all had a blast!

See you again next time!



Breeder Bits – Tips on Training in the Whelping Box

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Pam Blair of Home Grown Trilogy Labrador Retrievers & Golden Retrievers starts attention work and trick training before her puppies leave for their new homes. The Connecticut resident says her new owners are amazed when their pups can wave “hi” to them. She tells us how she makes it work:

“Once the pups know I exist and can follow me from one side of the whelping box to the other, the training begins. My hand is really the first thing they get used to seeing through petting, and, after discovering the joy of the touch, they actually look for the hand. I use my finger to show them that I want them to ‘watch me’ by first showing affection with the hand, and then I put a finger to their nose and then to my nose with the command watch me. Of course, they are only 4-to-5-weeks old and have no idea what watch me really means. But, with consistency and dedication, by the time they leave the whelping area at 6-to-7 weeks, they know watch me.

“We also teach the pups ‘say hi,’ which is one of my favorites. To see a very young pup say hi is a head-turning experience. When the families pick up their 8-week-old pup, they are totally amazed that the pups know this trick. The command is taught by first luring them into a sit. Then I hold a treat above the pup’s head, and 9 times out of 10, the pup will raise one paw up off the floor. The pups are concentrating, not only on the treat, but also on the motion of the trainer. It works every time!”

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