



# Atlanta Kennel Club

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Atlanta Kennel Club Newsletter

July 2022

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## July Meeting

Wednesday, July 20, 2022

### Program

#### "Are You and Your Dog Interested in Pet Therapy/ Crisis Response Work?"

Presented by Atlanta Kennel Club member Myla Mitchell. We will look at the attributes and avenues in becoming a pet therapy team.

About the presenter: Myla Mitchell is the Southeastern co-Regional Manager of HOPE Animal-Assisted Crisis Response and a member of Happy Tails and Alliance pet therapy organizations. She has been involved in pet therapy for more than 20 years and nearly 15 years in crisis response with two canine partners. She is currently training her Wirehaired Pointing Griffon for conformation, field work, and hopefully, for future pet therapy work.

### Menu

Chicken Romano (chicken breast topped with creamy wine sauce, Italian ham, Mozzarella—baked and served with marsala mushroom sauce), salad, garlic rolls, and cheesecake for dessert. Soft drinks, iced tea, water, and regular coffee are included—specialty coffees and alcohol are not included.

### Location

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

**Time:** Gather at 6:45.

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.

Make your reservation by emailing **Lisa Hall** at **lisahall888@comcast.net** NO LATER than Sunday evening, **July 17th**. Reservations by PayPal are not currently available. If you make a reservation and do not attend you will be billed for your meal.

Price \$30 adults and \$15 for children under 12.

If you have special dietary needs, please mention this to Lisa 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!

### Birthdays

Jacqueline Morgan - Jul 01  
Kerry De Foe - Jul 02  
Richard Smith - Jul 02  
Linda Jett - Jul 03  
Karena Avila - Jul 06  
Jeanne Peffley-Wilson - Jul 08  
Jenny Eppinga - Jul 15  
Denise Nickerson - Jul 15  
Leslie Chamber - Jul 17  
Courtney Gorecki - Jul 18  
John Barnes - Jul 20  
Gwynne McNamara - Jul 22  
Martha Pinnell - Jul 23  
Tully Vitner - Jul 23  
Candy Wright-Chiarovano - Jul-13  
Anna Marmann - Jul-28

### Anniversaries

Haley Hayes - Jul 01  
Bill & June Mann - Jul 01  
Jean Adair - Jul 04  
Pamela Jaecksch - Jul 07  
Jerri Alberti - Jul 15  
Kimberly Fuller - Jul 18  
Susan Catlin - Jul 21  
Cecile Henley - Jul 22  
Ed & Susan Adams - Jul 24

*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*

### Wanted!

Someone who loves our meetings and wants to help make them even better! We're looking for a member who wants to learn how to find good programs that our members will enjoy and learn from. If you're interested, please contact Sandy Weaver—  
golfindogs@att.net or text 770-310-6932.

## Member Services & Training Resources—Update Needed!!!

We need to update the information on our website for professional services offered by our members such as boarding, grooming, training, veterinarians. Click here to see what is currently listed: <http://atlantakennelclub.org/resources/member-services/>

Send additions, deletions, or corrections to Ginger Aldrich at [snofire@aol.com](mailto:snofire@aol.com). Be sure to include your name, the name of the business, address, phone #, website, and short description of services offered.

## Member of the Month

Congratulations to the July Member of the Month:

**Gina Bonner**

## Membership Renewals

The membership renewal forms were mailed in early May. Please contact Gilda Mallik if you have questions. Renewals were due by June 1.

Also included are trophy pledge forms for our April 2023 all-breed shows. Mark your calendars for the 2023 Peach Blossom Cluster (April 12-16).

## Cards and Flowers

*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)*

## Upcoming Events

The summer Agility trials are being held in Perry, GA, starting Thursday, July 14—Sunday, July 17. The trials are hosted by the Atlanta Kennel Club and the Chattahoochee Weimaraner Clubs. If you would like to help, please contact Jim Macke, the trial secretary, at [trialec@perryagility.com](mailto:trialec@perryagility.com).

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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).



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## So, You're Thinking About Judging...

