



Atlanta Kennel Club

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January Meeting

Wednesday, January 20, 2021

Speaker: To Be Determined

Menu

Chicken Romano (chicken topped with creamy wine sauce, Italian Ham, and mozzarella, with a marsala mushroom sauce), salad, garlic rolls, and cannoli for dessert.

Location

Aldo's Italian Restaurant — Sandy Springs
6690 Roswell Rd NE, Sandy Springs, GA 30328
Phone: 770-992-9600

Time: Dinner @ 6:45 p.m., Meeting @ 8:00 p.m.

Directions: Aldo's is on the northwest corner of Roswell Rd. and Abernathy Rd. in Sandy Springs, just outside the perimeter and just west of 400. Parking is behind the restaurant in the Sandy Springs Crossing shopping center.

RSVP: DINNER RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED IF YOU PLAN TO DINE WITH US! You are not required to have dinner, but it is absolutely necessary if you want to dine with us. Join us for drinks or come shortly before 8 for the program and short business meeting that follows. 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 Amy Caple by email at sassapinecorgis@yahoo.com NO LATER than Sunday evening 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 and \$5 for children under 12.

If you have special dietary needs, please mention this to Amy when you make your reservations. If you decide to attend after the RSVP deadline, you can order food "to go" from the restaurant and join us in the meeting room.

Just be sure to let us know so we can hold your seat!

You can make your dinner reservation online and pay via Paypal! Go to the Atlanta KC website, click on Events, and click on the "book now" button under the meeting listing. <http://www.atlantakennelclub.org/>

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 or bequests:

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Birthdays

Laurie Ford—Jan 03
Lana Dorn—Jan 04
Vicky Jones—Jan 10
Tania Campbell—Jan 16
Barbara Zahn—Jan 17
Tamara Brower—Jan 18
Johnette Hood—Jan 19
Clinton Vail—Jan 20
Lucy Rowland—Jan 21
Neil Bates—Jan 25
Jim Carson—Jan 25
Pat Joyce—Jan 25
Susan Catlin—Jan 28
Carol Simmons—Jan 30
Sue Rekuc—Jan 31
Richard Smith—Jan 31

Anniversaries

Bonnie Turner—Jan 03
Palmer Crim—Jan 22
Bill & Cathy Deily—Jan 25
Jenny Eppinga—Jan 31

Editor's Note: A lot of our members didn't include birthday and/or anniversary info when they joined. If you'd like your special day(s) recognized here, please send the info to me – legrandchows@gmail.com

Fun Facts:

The Biewer Terrier is the 197th AKC-recognized breed, and the newest member of the Toy Group.

Go to the parent club website for more information:

[https://
biewerterrierclubofamerica.org/](https://biewerterrierclubofamerica.org/)

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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 and the
 Peach Blossom Cluster. Contact Tamara at tamarabrower@gmail.com.

Hashtags For Spoiled Pups

To help the public understand who we are and how we take care of our dogs, please include two hashtags when posting casual, fun, silly and sweet photos of your dogs being dogs. You'll be part of a concerted effort to show the truth about how our dogs really live – spoiled, pampered and very well loved! Use these hashtags anywhere you post pictures – Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, etc.

#secretlifeofshowdogs #perfectfitforlife

Braggs

Amy Caple's "Violet," GCHS Sassapine Sanctus, HT finished 2020 as the #1 Pembroke Welsh Corgi in breed points, #4 all breed points, and #31 herding dog.

Gina Bonner's Shetland Sheepdog, Tebow - CH Dreamline Starphire The Quarterback earned his Lure Coursing CAX2 on his 9th birthday in Perry at the Winter Wonderland Cluster. The CAX is Coursing Ability Excellent and is awarded for completing 50 runs.

Justin Smithey (member) and Cheslie Pickett-Smithey bred, own and exhibited the whippet that won Best in Show at the 2020 AKC National Championship, GCHP Pinnacle Kentucky Bourbon. Congratulations to Justin & Chelsie, and their co-owners and co-breeder. By the way, Bourbon is the littermate to Whiskey, the 2018 AKC National Championship Best in Show winner.

Huge congratulations on these fantastic achievements!

Got braggs? Get them to Digest editor Lynette White – legrandchows@gmail.com!



Cards and Flowers

Our sincere condolences to Terry Berrios and the friends and family of Alberto Berrios, who passed in December 2020. Alberto was a long-time member of the Atlanta Kennel Club, and a respected multi-group judge. He will be missed.

If you know of a member who's going through a tough time, please let Jerry Cerasini and Sandy Weaver know. Email them at ponyguru@aol.com and golfndogs@att.net

Rosters

The Atlanta KC Membership Roster is now available on the Atlanta KC website, 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.

Judges' Selection Committee

Please contact committee members from the appropriate groups 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 members 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 two 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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If anyone in our club is newly provisional in new breeds or thinking you may be soon, you must let Kathleen Steen know in order to be included in a future panel. The new judges lists are not necessarily being monitored, 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.

Membership

Proposed New Members (first reading membership mtg. 12-16-2020 will be voted on 1-20-2021) :

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American Pit Bull Terrier
Sponsors: Gilda Mallik, Ginger Aldrich

New Members

Welcome to our new members voted on in the November & December meetings:

Mike and Debbie Stephens

Valeria Palmer

Brigitte Winegarner

Leslie Chambers and Scarlett Johnson (junior)

Christine Johnson

Pam Schloemer

Michelle and Morgan Anderson

Tony Johnson

Tom O'hern and Andrew and Colton (juniors)

Know someone who loves dogs? Invite them to attend a meeting with you. It's a great way to introduce friends to the sport that includes their furry best friend! You can also refer them to Gilda Mallik – gilndon@comcast.net

Juniors

Check out the AKC Juniors Facebook group. Over 4 thousand members and lots of good info!

