



# PUPPY PATTTER

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!!

## Contact List

### Membership List

Tammy Perkins.  
For additions or corrections to the membership list, please contact Tammy via email at [tammyp935@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:kpike@atlanticbbn.net) or call 330-5652; or email Larry at [larryelmer@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:larryelmer@gmail.com) so she can send them a card from the club.

### AAKA Web Page [www.aakainc.com](http://www.aakainc.com).

To have news, events, or notices posted to the club's website, contact: Darlene Ormsby, [dormsby2@atlanticbb.net](mailto:dormsby2@atlanticbb.net); or Amy Sheehan (newsletter), [amy\\_sheehan@verizon.net](mailto:amy_sheehan@verizon.net)

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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**, 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**, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, 7 p.m.– Darlene Ormsby, 224-5650.
- **Puppy K**, Sign up now for spring class, Monday, 6 p.m. – Kelly Corl, 207-1635.
- **Social Obedience Skills**, New Class April 10, Monday, 7 p.m.– Kathy Pike, 330-5652.
- **Novice Obedience**, Ongoing, Monday, 8 p.m.– Kathy Pike, 330-5652.

### Note about Pre-Agility Class!

Our club offers a Pre-Agility class annually. The start date is usually in October. This is an ongoing class after the initial 6-week session. Dog/handler teams are limited. This class fills QUICKLY -- many times before the class is announced. If you wish to attend this class, notify Nancy Porta IN WRITING: [Nporta9730@atlanticbb.net](mailto:Nporta9730@atlanticbb.net) Your name will be added to the sign-up roster when Nancy gets your email. It is advised to keep in touch with Nancy every month or so to validate continued interest. Dogs need basic obedience skills and a reliable 'sit/stay.' Contact Kathy Pike to join an obedience class: [kpik@atlanticbbn.net](mailto:kpik@atlanticbbn.net).

### New Applications:

Sarah Moore  
2994 S. Madden Road  
Hustontown PA 17229  
[Shmoo1229@gmail.com](mailto:Shmoo1229@gmail.com)  
Labradoodle

Kay Tyberg  
1012 E. Atlantic Ave,  
Apt #2  
Altoona, PA 16602  
[Tybergkay7376@yahoo.com](mailto:Tybergkay7376@yahoo.com)  
Border Collie

Deb Bunnell and Roger Bunnell  
722 Clark St.  
Hollidaysburg, PA 16648  
[debunnell@atlanticbb.net](mailto:debunnell@atlanticbb.net)  
Pembroke Welsh Corgi

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### 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.*

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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](mailto: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](mailto:Dormsby2@atlanticbb.net).

### 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!

### OFA Eye Clinic:

The Altoona Area Kennel Association, Inc. is holding an OFA Eye Clinic with Dr. Ronald C. Riis from Cornell University on Saturday, August 19, 2017, at the club building in Duncansville, PA. The cost is \$43 for the first dog and \$40 for each additional dog. Appointments must be pre-registered with Kathie Crist by Friday, August 11, 2017. For additional information or questions, contact Kathie at [karafast@live.com](mailto:karafast@live.com) or call 814-623-8680 in the evening. A flyer is on the website and attached on the last page (Page 7-8) with eye clinic details and registration form. Please feel free to pass this information on to other dog owners.

### April Agility

AAKA Agility trial is April 29-30 at Latrobe. Can you come and help?? We need lots of workers to run this trial smoothly. I'm working on the schedule today so please let me know as soon as possible if you can help! No experience necessary, we will show you what to do and all jobs are EASY!! We are setting up on Friday, April 28, at 1:30 p.m. and can use some people for setup also!

## 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.

Help is needed to clean the cafeteria at the Lawrence County Fairgrounds (New Castle PA) on Sunday, May 21, 2017, in preparation for our breed show. The more people we have the faster it goes. We will meet at the fairgrounds cafeteria building at noon. Please bring cleaning supplies. Please contact Anne if you will be coming to help. This does count as an activity day for your 2017 plaque/attachment.

