

January/February 2026 NEWSLETTER

The Atlanta Doberman Pinscher Club

The Atlanta Doberman Pinscher Club (ADPC) is a family of Georgians who are proud to be owned and loved by our Dobermans. Licensed by the American Kennel Club on November 1, 1972, the ADPC is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit Chapter Club of the Doberman Pinscher Club of America (DPCA).

Our purpose is to protect and promote the Doberman Pinscher. For well over four decades, the Atlanta Doberman Pinscher Club has strived to fulfill that mission through a variety of activities, including sponsoring specialty shows, conducting temperament testing, offering breed education programs and providing breeder referral resources.

Atlanta Doberman Pinscher Club

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Email news, brags, birthdays, etc to surochester@aol.com



Join Us for Our Zoom Meeting Tuesday, January 6, at 6:30pm ET

President's Message

Hello to all our members and readers of our newsletter, which is graciously edited by Susan Rochester. Thank you, Susan! Also, special thanks goes out to Ann Wilson for sorting through and arranging all the news items to send to Susan. We greatly appreciate both of these ladies. Thank you.

I hope your Holiday Season was wonderful! I spent Thanksgiving in Georgia and Christmas in Oregon so I could enjoy some of the holidays with both of my grandsons. Hope you all had a great time with your families as well.

Our club holiday party in December at Aldo's was a lot of fun. We had a great turnout, with many of our Atlanta-area members attending as well as some from out of state. We held a very short meeting followed by a super Santa gift exchange and enjoyed lots of talk and laughter. Thank you to all who attended.

Welcome to new member Alfredo Rosa, who joined in October. In September, a number of our members enjoyed a lovely afternoon at our fall club picnic, which was hosted by Taylor Harris at her home. Thank you, Taylor! This issue includes some photos from both the picnic and the holiday party.

Upcoming Meeting/Events Schedule

Members are always welcome to invite guests. We meet on the first Tuesday of the month, and in 2026 our first-quarter meeting schedule is:

1/6/26, 6:30 PM, by Zoom

2/3/26, 6:30 PM, by Zoom

3/3/26, 7 PM, in-person—location to be selected

As a reminder, the Board decided that in-person meetings in 2026 will be held in March, August and December. For those

who live outside Georgia, Zoom attendance will be available. Your participation in our monthly meetings and other club events makes our club more productive and brings enjoyment to all of us. Thank you.

Deadline for March/ April 2026 Newsletter

Please be sure to email Ann Wilson all your brags and photos by Feb. 10, so she can organize content to send to Susan. We welcome information about your achievements with your dogs, as well as news about important family events and ideas for articles. We appreciate your support of the newsletter.

Of course, thank you to Membership Chair Ann Wilson for doing such a great job welcoming guests and new members.

Our club is growing, and with input and ideas from our members, we are headed in a very positive, productive direction. Thank you to all of our members and friends for your interest in the club and our fabulous breed.

Stay safe and always think good thoughts. If you have any ideas for club activities or initiatives, please don't hesitate to contact me, by email, phone call or text.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela DeHetre

President

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Holiday Party

On Dec. 2 we held our annual Holiday Party at Aldo's Italian Restaurant in Sandy Springs, a traditional favorite. Members and guests enjoyed dinner, the chance to spend time together face-to-face and the ever-popular Santa gift exchange.



Fall Picnic

Taylor Harris graciously hosted the Atlanta Doberman Pinscher Club's 2025 Fall Picnic at her home in September. Members lunched on a delicious nacho bar and competed for prizes in dog-and-human games. Everyone enjoyed the chance to visit in person and were entertained by charming co-hosts Riley (Taylor's son) and Taylor's Sulcata tortoise, Jasper.

We're looking forward to another great get-together next spring!



BRAGS

Penny Butler Rossiter: Sissy, CH Fandola's Dare To Dream POA CGC FDC, won BOB at the Hanover KC show on Oct. 12 in Wilmington, NC, and went on to win a Group Two, finishing her Grand Championship, all at 13 months of age. We are so proud of Sissy!! Co-owned by her breeder, Sung Nam Kang of Fandola Dobermans, his tenth American champion and the first American Grand Champion



Kathy Gresham: Coco—my new baby and next performance dog. She is a 10-month-old rescue from Furever Home Doberman Rescue, a surrender due to owners being deployed overseas.



