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# COVID-19 and Animals

Covid -19 and animals, specifically companion animals? We know that corona viruses are zoonotic as a group and that fruit bats are the reservoir, generally. Recent novel corona viruses SARS and Mers-CoV have intermediate hosts of civets and camels, respectively. To date, no intermediate host has been identified for COVID-19. Sure, snakes were implicated initially, then pangolins...what may be next? Giant pandas? I digress. In Hong Kong, a dog belonging to a person positive for COVID-19 tested positive as well. Initially, environmental contamination was blamed for the positive PCR test result. However, with repeated tests remaining positive, it seems likely that the dog is indeed positive. Serological tests (paired titers) are pending. The dog is ASYMPTOMATIC! Thus, it is unclear if the dog is able to transmit the virus or if it is merely a dead-end host. Bottom line - continue to hug your dog, unless you are quarantined. Then, keep your schmutz to yourself and ask your pup to do the same!

Now we arrive at what is likely the most interesting component of this current COVID-19 story - the media and the ensuing panic. In the USA, a person's risk of contracting COVID-19 remains very low. If you hang out with people who recently traveled abroad, your risk increases slightly. If you spend time with people who just got back from China, your risk goes up. But, remember, just keep a 6ft or greater distance from everyone and your risk remains low no matter who is in the room!

At this time, there is no reason to cancel your normal daily activities. In fact, if you embrace routine measures to prevent influenza infection during flu season, you should be good! Data still indicates that the flu presents a bigger threat to most of us than COVID-19. Take a spring break vacation, continue to love your pets and talk to pet owners about routine preventive measures for infectious disease and please, please, remain calm. After all, it is not your head that currently bears the crown...

[Dr. Jen Chatfield](#), [Dr. Jenifer Chatfield](#), [corona China](#), [corona virus](#), [corona virus outbreak](#), [public health](#)

# From the Barkery

**Satin Balls.** *A timeless recipe with so many uses.*



## Ingredients

- 10 pounds hamburger meat [the cheapest kind and higher fat the better]
- 1 lg. box of Total cereal
- 1 lg. box oatmeal
- 1 jar of wheat germ
- 1 1/4 cup veg oil (may use coconut oil)
- 1 1/4 cup of unsulfured molasses
- 10 raw eggs AND shells
- 10 envelopes of unflavored gelatin
- pinch of salt

Mix all ingredients together, much like you would a meatloaf. Shape into “Tennis Ball” or “Ball Ball” size. Pack them in plastic container or freezer bags.

Thaw as needed and feed raw!

Great to add weight when needed.





# Club Minutes

The Jan. 23, 2020 meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm. In attendance were Neil Martin, Jodi Martin, Tom O'Hern, Carol Quaif, Karen Arlin and Julia Kuni

The treasurer report was presented by Jodi Martin.

The Board discussed the feasibility of holding a heart and eye clinic in the future.

It was voted on the Jean Mclean would continue to be the webmaster for the the GALRC website for 2020.  
The Board discussed the insurance options for insuring the Club's new trailer.

The 2020 specialty was discussed. Carol Quaif is contacting prospective judges for the event. The dates are 11/14 and 11/15/2020.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Julia Kuni.

Julia M. Kuni  
Lochbuie Labradors



# Club Minutes

## **Greater Atlanta Labrador Retriever Club February 27, 2020 - Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting brought to order by President Neil Martin at 7:30 pm.**

**Neil called for a recap/update of items discussed at January meeting.**

**A. Julia Kuni reported that she had reached out to a cardiologist to discuss her helping the club hold a cardiac screening clinic. The vet did not have a mobile echocardiogram machine so Julia got the names of some other vets who may be able to assist. In the meantime, Jodi Martin has emailed Dr Sayer to see if he/she can assist with a health clinic. Julia is waiting to see the response from Dr. Sayer and if needed will then contact other vets to see if they can assist.**

**B. Cheryl Little has confirmed she is willing to act as Show Chair for the 2020 Specialty. Items to be decided/discussed:**

- I. Does she want to hire Susan Gordon again as the off-site show Secretary?**
- II. Karen Arlin has agreed to act as on-site Secretary again if Susan Gordon will do the offsite portion.**
- III. Tom O'Hern recommended asking Cheryl to appoint/confirm her Co-Chair for 2020.**

**C. The club may still need an Auction Chair if Ashley Chastain declines to take on the role again.**

**D. Carol Quaif reported she had asked Brent Hadley to judge our 2020 specialty match. He also expressed interest in Stewarding and said he would think about it and get back to us.**

**E. Carol also reviewed a specialty ad that Laura Van Dalen created and placed in the Potomac catalog and Carol placed the same info on the Wiscoy site.**

