

March/April 2024 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

Email to mawils@earthlink.net

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



Join Us for Our Zoom Meeting Tuesday, March 5, at 6:30pm

President's Message

Hello to all our members and readers of our newsletter, which is graciously edited by Susan Rochester. Thank you, Susan!

I want to welcome our newest members, Elizabeth and Lee Gearhart, as well as all the guests at our recent meetings. We are pleased to introduce you to the Atlanta Doberman Pinscher Club newsletter. With input and ideas from our members, this club is headed in a very productive direction. Your interest in the club and our fabulous breed is welcomed and appreciated.

Our February meeting took place at Jim 'n Nick's BBQ Restaurant in Lawrenceville. We had a really nice turnout, with 13 members and 8 guests attending in person and several members joining via Zoom. We were sorry that Vice President Sully Sullivan could not attend in person due to medical issues; however, he did participate by Zoom. His presence is always appreciated and enjoyed.

Thank you to Kathy Gresham for bringing tickets and door prizes and to Rodney Hoyt for taking pictures. Of course, thank you to Ann Wilson for juggling the Zoom attendees and simultaneously taking minutes! Great job.

We need to choose our next in-person meeting date and location, either from among the four places we have used previously (Jim 'n Nick's, Aldo's, Frontera Mexican Kitchen, Grandma's N.Y. Pizza) or a new place. If anyone has a suggestion for a different location, please let me know. Criteria are that we must have a separate room for which there is no charge and internet access. Your participation in our monthly meetings and other club events brings enjoyment to all of us. Thank you.

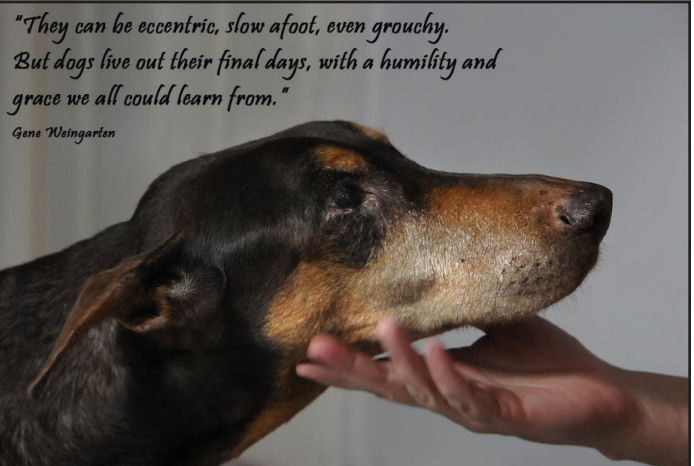
The March meeting will be held via Zoom on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. Eastern. If you have an item you would like to bring up at the meeting, please let me know so we can add it to the agenda. All ideas are welcome.

Please send all brags and items you would like to have included in the next issue of the newsletter directly to Susan Rochester at surochester@aol.com. We appreciate your support of the newsletter with your brags and areas of interest. The deadline for the May/June issue is April 15, 2024.

I hope you all had a great Valentine's Day! Until our next meeting, stay well.

Sincerely,

Pamela DeHetre, President, Atlanta Doberman Pinscher Club



BRAGS

Achievement: ADPCA WAE
BH and WAC title earned with **Oldfort's Magnolia Grace CGG RE CA DCAT CGC TKI CSAU FO P1 BH WAC**
and **UKC CH Brera Power BH RN WAC**
Photo: Member Gretchen Grace



Pamelot's Optimist CD RM* BCAT RATS CGCA ATT. "Finn"

In January at the Chattahoochee English Springer Spaniel show, Finn earned 2 Rally triples, 40 RACH points, and qualified in his final leg of his novice obedience class earning his CD.

In February at the Atlanta show, Finn added three more Rally triples and earned 42 RACH points, and in the process finished his tenth master leg, earning his Rally Master title. *pending AKC certification

Finn qualified for the AKC Rally National Championship in the Excellent category.



