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MOORE COUNTY KENNEL CLUB



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



is almost here!!

June 2026

At our **June Membership Meeting** we will have a guest speaker - Amanda Ciaravino with the AKC.

Agility Show !!

June 5,6 and 7

Quicksilver Canine in Julian, NC.

Please come out and help our trial chair Kathy Pellerino.

It is really exciting to see dogs having fun.

We would love to see everyone there!

Let's go team Moore County Kennel Club!!

As you know we will not have meeting in July and August.
We start back in September.

Carol Dowd

President Moore County Kennel Club



Table on the Green in Pinehurst

6:00 Dinner & Social Hour

7:00 Meeting starts

Guest Speaker:

Amanda Ciaravino with the AKC



**Please note: no meetings in July or August.
Next meeting after summer break is September 3.**



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ALL EVENTS!

We rely on our volunteers to make every event a success, and getting involved is easy and fun. You'll get a behind-the-scenes look at another dog sport, and every helping hand truly makes a difference. **Contact the event chairs for info on how you can help!**

MCKC JUNE AGILITY TRIAL!

Our next Agility Trial is just over the horizon!

Entries Open Monday, April 13
Entries Close Tuesday, May 26

Trial Chair: Kathy Pellerino

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

CAT / FAST CAT TRIALS

with Time to Fly
October 16-18, 2026
Carolina Horse Park



SCENT WORK TRIALS

November 2026
Sandhills Community College
(dates to be announced)



AGILITY TRIALS

January 2027
Quicksilver Canine
(dates to be announced)



GIVING BACK TO OUR COMMUNITY:

We celebrated local LEOs and the K9 officers that our club has helped to provide to our communities. In April at the Palmetto to Pines show, we presented checks to purchase protective life-saving ballistic vests for three K9 officers.

K9 LEO Teams Pictured L to R: Officer Travis & K9 Bart (Lumberton Police Dept); Deputy Williams & K9 Anna (Moore County Sheriff's Office); Officer Wessman & Zsaza (Southern Pines Police Dept); Deputy McNeill & K9 Dyxi (Moore County Sheriff's Office)



Photo credit: Bryan McNabb Photography

Moore County Kennel Club is proud to support programs that strengthen the bond between dogs and the people they serve. Each year, our club directs a portion of its annual giving toward organizations and causes that reflect our mission, including local K9 law enforcement programs.

We are especially honored to help provide trained K9 officers to area law enforcement agencies. These remarkable dogs play an important role in public safety, assisting with search work, detection, officer protection, and community outreach. Their training, care, and equipment require significant investment, and we are grateful to play a small part in helping make these partnerships possible.

For our members, this work is a natural extension of what we believe: dogs are capable, loyal, hardworking companions who enrich lives in extraordinary ways. Supporting K9 programs allows us to give back to the community while celebrating the intelligence, training, and dedication of working dogs.

2026 MCKC ANNUAL PICNIC!



We had a wonderful time at our annual picnic in May and were especially grateful to welcome Deputy McNeill and K9 Officer Dyxi. Deputy McNeill shared a short program about Dyxi's work, her success as a K9 officer, and the important role she plays in helping keep Moore County safe. It was a fun and meaningful gathering, and we appreciate everyone who came out to enjoy the afternoon with us.



PAWS & APPLAUSE!



Our members really turned up the heat at the Palmetto to Pines cluster show, bringing home plenty of wins, ribbons, and reasons to celebrate. Here are a few proud moments from a very successful weekend in the ring.



A Perfect Rally Two-Fur

Kathy Pellerino with Nikko and Terry Chumley with Stryker both secured their RAE — Rally Advanced Excellent — titles at the P2P show. Huge congratulations to these wonderful teams!

HIT me with your best shot!

Big congratulations to **Kellie Page and her Golden Retriever, Zulu**, on a fantastic showing at the P2P cluster rally trials! This talented team earned both **High Double and High Triple** scores, showing off the focus, teamwork, and consistency that make rally such a joy to watch.



Ares Brings the Fire

Melissa Dewitt and her Belgian Malinois, Ares, had a huge weekend at P2P! At just 10½ months old, Ares strutted away with **Best of Winners twice and Best of Breed OH three times**. Big congratulations to Melissa and Ares on an exciting and very impressive show weekend!



Mawe's Winning Weekend

Giselle Engleka and her Rhodesian Ridgeback, Mawe, had a fantastic P2P weekend, earning **Best of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex, and two Select Bitch** placements. Congratulations to this beautiful team on an impressive weekend in the ring!



Huge congratulations to **Mary See and her Australian Shepherd, Slider**, on a standout weekend at the P2P show!

At just 10 months old, Slider completed both his **Novice B Rally title and his Intermediate Rally title**, then topped it off by scoring a **perfect 100 for his first leg in Advanced Rally**. What a bright young team with a very exciting future ahead!



Rally Rookie, Rising Star



CWCCA Nationals Wins for Sophie & Sydney!

Big congratulations to **Cyndi Klepper and her Cardigan Welsh Corgis, Sophie and Sydney**, on a wonderful showing at the CWCCA National Dog Show in May!

Sophie placed 3rd in her class and earned her Farm Dog title, while **Sydney brought home both her Rally Novice title and her Farm Dog title**. Way to go, Cyndi, Sophie, and Sydney!

Another Big Rally Milestone for Nikko

Big congratulations to **Kathy Pellerino and Nikko**, who kept their rally momentum going in a big way! After earning their RAE title at the P2P show, this talented team followed it up with a **Rally Master title** at the Durham Kennel Club show in May. What a fantastic run for Kathy and Nikko!



Brona Makes a Splash!

Big congratulations to **Melissa DeWitt and her Belgian Malinois, Brona**, on a fantastic first Dock Diving event! Brona earned her **Dock Senior title** after only six splashes and set a new **personal best of 17'6"**. What a fun and impressive start for this talented team!



Send your brags to mckcwoofmaster@gmail.com



Summer Dog Safety

Water play, cookouts & party hazards

For dog-savvy owners heading into NC summer



1 Water play is not unlimited

Repeated retrieves in lakes, ponds, pools, rivers, or the ocean can mean repeated swallowing. Too much water too fast can become an emergency.

2 Build in real breaks

High-drive dogs may keep working long after they should pause. Rotate activity with shade, a crate, an x-pen, or air conditioning.

3 Choose toys thoughtfully

Diving for toys, biting hose streams, and swimming with the mouth open can increase water intake. Flat floating toys may help.

4 Saltwater is different

At the beach, bring fresh water. Interrupt wave-chasing, surf-biting, and saltwater drinking before it becomes a problem.

5 Cookout hazards add up

Watch dropped food, open trash, unattended plates, alcohol, skewers, corn cobs, cooked bones, fatty foods, and desserts.

6 Fireworks, gates & guests

Noise plus distracted handlers can be risky. Even steady dogs can bolt. Use quiet rooms, crates, gates, and updated ID.

Summer Watch List

- ✓ **During water play**
Limit repeated retrieves. Watch for wobbliness, vomiting, bloating, lethargy, or disorientation.
- ✓ **At the pool**
Do not let pool water become the dog's main water source.
- ✓ **During fireworks**
Secure gates and doors. Use crates or quiet rooms when needed.

- ✓ **At the beach**
Prevent saltwater drinking and interrupt wave-chasing or surf-biting.
- ✓ **At cookouts**
Watch corn cobs, skewers, bones, alcohol, fatty foods, desserts, and trash.
- ✓ **When something seems off**
Call your veterinarian or an emergency clinic.



HAPPY SUMMER Y'ALL!



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