



# PUPPY PATER

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](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 [Kap1967@hotmail.com](mailto:Kap1967@hotmail.com) 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)

## 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, 934-5935.
- **Handling**, Thursday, 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, Summer 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](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: [kap1967@hotmail.com](mailto:kap1967@hotmail.com) or Marty Strawmier to join an Obedience Class: [mfairwind@aol.com](mailto:mfairwind@aol.com).

### New Application:

Emily Linberg  
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Huntingdon PA 16652  
[stonevalleylabs@gmail.com](mailto:stonevalleylabs@gmail.com)  
German Shepherd and labs

### New Member:

Katie Musselman  
[Katiemusselman459@gmail.com](mailto:Katiemusselman459@gmail.com)  
Sheltie

### New Members:

Kimberly Stewart  
[KStewartRD@gmail.com](mailto:KStewartRD@gmail.com)  
Belgian Malinois and German  
Shepherd

Phyllis and Casey Kephart  
[cpmkephart@gmail.com](mailto:cpmkephart@gmail.com)  
Standard Poodle

Shelley Williams  
[swilliams@altoonalibrary.org](mailto:swilliams@altoonalibrary.org)  
Shi-poo

### 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.*

## Check us out online!



Altoona Area Kennel Association Inc.

Or on our website at:  
<http://www.aakainc.com>

## 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:

I want to express my sincere appreciation to everyone who helped make our annual eye clinic held on August 3rd a success - those that helped with set up on Thursday evening, those that helped during the day holding dogs, putting eye drops, scanning for microchips, checking people/dogs in, and those that stayed to help with clean up at the end of the day. You all helped in make the eye clinic run smoothly. Dr. Riis examined 101 dogs and 1 cat.

Thank you again for all your help!  
Kathie Crist

## Pet Expo:

The Altoona Mirror Pet Expo will be held on Sunday, **October 20th** at the Blair County Convention Center in Altoona from noon to 4 pm. The Altoona Area Kennel Association will be participating again this year. We will have a "Meet The Breeds" and will be doing demonstrations in Agility, Obedience, Rally, Trick, and Scent and of course a Parade of Breeds.

I encourage everyone to participate at whatever level you can!!! Please contact me ASAP to let me know if you can come, which dog(s) you will be bringing and what demonstrations and at what level you can participate. We will do our best to schedule everyone we can based on time constraints and the number of dogs present.

More details will be sent to members who sign up.

If you have any questions, please let me know. (814) 931-6716; [tamsennuss@gmail.com](mailto:tamsennuss@gmail.com)

THANK YOU!

Tamsen Nuss

Pet Expo Chairman

## Collecting Items for Mountain Lion Backpack Program:

We are collecting for the Mountain Lion Backpack Program again this year to help elementary kids in our area. A flyer is attached with items you can donate. A box will be on the bench at the building for your donations. It is suggested that you buy in bulk one or two items rather than lots of single items from the list.

- Granola Bars
- Oatmeal – individual packets
- Ramen Noodles
- Raisins
- Rice Krispy Treats – individually wrapped
- Pringles – individual servings or small stacks
- Pudding Cups
- Fruit Cups
- Applesauce - individual
- Cheez Its – individual
- Pop Tarts
- Handy Snacks
- Yoo-hoo Drink boxes
- Juice Boxes
- Knorr Rice Packs
- Canned pasta (Spaghetti Os, ravioli's)
- Canned Tuna or Chicken
- Cereal – individual or small boxes
- Cracker packs
- Cookie packs
- Mash Potato Pouches – just add water
- Pancake mix pouches – just add water

## AAKA Holiday Donations:

If you would like to make a suggestion of an organization that could use a donation this holiday season please let an AAKA board member know or attend the September meeting to give your suggestion in person.

## Pre-Agility Class Now Forming!:

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## Letter from the Editor:

Hi All,

I gave Anne the month off from writing the President's letter! So you are stuck with a letter from your editor. I am sure that Anne will thank all our great volunteers for your help during our July Agility trial and our August eye clinic. Without your help and support we would never be able to host these events. Thank you!!!

We have some great presentations and events coming up in the remainder of the year. Please check out the AAKA web page calendar to keep up to date. Don't miss out!!

Please note that if you would like to sign up for the pre-Agility class you must do so **in advance**. This is one of our most popular classes and it does fill quickly. Please see the class section of the newsletter or the above paragraph for instructions on how to sign up for this class. **DON'T MISS OUT!!!**

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

Thanks

Amy

## Calendar:

<b>Board Meeting:</b>	Sept 17
<b>General Membership Meeting: Lisa and Linda Scent Work</b>	Sept 24
<b>Demo at Garvey Manor, 1:30 pm</b>	Sept 29
<b>Board Meeting:</b>	Oct 15
<b>General Membership Meeting: Nancy, Trap Exposure</b>	Oct 22
<b>Pet Expo</b>	Oct 20



## Cookin' with Kelly!



Here is the latest edition of Cookin' with Kelly.