Member Birthday Celebrations

Belated

Penny Butler January 18
Pam DeHetre February 7

Current

Rodney Hoyt March 2
Sydney Williams March 23

Ann Wilson April 11
Kathy Gresham April 15
Elizabeth Gearhart April 16
Emily Landrum April 24



New Members!

Pictured below are new members Elizabeth and Lee Gearhart, who were voted in at the meeting on February 6th



All new members who joined in the fourth quarter of 2023

Michele Labuz
Linda Whitney
Taylor Harris
Gretchen Grace
Michelle Owen
Mika Cushing
Elizabeth & Lee Gearhart

Closing March 27, 2024 - All classes indoors



PEACH BLOSSOM CLUSTER DOG SHOWS & more

Wednesday, April 10 - Sunday, April 14, 2024

Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter

Golden Isle Parkway (I-75, Exit 135), 401 Larry Walker Parkway


Perry, GA 31069

Website: peachblossomcluster.org

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 The Canine Chronicle

AKC Performance Events Weekend



March 22-24, 2024



Wetumpka Sports Complex

2350 Coosa River Parkway, Wetumpka, AL 36092

Hosted by the Montgomery Kennel Club in conjunction with
Montgomery Alabama Dog Obedience Club

Events offered:

FastCAT and CAT - To Enter visit: saltydogscoursing.com
(3 days/ 6 runs)



Fitdog Walks (All 3 days) Day of Registration on site

Fetch (Saturday and Sunday) Novice and Intermediate

Pre-Entry \$25 / Day of \$30 to pre-Enter visit: <https://fullmoontrtslabs.wixsite.com/fullmoon-teddy-roose/events>



Montgomery Al Dog Obedience Club
We Teach You To Train Your Dog

—**Rally Match, CGC, Trick Dog** (Saturday only)

Day of Entries only

Rally—2 rings / 2 levels—\$1/minute up to 5 minutes, Multi runs available.

CGC—Basic—\$20

Trick Dog—all levels \$20 (Bring your own props)





Moving clocks
forward
doesn't work
for dogs!

Blackjack Dobermans

2024 National Judges

Congratulations to the following Judges on their 2024 Judging Assignments in Kingsport, TN:

National Judges

Bonnie Linnell-Clarke	Intersex
Luiz Fernando Ribas-Silva	Bitches
Glen Lajeski	Dogs
Carissa Shimpeno	Futurity / Maturity
Kim Owen	Owner-Handled Sweeps



*He is your friend,
your partner,
your defender,
your dog.*

*You are his life,
his love,
his leader.*

*He will be yours
faithful and true to the
last beat of his heart.*

*You owe it to him to
worthy of such devotion.*

Showing Up Big at the 2024 National



Do You Feed The Superfood Kefir To Your Pets?

Daily Intake Of Kefir
 Small dogs: 1 tsp. - 1 tbsp.
 Medium dogs: 1 - 2 tbsp.
 Large dogs: 2 - 3 tbsp.

Presented by Forest City Sport Dogs

**First Annual Crossroads Cluster
Walk-Up YOU PICK UpDog Event!**

May 11th & 12th, 2024

Georgia National Fairgrounds

Throw N Go 4 Way Play

Spaced Out Freestyle

Time Warp Greedy

Frizgility FunKey

4 Way Play 7UP

Boom! Far Out

Pairs Games!

Bring your team
numbers and be ready
for a good time!!

