



# Atlanta Kennel Club *DIGEST*

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## *BARK for JOY at the Atlanta KC Annual Holiday Party!*



Wednesday, December 7, 2022, at ALDO's Italian Restaurant

6690 Roswell Rd NE, Sandy Springs, GA 30328 - 404-252-4832

**Gather for hors d'oeuvres: 6:30PM – Dinner at 7 PM**

***It's the return of the Dirty Santa gift exchange game  
and more fun stuff !***

Bring a gift to share at the annual gift exchange valued at \$15-\$20 if you want to play  
and a donation to PALS if desired

### Menu

**Hors d'oeuvres and Charcuterie Board**

**Chicken Parmesan**

**Mixed Greens Salad and Fresh Garlic rolls**

**Cheesecake with cherry topping**

**Coffee and Tea**

**Dinner: \$30 per adult, \$ 15 per child under 12 - Cash Bar**

**RSVP REQUIRED to Lisa Hall [lisahall888@comcast.net](mailto:lisahall888@comcast.net) by Sunday noon Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>**

**You are not required have dinner – Dessert & Coffee only is \$10 - Ask re menu options**

**Payment:** Cash, Check or pay with Zelle. If using Zelle, send to this email:

[TheAtlantaKennelClub@gmail.com](mailto:TheAtlantaKennelClub@gmail.com), and enter "Dec Dinner" or "Dec dessert" before sending.

**NOTE:** You **must** use your mobile banking app or your bank's website. It will not accept payments from the Zelle app.

## Cards and Flowers

The memorial service for Tim Dorn will be Saturday, Dec. 3rd, at 11 a.m. in Fountain Inn, South Carolina, with inurnment following at 1:00 p.m. in Piedmont, SC. Full details and his obituary can be found [here](#).

Yves & Isis Belmont welcomed a new family member, Maximilien Olivier Belmont, on October 15, 2022. Congratulations to the new parents!

*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)*

## Training Classes

- Our member, Sandy Weaver, is teaching conformation handling classes at Alchemy Dog Training in Marietta, 545 Glover St., Marietta, GA 30060. Classes are Wednesday afternoons. Questions? Email Sandy at [golfndogs@att.net](mailto:golfndogs@att.net) or text to 770-310-6932.
- Our member, Lisa Hall, is teaching conformation handling classes at [Atlanta Obedience Club](#), 1193-D Beaver Ruin Rd., Norcross, GA 30093. Classes are Tuesday afternoons. Contact Lisa for more information at [lisahall888@comcast.net](mailto:lisahall888@comcast.net).

## Membership

**Proposed New Member:** Leslie Webb-Tinsley  
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 Belgian Tervuren and Sheepdog  
 Sponsors: Ann Wallin and Lisa Hall

**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)*

## Birthdays

A. Monroe McIntyre - Dec 01  
 Christina Wertz - Dec 01  
 Paula Moore - Dec 04  
 Madison Wertz - Dec 04  
 Nancy Ager - Dec 05  
 Diana Jeffreys - Dec 07  
 Paul Averill - Dec 10  
 Valeria Palmer - Dec 10  
 Ken Edmonds - Dec 11  
 Gina Bonner - Dec 12  
 Ginger Aldrich - Dec 14  
 Trish Thurow - Dec 14  
 Nathan Brower - Dec 15  
 Miles Cline - Dec 17  
 Lisa Bowman - Dec 18  
 Pam Long - Dec 19  
 Pam Mingo-Sain - Dec 20  
 Bill Mann - Dec 22  
 Gary Johnson - Dec 26  
 Rachel Worthington - Dec 27

## Anniversaries

Chester & Lisa Favre - Dec 13  
 Jim & Mary Ellen Macke - Dec 16  
 Lynn Tyler - Dec 20  
 James & Joyce Gibson - Dec 22  
 Cindy Stansell - Dec 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)*

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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).



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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!

## Peaches' Christmas Rat—A short story by Dave Donahue

The things we do for our dogs...