Christine Holm: Tilli, Tilli Bee de Evrmoore, earned her SCE and SIN titles, along with 2-for-2 qualifying runs in Barn Hunt, after only 2 lessons.



Edie Thomas: Mia, Monarch's Mic Drop, finished her Grand Championship at the Ocala Dog Shows. Owned by Edie Thomas and Victoria Sweeny and bred by Melissa Brucker.



Gretchen Dutton: Brera Power got her GPr1 and Barnaba Di Casa Pucci got his BH at the Piedmont Schutzhund Club Trial in Claremont, NC.



Stacie Amerson: Makenna, BISS CH Allthe-more Higher Tribute, at just 20 months old, went undefeated in the breed ring in Nashville, first weekend out since finishing her championship in January 2025.



Doris Spivey: SUNNY IS 15!!!! CH Sun Style's Simply Irresistible CA WAC born 12/1/2010 just celebrated her 15th birthday. Sunny is an amazing dog, truly an exceptional senior. We've lived so much life together. Thanks to all of you for cheering her on in the Veterans class at our specialties. It made her so happy. Every day at our house is Sunny day! Bred and owned by Doris Spivey (CH Ravenswoods Azure Sky RA x CH Sun Style's Red Hot).



Kalie Schubert: Lincoln, took a Best in Specialty at the October Nashville show.





Happy Birthday to the Founder of our Wonderful Breed

A Brief History of Dobermann

The Dobermann is the only dog breed originating in Germany that is named after its creator, Karl Friedrich Louis Dobermann, (Born Jan 2, 1834) who lived in the town of Apolda, Germany.

Dobermann is believed to have worked as a tax collector and, alongside this, as a dogcatcher. In that role he was authorized to capture stray dogs, and it is thought that these dogs formed the foundation of his breeding program. His aim was to create a dog with strong instinctive intelligence, courage, loyalty, and fast response.

Early influences are believed to include the so-called butcher dogs (early Rottweilers), which were relatively pure at the time, along with various Pinschers. The French shepherd Beauceron is also thought to have contributed, as the four recognized colors — black, brown (red), blue, and Isabella — are common to both breeds. The German Shepherd likely played a role in the early stages as well.

In 1895, the breed was officially recognized in Germany under the name “Doberman Pinscher” (later shortened to Dobermann). Sadly, Karl Dobermann never lived to see this recognition, having passed away one year earlier.

His work was continued by two fellow Apolda citizens:

- Otto Göller (Kennel von Thüringen)
- Göswin Tischler (Kennel von Grönland)

In 1899, the first Dobermann breed club was established, with Otto Göller serving as chairman.

Around the turn of the century, the English Manchester Terrier was introduced to refine the coat and create darker, more clearly defined markings. This breed also contributed to the compact, almost cat-like paws seen in Dobermanns today.

At that time, the Dobermann was a relatively small dog, standing around 56 cm, with a less refined appearance. To add height, elegance, and athleticism, black Greyhound blood was introduced. Since around 1910, no other breeds have been added to the Dobermann’s development.

For many years, Dobermanns were widely used as guard dogs and police K9s. As breeding priorities evolved, aiming for a more balanced and stable temperament, the Dobermann became known not only as a working dog but also as a deeply loyal family companion.

**You were never just a dog.
You were the reason I
smiled on the hardest days.**



A huge congratulations to Penny the Doberman and her handler Andy Winners in the Working Group AKC National Championship

Blaine Crowder - 2025 National Dog Show Best Junior Handler Congratulations, Blaine, on your Best Junior Handler win at the 2025 Kennel Club of Philadelphia Dog Show! Phasma the Doberman Pinscher (GCHS Aludra's Rock N Roll Refugee V Coruscate JKN CGC ATJ JDC) was the dog handled by Blaine Crowder to win Best Junior Handler

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DIAGNOSED WITH

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Does Your Dog Have Wobbler Syndrome? There's New Hope.

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VNIoC's Dr. Jay McDonnell — one of the nation's leading experts on Wobbler Syndrome — is now offering special \$75 consultations for dogs already diagnosed with Wobbler Syndrome with MRI confirmation.

These consults help determine whether your dog may be a candidate for the Adamo-disc, an innovative artificial disc replacement surgery that offers:

- ~ Faster recovery
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Dr. McDonnell was the first neurosurgeon in the Mid-Atlantic to perform this procedure and has helped many dogs regain comfort, stability, and quality of life. He'll review your pet's case and discuss your options with you over the phone.

