

# May/June 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

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## Join Us for Our Zoom Meeting Tuesday, May 7, 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, Mark and Kristen Avera, Kalie Schubert and Kathie Condon, 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 positive, productive direction. Thank you for your interest in the club and our fabulous breed. Our last meeting was held April 2, 2024 by Zoom. We missed our Vice President, Sully Sullivan who was unable to attend due to unavoidable travel plans. Of course, thank you to Ann Wilson for such a great job welcoming guests and new members. Very appreciated!!

At this meeting I was asked "Why have in-person meetings?" I had to respond quickly and perhaps my thoughts about the reasons were not communicated clearly. After our Zoom meeting I gave this question quite a bit of thought. In my opinion I think we should have some in-person meetings to get to know each other. I joined this club not only to help the breed but to make friends who are like-minded. I enjoy talking with people in a relaxed atmosphere which is not possible in a Zoom session. If we have side conversations on a Zoom call we would be on the phone for hours, which would not be acceptable for a business meeting. With an in-person meeting, those who want to socialize can do so either before the official start of the meeting or after adjournment. Those who do not want to socialize or live outside our Atlanta area can still call in via Zoom. So, I think having occasional in-person meetings satisfies everyone. I encourage everyone to speak up regarding this. I am always open to everyone's viewpoints. Please don't hesitate to contact me by phone or text: 770-329-3044, or by email at [pamdehetre@peoplepc.com](mailto:pamdehetre@peoplepc.com).

On that note—we need to choose our next in-person meeting date. Ann is going to send out a request for everyone's availability for June 4 and August 6. Please do respond. Hopefully we can select one of those meeting dates to be in-person. Also, we need to decide on a 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 have internet access. Your participation in our monthly meetings and other club events brings enjoyment to all of us. Thank you.

The May meeting will be held via Zoom on Tuesday, May 7, 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](mailto:surochester@aol.com).

We appreciate your support of the newsletter with your brags and areas of interest. The deadline for the July/Aug issue is **June 15, 2024**.

I hope you all had a great Easter! Until our next meeting, enjoy the lovely spring weather and stay safe & well.

Sincerely,

**Pamela DeHetre, President, Atlanta Doberman  
Pinscher Club**

# BRAGS

## Brag by Bayberry Shah

Our youngest, Namarie, achieved her Rally Excellent title! She was handled by my sister, Thais Lanning Kelly. We co-own her.



### Barbie and Pam

Barbie was a wonderful bitch for her day! She won her class at the National that year with Pam. CH Terrylane's Irish Fantasy 1986. Heavily line bred on Arthal. The dam of three Champions. Shown here with Pam DeHetre and Judge Evie Sullivan



CH Schaufelein's Vintage Year - Handled by Pam DeHetre, winning the first Top 20 in 1977. Judges, William T. (Bill) Haines, Peggy Adamson, Peter Knoop

### Member Briana Johnson Welcomes New Baby!



Brianna Johnson, with her husband Greg, oldest child Corben and baby Nolan who was born in January. Her dog is Soren.

Brianna had just recently learned she was expecting when she became a member last summer, and we were all excited when her baby was born early this year.

Congrats from all!

# BARK Air

dogs fly first.



## BARK Introduces New Era of Travel Made for Dogs with the Launch of BARK Air

*Dogs Fly First: BARK Announces First-of-its-Kind Travel Experience Tailored to Dogs Starting May 2024*

BARK, Inc. (NYSE: BARK) (“BARK” or the “Company”), a leading global omnichannel dog brand with a mission to make all dogs happy, announced it has partnered with a jet charter company to launch BARK Air. BARK Air is the world’s first air travel experience designed specifically for dogs first, and their human companions second, enabling them to travel together comfortably and conveniently. Starting today, premium flights for dogs (and their humans) are available for booking, with the first flights taking off from New York on Thursday, May 23.

