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March Meeting

Wednesday, March 18th, 2020

2020 Legislative Session for GFC

Gail LeBerge, Atlanta Kennel Club member and president of the Georgia Canine Coalition, will talk about the 2020 legislative session and how it affects dog owners in Georgia.

Menu

Salad, Chicken Francais and Cannoli

Location

Aldo's Italian Restaurant — Sandy Springs 6690 Roswell Rd NE, Sandy Springs, GA 30328
Phone: 770-992-9600

Time: Dinner @ 6:45, Meeting @ 8:00

Directions: Aldo's is on the northwest corner of Roswell Rd. and Abernathy Rd. in Sandy Springs, just outside the perimeter and just west of 400. Parking is behind the restaurant in the Sandy Springs Crossing shopping center.

RSVP: DINNER RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED IF YOU PLAN TO DINE WITH US! You are not required to have dinner, but it is absolutely necessary if you want to dine with us. Join us for drinks or come shortly before 8 for the program and short business meeting that follows. Please be sure to call ahead for your reservations if you plan to join us for dinner as the restaurant has a cut off for reservations and cancellations. You may reserve and pay via Paypal on the club website under "Events" OR Contact Kellie Holbrook by email at holbrookcc@mindspring.com NO LATER than Friday at NOON prior to the meeting on the following Wednesday. If you RSVP'd and do not attend you will be billed for your meal. Price \$25 adults and \$5 for children under 12. If you have special dietary needs, please mention this to Kellie when you make your reservations. If you decide to attend after the RSVP deadline, you can order food "to go" from the restaurant and join us in the ballroom. Just be sure to let us know so we can hold you a seat!

You can make your dinner reservation online and pay via Paypal! Go to the Atlanta KC website, click on Events, and click on the "book now" button under the meeting listing. <http://www.atlantakennelclub.org/>

Want a tax-deductible way to support the good works of the Atlanta Kennel Club? Donate to the Atlanta Kennel Club Foundation – contact Mary Ellen Macke for information on making donations and/or bequests:

maryellenmacke@gmail.com

Birthdays

Mid Jan / February Birthdays

Susan Adams - 4/11
Linda Bailey - 4/11
Greg Benkiser - 3/1
Susan Benkiser - 4/13
Kimberly Benkiser - 3/15
Connie Brittain - 3/22
Roger Brown - 4/19
Priscilla Chabal - 3/12
Yvonne Cooper - 4/26
Palmer Crim - 4/22
Joan Dudman - 4/12
Chester Favre - 4/29
Daryl Hills - 4/28
Barbara Humphrey Darnell - 4/29
Pamela Jaecksch - 3/5
Mary Johnson - 3/15
Charlene Kickbush - 3/5
James Lovett - 4/21
Deborah Lovett - 3/2
Gilda Mallik - 4/19
Tim Sain - 4/24
LoAnne Miller - 4/17
Becky Norton - 3/27
Linda Orr - 4/23
Diane Pegram - 4/16
Dolores Russell - 4/17
Linda Ossmann - 3/9
John Schumacher - 4/13
Shannon Sofer 0 4/13
Kylie Sofer - 4/2
Anita Tate - 3/30
Lynn Tyler - 4/4
Melody Van Norden - 3/11
Ann Wallin - 3/16
Joy Wells - 4/25

Anniversaries

Jan / Feb Anniversaries

Greg & Susan Benkiser - 4/19
Linda Jett - 4/25
Jasmine Lyon - 4/19
Gilda & Donald Mallik - 3/23
Robert & Jacqueline Morgan - 4/25
Jo R. Sarbell - 4/10
Carl & Tully Vitner - 3/1

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 – golfndogs@att.net

Fun Fact

Former Michael Vick dogs, Sox and Hector, are certified therapy dogs. They now spend their days cheering up people at hospitals, nursing homes, and schools.

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 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**, the
Peach Blossom Cluster and the **Georgia Classic Cluster**. tamarabrower@gmail.com
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**Hashtags For Spoiled Pups:**

To help the public understand who we are and how we take care of our dogs, please include two hashtags when posting casual, fun, silly and sweet photos of your dogs being dogs. You'll be part of a concerted effort to show the truth about how our dogs really live – spoiled, pampered and very well loved! Use these hashtags anywhere you post pictures – Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, etc.

#secretlifeofshowdogs #perfectfitforlife

Brag:

Got brags? Get them to Digest editor Sandy Weaver – golfndogs@att.net!

Juniors: The AKC Junior Showmanship Facebook page: Check it out, Juniors and Juniors supporters!

Got Juniors news? Get it to Digest editor Sandy Weaver – golfndogs@att.net!

Cards and Flowers

Dot Bates is recovering from TWO broken legs. Get well soon, Dot!

Lifetime member, Martha Pinnell, passed away recently. Update will follow.

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

Member of the Month

Congratulations and thank you to March's Member of the Month, **Roger Brown!**

Rosters:

The Atlanta KC Membership Roster is now available on the Atlanta KC website, www.atlantakennelclub.org, under the Members tab. An updated roster was uploaded in May. Another roster reflecting the results of our annual membership renewal will be posted after membership renewals is completed. This roster is provided for personal use only by members of the Atlanta Kennel Club Inc.

ANY OTHER USE (i.e., BUSINESS or POLITICAL SOLICITATION) IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED by Club Policy). Any violation should be reported to the Atlanta Kennel Club Officers or Board of Directors. This is available to members only. You must have a sign in and password to access the members only section of the website. If you do not have your sign in or password email Jim Macke at jimmacke@comcast.net.

