



# The Augusta Kennel Club

an AKC Member Club

## NEWSLETTER

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AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB™

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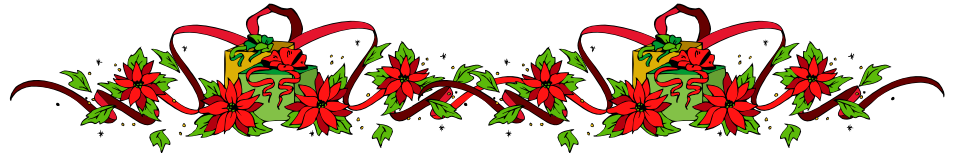
### Board & Officers

President .....	Carol Cox
Vice President .....	Audrey Bye
Treasurer .....	Gloria Janda
Recording Secretary .....	Robert Perry
Corr. Secretary .....	Sara Martin
Board of Directors .....	Angie Hubbard
Board of Directors .....	Diane Johnson
Board of Directors .....	Nancy Kille
Board of Directors .....	Sarah Prince



### TOP 10 ITEMS SURGICALLY REMOVED FROM DOGS

1. Socks
2. Underwear
3. Panty Hose
4. Rocks
5. Balls
6. Chew Toys
7. Corn Cobs
8. Bones
9. Hair Ties/Ribbons
10. Sticks



## Club Christmas Party

Mark your calendars! The annual Christmas party is scheduled for Sunday evening, December 9, 2007 at 6:00 pm at the home of Toni & Danny Reese.

The party will be a pot luck dinner & hors d'oeuvres, with the club providing the main meat entree. **Please contact Toni to RSVP and to sign up for a dish to bring. Contact Toni by phone at (706) 863-5168, or by e-mail at trwreese@gmail.com.**



Voting for the 2008 slate of club officers will be conducted at the party. Members must be present to vote, no proxy voting!

We will have a "Dirty Santa" gift exchange for those who would like to participate. Note this does not mean to bring "dirty" gifts! Bring a wrapped gift with a maximum value of \$15.

We will be taking donations of dog food and supplies for AARF Rescue, so please remember the less fortunate canines of the CSRA this Holiday season and bring a bag of dog food or dog supplies to the party.

## ATTS Test

The club held its first ATTS test on Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Eisenhower Ball Fields. Thanks to Richmond County Parks & Recreation for providing us with such a perfect site for the test. Thirty-one dogs were entered, 29 dogs were tested, which enabled us to break even on our expenses. Out of the 29 dogs tested, 24 passed and 5 failed. Most owners came from the CSRA, but we also had several from North Carolina, Atlanta, and around South Carolina.

A **HUGE** thanks to everyone that helped out and participated. This type of event requires the help of several people, and everyone involved went above and beyond to make this event successful. Our chief tester and those testing their dogs had much praise for everyone involved.

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| <b>Diane Downs</b> - Neutral Stranger   | <b>Lois Fair</b> - Tester                 |
| <b>Nancy Kille</b> - Friendly Stranger  | <b>Rick Stem</b> - Apprentice Tester      |
| <b>Petra Orzechowski</b> - Hidden Noise | <b>Bobby Johnson</b> - Scoresheet Runner  |
| <b>Angie Hubbard</b> - Gun Test         | <b>Diane Johnson</b> - Relief             |
| <b>Debbie Metts</b> - Umbrella Test     | <b>Gloria Janda</b> - Treasury            |
| <b>Bill Weygant</b> - Weird Stranger    | <b>Sara Martin</b> - Hospitality          |
| <b>Jerry Hope</b> - Chief Tester        | <b>Carol Cox</b> - Hospitality            |
| <b>Marlene Stachowiak</b> - Tester      | <b>Audrey Bye</b> - Secretary & Organizer |

This test is a valuable tool for giving owners insight into the true temperament of their dogs. Several dogs passed when their owners had anticipated that they would not. On the other hand, several dogs reacted quite differently than how their owners expected.

Special thanks to our informative and thorough chief tester, Jerry Hope, who made it highly educational and enjoyable for those who watched, those who participated as testers and station workers, and those who tested their dogs.

## Meeting Highlights

The last meeting of the Augusta Kennel Club was held on Wednesday, November 7, 2007.

The events of the last month were discussed including the Fall Show, the Columbia County Animanian Fair, and the ATTS Temperament Test. Thanks to all who pitched in and helped out to make these events a success for the club.

Annual Armetale award plates were discussed. If you have a dog that finished an AKC title during 2007, Sara Martin must know tonight. To be eligible for an award plate, you must be a club member, worked at least 4 hours at a club event during the year, and attended monthly meetings on a regular basis. Copies of title certificates should be given to Sara at the meeting. A dog may only earn one plate. Additional titles earned may be added to an existing plate if the plate is provided to Sara before the deadline. Only AKC titles or working titles for which there is no AKC equivalent (i.e. SchH titles) are recognized; however, additional certificates and titles may be added on.

