



# Atlanta Kennel Club

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Atlanta Kennel Club Newsletter

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## October Meeting

Wednesday, October 20, 2021

### Program

The October meeting will be in remembrance of Audrey Lycan, Samoyed breeder, Working, Toy and Terrier judge, long-time supporter of the purebred dog community in the southeast and mother to four sons. Please think of times your life was touched by Audrey and share those stories at the meeting, and if you have pictures to add to the slide show, please send them to Sandy Weaver at [golfindogs@att.net](mailto:golfindogs@att.net).

### Menu

Chicken Piccata with spaghetti, salad, rolls and Tiramisu for dessert. Soft drinks and regular coffee are included - specialty coffees and alcohol are not.

### 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, for this meeting only, contact Sandy Weaver by email at [golfindogs@att.net](mailto:golfindogs@att.net) 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 Sandy 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

Jo R. Sarbell-Oct 01  
Cathy Deily-Oct 02  
Jim Macke-Oct 06  
Cindy Stansell-Oct 06  
Ronald Ateman-Oct 08  
Paula Steele, DVM-Oct 11  
George Cooper-Oct 13  
Robert LaBerge-Oct 15  
Marilynn Lockhart-Oct 15  
Justin Smithey-Oct 16  
Susan Pulse-Oct 17  
Barry Staples-Oct 17  
Allison Sohn-Oct 19  
Tom King, Jr.-Oct 21  
Lisa Favre-Oct 26  
Beth Hawthorne-Oct 27  
Bonnie Turner-Oct 31

### Anniversaries

Denise Nickerson-Oct 01  
Tim & Lana Dorn-Oct 03  
Gary Oller-Oct 03  
Johnette Hood-Oct 06  
Carmelita Prince-Oct 10  
Barbara Humphery Darnell-Oct 17  
Donna & Daryl Hills-Oct 19  
Dr. Carmen Battaglia-Oct 29  
Katie Sample-Oct 29  
Emery Pete-Oct 30

*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?

Please call our volunteer coordinator if you would like to get involved in the events and activities of the Atlanta Kennel Club:

Warren Frazier  
at 661-269-3815.

## Webmaster

Jim Macke - [jimmacke@comcast.net](mailto:jimmacke@comcast.net) or

Mary Ellen Macke - [maryellenmacke@gmail.com](mailto:maryellenmacke@gmail.com), 404-310-5933

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).



## 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 to Mary Ellen Macke as she recovers from a broken leg.

Condolences to the friends and family of Atlanta Kennel Club member Pricilla Chabel:

“Priscilla Marie Chabal, 63, of Marietta, Ga., died the week of Sunday, Aug. 15, 2021. She was born March 12, 1958, in Pittsburgh, to Charles Chabal Jr. and Priscilla Federinka. She is survived by her brother, Dr. Charles Chabal (Sharon), nieces, Emma Chabal and Darah Chabal, and nephew, Alex Chabal, all of Bellevue, Wash. She is also survived by numerous cousins and her beloved Blue Great Dane, Willie (her second precious Blue Great Dane, Pinky, predeceased Priscilla by several days). A graduate of Miami University of Ohio, Priscilla was a gifted writer and used that gift in her first two jobs. After her move to California, Priscilla embarked on what would not be a job but a lifelong passion, the breeding and showing of Blue Great Danes. Priscilla joined Pat Gurtner in running the highly regarded Coleridge Blue Great Danes when she moved to Cotati, Calif. They are responsible for award winning offspring in the United States and internationally. Priscilla actively bred and showed Great Danes with Pat until Pat's death in 2011. She continued to operate the business (incorporating Cindy Casper) when she moved to Marietta, Ga., in 2014. Priscilla was also an active member of The Great Dane Club of the Mid-south and often helped with putting on shows and with their work with local rescues like Lucky Farms. At her request, there will be no services. Following cremation, her ashes will be scattered in locations that were meaningful to her. Donations may be made to The Great Dane Club of the Mid-south and/or the Brain & Behavior Research Foundation.

Published by The Valley News Dispatch on Aug. 25, 2021.”

