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ALTOONA AREA KENNEL ASSOCIATION, INC.

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Items for publication in Puppy Patter, including articles, show wins, club news, etc., must be submitted in writing by the END of the month. Editor: Amy Sheehan, 240 N. Gail Street; Hollidaysburg, PA 16648
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MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS Monthly general membership meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of each month at the AAKA club building, 200 Basal Lane, Duncansville, PA, at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome!!

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Building Reminder

If you are on the building premises or coming to the building for any activity involving the club or building – your dog must be on lead. NO EXCEPTIONS!

No flexi leads on the club premises.

IDEAS OR QUESTIONS

The AAKA Officers and Board of Directors welcome any AAKA member to address the board with any ideas or questions. Any member may meet with the board or submit their ideas or questions in writing to the board to be discussed. If you would like to meet with the board, all you need to do is contact any board member to be put on the agenda. You will then be given a time to meet with the board prior to the start of the regular monthly meeting held on the third Tuesday of the month at the AAKA club building. If you prefer to submit something in writing to be discussed, you may give it to any board member or put it in the payment box at the top of the stairs. Again, the board welcomes any AAKA member to address the board with any ideas or questions.

Contact List

Membership List

Tamsen Nuss.

For additions or corrections to the membership list, please contact Tamsen via email at tamsen@atlanticbb.net or call 944-1339. The latest membership list can be picked up at the club building.

Building Rental

Mark Criste.

To rent the building for \$5 (member) or \$10 (non-member accompanying a member) an hour, contact Mark at **814-312-3466**.

Breed Referral

Kathy Pike or Larry Wilson.

For a breed referral, email Kathy at kpike@atlanticbbn.net or call 330-5652; or email Larry at larryelmer@gmail.com or call 224-2803.

Sunshine Person

Connie Wilson

If you know someone in the club who has had a death in the family, sickness, or is having a rough time, please email Connie at Mrs.Conniewilson@gmail.com so she can send them a card from the club.

Mentoring Program

Tamsen Nuss .

If you would like to become a Mentor, please contact Tamsen, Membership Chairman at 944-1339 or tamsen@atlanticbb.net.

AAKA Web Page www.aakainc.com.

To have news, events, or notices posted to the club's website, contact: Larry Wilson, larryelmer@gmail.com; or Amy Sheehan (newsletter), amy_sheehan@verizon.net

AAKA Club Building Use:

Mark Crist, Building Manager, has requested that you call his phone (814-312-3466) to reserve the building or report a problem at the building. To better utilize the club building for all members, anyone who uses the building and decides not to come to the building during their reserved time slot (whether it be for classes or for training) must call Mark as soon as possible so that he can notify the membership that the building is available for rent or training. As in the past, club classes take precedence in building use. Instructors will post a class schedule on the bulletin board so others know when the building is available for use.

AAKA Class Schedule

AAKA club classes, which are scheduled for 55 minutes, are ongoing; and costs \$42 for members and \$60 for non members for a six week session. Drop-ins are welcome at classes, but individuals need to contact the instructor prior to attending the class to check on room availability. **If you sign up for a class and cannot attend, you need to let the instructor know.** Also, if you decide to withdraw from a class, you need to inform the teachers so that others on the wait list can participate in the class.

Class Schedule:

- **Handling**, Monday, 6:30 p.m. – Anne Schettig, 886-2371.
- **Pre Agility**, Monday, 7:30 p.m. – Darlene Ormsby, 224-5650.
- **Agility**, Saturdays, 9,10,11 a.m. – Mark Criste, pawmark@atlanticbb.net.
- **Puppy K**, Saturdays, 12 p.m. (noon) – Lisa Leipold, 944-3055.
- **Rally Class**, Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. – Darlene Ormsby, 224-5650.

Supplies Needed

The club is always in need of paper towels, toilet tissue, garbage bags, cleaning supplies, Odor Ban, etc. Please add the club to your next shopping list.

AAKA Bulletin Board:

The bulletin board "facelift" transformation at the AAKA club building is still in progress. We need pictures of club members doing something with their dog(s) for the bulletin board. We are asking you to send a picture of yourself doing something with your dog(s) to Darlene for the bulletin board. Please DO NOT send 'show/trial' pictures or pictures of just your dog(s) or of just you. The pictures need to be of you doing something with your dog(s). If you have a 'little' write up, we will try to put it with the picture(s) or we may just identify you and your dog (s). Please email your pictures and information to Darlene at Dormsby2@atlanticbb.net. As you continue to send pictures throughout the year, we will try to rotate the pictures to keep the board changing. Please do not crop or size the pictures before emailing them to Darlene. Go through those pictures now, and start emailing them with a "little" write up to Darlene at Dormsby2@atlanticbb.net.

