



# Atlanta Kennel Club

# DIGEST

Atlanta Kennel Club Newsletter

April 2021

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## April Meeting

Wednesday, April 28, 2021

**NOTE DATE CHANGE—due to the Peach Blossom Cluster in April, the meeting will be one week later than normal—Wed., April 28.**

### Program

Gail Laberge, President of the Georgia Canine Coalition. She'll be reporting on this year's legislative session, the bills we've supported and opposed, as well as discussing the bill that will likely come up again in next year's session that is problematic for dog owners in Georgia.

### Menu

Fettucine Primavera with chicken and marinara sauce, salad, garlic rolls, and Tiramisu 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 p.m., Meeting @ 8:00 p.m.

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.

### DINNER 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 shortly before 8:00 p.m. for the program and short business meeting that follows.

You may reserve and pay via PayPal on the club website under "Events", OR contact Amy Caple by email at [sasapinecorgis@yahoo.com](mailto:sasapinecorgis@yahoo.com) NO LATER than Sunday evening prior to the meeting on the following Wednesday. If you make a reservation and do not attend you will be billed for your meal.

Price \$25 adults and \$10 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 meeting room. Just be sure to let us know so we can hold your seat!

### Birthdays

Kylie Soafer - Apr 02  
Lynn Tyler - Apr 04  
Linda Schuemacher - Apr 13  
Shannon Soafer - Apr 13  
Diane Pegram - Apr 16  
Hailey Roberts - Apr 16  
LoAnne Miller - Apr 17  
Dolores Russell - Apr 17  
Linda Orr - Apr 23  
Tim Sain - Apr 24  
Joy Wells - Apr 25

### Anniversaries

Jo R. Sarbell - Apr 10  
Greg & Susan Benkiser - Apr 19  
Jasmine Lyon - Apr 19  
Linda Jett - Apr 25  
Jacqueline Morgan - Apr 25

*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 – [legrandchows@gmail.com](mailto:legrandchows@gmail.com)*

### Did You Know?

Atlanta Kennel Club dues notices have been mailed. If you haven't received yours, please contact Gilda Mallik, Membership Chairperson, at [gilndon@comcast.net](mailto:gilndon@comcast.net) or 770-394-4098.

Nominations from the floor will be taken at the April meeting—see page 2.

We hope to see you in Perry at the Peach Blossom Cluster!

## Webmaster

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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 and the Peach Blossom Cluster. Contact Tamara at [tamarabrower@gmail.com](mailto:tamarabrower@gmail.com).

## Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee has submitted the following slate of officers. **Additional nominations** may be made at the **April 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. The election will take place at the Annual Meeting in May.

President—Paul Averill, DVM	Corresponding Secretary—Karen Mays
First Vice President—Lynette White	Treasurer—Beth Hawthorne
Second Vice President—Mary Ellen Macke	AKC Delegate—Ann Wallin
Recording Secretary—Ginger Aldrich	Board (Class of 2023) - Jerry Cerasini, Carol Simmons, Gilda Mallik

## 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

## Braggs

*Got braggs? Nice show wins? New performance titles? Something exciting in your life that isn’t dog related? Get them to Digest editor Lynette White – [legrandchows@gmail.com](mailto:legrandchows@gmail.com)*

## Cards and Flowers

Please keep Linda Jett in your thoughts and prayers as she is dealing with some health issues. We wish Mary Ellen Make a speedy recovery for a second knee surgery.

Our condolences to the family of Sue Vroom, whom many in the Club knew. Sue was an Executive Field Representative for the AKC based in Texas. She and her late husband, Corky, were highly successful professional handlers for many years prior to their retirement from handling in 2005.

*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](mailto:ponyguru@aol.com) and [golfindogs@att.net](mailto:golfindogs@att.net)*

## Rosters

The Atlanta KC Membership Roster is now available on the Atlanta KC website, [www.atlantakennelclub.org](http://www.atlantakennelclub.org), under the Members tab. An updated roster was uploaded in November 2020. 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.

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## 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.

**Show Chair Emeritus** - Kathleen Steen - 770-751-0311 - [kathleensteen@bellsouth.net](mailto:kathleensteen@bellsouth.net)

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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

**Proposed New Member** (first reading membership mtg. 3-17-21 will be voted on 04-28-2021)

Shan Wright

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Black Russian Terrier

Sponsors: Yves Belmont, and Sandy Weaver

## New Members

Two new members were voted on in the March meeting. Welcome to Tish Mathias and Cari Smith.

*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](mailto:gilndon@comcast.net)*

## Juniors

Check out the AKC Juniors Facebook group. Over 4 thousand members and lots of good info!

