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November and December Meetings

November: Wednesday, September 16th, 2020

December: Wednesday, December 16th, 2020

November: Keeping the Club Plugging Along – And How You Can Plug In! December: Christmas Party

Menu

Penne ala casoli with chicken, and cheesecake for dessert.

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 Amy Caple by email at sassapinecorgis@yahoo.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 Amy 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 your 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

Nov — Dec Birthdays

Nancy Ager – December 5
Jerri Alberti – November 30
Ginger Aldrich – December 14
Paul Averill DVM – December 10
Gina Bonner – December 12
Christine Bowker – November 23
Lisa Bowman – December 18
Nathan Brower – December 15
Marleen Burford – November 2
Jerry Cerasini – November 1
Ken Edmonds – December 11
Donna Hills – November 19
Miles Cline – December 17
Diana Jeffreys – December 7
Gary Johnson – December 26
Gabriella Kostiuik – November 26
Penny Lites – November 25
Pam Long – December 19
Bill Mann – December 22
Monroe McIntyre – December 1
Jonna McNeely – November 18
Pam Mingo – December 20
Michelle Miller – November 2
Paula Moore – December 4
Carol Quair – November 27
Darcy Quinlan – November 26
Jan Robison – November 1
Alicia Estrems-Schaefer – Nov 3
Cindy Smith – November 7
Kathy Smith – December 11
Dale Staples – November 12
Trish Thurow – December 14
Christina Wertz – December 1
Ray Wertz – November 18
Madison Wertz – December 4
Cari Wingert – December 2
Rachael Worthington – December 27
Ben Zahn – December 16

Anniversaries

Nov — Dec Anniversaries

Susan Hardwick Bess – Nov 12
Ed Eassey – November 2
Chester & Lisa Favre – December 13
James & Joyce Gibson – Dec 22
Kellie Holbrook – Dec 8
Vicky Jones – November 18
Kay Kline – December 25
Robert & Gail LaBerge – Nov 3
Alison Lowe – November 21
Jim & Mary Ellen Macke – Dec 16
Cindy Stansell – December 25
Lynn Tyler – December 20

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 – kerrybrook@yahoo.com

Happy Thanksgiving!

I, for one, and thankful for my incredible friends and my wonderful family. Oh, and for good food!

What are you thankful for?

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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:

Cindy Stansell's Bulldog bitch, Rocyn's I Want It all In Bright Lights finished in Tampa and then in the next two weekends out got her grand championship including BOB over the number one and two Bulldogs and then onto a Group Two. Huge congratulations Cindy!

Huge congratulations on these fantastic achievements.

Got brags? Get them to Digest editor Cathy Deily – kerrybrook@yahoo.com!

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

Got Juniors news? Get it to Digest editor Cathy Deily – kerrybrook@yahoo.com!

Cards and Flowers

Our deepest and sincere condolences to the friends and family of Dot Bates, longtime member of Atlanta Kennel Club and owner of Colette Poodles.

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

Members of the Month

Congratulations and thank you to our Member of the Month: Amy Capel! Congratulations Amy!

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 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 Kathleen Steen 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 Kathleen or the group leader know as they are always seeking provisional judges for AKC requirements.

Membership

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

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Upcoming Agility Trials

The Atlanta Kennel Club will be having Agility Trials coming up at a new location, Radda's K9 Campus, in Talking Rock, near Jasper. Address, 49 Tilly Rd., Talking Rock, GA 30175.

October 2-4, 2020
 December 4-6, 2020
 February 19-21, 2021

This is a new 40-acre facility with all the bells and whistles for a great indoor trial! These agility trials will all be one-ring trials.

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!

AKC Canine Health Foundation

Neurological disease can severely impact the quality of life of our canine companions. The AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF) is currently funding over \$800,000 in research grants to help veterinary professionals address common neurological diseases like canine degenerative myelopathy, meningoencephalitis, intervertebral disc disease and many more!

Neurology is just one of 23 areas of research supported by CHF representing a wide range of canine health concerns. In partnership with you, we are funding the research that matters most to dog owners.

We are thankful for you and your support! Whether you choose to make a donation in support of canine neurological research, follow us on Facebook, or sign up for our monthly e-newsletter, we are honored that you've joined us in our journey to improve the health of all dogs.

CALLING ALL HISTORY BUFFS!

The club needs anyone interested in being on the History Team to help go through club records and memorabilia and save the important documents in an organized way for future club reference. We might also set up a history display corner.

We have an upstairs room at our building that is air conditioned where we can spread out and work and it should be fun going through the 60's and 70's, etc., boxes and remembering old shows and great times in the club history.

This will take multiple sessions, I'm sure, so there will be plenty of opportunities to come help as our time and schedules allow.