Traveling long distances with a dog is a challenge many dog parents face, particularly for those dogs that don’t fit into a carrier that can be placed under the seat in front. Too often, dogs are denied travel, confined to a duffle bag, or endure the stress of flying in cargo. Recognizing these challenges, and the increasing demand for an accessible solution, BARK Air presents a more fun – and humane – option for dogs traveling with their two-legged human companions. BARK Air exemplifies BARK’s dog-first mentality and award-winning customer experience, setting a new standard for dogs who love to travel but have been forced to settle for less-than-ideal traveling conditions.

“When we started BARK in 2011, we were on a mission to disrupt the dog space and create products designed for dogs and their humans. We are excited to take the insights we’ve learned over the years to create an experience that is truly dog-first, which is drastically different from just accepting dogs – from the ground to the skies,” said Matt Meeker, Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer at

BARK. “We believe this initiative will elevate awareness of our brand’s mission and values, introduce more dog lovers to the BARK family, and help enrich the lives of dogs and their people around the world.”

BARK Air has taken the white glove experience typical of a human’s first-class experience and redirected all that pampering to pooches – from booking to arrival, to in-flight services and disembarkation, dogs will truly be the VIPs and treated to a positively luxurious, curated experience.

- **Following booking**, humans will be contacted by a BARK Air concierge to collect information about each dog and their human’s travel plans to ensure the best possible experience.

- **On travel day**, dogs and their companions will arrive at the airport 45 to 60 minutes before takeoff for a simple, efficient check-in process where dogs can meet other furry friends on their flight while their people are treated to meals prepared by onsite chefs – no crates, stressful TSA check-points, or screening.

- **Before boarding**, a highly skilled BARK Air concierge will welcome dogs at the gate to help them settle into their experience through socialization and dog-centric cabin preparation. The BARK Air concierge will also evaluate each dog to ensure they are enjoying their experience and adapting to the new environment and if additional attention and care is needed prior to boarding or once on board.

- **Also prior to boarding**, the plane will be treated to a “Dogs Fly First” flight prep with calming pheromones, music, and colors that pups prefer. All furry passengers will have access to various aids such as calming treats, noise-canceling ear muffs, and calming jackets to ensure a stress-free and enjoyable flight.

- **Once onboard**, dogs will be served their beverage of choice during ascent and descent to ensure they do not experience any ear discomfort commonly caused by changes in cabin pressure. Additionally, a variety of BARK-branded treats, snacks, and surprises will be provided throughout the flight with the intent of pampering furry passengers and their humans.

At launch, routes will serve the New York City metro area via Westchester County Airport (HPN) with flights to the Los Angeles area via Van Nuys (VNY) and London, England via Stansted Airport (STN). Through the partnership, an Argus Platinum-rated charter company is responsible for all aircraft, crew, maintenance, and insurance-related matters, while BARK is focused on creating and delivering a world-class air travel experience for dogs and their people.

Bark believes the additional traffic to BARK.co will raise awareness of our full offering, benefiting our core business in the long term.

For more information on BARK Air and booking, visit **DogsFlyFirst.com** and follow along on Instagram @barkair.

## Introducing



As a responsible AKC breeder, you understand the importance of health testing. That's why AKC, your trusted partner, now offers you this new solution that combines genetic health and traits testing with AKC DNA identification.

### This powerful breeder tool:

- + Offers [AKC DNA Profile](#) + over 328 markers for [health and traits](#).
- + Meets AKC registration and Breeder of Merit/Bred with H.E.A.R.T. certification requirements. Some exclusions apply. Find breed-specific DNA test recommendations [here](#).
- + Helps to fund the work of AKC's non-profit affiliates such as Canine Health Foundation, whose mission is dedicated to advancing the health of all dogs and their owners.
- + Comes with lifetime access to canine genetic counselors (staffed by veterinary professionals) to help make smart breeding decisions.
- + Delivers verifiable results – using world class technology to internally validate results and match to each specific dog.\*\*

Visit AKC Shop at the link below to find out what AKC DNA + Health can do for you and your litter.

