



DURHAM KENNEL CLUB

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AWARDS PROGRAM:

Friday, January 25, 1991 has been set aside for our annual Awards Program. This is the night that we all look forward to each year, as it gives us the opportunity to recognize and honor those DKC members who have earned titles and/or degrees on their dogs during the past year or who have achieved other successes with their dogs or in their breeding programs. It also is an opportunity for us to thank club members who have given of their time and talents for the betterment of our club and the world of dogs, in general. We hope that all of our members (member candidates as well as regular members) will join us for this special club function.

This year our Awards Program will again be held at the Brownstone Inn, which is located at 2424 Erwin Road in Durham. There will be a cash bar available from 6:45 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m. Reservations and advance payment of \$16.00 per person (includes buffet dinner, gratuities and tax) MUST be given or sent to Stella Maunsell no later than Monday, January 21, 1991. Stella's address is 116 Stoneridge Drive, Chapel Hill, N. C. 27514.

A note to be remembered for next year's awards--Only AKC titles are eligible to be considered or recognized for awards.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. SHOW HANDLING CLASSES: Even though we are all bogged down right now with thoughts of the holidays, it won't be long before the dog show season gets rolling again and we will want our dogs (and us!) to be ready. The DKC show handling/conformation classes will begin on Thursday, January 24, 1991 and classes will be held on Thursday evenings for six weeks. The cost for the entire six weeks is \$20.00. Classes will be limited to 15 participants in each class, so if you are interested in enrolling you would be wise to not delay. To reserve a spot in the beginner class, call Maureen Lucas at 477-9432 and to register for the advanced class, call Brenda Adams at 732-2826.
2. With show handling assistance still in mind, we have been informed that the Forsyth KC and Carolina KCs are hosting a Handling Clinic the weekend of January 26th and 27th. The instructors will be Bill Pace, Carroll James, Peter Baynes and Marjory Good. This clinic will be held at the Lindley Recreation Center in Greensboro and the cost is \$60.00 for both days. The deadline for registering is January 19th and the person to call for an application or more information is Jaimie Ashby at (919) 292-9060.
3. A thank you letter from the Durham Co. Animal Shelter has been posted on the bulletin board in the entry area. It is a good thing that we do at Christmas time, with our donations to the less fortunate animals. Let's continue our efforts all through the year by remembering the "drop box" in the entry area.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

The history of the Durham Kennel Club is very interesting and after reading the DKC Archives, one has a real sense of pride in what the membership of the Durham Kennel Club has accomplished during the past 50+ years. The Archives should be recommended reading for all of us and perhaps the following tidbits will spark your interest.

October 1928 was the date of the first Durham Kennel Club dog show and some of the Best Of Breed prizes were:

Best German Shepherd Dog	1 box of cigars
Best Pointer Bitch	one-half dozen sheets
Best Setter Bitch Pup	1 shirt and tie
Best Fox Hound Dog	1 ton of coal
Best Collie Dog Pup	1 pr. ladies silk hose
Best Spitz Bitch	1 inner tube
Best Beagle	1 pr. riding pants
Best Brace (either sex)	1 automobile tire

The entry fee was \$1.00 and was payable at the time of entry.

The first annual A.K.C. show was held on March 19th and 20th, 1929. The club filed for incorporation on March 4, 1931.

During 1941 activities were suspended and the club was reactivated on December 17, 1945. A.K.C. recognition was requested on January 2, 1945.

In 1946 the first dog training classes were held and the trainers were two retired Army K-9 trainers. The charge for the classes was \$10.00 for 10 weeks.

In May of 1948 there was \$1,193.32 in the treasury.

In February of 1970 the need for the club to own property of it's own became more and more a matter of top priority.

In October of 1970 the club's first Utility title was earned by a club member. The dog was a German Shepherd Dog named Rex and was owned by Paul McNeill.

Between 1973 and 1975 our present Guess Road land was purchased and in 1975 plans were submitted for a building. At this time there was \$24,231.18 in the treasury.

The membership began serious and dedicated efforts to earn more money to add to the building fund.

A bake sale was held in May--In October we held a craft sale at South Square and who can forget Mary Bell peddling the Pen-Pacs, with such enthusiasm and success!! A huge combination bake/rummage sale (with dog demonstrations) was held at River-view Shopping Center and over \$700.00 was realized from that event. Everything from tires to chocolate chip cookies were sold that day.

In 1977 the membership recognized that the club would not be able to afford the building as the plans had been drawn. The membership agreed to a less elaborate structure, the plans were scaled down and our present building began to take shape on paper.

In October of 1977 our building was under construction.

Another bake sale was held and we realized \$216.50 from that effort.

In February of 1978 the first club meeting was held in the new building and the membership was instructed to bring their own chairs and tables.

If any of you are curious as to why names are written on the bottoms of the chairs that we now have in our building, this was done to recognize the club members who donated the funds for that chair.

The Durham Kennel Club building, as we know it today (and the contents therein) came to fruition through the efforts of our entire membership and is truly an accomplishment that all of us should be very proud of.

Read the Archives. It will give you a real sense of what the Durham Kennel Club is all about!! Thanks again to Pat Lawrence and Joyce McHenry for all their efforts in putting this book together.

LATE LIBRARY BOOKS:

We have some members who have obviously overlooked returning books that they have borrowed from our library. Some, in fact, are years overdue--how fortunate that we don't charge a "late" fee!

We hope that this reminder will prompt those who have the books to return them to our library so that others can enjoy them too. In case you may have forgotten, the books are:

Konrad Lorenz--On Aggression

Kersey--Training The Retriever)
Koehler--Koehler's Open Book) Same person has these two books.

Glen Johnson--Tracking Dog

Diane Bauman--Beyond Basic Dog Training

Please check your books and if you have any of the above that belong to the kennel club, please bring them back right away. Remember that our books are supposed to be removed from our library for only one month at a time and then, if necessary, should be renewed if the borrower isn't finished with them.

PET EMERGENCY SERVICE: For Your Information (that we hope you never have to use).

A pet emergency service is available to area residents at 15-501 Bypass (Hillsborough Rd. exit, behind Hawkins Auto Body Shop). The hours of operation are weekdays Monday through Friday 6 p.m. to 8 a.m. and on weekends Saturday 12 noon to Monday 8 a.m. They are also open on holidays. The telephone number is 382-8662.