



PUPPY PATTER

Altoona Area Kennel Association, inc.

January-March 2023

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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

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 April Class!
- **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.
- **Handling**, Thursday, 6 p.m.– Kathie Crist, 623-8680
- **Rally Class**, 2nd and 4th Thursday, 7 p.m.– Darlene Ormsby, 224-5650.
- **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 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:

Jacki Walker
Mini-American Shepherd.

Angela Bertram
Shetland sheepdogs

New Application:

Diane Buckwalter
269 Hilltop Road
Lilly PA 15938
Black Labs

Membership Card

The AAKA membership cards will only be printed upon request. Please contact Tammy Perkins membership card. tammyp935@gmail.com or call 814-935-0537.

Pet CPR Infographic- Follow the link

https://www.vet.cornell.edu/sites/default/files/BakerInstitute-CRPIInfographic-01102018_2.pdf

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 enter 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.

2022 Plaques and Awards:

At the end of the newsletter is the form (Page 6) to order your **AKC** Title Plaques and Attachments to be presented at the July picnic. **Only AKC Titles** earned in **2022** are eligible. Deadline to order an award is **March 31, 2023**. 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 2022 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!!



reposted from Reddit.

2023 All Breed Show:

It's that time of year again to sponsor Trophies/Prizes at our All-Breed Shows in May. We must cover trophies/prizes for both of our days of the Memorial Day Cluster of Shows and the list must be submitted soon for publication. We are asking members to contribute \$25 to sponsor a trophy/prize and you will be listed in the premium as the sponsor. If you can sponsor one of the prizes, please let Amy Sheehan know as soon as possible: amy_sheehan@verizon.net. Kathie Crist will bill you for the \$25 after all sponsors have been assigned.

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.

Calendar:

General Membership Meeting: Self Defense, Tom Schmitt	February 28
Board Meeting:	March 21
General Membership Meeting: YuMove/Charles Belavic, Brennen Myers	March 28
Board Meeting:	April 18
General Membership Meeting:	April 25
AAKA, Agility Trial, Held at B&D, Latrobe, PA	April 29-30

2023 Nominating Committee:

The 2023 Nominating committee consists of Phoebe Cohen, Chairperson; Jenn Monroe and Kathleen Pike, Committee Members; and Marycarole Brannigan and Brennan Myers, Alternates. Chairperson Phoebe reported the nominees of 2023 officers/board as follows:

President – Amy Sheehan, Vice President – Nancy Porta, Secretary – Darlene Ormsby, Treasurer – Kathie Crist
 Board of Directors: Ashley Cambridge, Phoebe Cohen, Gary Creamer, Tamsen Nuss and Tammy Perkins.
 Additional nominations will be taken at the February membership meeting and elections will be at the March meeting.

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.

Three Easy Pumpkin Dog Treat Recipes!

Published by AKC Staff

https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/lifestyle/3-pumpkin-recipes-for-dogs/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=nibble&utm_campaign=20220929_nibble_general&utm_content=lfst&lctg=5b85b2ee2ddf9c6fc9ccc099



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.

Conformation:

- Fun weekend (in spite of cold/wet weather) at AAKA and New Castle KC. Under judge Lloyd Graser our BPIS Jana Nick Of Time BCAT ACT2J SCN SIN SIA DN CGC TKN ATT, 'Nikki' was WB BW BOB over specials. (Ch Blue Heavens Blackhawk x GCH Jana Karefree Hustle N Bustle OA OAJ NF CGCA CGCU TKN) Under judge, James Albrecht our 8 1/2 month old Ch Jana Only You, 'Only,' was BOB over 5 specials. And another day under Robette Johns 'Only' was Select Dog. (Laureate Inevitable x Ch Jana Unbridled Melody FDC BCAT ACT2 ACTJ2 SCA SIN SEN CGC TKN ATT)
- So excited to announce, my dog Belmark Combustible (GCH Belmark Shakedown x CH Belmark Memories On Tap) got WD/ BW at the Annapolis Kennel Club show held at West Friendship, MD on May 19th. Thank you, Zana, for a great job handling Weston, and to judge Carolyn Herbel for the award. Thanks to Bella for entrusting me with this little guy. It's been a while for Mejimo, so I'm thrilled to be able to brag!!! Lol
- 2022 was a great year for UKC CH, AKC CH Centara Nautical Navy J.A.G. "BN RA FDC TKE CGCA CGCU VHMA. In 2022, Jager added five new titles to his name. He earned his AKC Grand Champion, a CD (Companion Dog), RE (Rally Excellent), FCAT, and THD (Therapy Dog) with 55 visits to a variety of assisted living facilities, hospitals and cancer centers. Jager now has earned a total of 24 Titles. Jager also holds a UKC Reserve Best in Show. So proud of this versatile and friendly boy.





ALTOONA AREA KENNEL ASSOCIATION, INC.
AKC AWARD PLAQUES/ATTACHMENTS FOR THE 2022 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 2022 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 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, 2023
- 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 2022.
- **USE ONE FORM PER DOG!** Send form to Amy Sheehan, 240 N. Gail Street, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648, postdated by March 31, 2023. 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 (without titles): _____			Dog's AKC #: _____		
Member's Name _____ Phone #: _____			Please check the Club Events Below that you worked in 2022: Agility Trials: Apr 29 <input type="checkbox"/> Apr 30 <input type="checkbox"/> May 1 <input type="checkbox"/> July 28 <input type="checkbox"/> July 29 <input type="checkbox"/> July 30 <input type="checkbox"/> July 31 <input type="checkbox"/> All Breed Show: Oct 6 <input type="checkbox"/> Oct 7 <input type="checkbox"/> Fast Cat: July 9 <input type="checkbox"/> July 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Oct 15 <input type="checkbox"/> Oct. 16 <input type="checkbox"/> Keyholder Cleaned Building: <input type="checkbox"/>		
Title Earned: _____	Abbrev. For Title: _____	Date: _____			Cert. <input type="checkbox"/>
Add'l Title: _____	Abbrev. For Title: _____	Date: _____			Cert. <input type="checkbox"/>
Add'l Title: _____	Abbrev. For Title: _____	Date: _____			Cert. <input type="checkbox"/>
Add'l Title: _____	Abbrev. For Title: _____	Date: _____			Cert. <input type="checkbox"/>
Has this dog earned a Plaque before? YES _____ NO _____ (Check one)			Publish Only <input type="checkbox"/>		
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)					
All on one _____ Plaque with attachment _____ Each on separate Attachment _____ Additional plaque/co-owner _____					