



PUPPY PATTY

ALTOONA AREA KENNEL ASSOCIATION, INC.

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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: Darlene Ormsby, dormsby2@atlanticbb.net; 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**, Thursday– Anne Schettig, 886-2371.
- **Agility**, Saturday, 8:30, 9:30, 10:30 & 11:30 a.m.– Nancy Porta, 224-0295.
- **Pre-Agility**, Tuesday, Ongoing, 6 p.m.– Nancy Porta, 224-0295.
- **Rally Class**, 2nd and 4th Thursday, 7 p.m.– Darlene Ormsby, 224-5650.
- **Puppy K**, Started Jan 30th, Monday, 6 p.m. – Kelly Corl, 207-1635.
- **Social Obedience Skills**, Started Jan 30th Monday, 7 p.m.– Kathy Pike, 330-5652.
- **Novice Obedience**, Started Jan 30th, Monday, 8 p.m.– Kathy Pike, 330-5652.

Note about Pre-Agility Class!

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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 to Darlene at Dormsby2@atlanticbb.net.

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.

Breeder Referral:

If you have not already done so, please contact Kathy Pike or Larry Wilson 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!

2017 All Breed Dog Show (May 2017):

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.

AAKA Good Sportsman's Award Nominations Due Feb. 27

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 28, 2017. 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, Kathy Pike and Kelly Corl.

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

Thanks,

Dar

2016 Banquet and Awards Info:

The annual AAKA, Inc. Banquet will be on Tuesday, April 25, 2016. 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. This is always a nice and relaxing evening to enjoy the company of your AAKA friends. More details will be sent out soon.

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 2016 are eligible. Deadline to order an award is Friday, **March 17, 2017**. 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 2016 Plaques and Attachments (titles earned last year) at the 2017 Awards Banquet, you must have worked at least two AKC/AAKA club sponsored events (Agility Trials and/or Breed Show). Please be sure to check in with your Chairperson at events so you are recorded as working. NO EXCEPTIONS!!

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President's Letter: 😊

Hi All,

And so begins 2017. Not off to a good start. Friends with health issues – friends with such serious health issues and a bully who ate a toy about a foot and a half long. But what affects us mostly is the death of our cluster chair and such a good friend, Jim Martin. This was a brutal senseless act that has left our cluster shows just reeling. We are all working together to try and get our weekend up and running even without Jim. For this year's May show, Mark Kennedy will be the cluster chairman. Jim did so much that all the clubs will have to divide many of Jim's jobs among the three clubs. So we will need people to help out as they can. More info to come.

Thanks to Mary Jo Reese for helping with the Christmas party and Kathy Pike for providing the entertainment among all the other duties involved. Thank you, Kelly Corl, for collecting and delivering the dog items for Mending Hearts. Many thanks to those who brought items to donate.

Gaines award is coming so think of someone who you would like to nominate. Please get your nominations to Darlene. Tammy Perkins is head of the nominations committee this year. If you are asked to serve on this committee- please help out. Also, get your 2016 awards in order. Remember that you must have worked at 2 events at either our agility trials or our all-breed show.

Classes- Some new class sessions just started at the end of January. Get in touch with instructors for more information. Our Pre-Agility class is offered once a year in October. So if you are interested in this class please let Mark or Nancy know because this class fills up quickly.

Can't think of much else.

Hopefully 2017 will come around and be better for all of us.

Please pray for our members, families, and our country.

Anne

President, AAKA, Inc.

AAKA, Inc. Officer and Board Nominations

The AAKA, Inc. 2017 nominating committee is led by Chairperson Tammy Perkins. 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 28th, 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: Hostess, Amy Sheehan	February 21
General Membership Meeting: Fire Safety with Altoona Arson Dog	February 28
Board Meeting: Hostess, Nancy Porta	March 21
General Membership Meeting: How to find a lost dog	March 28
Board Meeting: Hostess,	April 18
General Membership Meeting: Awards Banquet	April 25

Check us out online!



Altoona Area Kennel Association Inc.

Or on our website at:

<http://www.aakainc.com>

Did you see this???:

Pentobarbital found in dog food, company issues recall

<http://www.sfgate.com/news/article/Dog-food-recalled-contains-harmful-barbiturate-10908531.php>

10 Dog Apps That Are Barking Genius

<http://www.brit.co/10-dog-apps-that-are-barking-genius/>

How do you make new friends as an adult? Be like the golden retriever

<https://qz.com/887413/how-do-you-make-new-friends-as-an-adult-be-like-the-golden-retriever/>

9 Puppy Bowl Pit Bull Pups Wearing Your Fetch Flower Crowns

<http://people.com/pets/puppy-bowl-pit-bull-pups-wearing-flower-crowns/dog-flower-crowns-5-2000>

Newsletter Brags and Pictures:

Braggs 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 newsletter the editor also reserves the right to hold a picture for a future newsletter.

Braggs:

Agility:

- MACH Gypsy Valiant Victor (BO) MXB, MJB, BN, RE, XF, CGCA owned by Kathy Pike, had a double Q and first place time 2 beat finish on Friday and a double Q on Sunday at the Nita Nee trial. Bo also had a double Q on Saturday and a first place premier JWW Q on Saturday and a standard Q on Sunday at the Mount Nittany Trial.

Conformation:

- Three Rivers SSCGP, 6-9 class, JANA Ticket To Ride (Ch Silverado Coastal Mocha Latte x Barwoods Harmony) was Runner Up in Sweeps under Janeen Simpson and 4 pt RWD under Dianne Hawes. Congratulations Nancy Porta, Don Ormsby, and "Ryder". Special thanks to Carol Metz for handling this handsome fellow!!





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 AKC AWARD PLAQUES/ATTACHMENTS FOR THE 2016 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 MXC MJC MXG MJG MXS MJS MXB MJB MX MXJ AX AXJ OA OAJ NA NAJ	PAX MPC MJPC MPG MJPG MPS MJPS MPB MJPB MXP MJP AJP OJP NJP	FTC FTCP MFC MFPC MFG MFPG MFS MFPS MFB MFPB MXF MFP 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 2016, 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 17, 2017. 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): _____		Abbrev. _____		Date: _____		Please check the Club Events Below that you worked at in 2016: Agility Trials: Apr. 29 <input type="checkbox"/> Apr. 30 <input type="checkbox"/> May 1 <input type="checkbox"/> July 29 <input type="checkbox"/> July 30 <input type="checkbox"/> July 31 <input type="checkbox"/> All Breed Show: May 26 <input type="checkbox"/>	
Title Earned: _____	For Title: _____	Abbrev. _____	For Title: _____	Date: _____			
Additional Title: _____	For Title: _____	Abbrev. _____	For Title: _____	Date: _____			
Additional Title: _____	For 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 _____	