



# Atlanta Kennel Club

# DIGEST

Atlanta Kennel Club Newsletter

March 2021

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## March Meeting

Wednesday, March 17, 2021

### Program

#### Canine First Aid

Paul Averill, DVM, will present a program on canine first aid. Dr. Averill founded Averill Animal Hospital in Marietta in 1983 and continues to care for his clients' pets. He is a conformation judge, and has been a member of the Atlanta Kennel Club for nearly 20 years.

### Menu

Chicken Francese (chicken breast dipped in egg and simmered in lemon butter and white wine 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.

### DINNER RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED IF YOU PLAN TO DINE WITH US!

You are not required to have dinner, but a **reservation is absolutely necessary** if you want to dine with us. Join us for dinner or come shortly before 8:00 p.m. for the program and short business meeting that follows.

You may reserve and pay via PayPal on the club website under "Events", OR contact Amy Caple by email at [sasapinecorgis@yahoo.com](mailto:sasapinecorgis@yahoo.com) NO LATER than Sunday evening prior to the meeting on the following Wednesday. If you make a reservation and do not attend you will be billed for your meal.

Don't miss the Nominating Committee report  
on page 2.

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 ([maryellenmacke@gmail.com](mailto:maryellenmacke@gmail.com)) for information on making donations or bequests.

### Birthdays

Greg Benkiser - Mar 01  
Cecile Henley - Mar 01  
Deborah Lovett - Mar 02  
Alicia Taylor - Mar 04  
Pamela Jaecksch - Mar 05  
Charlene Kickbush - Mar 05  
Jasmine Lyon - Mar 05  
John Schuemacher - Mar 09  
Melody Van Norden - Mar 11  
Priscilla Chabal - Mar 12  
Kimberly Benkiser - Mar 15  
Mary Johnson - Mar 15  
Ann Wallin - Mar 16  
Connie Brittain - Mar 22  
Debbie Stephens - Mar 22  
Becky Norton - Mar 27  
Anita Tate - Mar 30

### Anniversaries

Carl & Tully Vitner - Mar 01  
Gilda & Don Mallik - Mar 23

*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](mailto:legrandchows@gmail.com)*

### Did You Know?

The AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF) has many resources to help breeders produce healthier, happier dogs. Visit [akcCHF.org/breeder](http://akcCHF.org/breeder) for educational resources such as genetic testing information, educational webinars, and podcasts. Also, learn the importance of participating in research sponsored by the Canine Health Foundation—one study currently recruiting is featured on page 6 of this Digest.

## Webmaster

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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](mailto:tamarabrower@gmail.com).

## Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee has submitted the following slate of officers. Additional nominations may be made at the April membership meeting by any member who is in good standing and in attendance. The proposed candidate must accept in person, or if the proposed candidate is not in attendance at this meeting, the proposer shall present to the Recording Secretary a written statement from the proposed candidate indicating his/her willingness to be a candidate. The election will take place at the Annual Meeting in May.

President—Paul Averill, DVM  
First Vice President—Lynette White  
Second Vice President—Mary Ellen Macke  
Recording Secretary—Ginger Aldrich  
Corresponding Secretary—Karen Mays  
Treasurer—Beth Hawthorne  
AKC Delegate—Ann Wallin  
Board (Class of 2023) - Jerry Cerasini, Carol Simmons, Gilda Mallik

## 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

*Got braggs? Nice show wins? New performance titles? Something exciting in your life that isn't dog related? Get them to Digest editor Lynette White – [legrandchows@gmail.com](mailto:legrandchows@gmail.com)*

## Cards and Flowers

We wish Mary Ellen Macke a speedy recovery from knee surgery.

*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](mailto:ponyguru@aol.com) and [golfndogs@att.net](mailto:golfndogs@att.net)*

## 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 November 2020. 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).

