



Atlanta Kennel Club

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Atlanta Kennel Club Newsletter

April 2022

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There is no April membership meeting.

Come join the fun in Perry GA for our annual shows, April 13-17, the Peach Blossom Cluster.



- All-breed conformation shows
- National and regional specialty shows
- Obedience Trials
- Rally Trials
- Dock Diving
- Agility
- Barn Hunt
- CAT and FastCAT
- Health Clinics
- Carting Clinic and Test
- CGC/CGCA/Trick Dog Evaluations

Visit the cluster website for additional information:
peachblossomcluster.org.

It takes a lot of people to put on these events. See next page for volunteer opportunities.

Birthdays

Tereasa McCreight - Apr 01
Kylie Soafer - Apr 02
Lynn Tyler - Apr 04
Linda Bailey - Apr 11
Susan Adams - Apr 11
Susan Benkiser - Apr 13
John Schuemacher - Apr 13
Shannon Soafer - Apr 13
Diane Pegram - Apr 16
Hailey Roberts - Apr 16
Dolores Russell - Apr 17
Gilda Mallik - Apr 19
Roger Brown - Apr 19
James Lovett - Apr 21
Palmer Crim - Apr 22
Linda Orr - Apr 23
Tim Sain - Apr 24
Joy Wells - Apr 25
Yvonne Cooper - Apr 26
Daryl Hills - Apr 28
Barbara Darnell - Apr 29
Chester Favre - Apr 29

Anniversaries

McCall Hoyle - Apr 01
Jo R. Sarbell - Apr 10
Greg & Susan Benkiser - Apr 19
Jasmine Lyon - Apr 19
Linda Jett - Apr 25
Jacqueline Morgan - Apr 25

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

Annual Meeting in May!

Mark your calendar for the next membership meeting, Wednesday, May 18, 2022.

This is our annual meeting when we elect officers for the upcoming year, and recognize members' achievements and contributions during the past year. Please plan to come.

Peach Blossom Cluster—April 2022

Mark your calendars for **April 13-17, 2022!** Please plan to VOLUNTEER to help—contact the Show Chair, Mary Ellen Macke, or any of the Show Committee, or our Volunteer Coordinator, Warren Frazier, warrenfrazier21@yahoo.com.

We need volunteers in all areas — some specific jobs are

- helping with the health clinics on Saturday—contact Ann Wallin, rjwallin@comcast.net
- helping with hospitality all days—contact Jerry Cerasini, ponyguru@aol.com
- helping with placing signage on Tuesday—contact John Barnes, johnrbarnes3@comcast.net
- helping with CGC/trick dog testing on Saturday—contact Anita Tate, dranitagate@gmail.com

Here is a link to the premium list: <http://www.onofrio.com/plist/xval1pl.pdf> and to the updated cluster web site: <http://peachblossomcluster.org/>

Report of the Nominating Committee

There were no nominations from the floor made at the March membership meeting, therefore the slate proposed by the Nominating Committee will be elected at the May annual meeting.

Cards and Flowers

Best wishes for a speedy and full recovery to lifetime member, Cindy Stansell. Cindy broke her femur in February, and then spent most of March in rehab. She is now recovering and regaining strength at home

Lifetime member, Dawn Benton, passed away March 12, 2022. Our condolences to her friends and family. The full obituary can be found at <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/woodstock-ga/dawn-benton-10626761>

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

Fort Benning War Dog Memorial Rededication

The Military Working Dog Heritage Museum and Handler Center is holding events Fort Benning on May 13-15, with the War Dog Memorial Rededication and a visit to the National Infantry Museum on May 14. For more information and to get tickets (free except for the banquet), go to their website: <https://mwdheritagemuseum.org/event/2022-fort-benning-rededication/#>

They will also hold a fundraiser at the Semper Fi Bar and Grill in Woodstock, GA, on May 16th. Here is more information: <https://mwdheritagemuseum.org/event/semper-fi-bar-and-grille-fundraiser/>

You may also contact Dixie Whitman at info@mwdhm.org if you have any questions about either of these events.

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.



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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!

Atlanta Kennel Club Board Meeting Minutes—February 23, 2022

See Minutes in the Members Only section of atlantakennelclub.org.

May Annual Awards Meeting—Submit Your New Titles/Accomplishments

WANTED: All New Titled Dogs for the May Annual Meeting Awards Booklet

Please send Ginger Aldrich, snofire@aol.com, 770-380-9404, the information on any of your dogs that you titled from May 2021 to May 2022 for our annual meeting program. Any AKC Title! Conformation, Companion, Performance, Title Recognition Program, AKC Family Dog Program!

Also include any dogs that have won **major accomplishments** such as won their National Specialty, or points at the National, or attained a breed ranking in your breed, or won a Best in Show, or won BOB or BOS or higher at Westminster or AKC/Royal Canin, or a National Owner-Handled Series top 10 ranking etc.

Please send it to Ginger in the following format if possible to make it easier to insert in the program format and save time—no “Story formats” (pleeeeaazzzzzzeeeee). See sample below.

Note at least one of the Owners or the Breeders must be an Atlanta KC member!

INFO NEEDED	SAMPLE SUBMISSION
Name of dog with titles	Ch. Shinto’s Star’s Fell on Alabama
Name of Breed	Akita
Owner(s)	Owner: Brian Randall
Breeder(s)	Breeders: Cindy Smith and Ronnie and Chris Ann Moore
Titles(s) obtained and major accomplishments	Show Championship

And don’t forget achievements by our Juniors!

For accomplishments, awards and titles earned by Juniors, please submit the following. The awards can be things like Best Junior Handler wins, Junior Versatility Awards, titles earned by Juniors on dogs in any AKC-recognized sports.

INFO NEEDED	SAMPLE SUBMISSION
Name of Junior	Jane Doe
Name of Breed Handled	Keeshond
Awards won, major accomplishments	Won Best Junior Handler 2X, Earned Rally Novice Title and CGC

2022 Conformation Points Schedule

The 2022 Conformation points schedule is available on the AKC web site (<https://www.akc.org/sports/conformation/resources/points-schedule/>). The new point schedule becomes effective Tuesday, May 10, 2022.

2022 Tax Tips for Dog Breeders

It’s that time of year again! AKC has a good article on tax issues to consider particularly if you show and breed dogs.

<https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/dog-breeding/2022-tax-tips-dog-breeders/>

Helpful Advice for Breeders from AKC

The Expert Advice section of the AKC website has many helpful articles. There is a newly published article which both new and experienced breeders will find helpful. It is titled “AKC Investigations & Inspections: Helping Breeders Achieve Success”, and can be found here: <https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/dog-breeding/expect-akc-inspection/>

The article lays out the hows, whys and wherefores of the AKC inspection process. In doing so, it references many of the helpful tools available on the AKC website, and reminds people of the importance of having a plan in place to ensure your dogs are taken care of if you can't be there for any reason.

Juniors

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

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

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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.

Training Classes

Training classes are on hold until we find a new location to have them. We will let you know as soon as we can.

Membership

Proposed New Members: (first reading 3/16/2022)

Anna Marmann

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Siberian Husky, Dachshunds

Sponsors: Katie Samples, Sandy Weaver

Courtney and Ronnie Gorecki

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Cane Corso, Staffordshire Bull Terrier

Sponsors: Lisa Hall, Sandy Weaver

Welcome New Member: (voted in 3/16/2022)

Eva Wei

Do you have a friend 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



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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 atlantake@comcast.net to your address or contacts list.

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