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- Every purchase helps to fund the work of AKC's non-profit affiliates such as the AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF)
- Comes with lifetime access to canine genetic counselors (staffed by veterinary professionals) to help make smart breeding decisions
- Verifiable results – using world class technology to internally validate results to match each specific dog (if AKC DNA for sire and dam are on file)

### Processing:

- Activate at [dna.akc.org](#) using the sample key and activation code assigned to each individual kit.
- Accurate results within 4-6 weeks.

### Reporting:

- Results will be emailed to the customer's address on file.
- Report includes letter of analysis for the AKC DNA Profile, and report for health and traits results.

**Please Note: AKC DNA testing DOES NOT determine breed of the dog (breed purity), conformation, performance ability, or specific coat color.** AKC DNA health and trait tests are for informational purposes only. A normal result does not exclude a different cause of this disease, either from a different genetic variant, or from another cause. Abnormal results are not diagnostic for the disease. If you are concerned your dog may have this disease, please consult your veterinarian. Trait testing provides genotypes for color or trait markers, but does not determine specific color or traits.

**The AKC DNA Health Test Kit is excluded from 30-day satisfaction guarantee**

Phone: 919-816-3508

**Curious about AKC DNA + Health?  
Email us at [dnahealth@akc.org](mailto:dnahealth@akc.org)**

**Atlanta Doberman Pinscher Club  
Friday, May 10, 2024**

Closing Date: Wednesday, April 24, 2024  
Georgia Ntl Fairgrounds & Agricenter  
401 Larry Walker Parkway  
Perry, GA

Web Site:<http://atldobermanpinscherclub.com>  
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Entries for this event are limited to: 100  
Start Date: Friday - May 10, 2024  
End Date: Friday - May 10, 2024  
Closing Date: Wednesday - April 24, 2024

**Specialty**

AKC National Owner-Handled Series

Judge: Mr. Carl Gene Liepmann

**Atlanta Doberman Pinscher Club  
Sunday, May 12, 2024**

Closing Date: Wednesday, April 24, 2024  
Georgia Ntl Fairgrounds & Agricenter  
401 Larry Walker Parkway  
Perry, GA

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**Sweepstakes, Conformation, Specialty**

Judge: Mr. Jay Richardson

AKC National Owner-Handled Series

**Event Chair**

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**Atlanta Doberman Pinscher Club  
Friday, July 26, 2024**

Closing Date: Wednesday, July 10, 2024  
TD Convention Center  
1 Expositon Ave  
Greenville, SC

Web Site:<http://atldobermanpinscherclub.com>  
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Entries for this event are limited to: 100  
Start Date: Friday - July 26, 2024  
End Date: Friday - July 26, 2024  
Closing Date: Wednesday - July 10, 2024

**Specialty**

AKC National Owner-Handled Series  
Points For Reserve Available

Judge: Ms. Peggy Beisel-McIlwaine

**Atlanta Doberman Pinscher Club  
Sunday, July 28, 2024**

Closing Date: Wednesday, July 10, 2024  
TD Convention Center  
1 Expositon Ave  
Greenville, SC

Web Site:<http://atldobermanpinscherclub.com>  
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Start Date: Sunday - July 28, 2024  
End Date: Sunday - July 28, 2024  
Closing Date: Wednesday - July 10, 2024

**Specialty**

Points For Reserve Available  
Judge: Ms. Cynthia Woodward  
AKC National Owner-Handled Series

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**First Annual Crossroads Cluster  
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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**





## Cancer HATES Mushrooms

Source: [iheartdogs.com](http://iheartdogs.com)

This was the conclusion of Pennsylvania State University researchers who analyzed mushroom consumption on cancer risk, involving 19,500 patients.

The subjects with the highest mushroom consumption - (2/3 of an ounce of mushrooms daily) - had a 45% lower risk of developing cancer.

Another study by Bastyr University, conducted on a group of dogs with an aggressive cancer (hemangiosarcoma), found that feeding a mushroom supplement extended lifespan by over 50%! While more research needs to be done on mushrooms, these findings are incredibly exciting for dog lovers!

Sadly, most of us who've had dogs have been touched by evil C-word. CANCER KILLS HALF OF ALL DOGS. This fact is absolutely stunning and in recent years the trend is only getting worse.