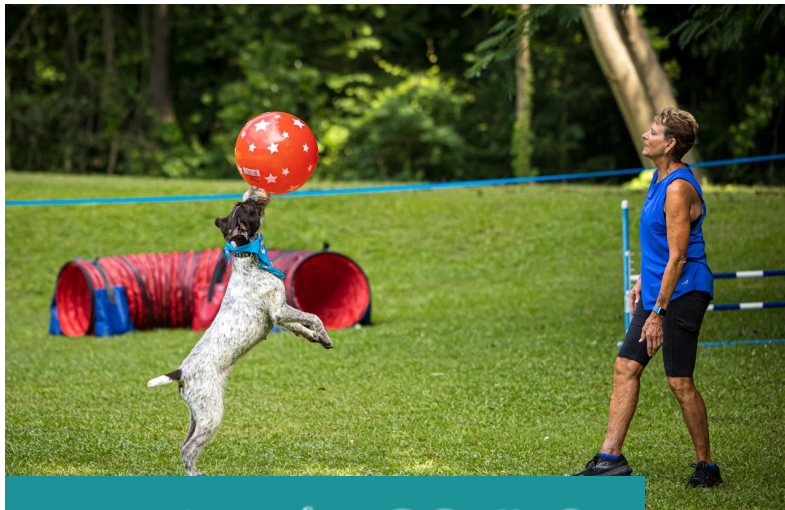
If you're thinking about becoming a conformation judge, you'll need to do some stewarding assignments as part of the application process. Luckily you belong to a club that is delighted to help you get those assignments. Atlanta Kennel Club has a long history of members steward at our shows. If you'd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



### Community Service Event—PAWS Atlanta

Thanks so much to member **Anita Tate** for putting on an Agility, Disc Dog, Stunt/Trick Dog Presentation on behalf of the Atlanta Kennel Club, Dalmatian Club of Greater Atlanta and Academy Dog Sports on June 11, 2022. The event was a fundraiser for PAWS Atlanta, and about 725 people attended the well-organized event in a park.

Included in the pictures are Border Collie "**Flirt**"—TDCH Flirt II OA MAJ XF CAA SDPro PSB DDB TKE, and German Wirehaired Pointer "**Katniss**"—TDCH GCHS CH Willamette's Lookout Catching Fire JH OA OAJ OF CA DM DSA STPro CGCA TKE



PAWS Atlanta is an organization that offers:

- Pet adoption & foster services
- Bi-monthly pet vaccine clinics
- Discount health preventatives
- A pet food bank for loving owners going through hard times
- Community outreach & education

You can find out more about this organization on their website:

<https://pawsatlanta.org/>

## AKC My Canine & Me Award

Do you know a child & his/her dog making a positive impact in the community? **Nominate** him or her for the AKC My Canine & Me Award!

“The American Kennel Club AKC My Canine & Me Awards honor children and young adults who are making a positive impact on the world with their dogs or achieving personal growth by utilizing their knowledge of dogs and their dog ownership. Nominations open May 16th through July 31st and winners will be announced in Fall 2022.

To be considered, students must be nominated by a parent, teacher, mentor or another adult familiar with their efforts. They must be in good academic standing and show proof by submitting a report card (for grades K-8), GPA (Grades 9-12) or school transcript with the application.” Awards are given in four categories. For more information and the nomination form, click here—> <https://www.akc.org/press-center/akc-canine-award/>

## 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)

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**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.

## 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:

Kelly Zimmerman  
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**Welcome New Members:** None this month

*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](mailto:gilndon@comcast.net)*



# The Fast Track to Dog Show Success

By Sandy Weaver, with apologies to Dr. Seuss

“A dog show – dog show – oh, please can we go?”

“Why yes – how fun – I did not know

A show with dogs was happening today.

Let’s grab our dog and go learn how to play

This game of ‘dog show’ and win it - hurry!”

Oh, dear – I fear that Nellie and Nick

Could have their excitement cut to the quick.

Sometimes you win on your very first try...

Most times you don’t – it’s ok, don’t cry!

Just follow along with this silly rhyme

And you’ll be a winner – really, in no time!

What’s the first thing you need to win at dog shows?

Here’s a hint – it doesn’t trot around on its toes.

It doesn’t need bathing or feeding or vetting.

It doesn’t need crates, tack, bait or bedding.

It doesn’t need shampoo, combs, brushes or ex-ing...

What could it be? This riddle is vexing!

The first thing you need, dear winner-to-be,

Is a big appetite for learning, you see.

