



# Atlanta Kennel Club

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Atlanta Kennel Club Newsletter

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## No October Meeting

See you at the show!

The 119<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Atlanta Kennel Club show – Saturday, October 20 at the Atlanta Exposition Center South (3850 Jonesboro Rd, Atlanta GA 30354) is bigger and better than ever. This year, in addition to conformation, we've included two obedience trials and two rally trials, dock diving, meet the breeds, pee wee competition, my dog can do that, trick dog competition, dog show tours and more. Invite your dog-loving friends – heck, invite the cat people, too! – and join us for the fun.

**Ring stewards are needed** – please contact Jim Macke to let him know of your availability. If you're showing, judging or working elsewhere, Jim can work around your schedule. We are proud to be one of the few clubs left that self-stewards, giving members (and their friends) the opportunity to learn and grow in the fancy. If you or someone you know aspires to being a judge, stewarding is a mandatory component to the application process. Contact Jim - [jim-macke@comcast.net](mailto:jim-macke@comcast.net)

Obedience stewards are also needed – volunteers get \$25 per trial and lunch. Contact Candy Wright - [Chiggerbug@gmail.com](mailto:Chiggerbug@gmail.com)

**Hospitality help is needed** – please contact Jerry Cerasini to help him put on one of the best dog show lunches in the country. Our club is known in the judging community as one with a strong focus on hospitality, and it takes a lot of work to maintain that reputation. If you would like to help with set-up, clean-up, keeping the judges hydrated while they work or any of the other many little details of hospitality, please contact Jerry - 770-475-3152 or [pony-guru@aol.com](mailto:pony-guru@aol.com)

**Trophy table help is needed** – please contact Carol Simmons if you can help her set up on Friday night, spend time handing out trophies on Saturday and/or help break down the trophy table Sunday night. Even if you don't have a flair for design, you can help make our trophy table the most beautiful. If you can help at any stage of the process, please contact Carol - [cmsdals@bellsouth.net](mailto:cmsdals@bellsouth.net)

**Catalog table help is needed** – please contact Kathleen Steen if you have a winning smile, are great with people and money and can spend some time at the catalog table. Contact Kathleen – [kathleen-steen@bellsouth.net](mailto:kathleen-steen@bellsouth.net)

**Next meeting is November 14** – be sure to put that on your calendar. We'll meet on the second Wednesday of the month instead of the third due to Thanksgiving. See you there!

Want a tax-deductible way to support the good works of the Atlanta Kennel Club? Donate to the Atlanta Kennel Club Foundation – contact Mary Ellen Macke for information on making donations and/or be-  
quests:

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## Birthdays

Late Sep / Mid Oct Birthdays

Dorothy Bates – September 28  
Debbie Brown – September 21  
Karen Byrd – September 28  
Sandra Cook – September 27  
George Cooper – October 13  
Freda Kirtley – October 10  
Robert LaBerge – October 15  
Marilyn Lockhart – October 15  
Jim Macke – October 6  
Jo R. Sarbell – October 1  
Cindy Stansell – October 6  
Paula Steele DVM – October 11  
Kathleen Steen – September 29  
Danielle Royall – September 22  
Charles Walker – September 25

## Anniversaries

Late Sep / Mid Oct Anniver-  
saries

George and Yvonne Cooper –  
September 25  
Valerie Dombrowski – Septem-  
ber 26  
Tim and Lana Dorn – October 3  
Johnette Hood – October 6  
Pam Mingo-Sain and Tim Sain –  
September 28  
Doris Jean Molin – September  
28  
Jerrilyn Naylor – September 25  
Denise Nickerson – October 1  
Gary Oller – October 3  
Carmelita Prince – October 10

## Happy Halloween!

It's Spooktober, everyone!

Extra spooky indeed!

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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

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*Please send any brags for the Digest to Sandy Weaver, Digest Coordinator — [golfndogs@att.net](mailto:golfndogs@att.net), 770-310-6832  
(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 Sandy Weaver - [golfndogs@att.net](mailto:golfndogs@att.net) for inclusion here. We want to know what is happening out there in the JRs rings!