Got Juniors news? Send it to Digest editor Lynette White – legrandchows@gmail.com!

Member of the Month

Congratulations and thank you to our Member of the Month: Alicia Taylor! Congratulations Alicia!

So, You're Thinking About Judging...

If you're thinking about becoming a conformation judge, you'll need to do some stewarding assignments as part of the application process. Luckily you belong to a club that is delighted to help you get those assignments. Atlanta Kennel Club has a long history of members steward at our shows. If you'd like an assignment, please contact Mary Ellen Macke, maryellenmacke@gmail.com, to let us know of your interest!

CALLING ALL HISTORY BUFFS!

The club needs anyone interested in being on the History Team to help go through club records and memorabilia and save the important documents in an organized way for future club reference. We might also set up a history display corner.

We have an upstairs room at our building that is air conditioned where we can spread out and work and it should be fun going through the 60's and 70's, etc., boxes and remembering old shows and great times in the club history.

This will take multiple sessions, I'm sure, so there will be plenty of opportunities to come help as our time and schedules allow.

Contact Ginger Aldrich if you are interested in taking a trip down memory lane! snofire@aol.com 770-380-9404

Upcoming Events

Unfortunately, COVID-19 is still impacting the event schedules.

The agility trial originally planned for Feb 19-21, 2021, has been cancelled. The next agility trial hosted by the Atlanta Kennel Club will be April 14-17, 2021, in Perry, GA, in conjunction with the Peach Blossom Cluster.

Scent work and FastCAT trials are in the works....

Training classes at our Training and Event Center resume the week of February 8th. The Center is located at 1155-B Alpha Dr., Alpharetta, GA 30004. Classes include CGC, STAR puppy, Trick Dog, Rally, Agility, Scentwork, and Conformation (Show Training). Go to <http://atlantakennelclub.org/training-classes/> for more information and registration.

The Peach Blossom Cluster (Atlanta Kennel Club, Valdosta Kennel Club, and the Combined Specialty Clubs) is scheduled for April 14-18 in Perry, GA. This will include 4 days of all-breed shows, 1 day of specialty shows, obedience, rally, agility, lure coursing, dock diving, barn hunt, and more. Look for the premium list on onofrio.com in a few weeks.

OTHER ITEMS OF NOTE

The 2020 AKC National Championship Dog Show will be broadcast on January 17th at 2:00 p.m. eastern time on ABC.

New Airline Regulations for Service Dogs

Alert from the American Kennel Club Government Relations Department:

December 2, 2020

Today, the United States Department of Transportation (DOT) announced final revisions to its Air Carrier Access Act (ACAA) regulations that concern the transportation of service animals. The new finalized rules, which will be effective in January, are intended to ensure that America's air transportation system is safe for the travelling public and accessible to individuals with disabilities, and address concerns raised by individuals with disabilities, airlines, flight attendants, airports, other aviation transportation stakeholders, and other members of the public, regarding service animals on aircraft.

[Click here to read the final rule in its entirety.](#)

The final rule defines a service animal as a dog, regardless of breed or type, that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of a qualified individual with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability. This change in definition significantly aligns DOT's definition of "service animal" with the definition that the Department of Justice uses under the federal Americans with Disabilities Act.

The changes also clarify that emotional support animals (ESAs), comfort animals, companionship animals, animals being trained to be service animals, and species other than dogs are not considered to be "service animals" under the new DOT definition. Instead, airlines may recognize and accommodate emotional support animals as pets. Many commenters, including airline industry stakeholder groups, disability rights advocacy organizations, and animal interest groups, [including the American Kennel Club \(AKC\)](#), cited safety concerns with the previous recognition of ESAs as service animals, including the growing trend of individuals misrepresenting their pets as service animals and the number of online mental health professionals willing to provide pet owners with emotional support animal and psychiatric service animal documentation in exchange for a fee.

The DOT rules also continue to prohibit airlines from refusing to transport a service animal solely based on breed. Airlines may continue to assess each animal individually to determine whether it poses a direct threat to the health or safety of others.

In keeping with our policy on the [Misuse of Service Dogs](#), the AKC submitted comment in April 2020 that expressed support for the proposed definition of "service animal" and reiterated strong support for public accommodation that allows individuals with disabilities to use service dogs without regard to the dog's size, phenotype, or breed. Likewise, our comments condemned actions that fraudulently misrepresent a dog as a service animal when it is not, or attempt to benefit from a dog's service dog status when the individual using the dog is not a person with a disability.

[Click here to read AKC's April 2020 comments to DOT.](#)

AKC's Government Relations Department (AKC GR) has begun analyzing the extensive provisions and DOT-supplied discussion and justifications of the newly-finalized rule, and will provide detailed information to stakeholders once that analysis has been completed.

For more information, contact AKC GR at doglaw@akc.org

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Anyone wanting to "review" how to access your member only info on the website please do call us. If you have an email address on our database you do receive the meeting notice and announcement via email that the digest is available online whether it is snail mailed or not. If you are not getting the notices for any reason please let us know if your email has changed or add atlantakc@comcast.net to your address or contacts list.

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Our Mission

To promote, advance and protect the interests of purebred dogs and to encourage good sportsmanship at all purebred events as recognized by the American Kennel Club. To educate the fancy, government and the public regarding responsible dog ownership... The Atlanta Kennel Club