*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 available on the Atlanta KC website, [www.atlantakennelclub.org](http://www.atlantakennelclub.org), under the Members tab. An updated roster will be uploaded soon. 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).

## Atlanta Kennel Club Board Meeting Minutes—August 26, 2021



See the Minutes posted in the Members Only section of the website.

### 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 - [marvellenmacke@gmail.com](mailto:marvellenmacke@gmail.com)

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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

**Please welcome new members:** (voted into membership 9/13/2021)

Andrea Werkheiser, Catherine Wilmer, and Hannah Yi

*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)*

### Training Resources on AKC.ORG

The AKC website has numerous articles on training and other subjects of interest to dog owners. One example is an article on easy conditioning exercises for you to teach your dog—from puppies to seniors. Find this article [here](#), or go to [akc.org](http://akc.org), click on Expert Advice, and explore.

## Conyers Kennel Club B/OB Match and CGC Testing

**When:** Saturday, October 23, 2021

**Time:** Entries start at 9:30 – Juniors will begin at 11:00

**Where:** Earl O'Neal Sports Complex (Soccer Field #8), 2709 Old Covington Rd, Conyers, GA 30013

*Refreshments will be served! Please join us!*

*Monetary or Pet Food Donations for the Rockdale Food Bank are gladly accepted and greatly appreciated!*

**Fees:** Pre-Entries are \$8.00 per class (must be postmarked by 10/12/21, for time to receive)

Day of Match Entry is \$10.00 (Entries taken until 10:30)

CGC Testing \$10.00 – Evaluator is Jan Moore

**Judges:** Junior Showmanship – Mike Shelton / Obedience – Pat Pierce

Toy - Mike Shelton / Herding – Leigh Ann Yandle-Perry / Hounds – Leigh Ann Yandle-Perry

Non-Sporting – Claudia Clifton / Terrier- Meghan Riese-Bassel / Sporting – Leigh Ann Yandle-Perry

Working – Claudia Clifton / Miscellaneous – Mike Shelton

Best Adult In Match – Claudia Clifton / Best Puppy In Match – Leigh Ann Yandle-Perry

**Classes:** Puppy Classes: 6-9, 9-12, 12-18 & Adult: Open

All classes divided by sex. Puppies will not compete against adult dogs.

**Major-pointed** dogs can show for exhibition only. Ribbons for all placements

Contact for entry form and more information: Match Chairperson, Sue Shelton 770-316-6166

## AKC Casting Call For Oct 28-29 in Atlanta, GA

Hello,

I'm the Director of Digital Marketing at the American Kennel Club, and I am looking for dogs to appear in an AKC educational advertising campaign that is shooting in Atlanta, GA in October 28-29, 2021. The campaign is intended to help pet owners answer common questions they have about their dogs. Dogs of all ages and breeds are welcome and encouraged to apply!

In order to be considered, your dog will need to be well-trained and comfortable being around other dogs and unfamiliar people. The spot may include some basic obedience, tricks, or "being a dog" behaviors, so submitted dogs should be able to do some (or all) of the following and be able to be cued with the owner off camera:

- Sit / stand / down / stay
- Fetch / chase a toy or ball
- Chew on a toy or treat
- High five or shake / give a paw
- Jump or step up onto a low platform or chair
- Head tilt
- Other tricks or skills that are appealing on camera

If interested, please submit your dog for consideration by filling out the form linked below. In it, you'll be asked to submit photos and video of your dog for consideration:

- [Click here for submission form](#)
- No more than four (4) recent photos of your dog
- One (1) brief video of your dog running/moving around, and performing any obedience skills or tricks they can do (a link to Youtube or social media video is OK so long as we can verify it is you and your dog)

**Dogs of all ages and breeds are welcome and encouraged to apply!**

Important things to note:

- Filming will be in Atlanta on October 28-29. You do not need to be available for both days.
- Local travel expenses will be reimbursed for the casting call and the shoot
- We expect each dog will require about an hour to film
- All participants, regardless of vaccination status (including production crew), will need to provide a negative COVID test result before arriving on set. All tests need to be administered within 72 hours of arriving on set. We will be happy to help facilitate the testing or advise on testing sites near you.
- Masks covering the nose and mouth will be required while inside the studio for all participants and crew.

