

# Cobb County Leash Law

Cobb County Code #3-5-9 (Leash Law) - "It shall be unlawful for the owner of any animal to be out of his immediate control and restraint, or to be left unattended off the premises of the owner, or to be upon the property of another person without permission of the owner...every animal shall be restrained and controlled so as to prevent it from molesting passerby, chasing vehicles, or attacking persons or other animals..." Those animals not in compliance with this law should be reported to Cobb County's Animal Control Division at 770-499-4136



# East Cobb Cat Lover Co-Manages Cat Show

By Erica Rountree



▲ Joanne Hardeman with her exotic cat, Zoe.

Dog person or cat person: We're usually born into one camp or the other. East Cobb resident Joanne Hardeman considered herself a dog person for much of her adult life. Then she got a cat.

Three years later, she's co-manager of the third largest cat show in the United States, also known as the Cotton States Cat Club 73rd Annual Cat Show, which takes place this year Nov. 5-6 at Gwinnett Center in Duluth.

In 2009, when her co-manager and friend Connie Wardlaw asked Hardeman to take care of a kitten while she was out of town, Hardeman was skeptical. Wardlaw had been showing cats for more than 30 years.

"I told her I'd never taken care of an inside cat before," Hardeman said. "The only contact I'd had with cats were the ones that roamed the farm where I grew up. She reassured me that she'd bring everything I needed and walk me through it. That kitten never left my house."

Hardeman now owns six exotic cats and kittens, some of which are now or will be show cats. The Cotton States Cat Show features Cat Fanciers' Association registered breeds as well as household pets. Judges evaluate more than 300 cats according to CFA standards such as condition of coat, body structure and the color and shape of eyes. The show attracts exhibitors from all over the U.S. and even Europe, plus more than 1,000 spectators.

"This is one of the top cat shows in the United States," Hardeman said. "We're known for our elaborate ring decoration, and we always make the show a big celebration. Of course, we're Southerners. That's what we do."

This year's theme is "Purrfect Holidays," which means the rings will be decorated for New Year's Eve through Christmas and every holiday in between. Rescue organizations will be present for attendees hoping to adopt a cat of their own.

"It's a great opportunity to see really beautiful cats and get to know different breeds," said Hardeman. "The more I learn about the breeds, the more I appreciate the good qualities of each one."

For more information, visit their web site www.garande.com or visit www.cottonstatescatclub.org.  $\pmb{\varkappa}$ 





Bandit **Owner: Hope Dotson** 



Katie Owner: Lee Ann Kaplan

## **ANIMAL HOSPITALS**

#### Montrose Animal Hospital & Pet Hotel

1028 Woodlawn Drive • Marietta, GA 30068

770-977-9000 • www.montroseanimalhospital.com Montrose Animal Hospital is a state-of-the-art medical, boarding and grooming facility in East Cobb which has provided pet owners with superior service and care for the past 20 years.

### CAT CLUBS

#### Atlanta Cat Shows

Includes Atlanta Phoenix Cat Society, Cotton States Cat Club, Rebel Rousers Cat Club, and Atlanta Allbreed Cat Club with shows located in Roswell, Duluth, Atlanta, and Dalton, Georgia respectively. www.atlantacatshows.org

#### CFA Breeder Assistance & Breed Rescue, Inc.

Contact: Charlene Campbell • jcampb4244@aol.com A program of the Cat Fanciers' Association that helps with advice, food, physical assistance, and placement of cats.

### **CEMETERIES/CREMATORIES**

#### Dream Land Pet Memorial Center

2950 Moon Station Road • Kennesaw, GA 30144 678-594-0041 • www.dreamlandpetcremation.com Contact: Kevin Marcy

Dream Land Pet Memorial Center is a special chapel and crematory for pets. We are dedicated to caring for pets like any family member, with care, dignity and respect. Visit our website for detailed information



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**Pilot** Owner: Meredith Beatty



Lacey Liu Owner: Rosan Hall

## What do I do if my dog or cat bites someone?

You will be required to make a decision about the future of your pet. Confinement is a must under the Cobb County Animal Control Ordinance. This guarantine/confinement is necessary for 10 days. You can choose to quarantine the animal at your vet or the Cobb County Animal Control Shelter. If you do not choose to keep the animal because of the bite, you can request that the animal be put to sleep and tested for rabies. Either of these options are not pleasant, but because of the potential for a rabies exposure and/or liability on your part you must make the decision that is best for your situation. Animal Control does not normally adopt out animals that have bitten or scratched, but every situation is considered individually.

