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ATLANTA KENNEL CLUB DIGEST

JANUARY 2012



JANUARY MEETING

WEDNESDAY

JANUARY 18TH

JANUARY MENU

WILD MUSHROOM CRUSTED BREAST OF CHICKEN
WITH DIJON MASHED POTATOES & SAUTEED BABY VEGETABLES

Peanut Butter Cheesecake with Chocolate Sauce & Chocolate Cream

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

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JANUARY 18, 2012 MEETING PROGRAM:

Guest Speaker: Michael Good, DVM

*Dr. Good will speak on how businesses and schools use
Social Media to find homes for needy dogs in Metro Atlanta.*

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

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 15th)** 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



January Birthdays:

- 1/1 Hazel Ayers
- 1/8 Ed Adams
- 1/10 Vicky Jones
- 1/15 Patricia Edwards, DVM
- 1/16 Sylvia McDaniel
- 1/19 Johnette Hood
- 1/21 Katie Averill
- 1/21 Lucy Rowland
- 1/25 Pat Joyce
- 1/28 Susan Catlin
- 1/30 Carol Simmons
- 1/31 Sue Rekul
- 1/31 Abby Rekul

February Birthdays:

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

Anniversaries



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

**Anyone Missing?
Please let us know so we can
get our lists up to date!!
Contact: Ginger Aldrich
snofire@aol.com**

MEMBERSHIP:

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



NEW MEMBERS:

DALE & BARRY STAPLES

843 Colston Road, Marietta GA 30064

Phone: 770-422-7166

Email: dalerstaples@mindspring.com

Labrador Retrievers

Sponsors: Clint Vail and James E. Carroll



NEW APPLICANTS:

1ST READINGS HELD IN DECEMBER 12/12/11

2ND READINGS TO BE HELD 1/18/12

TIM & LANA DORN

55 Peggy Meadows Way, Douglasville GA 30134

Phone: 864-449-6475

Email: baharisiberians@aol.com

BAHARI SIBERIAN HUSKIES

Sponsors: Ginger Aldrich & Cindy Stansell



PENNY LITES

2294 Ivey Springs Trail, Stone Mountain, GA 30087

Phone: 404-409-8504

GOLDEN RETRIEVERS

Sponsors: Ginger Aldrich & Mary Ellen Macke



1ST READINGS TO BE HELD JAN 18, 2012:

KATHY & RICHARD SMITH (RETURNING MEMBERS)

220 Landfall Road, Atlanta GA 30328

Phone: 404-256-4451

GOLDEN RETRIEVERS

Sponsors: Dr. Carmen Battaglia & Jenny Baum



MEMBERSHIP:

CARDS AND FLOWERS:

MARY SECHLER, CHAIRPERSON



If you know of someone needing a little extra cheer, contact Mary at 770-446-8889 (Home) or 678-371-9226 (Cell).

OBITUARIES:



We are sad to report the loss of 3 lifetime members recently.

Many members received the email regarding the passing of long time lifetime member TOM GREER but this is for those who receive the Digest via snail mail:

Long time Atlanta KC member TOM GREER died peacefully at home on Monday, December 19. Charlene asked that no flowers be sent and no telephone calls. There will be a memorial service after the first of the year. For more information, call Alisa Vickers at (770) 769-5129. Information about the memorial service will be sent after arrangements have been made. Tom would have achieved life membership status at the May 2012 annual meeting. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Emory Parkinson's Research Fund at the address below:

MEMORIAL DONATIONS FOR THOMAS R. GREER

Emory Parkinson's Research Fund

c/o Dr. Stewart Factor, 1841 Clifton Rd. NE, Atlanta ,GA, 30329

This from SUSAN CATLIN:

CHARLES WIGGINS passed away Dec. 29, 2011.

