



PUPPY PATTER

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Items for publication in Puppy Patter, including articles, show wins, club news, etc., must be submitted in writing by the END of the month. Editor: Amy Sheehan, 240 N. Gail Street; Hollidaysburg, PA 16648
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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 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 Kap1967@hotmail.com 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:

- **Puppy K**, Monday, 6 p.m. – Kelly Corl, 207-1635.
- **Social Obedience Skills**, Monday, 7:15 p.m.– Kathy Pike, 330-5652
- **Pre-Agility**, Tuesday, 6 p.m.– Nancy Porta, 224-0295.
- **Obedience**, Tuesday, 5 p.m.– Marty Strawmier, 330-5652.
- **Handling**, Thursday, 6 p.m.– Anne Schettig, 886-2371.
- **Rally Class**, 2nd and 4th Thursday, 7 p.m.– Darlene Ormsby, 224-5650.
- **Agility**, Saturday, Winter Session,– 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 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: kap1967@hotmail.com or Marty Strawmier to join an Obedience Class: mfairwind@aol.com.

New Member:

Tammy & J.R. Hogan
Thagen7453@icloud.com
 Great Danes

New Applications:

Nick & Mary Jo Carmosino
maryjocarmosino@hotmail.com
 400 Park Ave.
 Cresson PA, 16630
 Shetland Sheepdog

Check us out online!



Altoona Area Kennel Association Inc.

Or on our website at:

<http://www.aakainc.com>

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 to Darlene at 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!

Calendar:

Board Meeting: Hostess, Gary Creamer	Jan 15
General Membership Meeting:	Jan 22
Board Meeting: Hostess, Amy Sheehan	Feb 20
General Membership Meeting:	Feb 27

President's Letter: 😊

Hi Everyone,

It is truly hard to believe that this year is almost over. Where did the time go? We had a year that we should all be proud of. We have had fun doing our show and trials. We've made money hosting an eye clinic and most important we were able to donate to so many worthwhile charities.

We have had so many wonderful speakers on so many different topics- we could not help but learn!

We have had our members teach a wide variety of classes. This is one of the best things we can offer as a club.

We should, as a club, be quite proud of all that was accomplished this year.

So to all the members who have helped out in some way – thank you just is not enough. You are the ones who make this club great and keep it going.

Please, please stay involved- we can't do it without you!

Merry Christmas and may our New Year be healthy wealthy and wise.

Please pray for our club members especially the Van Horn's!

Best,

Anne

President, AAKA, Inc.



Cookin' with Kelly!



Here is the 2nd edition of Cookin' with Kelly.

With the assistance of the "Corl clan", we selected a tasty PUMPKIN flavored treat to ring in the arrival of the holiday season!

BONE Appetite! 



INGREDIENTS

- 2 eggs
- ½ cup canned pumpkin
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons dry milk
- 2 ½ cups flour (wheat is probably better!)
- water

DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.
2. Blend eggs and pumpkin together; add salt, dry milk, and flour.
3. Add water as needed to make the dough somewhat workable.
4. The dough should be dry and stiff, don't be concerned with crumbs being left in the bowl.
5. You will need to mix this with your hands because it is too stiff for an electric mixer.
6. Roll to 1/2-inch thick.
7. Cut into shapes.
8. Place 1" apart on ungreased cookie sheet.
9. Bake for 20 minutes on one side, then turn over and bake another 20 minutes.

Article submitted by Kelly Corl

Corralling Canines & Company



Once you have spruced up for guests, it's time to think of your family pooch! Make sure your pet's ready for friends, family & company

- ✓ **AVOID THE SNIFFLES:** Let guests know in advance of the event that you have a pet so they can take allergy medication if needed.
- ✓ **WALK IT OFF:** To rid your pup of excess energy, take Fido for a long walk before guests arrive
- ✓ **SAY HELLO SAFELY:** Discourage your pet from barking or jumping on guests as they arrive. By way of introduction, have guests hold their hand to their side to be sniffed. Later, they can offer a treat by holding it out on a flat palm. Instruct them to avoid touching the top of the dog's head or staring directly into Fido's eyes which can be interpreted as aggression.
- ✓ **KNOW YOUR PET:** If your dog is not friendly or is fearful/shy around strangers, it's best to crate Fido or keep Fido in a separate room with water, food and toys.
- ✓ **FEED FIDO FIRST:** Feed your pooch before everyone arrives to sit down for dinner. This will calm Fido and help prevent pesky begging under the table.

