



PUPPY PATTER

Altoona Area Kennel Association, inc.

March/April 2019

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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!!

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

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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, 7:15 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 Applications:

Gretchen & John Saboe
1516 Jackson Ave, Altoona PA
Bernese Mountain Dogs
gsaboe@yahoo.com

Katie Musselman
3003 5th Ave, Altoona PA
Sheltie
Katiemusselman459@gmail.com

New Applications:

Daniel & Bonnie Havrilla
P.O. Box 42510 Flinton PA 16640
Belgium Malinois
Shimshake206@gmail.com

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!

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 3, 2019, at the club building in Duncansville, PA. The cost is \$44 for the first dog and \$42 for each additional dog. Appointments must be pre-registered with Kathie Crist by **Monday, July 22, 2019**. For additional information or questions, contact Kathie at 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 27-28 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 26, at 1:30 p.m. and can use some people for setup also!

2019 All Breed Dog Show (May 2019):

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. It is helpful if you provide 4 'like' or similar items to make assembly easier. 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 19, 2019, 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 or McDonalds in Ebensburg at 10 AM to carpool to the fairgrounds. Please bring cleaning supplies. Please contact Anne if you will be coming to help. This does count as an activity day for your 2019 plaque/attachment.

President's Letter:

Hi All, Finally Spring. Praise the Lord! We have a lot going on in the next couple of months. First, I want to thank Kathy for her presentation on conditioning canine companions. We learned lots of new things. Thanks also to Amy for taking us to Paris. The pictures were lovely and I'll bet we had many that wished they could be there. We have our banquet coming up. Let Kathy know if you are planning on attending. Nice meal, nice people, nice night. Amy has done the trophies, so many thanks. The agility trial is the last weekend in April. If you can come and help on Friday- WONDERFUL! We Need Help. The more people that come- the faster the job gets done. I hope everyone who does agility at all has signed up to work on the weekend. You owe that to the club and the teachers who give up their time and energy to work with you. Please, Please sign up. In May we have our all breed show. If you can come out on Sunday before the show to help clean the pavilion it would help us out a great deal. More people = the faster the job goes. And we really do have fun. Please remember our baskets. Bring your items or money to Nancy and she will work her magic in setting them up. In May we have our auction. Start saving now! Don't forget the eye clinic in August. Many many thanks to Kelly Corl who has been a board member. She worked hard and did many things to help out our club. We'll miss you. We want to welcome Jim Underwood as our new board member. Jim has been involved in dogs for many, many years. I am sure he will be a good addition. This club has a great, great board. Without the work that the board does – you would not have much left of a club. Be nice and help out once in a while.

Pray for our members, families, troops, President and country. We all need it.

Best

Anne



Beware of spring toxins

As we welcome the changing of seasons and warm weather, many potential pet hazards arise. Animals often become more curious outside and around the house as we busily transition from the winter to warmer weather.

Mulch products

Cocoa bean mulch is made of discarded hulls or shells of the cocoa bean which are by-products of chocolate production. The tempting chocolate-like smell often attracts dogs and may lead them to eat the mulch. The processed cocoa bean hulls can contain dangerous levels of theobromine and caffeine. It is best to keep dogs a safe distance away or to not use the mulch at all since it can cause vomiting, diarrhea, hyperactivity or seizure.

Fertilizers & Compost

While most are not very toxic (resulting in minor gastrointestinal irritation after consumed), some fertilizers can be fatal without treatment. Rose and plant fertilizers are highly dangerous.

Compost is toxic to pet and wildlife so please keep it fenced off. As the organic matter decomposes, it is common for molds to grow, some of which produce hazardous mycotoxins that can result in sickness and physical distress in as little as 30 minutes when ingested. Symptoms include agitation, panting, drooling, vomiting, tremors and seizures.

Be aware of toxic spring blooms & plants!

Some of the most dangerous spring and summertime threats to pets in the yard are common flowers and plants.

Below is a list of potentially harmful plants seen in the spring months.

TULIPS & HYACINTHS - When tulip plant parts or bulbs are chewed or ingested, it can result in tissue irritation to the mouth and esophagus.

DAFFODILS - These flowers contain lycorine, an alkaloid that triggers vomiting. Ingestion of the bulb, plant or flower can cause severe vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain, and even possible cardiac arrhythmias

SAGO PALM - EXTREMELY HARMFUL; OFTEN FATAL! Popular in warmer climates, all parts of this outdoor and indoor plant including the fronds/leaves, nuts and seeds are especially poisonous to dogs. Ingesting even a small amount can cause severe vomiting, bloody stools, damage to the stomach lining, severe liver failure and, in some cases, death.

Article submitted by Kelly Corl

Calendar:

Board Meeting:	April 16
General Membership Meeting: Award Banquet	April 23
AAKA April Agility Trial	April 27-28
Membership Dues need to be paid by	April 30
Demo at Hillview	May 6
Board Meeting:	May 21
AAKA Breed Show	May 23
General Membership Meeting: White Elephant	May 28



Cookin' with Kelly!



