

#### ALTOONA AREA KENNEL ASSOCIATION, INC.

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<u>MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS</u> 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!!

## **Contact List**

#### Membership List

Tammy Perkins.

For additions or corrections to the membership list, please contact Tammy via email at <a href="mailto:tammyp935@gmail.com">tammyp935@gmail.com</a> or call 942-2936. 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 <a href="mailto:kpike@atlanticbbn.net">kpike@atlanticbbn.net</a> 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 <a href="mailto:Mrs.ConnieWilson@gmail.com">Mrs.ConnieWilson@gmail.com</a> so she can send them a card from the club.

#### AAKA Web Page www.aakainc.com.

To have news, events, or notices posted to the club's website, contact: Larry Wilson, <a href="mailto:larryelmer@gmail.com">larryelmer@gmail.com</a>; or Amy Sheehan (newsletter), <a href="mailto:amy\_sheehan@verizon.net">amy\_sheehan@verizon.net</a>

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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.

# **AAKA Club Building Use:**

Mark Criste, 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, 6:00 p.m.– Anne Schettig, 886-2371.
- Agility, Saturdays- Nancy Porta, 224-0295.
- Pre-Agility, Started November 10<sup>th</sup>, Tuesdays, 6:00

   Nancy Porta, 224-0295.
- Rally Class, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays, 6 & 7 p.m– Darlene Ormsby, 224-5650.
- Social Obedience Skills, Mondays, 7 p.m. Kathy Pike, 330-5652.

### **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 <a href="Dormsby2@atlanticbb.net">Dormsby2@atlanticbb.net</a>. 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.

## **Breeder Referral:**

If you have not already done so, please contact Larry Wilson or Kathy Pike to have your name and contact information added to our Breeder Referral list. The AAKA gets quite a few inquiries from people looking for specific breeds. It's helpful to be able to direct them to an actual breeder or owner. If you've already had your name added to the list, thank you for participating!

# 2016 All Breed Dog Show (May 2016):

Sponsor or co-sponsor a Group or the Best in Show Prize for the new May Show!

Are you interested in sponsoring (or Co-Sponsoring) a breed or group prize for the 2016 All Breed Show? We are in need of sponsors! Group prize and Best in show prize can be sponsored by multiple people. Please contact Amy at amy\_sheehan@verizon.net or Anne at c1ddy@aol.com to sponsor (or Co-Sponsor) a group prize (\$50) or Best in Show (\$100).

# **Christmas Party at Jethro's!:**



The annual AAKA Christmas party will be held at 6:30pm, Tuesday, December 15th at Jethro's in Altoona. Please RSVP by December 9th to Kathy Pike at <a href="mailto:kpike@atlanticbbn.net">kpike@atlanticbbn.net</a> or 814-330-5652. More details to follow soon!

# President's Letter: ©

Hi All.

Hard to believe that after 30 some odd years our show will no longer be at Duman Lake. Our shows there have brought us some great memories and I, for one, am sorry to leave. But things change – not something I am fond of- but in this case, change has been good for us. We have lost money the last two years and we couldn't keep sliding along and dying on the vine. So we are very fortunate to be asked to be part of the Memorial Day Cluster.

So many people to thank and I know I'll miss someone so I'd just like to thank those who went out of the norm. Chuck for bringing the trailer back and forth. Don Ormsby for driving a judge back to the airport and Amy for bringing a judge from the airport. The Friday set up people – a really hot, crummy, and miserable job- Robin, Mary Jo, Linda Schaefer, Kathie C, Tom and Lisa. The good news is that we don't have to do that again!

So I wanted to say that we needed each and every one to make this show work –Lisa for bringing it all together. All the committee chairs, obedience, rally, food, stewards, raffle, book, baking, parking, and people. Great job!

We have started on our 2016 show as it is in May – "stuff" needs to be sent in already, Kathy Pike is preparing all the AKC & MBF forms. It is like a foreign language for Kathy but she is forging on. Not an easy job.

Please keep Dar and her family in your prayers as well as our members, friends and family. Also prayers for our country and troops.

Best,

Anne

# **Interesting Articles and Sites:**

## A World Without the AKC?

http://www.bestinshowdaily.com/a-world-without-the-akc/



# Calendar:

General Membership Meeting: Bronwyn Katdare, Working K9's,

Scent Detection and Why dogs are good at their jobs.\* November 23

\*Please do not bring dogs into building until after presentation.

General Membership Meeting: Christmas Party at Jethro'sDecember 15Board Meeting: Tammy Perkins, hostessJanuary 19General Membership Meeting: Grooming BasicsJanuary 26Board Meeting:February 16General Membership Meeting:February 23

# Check us out online!



Altoona Area Kennel Association Inc.

Or on our website at: http://www.aakainc.com

# **Newsletter Brags and Pictures:**

Brags wanted! When sending your brags to the newsletter editor <u>please put "Brag" in the subject line</u>. 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.

# **Brags:**

## Agility, Obedience, Rally, and CGC:

- Adelwen Schwarz Engel (Champ) owned by Tammy Perkins got his Advanced CGC & his Rally Novice title.
- Isa Dark Beauty (Layla) owned by Tammy Perkins got her CGC.
- CH Centara JJ Patron BN, RE, NA, NAJ, RATN, CGC, owned by Lisa Davis, completed his NAJ(Novice Agility Jumpers) title at Latrobe on Labor Day. He also earned his Rally Excellent title at the Clarion County and Westmoreland County DTC's going 3 for 3 and earning 3rd and 4th placements in the B classes. By earning his Excellent Rally title, he also earns the prestigious Versatility title for the National club, Standard Schnauzer Club of America.
- Ollie, Merridon Covewind Brushfire, and Bo, Gypsy Valiant Victor, Shetland sheepdogs owned by Kathy and Dave
  Pike, both earned their Rally Excellent title at Loyalhanna Agility Club's November 7th obedience trial. We would like
  to thank Darlene Ormsby for teaching the rally classes that helped Ollie and Bo achieve this title! Rally on, Darlene!
- The Ormsby Shelties, Elmo, Derby, and Morley earned agility legs at Loyalhanna's agility trial in Latrobe in October.
   Elmo picked up two standard legs, Derby got a standard excellent leg and Morley earned a standard leg and two jumpers legs.

#### **Conformation:**

• "Rain" (Sycamore's Midnight Rain) has completed her AKC Championship. All in 6 weekends out, all owner handled. She finished at the Hunt Country Cluster in Millwood, VA September 27th 2015. We are very proud of her:)

