



# PUPPY PATTERN

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

Kathy Pike.

To rent the building for \$5 (member) or \$10 (non-member accompanying a member) an hour, contact Kathy at [Kap1967@hotmail.com](mailto:Kap1967@hotmail.com) or call 330-5652

### 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)

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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 Bylaws:

It was suggested to make some changes to our AAKA Constitution & Bylaws. Those changes were presented at the February membership meeting and emailed to members for their viewing. Also emailed was the current Constitution & Bylaws for comparison. At the March membership meeting, there will be a vote to approve or not approve the suggested changes to the Constitution & Bylaws.

## 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, 6:15 p.m.– Nancy Porta, 224-0295.
- **Obedience**, Tuesday, 4 & 5 p.m.– Marty Strawmier, 944-1927.
- **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.
- **Therapy Foundations** – Jim Underwood, 330-3494.
- **Agility**, Saturday, 8, 9, 10 & 11am -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:

### New Members:

Stacie Harper

[Ssdixon720@aol.com](mailto:Ssdixon720@aol.com)

Border Collie

Kristen & Zachary Nolan

926 Gillespie Ave.

Portage, PA 15946

[Kmm1461@gmail.com](mailto:Kmm1461@gmail.com)

Australian Shepherds

Jennifer Blair

312 38<sup>th</sup> St.

Altoona, PA 16602

[JBlairpvac@gmail.com](mailto:JBlairpvac@gmail.com)

Golden Retriever

### New Applications:

Tabatha Griffin

906 Jones Street,

Holidaysburg, PA 16648

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

Border Collie & Mixed Breed

Victoria Weber;

214 Wayside Dr.,

Duncansville, PA 16635

[fevlyn@gmail.com](mailto:fevlyn@gmail.com)

Border collie and

Aussie/Elkhound Mix

Anne and Joe Bigler

320 27<sup>th</sup> Street,

Huntingdon, PA 16652

[anne.bigler@gmx.com](mailto:anne.bigler@gmx.com)

English Toy Spaniel

### New Applications:

Tracey Biesecker

184 Sterling Acres Rd.

Altoona, PA 16601

[traceybiesecker@gmail.com](mailto:traceybiesecker@gmail.com)

French Bulldog,

Border Collie/Australian Shepard Mix

Robin, Kevin and Cheyanne Smith

901 Alba Circle,

Duncansville, PA 16635

[rosm2218@gmail.com](mailto:rosm2218@gmail.com)

Rough Collie & Golden Retriever

Sue McKelvey

24 Cochran Drive,

Duncansville, PA 16635

[aloccasions325@gmail.com](mailto:aloccasions325@gmail.com)

Long Haired Miniature Dachshunds

### 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 Club Building Guidelines:

### The AAKA club building is open following current building occupancy guidelines.

In an effort to keep everyone safe, we have developed "New Normal" guidelines for everyone to safely return to the club building. These guidelines are a zero percent policy to continue to use the club building until further notice. We ask that you please bear with us as we work through this "New Normal" procedure and make adjustments as needed.

- Prior to your initial return to the building, we require that you sign a waiver to maintain use of the club building. You can email your signed waiver to Tammy Perkins at [tammyp935@gmail.com](mailto:tammyp935@gmail.com), leave it in the basket inside the door of the club building, or snail mail it to Tammy at 2517 Third Street, Altoona, PA 16601. You cannot enter the building before signing and submitting this waiver.

Nancy Porta, Building Manager, has requested that you report any problem at the building to her as soon as possible at [Nporta9730@atlanticbb.net](mailto:Nporta9730@atlanticbb.net) or call 814-329-2993 (cell); 814-224-0295 (home). If the septic tank alert sounds off, you can silence it, but please notify Nancy immediately so the tank can be pumped.

Kathy Pike, Rental Coordinator, has requested that you contact her to reserve the building at [kap1967@hotmail.com](mailto:kap1967@hotmail.com) or call/text 814-330-5652. For reference in scheduling, rentals will appear on the website calendar; Use the tab "Club Events" and "Calendar":

<http://aakainc.com/club-events/calendar/>. 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 contact Kathy as soon as possible so that the rental can be removed from the website and others can take advantage of using the building. It is preferred that individual rentals do not reserved for more than two consecutive weeks at a time unless no one else wants that particular time slot. As in the past, club classes/events take precedence in building use. Instructors will post a class schedule on the bulletin board and/or on the website calendar so others know when the building is available for use.