Article submitted by Kelly Corl

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:

Scent Work:

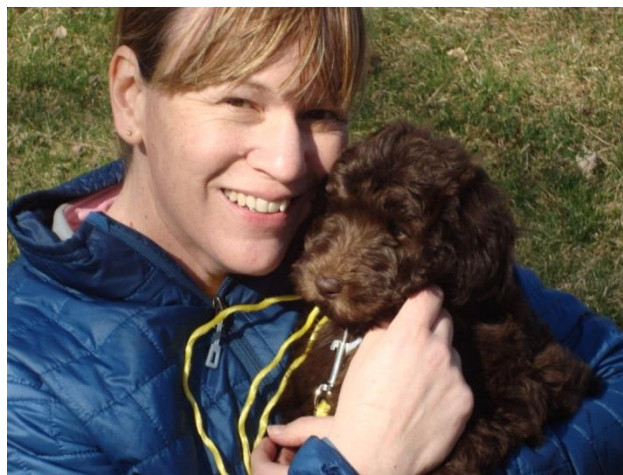
- Ch Centara Jemma Jewel CGCA CGCU FDC TKP SCN SIN Owned by Linda Dobbie. As an AKC Scent Work competitor, Jemma has placed consistently in the top four and earned HIGH in TRIAL with the lowest combined time at the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Scent Work Trial. Jemma received two new Scent Work titles in Novice Containers and Novice Interior. She also gained 2 legs in Novice Exterior and Novice Buried.
- Ch Centara Jemma Jewel FDC TKP SCN SIN SEN received her third leg in Scent Work Novice Buried. She had a 9 second find and placed third in her class of 28 dogs. Jemma completed all four scent work novice elements. That gives her 9 titles for 2018. On to 2019



New AAKA Member Spotlight:



SUE REIMER



1. **What started your passion for dogs?** I have always loved dogs.
2. **What breeds do you currently own?** One poodle/golden retriever mix.
3. **What draws you to those breeds?** I had Saints growing up. My husband is not a dog guy, but he loves me so he knew a dog would be in our future. I thought a Saint might not be the best choice for marital harmony. Scout is a bit neater than a Saint and responds more briskly to commands.
4. **What dog activities or sports do you participate in?** We do some agility training, but mostly Scout keeps the yard free of rabbits and monitors the comfort of the couch in our absence.
5. **Tell us a bit about yourself.** My husband and I just celebrated our 20th wedding anniversary... We have a 15 year old son... I teach Genetics, Molecular Biology, and other fun stuff at Saint Francis University.
6. **What is one thing that most people do not know about you?** My husband and I just celebrated our 20th wedding anniversary... We have a 15 year old son... I teach Genetics, Molecular Biology, and other fun stuff at Saint Francis University.

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New AAKA Member Spotlight:



Michelle Strawmier



- 1. What started your passion for dogs?** I have been a lover of animals since I was very young. We had numerous animals at our house when I was growing up and each one of them was very special to me. I had a duck, several guinea pigs, a rabbit, fish, hamsters, you name it I had it. But my favorite animal was the one I got on my birthday when I was 4 years old, a dog! She was a pure bred French poodle who I named GiGi. She grew up with me and was my constant companion until I was a senior in high school when she passed away. I've always had a dog and so did my husband So it was just natural to have dogs grow up with our son, Christian!
- 2. What breeds do you currently own?** We currently own a Bichon Frise named Layla who is 9 months old. Prior to her we owned two bichons and a Rottweiler/Lab mix.
- 3. What draws you to those breeds?** When I was pregnant with Christian I researched breeds that would be good with children **and** hypoallergenic. I always liked smaller dogs and Bichons were on that list. I had two poodles in my life and Bichons reminded me of the similarities. When we got our Bichon boys I fell in love with their eyes. Bichons have the kindest looking eyes and a sweet disposition!
- 4. What dog activities or sports do you participate in?** Right now we only belong to AAKA as a family. We've always participated in the Humane Society activities and donated to the organization.
- 5. Tell us a bit about yourself.** I am 50 years old and have a husband, Chris and a 15 year old son, Christian. I'm an Outpatient Psychotherapist who works with children and adults. I've worked in the Mental health field since graduating college and enjoy helping people. I like to attend my son's activities of sports and music. Our family are big Penn State fans and have season football tickets. I enjoy reading and going to the movies. The best thing I enjoy is going to the beach!
- 6. What is one thing that most people do not know about you?** Some people don't know that I was organ donor two years ago. My mother was in need of a kidney transplant and unfortunately, we were not a match. We became involved in a national swap that successfully combined 8 people. My kidney went to Madison, Wisconsin and my mother received a kidney from San Francisco, California!

Article submitted by Kelly Corl