



# The Augusta Kennel Club

an AKC Member Club

## NEWSLETTER

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*"In order to really enjoy a dog, one doesn't merely try to train him to be semihuman. The point of it is to open oneself to the possibility of becoming partly a dog."*

*~ Edward Hoagland*



### Board & Officers

President .....	Carol Cox
Vice President.....	Audrey Bye
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Corr. Secretary .....	Sara Martin
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Board of Directors ...	Diane Johnson
Board of Directors .....	Nancy Kille
Board of Directors .....	Sarah Prince

## Fall Show & Match Update

Mark your calendar for our home show, to be held on Saturday, October 6, 2007, and our Match, to be held on Friday evening, October 5, 2007!

### SHOW COMMITTEE:

Show Chairman .....	Audrey Bye
Obedience/Rally Chairman .....	Marlene Stachowiak
Catalog Advertising .....	Wanda Gipp
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Catalog Sales.....	Helen Hopkins
Chief Ring Steward .....	Sara Martin
Grounds .....	Robert Perry
Hospitality .....	Sara Martin
Public Education .....	Diane Downs
Trophies.....	Audrey Bye
Vendors.....	Audrey Bye

### MATCH COMMITTEE:

Match Conformation Chairman.....	Diane Johnson
Obedience & Rally Match Chairman.....	Terri Jenkins
Match Secretary.....	Audrey Bye

### CATALOG ADVERTISING

Advertising rates for the Fall show catalog are out. A full page ad is \$40, half page \$30, Inside Front Cover, Inside Back Cover or Back Cover is \$50. Photos are \$20 each. Space is limited, so reserve your spot ASAP with Wanda Gipp.

### TROPHY FUND

A BIG thanks to everyone who sponsored breed trophies or donated to the trophy fund for the upcoming Fall Show. We have a nice line up of Armetale trophies lined up in breed and obedience.

While trophies are not the only reason why people come to a show, they do help commemorate a special win, and are a nice way to give back to our beloved breeds.

If you haven't got your sponsorship in, you have until Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> to do so. Contact Audrey Bye at (706)650-2329.

Speaking of the trophy fund, letters were sent out earlier this month to all veterinarians in the CSRA. A list of veterinarians who have donated thus far to the trophy fund is listed on the club website at [www.augustakennelclub.org/members.asp](http://www.augustakennelclub.org/members.asp). **Please check out the list!** If your vet is not included, please give them a call and encourage them to donate to the fund. *We are only \$400 away from our goal!* The deadline for inclusion in the premium list is May 30, but we will accept donations at any time, and should still be able to add your vet's name to the sponsors list when the premium list is proofed in July.

# ATTS Temperament Test

This Fall, the Club will host it's first ATTS Temperament test in Augusta!

## ABOUT THE ATTS AND TEMPERAMENT TEST

The American Temperament Test Society, Inc. (ATTS) is a national not-for-profit organization (registered in the state of Missouri) for the promotion of uniform temperament evaluation of purebred and spayed/neutered mixed-breed dogs.

The test simulates a casual walk through the park or neighborhood where everyday life situations are encountered. During this walk, the dog experiences visual, auditory and tactile stimuli. Neutral, friendly and threatening situations are encountered, calling into play the dog's ability to distinguish between non-threatening situations and those calling for watchful and protective reactions.

The ATTS test focuses on and measures different aspects of temperament such as stability, shyness, aggressiveness, and friendliness as well as the dog's instinct for protectiveness towards its handler and/or self-preservation in the face of a threat. The test is designed for the betterment of ALL breeds of dogs, and takes into consideration each breed's inherent tendencies.

## WHY TEMPERAMENT TEST YOUR DOGS

The ATTS Temperament Test provides breeders a consistent, impartial, and proven method for evaluating temperament. Using temperament test results when making breeding decisions can help you improve your breeding program. While many different things influence temperament, it is a heritable characteristic, being estimated at being at least 50% genetic.

The ATTS Temperament Test also gives owners insight into their dog's behavior. Temperament test results can help educate owners about their dog's true behavioral strengths and weaknesses, and dogs often do not react as their owners expect.

Because of breed-specific dog legislation, breed based insurance discrimination and negative publicity associated with many breeds of dogs, temperament testing has assumed an important role for today's dog fancier. Further, ATTS statistics prove that the rationale for BSL, insurance discrimination and negative perception against certain breeds is not based on facts, but on fiction and media hype.