A club member of the Atlanta Kennel Club since 1989, Charles exhibited Rottweilers and Chinese Crested for over 30 yrs. His last Rottweiler, Zoom, just completed his UDX! Married to Joyce 56 years, Charles leaves behind 2 daughters and three grandchildren. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends. Rest in Peace dear friend. You may send cards or call: 910 Victoria Landing, Woodstock GA 30189 – 404-579-5212

Also, ETHEL HALEY passed away Nov. 21 after a short illness. Her daughter Wanda Straub called to let us know. Ethel and Jack, who preceded her in death, were lifetime members, having joined sometime in the early to mid 70's. They exhibited Silky Terriers. You may send cards to her daughter Wanda Straub at 236 Jade Way, Maysville GA 30558 706-658-4111.

BRAGS:

Please send any brags to Ginger Aldrich for the Digest – Snofire@aol.com, 770-380-9404, P.O. Box 242, Murrayville, GA 30564



Eukanuba Report

Anyone have any Eukanuba brags? Please send so we can enjoy the wins with you!! Send to Ginger at Snofire@aol.com

MEMBERSHIP:

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



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JIM MACKE - ATLANTAKC@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.



December 2011 Delegate's Report

The All-Breed Clubs Committee met on Thursday December 15th.

The Agenda items were as follows:

1. Update on sub-committee on ways clubs and AKC can share and better utilize resources.
2. Update Online Resources Library
3. Discussion of the Group Realignment Proposal. Straw poll of those in attendance showed about a 50/50 for and against.
4. Review of factors that impact entries at All-Breed shows, update from the Board subcommittee.

Research showed:

Location of show important
Quality of site important

It takes several years for a competing event to have an influence.

Changing of dates did not have a big influence.

Conflicting specialties did have a negative impact on entries.

Exhibitors have a preferred region for attending shows.

Events grow that work with specialties, treat exhibitors well and have a good show site.

There are areas that have too many shows but depends on geographical location.

The following requirements were approved by the Board for licensing of new shows:

Must have 4 open weekends per year in the territory.

Mile limit increased from 200 to 300 miles.

Clubs are encouraged to invite local specialty clubs and group clubs to join them.

Group clubs have a 100 mile limit and have to be held with an All-Breed Show.

Specialty Clubs have a 100 mile limit and must be held with other specialty clubs, Group Show or All-Breed Show.

5. Discussion of the impact on All-Breed Shows when a disaster occurs resulting in a cancellation of their show.

The meeting of the Coordinating Committee was held in the afternoon. Committee reports were given.

The By-Laws Committee will be requesting a by-law change to provide for a Staff member to serve as a liaison to each of the Delegate Committees. A letter signed by the committee chairs was also sent to the Board in support of this proposed By-Law change.

THE DELEGATE'S MEETING WAS HELD ON FRIDAY DECEMBER 16, 2011

The 2012 Board Candidates had a Q and A session:

The candidates are:

- PATRICIA CRUZ
- WILLIAM FEENEY
- TOM POWERS
- JOHN ROLAND
- ROBERT SCHROLL
- LARRY SORENSON
- LYNN WORTH SMITH

The Chairmen's and President's Report:

- Obedience is celebrating its 75th year.
- In 2011 the millionth Agility entry was received.
- The US agility Team won Gold Medal in international competition.
- 1600 new Therapy Dog Titles were awarded.
- 40,000 people attended the Meet the Breeds at the Javits Center. 176 Parent Clubs participated.
- The Grand Championship program brought in 3 million dollars in revenue.
- The Breeder of Merit Program now has over 7,000 participants and has resulted in a 21% increase in dog registrations.

The Eukanuba/AKC show had 4975 dogs entered this year from 47 countries. The show overall went very well and as with all new venues improvements and adjustments will be made for next year's show. There were 1328 Bred-By-Exhibitor entries. The show will be broadcast on ABC on February 4, 2012.

FINANCIAL REPORT

A lot of questions have been asked about the AKC New York office lease. N.Y. office lease is a 20 yr. lease that extends until the end of 2018. Current annual rent is \$1.2 million. The lease terms restrict sub-leasing the space. The rental cost difference between that in Raleigh is \$12.24 per square foot which is \$430,000.