**Cards and Flowers**

Please keep Jim Macke in your thoughts and prayers as he recovers from surgery.

Our deepest condolences to Jackie Morgan on the loss of her husband Robert after a long illness.

**Member of the Month**

Congratulations to our Member of the Month, Sandy Weaver.

This club wouldn't work without members who do, so our tradition is to publicly thank those who give of their time and talents. Members of the Month receive dinner at a future meeting along with our gratitude.

**Atlanta Kennel Club Gets Nose-y!**

The weekend before our November meeting is the first Atlanta Kennel Club Scent Work trial weekend. Entries opened on 10/1 and the trials may be full by the time you read this. Never fear – if you want to participate, you still may have a chance. In order to put on a great trial, volunteers are needed on both Saturday and Sunday, and trial slots are being held open for volunteers who would like to run their dogs in the trials! The jobs are easy, training will be provided, and watching the teams work will be inspirational. If you'd like to help our first trial weekend be a rousing success, contact Mary Ellen Macke – [maryellenmacke@gmail.com](mailto:maryellenmacke@gmail.com)

**Rosters:**

The Atlanta KC Membership Roster is now available on the Atlanta KC website, [www.atlantakennelclub.org](http://www.atlantakennelclub.org), under the Members tab. An updated roster was uploaded in May. Another roster reflecting the results of our annual membership renewal will be posted after membership renewals is completed. This roster is provided for personal use only by members of the Atlanta Kennel Club Inc.

ANY OTHER USE (i.e., BUSINESS or POLITICAL SOLICITATION) IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED by Club Policy). Any violation should be reported to the Atlanta Kennel Club Officers or Board of Directors. This is available to members only. You must have a sign in and password to access the members only section of the website. If you do not have your sign in or password email Jim Macke at [jimmacke@comcast.net](mailto:jimmacke@comcast.net).

The roster will be updated as soon as the annual membership renewal process is complete.

**Judges' Selection Committee 2018-2019**

*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.

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**Committee is now working on 2019 APRIL 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.

**New Members!**

We're going to be reading two prospective member's applications for the second time at the November meeting!

Looking forward to welcoming them in!

**Atlanta Kennel Club's Meet the Breeds**

The Atlanta Kennel Club is sponsoring a Meet the Breeds on Saturday, October 20, 2018, in conjunction with the dog show at the Atlanta Expo Center South. Specialty clubs or a group of knowledgeable breeders or owners may participate. Note to clubs: Participation in a Meet the Breeds counts as one of the Additional Activities required by AKC for eligibility to hold future dog shows.

The purpose of the Meet the Breeds is for spectators, exhibitors, and current or aspiring judges to have an opportunity to see the breeds up close, and to discuss the breeds with knowledgeable owners/breeders. Participants may erect tents (max. 10' x 10') if desired. One 8 ft. table will be provided. Decoration may be as much or as little as desired. It would be helpful to have a sign indicating your breed name, as well as a sign indicating ring # and time that your breed will be judged.

The Meet the Breeds will be from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We have approximately 16 spaces inside the building. Clubs could also set up outside along the front of the building if no space is available inside. Spaces will be allocated in the order that the requests are received. There is no charge for your 10' x 10' space. Clubs or individuals that want to participate should email Lynette White at [legrandchows@gmail.com](mailto:legrandchows@gmail.com), to reserve a space.

Please have educational materials available--examples: the breed flyer available from the AKC web site, breed magazines, and breed standard. You might want to have business cards available that have your national club name and website on one side, and your local club name and website on the reverse side.

Contact Lynette White at [legrandchows@gmail.com](mailto:legrandchows@gmail.com) for information or to reserve a space.

## How to Keep Your Pets Safe on Halloween

### Stay Inside

The people, the costumes and the detour from daily routines makes Halloween less enjoyable for our pets. Even mild-mannered dogs may find strangers in costume upsetting. Indoor and outdoor cats alike may also be frightened and could even suffer harm. Dr. McGowan advises planning ahead, just in case your pet gets out. “Make sure your pets have proper identification so if something happens and they’re found later, you can be contacted.”