Darlene Ormsby, Credits Coordinator, has requested that you complete the credit form and put it in the credit box inside the entrance door at the building. Feel free to contact her with any credit question at [dormsby2@atlanticbb.net](mailto:dormsby2@atlanticbb.net) or text 814-932-5650.

Tammy Perkins, Building Key and New Member Coordinator, has requested that you contact her if you would like to become a member or obtain a key to the building. Feel free to contact her with any membership or building key questions at [tammyp935@gmail.com](mailto:tammyp935@gmail.com) or call 814-935-0537.

## 2019 Plaques and Awards:

The 2019 plaques and awards have arrived. They will be distributed when it is a little safer to do so (Covid cases are down and weather is a little better) because we will have to set up in the parking lot of the AAKA club building. Distribution instructions will be **sent out via email**. Thank you for your patience. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. Congratulations to those who achieved an award in 2019. Please see page 9 for the 2019 awards list.

Amy

## Agility Trial:

The AAKA Agility trial is now open. The AAKA is hosting 2 days of AKC Agility Trials on Sat-Sun **May 1-2, 2021**, at B&D Creekside Activity Center in Latrobe, PA. The Premium List can be found at:

<https://aakainc.com/> or <http://www.furrydogs.com/AgilityTrials.htm>

Don't have an agility dog, but are interested in watching? The AAKA could use your **help** and you will get a great seat to view the action! All you have to do is fill out a worker's form that is listed with the premium or contact Darlene Ormsby. No previous experience is necessary. Come hang out and have a good time with our current workers! You will not regret it.

## Building Cleaning:

Tammy has asked for people to sign up to clean, which is the 2nd and 4th weeks of the month. Just a reminder, if you haven't cleaned in 2020 due to the shutdown, you need to sign up preferably in the first quarter to maintain your key and/or be eligible for your awards to be paid by the club. Everyone is welcome to help clean and it goes faster with 3 or 4 people working together.

## 2021 All Breed Dog Show (May 2021):

Each year the club offers large baskets of dog/people goodies as a raffle at the All-Breed show. Nancy Porta and Darlene Ormsby 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.

## 2020 Plaques and Awards:

At the end of the newsletter is the form to order your **AKC** Title Plaques and Attachments to be presented at a date to be announced (Page 7). **Only AKC Titles** earned in **2020** are eligible. Deadline to order an award is Wednesday, **March 31, 2021**. Award form goes to Amy Sheehan. Please see the form for contact information and more details. The form is also available on the AAKA website. Remember, all outstanding bills to the Club must be paid in full to receive AWARDS!!

To be eligible for 2020 Plaques and Attachments (titles earned last year), you must have worked at least two AKC/AAKA club sponsored events (e.g. Agility Trials) and be a club member in good standing. Please be sure to check in with your Chairperson at events so you are recorded as working. **NO EXCEPTIONS!!**

## AAKA, Inc. Officer and Board Nominations

The AAKA, Inc. nominating committee consists of Chairperson Nancy Porta, Greta Noffske and Robin Quist. Alternate members to the nominating committee are Deb Dively and Ginny Winters. The committee presented a slate of officers and board members at the February membership meeting. Election of the AAKA, Inc. Officer and Board Members will take place at the March membership meeting

## President's Letter:

Hi Everyone,

Well, we seem to be coming back to our glory days. Had a beautiful warm day and now back to February weather- but not as cold. So we have started our classes. Please check the web or teacher to see what is happening. Since we closed the building- some classes have a few classes left. So check to be sure.

Many thanks to Brennen Myers for updating our bylaws and to Darlene for examining and putting forth the club interpretation. The club will be voting on these changes. Please try to get a copy so you are familiar with them.

Nancy was head of the nominating committee and I want to thank her and her committee for getting that done.

We are still working under the 25 people in a room rule. Hopefully that will end.

So coming up we have the Agility trial May 1-2. So far all is well. We will need lots of help! So please come and help out. We will be over at B&D on Friday before trial weekend at 1:30 to set up the rings. Please come help.

