



Atlanta Kennel Club *DIGEST*

Atlanta Kennel Club Newsletter

December 2021

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December Meeting

We did not have a regular December meeting with a program. Instead we had our Holiday party on December 8. We hope all that attended it enjoyed the evening with a good dinner, games and stories.

**The next regular meeting will be
Wednesday January 19, 2022.**

**Look for details in the
January 2022 Digest.**

Special Guest at our Holiday Party:

Yoel Levi, music conductor/director from 1988 to 2000 for the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra. Born in Romania in 1950 and brought up in Israel, Levi symbolized the ASO's increasingly international outlook. He made many recordings with the orchestra and in 1991 led its second tour of Europe. The ASO performed concerts in fifteen cities, including London, England; Paris, France; and Vienna, Austria. Levi expanded the orchestra, bringing in many fine new players. His discerning ear for such important aspects of ensemble technique as balance, intonation, and fine gradations of dynamics honed the ASO into one of the finest orchestras in the world.

With the help of Carmen Battaglia, he now owns a long-hair German Shepard puppy. Wonderful story. Ask Carmen if you get the chance!

And "yes" he and his charming wife Martine left with an Atlanta Kennel Club membership application in hand!

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 & Danielle Royall - 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



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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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Nominating Committee Named

In accordance with our Bylaws, the Board has named the following members of the nominating committee.

Mary Ellen Macke, Chairperson

Amy Caple

Tamara Brower

Anita Tate

Candy Wright

Alternates are Carmen Battaglia and Carl Vitner

If you would like to serve as an officer or director of the Atlanta Kennel Club please contact one of the committee members. The proposed slate will be published in February. Nominations from the floor will be taken during the March meeting, and the election will be held during the May annual meeting.

Braggs



The Browers are so happy with their boy "Monk" Ch GrayMatter's Smoke In My Eyes, who won Best Dog in Eastern Show Futurity - 2021 at the Weimaraner National in Gettysburg, PA. Sire: "Thriller" Von Luchbach's Thrilled Beyond Words Dam: "Smoke" Ch GrayMatter's Where There's Fire, SH.

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

Cards and Flowers

Condolences to the family of Lifetime member Ben Zahn, who passed away on November 13, 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 and golfndogs@att.net

Rosters

The Atlanta KC Membership Roster is available on the Atlanta KC website, www.atlantakennelclub.org, under the Members tab. Hard copies of the new roster were provided by Carol Simmons at the December Holiday Party, and will be available at the January 2022 meeting. An updated roster will be uploaded soon in the member only section of the website. 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.

Juniors

Leslie Chambers has accepted the role of Junior Coordinator for the Atlanta Kennel Club. She has a daughter in juniors and will be a wonderful asset to help promote juniors in our club. In this role, Leslie will be the contact person for Junior members. She will also arrange and/or coordinate training and learning opportunities for Juniors, serve as the contact person if Club members have dogs that they might want to offer to a junior to show, involve Juniors in public education activities, and other activities to be determined.

Thank you Leslie for accepting this role!

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.

Membership

Proposed New Member: (application for membership 12-08-21)

Myla Mitchell

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Breed: Wirehaired Pointing Griffon

Sponsors: Don Mallik and Sandy Weaver

Welcome to new member, John-Albert Brown, voted in at the November meeting.

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

Augusta KC Obedience Trials—January 15 & 16, 2022

The Augusta Kennel Club will hold two obedience trials on January 15 & 16, 2022. Location is Augusta Kennel Club House, 3970 East White Oak Road, Appling, Georgia 30802.

Closing date for entries is December 29, 2021. You can access the premium list for the trials [here](#) or look up the events on akc.org, Event Search.

Member of the Month

“Member of the Month” is selected by the Board to recognize members who have made a significant contribution to the Club in terms of time and effort.

Congratulations and thank you to our Member of the Month for December, **Darcy Quinlan!**

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.

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.

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!

Estate Planning—November Meeting Program

Our speaker in November was Oren Ross II Esq., MBA. He specializes in estate planning, wills and trusts. He discussed planning for pets as part of complete estate planning. He has kindly shared his slides with us to publish in the Digest. The most important points he made were (1) make sure you have a will tailored to your circumstances, and (2) make sure you have a plan for your pets in the event that you pre-decease them.