### Keep Candy Out of Reach

There are plenty of lists explaining which foods your dog or cat shouldn’t eat but they frequently leave off candy. Many pet owners know chocolate is a big no-no, but they fail to understand just how grave the consequences are if their pet eats candy, which could include vomiting, diarrhea and even poisoning. Even small amounts can be fatal, so it’s best to keep candy sealed and out of reach. If you want to celebrate with your pet, buy them specially made dog or cat treats for the occasion.

### Prepare Them

Even if you regularly host guests, odds are your doorbell never rings as much as it does on Halloween, which can be distressing for pets. To help your dog or cat feel more at ease with strangers at the door, start preparing them in advance. “Weeks ahead of Halloween, practice with your dog to create a positive association with the doorbell. Try ringing the doorbell before entering your own house and then reward your dog for not barking when you enter. You could also invite friends over and reward your pet with treats for not barking at the doorbell,” says Dr. McGowan.

### Keep Costumes Simple

Costumes are a fun way to celebrate, but not all pets enjoy dressing up. Dr. Becker says, “Pets typically don’t like costumes with elastic on top of the head or around the neck.” Instead, choose an easy-on, easy-off outfit that doesn’t constrict their head and neck. There are other Halloween pet safety considerations when it comes to costumes, like the material and whether it will cause your dog or cat to overheat. If you want your pet to partake in the holiday, choose a Halloween-themed collar and leash rather than a costume.

### Find Soothing Solutions

The above tips may help most pets, but some dogs and cats need a little more comfort than others. If your four-legged friend seems anxious or frightened by all the sights and sounds of the holiday, there are other solutions. If your pet needs soothing during storms or fireworks you may already own a calming wrap. These products apply constant compression to reduce fear, anxiety and stress in cats and dogs. Dr. Becker also encourages pet owners to talk with their veterinarian about prescription products to keep pets calm during hectic activities like Halloween.

(from the Purina ProPlan newsletter)

## 6 Tips for Giving Your Dog His Pills

By [Anna Burke](#) for the AKC – reprinted with permission

A spoonful of sugar might help our medicine go down, but dogs typically pose a bit more of a challenge. While some canine companions dutifully eat their pills with dinner, most tend to need a little encouragement. These tips for giving your dog a pill will make the process more pleasant for everyone involved.



### Pill Pockets

Not all medication can be given with food. But if it can, putting the pill in a pill pocket or wrapping it in a piece of cheese makes it easy to slip into your dog's system. Keep in mind that this approach works best for dogs that wolf down treats without chewing. Dogs that chew soft treats may bite into the unpleasant tasting medicine, making them harder to trick next time. It should be noted that dogs with food sensitivities or allergies might have issues with the ingredients in pill pockets, so consult your veterinarian if your canine companion has had problems with food in the past.

### Compounded and Liquid Medications

Sometimes you can opt for a flavored compounded medication or a chewable “treat” tablet. This works well for dogs that don't like to swallow their pills. However, these medications can be more expensive — depending on the drug — and your veterinarian may caution against compounding certain drugs because it could impact their effectiveness. Also, medications are not always compounded at every pharmacy. Ask your veterinarian to guide you to pharmacies that are noted for compounding medications.

### Pill Device

Administering pills to your dog can pose certain risks. For instance, in order to get the pill far enough back on your dog's tongue for him to swallow, you need to put your fingers in his mouth. This can lead to accidental bites. [Pill devices](#) place the medication in your dog's mouth, so that you don't have to expose your fingers to danger. A dog's tongue has a hump, and in order to succeed in getting him to swallow the pill, you need to place it behind the hump. Once you've done that, close his jaws and gently stroke his throat in a downward motion to encourage him to swallow the pill.

### Get Help

Restraining a dog while also trying to give him medication is difficult. If possible, ask a friend or family member to hold your dog for you, so that you can concentrate fully on the task at hand.

### Reward Your Dog

The last thing you want is to make this process stressful. Reward your dog with a small treat after every pill and do your best to keep both of you calm, no matter how frustrated you get.

### Ask Your Veterinarian for a Demonstration

Successful administration of pills is an art form. When in doubt, request [a demonstration](#) on proper technique from your veterinarian.



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