



PUPPY PATTERN

ALTOONA AREA KENNEL ASSOCIATION, INC.

JAN/FEBRUARY 2016

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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

Tammy Perkins.

For additions or corrections to the membership list, please contact Tammy via email at tammyp935@gmail.com 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 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 larryelmer@gmail.com 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, larryelmer@gmail.com; or Amy Sheehan (newsletter), amy_sheehan@verizon.net

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**, Saturday, 9, 10 & 11 a.m.– Nancy Porta, 224-0295.
- **Pre-Agility**, Tuesday, 6:00– Nancy Porta, 224-0295.
- **Rally Class**, 2nd and 4th Thursday, 6 & 7 p.m.– Darlene Ormsby, 224-5650.
- **Social Obedience Skills**, Monday, 7 p.m.– Kathy Pike, 330-5652.
- **Puppy K**, Monday, 8 p.m. – Kelly Corl, 207-1635.

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 continues. 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.

New Applications:

Carol LeGars & Jerry Chuerchko
Ebensburg PA 15931
clegars@penn.com

Jim Martin
East Butler PA 16029
jimsmartin@aol.com
Sporting Breeds

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!

AAKA Good Sportsman's Award Nominations Due Feb. 22

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 23, 2016. 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, Gary Creamer and Kathy Pike.

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

Thanks,

Dar

2016 All Breed Dog Show (May 2016):

Each year the club offers large baskets of dog/people goodies as a raffle at the All Breed show. Darlene Ormsby and Nancy Porta collect the items/money (to buy more items). We hope to have at least two large baskets, filled to the brim. Member's generous donations allow us to make a large, pure profit on these raffles. Stuffing two baskets uses a lot of items, please be generous. Donations can be left at the training building--mark bags of donations with Nancy Porta or Darlene Ormsby's name and raffle. Examples of donations are Gift cards; Dog food; Dog chewies/treats (please check expiration dates); Dog toys; Dog grooming supplies--ie. tools, shampoo, vitamins, etc.; Candles; and Money to buy larger, eye-candy items.

2015 Banquet and Awards Info:

The annual AAKA, Inc. Banquet will be on Tuesday, April 26, 2016, 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 Kathy Pike at KPike@atlanticbbn.net by Wednesday, April 20, 2016. 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 9). Only AKC Titles earned in 2015 are eligible. Deadline to order an award is Friday, March 18, 2016. 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 2015 Plaques and Attachments (titles earned last year) at the 2016 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.

President's Letter: 😊

Hi All,

We just had Thanksgiving- Yes, I love turkey! Our Christmas Party was fun and now the white stuff is here-yuck! But let's not wish our life away so I guess we best just enjoy it.

October seemed to be a very busy month. We had our Pet Expo and Pet Photo Day. Two big endeavors and they were both fun, profitable, and a great way for our club to have some great publicity.

So I want to thank Kelly Corl for taking on the Expo and doing a super good job. This is truly a club endeavor as we need each and every one to help make it as educational, as well as, entertaining for all. Thanks to everyone who had the demos up and running, those who helped to set up and those that stayed to tear down. Many hands do make light work. Thanks again to Kelly and to all those who were there. If anyone has any suggestions on how to make this event better, please let us know. We can always improve.

Pet Photo day was a fun day highlighted by the parrots. They were neat. Larry and the "boys" were as great as ever. Thanks to Tamsen for all the other "stuff" involved in getting everyone in, out, and paid. I hope the "boys" enjoyed it. They are really special-for them to give up a day and come take photos for us all day. Thank you to Santa – I know he had a blast. Also want to thank Larry for getting all the pictures to market and delivered to the customers. We did very well on this event. Thanks again to all the members who helped.

Thanks Dr. Denise for our January program on First Aid. Much information- much learned. Dr. Whitfield will be next month. She will talk about some dog issues. In March we will have a program on grooming. April is our annual awards banquet at Jethro's. Kathy Pike will be taking reservations. Come and enjoy the evening. You don't need to have qualified for an award to attend.

Please vote for a member for the Good Sportsman Award. Someone who works for the benefit of the club and handles winning and losing with grace.