IT'S GONNA BE MAY



**BACK TO BACK WEEKENDS OF ALL BREED SHOWS AT THE SAME LOCATION
CABARRUS ARENA AND EVENTS CENTER**

4751 HIGHWAY 49 NORTH CONCORD, N.C. 28025

WE'VE ADDED ANOTHER SHOW!! THE LAKE NORMAN KENNEL CLUB AKC MENTORED SHOW

**Victory Lane
Classic**



JULY 12-16, 2024



Speedway Classic of the Carolinas



JULY 18-21, 2024



THE TWO CLASSICS ARE TEAMING UP FOR A WEEK OF SHOWS AND EVENTS

**32 SPECIALTIES AND SUPPORTED ENTRIES TO DATE
BUT WHO'S COUNTING??**

CANE CORSO CLUB OF THE CAROLINAS - CENTRAL CAROLINA CHIHUAHUA CLUB
DOBERMAN PINSCHER CLUB OF CHARLOTTE, INC. - MAGNOLIA PUMI CLUB OF NORTH CAROLINA
PAPILLION CLUB OF THE CAROLINAS - QUEEN CITY NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB
SCOTTISH TERRIER CLUB OF THE PIEDMONT - TARHEEL GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB
TARHEEL LEONBERGER CLUB - THE UNITED STATES NEAPOLITAN MASTIFF CLUB
AND....THE FRENCHIES ARE COMING!!! THE FRENCH BULLDOG CLUB OF GEORGIA

ADDITIONAL SPECIALTIES ARE COMING -- WATCH FOR UPDATES AND THE PREMIUM LIST!!

AKC Humane Fund Awards for Canine Excellence (ACE)

To celebrate the dogs who do extraordinary things in the service of humankind, the AKC Humane Fund is seeking YOUR nominations for its AKC Humane Fund Awards for Canine Excellence (ACE). Nominations are open NOW through July 1st and winners will be announced in late 2024. Winners will be highlighted in a made-for-tv special created by AKC productions. The AKC Humane Fund Awards for Canine Excellence are proudly sponsored by Eukanuba™ and YuMOVE®.

Each year, the AKC Humane Fund, a not-for-profit organization, honors five dedicated, hardworking dogs for making significant contributions to an individual or entire community. Since its creation in 2000, 120 ACE awards have been presented. Last year's ACE recipients included a Labrador Retriever who is trained to sniff out hidden electronic devices to prove sex offenders and traffickers guilty and a Border Collie who's a fan favorite on and off the football field at New Mexico State University.

One award is given in each of the following five categories:

Uniformed Service K-9

Eligibility: Full-time working K-9s in the realms of city, county, state, or federal law enforcement; the military; firefighting; customs and border patrol; emergency services.

Exemplary Companion

Eligibility: Dogs without formal training or certification that have nonetheless distinguished themselves in some way and have made a meaningful contribution to their owners or communities.

Search and Rescue

Eligibility: Dogs certified to assist in wilderness and urban tracking, natural disasters, mass casualty events and locating missing people.

Therapy

Eligibility: Certified therapy dogs working in hospitals, schools, disaster sites, war zones, and wherever else the affection of a good dog can provide comfort.

** (Note: Nominees doing therapy work without certification are considered in the Exemplary Companion category.)

Service

Eligibility: Service dogs who enrich the lives of physically or mentally disabled owners, including, but not limited to, guide dogs for the blind, seizure-alert dogs, hearing dogs, balance dogs.

Honorees of the AKC Humane Fund Awards for Canine Excellence (ACE) will receive \$1,000 to be awarded to a pet-related charity of their choice and an engraved sterling silver medallion.

Anyone, including the dog's owner or handler, may submit a nomination. Past nominations are eligible for resubmission for these awards.

Submissions for the **AKC Humane Fund Awards for Canine Excellence for 2024** must include:

- A digital photograph of dog. Files must be larger than 1MB in size and a minimum of 300 dpi. The photo should feature solely the nominated dog.
- A 500-word-or-less description of how the dog has demonstrated excellence.
- Dog's call name, breed, age and sex.
- Owner's/Nominator's name(s), address, phone number and e-mail address.

Nominations will be accepted through July 1, 2024 and should be submitted with a photo sent to communications@akc.org.

For more information about the ACE awards or to nominate a dog, visit the AKC Humane Fund Awards For Canine Excellence (ACE) page. <https://akchumanefund.org/ace-awards>



Dogs Don't Have a Sixth Sense, They Just Have Incredible Hearing

By *Stephanie Gibeault, MSc, CPDT*

It's pretty obvious that dogs have more powerful noses than humans, but how well can they hear? You might have read that dogs have far better hearing than humans, but it's not quite that simple. In his book, "How Dogs Think," Stanley Coren, Ph.D, says, "The truth of the matter is that, for some sounds, a dog's hearing is really hundreds of times better than ours, whereas for other sounds, dogs and humans have sound sensitivities that are very much the same."

