



Atlanta Kennel Club *DIGEST*

Atlanta Kennel Club Newsletter

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NO APRIL MEETING

Come to the
Peach Blossom Cluster
(Atlanta Kennel Club,
Valdosta Kennel Club
and many specialty clubs)
April 9-13, 2025
Perry, GA

Watch, exhibit, & volunteer!



35th
Anniversary
**PEACH BLOSSOM
CLUSTER
DOG SHOWS
& more**

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:

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Welcome new members:

None this month

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.

Birthdays

Tereasa McCreight - Apr 01
 Kylie Soafer - Apr 02
 Lynn Tyler - Apr 04
 Kelly Zimmerman - Apr 04
 Linda Bailey - Apr 11
 Susan Adams - Apr 11
 Susan Benkiser - Apr 13
 John Schuemacher - Apr 13
 Shannon Soafer - Apr 13
 Diane Pegram - Apr 16
 Hailey Roberts - Apr 16
 Dolores Russell - Apr 17
 Gilda Mallik - Apr 19
 Roger Brown - Apr 19
 James Lovett - Apr 21
 Sadie Henley - Apr 22
 Tim Sain - Apr 24
 Kelly Edwards - Apr 25
 Joy Wells - Apr 25
 Yvonne Cooper - Apr 26
 Daryl Hills - Apr 28
 Barbara Darnell - Apr 29
 Chester Favre - Apr 29
 Kathryn Dodd - Apr 30

Anniversaries

Jeff Nix & Tricia Nay - Apr 04
 Paige Hales - Apr 10
 Jo R. Sarbell - Apr 10
 Greg & Susan Benkiser - Apr 19
 Jasmine Lyon - Apr 19
 Linda Jett - Apr 25
 Jacqueline Morgan - Apr 25
 Christina & Ray Wertz - Apr 27

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

Call For New Titles/Achievements

FINISHED A TITLE? YAY We want to Hear all about it! Any AKC Title!

SEND INFO ASAP by MAY 12th / drop-dead date

We do not want to leave anyone out

Please send details for dogs that you titled from May to May in 2024-2025 for our inclusion in the **Annual meeting program on May 21st at ALDO's Italian Restaurant**

Also include any dogs that have won major accomplishments such as won a top placement at the National Specialty, attained a breed ranking in your breed, or won a best in show, or won BOB or BOS at Westminster or Royal Canin or owner handler group series ranking etc. - **ANY title counts**

Please send in the following format, if possible, to make it easier to insert in the program format

No "Story formats" pleeeezzzzzzeeee / see sample below

Just need the facts "Ma'am"

I use Times New Roman font 10 pt

Name of Dog with title

Name of Breed

Owner:

Breeders:

Name of title(s) attained (can be any AKC title including Field or Performance events)

Note at least one of the Owners or the Breeders must be an Atlanta KC member

See SAMPLE below - please do not include titles like "Name of Dog" as in above – just put the name – if you do the title with it etc then I have to go erase it before adding it to the list

Ch. Shinto's Star's Fell on Alabama

Akita

Owner: Brian Randall

Breeders: Cindy Smith and Ronnie and Chris Ann Moore

Show Championship

(or whatever title they earned) or award etc.

We want to celebrate with you!

IF you are waiting for one last title – at least go ahead and send the ones you know as I seem to get several AFTER the deadline desperation calls LOL

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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!



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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