Potential locations for the Christmas Party were discussed. Most restaurants contacted charge a fee for a private room, or require the club to guarantee a minimum number of diners. It was decided to have a pot luck dinner instead, and Toni Reese volunteered to host it at her house. The club will be providing the main meat entrée.

Committee nominations for the 2008 slate of officers was announced. Additional nominations were made and accepted from the floor. Nominations are: Carol Cox, President; Audrey Bye, Vice President; Sara Martin, Corresponding Secretary; Bob Perry or Debbie Metts for Recording Secretary; Gloria Janda, Treasurer; and for the 4 board positions, Nancy Kille, Diane Johnson, Angie Hubbard, Sara Prince and Toni Reese. Voting will take place at the Christmas Party. Members must be present to vote, no proxy voting is allowed.

## Next Meeting

The next meeting will be the annual Christmas Party at Toni Reese's house. Please RSVP with Toni to attend. Voting for the 2008 slate of Club Officers will take place at the party. Members must be present to vote.

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 7, 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.

Educational portion of the meeting will be the partial showing of a show handling DVD by Jeff Brucker.

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

## Event Calendar

### CLUB EVENTS

*None for the remainder of 2007*

### AREA EVENTS

**The Greater Columbia Obedience Club** is hosting AKC Obedience and Rally Seminars on February 9 & 10, 2008. Obedience will be on Saturday, and Rally on Sunday. Registration deadline is Jan 15, 2008. For more information, contact Sharon Crossman at (803) 364-2882, or Phyllis Beasley at (803) 926-8806.

**Savannah Kennel Club** is hosting a B/OB/R sanctioned match at Daffin Park in Savannah on Sunday, November 11, 2007. Registration begins at noon with judging starting at 1:30 pm. \$10 entry fee. Contact Kelly Meyer (912) 238-3170 for more details.



### DOG TRIVIA

#### Did you know that...

The oldest American breed is the American Foxhound dating back to 1650.

The Irish Wolfhound is so strong that he can pick up a Mastiff or Bulldog. When he was pitted against either in a fight, he would pick his opponent up by the back and simply shake him to death.

The Saluki is found in Sumarian carvings dated back to 7000 B.C. It is said that "Whenever one sees the word 'dog' in the Bible it means the Saluki."

The Boxer was so named for his manner of fighting - which is that he starts a fight with his front paws like a human boxer.

Chow Chows were originally bred for three reasons: 1) as a pet/hunter/helper; 2) to keep people warm with their furry hides; and 3) as food (like pigs or cows).

The Afghan Hound is mentioned in writings as far back as 4000 B.C., and its name can be translated as "baboon" or "monkey-faced hound." Despite the unflattering name, he was a favorite of royalty.

The Bloodhound doesn't need to smell blood to find someone who is lost. It is said that his name instead means blooded hound, or aristocratic.

The oldest pure-bred British dog is thought to be the Cardigan Welsh Corgi. Proof of their existence has been traced back to dogs brought to Wales by the Celts from the Black Sea around 1200 BC.

Bassetts can't swim. Their legs are too short to keep their heavy, long bodies afloat.

Newfoundlands have webbed feet, making them great swimmers and divers.

The Basenji doesn't bark.



# Keeping Your Pet's Holiday Safe

## EVERYDAY ITEMS THAT CAN POISON YOUR PETS

It's always a good practice to review around the holidays.

### Food Hazards

- Alcoholic Beverages
- Avocado
- Chocolate (all forms)
- Coffee (all forms)
- Fatty Foods
- Macadamia Nuts & Walnuts
- Moldy or Spoiled Foods
- Onions, Onion Powder
- Raisins and Grapes
- Salt
- Yeast Dough
- Garlic
- Products sweetened with Xylitol

### Medications

Common human medications can be potentially lethal to pets, even in small doses.

- Pain Killers
- Cold Medicines
- AntiCancer Drugs
- Antidepressants
- Vitamins
- Diet Pills

### Holiday Hazards

- Christmas tree water (may contain fertilizers and bacteria, which, if ingested, can upset the stomach.)
- Electrical cords
- Ribbons or tinsel (can become lodged in the intestines and cause intestinal obstruction)
- Batteries
- Glass ornaments
- Lilies, Azaleas, and Bulbous Plants

### Gardening & Plant Hazards

- Animal Toxins—Toads, Insects, Spiders, Snakes and Scorpions
- Blue-Green Algae in ponds
- Citronella Candles
- Cocoa Mulch
- Compost Piles & Fertilizers
- Flea Products containing Organo-Phosphates
- Outdoor Plants and Plant Bulbs
- Swimming Pool Treatment Supplies
- Fly Baits containing Methomyl
- Slug and Snail Baits containing Metaldehyde

### Cold Weather Hazards

- Antifreeze
- Liquid Potpourri
- Ice Melting Products
- Rat and Mouse Bait

### Common Household Hazards

- Fabric Softener Sheets
- Mothballs
- Roach Baits
- Post 1982 Pennies (High concentration of zinc. Threat of severe anemia. 1 cent can put a pet into kidney failure).