I guess our next event is the agility trial and then followed by our all-breed show in New Castle. Agility trial is ready to go and Dar is the chair person. Please come help whether you have an entry or not. Dar works very hard on this trial and all we ask is that people come and help. Kathy Pike is working on the all-breed show and our judging panel is approved. Kathy is preparing the final touches on the premium. More info to follow on the All-Breed Show (Memorial day weekend) Thanks to both Dar and Kathy!

Classes are ongoing. Kelly Corl is taking on a new Puppy K. Thanks to all our teachers- you are just great!!

That is about all for now.

Please pray for our members and their families. We all need those prayers. Please also pray for our country. God knows we need it!

Thanks

Anne

Bull Dog Philosophy: When you stop believing in Santa- you get underwear.

Dear Santa,

This year please give me a big fat bank account and a slim body. Please don't mix those two up like you did last year!

Thanks

AAKA, Inc. Officer and Board Nominations

The AAKA, Inc. nominating committee consists of Chairperson Amy Sheehan, Kay Schmidt and Autumn Weakland. Alternate members to the nominating committee are Mari Jo Reese and Tina McMullen. The committee will present a slate of officers and board members to the secretary by February 15th and will present it at the February membership meeting. 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 23rd, 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.

Calendar:

Board Meeting:	February 9 th
General Membership Meeting Dr. Whitfield Canine behavior:	February 23 rd
Board Meeting:	March 15 th
General Membership Meeting: Anne-Grooming Basics	March 22 nd
Board Meeting:	April 19 th
General Membership Meeting: Awards banquet	April 26 th
Agility Trial Setup: Latrobe, 1:30 p.m.	April 29 th
Agility Trial: Latrobe	April 30-May 1

Check us out online!



Altoona Area Kennel Association Inc.

Or on our website at:

<http://www.aakainc.com>

Oh Fleece!

One could say we have seen a variety of weather this year. One day its 60 degrees and the next it is 0! I have a love of the fleece jacket. I can wear it under my winter coat or wear it as my coat if it is warm enough. I have gotten into the habit of just wearing the fleece jacket outside when I take the dog out to potty and being that my dog is small I carry her outside a lot of the time. What I did not realize, but my co-workers were more than happy to point out, was that dog fur had collected in the arm pit of my jacket! So please learn from my mistake and if you wear fleece give the jacket (especially the armpit) a once over before leaving the house. Have you had a similar experience? If so, send me your story and I can post it in a future newsletter.

Names can be withheld to protect the innocent!

Newsletter Brags and Pictures:

Brag 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.

Brag:

Agility, Obedience, Rally, CGC, and CGCA:

- Armitage I'll Have Another, Ormsby's aka "Derby", braved the Nita Nee Agility Trial at the Ag Arena on January 30 and earned her first Open Jumpers leg after more than a year's hiatus from the Jumpers ring.