## 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.

**Show Chair Emeritus** - Kathleen Steen - 770-751-0311 - [kathleensteen@bellsouth.net](mailto:kathleensteen@bellsouth.net)

**Show Chair & Sporting** - Mary Ellen Macke - 404-310-5933 - [maryellenmacke@gmail.com](mailto:maryellenmacke@gmail.com)

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**Hounds** - Jerry Cerasini - 770-475-3152 - [ponyguru@aol.com](mailto:ponyguru@aol.com)

**Non Sporting** - Lynette White - 770-801-0780 [glwchows@bellsouth.net](mailto:glwchows@bellsouth.net)

**Toys** - Candy Wright - 678-851-4633 - [chiggerbug@gmail.com](mailto:chiggerbug@gmail.com)

**Herdling** - Dr. Carmen Battaglia - 770-998-3679 - [carmenbattaglia@gmail.com](mailto:carmenbattaglia@gmail.com)

**Terrier** - Gilda Malik - 770-394-4098 - [gilndon@comcast.net](mailto:gilndon@comcast.net)

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. 2-17-21 will be voted on 3-17-2021)

Tish Mathias  
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Lawrenceville, GA 30044  
928-350-9420  
bullie10@gmail.com  
Black Russian Terrier  
Sponsors: Don Mallik, James Lovett

Cari Smith  
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770-316-0849  
global.dme1@yahoo.com  
Golden Retriever  
Sponsors: Yves Belmont, Don Mallik

## New Members

*No members were voted on in the February meeting.*

*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](mailto: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](mailto:legrandchows@gmail.com)!*

## 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](mailto:snofire@aol.com) 770-380-9404

## Upcoming Events

### SCENTWORK

Trials are planned for March 20-21 at our Training & Event Center. Four trials in two days! Entries close on March 12th. For more information and the premium, go to the Atlanta Kennel Club website, click on Events, then select Scentwork Trials: <http://atlantakennelclub.org/events-we-host/scentwork-trials/>

### PEACH BLOSSOM CLUSTER

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, plus obedience, rally, agility, lure coursing, dock diving, barn hunt, and more.

Please note the Website for the Peach Blossom Cluster is NEW and UPDATED—[peachblossomcluster.org](http://peachblossomcluster.org)

NOTE the old site is now dark . The premium list is available at <http://www.onofrio.com/plist/xval1pl.pdf>

If you are in Perry and have some time, please VOLUNTEER to help—ask for Mary Ellen Macke or Jerry Cerasini in the Cluster office.

### NEW EVENT at the Peach Blossom—FARM DOG !

FRIDAY and SATURDAY—2 trials per day

Complete Farm Dog Certification information can be found at <https://www.akc.org/sports/herding/farm-dog-certified-test/>

FOR premium list info contact CAROL SIMMONS at [cmsdals@bellsouth.net](mailto:cmsdals@bellsouth.net) or Ginger Aldrich at [snofire@aol.com](mailto:snofire@aol.com).

It will be held in the Beef and Dairy Arena behind the Beef and Dairy Barn—air-conditioned building with dirt floor.

## Training Classes

Training classes at our Training and Event Center resumed in February. 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.

## Help Wanted — Training Class Manager

We need organized person to serve as Training Class Manager. Tasks include

- Confirm class schedule with instructor(s)
- Write or edit class description and send to Web Master for posting
- Receive registrations
- Send class list to instructors
- Attend first night of classes to
  - \* Review vaccinations records
  - \* Confirm attendees are registered
  - \* Collect class fees that weren't sent with registration

If you are interested, your club would welcome your service. Call Mary Ellen Macke 404-310-5933

## HEALTH RESEARCH

NC STATE College of Veterinary Medicine

# Is Canine Epilepsy Associated with Gut Dysbiosis?

Participate from home!



The Companion Animal Epilepsy Research program at NC State University College of Veterinary Medicine is recruiting for a new clinical trial to determine whether dogs with idiopathic epilepsy have alterations in their gut microbial population. **Our study team is looking for households with an epileptic dog and an unaffected dog to compare the bacterial populations within their gastrointestinal tract.** Feces will be collected from both dogs to compare their gut microbiome.

### PARTICIPATION-

- Owners must be willing to collect a one-time fecal sample from both dogs and send samples to NCSU CVM (pre-paid shipping). Owners will also be required to complete a brief online questionnaire at the time of sample collection.