About four months ago, I found a dead rat in the bottom of one of my trash cans. Having never experienced anything of this nature since we moved out of the city eight years ago, I passed it off as nature's attempt at random distribution of life species. In other words I thought it a fluke. I was sure however that the rat had died from a heart attack. I had watch my two Chows, Pantu and Peaches sit and stare at the trash can for about one hour before I decided it warranted my attention.

Upon further reflection I realized (being a properly raised city boy) that rats rarely travel alone, but I was also unsure where or how they lived in a suburban environment. Apparently they live well, especially in wood sheds. I really knew I had a problem when both dogs would start barking furiously about 30 minutes after the yard light went out at bedtime each night. One night I waited with the two buggers and when they suddenly jumped up from a near comatose position, I also jumped up from a similar mode and threw on the light. How they even saw this thing in the back part of the yard while half asleep I don't know, but there it was, another rat!

Off to the hardware store for traps, no poison for obvious reasons, but also no success. Each night the dogs would bark and we would worry. Finally, on one trip to the trash cans, now moved by wifely edict to the far side of the yard, I dropped a bag into the can and from behind the can leapt a rat! Before I could blink both dogs were hot on the trail. Now I know some dogs are bred for this, but I didn't think it was one of the Chows more admirable traits—but boy were they good. I also confess I didn't know who had the advantage, the Chows or the rat, and I was unsure if I even wanted them chasing a live thing, however reprehensible. But after the excitement of the hunt I have to admit I was impressed with their speed and agility, yes even Chowish agility.

Now I always thought Peaches would be the one to catch something. She's a very poor specimen of a Chow, having very long legs, a non-existent cream mane, and a muscular body that would make Madonna jealous. Pantu, on the other hand is very laid back and hard to excite. But it was Pantu that ran down the rat and killed it. Thank heavens for obedience work, because on command he returned to a perfect front sit and dropped the rat at my feet. Peaches seemed so proud of him, she cleaned his face at least 10 times that night. Of course, that's anthropomorphism on my part; I really believe she was looking for left over rat hairs to lick. Ugh!

And then the problem developed. From the moment the rat leapt out, and every day since, Peaches has made a pilgrimage to the trash cans as soon as the door is opened. Doesn't matter what the weather is like or how bad her bladder is swollen, she heads right for the cans in hope that she'll catch her own rat.

Now, normally this would have occurred fairly quick considering how fast rats reproduce, but to Peaches great misfortune we were visited shortly thereafter by a large owl. We never saw the owl, but we heard him hoot, we heard the rustle of leaves and we heard his wings, which sounded like slow helicopter rotors. Wop... Wop... Wop...Wop, Wop, Wop as he took off. By the time he left he cleaned out the entire rodent population. Now Peach would never get a rat. So . . .

On Christmas morning, I sneaked Peaches present into the garage for "wrapping". Out of the pet store bag (cat section purchase) I pulled a life size fuzzy rat. It looked real! I tied 30 feet of monofilament fishing line through the nose of the fake rat and then tied the other end around a training dumbbell. I sneaked out the garage and around to the yard, in bitter cold, and planted the rat in the trash can lying on it's side in the snow. I piled loose leaves all around the rat and stretched the fishing line across the yard. (The things we do for our dogs!)

## Peaches' Christmas Rat—A short story by Dave Donahue (continued)

On cue, Peaches was let into the yard and went right for the cans. Pantu was drifting away to the back part of the yard when I pulled the fishing line and the rat jumped out right in front of Peaches. She froze—when the big moment came, she choked—and in the split second it took her to realize this was her big chance, Pantu flashed by like a linebacker heading for a quarterback, body slammed Peaches out of the way and nailed the fake rat. Peaches looked devastated, Pantu looked thrilled, and Patti and I looked at each other and wondered what do you do when one child steals the other's most treasured Christmas present. Peaches seems depressed, but she still goes to the trash, maybe hoping that one last Christmas rat might still be found.

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## 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 Mary Ellen Macke 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 Mary Ellen or the group leader know as they are always seeking provisional judges for AKC requirements.



# 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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