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MOORE COUNTY KENNEL CLUB

THE BARKER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

January 2025

The board and myself wish everyone a Happy New Year! I hope we are all excited about the upcoming year!!

Please come out and join us for our Agility trial January 16,17 and 18 at Quicksilver Canine in Julian, NC.

I am so excited for all of 2026 Shows and Trials! Please see our wonderful show chairs and help with our upcoming shows and trials.

Thank you to John Zopatti for taking over the Treasurer position. We are so grateful to have him.

We would love it if someone would step up to fill a board position now that John is our new Treasurer.

I want thank everyone for renewing their membership and if you have not renewed yet, please mail it to our P. O. Box 22 Southern Pines, NC 28388.

If there is anything that our Membership would like us to do dog wise this year, please let us know.

**Carol Dowd, President
Moore County Kennel Club**



Scent Work Trials

November 22-23, 2025

Sandhills Community College



Special thanks to Beth Hague for the wonderful photos!

MARK YOUR CALENDERS

We have a busy year ahead!



Agility Trials Jan 16-18

CAT/FastCAT Trials Feb 6-8

Scent Work Trials Mar 28-29

Palmetto to Pines Cluster

Dog Show & Rally Trials Apr 23-24

Fit Dog Walks

Jan 25 - Walk to the Oldest Longleaf Pine

Feb 22 - Southern Pines Reservoir Park

Kick off 2026 with our first Fit Dog Club Walk of the year on January 25th.

We'll explore a 1.5 mile trail through the Boyd Tract of Weymouth Woods Nature Preserve in Southern Pines.

This peaceful hike includes a special stop at the nation's oldest known living Longleaf Pine Tree - a true Sandhills landmark.

It's an easy, scenic walk and a great way to get outside with your dog, enjoy fresh air, and start the year moving together.



Meet at the Boyd House parking lot at the Weymouth Center for the Arts and Humanities on E. Connecticut Ave. We will get started at 2:00 p.m.

MCKC AKC AGILITY

Get ready for 3 days of agility fun at Quicksilver Canine!



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
CONTACT KATHY PELLERINO
FOR INFO.

Moore County Kennel Club
AKC Agility Trial



January 16 - 18, 2026
Quicksilver Canine - Julian NC

Entries open December 3, 2025

AGILITY TRIAL ENTRIES CLOSE JANUARY 7TH.

TALLY HO!

MOORE COUNTY KENNEL CLUB OF NC
AKC ALL-BREED FAST CAT & CABT
FEBRUARY 6-8, 2026



CAROLINA HORSE PARK
RAEFORD, NC

COURSING RETURNS!

AKC FastCAT & CABT

Great new venue!!!

Lure Operator:
Time to Fly Performance Dog Sports

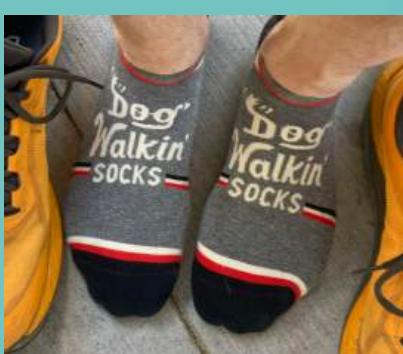
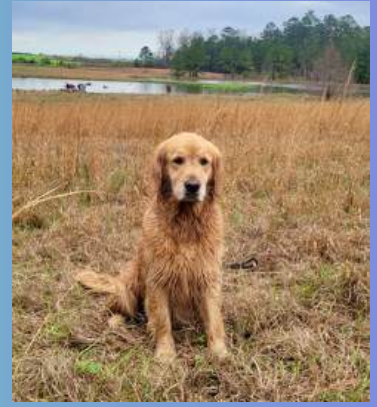
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ADVANCE ENTRIES CLOSE
JANUARY 27TH.
FUN RUNS AND DAY OF ENTRIES
WILL BE OFFERED.

OUT & ABOUT WITH OUR DOGS IN 2025!



SEND IN YOUR BRAGS!
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Facebook Group



Facebook Page



Find us on Social Media!

WINTER ACTIVITIES FOR YOUR DOG!

WINTER IS HERE...
AND YOUR DOG DOESN'T CARE.
TIME TO GET BUSY!



VISIT A DOG FRIENDLY BUSINESS

Take your pup out for a day on the town and visit all your favorite dog friendly businesses! Click [**HERE**](#) for a nice list of shops in Moore County that want to meet your dogs!

OUTDOORS...



SCAVENGER HUNT FOR TREATS

Give a dog's nose a winter workout by playing hide and seek with their favorite scents outdoors. Use scented bait or treats and scatter or bury different objects in the yard for them to find.

PLAY WILD SITS

While your dog is on a leash, rile them up as much as possible — you can run around cheering, jumping up and down — anything to get your dog as excited as possible. Then, mid-romp, you'll instruct them to sit. This takes some practice, depending on how hyperactive your dog is, but after a few tries, your dog should be able to go from a state of excitement to sitting patiently on command.

WORK ON CONDITIONING

Keeping your dog in shape is a great way to spend some time together when it's too cold to go outside. Try hind-end strengthening exercises like Paws Up. Work on core muscles with Sit Pretty. Work on balance skills with Standing Leg Lifts. Details on how to safely perform these conditioning skills can be found [**HERE**](#).

INDOORS...



SCENES FROM OUR HOLIDAY PARTY!



VALENTI'S RESTAURANT 12/3/2025

NEXT MEETING – JANUARY 7

TABLE ON THE GREEN, PINEHURST

DINNER & SOCIAL 6:00PM

MEETING STARTS AT 7:00 PM

IT'S TIME TO RENEW!

Just a reminder that dues & membership renewals should be in by December 31st! Click the download button for the renewal form.

DOWNLOAD ↓

Hello MCKC Friends!

Remember, this is your newsletter, and we want it to be something you look forward to each month.

Don't be shy -- we love a good brag. Big wins, small victories, candid photos, or just something fun you and your dogs did recently...send it along. Member contributions are what make this newsletter worth opening!



Thanks for being part of MCKC—and for helping us spread the word about all the great things happening in our club!

Deadline for inclusion in next month's newsletter is the 10th of the month.

REACH OUT TO NANCY AT MCKCWOOFMASTER@GMAIL.COM

Thank you