When I began reading the research around mushrooms and cancer, I started giving my 13 year old husky a mushroom supplement daily. She lived and thrived until age 18, and while I can't prove the supplement extended her lifespan, I believe it had a major impact.

We certainly cannot yet say that mushrooms treat cancer, but there is sufficient evidence to say they greatly support the immune system of both dogs and humans.

I wish many more happy years for you and your fur babies!

Justin Palmer, iHeartDogs & Cannanine Founder

*P.S. - In case anyone is wondering, all mushrooms that are safe for humans to eat are safe for dogs!*

## Facts:

### Carbs in excess

(like the % found in kibble) can **cause** numerous **health problems**.

The average kibble contains **60% highly refined carbs**

Dogs have developed some ability to digest starch, but this **doesn't mean that starch is good for them**.

### Not all carbs are created equal.

Low- glycemic carbs (veggies) can offer extra health benefits, yet highly refined carbs (rice, flour, etc) spike blood sugar and are fattening.

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**A raw, meat-based diet low in carbs is the healthiest option for your dog.**

## 7 Best Dog Surgical Suits

Source: [iheartdogs.com](http://iheartdogs.com)

In the aftermath of surgery or injury, a dog's innate instinct often leads them to lick or scratch the affected area, potentially jeopardizing the healing process but the best dog surgical suits can protect those wounds. These soft bodysuits are a revolutionary alternative to the age-old, cumbersome Elizabethan collar, more affectionately known as the cone of shame! These suits, designed specifically for our canine companions, offer a combination of protection, comfort, and freedom of movement, allowing dogs to recover with dignity and ease.

As the popularity of dog surgical suits surges, it becomes imperative for pet parents to understand their benefits and how to choose the right one. This article delves deep into the world of these protective garments, shedding light on their advantages over traditional post-surgical options. Additionally, we'll guide you through the myriad of factors to consider when making a purchase, ensuring the best fit and functionality for your furry friend. Whether you're curious about the ins and outs or seeking answers to the most frequently asked questions, read on for a comprehensive look at the world of dog surgical suits.

**Purpose of the Suit:**

Understand why your dog needs a surgical suit. Common reasons include protecting surgical incisions, preventing the dog from licking or biting, or to manage incontinence.

**Size and Fit:**

The suit should be snug but not too tight. If it's too loose, your dog might be able to get it off or access the areas you're trying to protect. Conversely, a suit that's too tight might restrict movement and be uncomfortable. Measurements of your dog's neck, chest, and length are often needed to choose the right size.

**Material:**

Look for a suit made of breathable and stretchy fabric, ensuring comfort. The material should also be easy to clean, as post-surgical suits may get dirty.

**Accessibility:**

Consider how easy it is to put on and remove the suit. Also, think about how accessible the dog's waste elimination areas are. Some suits have zippers or openings for this purpose, ensuring you don't have to remove the entire suit every time your dog needs a bathroom break.

**Durability:**

Post-surgery, some dogs might try to scratch or bite through the suit. Ensure that the suit you choose is durable and can withstand such behavior.

**Coverage:**

The suit should cover the specific area you want to protect. For instance, if your dog has had surgery on its hind leg, ensure that the suit covers that entire area. Or, if your

female dog has undergone a spay surgery, you'll want the suit to cover her abdomen.

**Washability:**

You may need to wash the surgical suit multiple times, especially if it becomes soiled. Choose a suit that is machine washable and retains its shape after washing.

**Comfort:**

Your dog's comfort is paramount. Soft seams, a good fit, and gentle closures (like Velcro) can all contribute to a dog feeling more at ease while wearing the suit.

**Design:**

While not the most crucial factor, some owners prefer surgical suits that are aesthetically pleasing or have a cute design.

**Price:**

While you shouldn't compromise on your dog's safety or comfort, it's worth considering the price, especially if you're on a tight budget.

