



# Atlanta Kennel Club

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Atlanta Kennel Club Newsletter

May 2021

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## May Meeting

Wednesday, May 19, 2021

### Program

This is our annual membership meeting and awards program. We will vote on new officers and board, and amendments to the Club's Constitution and Bylaws, as well as recognizing members' achievements and volunteer work during the past year.

### Menu

Lasagna, salad, garlic rolls, and cheesecake 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 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.

Price \$25 adults and \$10 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!

### **Birthdays**

Ralph Barger - May 24  
Carmen Battaglia - May 13  
Anne Carson - May 18  
Bill Deily - May 29  
Tim Dorn - May 06  
Suzanne Newsom, DVM-May 21  
Susan Riese - May 13  
Pam Rushforth - May 29  
Janie Smith - May 21  
Glen Soafer - May 13  
Sandy Weaver - May 27  
Shan Wright - May 29

### **Anniversaries**

Bud & Rose Hidlay - May 29  
LoAnne & Michelle Miller - May 30  
Walter & Sheila O'Brien - May 03  
Carol Roberts Reineke - May 03  
Susan Riese - May 18  
Anita Tate - May 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*

### **Did You Know?**

Atlanta Kennel Club dues notices were mailed in early April. Please return your form and dues ASAP. Lifetime members should also return their signed forms! If you haven't received or have misplaced yours, please contact Gilda Mallik, Membership Chairperson, at gilndon@comcast.net or 770-394-4098.

## Webmaster

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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).

## Election of Officers

No nominations were made from the floor at the April membership meeting, therefore the following slate will be voted on at the Annual Meeting in May.

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

## Proposed Changes to Constitution and Bylaws

The notice of the May membership meeting and the proposed changes to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Atlanta Kennel Club, Inc. were mailed to all members in early May. If you did not receive your copy, please contact the Bylaws Committee Chair, Lynette White, at [legrandchows@gmail.com](mailto:legrandchows@gmail.com). The changes will be voted on in the meeting.

## 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 brags? 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

Best wishes for a full and quick recovery to Anne Carson following surgery in late April, and to Carol Simmons who is having surgery this week.

*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 [golfindogs@att.net](mailto:golfindogs@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.

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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.*

**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.

## Membership

**Proposed New Member** (first reading membership mtg. 4-28-21 will be voted on 5-19-2021)

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Sponsors: Gilda Mallik and John Barnes

Warren and Anita Frazier

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American Staffordshire Terrier

Sponsors: Don Mallik and Karen Mays

## New Members

Welcome to new member Shan Wright, voted in at the April 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)*

## AKC Delegate Report May 2021

It seems like finally we are beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel. The Covid-19 tunnel! We have survived the Covid pandemic and have come out stronger than ever.

Our AKC departments have continued to function well with most staff working remotely over 2020. Those employees coming back into the office are increasing each week and AKC has been able to offer positions to those employees furloughed due the pandemic who want to return.

### Events Update For 2020:

- 80% of all-breed shows were canceled or postponed
- 14,583 events were canceled or postponed
- Performance events did much better as they could be held outdoors

### Events Update 2021: Welcome 2021!

#### All-breed shows

- first quarter 61% canceled
- second quarter 27% canceled
- third quarter 5% canceled

#### Number of events YTD

- Fast CAT up 190% CAT up 91%
- Farm Dog up 142% Tracking up 88%
- Scent Work up 140% Herding test up 85%
- Herding trials up 114% Lure Coursing up 82%
- Earthdog up 109% AB & group shows up 79%
- Agility up 100% Rally up 79%
- Field trials up 93% Obedience up 78%
- Specialty shows up 91%

Our sport definitely took a hard hit, but with many new and creative initiatives by staff and approved by the board a lot of exhibitors continued to participate in virtual events, allowing dogs and their owners to continue to compete and have fun doing it.

### Finance--YTD:

- Revenues exceed budget by 28% or 3.6 million mainly due registration results
- Registration fees exceed budget by 29% or 1.8 million
- Litter registration 20.5% over budget and 20% better than 2020
- Dog registration 31.3% over budget and 34.5% better than 2020
- Events and entries are down 43% and 52% respectively due to the negative impact of Covid-19
- Expenses are down by 10.9% or 1.2 million mainly due to cost containment

### 2020 Media Coverage:

- Total number media placements 19,522
- Total audience reached 25,157,102,383 (print, online, tv, syndicated stories)
- Total media value was \$39,348,350

AKC Government Relations continues to work with the American Service Dog Coalition to improve access for service dog users and limit fraud by impacting public policy and working with industry leaders in the service dog, airline, transportation, and hospitality industries. They are working on the development of an opt-in service dog pass powered by AKC which is a high quality, verifiable dog credentialing system.