High-Pitched Sounds

Hertz is a measure of the frequency of a sound, and the higher the frequency, the higher pitched the sound. Where dogs really shine is with higher-pitched sounds. The average adult human cannot hear sounds above 20,000 Hertz (Hz), although young children can hear higher. Dogs, on the other hand, can hear sounds as high as 47,000 to 65,000 Hz. These are sounds far too high-pitched for us.

At high frequencies, dogs can also detect much softer sounds than we can. The loudness or intensity of a sound is measured in decibels (dB) with 0 dB being the average intensity of a sound that can just barely be heard by a young human. So, sounds too quiet for humans to hear are given a negative decibel rating.

According to Coren, when sounds are between 3,000 and 12,000 Hz in frequency, dogs' ears are far more sensitive than ours. They can hear those sounds when they're between -5 dB and -15 dB on average. That means dogs can hear sounds that aren't loud enough for our ears. For sounds above 12,000 Hz, dogs' ears have sensitivity so much higher than humans that a comparison would be pointless.

Wired for Prey

It's thanks to their predatory heritage that dogs can hear high-pitched sounds so well. Wolves, dogs' ancestors, prey on small rodents such as mice, so the ability to hear the tiny animals' squeaks is important for survival. Humans, who evolved to cooperate with other humans, have ears tuned to the pitch of the human voice.

This sensitivity to higher-pitched sounds likely explains several phenomena involving dogs. Rather than having ESP, dogs may predict earthquakes using their highly sensitive ears. Their ability to predict somebody's arrival at your door is likely due to their ability to detect the sound of a car before you can hear it, rather than any sixth sense. Finally, dogs can be so distressed by everyday noises, like a vacuum cleaner or power drill, because they sound louder to dogs than to humans. Plus, dogs can hear high-pitched noises from these devices that we can't detect.

Other Differences

When it comes to the remaining detectable frequency range, dogs and humans can both hear these sounds, and the sensitivity of our ears is about the same. However, human ears have a maximum sensitivity of 2,000 Hz. Not coincidentally, that frequency is right in the middle of the range of human speech. On the other hand, dogs have a maximum sensitivity of 8,000 Hz, much better suited to hearing their prey.

Dogs also have an amazing ability to detect tiny differences between frequencies. Coren explains that they can hear "the difference between the musical note C and another note that differs by one-eighth of the distance between that C note and C sharp." That puts tone-deaf humans to shame. On the other hand, we can locate sounds better than dogs. Humans can tell the difference between two sounds that differ in location by an angle of only one degree, whereas dogs need eight degrees of separation.

Testing a Dog's Hearing

Researchers know what humans can hear because they can ask their test subjects, but how do they know what dogs can hear? Early studies involved training dogs to press a lever under a speaker when they heard a sound. Today, a dog's hearing capabilities can be tested without the dog having to do a thing. The Brainstem Auditory Evoked Response (BAER) hearing test is as simple as placing electrodes on a dog's head and earphones in their ears. Sounds are played through the earphones, and if the brain shows electrical activity, the dog is considered to have heard the sound. The test doesn't hurt the dog and only takes a short amount of time.

Just like humans, dogs can lose their hearing with age or from other factors, such as a severe ear infection. The BAER test is a great way to determine the level of hearing loss. Most dogs adapt well when their ears fail, and you can continue to communicate using body language and hand signals. Also, the ability to detect high-pitched sounds is usually the last to go, so louder, high-frequency sounds, like a whistle, may work even when your dog can no longer hear your voice.



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and Rochelle Fisher
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for starting us out.



We are looking forward to Melissa Conrad-Chase,
Marcy Nichols, Holly Peterson and Lori Moore Gibson
for jumping on board in the near future!