- Reasons why it is important to have a presence in New York are as follows:
- Board exposure to the media, especially on short notice for T.V spots.
- Proximity to corporate sponsors and licensees.
- Back up site for key Raleigh personnel in the event of a disaster.
- Able to avoid adverse managerial, financial and operating consequences due to the potential loss of personnel if location was changed.
- In 2016 a comprehensive review will be done looking into combining the two offices.

Total revenues down \$3.4 million, down 6.5%- 2/3 of this drop is due to decreased revenue from registrations.

- Sponsorships and Royalties down \$1.1 million
- Publications income down \$436,000
- Registrations down \$2.1 million
- Dogs registered down 3.7% vs. 13% in 2010
- Litter registrations down 10.5% vs. 12% in 2010
- Total entries up 2%
- Weekly Wins Gallery income up \$176,000
- Total expenses down \$108,000
- Reduction in expenses will be invested in marketing efforts.
- Operating deficit \$4.4 million
- Investment loss \$1.7 million, down 2.1%

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AMENDMENTS

- Vote on proposed Amendment Chapter 7, Section 1 of Rules Applying to Dog Shows, which would eliminate the prohibition of a person connected with dog food, dog remedy or kennel supply companies in the capacity of solicitor or salesman, from becoming a AKC judge.—Defeated
- Four proposed amendments were read and will be voted on at the March meeting.
- One of the proposed amendments is to increase the groups to 11. Details and proposed breed placement was in last month's Digest and can also be found on the AKC website.
- We heard two new PSAs by Willie Nelson promoting the AKC and what we do for rescue and health research thru the AKC/CHF. Very well done and great to have a celebrity spokesperson. AKC will be looking at other celebrity involvement in the future.
- 2011 Life Time Achievement awards were presented:
- Conformation: Jean Fournier
- Companion Events: Patricia Scully
- Performance: Robert Fleury

The Annual meeting will be held in Newark, N.J on March 13, 2012.

Respectfully Submitted,

ANN WALLIN, DELEGATE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: December 19, 2011

Contact: AKC Communications

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- Highlights of 2011 -

New York, NY – It was a pleasure to be with many of you in Florida this weekend as we enjoyed the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship, AKC Agility Invitational, AKC National Obedience Invitational and the surrounding festivities. We hope you enjoyed the incredible series of events that unfolded over the weekend.

We are all aware of the trying economic times and their effect on so many aspects of our lives these days, and yet I can say unequivocally that we have a great deal to be thankful for as dog lovers and as members of the wonderful community we know as “the fancy.” In 2011 we saw many exciting developments in our sports and in our organization's educational programs.

Many devoted dog fanciers got their start in the obedience ring, so it is fitting to begin a summation of the year's highlights by acknowledging a special milestone in that challenging and rewarding sport: In 2011, AKC Obedience celebrated its 75th anniversary. As one of our foundation sports, Obedience remains today what it was created to be – a proud demonstration of our dogs' instinctual capabilities and talents as companions, and the embodiment of the human-canine bond.

Our cherished traditions in Conformation saw an infusion of new enhancements in 2011. In April of this year we introduced the Grand Championship Achievement Levels to spotlight our highest achievers in the conformation ring. Over two thousand dogs have earned bronze, silver, gold and platinum Grand Championships to date.

We also conceived the AKC Owner Handler Series, a competition specifically designed to celebrate the joys of showing one's own dog. The series will comprise competitions at several dog shows across the country and will culminate with an award for the year's Best Owner/Handler. We feel this is an exciting way to recognize the hobby exhibitor and inspire more people to become involved in our sport.

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In unwavering support of our breeders, who remain the backbone of our Registry and the sport of purebred dogs, AKC continued to provide enhanced services through our Breeder of Merit program. Now with more than 6,900 breeders participating in this important program, we are delighted to see growing numbers of breeders joining us in our quest to ensure the growth and integrity of our Registry.

