

November/December 2023 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 mawils@earthlink.net

Join Us for Our Zoom Meeting Tuesday, Nov. 7, at 6:30pm 2023

President's Message

Hi to all our members, including new member Linda Whitney and recent guests Taylor Harris, Gretchen Grace, Mika Cushing and Pat MacDonald. I would like to welcome you all to the ADPC Newsletter. Your interest in the club and our fabulous breed is very appreciated.

Save the date—we are having our club Holiday Party on Tuesday, December 5, starting at 7 PM. The location is familiar to many of you, as it is where we used to hold many of our in-person meetings: Aldo's Italian Restaurant, 6690 Roswell Rd NE, Sandy Springs, GA 30328.

The party will feature a "Dirty Santa" gift swap. Participation is optional, but if you want to play, bring a wrapped gift (dog-related or not) up to a \$20 value. We will have some other surprises for you, too. We're also continuing the tradition started at last year's party for everyone to bring a bag or cans of dog food to be donated to rescue. It should be a lot of fun! Hope you can all attend. You are also welcome to bring a guest.

Please RSVP to either Ann Wilson or myself so we can give the restaurant an approximate number of attendees. Your participation in events brings enjoyment to all of us. Thank you!

We will have a very short meeting at our Holiday Party, at which we will get a report on our WAE event that will be held 12/2 at the Winter Wonderland Cluster in Perry and transact any other business we need to take care of before the holidays.

It was my pleasure to be at the DPCA National in September to root for our club members and their dogs. Rebecca Roter's and Dayna Hewitt's Top 20 bitch, GCHB Aludra's Fairy Queen v Desta (call name Siren), bred by Rebecca and Brenda Wolfeil, was handled to perfection by Cindy Lane-Smith. Vicki

Sweeny's and Edie Thomas' Rahdy's Sympathy for the Devil (Charlie) placed in the 6-to-9-Month Class and 6-to-9-Month Puppy Class at the Regional.

Bayberry Shah's Avari took second in the Veterans class on both days of the show. And Penny Rossiter's Tara was a star, for the second year, in the Parade of Rescues at the awards banquet. We should all be very proud of our club members' accomplishments.

Our club picnic in September was a huge success. The 15 members, 8 guests and a number of dogs enjoyed great food, games and dog activities. It was a lot of fun getting to meet new people and visit with long-time friends.

If there is anything anyone would like to bring up at the November meeting, please let me know so we can place it on the agenda. All ideas are welcome. And be sure to mark your calendars for future ADPC meetings, which are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM. All members and guests are welcome.

Also, please send all brags and items that you would like to have included in the newsletter to Ann Wilson. She has kindly taken on the task of organizing things before the information is sent to Susan Rochester to include in upcoming issues.

Until our next meeting, stay well and hopefully you are all enjoying the beautiful Georgia weather.

Best to all of you.

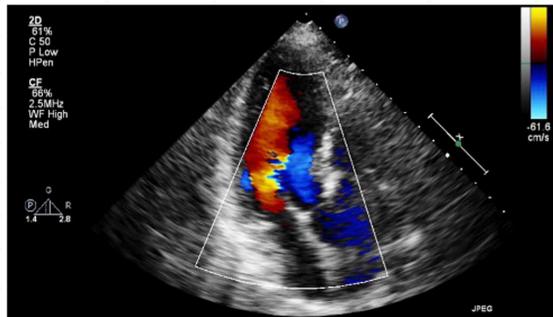
Sincerely, Pamela DeHetre, President,
Atlanta Doberman Pinscher Club



UPCOMING OFA HEALTH CLINIC

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH, 2023
8:00AM - 4:00PM

Offering limited appointments for **OFA Echocardiograms** by Dr. Darlene Blishock board certified **Cardiologist** (25 slots available) for \$250



Discounted **OFA testing** by Dr. Ana Adams board certified **Theriogenologist**

Hips/Elbows
\$400
Hips \$275
Thyroid to MSU
\$200



Patella
\$60

Additional discounted services for **Semen Freezing/Storage** \$450

Come get all of your health testing needs done in one day for a discounted price!

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BRAGS

AKC ptd U-Ch BPIM Marbendale's Rhinestone Cowboy CGCA, CGCU, RATN, TKA, "Rodeo"

bred and owned by Christine Churchwell, took Best of Opposites on both days at the recent North Augusta, SC, show. He is now AKC pointed.