### STUDY BENEFITS (FREE OF CHARGE TO PARTICIPANTS)

- Free fecal floatation to examine for parasites
- All study materials, including shipping, will be covered by the study
- Participation will provide additional information about epilepsy that may help your dog or other animals in the future

### INCLUSION CRITERIA -

- Households must have one dog with epilepsy and one unaffected dog
- Epileptic dog must have presumptive diagnosis of idiopathic epilepsy based on seizure onset between 6 months and 6 years of age, and not be on seizure medication **or** be on phenobarbital alone
- Both dogs must not be on any other medications aside from monthly preventatives
- Dogs must be fed the same diet

**For more information or to enroll your dogs, view [Epilepsy Research Video](#), OR contact Julie Nettifee, RVT, BS, VTS (Neurology): [janettif@ncsu.edu](mailto:janettif@ncsu.edu) [go.ncsu.edu/epilepsyresearch](http://go.ncsu.edu/epilepsyresearch)**

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## Member of the Month

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Congratulations and thank you to our Member of the Month: Cathy Deily!

## 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](mailto:maryellenmacke@gmail.com), to let us know of your interest!



## Dog-Powered Sports

Thank you to Chelsea Murray for sending in the following summary of her presentation at the February membership meeting for inclusion in the Digest:

### Dog-Powered Sports

Chelsea Murray ATDI, CPDT-KA, KPA-CTP

Does your dog have a lot of energy? Is your dog digging, barking excessively, jumping on the counters, and finding other naughty things to do? If so, then dog-powered sports might be a great outlet for you and your dog!

We all know that dogs were all bred for a specific purpose. And many of these breed origins cultivated high speeds, energy, endurance, and drive. But many dogs are not getting the appropriate outlets they need and so they take this energy out in ways that we view inappropriate.

Dog-Powered sports like cani-hiking, canicross, scootering, and bikejoring are all wonderful activities that allow our dogs to work physically and mentally. These sports originally stem from recreational mushing. Dog drivers found ways to work on skills with their dogs and keep them in shape without snow. Now dog lovers of all kinds are enjoying connecting their dogs to them for some pulling power while hiking, running, biking, and scootering both recreationally and competitively.

Dog-powered sports allow us to give our dogs jobs to help meet some of their working needs, which will improve your relationship with them and their behavior indoors. Many of the foundation skills needed in this sport will help improve your dog's cue response for other sports like rally, agility, or dock diving. It is even a fun way to keep your canine athlete conditioned for your current activities like agility, coursing, and conformation.

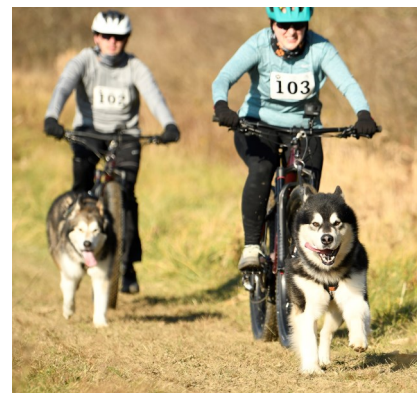
Come learn about all the wonderful benefits of dog-powered sports. Your dog will thank you!

For more information about dog-powered sports you can visit [www.pawsitivefutures.com](http://www.pawsitivefutures.com) or find

- @pawsitivefutures on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube
- Pawsitively Dog-Powered Podcast on Apple and Spotify
- Georgia Urban Mushing on Facebook and Instagram

For those that were asking about places to buy the harnesses, there are many companies that produce mushing equipment and all are willing to communicate with clients to help them get the best fit for their dog, including custom sizes. A few trusted manufactures where you can start looking for equipment are:

- CTC Dog Gear,
- Nahak,
- Alpine Outfitters
- Mountain Ridge, and
- NonStop Dogwear.



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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.

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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 in our database you should be receiving via email the meeting notices and announcements that the Digest is available online. If you are not getting the notices for any reason, please let us know if your email has changed or add [atlantakc@comcast.net](mailto:atlantakc@comcast.net) to your address or contacts list.

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