### NonToxic Substances for Dogs and Cats

The following substances are considered to be nontoxic, although they may cause mild gastrointestinal upset:

- Water-based paints
- Toilet bowl water
- Silica gel
- Poinsettia
- Cat litter
- Glue traps
- Glow jewelry

## WHAT TO DO IF YOUR PET IS POISONED

- Don't panic. Rapid response is important, but panicking can interfere with the process of helping your pet.
- Take 30 to 60 seconds to safely collect and have at hand any material involved. This may be of great benefit to your vet and/or APCC toxicologists, as they determine what poison or poisons are involved. In the event that you need to take your pet to a local veterinarian, be sure to take the product's container with you. Also, collect in a sealable plastic bag any material your pet may have vomited or chewed.
- If you witness your pet consuming material that you suspect might be toxic, do not hesitate to seek emergency assistance, even if you do not notice any adverse effects. Sometimes, even if poisoned, an animal may appear normal for several hours or for days after the incident.
- Call the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center. **The telephone number is (888) 426-4435.** There is a \$55 consultation fee for this service. Be ready with the following information:
  - The species, breed, age, sex, weight and number of animals involved
  - The animal's symptoms
  - Information regarding the exposure, including the agent (if known), the amount of the agent involved and the time elapsed since the time of exposure.

Have the product container/packaging available for reference.

Please note: If your animal is having seizures, losing consciousness, is unconscious or is having difficulty breathing, telephone ahead and bring your pet immediately to your local veterinarian or emergency veterinary clinic. If necessary, he or she may call the APCC.

## BE PREPARED

Keep the telephone number of the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center—(888) 426-4435—as well as that of your local veterinarian, in a prominent location.

Invest in an emergency first-aid kit for your pet. The kit should contain:

- a fresh bottle of hydrogen peroxide, 3 percent USP (to induce vomiting)
- a turkey baster, bulb syringe or large medicine syringe (to administer peroxide)
- saline eye solution
- artificial tear gel (to lubricate eyes after flushing)
- mild grease cutting dishwashing liquid (for bathing an animal after skin contamination)
- hemostats and tweezers (to remove stingers)
- a muzzle (to protect against fear or excitement induced biting)
- a can of your pet's favorite wet food

Always consult a veterinarian or the APCC for directions on how and when to use any emergency first-aid item.



## Kibbles & Bits

Help keep your pets safe with a free pet safety pack from the ASPCA! In the event of an emergency, their pet rescue window decal alerts rescue personnel that pets are inside your home. The safety pack also includes an ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center magnet—a great way to keep the APCC's toll-free emergency number and website address handy in case your pets get into something they shouldn't! Visit [http://www.asPCA.org/site/PageServer?pagename=pro\\_apcc\\_magnet](http://www.asPCA.org/site/PageServer?pagename=pro_apcc_magnet) to get yours.

*See You At The Christmas Party!*

The Augusta Kennel Club  
3673 Old Ferry Rd  
Martinez, GA 30907



*You're Invited!*  
*The Augusta Kennel Club*  
*Christmas Party*

- WHO:** Augusta Kennel Club Members & Guests
- WHAT:** Annual Christmas Party & Dinner  
Potluck Dinner & Hors D'oeuvres  
(Club will provide the main meat entrée)
- WHEN:** Sunday, December 9, 2007  
6:30 PM
- WHERE:** Toni & Danny Reese's House  
272 Ashton Woods Dr.  
Martinez, GA 30907
- HOW:** RSVP to Toni Reese by December 1<sup>st</sup>  
Phone: (706) 863-5168  
eMail: trwreese@gmail.com
- WHAT TO BRING:**
- ❄ Side Dish or Hors d'Oeuvres
  - ❄ BYOB, if you imbibe
  - ❄ Wrapped Gift for Gift Exchange  
(optional - Max value \$15)
  - ❄ Bag of dog food or supplies for donation  
to AARF (optional)

❄ Voting for the 2008 slate of Club Officers will be conducted at the party.  
Members must be present to vote. No proxy voting is permitted.

*See You At The Christmas Party!*

# Directions

Take Washington Road and turn at the light on Owens Road (opposite the new Target Center, alongside of Brandonwilde). Go to the top of hill and turn left on to Ashton Wood Drive. House is a yellow 2 story Victorian on the right side of road. 272 Ashton Woods Dr.