Rodeo has also earned his AKC Trick Dog Advanced and won Best Puppy in Match at the Conyers Kennel Club match. Christine's Violet has also earned her Trick Dog Intermediate title, and five-month-old Baby Jarah also recently earned her Trick Dog Intermediate title. She earned her CGC Urban title at just 4 months old.



Congratulations to new Champion & Grand Champion

Multiple Best of Breed • Group Placing
GCH Aludra's Rock Roll Refugee v Coruscate
CH Foxfire Tell Me You Like It x CH Aludra's Hello Mary Lou

Phasma

Phasma finished at just 2 years old owner/handled by Emily Landrum from start to finish with a BOB from the classes over specials along the way. In a short 3 months after finishing, this owner/handled team soared into the DPCA TOP 10 NOHS (currently #6) earning Specialty Best of Opposite, Specialty Select, Best of Breed, Group Placement and multiple OH Group wins and placements along the way.

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aludra@aol.com

Owner/Handler:
Emily Landrum
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Meet The Breed Event Promotes Doberman Preservation & Education

The ADPC represented and supported the Doberman Pinscher by taking part in the Dog Days of Autumn Meet The Breed event Oct. 21, hosted by the Atlanta Kennel Club at the Gwinnett County Fairgrounds in Lawrenceville, GA. Vicki Sweeny, our DPCA Chapter Club Meet The Breed Liaison, coordinated the event.

Sully Sullivan, Kathy Gresham, Taylor Harris and Edie Thomas brought Aurora, Glory, Colt and Max, who beautifully displayed the characteristics of the breed that make them great companion and family dogs as well as versatile working dogs. These members, along with Rodney Hoyt and Ann Wilson, provided information and shared their knowledge about training, feeding, events and characteristics of the Doberman with visitors to our attractive booth. Edie's husband, Keith, provided support for set-up and take-down, and Rodney again served as our outstanding official photographer.

"The dogs were beautiful to look at and well-behaved, with solid temperaments that made it apparent their owners spend a lot of time with them," says Vicki.

"It was fun to watch them interact with even some of our tiniest visitors. The information our members provided could have been a seminar on the breed." Thanks to everyone who participated!



(L to R) Edie Thomas, Sully Sullivan, Vicki Sweeny, Rodney Hoyt, Kathy Gresham, Ann Wilson, Taylor Harris

Calling all Dobermans!

The Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine is seeking Dobermans aged 5 or older, with and without DCM

What is being studied?

We're testing whether speckle tracking echocardiography can detect changes in the hearts of Dobermans who have abnormal 24-hour Holter monitoring but normal standard echocardiograms

Eligibility

- Healthy Dobermans aged 5+
- Dobermans aged 5+ who have previous Holter monitor evidence of heart abnormalities that may indicate the early stages of DCM

What is required?

Each dog will have one visit to the **Veterinary Teaching Hospital in Blacksburg, VA**. During the visit, dogs will undergo a physical exam and conventional echocardiography. Using special software, speckle tracking echocardiography (STE) will also be performed. STE is a non-invasive procedure that takes measurements using an ultrasound probe. Dogs who cannot tolerate gentle restraint for the procedures will not be enrolled in the study.

Owners will be given instructions for using a 24-hour Holter monitor at home. A few small patches of fur will be shaved to attach the Holter monitor.

All study-related procedures are free. By mutual agreement, full echo reports and/or heart certifications may be obtained at owner expense, but are not covered as part of the study.



For more information: Phone: 540-231-1363 | Email: mindyq@vt.edu

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This research has been reviewed and approved by the Virginia Tech IACUC and the hospital review committee of the CVM.

MEET OUR MEMBERS!

Bayberry Lanning Shah

ADPC member since: 2020; DPCA member since 2009

Occupation: Digital Project Manager

Lives in: Murray, KY, and Atlanta, GA

Where did you grow up? In Murray, Kentucky.

When did you get your first dog?

My mom, Bunny Lanning, had her first Doberman when she was 13. I was three years old when we got our family's first Doberman, Smaug. She was the beginning of our bloodline. My mom worked with her in obedience.

Smaug's granddaughter, Rune, was a very successful show dog, and one of our best dogs all around.

How and when did you first get interested in showing Dobermans?

I got heavily involved in showing and doing other activities with dogs when I was 11. Rune and I kind of grew up and learned together. I attended my first Doberman National in 1983 and won Best Junior Handler. I got a Group 1 at a show the next year. In early high school, I apprenticed for Jeff Brucker, who was one of the top Doberman handlers, and traveled through Canada over a summer with him.