The roster will be updated as soon as the annual membership renewal process is complete.

Judges' Selection Committee 2020-2021

Please call committee members from the appropriate group 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 member 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 2 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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Committee is now working on 2020 Judges

If anyone in our club is newly provisional in new breeds, or thinking you may be soon, you must let Kathleen know in order to be included in a future panel- the new judges lists are not necessarily being monitored OK – just an FYI reminder
 If you know of someone who may be provisional in their first group – non member etc — to recommend also let Kathleen or the group leader know as they are always seeking provisional judges for AKC requirements.

Membership**Proposed New Members**

Pati Harrison - Siberian Husky
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 Acworth, GA 30101 678-773-9143 patric-shwa@aol.com
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Haley Hayes - Pug & Benese Mt. Dog 303 Pinegate Rd.
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 Sponsors: Beth Hawthorne & Karen Byrd

Katie Sample - Siberian Husky
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Sponsors: Lisa Hall & James Lovett *Know someone 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*

New Members

Cathryn Ochs-Cline, Cari Wingert, Bill and June Mann, Lindsay Fetters, Terrance Boldin, Cheryl and Michael Weiss, Pamela Oberst John and Amanda Ellery, Norman Mason, Patricia Zeller and Marc Stewart, LoAnne and Michelle Miller, Gina Bonner Diane Fortik

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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, maryellen.macke@harrynorman.com, to let us know of your interest!

Atlanta Kennel Club Website Update

A new update is coming soon! Please check your password access to make sure it works and if not, let us know!!

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Volunteers are needed for our July Scentwork Regional in Perry. Contact Tamara Brower, tamarabrower@gmail.com.

Premium list is out! Check Onofrio, <http://www.onofrio.com>. It will be posted on the website. Note: several new breeds are having specialties, so be sure to check the premium list.

Farm Dog has been added to the Peach Show on Friday and Saturday. Gail LaBerge, Susan Ray and Patty King are judging. Contact Ginger Aldrich 770-380-9404, snofire@aol.com for more information and entry information.

Peach Show volunteers are needed! Contact Mary Ellen, maryellen.macke@harrynorman.com for how you can be part of our club's events.

Following the February meeting of the AKC Board of Directors, Event Operations is writing to inform our clubs of recent actions taken that impact the sport and may impact your events. Any questions should be sent to eventsnew@akc.org.

Announcing the National Owner-Handled Series Level of Achievement

The AKC National Owner-Handled Series (NOHS) has been a tremendous success, viewed very favorably by the fancy as a mechanism to showcase dogs exhibited by non-professional owner-handlers. In the time since its inception, the AKC has developed an NOHS ranking system and launched the AKC NOHS Finals, an event held annually in December during the week of the AKC National Championship in Orlando, Florida.

Consistent with the AKC's ongoing efforts to grow the NOHS program and the sport overall, the Board of Directors at its February 2020 meeting voted to approve the implementation of NOHS Levels of Achievement to include Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum awards.

The Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum NOHS Awards of Achievement will be earned by obtaining a predetermined number of NOHS points for each level and award. This will mimic the inaugural levels of recognition for the Grand Champion title introduced in May 2011.

For each Achievement Level, the first owner of the dog will receive a certificate to commemorate the accomplishment and a NOHS Achievement Level pin. The pin will be the NOHS logo cast to reflect the color of the Achievement Level. As this is not a titling program, it will not reflect as a prefix or suffix to the dog's AKC registered name. Dogs will be grandfathered back to the beginning of the NOHS program (2012). Dogs grandfathered

| RECOGNITION LEVEL | MINIMUM NOHS POINTS |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Bronze | 250 |
| Silver | 500 |
| Gold | 1,000 |
| Platinum | 2,000 |

“Here’s How the AKC Dog Detection Task Force Is Helping to Improve Our National Security” by Dr. Carmen Battaglia

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More information on the new NOHS Levels of Achievement will be sent in the near future. **The expected launch date for the NOHS Levels of Achievement is July 1, 2020.**

Modification to the Sanctioned Four-to- Six Month (Beginner Puppy) Competition Regulations

The Board at its February meeting voted to approve a modification to the Sanctioned Four-to-Six Month (Beginner Puppy) Competition Regulations to allow minors (under 18) with amateur status who reside with professional handlers to participate in the Four-to-Six Month (Beginner Puppy) Competition **effective immediately.**

The [Sanctioned Four-to-Six Month \(Beginner Puppy\) Competition Regulations](#) posted on the AKC website has been updated to reflect the Board’s action. The area of the regulations impacted by this recent change is provided below for your review.

Sanctioned Four-to-Six Month (Beginner Puppy)

Competition Regulations

Section 2. Entry and Eligibility

- Minors (under 18) with amateur status who reside with professional handlers and current assistants to professional handlers that are eligible to compete in Junior Showmanship (meet age and amateur status requirements) may personally exhibit dogs in the Four - to- Six Month (Beginner Puppy) Competition.

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Thank you to the members who have contacted me that are willing to try to receive the digest via email instead of snail mail!

In case you did not know... Digests are now and have been available for viewing without using a login and password. If you have a computer go to the website: www.atlantakennelclub.org and click on the tab at the top for Newletters/Digests – It's all there! **EXCEPT** for the minutes which remain private for members. To view those you will still need to access the member only section with your login. **BUT** you can read the rest of the Digests anytime you want! The past digest are also archived there.

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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... The Atlanta Kennel Club