## TEST INFORMATION

The tentative date for the test is Saturday, October 20, 2007.

We will need several volunteers to work at the event, so if you are able to work, we need you! Volunteers will be able to take their dogs through the test at the end of the day.

Space is limited to 45 dogs so be sure and sign up early. Cost for the test is \$25, plus a nominal site fee. Dogs that successfully pass the test may add the title "TT" after their name, and will receive a registered certificate from the ATTS.

If there is enough interest from test participants, we will also host a CERF eye test, and a microchip clinic. More information will be forthcoming in future meetings and newsletters. For more information, visit the ATTS website at [www.atts.org](http://www.atts.org), or contact the test organizer, Audrey Bye.



*"Dogs have given us their absolute all. We are the center of their universe. We are the focus of their love and faith and trust. They serve us in return for scraps. It is without a doubt the best deal man has ever made."*

*~Roger Caras*

## SINGLE BLACK FEMALE

SBF Seeks Male companionship, ethnicity unimportant. I'm a svelte good looking girl who LOVES to play. I love: long walks in the woods, hunting, camping, riding in your pickup truck, fishing trips, cozy winter nights spent lying by the fire. Candlelight dinners will have me eating out of your hand. Rub me the right way and watch me respond. I'll be at the front door when you get home from work, wearing only what nature gave me. Kiss me and I'm yours. Call 555-2121 and ask for Daisy.

(The phone number was the Humane Society and Daisy was an eight week old black Labrador Retriever.)



## Dog Haiku

I love my master;  
Thus I perfume myself with  
This long-rotten squirrel.

I lie belly-up  
In the sunshine, happier than  
You ever will be

Today I sniffed  
Many dog butts - I celebrate  
By kissing your face.

I sound the alarm!  
Paperboy - come to kill us all -  
Look! Look! Look! Look! Look!

I sound the alarm!  
Mailman Fiend - come to kill us all -  
Look! Look! Look! Look! Look!

I sound the alarm!  
Meter reader - come to kill all -  
Look! Look! Look! Look! Look!

I sound the alarm!  
Garbage man - come to kill all -  
Look! Look! Look! Look! Look!

I sound the alarm!  
Neighbor's cat - come to kill all!  
Look! Look! Look! Look! Look!

I lift my leg and  
Wiz on each bush. Hello, Spot -  
Sniff this and weep.

How do I love thee?  
The ways are numberless as  
My hairs on the rug.

My human is home!  
I am so ecstatic I have  
Made a puddle.

I hate my choke chain -  
Look, world, they strangle me! Ack  
Ack Ack Ack Ack!

Sleeping here, my chin  
On your foot - no greater bliss -  
well,  
Maybe catching cats.

Dig under fence - why?  
Because it's there. Because it's  
There. Because it's there.

I am your best friend,  
Now, always, and especially  
When you are eating.

You may call them fleas,  
But they are far more - I call  
Them a vocation.

My owners' mood is  
Romantic - I lie near their  
Feet. I blow a big one

## Event Calendar

### NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 6, 2007 at the Wachovia Bank Building in Daniel Village. Board Meeting will start at 7:00 pm, followed by the Regular Meeting @ 8:00 pm.

Following the regular meeting, time permitting, will be a one hour DVD presentation of Dogsteps, What to Look For in a Dog, by Rachel Page-Elliott. Dogsteps is the most complete information on canine gait and movement, and includes anatomical diagrams and film clips of still and moving x-rays, which provide a look at bone and joint motion inside the dog. Illustrations throughout the DVD emphasize the importance of sound structure and show how serious deviations may affect efficiency and endurance. The presentation is a bit dry, but highly recommended for every serious fancier and certainly every breeder.

As always, the public is welcome at our Regular Meeting and at Education portion of the evening.

### SUMMER PARTY

The summer party will be held on Wednesday, July 11 at Logan's Roadhouse in Augusta. All members are welcome, and may bring guests. RSVP to Sara Martin or Carol Cox.

### AREA EVENTS

Griffin Kennel Club is hosting a B/OB/R Match to benefit Georgia Piedmont Region K-9 SAR on Saturday, June 16, 2007 at Griffin City Park. Pre-entries, \$4, day of event entries, \$5 (from 9-11am). Event starts at 11:30am. For more info and entry form, contact Kerri Louchios at K9TrainingSrvcs@aol.com.

