



PUPPY PATTER

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 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

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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 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.
- **Social Obedience Skills**, Monday, 7:15 p.m.– Kathy Pike, 330-5652
- **Obedience**, Tuesday, 4 & 5 p.m.– Marty Strawmier, 944-1927.
- **Pre-Agility**, Tuesday, 6:15 p.m.– Nancy Porta, 224-0295. **New Session Starting Soon!**
- **Handling**, Thursday, 6 p.m.– Kathie Crist, 623-8680. **No Handling in December.**
- **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 till Nov 12.**
- **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 Member

Dagmar Caramello
440 Toftrees Ave., Apt. 321
State College, PA 16803
Rhodesian Ridgeback

New Application

Angela Bertram
416 Dutch Rd.
Carroltown, PA 15722
Shetland sheepdogs

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 reserve 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.

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

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.

2022 All Breed Dog Show (October 6-7, 2022):

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.

Volunteers Needed for 2022 All Breed Dog Show (October 6-7, 2022)!

We still need some volunteers to help at the All-Breed shows at New Castle on October 6 and/or 7. If you've never helped at the show, it's a fun time with dogs and people and a great time to visit some cool vendors. Please let me know as soon as possible if you can help. We will need to help New Castle in the kitchen on October 8 and 9 between 10 AM and 2 PM; again, volunteers would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks

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Membership Presentations!

Hi Members! Do you happen to have any topics or ideas for presentations at our membership meetings? If so, we would love to hear them! Please let any of the board members or class instructors know what presentations you would like to see at our monthly membership meetings! Do you have a topic that you would like to present? We are always willing to hear what you would like to present or have presented. Just let us know!

October Fast Cat Premium and Workers

The October 15-16 Fast Cat Trials close on October 8. Entry fee is \$25 per trial and there's two trials per day. You can also enter the day of the trial, but the fee is 30 per trial. The premium/entry form is on the club's website on the Club Event's Tab: <http://aakainc.com/club-events/>. Workers are also needed for this trial. Contact Darlene if you can help. Jobs are easy!

Calendar:

General Membership Meeting: Reinforcement Strategies, Presented by Barb Hite-Irons	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: Martial Arts, Chelsey Tedeschi	October 25
Board Meeting:	November 15
General Membership Meeting: Tik Toc	November 22
General Membership Meeting: Christmas Party	December 13

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.

President's Letter

Hi All,

I can't believe that two thirds of the year is gone! Time to do a check on those training goals that you set back in January. How is it going? Are you on track to meet that goal by the end of the year? There is still time to meet a goal even if you need to have a slight modification. Many times, we set training goals but need to adjust them on the fly because of circumstances that are not under our control. Never give up on the goal, but maybe modify it into smaller more obtainable steps. Maybe you already completed your goal. Why not try something new? We offer many classes that could provide you with new training goals for 2023.

Now that you have done a quick check on your goal, let's check on your eligibility for a 2022 AAKA award (for titles earned in 2022). To be eligible for 2022 Plaques and Attachments (ordered and presented in 2023), you must have worked at least two AKC/AAKA club sponsored events (e.g., Breed Show, Fast Cat, Agility trial) in 2022 and be a club member in good standing. We have 4 more opportunities for you to work at to be eligible for an award next year. The AAKA Breed shows are October 6-7 in New Castle, PA. The next two events are at the AAKA Fast Cat trials on October 15-16 in Latrobe, PA. Please let Darlene know if you can help at any of these events. Please be sure to check in with your chairperson at your events so you are recorded as working. Your help will be greatly appreciated. We cannot hold these events without volunteers to help run them!

Now get out there and finish the year on a positive note. I hope to see you at our next event.

Thank you,

Amy

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