**F. Carol reported that all judges for the 2020 shows and all but one for the 2021 shows have been contracted. All but one contract for a 2021 judge have been signed and returned to Carol.**

**G. It was stated that the show stewards from 2019 shows might be willing to work the 2020 shows.**





# Club Minutes

## **Bullet Points of New Business and Items to Do**

- 1. Contact and secure a Show Secretary for the 2020 show.**
- 2. Get a signed contract with Dave Shannon for Show grounds for 2020.**
- 3. Inquire and secure show host hotel. Last year's hotel had good reviews from exhibitors. Tom has agreed to make contact with hotel.**
- 4. Amend GALRC by-laws to allow board members to teleconference into monthly meetings.**
  - a. Neil to reach out to Barry Staples to see if he will help amend by-laws.**
  - b. The board agreed it would be appropriate to compensate Barry for this work.**
  - c. Carol will look into seeing if we can get a copy of Potomac's by-laws to see how they have handled the teleconferencing issue.**
- 5. Meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm.**

# Member Brags

*Please, when you see our members that have earned titles, take a minute to congratulate them. We all know how time consuming and costly it is to exhibit our dogs in these venues. Thank You!!*

## **CONGRATULATIONS Tom O'Hern!!**

Lachlan's Reign of Fire is now a CHAMPION of Record! She is out of Cyrus x Lachlan's Lucie Lu





# Planned/Available Litters

***Tom O'Hern is expecting blacks and yellows this month (March). His bitch Clearcreek Bewitched "Salem" (Memo x Chickie) has been bred to CH.Hyspire Adrenaline Rush. Salem is OFA Good. Elbows Clear and Rush is OFA Excellent, Elbows and Heart.***

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AMERICAN  
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Following the February meeting of the AKC Board of Directors, Event Operations is writing to inform our clubs of recent actions taken that impact the sport and may impact your events. Any questions should be sent to [eventsnew@akc.org](mailto:eventsnew@akc.org).

#### Announcing the National Owner-Handled Series Level of Achievement

The AKC National Owner-Handled Series (NOHS) has been a tremendous success, viewed very favorably by the fancy as a mechanism to showcase dogs exhibited by non-professional owner-handlers. In the time since its inception, the AKC has developed an NOHS ranking system and launched the AKC NOHS Finals, an event held annually in December during the week of the AKC National Championship in Orlando, Florida.

Consistent with the AKC's ongoing efforts to grow the NOHS program and the sport overall, the Board of Directors at its February 2020 meeting voted to approve the implementation of NOHS Levels of Achievement to include Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum awards.

The Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum NOHS Awards of Achievement will be earned by obtaining a predetermined number of NOHS points for each level and award. This will mimic the inaugural levels of recognition for the Grand Champion title introduced in May 2011.



<b><i>RECOGNITION LEVEL</i></b>	<b>MINIMUM NOHS POINTS</b>
<i>Bronze</i>	<b>250</b>
<i>Silver</i>	<b>500</b>
<i>Gold</i>	<b>1,000</b>
<i>Platinum</i>	<b>2,000</b>

For each Achievement Level, the first owner of the dog will receive a certificate to commemorate the accomplishment and a NOHS Achievement Level pin. The pin will be the NOHS logo cast to reflect the color of the Achievement Level. As this is not a titling program, it will not reflect as a prefix or suffix to the dog's AKC registered name. Dogs will be grandfathered back to the beginning of the NOHS program (2012). Dogs grandfathered would be awarded only the highest Level of Achievement certificate and pin that they have earned.

More information on the new NOHS Levels of Achievement will be sent in the near future. **The expected launch date for the NOHS Levels of Achievement is July 1, 2020.**

#### Modification to the Sanctioned Four-to- Six Month (Beginner Puppy) Competition Regulations

The Board at its February meeting voted to approve a modification to the Sanctioned Four-to-Six Month (Beginner Puppy) Competition Regulations to allow minors (under 18) with amateur status who reside with professional handlers to participate in the Four-to-Six Month (Beginner Puppy) Competition *effective immediately*.

The [Sanctioned Four-to-Six Month \(Beginner Puppy\) Competition Regulations](#) posted on the AKC website has been updated to reflect the Board's action. The area of the regulations impacted by this recent change is provided below for your review.

#### **Sanctioned Four-to-Six Month (Beginner Puppy) Competition Regulations**

##### **Section 2. Entry and Eligibility**

Minors (under 18) with amateur status who reside with professional handlers and current assistants to professional handlers that are eligible to compete in Junior Showmanship (meet age and amateur status requirements) may personally exhibit dogs in the Four- to- Six Month (Beginner Puppy) Competition.





## AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB

### GOVERNMENT RELATIONS DEPARTMENT

March 3, 2020

The American Kennel Club (AKC) learned this morning that [Senate Bill 338](#), which would lower the threshold for state licensure for breeders and increase costs for licensees, will be heard in the Senate Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Committee today, March 3, 2020, at 4:00 p.m.

**Persons who oppose SB 338 are urged to contact committee members today and respectfully ask them to vote NO on SB 338.** See contact information below.

Among other provisions, SB 338 would:

Require breeders who produce and sell more than 20 pets per year to be licensed, regulated, and inspected as "pet dealers". For breeders whose dogs have large litters, this could require licensure based on just two litters in any year. The current definition of "pet dealer" or "pet dealership" includes persons who sell, offer to sell, exchange, or offer for adoption animals customarily obtained as pets. Under current law, a person who sells only animals that he or she produced and raised, not to exceed 30 animals a year, shall not be considered a pet dealer unless the person is licensed for a business by a local government or has a Georgia sales tax number. SB 338 would lower this threshold for licensure from 30 to 20.

Increase license fees from \$50- \$400 per year to \$50-\$800 per year.

Require applicants for licensure or renewal of license as a pet dealer or animal shelter to provide and maintain a surety of \$7,500 to \$500,000 made payable to the Commissioner of Agriculture. "Surety" includes a letter of credit, certificate of deposit, bond, or other written instrument issued by a lending institution, or a bonding, surety, or insurance company. Animal shelters operated by a state, county, city, or political subdivision of the state would be exempted from providing surety.

Require applicants for licensure to obtain and submit a criminal background check.

Breeders, rescues, non-governmental shelters, and other licensees who oppose these provisions are urged to immediately contact committee members and respectfully ask them to vote NO on SB 338. [Click here](#), and then click on each committee member's name for contact information.

For additional information, please contact AKC Government Relations at 919-816-3645 or [doglaw@akc.org](mailto:doglaw@akc.org).





## AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB

### GOVERNMENT RELATIONS DEPARTMENT

Georgia Senate Bill 338 was heard in the Senate Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Committee today. The Georgia Canine Coalition (GCC) began working on this bill in December when we received a Draft copy from the Georgia Department of Agriculture. We met with the bill sponsor Senator Kay Kirkpatrick in January requesting that the license threshold number remain at 30, and received notice from her in February that the threshold of 30 dogs would not be reduced as proposed.

This bill also stipulates that no one convicted of cruelty to animals or dog fighting may be issued a license and we had requested that the definitions in the Georgia Code be referenced for clarification.

We are pleased to report that the Senate Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Committee approved the amendments we requested, leaving the threshold at 30 dogs and referencing definitions in the Georgia Code for cruelty to animals and dog fighting, and the bill passed with our amendments.

In addition, the surety bond being approved in the bill is not the same as a bond for seizure of animals.

The passage of this bill is only a first step. The bill now goes to the Rules Committee and the Rules Committee will determine whether the bill goes to the full Senate for a vote. If the Rules Committee sends the bill to the Senate for a vote and it passes, the bill then goes to the House side of the General Assembly and the entire process starts over again. Just because a bill passes a committee does not guarantee that it will move forward. There is an involved process before a bill becomes law.

We are watching several more bills, including HB 999 and SB 382 which would make May 1 Purebred Dog Day in Georgia. We strongly support both bills. HB 999 is up for a hearing tomorrow morning in the House Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Committee. The GCC will be there to support the bill, and AKC has sent a letter of support to the Committee Members. We will continue to keep the members of the GCC informed on bills that affect Canines.





# Club Meetings

## MONTHLY CLUB MEETING

\*Regular meetings are held on the fourth **Thursday** of each month at 7:00 pm.

### LOCATION

Cherokee Cattle Co.  
2710 Canton Road  
Marietta GA 30066  
770-427-0490



As always, all club members are invited. The date might change due to conflict with near by shows or Holidays.

We hope to see you there!





# Available Services



## ***Website Design/Redesign & Marketing for GALRC Members/Friends.***

### ***Personal or Business***

It's more important than ever for Google search results that websites are responsive (resize for smartphones & tablets) as over 50% of searches are now done on mobile devices. Very reasonably priced.

Please email me, Jean McLain, [jean@market-now.com](mailto:jean@market-now.com) and let me know how I can help.

Thanks,

Jean

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### **BREEDERS DIRECTORY**

To be included in the breeders directory on the GALRC.com website, please email the following information to our webmaster: Jean McLain (Jean@market-now.com)

Your Kennel Name, Contact person, Website URL, email address and a brief description of your practices. You may include any updated information about current litters.

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