## President's Letter: 😊

Hi All,

Hope to see you all at the banquet. Good food, good people, good fun- and no clean up! The banquet is the last Tuesday in April so get in touch with Kathy P. with your reservation.

Our agility trial is soon upon us. Hopefully, you can enter and if not please try to come over to help work. Lots of people are needed to keep it running like a clock. If you can help set up Friday at 1:30 please consider coming. The more people the faster it moves along.

Show in May- Memorial Day weekend. I know it is hard for many to come over on a Thursday but maybe you would be willing to come on the Sunday before to help clean. It is the only task our club is responsible to complete. If you are planning to attend on Thursday, I will have a list or something to sign so that they have your name at the gate. Kathy will try to have specific jobs for all. No one will be assigned to anything to long- just so no one is stuck all day!

Since Jim Martin died it has definitely been a struggle with the cluster. A couple of the meetings were a little rough but the last one we had was much more harmonious. Please throw in a couple of prayers that all goes well.

Wanting Spring – not wanting snow!!!!

Please keep family, friends, troops, and our country in your prayers.

Anne

President, AAKA, Inc.

## Calendar:

<b>General Membership Meeting: Awards Banquet</b>	April 25
<b>AAKA Agility Trial in Latrobe</b>	April 29-30
<b>Board Meeting:</b>	May 16
<b>General Membership Meeting: Amy's Trip</b>	May 23
<b>AAKA Breed Show: Memorial Classic All Breed Dog Show</b>	May 25
<b>Paws In The Park: Tamsen Nuss</b>	June 3
<b>Board Meeting: Hostess, Anne</b>	June 20
<b>General Membership Meeting: Humane Society</b>	June 27
<b>Board Meeting: Hostess, Kathie</b>	July 18
<b>General Membership Meeting: Picnic</b>	July 25
<b>Board Meeting: Hostess, Darlene</b>	Aug 15
<b>O.F.A. Eye Clinic</b>	Aug 19
<b>General Membership Meeting: Picnic</b>	Aug 22

## Paws In The Park

Mark your calendar for Saturday, June 3, to represent the AAKA at the "Paws in the Park" event at Legion Park in Hollidaysburg. Tamsen Nuss is organizing demos for Altoona Area Kennel Association members to participate in the Humane Society's Paws in the Park event at Legion Park, held on Saturday, June 3 (rain date, June 4), from 10 AM to 4 PM. There will be two agility demonstrations and a "Meet the Breeds" area where people can meet our dogs and ask questions about the breed and/or our organization. There will also be a table with information on "Responsible Dog Ownership". Watch your email for more information and details from Tamsen closer to the event as she will need help for this event.

## 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 **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.

## Did you see this???:

What dogs actually mean when they look guilty, according to science:

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation-now/2017/04/17/what-dogs-actually-mean-when-they-look-guilty-according-science/100565530/>

This gadget lets you play fetch with your dog even when you're at work

<http://metro.co.uk/2017/04/10/this-gadget-lets-you-play-fetch-with-your-dog-even-when-youre-at-work-6563876/>

Talking to Your Pets Is a Sign of Intelligence, Science Reveals

<http://www.housebeautiful.com/lifestyle/kids-pets/news/a8455/talking-to-pets-sign-of-intelligence/?src=socialflowTW>



**Ronald C. Riis, DVM, MS,  
Diplomat, American College  
of Veterinary  
Ophthalmologists**

**Education and Training**

Cornell University, Master of  
Veterinary Science, 1975  
Cornell University, Resident,  
Comparative Ophthalmology, 1974  
Internship, College of Veterinary  
Medicine Cornell University, 1972  
University of Minnesota, DVM, 1971

**Board Certification**

Diplomat - American College of  
Veterinary Ophthalmologists  
(DACVO)  
American Society of Clinical  
Pathology (MT/ASCP) Cytology &  
Histopathology

