



# Atlanta Kennel Club

# DIGEST

Atlanta Kennel Club Newsletter

November/December 2023

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## November Meeting

November 16, 2023

### Program

### Innovations in Care for Your Veteran Dogs

Join us for an interactive discussion about the "experienced" dogs in our lives - the retired show dogs who might be couch potatoes, might be enjoying performance events, and might be very near the end of their time with us. Our guest speakers are Dr. Mike Miller, owner and medical director of the Duluth Animal Hospital, and also a long-time Samoyed fancier, Ron Loftin, the owner of Soothing Streams Pet Services, and a short video presentation from Chan Namgong, CEO and founder of Oncotect, an in-home cancer screening test for dogs.

### Dinner Menu

Chicken ala Vodka (chicken breast sautéed in creamy tomato vodka sauce over penne pasta) with salad, garlic rolls, and cheesecake 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, **November 12th**. 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 "[month] dinner meeting" or "[month] 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!

## Atlanta Kennel Club Upcoming Events:

Annual holiday party—Wednesday, December 6, 2023.

Invitations with details will be sent soon.

## 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

### Prospective new members:

#### Jeff Nix and Tricia Nay

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 Sponsors: James Conroy, Don Mallik

#### Grace Adams

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 Breed: Miniature Amer. Shepherd  
 Sponsors: Sandy Weaver, Amy Caple

### New Members (voted in at the October meeting)

Liz Schuetz  
 Laura Malavenda  
 Martin Gravely and Sadie Luviano (Junior)

*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)*

## Member of the Month

Congratulations to our member of the month for October:

**Martin Gravely & Sadie Luviano**

## Minutes

If you are reading the Digest online, please remember that the minutes of the board meetings are posted on the website under the Members Login tab.

[Members Login - Atlanta Kennel Club](#)

## Webmaster

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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).



## 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!

## Birthdays

Jerry Cerasini - Nov 01  
 Jan Robison - Nov 01  
 Marleen Burford - Nov 02  
 Alicia Schaefer - Nov 03  
 Cindy Smith - Nov 07  
 Dale Staples - Nov 12  
 Ray Wertz - Nov 18  
 Donna Hills - Nov 19  
 Aubrey Wertz - Nov 20  
 Christine Bowker - Nov 23  
 Penny Lites - Nov 25  
 Gabrielle Kostiuk - Nov 26  
 Darcy Quinlan - Nov 26  
 Carol Quaif - Nov 27  
 A. Monroe McIntyre - Dec 01  
 Christina Wertz - Dec 01  
 Madison Wertz - Dec 04  
 Paula Moore - 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

Ed Eassey - Nov 02  
 Robert & Gail LaBerge - Nov 03  
 Vicky Jones - Nov 19  
 Alison Lowe - Nov 21  
 Chester & Lisa Favre - Dec 13  
 Jim & Mary Ellen Macke - Dec 16  
 Lynn Tyler - 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 – [digest@atlantakennelclub.org](mailto:digest@atlantakennelclub.org)*

## Upcoming Events

Mark your calendar! The annual holiday party will be Wednesday, December 6th, at Aldo's, our normal meeting location. Invitations will be sent out soon.



## AKC News

### Canine Influenza

AKC and the Canine Health Foundation have published two documents on canine flu. Here is a link to the article on the AKC website: <https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/health/dog-flu-canine-influenza/>. Here is a link to the longer article on the Canine Health Foundation website: <https://www.akcchf.org/canine-health/top-health-concerns/current-topics-in-infectious-disease/AKC-CHF-Canine-Influenza-Fact-Sheet.pdf>

### Xylitol Poisoning

Xylitol warnings often pop up on social media and in the media. Here is an article from the Canine Health Foundation with good information on xylitol and why it is extremely dangerous for your dog: <https://www.akcchf.org/educational-resources/library/AKC-CHF-Xylitol-Information-for-Dog-Owners.pdf>. The most important thing is to ALWAYS check ingredients labels before feeding anything to your dog.

## 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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