If your dog has been diagnosed with Wobbler Syndrome, early evaluation is key.

We're here to help guide you through your options. Request your dog's surgical consult here: <https://www.vetneurochesapeake.com/wobbler-special-consult>



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DPCA WAE Entry Form

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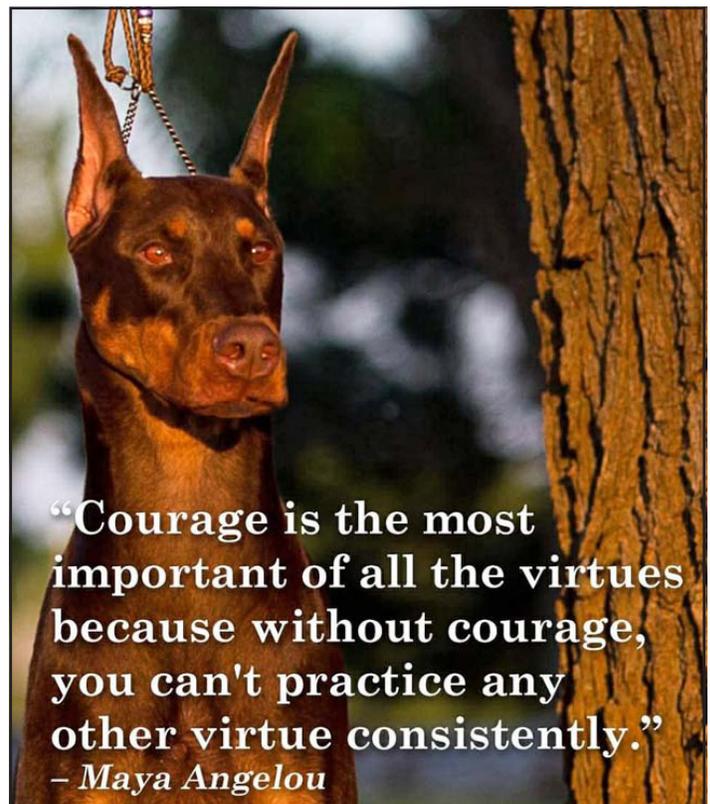
\$40 Entry
Closes April 30, 2025

Contact the ADPC WAE Coordinator
Vicki Sweeny
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\$45 Day-of Entry

Eligibility:

- Dobermans aged 18 months or older
- Must be AKC registered or have an AKC, CKC, PAL/ILP number
- Dogs registered in a foreign country that is on the AKC list of acceptable registries may participate
- Must be an allowed color
- Z factor dogs are eligible with proof of spay/neuter



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Simparica TRIO
Conspicuous monofenone and

Adverse Reactions: 10,646
Deaths 6,717



BRAVECTO
(fluralaner)

Adverse Reactions: 3
Deaths 1,533



NexGard SPECTRA

Adverse Reactions: 6,717
Deaths



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(spinosad)

Adverse Reactions: 152
Deaths 4,816



Credelio
(lotilaner)

Adverse Reactions: 3
Deaths 95



INTERCEPTOR PLUS

Adverse Reactions: 4,938
Deaths

REPORTED DEATHS & ADVERSE REACTIONS:

- ⚠️ Particularly serious events are on the rise.
- ⚠️ Incidents like aggression and seizures reported.
- ⚠️ True numbers likely underreported.

Gut health

Don't be scared of garlic — be scared of the chemicals in those flea & tick pills.

Garlic in the right dose can actually help protect your dog naturally from pests. Here's the guideline
1/8 tsp of fresh raw organic garlic per 10 lbs of body weight (max 1/2 clove for medium dogs, 1 clove for large dogs). Always chop/crush it, let it sit 10 minutes (to activate allicin), then mix into food.

But here's the part most people miss: garlic is a "hot" herb. If your dog has an irritated gut lining, I don't recommend starting with garlic right away. Instead, focus on gut repair first. A balanced gut helps repel fleas and ticks naturally, because parasites are drawn to weakened, imbalanced systems.

Build the terrain → strengthen the body → pests don't stand a chance.