### Formation Of Local Specialty Clubs:

The board voted to adopt a new policy that requires club relations department to make parent clubs aware in writing upon receipt of an inquiry from a prospective new local specialty club.

## AKC Delegate Report May 2021 (continued)

### Best Bred-By Exhibitor In Show Award Update

AKC acknowledged a key pillar of our sport by declaring 2020 the “year of the breeder”. One program was to offer a free litter registration to the winner of a best bred-by competition at designated all-breed, group or parent club shows in 2020. Due to the impact on the numbers of shows in 2020 the AKC has extended the BBE in show award and free litter registration to the winner thru 2021.

### New Business:

The June delegate meeting and the committee meetings will be conducted using Zoom technology webinar platform. AKC board meetings will continue to be held by Zoom meetings for the present time.

### Donation To Take The Lead:

The Board discussed the problems Covid-19 caused our constituents and in order to relieve the burden, the Board voted unanimously to authorize a donation of \$100,000 to take the lead specifically to be used for Covid relief.

### Juniors Subcommittee Recommendation:

The subcommittee recommended that all breed clubs appoint a junior coordinator/liaison to oversee outreach and support for junior members and events. They can have direct communication with Mari-Beth O'Neill's department to exchange information and help to better serve our juniors.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Wallin—AKC Delegate & AKC Board Director

## Peach Blossom Cluster

We had a great cluster this year in April in Perry, GA. Entries handled by our Superintendent, Onofrio, for conformation, obedience, and rally were up ~40% versus our twice-delayed cluster in 2020 at the Jonesboro Rd. location, but they were also up ~9% versus the 2019 cluster in Perry. The other events such as lure coursing, Fast CAT, dock diving, barn hunt, and agility also had nice entries. Farm Dog, which was offered for the first time, filled up both days! Even the heart and eye clinics were fully booked.

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.

### LOST AND FOUND

Did you lose something at the Peach? Lost & Found from our Perry shows includes one very whimsical item with a herding dog motif, one rain jacket and a few items of tack. Sound like something you or someone you know might have lost? Contact Sandy Weaver at [golfndogs@att.net](mailto:golfndogs@att.net) to see if she has your stuff.

**Congratulations to all the winners!** The top conformation winners for our shows on Wednesday and Saturday are shown below. Full results can be found on AKC.org using the event search.

Wednesday	Breed	Dog's Name	Owners
—Best in Show	Spaniels (English Springer)	GCH CH Cerise Bonanza	Dorothy Cherry & Howard Huber & Kendra Huber
—Reserve BIS	Portuguese Water Dogs	GCHP CH Torrid Zone Smoke From A Distant Fire BN RN CGCA CGCU TKN	Beth Mercier & Margaret De Fore
—OH Best in Show	Shih Tzu	GCHB CH Maldiz Khalil Of Edrey	Edwin Valle & Reinaldo Guzman & Angel Diaz
<b>Saturday</b>			
—Best in Show	Spaniels (English Springer)	GCH CH CERISE BONANZA	Dorothy Cherry & Howard Huber & Kendra Huber
—Reserve BIS	Samoyeds	GCHG CH VANDERBILT 'N PRINTEMP'S LUCKY STRIKE	Correen Pacht & Marc Ralsky & J Elford & B Elford
—OH Best in Show	Rottweiler	GCH CH Mystic Fire Kiss The Blarney Stone CGC TKN	Lily Kovacs & Leslie Kovacs

## 2021 Conformation Points Schedule

The 2021 Conformation points schedule was published on Monday, March 15, and is available on the AKC web site (<https://www.akc.org/sports/conformation/resources/points-schedule/>). The number of competitors required to earn points will not increase from the 2020 point schedule. The number of competitors required was allowed to decrease if the standard calculation process indicated this should be the case. The reasoning for this approach was that the high entries in the shows that did occur would have skewed the required number of competitors upward. There are approximately 32,800 combinations of breeds, sex and divisions. 6.7% of the combinations experienced a decrease in the number of competitors required.

The new point schedule becomes effective Tuesday, May 11, 2021.

## Training Classes

Training classes are held at our Training and Event Center 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.

Our next session of classes start the week of April 26th.

## 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

## 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)!*

## 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!



# 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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