



# 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!!

## 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 814-935-0537. 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:

- **Puppy K**, Monday, 6 p.m. – Kelly Corl, 207-1635.
- **Social Obedience Skills**, Monday, 7 p.m.– Kathy Pike, 330-5652
- **Pre-Agility**, Tuesday, 6 p.m.– Nancy Porta, 224-0295.
- **Handling**, Thursdays, 6 p.m.– Anne Schettig, 886-2371.
- **Rally Class**, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, 7 p.m.– Darlene Ormsby, 224-5650.
- **Agility**, Saturday, 8:30, 9:30, 10:30 & 11:30 a.m.– Nancy Porta, 224-0295.

## 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 a Social Obedience Class: [kpik@atlanticbb.net](mailto:kpik@atlanticbb.net).

### New Member Applications:

Rosemary E. Recard  
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 472 Spruce Pine Dr.  
 McConnellsburg, PA 17233  
 Brittany

Beirne Beaty  
[Zilphaoats2000@yahoo.com](mailto:Zilphaoats2000@yahoo.com)  
 5900 California Ave.  
 Altoona, PA 16602  
 Rescue, Bullies

### New Member Applications:

Richard and Naci Hall  
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 307 Baker Lane  
 Altoona PA 16601  
 Bichon Frise

Susan Williams  
[swilliams310@atlanticbb.net](mailto:swilliams310@atlanticbb.net)  
 310 26<sup>th</sup> Ave  
 Altoona PA 16601  
 Dachshund, Pembroke Corgi, Cardigan 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!

## AAKA Good Sportsman's Award Nominations Due Feb. 26

Hello All

Take time today 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](mailto:Dormsby2@atlanticbb.net) by February 26. 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](mailto: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 27, 2018. 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, Kelly Corl, and Don Ormsby.

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

Thanks,

Dar

## White Elephant Auction at February 27<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting!

What is the White Elephant Auction, you say? It's a fun filled evening where you can bring your "usable" unwanted items along with you to the AAKA meeting for an auction where you can bid on items brought by everyone. This is a great way to "re-gift" your unwanted items and find some NEW TREASURES to take home for pennies on the dollar. It's also a wonderful chance to get rid of some of those good, usable, unwanted items, and to bid on some treasures! It's like going to a yard sale, except our auction hosts (Usually the duo of Helen and Tamsen) will reel you in with exciting bids! :) Everything but clothing and tires are accepted. Usually these items are bought for pennies on the dollar, yes pennies, pennies, pennies. It is a fun meeting and also a fundraiser for the club. All proceeds benefit the AAKA. So gather up those unwanted items and bring them along to the AAKA meeting for the auction and find some new treasures, too!

## 2018 All Breed Dog Show (May 2018):

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 four large baskets, filled to the brim. Member's generous donations allow us to make a large, pure profit on these raffles. Stuffing four baskets uses a lot of items, please be generous. Please considering buying items that you would like to receive in a basket. Also, for ease of assembling baskets, please consider donating four of the same item. 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, Inc. Officer and Board Nominations

The AAKA, Inc. nominating committee consists of Chairperson Kathy Pike, Mari Jo Reese and Tina McMullen. Alternate member to the nominating committee is Karen Burk. The committee will present a slate of officers and board members to the secretary by February 15<sup>th</sup> 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 27, 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

## Banquet and Awards Info:

The annual AAKA, Inc. Banquet will be on Tuesday, April 24, 2018. 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 7-8). Only AKC Titles earned in **2017** are eligible. Deadline to order an award is Tuesday, **March 13, 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 2017 Plaques and Attachments (titles earned last year) at the 2018 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!!**

## Calendar:

<b>Board Meeting: Hostess, Amy Sheehan</b>	Feb 20
<b>General Membership Meeting: White Elephant Auction</b>	Feb 27
<b>Award Forms are Due</b>	March 13
<b>Board Meeting: Hostess, Nancy Porta</b>	March 20
<b>General Membership Meeting: Navigating AKC Website</b>	March 27

## President's Letter: 😊

Hi Everyone,

Another year down and a bright one ahead. Let's make 2018 a year of kindness and good will. We have the Jak's owner, Michael, coming to speak in January. He seemed excited to do this.