## DOG CLUBS

## Atlanta Doberman Pinscher Club

www.atlantadpc.com

For well over two decades, the Atlanta Doberman Pinscher Club (ACPC) has strived to fulfill its mission through various activities including two annual specialty shows, temperament testing, and, most importantly, periodic meetings where members network and share a wealth of information with each other as well as hear from a spectrum of different speakers on matters of health, nutrition, fun things to do with your dogs, rescue, etc.

#### Atlanta Obedience Club

1193 Beaver Ruin Road, #D • Norcross, GA 30093 678-948-7826• www.atlantaobedienceclub.com AOC is a non-profit organization. It exists for the purpose of promoting the training of dogs, disseminating the knowledge of obedience and racking training, advancing the interests of all pure bred dogs, encouraging the training of judges, holding and supporting obedience trials, tracking trials, agility trials and matches.

#### Atlanta Yorkshire Terrier Meetup Group

http://yorkie.meetup.com Come socialize your Yorkie(s) and meet with Yorkie owners near you! Meets regularly and has fun doggie events.

#### Bulldog Club of Metropolitan Atlanta

www.bulldogclubofmetropolitanatlanta.com The Bulldog Club of Metropolitan Atlanta is a member of The Bulldog Club of America's Division VIII. Our goals are to protect the interests and advance the welfare of the AKC Bulldog.

#### **Cavaliers of Greater Atlanta**

#### www.ckcscatlanta.org

A sanctioned breed specialty club licensed by the AKC to conduct dog shows and matches. Membership is maintained in the American Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club (the ACKCSC), which is the AKC parent club for the breed. The purpose of the club is to protect and advance the interests of the breed by promoting quality breeding, sportsmanlike competition and the education of members and the general public.

#### **Chattahoochee Weimaraner Club**

www.chattahoocheeweim.org

Contact: Jim Macke • jimmacke@chattahoocheeweim.org The Chattahoochee Weimaraner Club offers a multitude of opportunities for Weimaraner enthusiasts, including a number of fun days throughout the year which give you a chance to try agility, swimming, bird work, and just plain fun.

#### Greater Atlanta Boston Terrier Club

www.akc.org/akc\_clubs/ President Wanda Goodson Goodsoncpa@aol.com

#### Kennesaw Kennel Club

#### www.kennesawkennelclub.org

The Kennesaw Kennel Club was founded in 1972 to promote the sport of pure bred dogs and responsible dog ownership in Cobb County. General membership meetings are the second Wednesday of each month at 7pm.

### Smyrna/Atlanta Toy Dog Meetup Group

www.toydog.meetup.com

#### Southeastern Greyhound Club (SEGC)

364 Country Club Drive • Newnan, GA 30263 770-GREYPET (473-9738) • www.greyhoundadoption.org Contact: info@greyhoundadoption.org



EAST COBBER



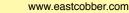
Sam Owner: Kelsy Smith



Baxter Owner: Jeff Watson



**Pilot** Owner: Meredith Beatty





Georgia Owner: Tricia Morris



**Mochi** Owner: The Nguyen Family



Olive Owner: Crissy Sprague



Coco Owner: Katie & Matt Brenckle

## DOG PARKS – COBB COUNTY

#### Sweat Mountain Park

4346 Steinhauer Road • Marietta, GA 30066 Contact: Cobb County Parks & Recreation 770-591-3160 • prca.cobbcountyga.gov Cobb County's first off-leash dog park officially opened on October 21, 2006. Located in Sweat Mountain Park, the dog park has an area for large dogs and an area for smaller dogs weighing 30 lbs. or less. There are benches conveniently located for dog owners as well. Open daily dawn till dusk. Closed each Wednesday morning for maintenance.