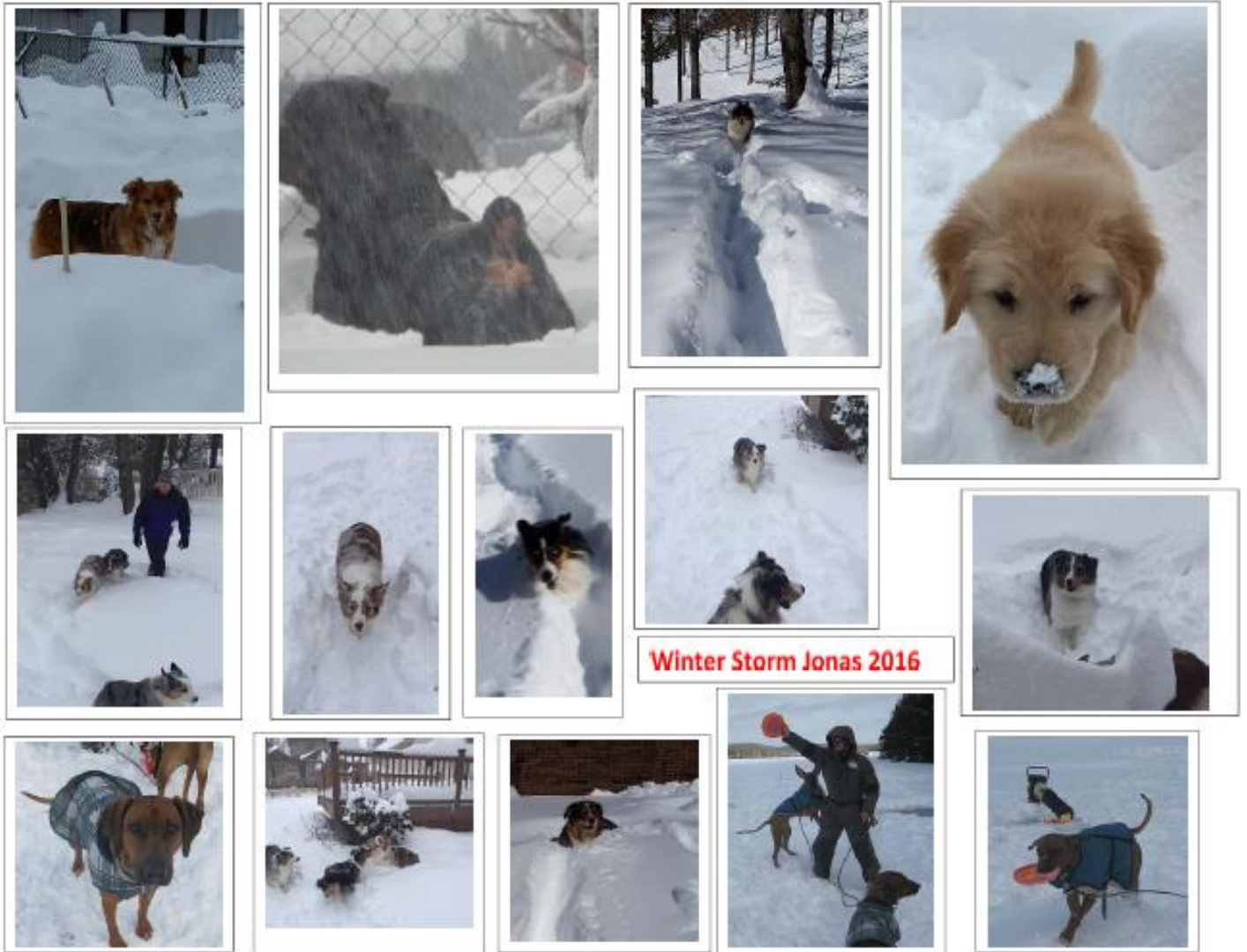
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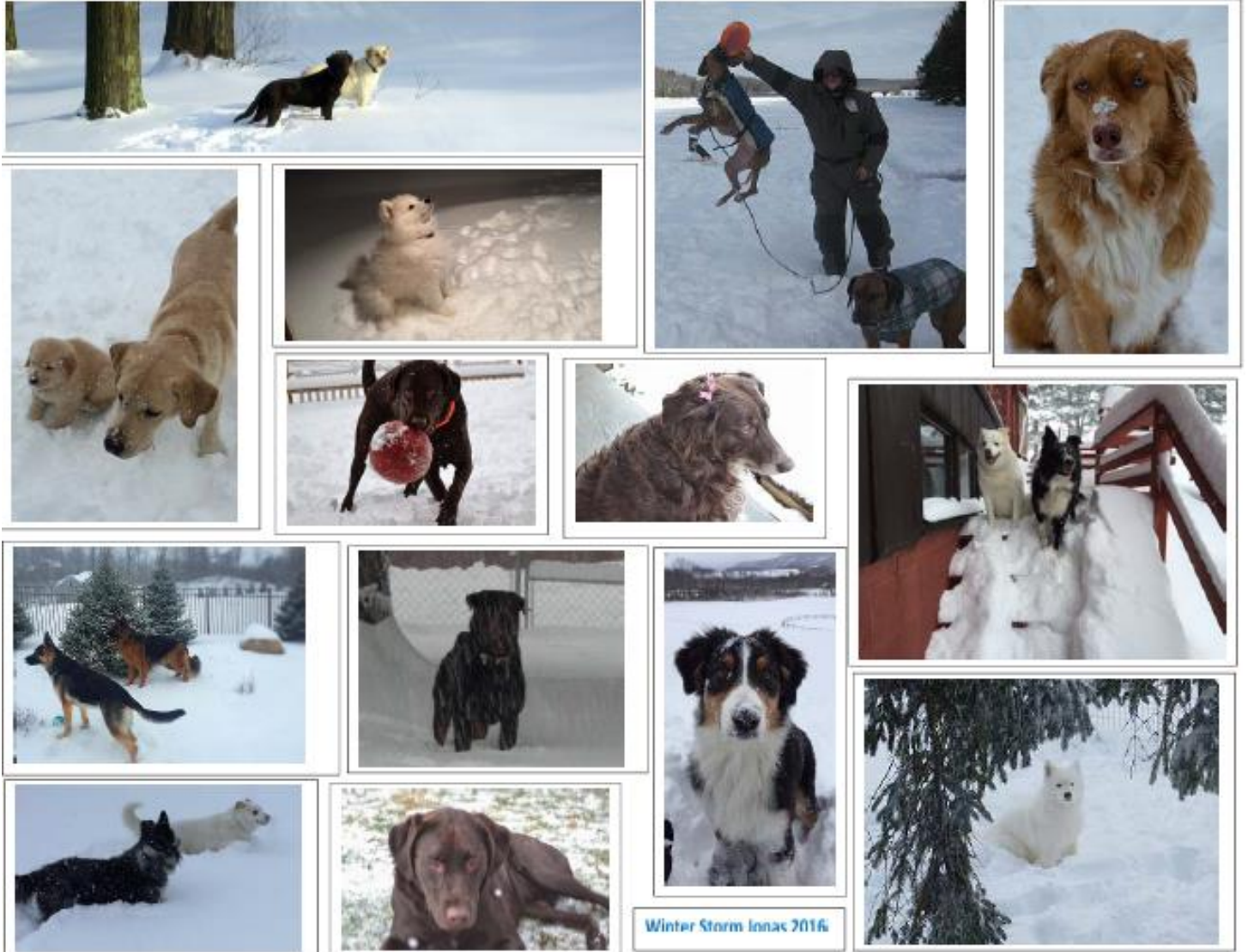
- Nancy Porta's "Rooney," BISS GCH Jana Armitage Freelance OA NAJ NF CGCA was 'select dog' at 3 Rivers Shetland Sheepdog Club specialty.
- Nancy's "Minnie," Jana Kandisweet Minerva was WB BW for 2 points from the 6-9 class at St Joseph KC on 3-7-16.

