

DURHAM KENNEL CLUB

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DINNER: Our club chef superior is basking in the Florida sun as this missive is being written so the main course for our dinner on April 18th will be a pleasant surprize for all of us. If you plan to join us for dinner please bring a dish to share. Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. and a donation of \$1.00 will be appreciated. Beverages will be provided by the DKC.

PROGRAM: Betsy Pethick, Program Chairperson, reports that the program for the April meeting will be a presentation given by Dr. Thompkins, DVM from the Timberline Animal Hospital regarding microchip identification implants. Dr. Thompkins plans to bring her own dog (who has had a microchip implanted) and will demonstrate how the microchip is read and explain the implant procedure. This is a very timely topic and one that should be of special interest to all of us. The program will begin at 7:45 p.m. and as always, guests are welcome.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. A reminder that, according to our by-laws, nominations may be presented from the membership during the April meeting and election of officers will take place at our May meeting. If you plan to nominate a DKC member and that member will not be in attendance you must present written acceptance from that person that they are willing to serve and it should be presented to the club secretary.

The following is the slate as submitted by the nominating committee:

President: Stella Maunsell Vice President: Richard Perschel
Recording Secretary: Marge White Corresponding Secretary: Ridley Kessler
Treasurer: Cindy Luster AKC Delegate: Steve Wallis

Board of Directors: George Beglane, Lisa Connelly, Barbara Doermann and Fran Hoffman.

2. Ann Walthall, Hospitality Chairperson for the very recent spring show, extends her thanks to all who helped with hospitality (pushing the drink cart) and to those who helped serve lunches to the judges. This is an important contribution to the success of our show and Ann is grateful to all who were able to help.
3. Don't forget the box in the entry area for donations to the animal shelter. A special request has been made for stuffed animals to comfort orphaned or young puppies and kittens. If you have small children who have stuffed toys that they no longer need or want don't throw them out--bring them to the kennel club for the animal shelter....and let's admit it, some of us so-called adults (in addition to liking kid's cereals) refuse to give up our stuffed animals too, but do we really need an entire bed full????
4. If any DKC members belong to breed clubs that use the Plantation Inn in Raleigh as the location for their specialty shows, be advised that the future of that facility for dog shows is in serious jeopardy. The folks at the Plantation Inn have become disenchanted with the obvious lack of concern shown for their property by recent dog show participants. If you belong to a breed club that hopes to use that motel in the future--a word to the wise should be sufficient. What a shame to lose that outstanding location for the rest of us because of the carelessness of a few!

For those of our members who have expressed curiosity about the origin of several of our year end trophies, the following is offered for your information.

The Haines Show Dog Trophy was donated by the late Vivian and Howard Haines who were active DKC members for many years. Their special breed interest was long-coated Dachshunds. Both Vivian and Howard were very encouraging in our club's efforts to begin construction of our present clubhouse and Howard, who was an architect, actually drew up the original plans for the building. Unfortunately, before the building was completed the Haines retired to Texas so they were never able to enjoy the building as our members presently do.

The Fowler Show Bitch Trophy was donated by the late Herman Fowler, a staunch DKC supporter and devotee of the Pug breed. Herman died of cancer a number of years ago, but was able to attend the DKC picnic where, with great celebration, the mortgage on our building was burned. There is a snapshot on the bulletin board of this event and Herman is pictured there enjoying that special moment in our club's history. Herman got his start in Pugs from Romola Hicks, another late DKC member who gained recognition with her Gayberry Pugs kennel name.

The Kartye Stud Dog and Brood Bitch Trophies were both donated by Peter Kartye who enjoyed considerable success with his Borzoi and long-coated Dachshunds. Peter served as president of our club and also gained much recognition following the publication of his book on the history and bloodlines of Dachshunds, entitled "Roots". Shortly after we moved into our present building Peter moved to San Francisco where he died several years later.

The Hill Breeders Trophy was donated by the late Frances Hill who did a great deal of breeding and showing of Pointers, with considerable success. She was a long time member and supporter of the DKC and it's activities.