Before you run out and get a show dog

Take a moment – a breath – a long dialogue

Quite a few, actually, and in person is best.

Kennel visits – lots of them – a real knowledge-quest.

Already know the dog breed that you’re craving?

Pick the brains of the breeders who’re genetic road-paving.

Where to start? Parent club breeder referral is best.

Find good breeders, call, but don’t be a pest!

Make appointments – go see them – in planes, cars or on feet.

Ask questions. Hear answers. Lather. Rinse. And repeat.

This isn’t your chance to show all you know

This is your chance to learn, learn and grow.

The more kennels you visit – the more brains you pick –

The more mistakes you’ll avoid – the more you’ll win quick!

And even if you already have a dog and some ribbons

Read on – you may find an aha – a big one!

The next thing you need for dog-show success

Isn’t a fabulous suit or slim scuba dress.

It isn’t the latest fully loaded tack box.

It isn’t a van or uncuttable crate locks.

The next thing you need costs nothing at all.

This magical thing makes you far from banal.

You’ll win friends, influence people both at shows and not.

The next thing you need, you’ve already got.

But what state is yours in? Has it been neglected?

If so, time to shine it and make it reflective.

The next thing you need lives inside of your head –

No, wait – not there – in your heart instead.

The next thing you need, you see, is your mood.

The next thing you need is a great attitude.

Too often when humans compete we get lazy.

Make excuses for losses – “That judge was just crazy!”

“That handler is crooked!” “That dog has been dyed!”

“Have you seen his bite? All his teeth are cock-eyed!!”

It’s easy to get all caught up in the drama,

But that makes your mood sag like a nag in pajamas!

This is a hobby – a passion – sometimes tempers flare.

When they do, get your keister far, far, far from there!

This is a hobby – a passion – don’t you want to have fun?

Then focus your focus where the fun people run.

You’re in charge of your mood – as Mom always said,

“No one but you thinks inside of your head.”

Make your own choices, choose your friends wisely.

When back-biting starts, walk away politely.

Take care of your mood – it’ll take care of you,

From no ribbon at all to a red, white and blue.

Want admiration from people, both near and far?

No complaining, keep smiling – win, lose or draw!

Yes, there is a third thing that’s important for winning.

It goes right along with periods, quarters and innings.

Quick – think – what do these have in common?

Baseball, football and soccer – but not backgammon.

If you said “team sports” you on the right track.

If you added “team practice” you’ve just won the plaque!

A show dog, you see, is a dog first and foremost,

Not a robot, stuffed animal, nor a rump roast!

A dog has moods, needs, feelings and cravings,

A dog needs your patience, not your show-ring-nerve ravings.

Your dog is your team-mate, not something you’re bossing.

Work together – a lot – ‘til you are Team Awesome.

Take classes – talk walks – take seminars, too.

Learn what he loves or makes him nervous and blue.

Learn how much to play and how much to settle,

Learn when to back off and when to mash that gas pedal.

Find the best speed, down and back and side gait.

Find confidence, amp it up so you both feel great!

Then be a good sport, no matter what happens.

Remember your dog can feel attitude-atoms.

Play with him, love her up, stroll round the show,

Be sure your show dog just goes with the flow.

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Friends, here's the real secret to dog-show success  
If you get this and live this you'll always impress  
All who see you and watch you, winning or not,  
Behaving like royalty, and when they're in ear-shot,  
Never hearing you talk trash about competition,  
And seeing your dog in near-perfect condition.  
They're seeing much more than learning, training and mood.  
They're seeing much more than great vets and great food.  
They're seeing a person who knows, stop to start,  
That the dog they take home's best in show in their heart.

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### Membership renewals still outstanding

The following members have not yet renewed. Please contact Gilda Mallik at (770) 394-4098 or [gilndon@comcast.net](mailto:gilndon@comcast.net).

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Kathryn & James Dodd

Tim & Lana Dorn

John & Amanda Ellery

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Lisa Hall

Haley Hayes

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Desta'ne Ross

Alicia Estrems-Schaefer

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Linda & John Schuemaker

Cari Smith

Allison Sohn

Dale & Barry Staples

Cheryl & Michael Weiss

Shan Wright

Candy Wright Chiarovano



# Atlanta Kennel Club

## 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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