Therapy:

- January 2016, Daisy Mae, Shetland Sheepdog owned by Diana Teeter, earned her THDA (AKC Therapy Dog Advanced) title. Daisy Mae visits many nursing homes. She has a contagious way of cheering up the residents. Daisy Mae has many special friends and they all look forward to each and every visit.









**ALTOONA AREA KENNEL ASSOCIATION, INC.
AKC AWARD PLAQUES/ATTACHMENTS FOR THE 2015 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 PCD PCDX	RAE RE RA RN	MACH MX MJC MXG MJG MXS MJS MXB MJB MX MXJ AX AXJ OA OAJ NA NAJ	PAX MP MJP MP MJP MPS MJP MPB MJP MX MJP AXP AJP OA OJP NAP NJP	FTC FTCP MF MFPC MF MFPG MFS MFPS MFB MFPB MXF MFP XF XFP OF OFP NF NFP		SH MNH MH JH	CT VST TDX TDU TD
THD	CGC							

- If you earned **AKC titles** on your dog in 2015, 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 AAKA, Inc. will pay for your **AKC Titles!** Members may purchase additional Plaques/Attachments for co-owners--cost \$42 (plaque) and \$17 (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 18, 2016. If you have questions regarding the plaques or attachments, please call Amy Sheehan at 814-695-1309. **(Open in Word to type on form)**

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 _____

Please check the Club Events Below that you worked at in 2015:

Agility Trials:
 Apr. 24 Apr. 25 Apr. 26
 July 24 July 25 July 26

Breed/Obedience/Rally Show:
 Sept. 4 Sept. 5 Sept. 6