*Got Juniors news? Send it to Digest editor Lynette White – [legrandchows@gmail.com](mailto:legrandchows@gmail.com)!*

## May Annual Awards Meeting—Submit Your New Titles/Accomplishments

**WANTED:** All New Titled Dogs for the May Annual Meeting Awards Booklet



Please send Ginger Aldrich, [snofire@aol.com](mailto:snofire@aol.com), 770-380-9404, the information on any of your dogs that you titled in 2020 - 2021 from May to May for our annual meeting program. Any AKC Title! Conformation, Companion, Performance, Title Recognition Program, AKC Family Dog Program!

Also include any dogs that have won **major accomplishments** such as won their National Specialty, or points at the National, or attained a breed ranking in your breed, or won a Best in Show, or won BOB or BOS or higher at Westminster or AKC/Royal Canin, or a National Owner-Handled Series top 10 ranking etc.

Please send it to Ginger in the following format if possible to make it easier to insert in the program format and save time—no “Story formats” (pleeeeeeazzzzzzeeeee). See sample below.

INFO NEEDED	SAMPLE SUBMISSION
Name of dog with titles	Ch. Shinto’s Star’s Fell on Alabama
Name of Breed	Akita
Owner(s)	Owner: Brian Randall
Breeder(s)	Breeders: Cindy Smith and Ronnie and Chris Ann Moore
Titles(s) obtained and major accomplishments	Show Championship

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

And don’t forget achievements by our Juniors!

For accomplishments, awards and titles earned by Juniors, please submit the following. The awards can be things like Best Junior Handler wins, Junior Versatility Awards, titles earned by Juniors on dogs in any AKC-recognized sports.

INFO NEEDED	SAMPLE SUBMISSION
Name of Junior	Jane Doe
Name of Breed Handled	Keeshond
Awards won, major accomplishments	Won Best Junior Handler 2X, Earned Rally Novice Title and CGC

## Upcoming Events

### PEACH BLOSSOM CLUSTER

The **Peach Blossom Cluster** (Atlanta Kennel Club, Valdosta Kennel Club, and the Combined Specialty Clubs) is scheduled for April 14-18 in Perry, GA. This will include 4 days of all-breed shows, 1 day of specialty shows, plus obedience, rally, agility, lure coursing, dock diving, barn hunt, farm dog, and more.

Please note the Website for the Peach Blossom Cluster is NEW and UPDATED—[peachblossomcluster.org](http://peachblossomcluster.org)

NOTE the old site is now dark . The premium list is available at <http://www.onofrio.com/plist/xvallpl.pdf>

The judging program is available at <http://www.onofrio.com/jp/xvalljp.pdf>

## 2021 Conformation Points Schedule

The 2021 Conformation points schedule was published on Monday, March 15, and is available on the AKC web site (<https://www.akc.org/sports/conformation/resources/points-schedule/>). The number of competitors required to earn points will not increase from the 2020 point schedule. The number of competitors required was allowed to decrease if the standard calculation process indicated this should be the case. The reasoning for this approach was that the high entries in the shows that did occur would have skewed the required number of competitors upward. There are approximately 32,800 combinations of breeds, sex and divisions. 6.7% of the combinations experienced a decrease in the number of competitors required.

The new point schedule becomes effective Tuesday, May 11, 2021.

## Training Classes

Training classes are held at our Training and Event Center located at 1155-B Alpha Dr., Alpharetta, GA 30004. Classes include CGC, STAR puppy, Trick Dog, Rally, Agility, Scentwork, and Conformation (Show Training). Go to <http://atlantakennelclub.org/training-classes/> for more information and registration.

Our next session of classes start the week of April 26th.

## Help Wanted — Training Class Manager

We need organized person to serve as Training Class Manager. Tasks include

- Confirm class schedule with instructor(s)
- Write or edit class description and send to Web Master for posting
- Receive registrations
- Send class list to instructors
- Attend first night of classes to
  - \* Review vaccinations records
  - \* Confirm attendees are registered
  - \* Collect class fees that weren't sent with registration

If you are interested, your club would welcome your service. Call Mary Ellen Macke 404-310-5933

## What Happens to Your Dogs if Your Situation Changes?

What would you do with your dogs if you couldn't care for them properly anymore? Things happen—people get sick or die, they lose their jobs, somehow they now have more dogs than they can properly care for.

A joint subcommittee from the AKC Delegates Parent Club Sub-Committee and the AKC All-Breed Clubs Committee has developed two documents to help both dog owners and dog clubs think about and plan for these situations. Links to these documents are shown below. Please read, and make plans for your own situation.

[Mission Statement and Best Practices for At-Risk Situations >>](#)

[Helping Dog Owners Minimize Risk through Advance Preparation >>](#)

## 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](mailto: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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