Later I worked for Jim Sawyers, a large all-breed handler out of Nashville. For both, I took care of the kennel and traveled every weekend to shows, from Michigan to Florida. These were pretty intense, challenging jobs for a teenager! But it was fun, and a great experience. Then I went off to college, got married and moved to New York. When I moved back to Atlanta in 2006, I was able to be more involved again. Mom had Lothlorien Kennels—all our dogs are named after J.R.R. Tolkien characters. I would show her puppies and get them used to the ring. Often we would win and get some points. Mom would then send them on to the handler to finish their championships. But for each of her dogs, I played a part.

Introduce us to the current Dobe members of your family household.

My sister Thaïs and I took over the three dogs Mom had when she died in 2020—a grandmother, mother and daughter. Thaïs and her husband take care of the dogs full time, and I travel between Murray and Atlanta, where the company I work for is based. The grandmother, Reign, was long-lived—she died at 15 years and three months. I showed her daughter, Avari, who is 10, in Veterans at the National this year, and she got second both days. Her five-year-old daughter, Namárië, won a five-point major as a puppy. We are now working her in obedience. She has two rally titles and her CGC. We'll be going for her CD and another rally title this fall. We plan to keep going. We can't imagine not having Dobs. Mom trained for the total

Doberman—obedience, conformation, Schutzhund, agility, barn hunt, search and recovery. We want to continue that, and do things right, like she did.

Why did you join the Atlanta Doberman Pinscher Club?

I joined soon after Mom died, because I knew I was going to have to take on a larger role with the dogs. I wanted to develop connections and be part of a group committed to Dobermans.

What is your favorite Doberman-related memory?

There were a lot of highlights with Rune. She and I qualified for Westminster when I was in Junior Showmanship. We went and competed—that was awesome. Watching her win Group 1 in Nashville was great; she wasn't even a champion then. She was an American-bred, and she beat out several other champions and almost won BIS. It was such a fun, amazing thing to see.

Other than being involved with your dogs, what hobbies or activities do you enjoy in your spare time?

I have a lot of hobbies. I do triathlons, play the bassoon, and I'm a painter—my work is at BayberryFineArt.com. I also design clothes—my website for those is BayberryApparel.com. I specialize in contemporary Harris tweed, and last fall I did a fashion design course in Scotland.

What is one thing your fellow ADPC members don't know about you that might surprise them?

I am an expert snake catcher. My dad was an amateur herpetologist. We have a cabin on the Spring River in Arkansas. When we were kids, we caught snakes for fun.

Anything else?

Yes—Thaïs and I did a charity table again this year for Doberman Health & Research at the National and raised another \$1,000. That brings us to a total of \$5,500 that has been donated in Mom's honor for health and research.



Reign ~ Avari ~ Namarie

2023 Winter Wonderland Cluster

November 28th -December 4th, 2023

Fairgrounds Perry, GA

The Kennesaw Kennel Club is pleased to announce our exciting 6 Day Cluster to be held in Perry, GA.

The Savannah Kennel for the Tuesday & Wednesday shows, we will be off for Thursday, an AKC required break and back on Friday the Kennesaw Kennel Club for the Friday & Saturday shows, the Oconee River Kennel Club will bring us home with their shows on Sunday & Monday!

The closing date for all 6 shows, is Wednesday November 8th !!!
You still have time to enter!
Foy Trent Dog Shows

This cluster is on the road South for the AKC National Dog Show in Florida and will be a great opportunity to get your dogs ready and to gain points!

In conjunction with our show:

- Xoloitzcuintli National Specialty
- 3 Shetland Sheepdog Specialties
- 2 Whippet Specialties
- 1 French Bull Dog Specialty
- 2 Dachshunds Specialties

6 Days of FAST CAT testing

3 Days Barn Hunt

We will have these events of the down day Thursday.

Best Christmas decorated RV sponsored by the Kennesaw Kennel Club
Ugly Christmas Sweater contest all day on Saturday for Exhibitors and Judges!
For the first time we will be awarding two prizes for best decorated Vendor booth!
We want you to try and keep with our color scheme of Blue, Silver and White!

Bling out your booths and help us make our show magical! Prizes will be awarded.

Owner Handled Sweepstakes sponsored by the Kennesaw Kennel Club

3rd Annual Susan Roman Best Junior Handler in Cluster!

And much, much more!
Plan on joining us for this adventure and help us celebrate the season!