The Thompson Obedience Trophy was donated by B. J. Thompson who was a very active DKC member for many years. B. J. bred, showed in conformation and obedience and did field work with her Labrador Retrievers under the Signal Hill kennel name. B. J. was very active in obedience and was one of the driving forces in getting our obedience program at the DKC underway. B. J. has retired and now lives in Florida, but at last report still has a Lab or two sleeping on her bed.

The Grimson Tracking Trophy was donated by Dr. Keith Grimson and his wife Mozelle who were Labrador Retriever enthusiasts and very active DKC members for many years. They were especially helpful and encouraging to newcomers to our sport and in fact, B. J. Thompson got her start in Labradors from the Grimsons. The Grimsons were also very much involved with the construction of our building.

The Holland Versatility Trophy was donated by Hank Holland, following the death of his wife, Mary, and in her memory. Hank and Mary were active members of our club and involved with almost all of our activities. Mary served as club treasurer for many years and helped with anything that needed to be done. Mary and Hank enjoyed success with their Belgian Tervuren, but due to Mary's health problems, they were limited in what they could do with their dogs personally. Two miniature Poodles also shared their home. Hank and Mary were both interested in encouraging club members to participate in varied activities with their dogs, thus the versatility award came to be.

Continuing with the history lesson-----in re-reading the above, it is quite evident that the building of our present clubhouse was a great event in the history of our club. It was a monumental project for a group of dog people to undertake and many of our present club members still recall the pride and excitement that was felt when the ground breaking

took place and our building became a reality.

Many of our more recent members may not be aware that the old cement block building directly opposite our driveway on Guess Road used to be the DKC Clubhouse. Our classes were held there, as were our monthly meetings and our rental fee was \$100.00 a month. The only heat was a large fireplace, which provided plenty of atmosphere, but not much heat unless you were right in front of it. The first person to arrive on cold nights got the job of getting the fire started and from then on keeping it going was everyone's job. There was room for two small rings for classes with a lot of fancy jockeying for position in front of the fireplace and extra slow heeling when that one warm spot was being passed during the heeling exercise. Anti-freeze had to be added to the toilets to keep them from freezing---sometimes it worked and sometimes it didn't. Air-conditioning, of course, was non-existent. That location did tend to separate the serious dog people from the not so serious and certainly a lively sense of humor was a bonus.

The above is mentioned only to give you some insight into why "the building of our present clubhouse was a great event in the history of our club."

'End of history lesson--at least for now. If you haven't done so, consider reading the DKC Archives (a copy is in our library). Our club has been in operation for well over 50 years and its history is quite interesting and something that we should all be very proud of.

PLEASE NOTE: Our DKC Librarian, Mary Kay Glazer, reminds our membership that several books are overdue to be returned to the library. Please check your bookshelves to see if you have any of the following books and if so, return them right away so that others may enjoy them too.

- "The Koehler Method of Open: Obedience for Ring, Home and Field"
- "Beyond Basic Dog Training"
- "Pearsall Guide to Successful Dog Training"
- "Sirius Puppy Training" (video tape)

We have no wish to embarrass anyone by naming names, but it is important that these books be returned post-haste. Please contact Mary Kay at 968-3592 to make arrangements to return them or if any of our members are interested in checking books out contact Mary Kay for that too.

There are many outstanding books on many different topics in our library and our members are urged to take advantage of their availability. Several new books have recently been added. Being able to borrow these books is just one more "perk" in belonging to our club.

The person who brought a delicious chocolate cake in a 13 x 9 inch pan to obedience class graduation night may claim the pan (empty--Mary said the cake was dee-lish-us!) by contacting Mary Whorton at 471-1405.

Did you know? "Working on the farm and running a sheepdog trial are not the same thing, says author/sheep rancher Donald McCaig; "It's the difference, you see, between racing at Indianapolis and driving Aunt Millie to the airport."

SHOW REPORT as of March 28th.