In the world of AKC Agility, we introduced two new titles, the "Time to Beat" titling class and the Preferred Agility Champion title. By creating ongoing enhancements to Agility, we have seen the sport rise to new heights: In 2011 AKC logged its one millionth agility entry. Of course quantity cannot be outdone by quality. I am proud to say that our AKC agility team representing the USA won many accolades including a gold medal at the Agility World Championships in France this year.

It has been said by many a Performance fancier that there is nothing quite like the thrill of witnessing a dog do what it was originally bred to do. Naturally, most of our performance activities are designed for specific breeds, with function and instinct in mind. But in 2011, the AKC Performance Department gave all dogs and their owners an "equal opportunity" program with the new Coursing Ability Test. This introductory lure coursing event is a fun, healthy activity open to all breeds and offers three new titles.

Adding another link in the chain of the human-canine bond, AKC brought our new Therapy Dog program to fruition in 2011. So far more than 1600 dogs have achieved our new therapy dog title which proudly recognizes those dogs who bring comfort and love to so many people in need.

AKC clubs did an incredible job of spreading our message about the joys of owning a purebred dog and the importance of responsible ownership. Together with our parent clubs, AKC welcomed over 40,000 people to the Javits Center for AKC Meet the Breeds. Sponsored by Pet Partners, the event was a record-breaking success, thanks to our hardworking clubs and staff.

Clubs remained hard at work educating the public year round, with a terrific showing in September with our largest set of Responsible Dog Ownership Days to date. More than 600 RDO Day events were celebrated locally and a record-breaking number of Canine Good Citizen tests were a key part of the program. We are so grateful to our clubs for all your hard work and support.

I wish you all a healthy, happy holiday season. Here's to another year of great shows, quality dogs and wonderful friends. And please remember to watch the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship on television if you couldn't make it to Orlando. The show will be broadcast on ABC during Superbowl Weekend, on February 4th.

Sincerely,
RON MENAKER, CHAIRMAN

The American Kennel Club (AKC) proudly celebrated its 125th Anniversary in 2009. Since 1884 the not-for-profit organization has maintained the largest registry of purebred dogs in the world, and today its rules govern more than 20,000 canine competitions each year. The AKC is dedicated to upholding the integrity of its registry, promoting the sport of purebred dogs and breeding for type and function. Along with its nearly 5,000 licensed and member clubs and its affiliated organizations, the AKC advocates for the purebred dog as a family companion, advances canine health and well-being, works to protect the rights of all dog owners and promotes responsible dog ownership. Affiliate AKC organizations include the AKC Humane Fund, AKC Canine Health Foundation, AKC Companion Animal Recovery and the AKC Museum of the Dog. For more information, visit www.akc.org.

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For those of you who may have been following this bill called PUPS – Please see the below info from our representative for the GA Canine Coalition, Gail LaBerge on what the real status is at this time. There has been some information circulating from AKC and others encouraging the Dog Fancy to act and act now but Gail urges those of us in GA to use restraint and some caution until the bill actually starts to move forward. The President has not signed it as some of the letters circulating lead us to believe. Call Gail if you have questions or want any further info on the bill: 770-722-0371

PUPS BILL INFO (HR 835)

At this time the bill hasn't even come up in committee, and probably won't until Spring, hasn't had a vote in Congress and therefore, there is nothing for the President to sign.

If you want to do something at this time, the below is an example of a phone call and/or letter to your representative. **Please do not use the word urgent** at this time as this bill isn't moving. Our officials and their staff do not want to spend a great deal of time on a bill that isn't currently "doing anything" and we don't want to tie up their time with this before we need to do so. Frankly, we don't want to use up our "good will" in their office with their staff on any bill that isn't currently being looked at.