Feel free to reach out to me with any questions. Thank you in advance for your interest in helping the American Kennel Club with this campaign!

Sincerely,

Melissa Olund, AKC Director of Digital Marketing, [marketing@akc.org](mailto:marketing@akc.org)

## Peach Blossom Cluster

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.

## Upcoming Events—Scent Work Trial

The Atlanta Kennel Club will be hosting scent work trials on **October 23-24, 2021.**

There will be two trials each day for a total of four trials. Novice and Advanced classes will be offered in both trials on both days. Novice Handler Discrimination will be offered in Trial 1 each day. Excellent classes will be offered in Trial 2 each day.. The trials will be held at our Training and Event Center, Center located at 1155-B Alpha Dr., Alpharetta, GA 30004.

The premium list is available [here](#), or go to [akc.org](http://akc.org) and click on Event Search to find the events. Entries close October 6th.

## 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.

*New training sessions start the week of September 13—sign up now!*

## 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

## Help Wanted—Archives Project

The Atlanta KC Archives project is starting soon and we would love the help of any member interested in organizing our old records and history materials stored at the training bldg. We will be setting up various dates to start going through and consolidating our important historical records. There are a lot of boxes—some dating to the 60's and 70's—so come take a trip down memory lane with us !

Contact Ginger Aldrich if you'd like to come and help. Email [snofire@aol.com](mailto:snofire@aol.com) or call 770-380-9404

## Juniors

The AKC has added a Juniors division to the 2021 National Trick Dog Competition, which is a Virtual competition. Click [here](#) to find the rules and entry forms. (Or go to AKC.org, click on Sports & Events, then click on AKC Trick Dog/Virtual Competition in the AKC Family Dog Program section.)

*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!

## AKC Delegate's Report

The first in-person delegate meeting since March of 2020 was held on September 14, 2021 in Newark, NJ.

It was well attended and all delegates felt safe, followed protocols and thought it was a very productive meeting. Everyone truly was glad to have an in-person meeting and be able to communicate and participate in-person as these meetings were intended to be. I have volunteered to mentor new delegates. Over the past year and a half, we have had 60 new delegates added to the delegate body.

Members of the delegate standing committees were selected by ballot of all delegates in attendance.

The amendment to section vii, sections 5,6 and 7 of the bylaws of the American Kennel Club was adopted. This sets forth the ability of the board of directors to meet virtually in whole or in part and clarifies other sections related to board meetings.

Our number of events have returned to over 100% in all categories. Very good news that we are now back to pre-covid numbers. Specialty shows are at 128% and ab/groups shows are at 100%. FastCAT still remains the fastest growing sport at 192%. October will be the largest single month of events in AKC's history with over 3,000 events. This is 14% higher than the previous record. Entries are up by 86%.

12,442 virtual titles were earned from the end of 2020 and to date in 2021. Virtual rally 7,674, virtual agility course test 2,547, virtual home manners 1,981, virtual obedience 240.

Registration revenue continues to grow. They exceed budget by 31% and are \$36 million ytd. Litter registrations are up 23% and dog registrations are up 32%. Expenses are below budget by 5% or \$1.7 million.

The AKC preservation bank subcommittee is continuing its investigations and is working on best practices. It will be reporting all updates to the AKC board.

The juniors subcommittee presented their best practices and these will be available on the AKC juniors section of the website.

AKC press releases are now available in Spanish and Chinese.

I am participating on a subcommittee from the all-breeds clubs delegate committee that is looking for ways to increase diversity in AKC by reaching out to specific ethnic groups and creating a connection between them with AKC purebred breeds of their country of origin. The education department has begun to create videos of these breeds, for example, the breeds of Italy, France, Germany and more to come.

I was nominated by the board appointed nominations committee for reelection to the AKC board in March 2022. Fellow board members Chris Sweetwood and Red Tatro were also nominated.

Respectfully submitted by Ann Wallin





# 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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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](mailto:atlantake@comcast.net) to your address or contacts list.

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