Contact Ginger Aldrich if you are interested in taking a trip down memory lane!
snofire@aol.com 770-380-9404

Now Recruiting Dogs With Osteoarthritis

NC State Translational Research in Pain Group (TRiP) is enrolling dogs in a clinical trial investigating the use of a new, safe therapy injected into his/her painful joint that aims to decrease joint pain. The therapy makes the joint tissues themselves produce anti-inflammatory agents to **decrease inflammation and pain**.

PARTICIPATION –

- Recruited participants will be required to come to NCSU-CVM for treatment. Owners must be compliant with study visits and be willing to complete questionnaires. Total participation lasts about 6 months with 9 study visits.
- In addition to routine diagnostics, dogs will participate in gait analysis (movies of how your dog walks) and wear activity monitors.

INCLUSION CRITERIA – In order to participate in this study dogs must:

- Be greater than 1 year old and weigh between 30-100 lbs
- Have obvious, observable limp in 1 or 2 limbs caused by osteoarthritis (determined at screening)
- Be relatively healthy
- Owner to be able to evaluate dog for continuous 6-month period

STUDY BENEFITS – FULLY FUNDED CLINICAL TRIAL

Potentially decreased pain

Free examination, blood and urine testing • Free x-rays

Contact us if interested, email: cvm_cpri@ncsu.edu or call 919-513-6854

Live Streaming Breed Judging at AKC National Championships

The Board, management and staff of the American Kennel Club feel tremendously fortunate to be able to host the AKC National Championship in 2020 despite the pandemic.

Since authorities remind us that there is risk in any type of large gathering, we are proceeding with our National Championship Week events with great care and implementing health and safety protocols beyond those recommended to mitigate risks to the best of our ability. We know how important these events are to our breeders, handlers, owners, vendors, superintendents and show secretaries and we owe it to our Sport to uphold this important annual tradition even if under modified conditions.

Social Distancing and masks are two of the many safety precautions that will be required at the Orange County Convention Center this year. It is a responsibility we must all share in order to safely hold and enjoy the events during National Championship Week.

Social distancing means staying at least six feet apart from individuals outside of one's household and not congregating unnecessarily. Therefore, the Show Committee has instituted a "Show and Go" policy for this year's competitions in conformation, agility, obedience, rally, Fast Cat and diving dogs. No owners, handlers or exhibitors may remain ringside once their dog has completed competition. Unless you have been asked to remain nearby for further judging, you must return to your crating area or grooming set-up or leave the convention center. No ringside seats will be provided or permitted.

We recognize that participating in the AKC National Championship is not only about competing and meeting personal goals, it's about studying one's breed(s), evaluating the quality of the entries, observing judges' procedures and selections, and reuniting with friends. We also understand that it will take more than the usual amount of effort to be a part of our events this year. A "Show and Go" policy is not the ideal way to experience the Championship, but it is a decision made to best keep our participants safe.

In light of the necessary changes due to the pandemic, we are pleased to offer a viewing solution to enhance your experience of the National Championship: **daytime conformation breed judging in all rings will be live streamed all day on Saturday, December 12 and Sunday, December 13, 2020.** Our participants and dog show enthusiasts around the world who are unable to travel can now view the entire competition while away from the rings.

Breed judging live streams will be available at AKCChampionshipLive.com. This will mark the first time that the judging of every single breed will be viewable online, in real time. In order to provide this level of coverage, there will be a one-time streaming fee of \$3 for one day of all-breed judging or \$5 for both days.

Fees to watch the breed live streams are purely at cost. One-hundred percent of any net proceeds will be donated equally to the following dog related charities; **Take the Lead** to further the care of fellow exhibitors; **AKC Humane Fund** to support Parent Club breed rescue and domestic violence shelters that permit pets; the **AKC Canine Health Foundation** to support Parent Club research grants; **AKC Reunite** to help support AKC Pet Disaster Relief and the **AKC Museum of the Dog**.

As always, the National Championship Groups and Best in Show, Best Bred-by Exhibitor and BBE Groups, NOHS Groups and Finals, Puppy & Junior Stakes Groups and Best in Stakes, Junior Showmanship Finals, Agility, Obedience, and Rally will continue to be live streamed on a complimentary basis on **AKCtv** and will remain available on demand.

To download the AKCtv app, visit the app store on your iPhone or Android device. For more ways to watch, visit akc.tv/support.

