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January Meeting

January 15, 2025

Program

Program Title: "Snake-Proofing Your Dog"

Presenter: Jason Clark

Program Description: Jason Clark is the founder of Southeastern Reptile Rescue, had his own show on Animal Planet, and for three decades has removed, rescued, rehabbed, and rehomed reptiles, mostly the legless kind. How does a snake man become a dog man? He teaches Snake School across the southeast, helping dogs learn to identify and avoid snakes. That keeps the snakes safe, and also keeps the dogs safe if the snake happens to be venomous.

Presenter Bio: A former law enforcement officer, Jason is a Master Naturalist through the University of Georgia, an Alligator Agent Trapper, and the CEO of Southeastern Reptile Rescue. For over a decade he's studied and taught Snake School for dog owners across the southeast.

Dinner Menu

Chicken Marsala 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 **NO LATER** than Sunday evening, **January 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. 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!

Membership

Prospective new members:

None

Welcome new members:

Stephen Walters
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Breed: Weimaraner
Sponsors: Sandy Weaver, Tamara Brower

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

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.

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!

Birthdays

Lana Dorn - Jan 04
Ed Adams - Jan 08
Sara Ayres - Jan 09
Vicky Jones - Jan 10
Eva Gellert - Jan 15
Tania Campbell - Jan 16
Tamara Brower - Jan 18
Lucy Rowland - Jan 21
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
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

New Training Home/New Conformation Class

Help spread the word ! Come bring your dogs and get ready for the Winter and Spring shows in or near Atlanta ! ADOG (Atlanta's Dogwood Obedience Group) is now the new training home for the Atlanta KCcheck out the Performance classes, including puppy manners, STAR Puppy, CGC, all levels of Obedience and Rally and beginning Agility! There's also a new conformation class at ADOG! Beginning this Monday 1/6, Lisa Hall will be teaching conformation at ADOG in Chamblee. Classes are from 8 to 9 PM and are \$160 for 6 weeks. Register for all classes here: [ADOG-GA - Atlanta's Dogwood Obedience Group, LLC](#)

Cards and Flowers

We are saddened to report that Robert "Bud" Hidlay passed away December 18th after a long illness. Bud was a long-time officer and director of The Atlanta Kennel Club, most recently as Recording Secretary. Bud was an avid fancier of the Portuguese Podengo Pequeno, Irish Setters and Papillons, and served recently as chair of the Health & Research Committee for the national PPP club. He will be missed by who enjoyed knowing him, but especially by his wife, Rose Marie, his sister Janice, and his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Rose posted that she hoped "he's having a grand time hunting in the fields with Nelson; eating pizza with Poopster and getting special kisses from Sparkles."

Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.



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Those of you that go to shows often will know Dixie Sisco. Phyllis Ensley posted the following on Facebook recently:



Update on Dixie's health. Despite facing immense physical challenges over the last six months, Dixie's spirits have remained incredibly high. She has tried to attend dog shows so she could see her friends. Unfortunately, her health has prevented her from going to the shows. I had hoped she would be able to make it to the Clemson Dog Show this past weekend, but regrettably, she lacked the strength to make it inside the building. I made the decision to bring her home early on Saturday morning for her health. Fortunately, I had arranged for two photographers to photograph the show. I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to Dean Lake, who graciously offered to photograph on short notice; her exceptional talent will undoubtedly put smiles on people's faces. The warmth and kindness Dixie receives from others are what bring her the greatest joy. Currently, she is at home, deeply missing her friends and the dog shows community. Although she has never been a big Facebook user, her shaky hands now make it impossible to type. I am certain she would be thrilled to hear from everyone. If you would like to send her a

card, that would be truly wonderful; including a picture of yourself and your dog would make it even more special. Please address your cards Dixie Sisco, 1235 Lower Burris Road, Canton, GA 30114. Thank you everyone; your prayers and cards will mean the world to her. Hugs to everyone.



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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