



DURHAM KENNEL CLUB

P.O. BOX 15566 DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA 27704

***** NEWSLETTER *****

EARLIER MEETING DATE!!!!!!!!!!

MARCH, 1989

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DINNER:

Our March meeting will be held on Monday, March 13, 1989. Please be sure to make a note that the March meeting is one week EARLIER than our regular meeting night because of the Tar Heel Circuit. A Pot Luck Dinner is planned and will begin at 7:00 P. M. The club will furnish beverages and you are asked to please bring a dish to share.

PROGRAM:

Jordan Goldblatt, program chairman, advises that our guest speaker for the March 13th meeting will be Maryanna Burt, Legislative Chairperson of the North Carolina Humane Federation who will present a program on "The Human-Animal Bond in Art and Life".

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The next meeting of the DKC Board of Directors will be held on Monday, March 6th at 7:30 p.m. Officers and board members not able to attend should contact George Hand. DKC board meetings are "open" and members may sit in. The meeting will be held at the DKC building.
2. Thanks to George Beglane for the excellent job of removing the snow from the DKC driveway and parking lot, following our two recent winter storms. These efforts are much appreciated.
3. This will possibly be the last newsletter you will receive before the April 15th & 16th Bauman/Rosbach Obedience Seminar. Entries are coming in every day and we are filling up. This is a reminder to any DKC members who plan to attend, but who have not sent in their entry to please do it right away. If any DKC members would like to help with this seminar, but have not yet volunteered, please get in touch with Marge White at 477-5211.

On the night of Thursday, April 13th at 7:00 p.m. there will be a major clean-up job taking place at our building, in preparation for the seminar. This will include not only cleaning the building, but setting up one large ring and completely matting it and arranging seating and just in general, getting the building ready for the big weekend. Please help if you can. Let Marge White know if we can expect your help that night.

Those of you who have signed up for the seminar but have not yet made reservations for the Saturday night dinner, please do so. We would like to have as many people as possible at the dinner.

TRIANGLE OBEDIENCE ASSOCIATION MATCH:

The Triangle Obedience Association held it's first match at the DKC building on February 12, 1989. The Association was formed and the match was held to raise money for the 1990 Gaines Obedience Classic to be held in Greenville, South Carolina. We had a tremendous turnout with 14 dogs in utility, 29 dogs in open, 32 dogs in novice and 17 dogs in pre-novice. Many of these dogs were shown in the same class several times and hopefully, the handlers had a number of opportunities to work on specific training problems. As you can imagine, we all had a busy and sometimes hectic day, but very satisfying.

Richard Whorton would like to thank everyone who participated and all those who helped, including our club members and many other dog trainers from the surrounding area. A very special thanks to Eileen Bassett, Jeff Telander and Gail Johnson, our judges, who spent a grueling 8 hours on their feet; to Marge White, Margaret Fox, Cecillia Reeder for stewarding (all day), taking entries, cleaning and keeping everything organized; to Sally Gleib, Stella Maunsell, Mary Whorton, Joyce Anderson, Jill Gleib, Matt Whorton and Charlie Whorton for stewarding and helping with all the "little" jobs. Also, a very special thank you to Jodi Telander, who single-handedly, provided coffee, donuts, hot dogs, drinks and home-baked cupcakes and brownies to the hungry and grateful mob.

With everyone's help, we raised \$401.00, which has been donated to Carolina Obedience Association in support of the 1990 Classic. Our second fun/training match is scheduled for Saturday, April 29, 1989. Look for a more complete flier in the foyer of the DKC building in March with more information on the next match.

DUES ARE DUE

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YOU ARE NOW IN ARREARS!!

The annual dues (\$10 single membership/\$15 family) for the Durham Kennel Club are due and payable on January 1st. If you are one of the many who have not paid your dues, please be advised that this may be your last reminder, as this may also be your last newsletter. A current membership list is being compiled and those who have not paid their dues will be left off. You must also be a member "in good standing" to be eligible to vote in our upcoming election. Dues are to be paid to Sharon Pitz and if you have question as to whether you have paid, contact Sharon at 477-6037.