FDA warnings on isoxazoline products

Since 2018, the FDA has alerted the public about potential neurological side effects associated with isoxazoline-class drugs, which include popular brands like Bravecto, NexGard, Credelio, and Simparica.

- Adverse events reported: The FDA's warning was based on post-market data indicating that some dogs and cats experienced neurological issues, including muscle tremors, stumbling, and seizures.
- Adverse event reports and deaths: A 2021 review of regulatory data from 2013–2017 found tens of thousands of adverse event reports, including thousands of reported deaths, linked to isoxazoline products.
- Causation vs. correlation: While alarming, these numbers do not mean the drugs caused the reported deaths. The FDA states that the majority of animals do not experience adverse reactions and that the drugs are generally safe and effective. These products remain on the market, but the FDA requires manufacturers to include clearer warnings about the potential for neurological problems.

EPA warnings on pesticide collars

The EPA regulates flea and tick collars containing pesticides and has also investigated adverse event reports.

- Seresto flea collars: In 2021, a congressional report cited EPA documents showing over 75,000 incident reports and nearly 1,700 reported pet deaths linked to Seresto collars since 2012.
- Investigation and response: A congressional subcommittee called for a temporary recall of the collars. However, the manufacturer disputed the severity, stating that the rate of serious incidents is very low. No recall was issued, but the EPA has continued to investigate.
- TCVP collars: Flea and tick collars containing the chemical tetrachlorvinphos (TCVP) have also been linked to thousands of pet injuries and more than 350 deaths over a 16-year period, with health risks also extending to children and adults.

Proper medication use is key

Poisoning from flea and tick medications often occurs due to incorrect use rather than an inherent danger in the product itself. Common causes include:

- Using a large-dog formulation on a small dog.
- Applying a dog-specific product on a cat, as some ingredients (like permethrin) are toxic to felines.
- Accidental ingestion of the product.



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Are There Benefits to Low-Carb Dog Food?

Source: dogfoodadvisor.com

What exactly is low-carb dog food? And will it do your dog any good?

In the human world, carbohydrates can get a bad press, but they have an integral part to play in a balanced diet. That's because the body turns the nutrient into glucose, which is subsequently converted to energy for use by cells, tissues and organs.

While there are similarities when it comes to dogs, their bodies are built differently from ours and carbohydrates aren't vital, especially when compared to protein and fat. As a result, there are some voices who advocate for low-carb or no-carb dog food — and some vets will recommend this route, too.

How much of a dog's diet should be carbohydrates?

"The fact that dog food doesn't need to contain any carbohydrates at all seems hard to believe, but the National Research Council says they're not considered essential for a healthy canine diet, unlike protein and fat.

"Yet surprisingly, high-carb ingredients like corn, potatoes, rice, barley, yam, pasta, and wheat are commonly seen in dog foods — and in many cases are the dominant nutrient in the recipes. Not all carbohydrates are bad for dogs as fruit and vegetables contain carbs, but are full of vitamins, minerals, and fiber, too.

"The major problem is the quantity of carbs in many recipes. According to the National Research Council, today's dry dog foods contain on average somewhere between 46% and 74% carbohydrates¹. However, the total amount of carbs in dogs' ancestral diets was dramatically less than this, with around 49% of the calories coming from protein, 45% from fat and 6% from carbohydrates²."

What qualifies as low-carb dog food?

"Anything with less than 6% carbohydrates, which better reflects the diet of dogs' evolutionary predecessors. However, most of our recipes actually have less than 2% carbs because we don't use any high-carb fillers like potato, rice, oats, yam, barley, or pasta. At the same time, they still meet the AAFCO's standards for a complete and balanced diet.

"We formulated these wholefood 'high-protein, low-carb' recipes with the assistance of two experts. One of them is Dr Karen Becker, veterinarian and author of 'The Forever Dog', and the other is Steve Brown, a pet food formulation expert and the author of 'Unlocking the Canine Ancestral Diet: Healthier Dog Food the ABC Way'."

What are the benefits of low-carb dog food?

"Carbohydrates are broken down into glucose in the bloodstream and this can fuel inflammatory processes in the body. Since inflammation is a primary cause of many chronic diseases, a low-carbohydrate diet can help to reduce inflammation within a dog's body. Any dog can develop inflammation, so all dogs could benefit from a low-carbohydrate diet."

So would low-carb dog food help with inflammatory bowel disease?

