



# Atlanta Kennel Club *DIGEST*

Atlanta Kennel Club Newsletter

April 2023

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## Remember! No April meeting!

Come join the fun in Perry GA for our  
annual shows, April 12-16,  
the Peach Blossom Cluster.



- All-breed conformation shows
- National and regional specialty shows
- Obedience Trials
- Rally Trials
- Dock Diving
- Agility
- Barn Hunt
- CAT and FastCAT
- Health Clinics
- Carting Clinic and Test
- CGC/CGCA/Trick Dog Evaluations

Visit the cluster website for additional information: [peachblossomcluster.org](http://peachblossomcluster.org).

It takes a lot of people to put on these events. Please come by the Cluster Office in Roquemore—there is always something to be done.

Link to Premium for conformation, obedience & rally: <http://www.onofrio.com/plist/xvallpl.pdf>

Link to Judging Program for conformation obedience & rally: <http://www.onofrio.com/jp/xvalljpp.pdf>

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The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 17, 2023. This is our annual meeting. Please submit your new titles and accomplishments to Ginger Aldrich for recognition the the Annual Meeting Program! See page 3 for format.

## 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 in March**

**Welcome New Members (voted into membership at the 3/15/2023 meeting):**

- Nataley Corn
- Paige Hales
- Liz Hallsworth
- Amanda Lunsford
- Leigh Ann Yandle

*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)*

## Election of Officers and Directors

No nominations were made from the floor at the March membership meeting, so the slate proposed by the nominating committee will be elected by vote of the Recording Secretary at the May annual meeting.

The committee's nominations were as follows:

- President: Paul Averill
- 1 st V. President: Lynette White
- 2 nd V. President: Mary Ellen Macke
- Treasurer: Carol Simmons
- Corres. Secretary: Karen Mays
- Recording Secretary: Bud Hidlay
- AKC Delegate: Ann Wallin
- Board of Directors: Class of 2025
  - Ginger Aldrich
  - Jerry Cerasini
  - Gilda Malik

## Birthdays

Tereasa McCreight - Apr 01  
 Kylie Soafer - Apr 02  
 Lynn Tyler - Apr 04  
 Linda Bailey - Apr 11  
 Susan Adams - Apr 11  
 Susan Benkiser - Apr 13  
 John Schuemacher - Apr 13  
 Shannon Soafer - Apr 13  
 Diane Pegram - Apr 16  
 Hailey Roberts - Apr 16  
 Dolores Russell - Apr 17  
 Gilda Mallik - Apr 19  
 Roger Brown - Apr 19  
 James Lovett - Apr 21  
 Palmer Crim - Apr 22  
 Sadie Henley - Apr 22  
 Linda Orr - Apr 23  
 Tim Sain - Apr 24  
 Joy Wells - Apr 25  
 Yvonne Cooper - Apr 26  
 Daryl Hills - Apr 28  
 Barbara Darnell - Apr 29  
 Chester Favre - Apr 29

## Anniversaries

Paige Hales - Apr 10  
 Jo R. Sarbell - Apr 10  
 Greg & Susan Benkiser - Apr 19  
 Jasmine Lyon - Apr 19  
 Linda Jett - Apr 25  
 Jacqueline Morgan - Apr 25  
 Christina & Ray Wertz - Apr 27

*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)*

## 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).



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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!

## May Annual Awards Meeting—Submit Your New Titles/Accomplishments

**WANTED:** All New Titled Dogs for the May Annual Meeting Awards Booklet

Please send Ginger Aldrich, [snofire@aol.com](mailto:snofire@aol.com), 770-380-9404, the information on any of your dogs that you titled from May 2021 to May 2022 for our annual meeting program. Any AKC Title! Conformation, Companion, Performance, Title Recognition Program, AKC Family Dog Program!

Also include any dogs that have won **major accomplishments** such as won their National Specialty, or points at the National, or attained a breed ranking in your breed, or won a Best in Show, or won BOB or BOS or higher at Westminster or AKC/Royal Canin, or a National Owner-Handled Series top 10 ranking etc.

Please send it to Ginger in the following format if possible to make it easier to insert in the program format and save time—no “Story formats” (pleeeezzzzzzzeee). See sample below.

**Note at least one of the Owners or the Breeders must be an Atlanta KC member!**

INFO NEEDED	SAMPLE SUBMISSION
Name of dog with titles	Ch. Shinto's Star's Fell on Alabama
Name of Breed	Akita
Owner(s)	Owner: Brian Randall
Breeder(s)	Breeders: Cindy Smith and Ronnie and Chris Ann Moore
Titles(s) obtained and major accomplishments	Show Championship

**And don't forget achievements by our Juniors!**

For accomplishments, awards and titles earned by Juniors, please submit the following. The awards can be things like Best Junior Handler wins, Junior Versatility Awards, titles earned by Juniors on dogs in any AKC-recognized sports.

INFO NEEDED	SAMPLE SUBMISSION
Name of Junior	Jane Doe
Name of Breed Handled	Keeshond
Awards won, major accomplishments	Won Best Junior Handler 2X, Earned Rally Novice Title and CGC

## 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 - [maryellenmacke@gmail.com](mailto:maryellenmacke@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 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.

## Upcoming Events—Peach Blossom Cluster—April 2023

The Peach Blossom Cluster here. We need volunteers in all areas to make sure we have a smoothly running show! Listed below are the committee chairs. Please contact one or more to volunteer your time. Even a few hours here and there are helpful! Set-up is Tuesday, April 11, and the shows run Wednesday, April 12, through Sunday, April 16.

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The Atlanta Kennel Club hosts the conformation shows on Wednesday and Saturday. The committee chairs for these shows are shown below.

Jerry Cerasini • **Show Hospitality** • ponyguru@aol.com  
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 Ginger Aldrich • **Layout & Decorations** • snofire@aol.com  
 Greg Benkiser • **Catalog Advertising** • sugre95@gmail.com

## Volunteers needed to help poop scoop in Perry!

Need to earn cash? Or want to help out to support the shows ?

We need help at the Peach Blossom with pooper scooping !

If you have some time to help Wed thru Sun AM ?

Pay is \$100 for a full day! \$50 for half day (4 hours). or \$20 for 2 hours

Less than 2 hours thank you for volunteering—it's appreciated!

We provide all supplies and scoops.

If you have any friends that may like to help ? Juniors? Bored husbands?

Contact Ginger, snofire@aol.com, 770-380-9404

Or Lynette, legrandchows@gmail.com, 404-226-6590

The show committee thanks you!!!!



# 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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