Our All-Breed Show is May 27<sup>th</sup>. It is the start of the Memorial Day Cluster. We could use help there also. Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> we will go over to open up the kitchen for the judge's luncheon.

Also, we will need items for the raffle baskets. It would be great if everyone could donate something. It would be a tremendous help. Please see Nancy for donation suggestions. We usually make a nice amount on the raffle baskets.

August is the eye clinic with Dr. Riis. Kathie has all the info for this event.

So that is about it for the time being.

Please take care and stay healthy.

Hope God blesses us all- members, families, friends, and country.

Best

Anne

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## O.F.A. EYE CLINIC

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Association, Inc.  
200 Basal Lane  
(1<sup>st</sup> right off Longview Drive)  
Duncansville, Pa.*

**Dr. Ronald Riis,  
DVM, MS  
Emeritus Professor  
Of Ophthalmology  
Cornell University**

# SATURDAY AUGUST 7, 2021

***Appointments by  
pre-registration only  
Deadline: July 23***

FOR MORE DETAILS PLEASE GO TO [WWW.AAKAINC.COM](http://WWW.AAKAINC.COM) OR VISIT US ON FACEBOOK



## Newsletter Brags and Pictures:

Braggs wanted! When sending your braggs 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.

### Braggs:



#### Therapy:

Daisy Mae, owned by Diana Teeter, earned her TDI Gold Award for "500 visits", October 20, 2020.

Daisy has been visiting hospitals, nursing homes and personal care facilities for many years and made lots of friends which is a wonderful gift. Having visited many residents some call Daisy "their dog". She has spread comfort and joy making a difference in the lives of so many. Daisy was 1 of 3 dogs to receive this award NATIONWIDE in year 2020.



#### Agility:

Molly Mae, owned by Wil Teeter, had a great weekend at Loyalhanna Agility Trial in Latrobe Oct. 24th and 25th. Saturday - she earned a Q in Open Fast, First Place. Sunday - she earned 3 Q's and 3 Titles, Nov Std. (2nd Place), Open JWW (1st Place) and Open Fast (1st Place). Molly accomplished all this in 2020 with most of the trials being cancelled.

**Braggs Continued:**

**Farm Dog Certified:**

“JANA” had a great day “on the farm” thanks to B & D Creekside Activity Center. RBIS MBISS GCHG CH Jana Armitage Freelance FDC AX OAJ NF CGCA CGCU TKN CC, aka “Rooney”; Jana Life of Riley FDC SCN SIN CGCA CGCU TKN ATT, aka “Riley; and Jana Castanet FDC SCN CGC TKN ATT, aka “Netta” are now “Farm Dog Certified”. Netta also earned her Canine Good Citizen and Novice Trick Titles. Rooney and Netta, owned by Nancy Porta and Riley co-owned with Nancy and Don Ormsby loved the goat! Nancy navigated the farm with Netta and Darlene handled Rooney and Riley through the farm!



**Calendar:**

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|---|-----------------|
| <b>General Membership Meeting:</b> RSVP by email                                | <b>March 23</b> |
| <b>Board Meeting:</b>   | <b>April 20</b> |
| <b>General Membership Meeting:</b> “How Does a Dog Show Work?”                  | <b>April 27</b> |
| <b>Agility Trial Setup:</b> B&D Creekside 1:30                                  | <b>April 30</b> |
| <b>Agility Trial:</b> B&D Creekside   | <b>May 1-2</b>  |
| <b>Breed Show Kitchen Cleaning:</b> Lawrence County Fair Grounds, New Castle PA | <b>May 23</b>   |
| <b>Breed Show:</b> AAKA Sponsored Day   | <b>May 27</b>   |

**Check us out online!**



Altoona Area Kennel Association Inc.  
 Or on our website at: <http://www.aakainc.com>



## New AAKA Member Spotlight: Lora Hinkle



### What started your passion for dogs?

I have had dogs as long as I can remember. Their unconditional love and joy is so infectious I can't imagine not having it in my life.

### What breeds do you currently own?

I am currently a fur-mama to two Labrador retrievers. Ember who is almost 6 years old, Copper who is 4 & 1/2 years old and an English Cocker Spaniel named Mocha who is 8 months old.