2020 has been a year like no other, and this year's AKC National Championship Week will certainly feel different from those that have come before it. We appreciate the sacrifices you will all make to be a part of this year's events in Orlando. This year, more than ever, our National Championship will depend on the flexibility, sportsmanship and camaraderie that defines our dog show community.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Sincerely,

Dennis Sprung
AKC National Championship Show Chairman

How Dogs Find Their Way Home

HOW LOST DOGS FIND THEIR WAY HOME

Every dog lover has heard a variation of the miraculous lost dog story. The pup who slipped her leash and beat her owners home. The dog who ran all the way home across town from the sitter's place. The rascal who disappeared into thin air, then showed up two weeks later with a stench, an appetite, and a wag of the tail.

But how exactly *do* lost dogs find their way home from so far afield?

[New research from the Czech Republic](#) might hold the answer.

Dogs Navigate Using Magnetic Fields

Researchers equipped 27 dogs from 10 breeds with cameras and GPS collars, then monitored a combined total of 622 trials in forests in the Czech Republic. For the experiment, dogs walked through the forest with their owners, off-leash, until they scented their prey. When they departed to catch the prey, the owner remained in place. The team then studied the dogs' return journeys to their owners—and it might be no surprise to learn that many dogs used their powerful noses to navigate, with almost 60 percent of them following their outbound route by tracing their own scent.

But in a full one-third of cases, dogs did something else. At the beginning of their homebound journey, they ran for about 20 meters (65 feet) along the north-south axis, whether or not their owner was located north or south of them. They then ran back on an entirely new route.

Given the unifying north-south orientation of these runs, researchers extrapolate that these initial “compass runs” helped dogs orient themselves. Even more fascinating: the dogs that did compass runs completed the trial significantly faster than dogs who returned home on the outbound route using scent tracking.

In short: dogs' incredible ability to find their way home seems to spring from an ability to detect magnetic fields.

What Can We Learn From Dogs' Magnetic Homing Superpowers?

The researchers stress that more research is needed to understand exactly how dogs use their ability to perceive magnetic cues. But they also point out that dogs are not alone in this ability. “It has been well established that a broad array of organisms have a ‘magnetic sense,’ i.e. magnetoreception, which is used for spatial orientation and navigation,” researcher Kateřina Benediktová says. “Pigeons and migratory birds [are especially well studied] ... as well as sea turtles, amphibians, and insects.” Benediktová adds that while magnetic-based navigation has been studied in some wild mammals—such as whales, bison, caribou, and zebras—on the whole, dogs remain underrepresented in the field.

It's worth asking *why* humans might have been slow to appreciate this aspect of dogs' behavior. Could it be that we struggle to recognize that our beloved dogs have capacities dating back to their lives before domestication? That in some ways, they are still built for lives in the wild, very different to those they typically lead today?

Benediktová speculates that all dog breeds likely have the power to receive magnetic information—but that the sense is simply dormant in pet dogs. She urges dog lovers to recognize this and other facets of dogs' unique dogness. “I would like to say something about dogs in general,” she says. “They are really extraordinary animals, and we should care about them, protect them, and love them. But the dog must be still the dog, with its own character, behavior, and appearance. We should not try to change dogs to human.”

Homeward Bound: The Most Remarkable Stories of Dogs' Homing Abilities

The research might be new, but dogs' homing abilities have been celebrated throughout the ages. Here are some of our favorite stories of dogs navigating their way through thick and thin.

During World War I, [Airedale Terriers](#), [Border Collies](#), [Old English Sheepdogs](#), [Retrievers](#), and mixed breeds were used as messengers, relaying messages between battle headquarters and the trenches on the Western Front. Their service was irreplaceable, since they could be relied upon to navigate large areas of terrain and to cover ground where vehicles might get caught in mud and humans might be attacked by the enemy. One particularly valiant messenger dog was [an Airedale Terrier named Jack](#), who ran through enemy fire for half a mile, carrying a message to headquarters that the troops on the front line needed reinforcements. His bravery saved many lives that day.

Then there's the story of Bucky, a three-year-old Labrador who, in 2012, [traveled 500 miles from Virginia to South Carolina in search of his owner](#), Mark Wessells. Wessells had delivered Bucky to live with his father in Virginia, because his accommodation banned dogs. Eight months later, Bucky showed up, wandering a forest in South Carolina. A local man took him in, fed him, and took him to the vet, who read his microchip and discovered that he belonged to Wessells. The reunion between man and Labrador was joyful—but only Bucky will ever know the full story of his 500-mile journey.

And finally, a tale of the strength of puppy love. In Terre Haute, Indiana, a pair of stray dogs named Ben and Jade were taken into a shelter when Jade became pregnant with a litter. The dogs remained together in the shelter for several months, until Ben was rescued. Just three weeks later, he bolted from his new home and crossed 10 miles of streets, railroad tracks, and other obstacles to find Jade at the shelter. Seeing the strength of the reunited pair's bond, Ben's new family decided to rescue Jade, too.

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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 Newsletters/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