AVOIDING THE 3 BIGGEST ESTATE PLANNING MISTAKES

By J. Oren Ross II, Esq., MBA

PROBATE IN GEORGIA

Wills go through Probate

- A Will instructs the Probate Court as to your wishes

Multiple steps: validating Will, having legal heirs sign off, publishing notice for creditors, possible Will contests, filing inventories & accountings

- Beneficiaries & the Court need to sign off on every step of the estate.
- Getting Letters Testamentary is NOT the end of probate; it is the beginning.

No Will? Intestate Probate

- State decides where assets go - split among spouse & children, or closest family members
- Race to decide who will be Administrator

Assets are frozen until Probate Court appoints a Personal Representative for the estate (Executor or Administrator)

- Sale of Real Estate requires approval by Court, which can take months

FAQS - PROBATE

How long does probate take?

- Before coronavirus, the average in GA was 12 months. Courts are still backlogged.

How much does probate cost?

- Court costs: a few hundred dollars
- Attorneys' Fees: "Reasonableness" standard - \$250-\$450 per hour, no real limitation. \$10,000-\$15,000 is not uncommon.

Joint Tenancy (JTWROS)

- Avoids probate when 1st spouse dies, but not when 2nd dies
- Capital gains tax issues
- 2nd Marriage issues

Lack of Privacy – all assets, debts, expenses, & inheritances become public record

1989 AARP study – \$2 billion / year in probate expenses, recommended Living Trusts

REVOCABLE LIVING TRUSTS

No change to daily life – maintain full access to assets; no tax changes; keep Homestead & Senior exemptions

When first spouse dies, 2nd spouse maintains full control – unless you don't want that

- Possible remarriage, or blended family – imperative to avoid probate

When 2nd spouse dies, all Trust assets pass outside of Probate

- Assets retitled into a Trust: real estate, bank & brokerage accounts, businesses, valuable items or collections, etc.
- Assets not retitled into a Trust: IRAs, 401(k)s, Life Insurance, Annuities
- A Trust can be a beneficiary of these accounts

Pour Over Will: covers cars, household & personal items

Certification of Trust: given to banks, brokerages, insurance companies to prove that the Trust exists & who the Trustees are

INHERITANCE TRUSTS

Not just for children; can be used for anyone, of any age, including non-family members

Divorce-Proof Inheritance

- Spouse has no access, no control, cannot be considered marital property
- Also protects the inheritance from Creditors

Keep Money/Property in Family, even if Child dies

- Prevents Spouse from spending it on Their Next Spouse
- Keep it in Trust for Their Children, or Their Siblings, or A Charity

Control How Much They Get, and When They Get It

- Monthly or Yearly Distributions, or name an Age or Milestone when they can access
- Beneficiaries have a right to assets for Health, Education, Maintenance, and Support (Trustee decides what is appropriate)

I include 2 Inheritance Trusts FREE as part of the Revocable Living Trust Package

SPECIAL / SUPPLEMENTAL NEEDS TRUST

Prevent Assets from being spent down in order to qualify for government assistance

Special Needs Trust allows Beneficiary to keep Government Benefits AND their Inheritance

- Usually a Family Member is Trustee to decide what assets are spent on

Assets can be spent on anything except Food & Shelter (Government Benefits cover those)

I include 1 Special Needs Trust FREE as part of the Revocable Living Trust Package

PET TRUSTS

Legally enforceable & private; does not require Probate Court approval

Name a Trustee and a Caregiver for Pets

- Trustee can oversee Caregiver & ensure proper care
- Trustee manages assets

Pet Trust can apply a specific amount of money per month or year for Pets' care, and give Trustee the ability to pay more if needed for health, maintenance, and support

Give General and Specific Guidelines for Pets' care

- Housing, Food, Medical Needs, Grooming, Training, Exercise, Toys, etc.
- Breeding: Semen storage methods & use; Limiting lease types & number of litters
- Events: Preferred Shows, Sports, Title Recognition Programs

Co-ownership: Can create & fund a Pet Trust with other owners

POWER OF ATTORNEY & ADVANCE DIRECTIVE FOR HEALTHCARE

Needed for anyone over 18

Financial Power of Attorney (2017) - can now force acceptance of POA

- Name an agent to pay bills, manage finances if you're incapacitated

Advance Directive for Healthcare (2009) – Healthcare "power of attorney"

- Name an agent to speak to your doctors, consent to surgery, etc.
- Also includes Living Will – you can determine outcome if you're on life support or have a terminal condition

Free Strategy Sessions!

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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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