

DURHAM KENNEL CLUB

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CHRISTMAS PARTY:

Our annual Christmas party will be held this year on Monday, December 16th and will begin at 7:00 p.m. Our club will supply beverages and our membership is asked to please bring hors d'oeuvres to share. We usually have quite a gathering at our Christmas parties so please be generous in the amount that you bring to contribute to our snack table.

It has been suggested also, that since this is one of our more festive occasions, we leave our canine friends at home to enjoy a quiet evening without us. Perhaps some soft music on the radio and a good book or two (with lots of pictures!) will help them pass the time. It might also be fun for all of us to put away our jeans for this one night and show each other what a good looking group we really are!!

Don't forget to bring your donation to the APS! Although we try to support this most worthwhile organization all year, please make a special effort during the holiday season to help the animals that really do need our help. Donations of any of the following will be most welcome: Dog (and cat) food, dry or canned, toys (there is a great need for toys, including rawhide and other chewies), any kind of warm and clean bedding (old towels and bath mats work well for this) and equipment such as collars and leashes and food and water dishes. Monetary contributions are also welcome. These items can be brought to the kennel club and someone will be there either to pick them up or one of our members will be delighted to deliver them to the shelter.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The board recently approved the suggestion that, beginning at our February meeting, the DKC will supply a meat dish at our monthly meeting pot-lucks and the membership will be asked to make a \$1.00 donation to help defray the cost. The number of people attending our meetings has increased (happily!) to the point where often there are not enough servings to go around. It is hoped that this suggestion will help.
2. Brenda Adams has asked that all of you be thanked for your contributions to the success of our recent fall show. Putting on a dog show is a major undertaking for any club and requires a great deal of effort on the part of many people. Brenda thanks all of you for your support. Brenda wants you to know too, that Bob Slay, the AKC Rep. who attended our show, especially complimented her on how smoothly our show was run and how actively our membership participated.

Our club also salutes Brenda and thanks her for a job extremely well done!!
(Ed. Note)
3. Stella Maunsell asks that reservations for the awards dinner be made to her no later than January 14, 1992. Please make your check out in the amount of \$16.00 per person (payable to DKC). Your check must accompany your reservation.

4. Julie Kaupas will be in charge of the advertising for the catalogue for the spring show. Her deadline will be coming up very soon so if you are interested in putting an ad in the catalogue please get in touch with Julie right away.

Julie would also like someone to work with her on soliciting ads for the catalogue and especially needs someone in the Raleigh, Roxboro and Chapel Hill areas who would be willing to contact possible advertising sources. Please contact Julie if this appeals to you. Her phone number is 556-5426.

In addition, while we are talking about Julie--Julie and several others in the area are involved with a group called Second Chance. Second Chance rescues dogs that are in need of help in being relocated and after the dog has been evaluated as to health, temperament, etc. an effort is made to find a foster home while waiting for the proper permanent home to come along. This is a most worthwhile group and provide a much needed service. Often they will have a purebred (not registered) dog needing a home and many of these dogs might even be good prospects for an I.L.P number. If any of you have neighbors or friends who might at some time be looking for a nice companion Second Chance would certainly be worth a phone call just to see what is available. (Ed. Note:) Speaking from personal experience, adopting an older dog and bringing it into your family can be one of your most rewarding experiences and can give you a lifetime of glorious memories to treasure.

5. As most of you know, for the past several years our club has offered a canine eye clinic at the fall show. Gayle Goodburn, who has chaired this service is no longer available for this job and a volunteer is needed to take over this position. If no volunteer comes forward we will have to discontinue this service and that would certainly be a loss to the canine community. Please call Dee Wallis or Brenda Adams or Jim Kessler if you are interested.
6. The DKC will be offering sweatshirts for sale at the Christmas party that display the DKC logo on the front. The sweatshirts will be royal blue with white lettering and will sell for \$18.00. Sharon Pitz is taking care of this project. Sweatshirts (and T-shirts) will continue to be available thru the year.
7. At the recent board meeting, it was decided that it be strongly recommended that all of our members contribute some kind of a physical service to either the fall or spring shows or the match. Too often these activities are "manned" by the same people year after year and it is hoped that this suggestion will encourage more of our membership to actively participate in the success of our club functions.
8. Please note: Our winter session of obedience/show handling classes will begin on Tuesday, January 7, 1992. An application for each class is included in this newsletter, along with the times each class is offered. Remember that our membership gets advance notice of the start of classes, but to delay in returning your application can mean not getting into the class of your choice. When returning your applications, please be sure to note the correct person to send it to, along with your check. Don't forget to bring your dog's health certificate with you the first night of class.
9. Julie Rice would like to hear from anyone who is interested in joining her for weekly visits to Hillhaven-LaSalle Nursing Home on Tuesday mornings at 10:30. A small dog is preferred, but anyone with a larger dog would also be most welcome. Contact Julie at home (967-0435) or at work (966-2361) between 3:30 and 11:30 p.m.

