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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Our plans for the specialty this fall have started to emerge. Thanks again to your generous donation of time, money and other valuable donations, last year's show was highly successful and greatly enjoyed by those who were able to attend. With your kind assistance we hope to be able to repeat our success again this year, but it will take all of us again to make it work.

If you can donate your time please let any Board member know. If you are interested in being the Show Chair, committee chair, show secretary, raffle chair, steward, grounds chair or assisting in any of those or any other jobs, we will be pleased to consider your offer of assistance, and will be glad to have your help. If you can again donate your time, money, raffle items, other items or expertise in any area we welcome your donations. We are going to need all hands on deck on the show site on both days to make this work.

A number of the requirements of the AKC have already been completed and some of the things we did last year will not have to be done again, so in some respects our job will be a little easier. We are also tweaking some of the things we did last year to make our experience a little better. If you have any ideas, constructive criticism, random thoughts, or whatever you think is helpful, any Board member will be pleased to hear you out. Don't be shy about speaking out – and don't be bashful about volunteering what you can.

We are all looking forward to another great year and with your help we will have one. Thanks again.



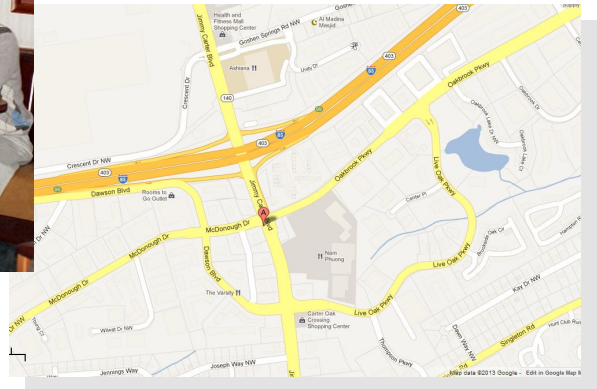
MARCH CLUB MEETING

OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 18TH.

Location: Cracker Barrel restaurant at Jimmy Carter Boulevard (exit 99) off I-85.

Directions: Going North on I-85 it is to the right and coming south you turn left cross over 85 and it is on the right.

Address: 6175 McDonough Dr, Norcross, GA (770) 446-1313



The regular monthly meeting of the Club will be held on the third Tuesday of each month. Board members will commence their meeting at 7:00 p.m. and membership will meet immediately following at 7:30 p.m. As always members are invited to the Board meeting.

We hope to see you there!



MEMBERSHIP

Membership DUES Reminder

Our membership dues for 2014 will be due starting 11/1/13.

Please completely fill out this form and return it with your check so that we can keep our records up to date.

\$20.00 individual ~ \$25.00 family ~ \$15 Associate

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

Please make checks out to GALRC and mail to:

Jim Griffin

130 Hickory Pointe Dr.

Athens, Ga. 30605

Member's breeder directory

To be included in the breeder's directory of the club's website, please e-mail the following information to our Website master: [Jean McLain](#)

Kennel name, Contact person, Website URL address, e-mail address, phone number and a brief description of your practices. You may include any updated information about current litters.



SNOW DAYS





AKC 2014 POINT SCHEDULE

AS OF MAY 14, 2014

AKC Point Schedule	1 point		2 points		3 points		4 points		5 points	
States	Dogs	Bitches	Dogs	Bitches	Dogs	Bitches	Dogs	Bitches	Dogs	Bitches
DIVISION 3 District of Columbia, Maryland, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia.	2	2↓	7↓	13↑	11↓	21↑	22↓	42↑	45↓	83↑
DIVISION 4 Florida, Georgia, South Carolina	2	2	9↓	13↓	15↓	23↓	22↓	43↑	34↓	60↑
DIVISION 14 Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi.	2	2	6	7	10↓	15↑	12↓	20↑	17↓	26↑



TIPS FOR DEALING WITH EXCITEMENT URINATION

By: Mary Burch, Ph.D., AKC's Canine Good Citizen and S.T.A.R. Puppy Director, Certified Applied Animal Behaviorist

I went for a walk on a trail at a local park recently. Usually, I'm in the position of saying to someone, "May I pet your dog?" However, on this day, the proud new dog owner, a delightful freckle-faced eight year old who was walking his puppy (along with his parents) approached me and said, "Would you like to pet my dog?"

Now there's a kid who's got his puppy on the path to great socialization.

The puppy was an adorable French Bulldog. At first, her proud owner told me, "She is one-point-five years old." His parents corrected him. She was 5 months old, and as I began to pet her, she started to urinate.

There's a good chance that with frequent, ongoing socialization that this puppy will grow out of this. Meanwhile, here are some tips for handling excitement related urination.

1. Instruct "friendly strangers" to approach the puppy calmly.
2. Provide frequent opportunities for the puppy to meet new people. Use systematic desensitization if necessary. Systematic desensitization would involve a person approaching about 10 feet away and then stopping. Eventually, the person would get to 5 feet away, then 2 feet, then lightly touch the dog, etc.
3. Praise and reward the puppy for appropriate (no urinating) greetings. The "friendly stranger" or someone you've asked to pet your puppy can offer a treat as both a reward and a distraction.
4. If your puppy has a problem related to excitement urination when you get home, be very calm and don't make a fuss over the puppy when you come in the house. Your goal is to minimize the excitement that leads to urinating.
5. Get started in basic training classes (such as AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy) that will provide socialization opportunities and exercises that will build your puppy's confidence.

Whatever you do, never punish your puppy for urinating.

Note: Your veterinarian can confirm there are no physical problems related to urination at your puppy's veterinary check-up



LITTER ANOUNCEMENTS

2 Black females available, 2014

Sire: Jalin's Late Night at Snowberry. OFA good/normal, current CERF, PRA clear by parentage, heart normal by echo, EIC clear

Dam: *Avery's Hell's Angel. OFA good/normal, current CERF, PRA clear, EIC clear*

Also, 1 black female born Aug. 31st, 2012 out of Mar-Moye's Lillie White by Jalin's Late Night at Snowberry.

Linda Braun

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If a Dog were your Teacher You would learn stuff like...

When loved ones come home, always run to greet them.

Never pass up the opportunity to go for a car ride.

Let others know when they've invaded your territory.

Take naps and stretch before rising.

Run, romp, and play daily, if not by the minute.

Thrive on attention and let people touch you.

Avoid biting, when a simple growl will do.

On warm days, stop to lie on your back on the cool grass.

On hot days, drink lots of water and lay under a tree.

When you take a drink of water, find a human to drip the extra on.

When you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body.

No matter how often or severely you're scolded, don't buy into the guilt thing and pout...run right back and make friends.

Delight in the simple joys of a long walk.

Eat with gusto and enthusiasm. Don't stop when you've had enough.

Be loyal.

If what you want lays buried, dig until you find it, where ever that leads you.

When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by and nuzzle them gently.

