



DURHAM KENNEL CLUB

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***** NEWSLETTER *****

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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL DURHAM KENNEL CLUB MEMBERS!!

DINNER/PROGRAM COMBINED:

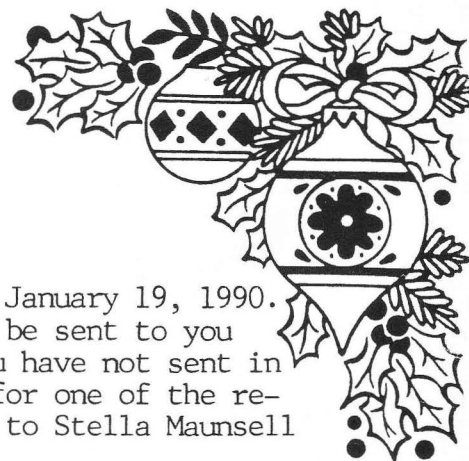
Instead of our usual pot luck dinner, our December meeting, held on Monday, December 18th, will be preceded by a cocktail party. Members are asked to please bring hors d'oeuvres to share and drinks will be provided by the DKC. The social hour will be from 7:00 to 8:00 P. M., with our regular business meeting beginning at 8:00.

As indicated above, no program is planned for this meeting, but, as is our custom, our members are asked to bring a gift to be shared with less fortunate animals who must spend time in the Durham/Orange County Animal Shelters. The gifts may include such items as: Good quality dog (or cat) food, any medical supplies applicable to dogs or cats, grooming items (including shampoos, flea sprays, clean brushes/combs, etc.). Chew toys/sterilized bones, blankets and towels (may be old, but must be clean). Cash donations are also welcome. These items are to be brought to the DKC Clubhouse on the night of our December meeting and they will either be delivered to the designated shelters or will be picked up by one of their representatives. Please be as generous as you possibly can, as you can be assured that your gifts will be greatly appreciated.

DUES ARE DUE -- JANUARY 1, 1990.

This notice is to remind you that the Durham Kennel Club dues are due and payable on January 1st of the new year. In order to be sure that your dues are properly recorded, remember to send them to our Membership Chairman, Cynthia Speed at P. O. Box 405, Hillsborough, N. C. 27278. Durham Kennel Club dues are \$10.00 for individual membership and \$15.00 for family. Please do this promptly so that as the new membership list is compiled your name will not be left off. Checks should be made payable to the Durham Kennel Club.





IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The date for the annual Awards Program has been set for January 19, 1990. Information regarding the location, menu and price will be sent to you soon, but do make note of the January 19th date. If you have not sent in your application for your year-end award(s) or applied for one of the revolving trophies, please do so and mail the information to Stella Maunsell before December 15th.

Those of you who still have revolving trophies from last year, please remember to bring them to the DKC Christmas party and turn them over to Stella Maunsell in gleaming, polished condition. If you do not plan to attend the Christmas party, please make it your responsibility to see that Stella gets the trophy right away. This is important as it does take time to get the trophies engraved.

2. M. F. Davis, our building cleaning chairperson, requests that jumps not be left out after being used. It's a bother for M. F. to have to move the jumps each time she gets ready to clean the building. Let's all help by remembering to do this.
3. Please remember that the deadline for items to go into the newsletter is the 25th of each month, except for unusual circumstances such as March when everything is moved up a week or so due to the TarHeel Circuit. News items are to be sent to Marge White.
4. The DKC has just completed another successful T.D./T.D.X. test. Out of 5 dogs entered in the T.D. test 4 passed, which is quite good. Unfortunately, none of the 3 T.D.X. entries passed and also unfortunately, that is not unusual. Thanks to all of the people who were willing to lay tracks, to Mary Griffin, who organized another of our famous apré-track luncheons, to Dee Wallis for preparing our lovely trophies and to Emilie Beglane for her support and guidance as yours truly fumbled her way through the duties of secretary. Thanks to all of you who helped and supported this worthwhile club activity.

Recommended Reading: Sports Illustrated (November 20, 1989). Article entitled, "Top Dogs Reach The Final Fur", page 8.

This is an article about obedience competition and the author mentions one of my (Ed.) all time favorite dog tales about George, a Bassett, who, in utility, retrieved his ear as it fell over the glove on the directed retrieve, and returned to his handler with the ear in his mouth. George also grabbed the opportunity for a short nap and fell asleep during the group stand and toppled over. This mention of George was of particular interest to me, since I have been around long enough to have had the pleasure of seeing George perform in person. He was a delightful dog, perhaps not always to his handler (who had a marvelous sense of humor and thoroughly enjoyed his dog), but he was always entertaining to the gallery and gathered quite a following, through the years. It could be disheartening to those traveling the utility trail to note that although George was entered in 74 utility classes, he never did earn his utility title, but what smiles he left behind!!