For more information see our Cluster Website, www.winterwonderlandcluster.com

Showing Up Big at the National

A number of members attended the 2023 DPCA National Show and Convention in Springfield, MO, in September, bringing home trophies with their dogs and generating recognition for the ADPC, including...

Siren, a bitch bred and co-owned by club member Rebecca Roter, was in the DPCA 2023 Top 20: **BIS/RBIS/MBISS GCHB Aludra's Fairy Queen v Desta**, sired by CH Jager's Talk of the Town out of GCH Aludra's Koko Taylor, bred by Rebecca Roter/ Brenda Wolfeil, owned by Dayan Hewitt and Rebecca Roter and handled by Cindy Lane- Smith.

Charlie, owned by members Vicki Sweeny and Edie Thomas, took fourth in the 6-to-9-Month Class and second in the 6-to-9-Month Puppy Class at the Regional:

Rahdy's Sympathy for the Devil, owned by Victoria Sweeny & Edie Thomas, co-owned and bred by Sabrina & Shoshana Goldfein and David & Jennifer Goldfein, shown by Sabrina Goldfein.

Bayberry Shah's Avari, who is 10, won second in Best Veterans both days of the show:

CH Lothlorien's Avari the Dark Elf ROM, CDX, CGC, BH, OB1, RA, RAT1, FDC, owned by Bayberry Lanning Shah and Tha's Lanning Kelly, bred by Bunny Lanning and Whitney Newman.

Tara, Penny Butler Rossiter's rescue girl, took part in the Parade of Rescues at the awards banquet on Friday night of the convention, enjoying the spotlight and receiving her rosette for her second year as a Parade participant. Tara is celebrating her 10th this year.

Congratulations on these achievements!

Kathy Gresham created a beautiful basket of Georgia-related items that Vicki Sweeny delivered for inclusion in the DPCA Health & Rescue Silent Auction. As our club's Alternate Delegate to the DPCA, Vicki attended the Chapter Club meeting on our behalf and provided a report to club members.

This year's National was the 96th annual convention for the DPCA.

Next year's event will be held in Kingsport, TN.



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2023 National Show & Convention · Springfield, Missouri
97th Annual National Convention
University Plaza Hotel & Convention Center

2024 National Judges

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

National Judges

Bonnie Linnell-Clarke

Luiz Fernando Ribas-Silva

Glen Lajeski

Carissa Shimpeno

Kim Owen

Intersex

Bitches

Dogs

Futurity / Maturity

Owner-Handled Sweeps



(L to R): Vicki Sweeny, Pam DeHetre, Edie Thomas, Rebecca Roter

Monitor Weight to Improve Your Breeding Program

By Royal Canin

Canine reproduction is a complex physiological event. Even if you provide a nurturing environment and a proper diet, there are no guarantees of success. Fortunately, by monitoring and optimizing the weight of your breeding females, you can increase the success of your breeding program.



Photo courtesy of
Blackjack Dobermans

Breeding Program Checklist: When and How to Monitor Weight

- **Evaluate Body Weight Early.** The first foundational step in a successful breeding program takes place weeks, if not months, before breeding. Work with your vet to evaluate the health of your breeding females. Confirm that they have up-to-date vaccinations, show normal blood values and have optimal body weight.

- ~ **Correct Body Condition (Underweight).** Underweight females might have a difficult time providing sufficient nutrients to their developing puppies, thus increasing the risk for low birth weight. If your breeding female is underweight, you'll want to increase her energy intake and help improve her body condition by increasing the amount of food she is eating or transitioning her to a more nutrient-dense growth and reproduction formula.

- **Correct Body Condition (Overweight).** Overweight females may have a harder time conceiving and are prone to whelping difficulties. While cutting her calories may result in weight loss, remember that by reducing her amount of food, you also decrease her nutrient intake. Therefore, the best approach for managing a chubby female is to increase her activity level, which promotes slow and steady weight loss. (A good target is 1%-2% of her body weight per week, or ½ to 1 pound for a 50-pound female.) Increasing activity can also help improve muscle tone and bone mineral content, which can be beneficial during the reproductive process.

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- **Manage Weight Gain During Pregnancy.** Monitor body weight throughout the reproductive process and target a body condition score (BCS) of 4, using the nine-point Royal Canin Scale at time of breeding. You'll want to keep in mind that:

- ~ The early post-breeding period can be tricky to gauge, since you don't yet know whether mating has been successful.

