



Atlanta Kennel Club

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Atlanta Kennel Club Newsletter

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March Meeting

March 19, 2025

Program

Program Title: Puppy Litter Raising 101

Description: Attendees can look forward to learning timelines of puppy development within their 1st 8 weeks, how to effectively create a nurturing safe environment during their most crucial imprinting phase, and vital exercises and stimuli and when and how to do them.

Presenter: Stephen Walters & Tara Boone

Bio: Stephen is the owner/operator of Peace of My Heart Puppy Training and In-Home Boarding, founded 15 years ago and located in Atlanta. After a stint in the Navy and working as a manager at two major automotive brands, Stephen discovered his life's work - dog sports, dog people, and dog training.

Dinner Menu

Lasagna 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, **March 16th**. 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!

Card & Flowers

A Celebration of Life is being held for Dixie Sisco who passed away on February 7 following a long battle with cancer. If anyone ever celebrated life it was her. Everyone is invited. It will be April the 6th from 2-6 PM. We will have snacks and drinks but please feel free to bring what you want. It will be held at The Brickyard, 129 Church Street, Marietta, GA 30060.

Membership

Prospective new members:

None this month

Welcome new members:

Kelly Hynek

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

Greg Benkiser - Mar 01

Cecile Henley - Mar 01

Deborah Lovett - Mar 02

Pamela Jaecksch - Mar 05

Charlene Kickbush - Mar 05

Jasmine Lyon - Mar 05

John Schuemaker - Mar 09

Melody Van Norden - Mar 11

Kimberly Benkiser - Mar 15

Mary Johnson - Mar 15

Ann Wallin - Mar 16

Andrew O'Hern - Mar 19

Connie Brittain - Mar 22

Leslie Tinsley - Mar 23

Becky Norton - Mar 27

Nataley Corn - Mar 28

Colton O'Hern - Mar 29

Anita Tate - Mar 30

Anniversaries

Carl & Tully Vitner - Mar 01

Kathryn & James Dodd - Mar 13

Gilda & Donald Mallik - Mar 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

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! Lisa Hall is 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](#)

Nominating Committee Report

The nominating committee has proposed the slate shown below.

Additional nominations may be made at the March membership meeting by any member who is in good standing and in attendance. The proposed candidate must accept in person, or if the proposed candidate is not in attendance at this meeting, the proposer shall present to the Recording Secretary a written statement from the proposed candidate indicating his/her willingness to be a candidate. No person may be a candidate for more than one position, and the additional nominations which are provided for herein may be made only from among those members who have not accepted a nomination by the Nominating Committee.

A Board Member may be nominated for another office while his/her term is still in effect. The Board Member must, however, resign from his/her present Board Position if elected to the new office. The vacancy created shall be filled according to Article III, Section 6. Nominations cannot be made at the Annual Meeting or in any manner other than as provided in this Section.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The nominating committee met via Zoom on January 30, 2025, at 6:45 pm All members were present
Chair, Mary Ellen Macke

Members: Roger Brown, Lynn Tyler, Pat Joyce, Tamara Brower

We discussed all positions and the term of each. The chair shared that Robert Hidlay, our recording secretary, passed away and the board elected Candy Chiarovano to fill the unexpired term.

We then discussed each position and the qualifications needed for each. After discussion in Executive Session, the committee agreed on the following nominations:

President:	Carl Vitner
1st Vice President:	Mary Ellen Macke
2nd Vice President:	Lynette White
Treasurer:	Carol Simmons
Corresponding Secretary:	Karen Mays
Recording Secretary:	Sandy Weaver
AKC Delegate:	Ann Wallin
Board of Directors (Class of 2027):	
	Ginger Aldrich
	Gilda Mallik
	Jerry Cerasini

Georgia Canine Coalition Legislation Update

Updates from this week at the Capitol (sent out on February 20):

The Georgia Senate today passed SR 96, PureBred Dog Day in Georgia for 2025.

They also passed SB 102 the chicken and dog fighting bill to amend the dog fighting bill to include chickens.

SB 102 link:

<https://www.legis.ga.gov/api/legislation/document/20252026/231984>

SR 96 link:

<https://www.legis.ga.gov/api/legislation/document/20252026/231542>

HB 331 dealing with selling animals on roadside was heard in committee and will be coming back to committee with a change on fines.

HB 177 Domestic pet protection bill passed the House yesterday.

AKC Canine Health Foundation Update

30 Years of Improving Canine Health

This month marks the 30th anniversary of the AKC Canine Health Foundation's creation. Since 1995, CHF and its donors have invested more than \$75 million in canine health research and educational grants to ensure a healthier future for all dogs. Thank you to everyone who has supported this important work.

Canine Health Discovery Webinar Series

The AKC Canine Health Foundation's Canine Health Discovery Webinar Series features leaders in the field of veterinary health research and offers practical advice on common health concerns, as well as information on cutting-edge research to benefit our dogs.

The webinars feature a presentation, followed by a question and answer session if time permits. All webinars require registration. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

Upcoming Webinars

Immune Complex-Mediated Glomerulonephritis in Dogs

Dr. Mary Nabity

March 25, 2025 @ 7:00 PM ET

Previous webinars are available to view on demand and you may sort by research area.

Atlanta Kennel Club Board Meeting Minutes

Please see the Board Minutes in the Members section of the website.

[Members Login - Atlanta Kennel Club](#)

Good Sportsmanship Award

The Good Sportsmanship Award is presented to a person nominated and voted on by the membership of the Atlanta Kennel Club for his or her positive attitude and display of Good Sportsmanship in all of his or her activities and contributions to the club.

Please send your nomination in writing (50 words or less) to digest@atlantakennelclub.org by Sunday evening, March 16th. Nominations will be published to members via email on Monday, March 17th. The first nomination received for each nominee will be the one published.

The voting will occur during the March meeting, Wednesday, March 19th, so don't forget to make your meeting reservations!

The award will be presented at the Annual Meeting in May with a medallion from the American Kennel Club.



AKC Education Webinar Series

The AKC Education Webinar Series provides an opportunity for club members, judges, breeders, trainers and the general dog-owning public to learn more about topics that are of interest to them.

Upcoming Webinars:

- ◆ **Preventative Healthcare and Guidelines**
Tuesday, February 18, 2025, 7:00-8:00pm EST
- ◆ **Getting Started: AKC Rally**
Tuesday, March 4, 2025, 6:00-7:00pm EST
- ◆ **Breeder Spotlight with Dale Martenson**
Wednesday, March 12, 2025, 7:00-8:00pm EST

Please click here to register for the webinars:

<https://www.akc.org/public-education/akc-education-webinar-series/>



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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