"It could do. This happens when the gut lining becomes inflamed, perhaps triggered by stress or certain foods, and can cause diarrhea. Low-carb dog food can help to reduce flare-ups, especially if you avoid giving other treats and keep your dog's diet consistent."

Could low-carb dog food help with allergies?

"Potentially. If your dog has skin allergies, they might be very itchy and their skin may be sore. You might regularly notice a rash in their armpit or groin, on their belly, paws, or under their chin. Sadly, allergies can't be cured, only managed, but a low-carb dog food could help reduce the irritation and soreness. Many dogs have also found success feeding a limited ingredient dog food that doesn't contain any ingredients to which they're allergic."

Are there any other conditions that a low-carb diet could help?

"As well as that, a low-carb diet can aid with osteoarthritis, a painful condition that affects your dog's joints. This can make them feel stiff and sore, and they may limp or become wobbly on their legs. As the condition progresses, they might be unable to walk far or struggle with stairs, and they may reach a point where they struggle to stand.

"While this condition can be managed with pain relief and anti-inflammatory medication, a low-carbohydrate diet can also help.

There's often inflammation that comes with tumors as well. A low-carbohydrate diet might not take away the tumor or cure the condition, but it could reduce its size and reduce symptoms associated with it.'

Seeing as low-carb, or ketogenic, diets are often prescribed for epileptic humans, can the same be done for dogs?

"New research suggests this could be the case. A recent study looked into the impact of different diets in two dogs with uncontrolled epileptic seizures and toxic side effects from medication. During the study, the carbohydrate content of their diets was reduced or controlled, and in one case this was proven to be essential for seizure control.

"Both dogs experienced fewer seizures and side effects when eating these diets compared to when they were administered antiepileptic drugs, including complete cessation of seizures for extended periods³. The success of these dietary interventions highlight the potential for diet-based metabolic therapy as a treatment option for seizures in dogs."

How will a low-carbohydrate diet affect a dog's energy levels?

"Just like in humans, after dogs eat a meal that's high in carbs it spikes insulin and glucose levels in the blood. This causes a temporary burst of energy, but since carbs are quickly digested it causes glucose levels to fall quickly leading to fatigue and a crash in energy shortly after the meal. Therefore, dogs eating a low-carbohydrate diet will experience more stable energy levels throughout the day."

For You & Your Dog!

Bone broth is more than just a comfort food it's nature's own gut healer. Packed with collagen, gelatin, and essential amino acids, it works from the inside out to repair and strengthen your gut lining. For centuries, traditional medicine has praised bone broth for its restorative powers, and now science is confirming why.

When you simmer bones for hours, minerals like calcium, magnesium, and phosphorus mix with collagen and amino acids such as glycine and glutamine. These compounds help rebuild the mucosal barrier of your intestines, preventing unwanted particles and toxins from leaking into the bloodstream. This process reduces inflammation, supports nutrient absorption, and promotes overall digestive health.

Regular consumption of bone broth can also calm symptoms of bloating, food sensitivity, and irregular digestion. The collagen it provides transforms into gelatin, which coats and soothes the digestive tract, allowing damaged tissue to heal more effectively. It's like giving your gut a warm, protective hug that restores balance from within.

Beyond the gut, the benefits ripple through your body. Collagen supports glowing skin, healthy joints, and strong hair, while amino acids assist in detoxification and immune defense. A single cup daily can make a noticeable difference in energy, mood, and overall vitality.

Bone broth reminds us that healing doesn't always require complex solutions. Sometimes, it's found in the simplest traditions — a slow-simmered broth, rich in nutrients, restoring what modern diets often neglect. Sip slow, heal deep, and let nature's oldest remedy bring your body back into harmony.



TECHTIME

BONE BROTH REPAIRS YOUR GUT WALL USING COLLAGEN AND AMINO ACIDS THAT RESTORE AND HEAL FROM WITHIN

Parmesan Crisps

2 oz (1/2 cup) grated fresh Parmesan cheese
dash of pepper
Preheat oven to 400°.

Line a large baking sheet with parchment paper. Spoon cheese by tablespoonfuls 2 inches apart on prepared baking sheet. Spread each mound to a 2-inch diameter. Bake at 400° for 6 to 8 minutes or until crisp and golden. Cool completely on baking sheet. Remove from baking sheet using a thin spatula.

