



PUPPY PATER

Altoona Area Kennel Association, inc.

April-May 2022

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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

Kathy Pike.

To rent the building for \$5 (member) or \$10 (non-member accompanying a member) an hour, contact Kathy at Kap1967@hotmail.com or call 330-5652; or contact Darlene Ormsby at dormsby2@atlanticbb.net or call/text 814-932-5650.

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 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: Always check club calendar on AAKAinc.com!

- **Puppy K**, Monday, 6 p.m. – Kelly Corl, 207-1635. Now taking signups for October Class!
- **Social Obedience Skills**, Monday, 7:15 p.m.– Kathy Pike, 330-5652 New session soon
- **Obedience**, Tuesday, 4 & 5 p.m.– Marty Strawmier, 944-1927.
- **Pre-Agility**, Tuesday, 6:15 p.m.– Nancy Porta, 224-0295.
- **Handling**, Thursday, 6 p.m.– Kathie Crist, 623-8680
- **Foundation Obedience Competition**, 1st and 3rd Thursday, 7 pm -Barb Hite-Irons
barter@floodcity.net
- **Rally Class**, 2nd and 4th Thursday, 7 p.m.– Darlene Ormsby, 224-5650.
- **Agility**, Saturday, 8, 9, 10 & 11am -Nancy Porta, 224-0295. **Summer Schedule.**
- **Alliance Therapy Dog**, by appointment, Jim Underwood, 814-943-3511

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.

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.

New Members:

Robyn Fatula-Confer &
Tom Schmitt
152 Old Pike Rd
Woodbury PA 16695
Shelties & Golden Retrievers

Carla & Barry Brumbaugh
526 Agway Rd
Martinsburg PA 16662
Labrador Retriever

Danielle & Kiri Dougherty
1240 Foot of Ten Rd
Duncansville PA 16635
All American

AAKA Club Building Guidelines:

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

In an effort to keep everyone safe, we continue to revise the building 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 continue to make adjustments as needed. You can find the revised guidelines and waiver on the club's website: www.aakainc.com.

- Prior to your initial return to the building, you can email your signed waiver to Tammy Perkins at 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 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 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 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 or call 814-935-0537.

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 6, 2022, at the club building in Duncansville, PA. The cost is \$50 for each dog. Appointments must be pre-registered with Kathie Crist by Friday, July 22, 2022. 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

Saturday Agility Summer Schedule:

We are into our summer schedule for the AAKA, Inc. agility classes held on Saturdays. Summer schedule means you pay as you attend. You MUST respond to the weekly email if you plan to attend for that week. If you do not respond to the email that is sent out then it is assumed that you are not attending that week's class. Club members pay \$7.00 each class and non-members pay \$10.00 each class.

Most weeks, unless we have an exceptionally large number of handlers that plan to attend, the classes may be shifted around so please check your emails to confirm your class time.

Thanks for your help to organize the classes (number of handlers who want to attend) to facilitate good training!

If there is anyone that would like to try their hand at instructing a Saturday morning class, please let me know. Darlene or I will be glad to assist you with sequences, etc.

Nancy and Darlene

2022 All Breed Dog Show (October 2022):

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.

April Agility Trial Thank you!

Wow! What a great agility weekend!

1. Thank you, Carol Metz, for chairing the agility trial this past weekend! Thank You!
2. Thank you, Friday setup workers! Setup was smooth after the major cleanout of the middle and rings; and was done in record time! Thank You!
3. Thank you, Saturday and Sunday trial workers, for hopping in without hesitation and covering the jobs to keep the rings running smoothly! Thank You!
4. A special thank you to those who helped the bulk of the day **without having a dog to run!** Thank you! Thank You!
5. Thank you, Sunday cleanup people for putting the facility back as BnD requested; and for hanging in there until the judges and secretaries were done! Thank you!
6. Thank you to the crew that met us at the building and carried everything back up the steps... WOW, that was awesome! Thank you!

Several exhibitors complimented our club and the workers for having a great trial! Couldn't do it without all the volunteers! You all are an awesome team!

Congratulations on the Qs and almost Q's; and just having fun with the dogs and socializing throughout the weekend!

Thank you and thank you some more for a great agility trial!!

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Did You Know...

The newsletter is available on the Club website: www.aakainc.com. No email is needed to access the website and this can be viewed by any computer. Don't have a computer? No problem. Computers are available at any public library.

Membership Card

The AAKA membership cards will only be printed upon request. Please contact Tammy Perkins if you are in need of an AAKA membership card. tammyp935@gmail.com or call 814-935-0537.

July Agility and July/October Fast Cat Premiums

The July 29-31 Agility Trials, July 9-10 Fast Cat Trials, and October 15-16 Fast Cat Trials are open to enter. The premium and entry form for each trial is on the club's website on the Club Event's Tab: <http://aakainc.com/club-events/>.

Calendar:

Board Meeting:	June 21
General Membership Meeting: Reinforcement Strategies, Barb Hite-Irons	June 28
Fast Cat Trial, Latrobe, PA	July 9-10
AAKA Agility Trial, Held at B&D, Latrobe, PA	July 29-31
Board Meeting:	July 19
General Membership Meeting: Picnic	July 26
AAKA Eye Clinic w Dr. Ronald Riis	August 6
Board Meeting:	August 16
General Membership Meeting: How to be a Stewart	August 23
Board Meeting:	September 20
General Membership Meeting: TBA	September 27
AAKA Show at New Castle, PA	October 6-7
AAKA Fast Cat Trial, Latrobe, PA	October 15-16
Board Meeting:	October 18
General Membership Meeting: Marshal Arts, Chelsey T.	October 25
Board Meeting:	November 15
General Membership Meeting: Tik Toc	November 22
General Membership Meeting: Christmas Party	December TBD

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

Fast Cat and Agility:

Remi earned his BCAT at our October trial. He also earned his ACT Jumpers & ACT Standard titles!



Scent:

Shetland Sheepdog, Riley, owned by Don Ormsby and Nancy Porta, finished his Novice Buried Title (SBN) to complete the Novice Elements Title (SWN), finished his Elite Novice Interior Title (SINE), and got a leg in Advanced Containers and a leg in Advanced Interior. Riley now sports some new letters after his name, CH Jana Life Of Riley FDC DCAT SWN SCNE SINE CGCA CGCU TKN ATT. Thank you NNKC and WCOTC for recently holding scent work trials.

**Over The Rainbow Bridge:**

Champ

Owned by: Tammy Perkins

My husband & I were the first of many potential adopters to meet Champ at the shelter. He loved us immediately & the feeling was mutual! We got a call the next Day saying Champ was ours & that he had picked us (he wouldn't even acknowledge any of the other potential adopters).

I started Champ in obedience & it was clear he loved to learn & to work. We went on to do many things together & earn a multitude of titles together. He had titles in Obedience, Rally & Agility, as well as his CGC, CGCA & CGCU. We completed his Novice & Intermediate Trick titles & he had his ATT title as well.

He was definitely mommy's boy & will be terribly missed. Fly High buddy





**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.

Fee Per Dog: \$50.00
(Checks made payable to A.A.K.A.)

Please complete the form below and
return it by **Friday, 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 **Thursday, July 28**

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
Emeritus Professor
Of Ophthalmology
Cornell University**

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

Saturday, August 6, 2022

***Appointments by
pre-registration only
Deadline: Friday, July 22***