



Atlanta Kennel Club

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Atlanta Kennel Club Newsletter

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September Meeting

September 18, 2024

Program

Program Title: “How Therapy Dogs Make a Difference in Our Communities ”

Presenter: Melissa Saul

Program Description: There are therapy dogs at work all over your community, performing services and making life better in many different ways. If you've ever wondered if one of your dogs could be a therapy dog, this program is for you.

Presenter Bio: Melissa is the founder and president of CAREing Paws, dog mom to black Labs Sammie and Teddy, Compliance Risk Manager by day... chief ball-thrower and human Pez treat dispenser at the whim of her dogs the rest of the time. <https://www.careingpaws.org/>

Dinner Menu

Penne ala Casoli (penne pasta tossed with fresh herbs, garlic, tomato and Parmesan cheese, topped with feta) with salad, garlic rolls, and Tiramisu 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 NO LATER than Sunday evening, **September 15th**. 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. 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

Best wishes for a quick recovery to Bud Hidlay who was in the hospital and is now in rehab.

Also best wishes to Cindy Stansell who is recovering in New Zealand from surgery for a broken hip.

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

Change in Officers

Bud Hidlay has resigned his position as Recording Secretary as he is dealing with health issues. At the August 28th meeting, the Board voted to ask **Candy Chiarovano** to fill the vacancy, and she has agreed to do this. Many thanks to Bud Hidlay for his service.

Membership

Prospective new members:

Teresa Chen

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Breed: Finnish Lapphund

Sponsors: Lisa Hall, Jefferey Nix

Star Dennerline

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Breed: Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier

Sponsors: Jacqueline Winn, Donald Mallik

Bridgett Whitaker

Fayetteville, Ga. 30215

Breed: Afghan Hound

Sponsors: Karen Mays, Candy Chiarovano

Welcome new member:

Lauren Law

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

Member of the Month

Congratulations to our member of the month for August!

Bud Hidlay

in gratitude for the work he's done for the Atlanta Kennel Club

Birthdays

Donna Slavin - Sep 01
Paige Hales - Sep 03
Jeff Brower - Sep 04
Jennifer Weich - Sep 05
Bud Hidlay - Sep 07
Matther Brower - Sep 09
Carl Vitner - Sep 10
Cheryl Yoder - Sep 10
Sadie Luviano - Sep 10
Todd Buchla - Sep 14
James Gibson - Sep 14
Nancy Heidt - Sep 17
Debbie Brown - Sep 21
Charles Walker - Sep 25
Sandra Cook - Sep 27
Karen Byrd - Sep 28
Michelle Conroy - Sep 28
Katie Sample - Sep 29
Kathleen Steen - Sep 29

Anniversaries

Dale & Barry Staples - Sep 02
Todd & Sherry Buchla - Sep 04
Cindy Smith - Sep 04
Nathan McClung - Sep 05
Jeff & Tamara Brower - Sep 10
Chuck & Darcy Quinlan - Sep 11
Bill Jaynes & Miles Cline - Sep 14
George & Yvonne Cooper - Sep 25
Valerie Dombrowski - Sep 26
Pam Mingo-Sain & Tim Sain - Sep 28
Doris-Jean Molin - Sep 28

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

Webmaster

Jim Macke - jimmacke@comcast.net or **Mary Ellen Macke** - 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.

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!

AKC News

From AKC Government Relations:

The DeKalb County [Georgia] Board of Commissioners deferred consideration of a proposed ordinance that would, among other provisions, enact litter permits and impose restrictions on breeders and individuals who sell/transfer dogs. Revisions to the proposal are in process, and it will be on the agenda October 8, 2024.

It is important for DeKalb County commissioners to continue to hear from their constituent responsible dog owners who have concerns with this vague, overreaching proposal. Breeders and hobbyists, as well as residents who may wish to acquire their next pet within DeKalb County, are urged to contact their county commissioners and state their strong opposition to the current proposal.

AKC's Title Application Portal (TAP)

AKC has developed a new online system to help make it easier for dog owners to apply for their dog's AKC title. It is called the Title Application Portal (TAP). The portal offers a fast and simple, step by step experience to apply for titles offered in Canine Good Citizen, Trick Dog, Temperament Test, Fit Dog, Fetch, Barn Hunt, Diving Dog, Disc Dog, Flyball, Virtual Home Manners, Search and Rescue and any one of the titles recognized under the Parent Club Title Recognition Program. Users will need to login or create a MY AKC Account to begin. Dog owners can see each step of their transaction complete in real-time and confirm their order. Anyone needing assistance can contact titlerecognition@akc.org or call 919-816-3637.

Remember—you can subscribe to any or all of the AKC newsletters here: [Email Subscription – American Kennel Club \(akc.org\)](#)

Upcoming Events

Events planned & hosted by the Atlanta Kennel Club—look for info on the club website and/or AKC Event Search. Please plan to volunteer for both events.

Scent work trials - two trials each day - October 12 & 13

The scent work premium is available on AKC Event Search—click [here](#)

Agility trials - one trial each day - November 8, 9 & 10

The agility premiums will be available soon.

Location for both events is Radda's K9 Campus, 49 Tilly Rd., Talking Rock, GA

Upcoming Matches in Metro Atlanta

The Conyers Kennel Club is hosting an AKC Sanctioned B-OB Match at Earl O'Neal Soccer Fields, 2710 Old Covington Rd., Conyers, GA, on Saturday November 2, 2024.

The match flyer can be found on the Events page on the club's website: [Events \(conyerskennelclub.org\)](#)

The Griffin Georgia Kennel Club is hosting an AKC Sanctioned B-OB Match with Rally at Griffin City Park, 217 E Solomon St., Griffin, GA, on Saturday, October 12, 2024.

Contact the Match Chair for more information: Diane Faulkner, dixiedachssw@gmail.com

July board meeting minutes are posted in the Members section of the website.

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 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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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 digest@atlantakennelclub.org to your address or contacts list.

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