AAKA, Inc. Officer and Board Nominations

The AAKA, Inc. nominating committee consists of Chairperson Kathleen Pike, Helen Terza and Karen Burk. Alternate members to the nominating committee are Robin Quist and Kelly Corl. The committee presented a slate of officers and board members to the secretary and will present it at the February membership meeting. Secretary, Darlene Ormsby is announcing the nominated slate to the membership as follows: Anne Schettig, president; Kathleen Pike, vice president; Darlene Ormsby, secretary; Kathie Crist, treasurer; and board members Kelly Corl, Tammy Perkins, Nancy Porta, Amy Sheehan, and Larry Wilson. Additional nominations will be taken from the membership at the February membership meeting. Permission must be received from the person before they can be nominated. If the nominated member is not able to attend the regular membership meeting on February 24th, written verification of their nomination acceptance must be presented. Election of the AAKA, Inc. officer and board members will take place at the March membership meeting.

AAKA Good Sportsman's Award Nominations Due Feb. 23

Take time on this chilly day to choose a recipient for the annual Altoona Area Kennel Association, Inc. Good Sportsman's Award and email it to Dar at Dormsby2@atlanticbb.net. This award will be presented at the annual April club banquet. The Good Sportsman's Award is given to a member that has done outstanding work for the club during the past year. If there is someone you think should be considered for this award, please submit your nomination to Darlene Ormsby via email at Dormsby2@atlanticbb.net, along with a short written synopsis about why you think your nominee should receive the Altoona Area Kennel Association Good Sportsman's Award this year. Please do this as soon as possible as the nominations, along with the reasons why they were nominated, will be read at the February membership meeting on Tuesday, February 24, 2015. We will then vote for the person we feel is most deserving of this annual award. Those who previously received the award are NOT eligible for it again. They are as follows: Anne Schettig, Lisa Davis, Lisa Leipold, Nancy Porta, Chris Koller, Jen Eger, Den Eger, Jane Ellis, Mark Criste, Larry Wilson, Tamsen Nuss, Darlene Ormsby, Kathie Crist, Amy Sheehan, and Gary Creamer.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Thanks,

Dar

2014 Banquet and Awards Info:

The annual AAKA, Inc. Banquet will be on Tuesday, April 28, 2015, at Jethro's in Altoona. The club will provide appetizers at 6:30 p.m., and you can order dinner from the menu. Everyone is welcome to attend the banquet whether you receive an award or not. You need to send your reservations for the banquet to Darlene Ormsby at dormsby2@atlanticbb.net by April 22, 2015. She will provide a head count to Jethro's as to how many people will be attending. This is always a nice and relaxing evening to enjoy the company of your AAKA friends. Hope to see you at the banquet!

At the end of the newsletter is the form to order your AKC Title Plaques and Attachments to be presented at the Awards Banquet (Page 7). Only AKC Titles earned in 2014 are eligible. Deadline to order an award is March 20, 2015. Award form goes to Amy Sheehan. Please see the form for contact information and more details. Remember, all outstanding bills to the Club must be paid in full to receive AWARDS!!

To be eligible for 2014 Plaques and Attachments (titles earned last year) at the 2015 Awards Banquet, you must have worked at least two AKC/AAKA club sponsored events (Agility/Obedience/Rally Trials, Breed Shows). Please be sure to check in with your Chairperson at events so you are recorded as working. NO EXCEPTIONS!! More information to follow.

Ads for 2015 Breed Show Catalog:

Hi Everyone!

It's time to start submitting and soliciting for the AAKA show catalog ads!

This is the last year for catalog ads. If you've never placed an ad before or asked anyone to place an ad this is the year to do it! It's your chance to show off a special dog, remember a dog that has passed, tout your business, thank someone or give a shout out to your favorite breed! Please ask friends and businesses that you frequent to place an ad. You don't even have to fill in the form. Just give me their contact information and I'll take care of it. I will also help them put an ad together.

As a member you get a reduced rate. Our members have been very generous in the past and your ads truly help to cover show costs.

Ad forms are located on the information wall at the AAKA building and at the end of this newsletter (Page 8). Prices are staying the same this year with members getting a discount.