Connie Cleveland's Dog Trainer's Workshop in Fountain Inn, SC is hosting obedience run-throughs on Saturday, May 26, 2007. Fees are \$7 for the first run, \$5.00 for each additional run. 8:00 to 9:30 AM for Novice, 9:30 to 11:00 AM for Open, and 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM for Utility. Very limited crating space is available. For more information, contact Demi Osborn (864)232-4526 whis2@bellsouth.net or Barb Mina (864)268-0824 bfmina@charter.net.

Savannah Dog Training Club has posted the premium list for their July trials on their website at [www.savannahdogtrainingclub.org](http://www.savannahdogtrainingclub.org). Entries close June 20, 2007.

Dogwood Rottweiler Club is offering All-Breed herding lessons at their facility North of Atlanta. For more information, visit their website at [www.dogwoodrottweilerclub.com](http://www.dogwoodrottweilerclub.com).

Carolina Canine Obedience Assn. (CCOA) will be sponsoring an obedience seminar with Kathryn Willis on November 3 & 4, 2007 in Charlotte at the Piedmont KC building. They are offering early bird discounts for advanced payment by August 1. For more information, contact Chris Jafarkhani at [igvinnie@yahoo.com](mailto:igvinnie@yahoo.com).

Want to know what our club is up to? Check out the event calendar on our website at [www.augustakennelclub.org](http://www.augustakennelclub.org).

The event calendar is regularly updated with information on our future events, and also includes a handy list of upcoming shows in Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina.

# AKC News



## RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP DAY

The AKC's 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Responsible Dog Ownership Day is September 17, 2007. AKC clubs all over the country are encouraged to host events in their local communities during the month of September to promote responsible ownership of dogs to first time dog owners. AKC-recognized federations and their members who host an AKC RDO Day event in their community are eligible for nomination for the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter AKC Community Achievement Award. Up to three honorees will be named. Award recipients will receive a certificate and a check for \$1,000 payable to the club or federation's public education and canine legislation efforts.

The Augusta Kennel Club will be partnering with Augusta Animal Services to host a joint event on Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at the AAS facility in South Augusta. More information to come soon, but if you would like to help out at this event or help in planning it, please contact Carol Cox.

## OUTSTANDING SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

In the AKC's ongoing effort to recognize and celebrate its volunteer club members, The AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award program was recently established to provide each member club with an AKC Medallion to award to one of its own on a yearly basis.



This award offers those individuals who have made a difference in the sport of purebred dogs, embodied the AKC Code of Sportsmanship, and have been an active and valued member of an AKC member club. Medallions are awarded solely at the club's discretion.

At the June meeting, members in attendance will be voting on the recipient for this year's medal, which will be awarded at the Summer Party in July.



## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MAY 2007 AKC BOARD MEETING

The Board approved numerous amendments to the Rally Regulations as recommended by the 2006 Rally Advisory Committee. The amendments are effective January 1, 2008 and the revised regulations are included with the minutes of the May 2007 meeting.

There were extensive revisions approved to the Guidelines for Conformation Dog Show Judges. Among other changes, rules and regulations are clearly designated to differentiate them from recommendations.

Effective January 1, 2008, FSS-enrolled Black and Tan Coonhounds will be transferred to the AKC registry. The American Black and Tan Coonhound Club will remain the Parent Club for the breed. The full terms of this transfer are included in the minutes of the May 2007 meeting.

The Board expressed its concern regarding a financial grant offer to AKC Parent Clubs for rescue that contained conditions the Board considered to be unacceptable. A mailing will be made to all Parent Clubs to address these concerns.

The following FSS breeds will be eligible to compete in AKC companion Events, effective January 1, 2008:

Belgian Laekenois, Bergamasco, Estrela Mountain Dog, Portuguese Pointer, Grand Basset Griffon Vendéen, Azawakh Appenzeller Sennenhund, Lagotto Romagnolo, Spanish Water Dog, Portuguese Podengo, Kooikerhondje, Caucasian Mountain Dog, Argentine Dogo, Mudi, Thai Ridgeback, South African Boerboel, Pumi



*See You At The June Meeting!*