### What draws you to those breeds?

My husband is an avid outdoorsman and has a passion for hunting breeds. He introduced me to his love for the outdoors and I was smitten. We love the personalities our Labs bring to the table, their eagerness to learn and the passion they have for hunting with their people. We were looking for a smaller breed with similar qualities and were drawn to the English Cocker Spaniel.

### What dog activities or sports do you participate in?

Mocha is a recent Puppy K graduate and has started beginners Agility training. We also take our trio upland bird hunting and they have started this season off with a bang.

### Tell us a bit about yourself...

I have been married to my husband, Don for a little over 21 years. We have raised three children who are now finding their way through adulthood. I work from home for Geisinger as a Pharmacy Reimbursement Coordinator.

### What is one thing that most people do not know about you?

I am an open-minded person who feels very connected to the world around me.

A weird fact about me is that I have no sense of smell.

I look forward to making lots of new friends in the AAKA and am so grateful for this opportunity.





**ALTOONA AREA KENNEL ASSOCIATION, INC.  
AKC AWARD PLAQUES/ATTACHMENTS FOR THE 2020 YEAR  
ONLY AKC TITLES ARE ELIGIBLE TO BE SUBMITTED**

**CLICK THE LINK FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF AKC TITLES AND ABBREVIATIONS:**

<https://www.akc.org/sports/titles-and-abbreviations/>

- AAKA Members are eligible for a Plaque and/or Attachments for their 2020 AKC Titles, paid by AAKA by meeting the following guidelines:
  - Members must work at a minimum of two AKC/AAKA sponsored events on two different days during the calendar year
  - Keyholders must clean the building at least one month during the calendar year (*if unable to clean/building closed, sign up ASAP for 2021*)
  - If you had to submit your own paperwork to receive your title, you must provide a copy of the "AKC Certificate" when submitting this form
  - First owner only on dog is eligible for the award
  - Members may purchase additional Plaques/Attachments for co-owners
  - If anyone did not meet the guidelines, they may purchase the awards
  - Cost is \$42 (plaque) and \$17 (attachment) -- payable to AAKA when submitting your awards
  - If you don't want the awards ordered, but want them published, check the "Publish Only" box below
  - All awards must be submitted on this form by the deadline: March 31, 2021
- If this is your first AKC title, 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. Pending room, you can also have several titles listed on one attachment for 2020.
- **USE ONE FORM PER DOG!** Send form to Amy Sheehan, 240 N. Gail Street, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648, postdated by March 31, 2021. If you have questions regarding the plaques or attachments, please call Amy Sheehan at 814-695-1309. *(Open in Word to type on form)*

Dog's Name <i>(without titles):</i> _____			Dog's AKC #: _____	
Member's Name _____		Phone #: _____		
Title Earned: _____	Abbrev. For Title: _____	Date: _____	Cert. <input type="checkbox"/>	<p align="center"><i>Please check the Club Events Below that you worked in 2020:</i></p> <p><u>Agility Trials:</u> April Cancelled                      July 23 <input type="checkbox"/> July 24 <input type="checkbox"/>      July 25 <input type="checkbox"/>      July 26 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><u>All Breed Show:</u> Cancelled</p> <p><u>ATT Dec. 28, 2019:</u>      AM/PM <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><u>Keyholder Cleaned Building:</u> <input type="checkbox"/></p>
Additional Title: _____	Abbrev. For Title: _____	Date: _____	Cert. <input type="checkbox"/>	
Additional Title: _____	Abbrev. For Title: _____	Date: _____	Cert. <input type="checkbox"/>	
Additional Title: _____	Abbrev. For Title: _____	Date: _____	Cert. <input type="checkbox"/>	
Has this dog earned a Plaque before?    YES _____    NO _____ <i>(Check one)</i>			Publish Only <input type="checkbox"/>	
<p><i>If you have more than one title, do you prefer all the titles be engraved on one plaque, on one attachment, on separate attachments, or one plaque with additional attachments (first time titles only)? (Check one)</i></p> <p>All on one _____    Plaque with attachment _____    Each on separate Attachment _____    Additional plaque/co-owner _____</p>				