Here is the latest edition of **Cookin' with Kelly**.
 With the assistance of the "Corl clan", we selected something to celebrate SPRING!



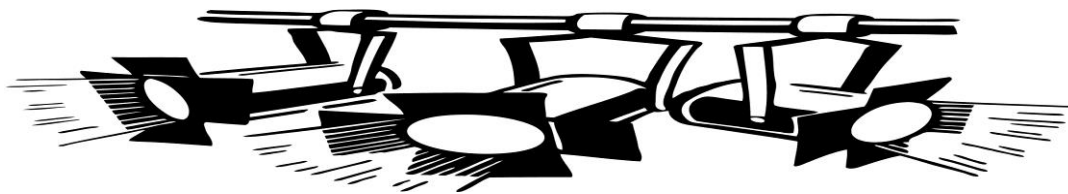
STRAWBERRY BANANA SMOOTHIE COOKIES

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup Strawberries, pureed
- 1 medium Banana, mashed
- 1/4 cup Milk
- 1 1/4 cup Whole Wheat Flour
- 1/2 teaspoon Vanilla Extract

Instructions

- * Preheat oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit and line a baking sheet with parchment paper or a silicone baking mat.
 - * In a large bowl mix all ingredients one at a time, kneading well after each addition.
 - * Roll out dough on heavily floured surface (the dough is very sticky) 1/4 inch thick.
 - * Cut into shapes with the cutter of your choice.
 - * Place cookies 1 inch apart on prepared baking sheet and poke with a fork to prevent air bubbles.
 - * Cook for 15 to 20 minutes.
 - * Cool and refrigerate.
- Article submitted by Kelly Corl



New AAKA Member Spotlight:

Mary Lou Patrick



1. **What started your passion for dogs?** Ever since I can remember, I have just loved dogs and have been drawn to them! As a child, my family had a wonderful Boxer with whom I grew up. I have always, always loved, cherished, and admired dogs—all breeds and all types. Dogs are such fabulous beings. We can learn so much from them. Our lives are truly enriched from living with our wonderful canine friends.
2. **What breeds do you currently own?** I currently have a small Standard Poodle, Valor, who at nine months is 16 3/4 inches at the withers. In Europe, Valor's size is a separate variety called a "Moyen" (French for "Medium"; over 35 cm. and up to 45 cm., which is approximately over 13.8 in. and up to 17.8 in.). In the U.S., any Poodle above 15 in. at the withers is a Standard. I saw my first Moyen when I lived in France.
3. **What draws you to those breeds?** Standard Poodles are joyful, smart, intuitive, active, and loving companions—par excellence for me! They certainly keep you on your toes in trying to out-think them at times. Valor is my fifth Standard Poodle, and my first Moyen. Standards, once mature, are generally calm and sedate inside and quite active outdoors. My Valor, although smaller than the usually seen American Standard Poodle, is somewhat more active inside than my previous Standards, but as he is maturing, I am seeing that he has a nice "on-off switch" when playing and being inside the house. I have two inside Persian cats (both rescues) and my three companions have gotten quite accustomed to one another.
4. **What dog activities or sports do you participate in?** Dog activities are my really only sport. Valor and I are currently training in a variety of areas: Scent work (At 8 months, he earned three qualifying AKC Novice scent-work ribbons)Trick classes (At 9 months, he has just earned his AKC Novice Trick Dog title.)Plus, we are working on training for CGC, Agility, Obedience— and later, Rally and perhaps Therapy.
5. **Tell us a bit about yourself.....**I am a recently retired academic librarian. Years ago, I was trained as a professional dog groomer in New York and owned my own grooming shop in Maryland. For my husband's work, we traveled and lived abroad with our dogs for quite a few years. In addition to dogs, I enjoy reading, walking, traveling, & all things technology.
6. **What is one thing that most people do not know about you?** Hmm...since I am not originally from this area, most people do not know me at all. So, I will say that I earned a Caribbean Championship on one of my Old English Sheepdogs, an AKC Championship on one of my French Bulldogs, and several novice obedience and novice agility titles on my Standard Poodles.

Article submitted by Kelly Corl



**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: \$44.00
Each Additional Dog: \$42.00
(Checks made payable to A.A.K.A.)

Please complete the form below and return it by **Monday, July 22** to:

Kathie Crist
2144 Cumberland Road
Bedford, Pa. 15522

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

Appointment times will be mailed on Friday, July 26.

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, DVM, MS
Associate Professor Of Ophthalmology – Emeritus
Cornell University

Sponsored by the
Altoona Area Kennel Association, Inc.
200 Basal Lane
(1st right off Longview Drive)
Duncansville, Pa.

Saturday, August 3, 2019

Appointments by pre-registration only
Deadline: July 22