With the assistance of the "Corl clan", we selected something to cool down during

the hot summer weather!



### WATERMELON DOG TREATS

- 2 Cups of Watermelon (Seedless, or if not, then remove the seeds)
- 1 cup Coconut Milk or Coconut Water (NOT ALMOND!)
- 1/4 cup Honey (optional)

All you have to do is take all three ingredients listed above and put them in a blender and puree them! You want the result to be very liquid, just like a juice!

Pour the liquid into some ice cube trays and freeze. Now comes the hard part!

Wait for the ice cubes to freeze! Once they are frozen, feed them to your dogs. The best part about these treats is you can eat them too! As always, give treats in moderation!



## New AAKA Member Spotlight:

### Katie Musselman



**What started your passion for dogs?** I fell in love with dogs watching Lassie as a kid. I only have one dog now, an adorable bi-blue sheltie puppy named Sage.

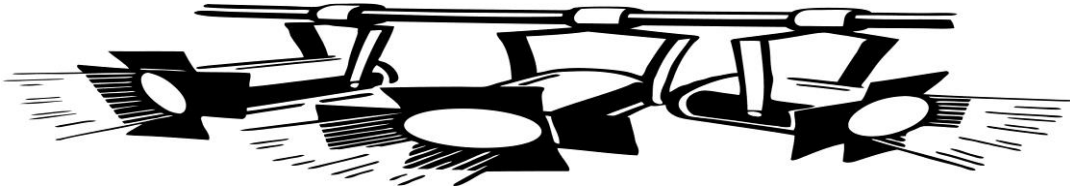
**What draws you to those breeds?** I'm sure he'll have company before long. I love shelties. They're so playful and silly. But at the same time, they have so much energy and willingness to work. Sage is the sixth sheltie I've owned.

**What dog activities or sports do you participate in?** I competed in obedience and agility years ago. So much has changed since then. It's so much fun learning all the new training techniques. Sage is in SOS class now. He's also learning some scent work. He goes to handling class to maintain his social skills. We're fortunate to have such a variety of classes and so many great teachers.

**Tell us a bit about yourself.** When I'm not working or playing with the dogs, I love to go birdwatching. I've been doing it for years. I especially like helping beginners find and see the birds they're looking for.

**What is one thing that most people do not know about you?** One thing people may not know is that I was the clairvoyant soul that talked Nancy Porta into going to her first dog match!





## New AAKA Member Spotlight:

Kim Stewart



**What started your passion for dogs?** I've always had a dog growing up. My 1st dog was a border collie that would love to play frisbee all day. I've always liked dogs that enjoyed outdoor sports. This past spring, I had the opportunity to go to Westminster dog show and it fueled my desire to get a dog specifically for dog sports. While I was there, I fell in love with the Belgian Malinois. I knew how smart they are, but seeing them in the competition ring heightened my desire for their beauty and muscular form. They were so attentive to their handlers with an expression of excitement as to what they were going to do next. I knew that would be my next dog.

**What breeds do you currently own?** 6 year old German Shepherd and 8 month old Belgian Malinois

**What draws you to those breeds?** Smart, strong, protect their family.

**What dog activities or sports do you participate in?** Just finished puppy K and almost done with SOS class with 8-month-old, Rhaegar. I hope to try agility with Rhaegar, scent work, rally, and/or obedience. He is very smart and learns quickly. I need to keep his interest in many things, and he has energy for days. I would love to find a sport he loves and does very well with.

**Tell us a bit about yourself.** I live in Ebensburg and work in Altoona at the VA hospital as a Dietitian. I love being outdoors and active. I also teach indoor cycling and other group exercise classes.

**What is one thing that most people do not know about you?** I just retired after 6 years of Roller Derby! But I still love to Roller Skate!



## New AAKA Member Spotlight:

### Shelley Williams



**What started your passion for dogs?** I had dogs when I lived at home. And when I got married, we just enjoyed having dogs.

**What draws you to those breeds?** We had 2 Boston terriers and loved them very much. We had to put the first one down, then 4 yrs. later we had to put the other one down. I wanted a dog very badly after the last one was put down. My daughter told me about these puppies for sale. I told her to buy one I preferred a girl. I bought a dog unseen. I also named her before we got her. Beatrice is her name and she is a shi-poo.

**What dog activities or sports do you participate in?** We haven't gotten too involved yet with the Kennel Club, but would like to help out when I can. We just do things like playing with Bea at home and walking her.

**Tell us a bit about yourself.** I work at the Altoona Public Library and have been there 24 yrs. I love to knit, crochet, do Zentangle (a form of doodling), and try new things in the craft line. I am in a knitting group I started a while back. at the Roaring Spring Library. I have been married for 39 yrs., and have 3 children, 2 step kids, and 14 grandchildren. And my love for Beatrice is over the top.

**What is one thing that most people do not know about you?** I won tickets to go to a concert in California. We got to see In Living Color, Gun and Roses and Rolling Stone. Wouldn't have been my first choice, but when they are free, it is a once in a lifetime thing.