**Directions to the Club Building:**

**FROM CRESSON:**

Follow Route 22 East. Take the last exit before the I-99 Interchange, the Hollidaysburg/Duncansville Exit Route 764. Remain in the left lane for Route 764 North Altoona. Once you merge onto Route 764 North, you should immediately get into the left lane as you will be making a left turn at the first signal light onto Carson Valley Road. This intersection is marked by the Carson Valley Cemetery on your left and Beck Chiropractic on your right. Smith Furniture is beyond the intersection on your right. After making your left turn onto Carson Valley Road follow the directions from \*\* in the I-99 South or North directions.

**FROM HOLLIDAYSBURG:**

Get to the Meadows Intersection (North Juniata Street and Plank Road). If you are on North Juniata Street, proceed straight through the signal light at the Meadows Intersection. If you are Southbound on Plank Road, turn right at the signal light at the Meadows Intersection. If you are Northbound on Plank Road, turn left at the signal light at the Meadows Intersection. Proceed straight to the first stop sign after the Allegheny #1 Elementary School on your right. Turn right at the stop sign and then make first left turn. After making the left turn you will be on the extension of Carson Valley Road on the east side of Route 764. There will be a signal light at the intersection with Route 764. Proceed straight through the signal light and follow the directions from the \*\* in the I-99 South or North directions.

**FROM I-99 SOUTH OR NORTH:**

Take Exit 28, the Route 22 West Exit, to Ebensburg. Once on Route 22 West, take

the First Exit, Hollidaysburg / Duncansville / Altoona for Route 764. Get into the left lane for Route 764 North to Altoona. Once you have merged onto Route 764 North, you should immediately get into the left lane as you will be making a left turn at the first signal light onto Carson Valley Road. This intersection is marked by the Carson Valley Cemetery on your left and Beck Chiropractic on your right. Smith Furniture is beyond the intersection on your right. After making your left turn onto Carson Valley Road, \*\*proceed straight up Carson Valley Road for 1.2 miles. As you approach the 1.2 mile mark, you will notice the overpass (bridges) for Route 22, slow down, you will make a right turn onto Longview Drive adjacent to the overpass. Follow Longview Drive for 2/10 of a mile and turn right onto Basal Lane to the building. The lane takes you straight into the building.

**FROM ALTOONA ON ROUTE 764 SOUTH:**

Follow Route 764 South out of Altoona towards Duncansville. As soon as you pass Veeder-Root (Manufacturing Plant) on your right, make the right turn at the signal light onto Carson Valley Road and follow the directions from the \*\* in the I-99 South or North directions. This is the first intersection as the road widens to four lanes for the remaining distance to Duncansville. If you pass the Route 22 Interchange, you have gone too far!

**FROM DUNCANSVILLE ON ROUTE 764 NORTH:**

Follow Route 764 North towards Altoona. Immediately after the Route 22 Interchange, get into the left lane and make the left turn at the signal light onto Carson Valley Road. Then follow the directions from the \*\* in the I-99 South or North directions.

First Dog: \$43.00  
Each Additional Dog: \$40.00

(Checks made payable to A.A.K.A.)  
Please complete the form below and  
return it to: Kathie Crist

P. O. Box 241  
Bedford, Pa. 15522

Questions, please call or email:  
(814) 623-8680 / evenings  
Email: [karafast@live.com](mailto:karafast@live.com)

Appointment times will be mailed  
on Friday, August 11, 2017.

Detach here-----

Eye Clinic Appointment(s)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Dogs \_\_\_\_\_

Breed \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



# O.F.A. EYE CLINIC

With

**Dr. Ronald Riis,  
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*Sponsored by the  
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(1<sup>st</sup> right off Longview Drive)  
Duncansville, Pa.*

**Saturday, August 19, 2017**

***Appointments by  
pre-registration only  
Deadline: August 11th***