The first couple of months are somewhat quiet and then we start off with our agility trial followed by our all-breed show. If you can help out with the all-breed- please try and do so. This is our most important event and the more people who can help- the better.

Many thanks to Kathy and Mary Jo for the Christmas party and God bless everyone who brought something for mending hearts- you're great!

My thanks goes to all our teachers who help all year long. Don't know what we would do without you.

Lots of people help in all different ways- just too numerous to mention- but thank you for all the time you give to the club. More to come as we get started.

Prayers for members, families, troops and country

Best,

Anne

President, AAKA, Inc.

## Check us out online!



Altoona Area Kennel Association Inc.

Or on our website at:

<http://www.aakainc.com>

## Did you see this???

Link to 2018 Westminster Kennel Club judging program:

[https://www.westminsterkennelclub.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/jpg491\\_2018.pdf](https://www.westminsterkennelclub.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/jpg491_2018.pdf)

Chinese Zodiac, and 2018 is the Year of the Dog: <http://metro.co.uk/2018/01/26/date-chinese-new-year-year-dog-7264210/>

Cases of rare dog disease 'Alabama Rot' on the rise as first case is confirmed in Powys:

[http://www.countytimes.co.uk/news/15900906.Cases\\_of\\_rare\\_dog\\_disease\\_39\\_Alabama\\_Rot\\_39\\_on\\_the\\_rise\\_as\\_first\\_case\\_is\\_confirmed\\_in\\_Powys/](http://www.countytimes.co.uk/news/15900906.Cases_of_rare_dog_disease_39_Alabama_Rot_39_on_the_rise_as_first_case_is_confirmed_in_Powys/)

Abandoned dog lands the role of a lifetime: <https://www.mnn.com/family/pets/stories/cinnamon-dog-shakespeare-play>

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

## Brag:

### Lure Coursing:

- DC Diamond's Hawke Soaring Thru The Triple R MC LCX CA CGC, owned by Robin Quist, got his Lure Coursing Excellent Title on November 12, 2017 in Ohio. On December 3, 2017, Hawke placed second in Specials, at the AKC National in Limestone, TN. He also tied for the top scoring Dual Champion of the weekend at the AKC National. On December 17, 2017, Hawke got his Master Courser Title in Littlestown, Pa and he finished up 2017 in Limestone, TN with 3 consecutive BOB's. As of December 2, 2017, Hawke is recognized by the AKC as an "Achiever Dog".
- DC Diamond's Hawke Soaring Thru The Triple R MC LCX CA CGC (Picture below) ended 2017 with these standings in lure coursing - #1 AKC Rhodesian Ridgeback; #3 AKC/ASFA combined Rhodesian Ridgeback, and #4 AKC Sighthound. Hawke is loved and spoiled by Robin Quist.





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AKC AWARD PLAQUES/ATTACHMENTS FOR THE 2017 YEAR

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

Conformatio	Obedience	Rall	Agility				Fast	Hunting	Trackin
BISS BIS CH CM	HIT OTCH CD CDX UD UDX BN GN GO PCD PCDX <b>CGC CGCA</b> <b>CGCU</b>	RAE RE RA RN	MACH MXC MJC MXG MJG MXS MJS MXB MJB MX MXJ AX AXJ OA OAJ NA NAJ	PAX MP MJP MP MJP MPS MJPS MPB MJPB MXP MJP AXP AJP OAP OJP NAP NJP			FTC FTCP MFC MFPC MFG MFPG MFS MFPS MFB MFPB MXF MFP XF XFP OF OFP NF NFP	SH MNH MH JH <b>Trick</b> TKN TKI TKA TKP	CT VST TDX TDU TD

- If you earned **AKC titles** on your dog in 2017, 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 13, 2018. If you have questions regarding the plaques or attachments, please call Amy Sheehan at 814-695-1309. **(Open in Word to type on form)**



ALTOONA AREA KENNEL ASSOCIATION, INC.  
AKC AWARD PLAQUES/ATTACHMENTS FOR THE 2017 YEAR

Dog's Name (without titles): \_\_\_\_\_

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

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 2017:**

**Agility Trials:**  
Apr. 28  Apr. 29  Apr.30   
July 28  July 29  July 30

**All Breed Show:**  
May 25