



Atlanta Kennel Club

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Atlanta Kennel Club Newsletter

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January Meeting

Wednesday, January 19, 2022

Program

Minimally Invasive Surgery

Our speaker this month is Dr. Bob Smith of Clairmont Animal Hospital in Decatur. Dr. Smith has been performing laparoscopic surgery for 20 years and will discuss the procedures that can be done using minimally invasive techniques.

Menu

Chicken Marsala (chicken breast sautéed with mushroom marsala sauce) with house salad, garlic rolls, and cannoli for dessert. Soft drinks, iced tea, water, 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 **Lisa Hall** by email at lisahall888@comcast.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 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!

Are you getting the monthly emails from the Atlanta Kennel Club?

Please make sure that you add atlantakc@comcast.net to your contact list to ensure that the emails are not going to your spam or junk folder. If you are not getting emails from the Club, please contact us at jimmacke@comcast.net or tamarabrower@gmail.com so that we can ensure we have the correct email for you.

Birthdays

Laurie Ford - Jan 03

Lana Dorn - Jan 04

Ed Adams - Jan 08

Vicky Jones - Jan 10

Eva Gellert - Jan 15

Tania Campbell - Jan 16

Barbara Zahn - Jan 17

Tamara Brower - Jan 18

Johnette Hood - Jan 19

Lucy Rowland - Jan 21

Neil Bates - Jan 25

Jim Carson - Jan 25

Pat Joyce - Jan 25

Susan Catlin - Jan 28

Carol Simmons - Jan 30

Sue Rekuc - Jan 31

Anniversaries

Bonnie Turner - Jan 03

Palmer Crim - Jan 22

Bill & Cathy Deily - Jan 25

Jenny Eppinga - Jan 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

Things to Know!

Thank you to Amy Caple for servings as the dinner coordinator for the past two years.

Starting with the January meeting, Lisa Hall will be taking over these duties. Please send your reservations into Lisa at lisahall888@comcast.net.

Atlanta Kennel Club Board Meeting Minutes

The minutes for the Nov/Dec board meeting will be published in the February Digest, after approval at the January 26th board meeting.

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 January, **John Albert Brown!**

Upcoming Scent Work Trials—March 2022

Put your volunteer hats on!!

The Atlanta Kennel Club will be hosting four scent work trials on March 19-20, 2022. The trials will be held at Radda's K9 Campus, 49 Tilley Road, Talking Rock, GA 30175. The premium will be available in a few weeks. This is the same location that we plan to have the first AKC Southern Regional Scent Work Trial in October this year. So come join us to help us run the trials, even if you don't have dogs running in the trials. Email Tamara Brower (tamarabrower@gmail.com) or Warren Frazier (warrenfrazier21@yahoo.com) if you are available to help.

Peach Blossom Cluster—April 2022

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!

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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

Sandy Weaver has a brag! In Foley, AL, her Siberian Husky, Kacey, earned her DCAT title. Her official name is now

Halo's Follow Your Arrow At Kachme RN DCAT RATN CGCA TKA

We will hopefully be adding a CH and a WPD (Working Pack Dog) title this year, along with whatever other trouble she and I can get into. Way to go, Sandy and Kacey!



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

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.

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Acing the Dreaded Dental Exam

(Originally published in The Canine Chronicle, September 12, 2021)

By SANDY WEAVER

Teeth. The judge has got to see them, so the handler needs to know how to show them. And often, the dreaded dental exam is where inexperienced and/or lazy handlers show off their lack of attention to training. Sure, it's more fun to train the gaiting – the dog loves that part best – but in order to present your dog properly, you've got to get great at showing the mouth.

Depending on their experience level, the judge has between 2 and 2.5 minutes per dog. Handlers who waste a minute of that time wrestling their way through the dental exam put themselves at a huge disadvantage and risk excusal for "unable to examine." Plus, it's unfair to the dog to put her in a stressful situation and expect her to allow her head to be handled in ways she hasn't been trained to expect and isn't likely to appreciate.

Watch the professional handlers – they rarely have a problem showing the bite. They train their charges before showing up in the ring, and they're confident in their own ability to show the bite, teeth or entire mouth, depending on the dog they're showing. They are generally so good at showing the mouth that you might miss the exam if you're not watching carefully.

You can get that good, too. Whether you're new to showing dogs or have been at it a long time and just don't like that part of training and showing, you owe it to your dog and your checking account to get great at the dreaded dental exam.

Here are some things you can work on to do a professional-handler- level job showing the mouth the next time you're in the ring:

1. First, know exactly what parts of your dog's mouth the judge is required to see. The AKC created this excellent chart and instructions for judges – they're equally valuable for handlers, so you know the correct way to show off those pearly whites. The instructions explain the exam and the chart shows the correct mouth exam by breed: http://images.akc.org/pdf/events/conformation/Oral_exams.pdf
2. Practice.Every.Day. Short daily sessions of "teeth" or "smile" or whatever your command is will help both you and your dog be confident with this part of showing. In just two to three minutes a day you and your dog will gain the skill and confidence to be as polished as the pros at showing the mouth. Quickly stack the dog, lift the head to the appropriate position so the imaginary judge has a good view and go through the exam exactly as you would do it in the show ring. If the dog cooperates, yay! Throw a puppy party and consider that your daily practice session. If the dog doesn't cooperate, get serious and go at it again, insisting the dog behave and allow the process. You don't have to be mean or rough, just a bit stiffer and more serious – the dog needs to know you and she WILL be doing this, whether she likes it or not. Get one decent oral exam done, praise your dog and move on with your day.
3. Keep your head, hair and hands out of the judge's line of sight. The judge has to actually SEE the teeth, and in some breeds, count them – if your head, hair or hands are in the way you're slowing the process way down.
4. Practice.Every.Day. (see #2)
5. If you're unsure of how to control your dog while showing the bite, there are several good videos on YouTube. Here's a good process: You've stacked the dog and the lead is gathered in your left hand, finger(s) in the collar. As the judge approaches the front of your dog, switch the lead to your right hand and rotate the lead and collar towards you and under the dog's lower jaw. This puts your right hand in position to lift and control the dog's head with your fingertips, lead tucked into your right palm, and leaves your left hand free to lift lips to show teeth. Using your right hand, lift your dog's head so her nose points at the imaginary judge's nose – this will give the judge a great view without having to bend, stoop or squat.
6. If the whiskers are still on your dog's muzzle, gently lay them backwards instead of just squishing them. They are delicate sensory organs and many dogs seriously object to having them mauled.
7. Practice.Every.Day. Daily practice – two to three minutes once a day is all – will help you and your dog be comfortable with the dental exam and will build your confidence in this important aspect of showing your dog.

When you train and practice the dreaded dental exam, magic happens. Your dog is calm and almost shows the bite on her own, you are confident, and the judge sees what (s)he needs to see without a wrestling match or asking for re-do's. And you might just win more!

Sandy Weaver is an author, consultant and professional speaker who works with veterinarians to create happier hospital cultures and more resilient teams. She also judges some Working and Non-Sporting breeds. When she's not traveling to consult, speak or to judge, she's spoiling her Siberian Husky and Standard Poodle. <https://www.centerforworkplacehappiness.com>

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.

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Terrier - Gilda Malik - 770-394-4098 - 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: (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



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 to your address or contacts list.

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