If calling, and I would call and then send an e-mail with my letter attached, I would recommend something along the line of:

"Hello, My name is _____ and I live in Congressman _____ District and I wanted to talk with you about HR 835 (called the Pups bill which is a house bill). This is a bill that is suppose to help protect dogs being bred in Commercial kennels, but in fact, as written could affect those who are breeding a few litters a year. It could particularly affect those whose hobby is showing and breeding their own dogs. We realize this bill is not moving at this time, but we wanted to ask Representative _____ to seek out the opinion of his constituents and the Georgia Canine Coalition if the bill starts to move. The Georgia Canine Coalition is the collective voice of dog owners and dog clubs in the state of Georgia and represents their member's position on legislation affecting dogs. You may contact them at president@georgiacaninecoalition.org or 770-722-9371.

We appreciate Representative _____ and look forward to working with him and with his staff on this issue.

Your Name, Address, Phone Number, E-mail"

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A MESSAGE FROM THE CANINE HEALTH FOUNDATION

The CHF kicks off 2012 by commencing twenty-one new research grants at fourteen research institutions and universities. Your support will fund:

- New treatments for lymphoma, allergies and respiratory tract inflammation in dogs
- The search for the genetic causes of liver disease, skin diseases, bladder cancer, epilepsy and glaucoma
- A better understanding of cranial cruciate ligament deficiency
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Please renew your support now so we can help more dogs live longer, healthier lives!

Sincerely,



TERRY T. WARREN, PhD, JD
CEO and General Counsel
AKC Canine Health Foundation

BONNIE P. THRELFALL
105 Tayport Ct
Cary, NC 27511
(919)460-5193

Atlanta K.C.
Carol Simmons
6224 Mt Salem Circle
Flowery Branch, GA 30542

RE: Event Date 10/22/11

To the Officers & Members of the Atlanta K.C.;

Thank you for inviting me to judge at your recent show.

It was a very enjoyable experience and I truly appreciated my entry and your great show facility. The club members that I met were friendly and welcoming. I have to add that the luncheon was more than outstanding!

I know how much effort goes into putting on a successful show. You do a great job and I wish you continued success.

Most sincerely,

Bonnie
Bonnie Threlfall

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SAVANNAH KENNEL CLUB

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB HONORS SAVANNAH KENNEL CLUB WITH COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Savannah Kennel Club (SKC) of Savannah, Georgia hosted its first ever AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day event on September 18, 2011. The Savannah area had experienced several dog attacks in the months preceding the event, so club members felt it was important for the club to step up and teach the community how these types of issues can be prevented. The club offered Ask the Groomer, Ask the Vet, and Ask the Trainer booths as well as police dog demonstrations and Canine Good Citizen tests. More than 40 dogs participated in a rally event with the assistance of club experts and between 75 and 100 dogs went through the agility obstacle course. SKC invited the local Humane Society for Greater Savannah to offer vaccinations and microchipping. Children from the local elementary schools were also invited to create art about being a responsible dog owner and prizes were awarded for the best pieces.

Local TV stations and newspapers also attended SKC's RDO Day. *WJCL-TV* Anchors, *Jennifer Andrews* and *Casey Jones* judged the pet contest. Other media coverage included the *Savannah Morning News*, *SavannahNow.com* and local FOX affiliate *WTGS*.

We thank these clubs and their members for the time and effort they put into educating their communities about responsible dog ownership, said *Lisa Peterson*, AKC's Director of Communications. The clubs hosted truly superb events, and we are pleased to award them with the **COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**.

Nominations for the AKC Community Achievement Awards are accepted year-round. Up to three honorees are named each quarter. They receive a certificate of appreciation and a \$1,000 check payable to the club or federation's public education and canine legislation efforts. To nominate a club, visit http://www.akc.org/public_education/community_achievement.cfm

Christmas Party 2011



Carol Wilson and the Malliks



Kathleen Steen



Kathy Smith & Penny Lites



Jenny Baum



Neil & Dot