Ad Size	Member	Nonmember
¼ page	\$15.00	\$20.00
½ page	\$20.00	\$30.00
Full page	\$30.00	\$50.00
Inside/outside cover pages	\$75.00	\$100.00
Additional \$7.75 for each picture placed with an ad		
Memorial page is \$30.00, including a picture		

If anyone would like to assist me in obtaining past ads and new ads, just give me a call or send me an email. Deadline is June 7th.

Thanks in advance for your help!

Kathy Pike,
814-330-5652
kpik@atlanticbnn.net

Sponsor a Breed, Group, Obedience, or Rally Prize for the September Shows/Trials!

Are you interested in sponsoring a breed or group prize for the 2015 AAKA All Breed Shows or a prize for the Obedience and Rally Trials? We are in need of many sponsors! Please contact Amy at amy_sheehan@verizon.net to sponsor a Breed or Group prize and Anne at c1ddy@aol.com to sponsor an Obedience or Rally Prize at your earliest convenience!

Some interesting articles:

Check out this article about a pig that participates in agility!

<http://www.komonews.com/news/local/In-a-room-full-of-dogs-Amy-The-Pig-is-a-Babe-291589401.html?mobile=y>

NYC goes to the dogs: In pictures:

<http://cdn.flipboard.com/content/thephotodesk/dephtogalleries/items/1424112515000.html>

10 things you should know if you have a senior dog:

<http://www.dogsonline.co/if-you-have-a-senior-dog/>

Newsletter Brags and Pictures:

Brags wanted! When sending your brags to the newsletter editor please put "Brag" in the subject line. Pictures are welcome but the editor reserves the right to modify the picture to an appropriate size that works in the newsletter. Due to the limited space in the newsletter the editor also reserves the right to hold a picture for a future newsletter.

President’s letter:

Hi All,

At our October membership meeting, the membership voted to go with the New Castle cluster on Memorial Day. This will start in 2016. We discussed both the pros and the cons and realized that with our dwindling entries, there really was not much of a choice. Our day will be Thursday and it is just one day. If you have any questions, just let me know and I'll try to answer them for you. I hate change. I love our site and our show superintendent is wonderful to work with. With all that said we are dying on the vine and this leaves us no choice. I am glad that we were given the opportunity to join this cluster and glad that the membership agreed.

Thank you Tam and Helen for getting our Meet the Breeds at the Pet Expo up and running. It was wonderful. The best, I think, so far. Thank you to Dar for the Rally and Agility demos. Thanks also to Lisa Bodenski for doing our obedience demos. Denise could not make it so Lisa had the entire demo to cover. Thank you to all who helped on Saturday to load the trailer, to all who come and exhibited, to all who helped load everything back into the trailer- many, many thanks. It was a pleasant and very enjoyable day.

This year’s pet photo day went well. As far I know, it worked out great. Thanks to Larry for bringing in the photographers and all the stuff. Thank you to Tam for arranging all the business stuff. It went as smooth as a bulldog! And of course, thank you to our wonderful “Santa” – Helen. She was awesome and a great sport.

Thank you to those who brought a donation in support of S.O.S. Your yearly support for this cause is greatly appreciated. Thank you to Kathy P and Amy for another successful Christmas party.

Pray for our members and families, our troops, and our country.

Best

Anne

Bully Quotes:

My bed wasn’t feeling so well this morning so I stayed home to take care of it!

Sometimes when I open my mouth my mother comes out!

Calendar:

Board Meeting: Lisa Leipold, Hostess	February 17
General Membership Meeting: Holistic Medicine	February 24
Board Meeting: Nancy Porta, Hostess	March 17
2014 Award Form is due	March 20
General Membership Meeting: What food do you feed and why	March 24
CGC Testing- Prep classes will be held	April: TBD
Board Meeting: TBD, Host/Hostess	April 21
Deadline for Banquet Reservations	April 22
AAKA Agility Trial in Latrobe	April 25 & 26
General Membership Meeting: April Banquet	April 28
Board Meeting: TBD, Host/Hostess	May 19
General Membership Meeting: Breed Specific Details	May 26
Board Meeting: TBD, Host/Hostess	June 16
General Membership Meeting: Dr. Pollock DVM, Acupuncture	June 23
Board Meeting: TBD, Host/Hostess	July 21
AAKA Agility Trial in Latrobe	July 25 & 26
General Membership Meeting: July-Picnic	July 28
Eye Clinic	August 15

Braggs:

Agility:

- Team Dar & Armitage Tickle Me "Elmo" Ormsby, picked up another Master Standard leg at the Loyalhanna Agility Club trial in Latrobe in December.

