



# Atlanta Kennel Club

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Atlanta Kennel Club Newsletter

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## January Meeting

Wednesday, January 18, 2023

### Program

#### “How to Produce a Better Puppy Using the Breeder Tools ”

Our speaker this month is one of our members, Dr. Carmen Battaglia. Carmen will share his extensive knowledge of neonatal development to help you produce and select the best puppy for you. He holds a Ph.D. and Masters Degree from Florida State University. As an AKC judge, researcher and writer, he has been a leader in promotion of breeding better dogs and has written many articles and several books. His seminars about breeding, structure, pedigree analysis, selecting sires and choosing puppies have been well received by breed clubs all over the country. Those interested in learning more about his articles and seminars should visit his website <http://breedingbetterdogs.com/>.

### Dinner Menu

Chicken picatta (chicken breast sautéed with onions and capers in lemon butter wine sauce ), salad, garlic rolls, and chocolate cake for dessert. Soft drinks, iced tea, water, and regular coffee are included. Specialty coffees and alcohol are not included.

### Location

Aldo's Italian Restaurant, 6690 Roswell Rd NE, Sandy Springs, GA 30328

Phone: 770-992-9600

Directions: Aldo's is on the northwest corner of Roswell Rd. and Abernathy Rd. in Sandy Springs, just outside the perimeter and west of 400. Parking is behind the restaurant in the Sandy Springs Crossing shopping center.

**Time:** Gather at 6:45, Business Meeting at 7:30, Program at 8:00 p.m.

#### 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 about 7:30 for dessert and coffee (or other soft beverage). Reservations are required for either option. The business meeting will start about 7:30 and the program will start at 8:00.

Make your dinner reservation on the website or by emailing **Lisa Hall** at [lisahall888@comcast.net](mailto:lisahall888@comcast.net) NO LATER than Sunday evening, **October 16th**. If you make a reservation and do not attend you will be billed for your meal. Please bring cash or personal check to the meeting, or pay by Zelle from your mobile banking app or your bank's website. Send to this email: [TheAtlantaKennelClub@gmail.com](mailto:TheAtlantaKennelClub@gmail.com). The app should confirm the email that you entered and say that it is enrolled in Zelle as "Atlanta Kennel Club". Please enter "September dinner meeting" or "September dessert" in the message section before you click send. **NOTE: You must use your mobile banking app or your bank's website.** It will not accept payments from the Zelle app.

Price for dinner: \$30 adults and \$15 for children under 12

Price for dessert and coffee only: \$10

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 from the menu. Just be sure to let us know so we can hold your seat!

## Member of the Month

Congratulations to the January Member of the Month:

**Valerie Dombrowski**

## Member Services & Training Resources— Update Needed!!!

We still need to update the information on our website for professional services offered by our members such as boarding, grooming, training, veterinarians. Click here to see what is currently listed: <http://atlantakennelclub.org/resources/member-services/>

Send additions, deletions, or corrections to Ginger Aldrich at [snofire@aol.com](mailto:snofire@aol.com). Be sure to include your name, the name of the business, address, phone #, website, and short description of services offered.

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Congratulations to the January Member of the Month:

## Training Classes

- Our member, Sandy Weaver, is teaching conformation handling classes at Alchemy Dog Training in Marietta, 545 Glover St., Marietta, GA 30060. 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 Run Rd., Norcross, GA 30093. Contact Lisa for more information at [lisahall888@comcast.net](mailto:lisahall888@comcast.net).

## Birthdays

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  
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](mailto: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](mailto:ponyguru@aol.com) and [golfndogs@att.net](mailto:golfndogs@att.net)*

## Membership

**Proposed New Members:** None this month

**Welcome New Members:** Leslie Webb-Tinsley

*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)*

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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!

## Upcoming Seminar—"KNOWING TO WIN - SHOWING TO WIN"

Want to win more in the conformation ring? Join the **Atlanta Kennel Club** and **Sandy Weaver** for an informative, interactive, immersive conformation event. You'll learn:

- What the judge needs you to know
- The relationship between structure and movement
- The inner game of winning and how to win that game first
- Handling tips, tricks and best practices
- and so much more!

Lunch is included in this event designed to help you win more and have more fun doing it. For more info and to register, visit <https://www.centerforworkplacehappiness.com/knowning-to-win-showing-to-win>

**Saturday, January 28th, from 9 AM to 4 PM** - At the Alchemy Dog Training building in Marietta GA

## News from the Georgia Canine Coalition

Gail LaBerge, President of the Coalition, announced that Mike Houchard, long time GCC Board Member, was awarded the Walt Bebout Award from the American Kennel Club at the recent AKC Delegate Meeting in Orlando, FL.

Here are requirements for the award:

### Walter Bebout Memorial Award for Leadership in Canine Legislation

Recipients of the award will have demonstrated a significant contribution (leadership, financial, or time/effort) in advocating on behalf of responsible dog ownership and the rights of responsible dog owners and breeders in the public policy arena.

In addition, as Mike was nominated on behalf of his work with the GCC, the GCC will receive a \$1,000 to help with our efforts on behalf of our members in Georgia.

## Legislative Report—Georgia Canine Coalition

A new two year Georgia Legislative Session will begin in January of 2023 and any bill that did not pass last year is dead. During the 2021-2022 Session, the Georgia Canine Coalition was most concerned about SB 303 and SR 803 and how they would have adversely affected many of the breeding programs of our members. The efforts of our GCC President Gail LaBerge, GCC Board member Michael Houchard, and our GCC lobbyist were effective in helping to keep these from moving forward. We were also able to add language to HB 609 so that our breeders would not be adversely affected by proposed sales restrictions. We were against HB 1450, which addressed tethering practices, and this bill did not move forward. We spearheaded SR 868 which recognized May 1, 2022, as Purebred Dog Day in Georgia and this resolution passed.

We rely on dues and donations to cover our lobbying expenses. A dues form is attached which may be used for individual memberships, club memberships, and additional donations. Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

Jody Allgood

Secretary, Georgia Canine Coalition, Inc.

## "Puppies Make Children Better"

Excerpted from Dr. Carmen Battaglia's "BREEDING BETTER DOGS NEWSLETTER" published December 5, 2022. Please go to his website, [breedingbetterdogs.com](http://breedingbetterdogs.com), for many other articles and seminar information, and to subscribe to his newsletter.

Many of you have asked about children and the benefits that puppies and dogs have on their lives. Here are some answers based on research findings. Pass them on to parents and to those who love children.

**Finding # 1.** Children who lived with a pup during their first year of life had better immune systems than those who did not.

**Finding # 2.** Playing and petting a puppy decreases cortisol and increases Oxytocin, a body chemical that promotes happiness, calms the mind and increases mood.

**Finding # 4.** Allowing a 3-year-old to put the food and water bowl down helps them develop self-esteem.

**Finding # 5.** Teachers who studied children and pet ownership reported that dogs and puppies are an invaluable aid to developing a child's empathy and self-esteem for others.

**Finding # 6.** Autism. One in 45 children in the US are diagnosed with autism (ASD), which is nearly 2% of the entire population of children ages 2-17. Dog and puppies were found to offer the following benefits:

- Provided them a sense of security
- Decreased meltdowns
- Decreased anxiety and acts of aggression
- Increased a willingness to try new things
- Increased the ability to face fearful situations
- Increased social interactions and shifted the focus away from the child's disability
- Encouraged verbal communication

## 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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