IMPORTANT WARNING: METHYLXANTHINE POISONING (CHOCOLATE AND CAFFEINE TOXICOSIS)

Some of our DKC members and fellow dog people may not be aware that there are substances in chocolate, cocoa beans, cocoa bean hulls, cola and tea that are harmful and potentially fatal to dogs, as well as other animals.

Some of the initial signs of caffeine toxicosis include vomiting, restlessness and hyperactivity, muscle tremors, cardiac arrhythmias and seizures.

Chocolate ingestion in dogs will be indicated by vomiting, diarrhea, diuresis (sometimes reported as urinary incontinence), hyperactivity, occasional depression, cardiac arrhythmias, temperature (elevated), loss of coordination, muscle tremors, seizures and coma, sometimes terminating in death. Abdominal pain, bloody urine, muscle weakness and dehydration also can be evident.

As there is no specific antidote for methylxanthine poisoning, treatment is aimed at: (1) maintenance of basic life support, (2) prevention of absorption, (3) hastening of elimination and (4) providing symptomatic treatment of seizures, respiratory difficulties and potentially life-threatening cardiac arrhythmias.

If less than 2 hours have elapsed since ingestion, vomiting should be initiated unless the animal is markedly stimulated, comatose or has lost the gag reflex. Chocolate in the stomach can melt and form a ball that can be difficult to remove.

To induce vomiting: 30 cc (15 cc=1 tablespoon) of Hydrogen Peroxide can be given to a large dog. This can be repeated just once in a 15 minute time span. Salt: give large dog 2 teaspoons just once—do not repeat. Syrup of Ipecac: 1 to 2 cc per 2.5 lbs and not more than 15 cc total dose. Can be repeated in 20 minutes, if necessary. If Ipecac was administered, be sure and let your vet. know as this interferes with absorption of charcoal

Please be aware that this is not something to be taken lightly. If you suspect or know that your animal has consumed a considerable amount (the small corner of a brownie doesn't count) of chocolate contact your veterinarian immediately. This can be a life-threatening situation.

Thanks to Jan Hansen for supplying me with the above information. This is something that all of us should be aware of and I appreciate Jan's help.

How about this-----Finding Fido or other pets could be a cinch with an identification microchip that is injected under the animal's skin, like a vaccination. If the pet is then lost, scanners at animal shelters or veterinary hospitals can pick up the information on the chip and return the animal to it's owner. The cost: \$40.00.

Please update your membership lists with the following:

Jordan Goldblatt's correct zip code is: 97516

Change of address: Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Amos
205 Southampton Drive
Knightdale, N. C. 27545

Add to membership list:

Joyce Anderson
404 Vernon Terrace
Raleigh, N. C. 27609
781-4229

Please welcome the following into regular DKC membership:

Carol Parron Margaret Fox Ginny and Johnny Cake
Cecillia Reeder Emmy Wolters

NATIONAL WAR DOG MEMORIAL:

A nonprofit organization has been formed in Fayetteville, N. C., for the purpose of creating a memorial to war dogs. The National War Dogs Memorial Project, Inc. was founded by ex-Vietnam scout-dog handler, Joe White, who never lost a man while on patrol with his dog "Ebony", nor was even one wounded.

There is a growing interest in a war dog memorial for both Europe and Australia, with the BBC scheduled to mention Ebony in the dog hero series. Our country has used dogs in every war and yet, this is the first project of its kind, and very possibly, the only one in the world. During one battle alone, at Iwo Jima, nearly 100 dogs died in the line of duty and of course, there have been many, many battles.

Anyone who would like to donate time, money, supplies, suggestions or has information regarding war dogs should contact: The National War Dogs Memorial Project, Inc., Post Office Box 9126, Fayetteville, N. C. 28311.

CRAZY DOG LAWS??

If you use ice cream as a reward for your dog in training, forget it in Tranquility, New Jersey. The law in this lovely little town won't allow you to eat or carry an ice cream cone while training a dog. However, the law says nothing about having a dish of ice cream during your training session.

Dog lovers must think twice about going out for a hamburger in Joplin, Missouri, accompanied by their dog. It's against the law in Joplin for a dog to take even a nibble from a person's hamburger