- ~ Embryonic puppies and reproductive tissues grow just a small amount during the first 30 to 40 days of pregnancy. Most pregnancy weight gain should be observed over the final three weeks, with a targeted increase of 15%-25% above the female's breeding weight (assuming an ideal weight at breeding and an average size litter).

- ~ Example: A 55-pound female Labrador Retriever (BCS 4/9) carrying seven or eight puppies would be expected to gain 8 to 14 pounds over these three weeks, weighing 63 to 69 pounds by the last week of pregnancy.

- **Continue to Monitor Weight During Lactation.** You can expect to see significant weight loss after whelping, and you can monitor the weight of both the breeding female and her pups to determine brood management performance. Strive to keep your breeding female's weaning BCS close to her breeding BCS by giving her proper nutrition. This will minimize the amount of body tissue that she'll need to sacrifice for milk production. Lactation is nutritionally challenging, so we've created this chart to help you estimate your breeding female's energy needs by reproductive cycle.

- **Monitor Female and Puppy Weight after Whelping.** Wait a few days to measure the female's weight, as she will lose the weight of her puppies, fluids and tissues. Consider weighing her two or three times throughout the day to account for weight fluctuations based on meals, nursing and excretion. Make this weight her base, but keep in mind that you'll slowly increase her food throughout the first four weeks of lactation.

- Obtain and record a whelp weight for each puppy, and remember that puppies get all the nutrients they need from their mother during their first five weeks of life. Therefore, monitoring the growth rate and hydration status of the litter will also provide insight into the performance of their mother. (Slow growth or poor hydration status of several puppies is an indicator of poor maternal performance.)

You can expect a healthy puppy to double its weight every seven to 10 days. Weigh puppies every four or five days throughout weaning, but don't be concerned if they lose a small amount of weight during their first 24 hours. You can monitor their hydration status through a combination of skin fold recovery and gum examination. (Your veterinarian can demonstrate how.) Since puppies rely on their mother for nutrition, it's crucial to make sure that they are all eating and drinking on their own once they transition from her milk.



It's almost Thanksgiving! We are pleased to announce the third annual AKC FIT DOG Turkey Trot

What is it?

The AKC FIT DOG Turkey Trot is a virtual 5K (3.1 miles) that people do with their dogs. This non-competitive 5K Turkey Trot can be done all at one time, or in smaller segments on multiple days so that everyone (people and dogs) can participate at their own pace. This can be a walk or run activity.

This year, Turkey Trot proceeds will be used to support programs for AKC Juniors. Juniors participate in multiple AKC events, and they can earn scholarships for their education.

Details

- Between September 1, 2023, and December 15, 2023, you and your dog can walk/run your 5K.
- The 5K (3.1 miles) can be walked/run all at once for people and dogs who are fit, or you may break your 5K into as many days/sessions as you need to keep you and your dog safe.
- You and your dog can do the Turkey Trot on your own, with a group of friends and their dogs, or with your AKC FIT DOG club.
- This Turkey Trot can be done anywhere that you and your dog are welcome to walk/run – in a local park, on a trail, or in your neighborhood.
- We are keeping the Turkey Trot open past Thanksgiving for those who are running/walking in segments.

Registration Fee

- \$20 donation, includes the 3" Turkey Trot medal with a ribbon.

How It Works

- Between September 1, 2023, and December 12, 2023, complete the 5K (3.1 miles) with your dog. This can be all at once, or in as many days/sessions as you need.
- Document your distances and times on a smartphone, smartwatch (or similar device), or on a written log.
- Order your attractive AKC FIT DOG Turkey Trot medal.

The AKC FIT DOG Turkey Trot is done on an honor system. We are allowing medals to be ordered now so that AKC FIT DOG clubs and participants have them in time for Thanksgiving Turkey Trot photos.

The Turkey Trot counts toward AKC FIT DOG title points!

Friends, Dobermans and a Perfect Fall Day!

Our club held a picnic in September for members, guests and their dogs at President Pam DeHetre's Baycreek Kennels in Loganville, GA.

Everyone brought a delicious dish, including Jennifer Stancil's pulled pork, and Chris Rasmussen manned the grill for hamburgers and hot dogs.

Kathy Gresham conducted demos for Barn Hunt and Rally, and dogs as well as puppies had lots of great socialization time. The human attendees enjoyed the chance to relax and visit as well.

The success of the event is prompting plans for a spring in-person get-together—all suggestions for this are most welcome!



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**Saturday, 12/2/2023
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