#### Pitner Road Dog Park

2450 Pitner Road • Acworth, GA 30101 Contact: Cobb County Parks & Recreation 770- 528-8890 • prca.cobbcountyga.gov Open daily dawn till dusk. Separate areas for large and small dogs. Playground and picnic pavilion nearby for owners. Closed each Wednesday morning for maintenance.

#### **DOG TRAINING**

#### The Dog Duchess Owner: Stefanie Roberts 404-202-9911 • www.thedogduchess.com dogduchess@gmail.com Private training and public classes for dogs of every age and temperament. Teach your dog how to be a family member or address common "problems" such as biting, jumping, or chewing. We also have great success dealing with emotional issues like separation anxiety and aggression. Guaranteed change for the better in the first hour!

#### GROOMING

### Hot Dogs Cool Cats Grooming Spa & Boutique

255 Village Parkway NE, Ste. 730 • Marietta 30067 770-858-1000 • www.hotdogscoolcats.net Pet Pampering at its finest! Grooming for dogs of all ages, from puppies to seniors, using only the finest products and care. Grainfree nutrition for dogs and cats in kibble, canned and raw diets. Fabulous collars, leashes, toys, clothing and more.Great selection of gifts for pet lovers.

#### HORSE CLUBS

#### SaddleUp Cobb

www.saddleupcobb.org

Meets the first Wednesday every month. If you are a horse lover and want to network and ride with local riders of all abilities and disciplines, then SaddleUp Cobb is for you.

#### **Rhinestone Rodeo Chics**

770-715-2028 • www.eteamz.active.com/rhinestonerodeochics A rodeo and special events drill team formed to promote the love of horses and good horsemanship while providing high speed, thrilling, fast paced fun and family entertainment for all audiences.

#### **Cherokee County Saddle Club**

770-655-0819 • www.cherokeesaddleclub.com

#### Georgia Federation of Saddle Clubs

#### www.georgiafsc.com

The Georgia Federation of Saddle Clubs is a non-profit Equestrian Club. The members of the Federation compete in Judged (Performance) and Timed (Running) events.

#### Georgia Horse Council

302 Clements Road NE • Rome, GA 30161 www.georgiahorsecouncil.com



## Lost & Found Rules & Regulations

 Upon receipt of any domestic animal impounded, wearing a tag, the Cobb County Animal Control Division will make diligent efforts to ascertain the identity of the animal's owner and, if identified, shall, within 24 hours of receipt, telephone the owner by telephone. It shall send notice of impoundment to the owner by mail.

- All animals impounded shall be kept at the Animal Control Center for a period of not less than 5 working days unless redeemed within that period.
- Any animal not redeemed shall be considered abandoned to the Animal Control Division, in which all rights of ownership shall vest in the Animal Control Division; and the owner shall have no further claim to such animal.
- The owner of any animal impounded may regain possession of the animal upon payment of applicable fees: \$30 reclaim fee; \$5/each day the animal was in the pound; and, any medical fees incurred. For more information call: 770-428-5678.

## Backyard Chickens Alliance Presents Special Showing of Mad City Chickens



▲ Joseph Pond with his pet chicken, Zelda

Witness if you will Gallus Domesticus...the Backyard Chicken. A mere few pounds of feather, bone, and muscle; a creature regarded by many as a rather humorous, though not so intelligent agent of food production. And yet make note of a most singular phenomenon now taking shape across suburb and city. From backyard eggs to the family's new favorite pet, the urban chicken is forging a fresh place in the pecking order of human importance." --Mad City Chickens

The Backyard Chickens Alliance of Cobb County will present a viewing of the 2009 documentary, Mad City Chickens, on November 7, at 7PM at Sacred Tapestry UMC, 3000 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta/East Cobb. The admission is free with donations accepted. Concessions will be available. There will be a Question and Answer session afterwards. Mad City Chickens tells the story of Backyard Chickens in Madison, Wisconsin. Mad City Chickens is a sometimes serious, sometimes whimsical look at the people who keep urban chickens in their backyards. From chicken experts and authors to a rescued landfill hen or an inexperienced family that decides to take the poultry plunge-and even a mad professor and giant hen taking to the streets-it's a humorous and heartfelt trip through the world of backyard chickendom. Mad City Chickens deftly weaves multiple stories and contextual issues on city chickens and their keepers in a non-linear fashion that one rarely sees in a documentary. From leading experts to urban newbies, experience the humor and heart of what's fast becoming an international backvard chicken movement.

