



# Atlanta Kennel Club

# DIGEST

Atlanta Kennel Club Newsletter

January 2024

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## January Meeting

January 17, 2024

### Program

### Establishing Breeds New to the AKC

Presenters: Hannah Yi and Dottie Klein

A look at the journey of seeking full recognition in AKC, using the Korean Jindo as an example. The Jindo is currently in AKC's Foundation Stock Service program, along with 84 other breeds recognized in other countries and registries. Join the discussion on the steps involved in introducing, establishing, and growing breed popularity in the United States.

Bio: Hannah Yi is an exhibitor of the Jindo, a rare spitz breed native to South Korea. Currently 19 years old, she was the first Junior Handler to compete with this breed in world history and finished the third Jindo in AKC history. As a Korean American, she developed a great passion and love for the breed of her heritage, and hopes to be able to help promote and establish the Jindo in the United States.

### Dinner Menu

Chicken Marsala (chicken breast sautéed with mushroom marsala sauce ) with 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 404-252-4832  
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, **January 14th**. 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!

## 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:**

**No new applicants**

**New Members** (voted in at the December meeting)

Jeff Nix and Tricia Nay

Grace Adams

*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 January:

**John-Albert Brown**

## Birthdays

Ed Adams - Jan 08

Vicky Jones - Jan 10

Eva Gellert - Jan 15

Tania Campbell - Jan 16

Barbara Zahn - Jan 17

Tamara Brower - Jan 18

Lucy Rowland - Jan 21

Neil Bates - Jan 25

Pat Joyce - Jan 25

Susan Catlin - Jan 28

Carol Simmons - Jan 30

LeighAnn Yandle - Jan 30

Sue Rekuc - Jan 31

## Anniversaries

Bonnie Turner - Jan 03

Palmer Crim - Jan 22

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 – [digest@atlantakennelclub.org](mailto:digest@atlantakennelclub.org)*

## 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](#)

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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!

## Georgia Canine Coalition News

Letter to Members:

As you make your plans and your lists for 2024, please include your dogs! Specifically, please include your dog's legislators. Shelters continue to face incredible over-crowding and some animal control agencies are unable to pick up strays due to there being no room in the proverbial inn. This creates a public safety issue which adds pressure on officials to find a solution. The county commissions and city councils come up with ordinances (like mandatory spay-neuter) in an effort to do something. It is important to let elected officials know that these ordinances often adversely affect "us" more than they affect the irresponsible folks. Legislators are most influenced by their constituents.

Make a plan to get to know your legislators and begin that process by making contact with them. Check the websites to find out when meetings are scheduled. Call your county commission and city council to ask if they have any dog related ordinances being considered. There are 168 counties in Georgia and we rely on the help of the residents to let us know when situations are developing. The Legislative Toolbox on the Government Relations page of the AKC.org website offers an amazing amount of information, talking points and handouts for us to share ([www.AKC.org/canine\\_legislation](http://www.AKC.org/canine_legislation)) . One of my favorites is the "Cuddle This" Canine Awareness Flier.

The AKC and the GCC sent letters to the Floyd County Commissioners as well as the Forsyth County Commissioners in response to their proposed new animal control ordinances. The Floyd County new mandatory spay-neuter policy originally had an exemption for "Working Dogs" which they defined as those dogs kept for useful work such as draft or herding. After the ordinance was adopted, we were pleased to see that this exemption was expanded to include "a dog suitable by size, breeding, or training for useful work (such as draft, herding, show, sporting and hunting)". In response to concerns received, the Forsyth County Commissioners have invited concerned county residents to Stakeholder's Meetings in an effort to find the best proposals for their county. Patty Van Sicklen of the AKC Government Relations and Gail LaBerge of the GCC have been working with the Stakeholders and we will send an update when we know more in 2024.

2024 is the second year of the current two year Legislative Session in Georgia. Attached is our Legislative Summary for 2023. Bills considered in 2023 that did not pass continue to be active in 2024 and others may be introduced. Our volunteer lobbyist and GCC President Gail LaBerge along with our lobbyist Frank Mulcahy have often been effective in influencing proposed legislation at the committee level.

Also attached is a membership and dues form which may be used by clubs as well as individuals. We thank you for your support as we work to protect our rights to own and enjoy our dogs.

With best wishes for your 2024,  
Jody Allgood  
Secretary, Georgia Canine Coalition, Inc.

## Upcoming Seminar—Stamping The Look Seminar in Ocala, Florida

The “Stamping The Look” seminar is being presented in Ocala, Florida, at the GODC show grounds clubhouse on March 9-10, 2024 weekend. It is an all breed program designed as education for both well established breeders and newbies. That is a non-conformation show weekend.

This is like a college course in building/maintaining breeding programs, genetics use, structure/movement & the standards condensed into one weekend. The structure program alone was originally designed as a judges education program. The entire course is detailed & intense, and comes with a take home booklet of more than 50 pages for note taking & later referral.

The objective of the program is the further educate breeders on to how to use techniques not generally taught but important to creating a successful program or creating a line of their own. Please review the whole information packet included as a pinned post on the presenter’s Facebook page, or contact the presenter, Cheryl Anderson, directly at [cherden11@comcast.net](mailto:cherden11@comcast.net) for more information.

Link to [Cheryl Anderson FB page](#).



## Show Date Change!

**ENTRIES OPEN JANUARY 8, 2024 AT 9:00 A.M.**

**PREMIUM LIST**

**FORSYTH KENNEL CLUB**  
**2024 LUCKY**  
**DOG CLASSIC**

**WINSTON-SALEM, NC, FAIRGROUNDS**

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY**  
**MARCH 2 & 3, 2024**



## AKC News

### AKC Educated Breeder Webinar Series :

Don't miss the upcoming series of webinars created for breeders by breeders.

- **January 9**—Pyo: The Fear Inducing 3-Letter Word, presenter Dr. Marty Greer, DVM, JD
- **February 13**—Crash Course in Canine Eye Testing, presenter Dr. Adam King, board certified veterinary ophthalmologist
- **March 12**—Breeder Spotlight, presenter Doug Johnson of Clussexx Kennel

Please go to <https://www.akc.org/2024-akc-educated-breeder-webinar/> for more information and to register for the webinars. There is a small charge for each webinar.



### Announcing AKC Fetch:

In AKC Fetch, dogs and their handlers have fun, get exercise, and they can earn four levels of AKC titles by demonstrating retrieving skills.

AKC Fetch is designed for all breeds.

Dogs who are at least six months of age are eligible to take the AKC Fetch test as long as they are registered or enrolled with AKC and have an AKC, PAL, or AKC Canine Partners number.

AKC Fetch is a pass-fail noncompetitive test. The four levels of titles (Novice [FTN] Intermediate [FTI], Advanced [FTA], and Retriever [FTR]) assess the ability of the dog to retrieve a ball or bumper. Toys may be used in the Novice and Intermediate levels. For each of the four titles, the dog must pass the test twice under two different approved AKC Fetch judges.

To learn more about AKC Fetch, go to [www.akc.org/fetch](http://www.akc.org/fetch)

## 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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