Confirmation:

- Sunny (Ch Tobil's Total Eclipse of the Sun) completed her championship August 29, 2014 at the Lexington, Ky show.

Litter Box:

- Nancy Porta's "Lyric" is the proud mother of one male and four females born January 4th. Sable and white litter.



Sledding:

- January 17th-18th at Winterfest in Warren PA. Sunny (Ch Tobil's Total Eclipse of the Sun) placed 2nd in novice weigh pull behind a Malmute. Abby & Sunny and Jim placed 3rd in the Skijouring two dog race. Abby & Sunny place LAST in the 2 dog sledding racing event! they were too busy socializing with all the spectators along the route. UGH



Therapy:

- PAWS UP to Daisy Mae, Shetland Sheepdog, owned by Wil & Diana Teeter for earning her TDIRVA (Therapy Dog International Remarkable Volunteer Achievement) Title. This signifies completion of more than 250 documented visits to personal care and nursing homes. Daisy Mae brings comfort, compassion and cheer to the residents.





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 AKC AWARD PLAQUES/ATTACHMENTS FOR THE 2014 YEAR

The following is a **PARTIAL** list of **AKC TITLES** that are eligible for the award plaques or engraved attachments:

Conformation	Obedience	Rally	Agility	Fast	Hunting	Tracking
BISS BIS CH CM	HIT OTCH CD CDX UD UDX BN GN GO PCD PCDX	RAE RE RA RN	MACH MJC MXC MJC MXG MJG MXS MJS MXB MJB MX MXJ AX AXJ OA OAJ NA NAJ	FTC FTCP MFC MFPC MFG MFPG MFS MFPS MFB MFBB MXF MXP XF XFP OF OFP NF NFP	SH MNH MH JH	CT VST TDX TDU TD
THD	CGC CGCA					

- If you earned **AKC titles** on your dog in 2014, you are eligible for a Plaque and/or attachments. If the AKC titles are your dog's first titles, you have the choice of having all of the titles engraved on one Plaque **OR** you may have one title engraved on the Plaque and the other title(s) on the attachments. If you already have a Plaque and earned an additional title(s), you are eligible for engraved attachment(s) only.
- If you worked two AKC/AAKA, INC. sponsored events on two different days, then AKA, Inc. will pay for your **AKC Titles!** Members may purchase additional Plaques/Attachments for co-owners--cost \$40 (plaque) and \$15 (attachment)--payable to AAKA when submitting your awards.
- **USE ONE FORM PER DOG!** Send form to Amy Sheehan, 240 N. Gail Street, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648, postdated by March 20, 2015. If you have questions regarding the plaques or attachments, please call Amy Sheehan at 814-695-1309. *(Open in Word to type on form)*

Please check the Club Events Below that you worked at in 2014:

Agility Trials:
 Jan. 17 Jan. 18 Jan. 19
 July 25 July 26 July 27

Breed/Obedience/Rally Show:
 Sept. 5 Sept. 6 Sept. 7

Dog's Name (without titles): _____

Title Earned: _____ Abbrev. _____
 For Title: _____ Date: _____

Additional Title: _____ Abbrev. _____
 For Title: _____ Date: _____

Additional Title: _____ Abbrev. _____
 For Title: _____ Date: _____

Owner: _____ Phone #: _____

Has this dog earned a Plaque before? YES _____ NO _____ (Check one)

If this is the first title for this dog and you have more than one title, do you prefer all the titles engraved on one plaque or do you want the plaque and the engraved attachment? (Check one)
 All on one _____ Plaque with attachment _____ Additional Plaques _____ Additional Attachments _____

ROY JONES DOG SHOWS

Contact Kathy Pike at 814-330-5652 or kpik@atlantibbn.net with any questions.

Club Name: Altoona Area Kennel Association

Show Date: September 5-6, 2015

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Payment: Enclosed Bill Me

Where do you want your ad place in the catalog?

- Before entries In Breed After Entries Anywhere

Please enter my advertising order as per copy attached and/or noted below:

<input type="checkbox"/> Full Page 4 1/2 x 7 1/2
<input type="checkbox"/> Half Page 4 1/2 x 3 3/4
<input type="checkbox"/> Quarter Page 4 1/2 x 1 7/8