East Cobb resident, Joseph Pond, created the Backyard Chickens Alliance of Cobb County to bring together like minded people to raise awareness about Backyard Chickens and to change the laws in Cobb County that currently prevent citizens from owning chickens as pets. Their goal is to change the zoning ordinance that essentially outlaws Backyard Chickens in Cobb County by gaining community support and working with the Cobb County Board of Commissioners. For more information visit: www.backyardchix.org

### **PET ADOPTIONS & SHELTERS**

#### Adopt a Golden Atlanta

404-DOGLESS (364-5377) www.adoptagoldenatlanta.com Adopt a Golden Atlanta is an all volunteer, non-profit organization dedicated to finding warm, loving homes for unwanted and/or abused golden retrievers before they become strays or are turned into animal shelter.

#### All Paws Considered

770-640-5550 • shermannancy1@att.net

#### Atlanta Animal Rescue Friends

P.O Box 1103 • Tucker, GA 30085 678-318-1886 • www.aarfatlanta.org

#### Atlanta Beagle Rescue

www.atlantabeaglerescue.org Helps find homes for beagles in need. Each dog is spayed/ neutered, vet checked and microchipped.

#### Atlanta Pet Rescue

720 14th Street NW • Atlanta, GA 30318 404-815-6680 • www.atlantapetrescue.org Atlanta Pet Rescue is a non-profit, volunteer-based no-kill animal shelter dedicated to rescuing unwanted pets, providing compassionate care for homeless dogs and cats.

#### **Atlanta Pit Bull Parents**

www.atlantapitbullparents.com • liz@atlantapitbullparents.com A group of pit bull parents that encourages responsible ownership and spay/neuter of all pit bulls and provides information about local events and issues of interest to pit bulls and their families.

#### Atlanta Bully Rescue

Atlantabullyrescue.com • abrevents@gmail.com The goal of ABR is to rescue and rehabilitate stray and ownersurrendered bull breed canines and find them new forever homes.

#### Atlanta Humane Society & SPCA Veterinary Clinic

981 Howell Mill Road NW • Atlanta, GA 30318 Main: 404-875-5331 • Clinic: 404-875-6420 www.atlantahumane.org

#### Basset Hound Rescue of Georgia

P.O. Box 680322 • Marietta, GA 30068 770-499-1164 • www.bhrg.org

#### Cobb County Animal Shelter

1060 Al Bishop Drive • Marietta, GA 30060 770-428-5678 or 770-428-9882 www.humanecobb.org As a unit of the Department of Public Safety, the shelter is responsible for handling complaints in Cobb County regarding dangerous, stray, or dead animals and animal cruelty. Call for hours.

#### Cocker Spaniel Rescue of Georgia, Inc Cocker4you@bellsouth.net

#### Ferret Business of Georgia

www.petfinder.com/shelters/ferretbusiness.html Contact: Juliana, 770-984-1417 or Jill, 770-924-4724

#### **Forgotten Paws Pet Rescue**

www.forgottenpaws.com Contact: forgoottenpaws@yahoo.com

#### **Good Mews Animal Foundation**

736 Johnson Ferry Road, Suite A3 • Marietta, GA 30068 770-499-CATS adopt@goodmews.org • www.goodmews.org A non-profit organization that operates a no-kill, cage-free shelter for homeless, abused, and abandoned cats.