OBEDIENCE - TRACKING - CONFORMATION

OWNER'S NAME	DOG'S NAME (BREED)	SHOW & DATE	CLASS	POINTS/ SCORE	HIGHEST WIN/ LEG	PLACING	SPECIAL AWARD
Ottilie & Richard Theer	Branford's Let It Ride (Min. Schnauzer)	Carroll KC	6-9 puppy bitch	2 pts.			WB
" "	" " "	Durham KC	"	1 pt.			WB, BOW
" "	" " "	Alamance KC	"	1 pt.			WB, BOW
" "	" " "	Middleburg KC	"	2 pts.			WB, BOW, BOS
" "	" " "	Langley KC	"	4 pts.			WB, BOW, BOS
Tina Smith	Maggie (German Short- hair Pointer)	Raleigh Dog Fanciers Match	Jr. Puppy		BOB		Group I
" "	Merrie (Dalmatian)	" " "	Adult		BOB		Group II
M. F. Davis	Ryder (Border Terrier)	James River KC	Open Dog	1	BOW		
Vern and Mary Bell	Belvar's Bibbidi Bobbidi Boo (Westie)	Roanoke KC	Bred By Ex.	1	WB		BOS
" " " "	Belvar's Pop Gun (Westie)	James River KC	" " "	1	WB		BOS
Ann & Ed Walthall	Edann's Land Cruiser (Schipperke)	Alamance KC	Bred By Ex.	2	WD, BOW		Owner handled/
" " "	" " "	Durham KC	" " "	2	WD		Finished from
" " "	" " "	Raleigh KC	" " "	3	WD, BOW		Bred-by class
***** OBEDIENCE	*****						
Barbara Doermann	Whisper (Weimaraner)	Conestoga Vizsla Club	Jr. Hunter		4th		Jr. Hunter
" "	" " "	Weimaraner Club of DC	" "		5th		
Anne Fitzgibbon	Indy (Bouvier)	Charlotte DTC	Novice B	188.5	3rd		C.D. H.S. Bouvier
" "	" " "	Carolina DTC	" "	191	4th		

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CONFORMATION - PERFORMANCE

OWNER'S NAME	DOG'S NAME (BREED)	SHOW	CLASS	SCORE/ POINTS	HIGHEST WIN	SPECIAL MERIT
Betsy & Buddy Amos	CH. Starbuck Katakam Silver Saber, TD (Weimaraner)	Ver. Delaware Valley Weimaraner Club	BOB			Award of Merit
" " "	" " "	Weimaraner Club of America	Maturity		2nd Place	
Suzy Eberling & Susie ?	Kala (Rhodesian Ridgeback)	Va. Beach KC	Bred By Ex.	2	BOW	
" " "	Sky " "	Langley KC	BOB		BOB	
Lisa Connelly and Charles Vance	Molly (Border Terrier)	Forsyth KC	BOB			Group III
Peggy Davis	Erika (Great Dane)	Langley KC	Open Bitch	3	WB, BOS	Champion
Julie & George Kaupas	Moxie (Irish Water Span.)	IWSCA National Spec.	Open Bitch		1st place	RWB
" " "	" " " "	Mt. Ogden KC	" "	5	BOW	Champion
" " "	" " " "	Va. Beach KC	BOB		BOB	
" " "	" " " "	Langley KC	BOB		BOB	
" " "	" " " "	Tampa KC	BOB		BOB	
" " "	" " " "	Sara Bay KC	BOB		BOB	
" " "	" " " "	Forsyth KC	BOB		BOB	
" " "	" " " "	Huntington KC	BOB		BOB	
" " "	" " " "	Charleston KC	BOB		BOB	
" " "	" " " "	Blennerhassett KC	BOB		BOB	
" " "	" " " "	Asheville KC	BOB		BOB	
" " "	" " " "	Asheville KC	BOB		BOB	
" " "	" " " "	Morgantown KC	BOB		BOB	
Jeanne Simmons Clayton	Gaston (Bouvier)	Greenville KC	Open Dog	3	BOW	Champion
Julie Kaupas	Moxie (Irish Water Span.)	Hendersonville KC	BOB		BOB	
Emmy Wolters	Nicky (Bouvier)	Roanoke KC		1	WD	
Lisa Connelly, Charles Vance & Helen Vance	Ed (Border Terrier)	New River Valley KC	6-9 Puppy	1	WD	1st point
Lisa Connelly & Charles Vance	Molly (Border Terr.)	Palmetto Obed. TC Hendersonville KC	Novice B	190	1st leg	H.S. Terrier
" " "	" " " "	Greenville KC	"	186	2nd leg	
" " "	" " " "	Greenville KC	"	187.5	3rd leg	C.D.