### The 7 Best Dog Surgical Suits

**#1 – BellyGuard** – After Surgery Dog Recovery Onesie, Post Spay, Neuter, Body Suit for Male and Female Dogs, Comfortable Cone Alternative for Large and Small Dogs, Soft Cotton Covers Wound, Stitches, Large: Made with soft, breathable cotton, Easily pulls on for convenient dressing, Quickly rolls up for easy bathroom access, Promotes recovery without the stress, Available in 7 sizes. Chewy/Amazon

**Comfy Recovery for Your Dog**  
Vet approved alternative to the 'cone of shame'

**Ditch the cone!**

**#2 – SurgiSnuggly Dog Surgery Recovery Suit** For Female Or Male Dogs, Veterinarian Invented Dog Onesie Is Better Than A Dog Cone, American Milled Fabric Is Safe Spay Or Neuter Surgical Recovery Easy LL BB EC: Made of soft, stretchable, and breathable fabric, Designed by veterinarians, Easy on/off design suitable for males and females, Machine washable, Openings for convenient waste elimination, Available in multiple sizes and colors. Chewy/Amazon



**#5 – Wabdhally Dog Surgery Recovery Suit**, Surgical Suit for Medium Female Dogs, Soft Combed Cotton, Striped Pink Onesie M: Stretchable, soft combed cotton material, Half zipper design easy on/off, Machine-washable for easy cleaning, Suitable for both male and female dogs, Spacious rear opening, Multiple sizes and colors available. Amazon



**#3 – Suitical Recovery Suit for Dogs – Dog Surgery Recovery Suit with Clip-Up System – Breathable Fabric for Spay, Neuter, Skin Conditions, Incontinence – 55-69 cm Neck to Tail – Medium Dog Suit by Suitical, Black: High-quality cotton and Lycra blend, Easy on/off with snap buttons, Machine washable, Suitable for both male and female dogs, Rear fastening for convenient waste elimination, Available in various sizes to fit different breeds. Chewy/Amazon**



**#6 – Kuoser Recovery Suit for Dogs Cats After Surgery**, Professional Pet Recovery Shirt Dog Abdominal Wounds Bandages, Substitute E-Collar & Cone, Prevent Licking Dog Onesies Pet Surgery Recovery Suit: 95% cotton and 5%Spandex, Stretchable, soft, and breathable, Elastic bands on Neck and Shoulder for easy on/off, Machine-washable for easy cleaning, Available in 6 sizes & lots of cute designs. Amazon



**#4 – Detoner Dog Recovery Suit Abdominal Wound** Puppy Surgical Clothes Post-Operative Vest Pet After Surgery Wear Substitute E-Collar & Cone (L, Grey): Made of soft, breathable fabric, 4-way stretch material for comfort, Easy to put on and take off via back buttons, Suitable for both male and female dogs, Available in 6 sizes and 7 colors. Amazon



**#7 – Avont Dog Surgery Recovery Suit**, Post-Spay/Neuter Onesie for Female/Male Puppies, Breathable Bodysuit Surgical Shirt E-Collar & Cone Alternative, Anti-Licking Protection for Wounds -Pink (3XS): Built-in pocket for gauze or absorbent pad, Adjustable hook and loop fasteners for easy on/off, Belly flap can be rolled up for mess-free potty breaks.



Machine-washable and dryer safe, Suitable for both male and female dogs, Available in 10 sizes and 2 colors. Amazon



**ATLANTA**  
DOBERMAN PINSCHER CLUB

Two concurrent specialties at the Crossroads of Georgia Cluster in Perry, GA

Judges:  
Carl Leipmann & Jay Richardson

Friday May 10th  
&  
Sunday May 12th\*

\*Sunday Challenge Trophy is a Bronze Tsunami Doberman Statue by Fan Yu

- Puppy Sweepstakes
- Best Bred- By- Exhibitor
- Best Veteran
- Best of Breed NOHS

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Challenge Trophy In memory of Jeanne Anne Radliff, Scousebe Dobermans

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Two Inaugural Concurrent Specialties at the Carolina Foothills Cluster in Greenville, South Carolina

Bling Rosettes by Sindi Leo

Judges:  
Peggy -Beisel McIlwaine  
Friday July 26th

Cynthia Woodward  
Sunday July 28th

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