# Pets and Owners Love Hot Dogs Cool Cats



▲ Karon Carpentieri, owner of Hot Dogs Cool Cats

For many of us, pets are family. We love them, and we want what is best for them. After adopting her Yorkshire Terrier, Bentley and two other dogs, Lexie and Milo, Karon Carpentieri, owner of Hot Dogs Cool Cats, became someone who loves to pamper her pets. Before opening Hot Dogs Cool Cats, Carpentieri traveled extensively for her corporate job until she realized she needed a life change. She opened her pet boutique and grooming spa in Paper Mill Village in East Cobb because she knew there were many pet lovers in this area, and she saw a need for quality pet services.

The boutique at Hot Dogs Cool Cats offers a selection of carefully researched grain-free dog and cat food with the healthiest ingredients. They also carry unique collars and harnesses, fun outfits and also gifts for humans who love their pets. Carpentieri's artwork decorates the funky and colorful showroom, and her personal furry companions contribute to the welcoming atmosphere.

The shop recently expanded to accommodate their growing grooming spa and services. Hot Dogs Cool Cats is a "no muzzle" facility, and the groomers work with each dog to alleviate any fears from past treatments. They also look at the dog's fur and skin condition to customize which type of shampoo will best achieve a healthier coat and be most soothing for their skin.

"Our pet owners tell us their dogs are eager to come through our doors because they know they will be well treated here," says Carpentieri. "Our goal is to make this a positive experience for everyone."

The boutique also sends out a monthly newsletter to its customers and hosts pet-focused events like Yappy Hours and holiday portraits.

Hot Dogs Cool Cats now provides obedience training classes onsite and continues to offer Brushing 101 classes and Microchip clinics.

Stop by Hot Dogs Cool Cats at 255 Village Parkway, Suite 720, Marietta, 30067 in the Paper Mill Village. To schedule an appointment, call 770-858-1000. Email Karon at karon@hotdogscoolcats.net or visit www.hotdogscoolcats.net to learn more about their pet pampering services and products.

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## **PET GUIDE**

## PET ADOPTIONS & SHELTERS (cont'd)

#### Humane Society of Cobb County

148 Fairground Street SE • Marietta, GA 30060 770-428-5678 or 770-428-9882

www.humanecobb.org

Encourages the humane treatment of animals and proper care of pets. Offers animal control, humane education, library, lost and found, and adopt-a-pet program.

#### Mostly Mutts

770-325-PETS • www.mostlymutts.org Contact: info@mostlymutts.org

#### **Mutt Maddness**

P.O. Box 71821 • Marietta, GA 30007 404-406-6322 • www.muttmaddness.org Contact: info@muttmaddness.org

#### Georgia House Rabbit Society

2280 Shallowford Rd• Marietta, Ga30066 678-653-7175• www.houserabbitga.org The Georgia House Rabbit Society is committed to rescuing abused, abandoned and neglected domestic house rabbits, fostering them and finding them great homes. They work to educate the public on rabbit behavior and proper care.

#### Our Pal's Place

4508 Canton Road • Marietta, GA 30066 678-795-0202 • www.ourpalsplace.org Contact: helpanimals@ourpalsplace.org Pet adoption facility and education center. Its mission is to rescue dogs from euthanasia at local animal control shelters.

#### Papillon 911

P.O. Box 682225 • Marietta, GA 30068 www.pap911rescue.org Contact: Lyn McLaughlin • haven4pups@aol.com A rescue organization committed to rescuing Papillons from dog-breeding facilities.

#### PET CLUBS - MISC.

Animals Deserve Better, Inc. 770-402-0297• http://www.animalsdeservebetter.com P.O. Box 72016•Marietta, GA 30007-2016

#### **Dog Hikers Club**

770-992-2002 Contact: Dr. Dan Batchelor Encourages dogs to accompany members on 10-mile hikes throughout North Atlanta area.

#### Happy Tails Pet Therapy, Inc.

P.O. Box 767961 • Roswell, GA 30076 770-740-8211 • www.happytailspets.org Happy Tails is a non-profit group of pet owners with a common goal - to volunteer time to share the unconditional love and joy pets can give to patients and residents at a variety of facilities.

#### PET SITTING

## East Cobb Pet Sitting

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