



# DURHAM KENNEL CLUB

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JANUARY 1994

ANNUAL AWARDS/DINNER PROGRAM: REMEMBER, THERE IS NO REGULAR MEETING IN JANUARY!

By the time you receive this newsletter you should have made your reservations to the DKC annual awards dinner and program. This event will be held at the Durham Hilton on January 14, 1994 with a social hour beginning at 6:00 p.m. and the dinner being served at 7:00 p.m. If you have any questions regarding this program please contact Peggy Davis at 848-3436 or Barbara Doermann at 644-1421.

## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Julie Kaupas, Chairperson of the DKC conformation classes advises that conformation classes will begin on January 20, 1994 and will run for an eight week period.

### Schedule for conformation classes:

- 7:00 p.m. Beginners class taught by Peggy Davis
- 7:00 p.m. Advanced class taught by Deborah Danford
- 8:00 p.m. Mini-seminars with different topic each week
- 8:30 p.m. Open floor for practice (free to class participants and DKC members)

Class sizes are limited. The cost is \$30.00 per student and \$15.00 for DKC members.

The first mini-seminar will be presented by DKC member Dr. Donna Brown on "DEVELOPING CONFIDENCE IN THE HANDLER AND HER/HIS DOG".

The schedule for future mini-seminars will be available on the first night of class. All mini-seminars are open to DKC members at no charge.

### A NOTE OF SPECIAL INTEREST:

On February 5th and 6th, 1994 the Durham Kennel Club will host a show handling seminar presented by Sue Lackey. Some DKC members will recall Sue Lackey's instruction of a fairly recent show handling class, when invited by Maureen Lucas to participate as a guest instructor.

Ms. Lackey has won Best In Show awards at some of our country's largest and most prestigious dog shows. She has handled dogs ranked in the Top Ten of many different breeds on both the Atlantic and Pacific coasts and is especially sought after as a master groomer of show dogs.

Spaces are currently available in the beginner and advanced classes. The cost is \$80.00 for both days, as a participant with dog or \$50 as a spectator with no dog. Complimentary coffee and donuts will be available at the DKC clubhouse at 8:00 a.m. and instruction will be begin at 9:00 a.m. Both fees include lunch both days.

Continuing information regarding the Sue Lackey weekend:

On February 4, 1994 Ms. Lackey will present a special grooming seminar at the DKC building from 7 to 9 p.m. The cost is \$15.00 for seminar participants and \$20.00 for all others.

For more information about the above seminar and grooming program please contact Maureen Lucas at 477-9432. Reservations for both the seminar and grooming program should be sent to Maureen, along with your check made out to the DKC. Mail to P. O. Box 486, Bahama, N. C. 27503.

- 2. Special thanks to Sharon Pitz and her crew of clever elves who helped put our recent Christmas party together. It was a very nice evening and enjoyed by everyone who was able to attend.

Thanks too, to all of you for your generous donations to the animal shelter. Your efforts were surely very much appreciated by the staff and animals at the shelter.

- 3. Is there anyone in our membership who has an "in" with the local newspapers? There are times during the year, other than when we are working on a show, when it would be nice if we could arrange for a little publicity. We have numerous club members performing worthwhile and noteworthy activities with their dogs and an occasional article (and possibly even some pictures) would be very positive publicity for our club. If we have any members that feel they might be able to help, please get in touch with either Dolores Travis or Beedsie Woo, as they are on our general publicity committee.

- 4. Attention Terrier People: The Triangle Hunt will be holding a terrier trial on Saturday, March 19, 1994 and on Sunday, March 20, 1994 there will be (pending AWTA approval) a terrier trial sanctioned by the American Working Terrier Association. Anyone who is interested in getting a Certificate of Gameness on their terrier or dachshund or in donating a small breed trophy, please contact Lisa Connelly at 489-4671 or M. F. Davis at 471-2920. AWTA trials are not often held in this area and experience at these trials will be very helpful in attaining the earthdog titles that AKC is expected to approve this summer. Any support that you can give will be very much appreciated.

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Please welcome the following Member Candidates:

Marlene Zahner	Sheila Pagura
2209 Lawrence Drive	1225 Sandy Cross Road
Raleigh, N. C. 27603	Burlington, N. C. 27217
829-4971	578-4823

The following have been approved as regular DKC members:

William Bakewell, Jr.	Peggy Helmick
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Address changes and corrections:

Ruth Shaw's correct address is 1210 Anderson Street.  
 Donna Brown's correct address is Rt. 2, Box 366  
 Jan Hansen's new address is 6512 Rex Road, Holly Springs, N. C. 27540 (Ph.#557-2427)

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The management and staff of the DKC newsletter wishes a joyous New Year to all our members. May your greatest dreams come true in 1994!!

### AKC Delegate's Quarterly Report

At their December 1993 meeting, the delegates approved an amendment to AKC's Rules that will permit group clubs to hold shows where championship points are awarded. Currently seven group clubs are approved to hold matches, and nine additional clubs are working toward their sanctioned status. These new clubs are in addition to three, previously accredited, limited all-breed clubs who currently hold shows for terriers or toy breeds.

After much discussion, a proposed amendment to revise the method of making a protest against a dog at a show was postponed until the March meeting. A new provision permitting an owner or a handler of a competing dog to file a protest with the judge is expected to be added. Also, the rules governing Beagle field trials were amended to permit the parent club and other regional specialty clubs to hold more than one licensed or member trial per season.

Coming up for a vote at the March meeting will be a proposed amendment to AKC's Rules regarding registration of dogs. This proposal reads: "No

dog or litter of a dam under twelve (12) months or over eight (8) years of age at the time of mating, or by a sire under nine (9) months or over twelve years of age at the time of mating, will be registered . . . No more than six (6) litters will be registered out of any dam." AKC's Board of Directors believes this to be in the best interest of dogs and supports this delegate proposal. Several statements opposing the proposal were made from the delegate floor. Some comments included that the ages specified (especially the 8-year restriction on dams) are arbitrary and without regard to current breeding preferences in certain dog breeds. AKC statistics show the above age and litter limitations would affect less than 3 percent of all registrations. Other comments questioned the need for any restrictions when they would have such a limited effect. As this is a controversial subject, I would like to hear from DKC members about how it would affect their breed or breeding practices.

Voted on in March will also be a proposal to require that Delegates be

residents of the US or its territories or possessions. This bylaw change would support the Board's recent refusal to seat a delegate because the individual resided in Canada.

The March meeting is AKC's annual meeting and will include the election of three delegates to the Board of Directors, Class of 1998. The nominating committee's slate includes one incumbent (Ken Marden), a previous Director (David Merriam), and Robert Berndt. Two additional candidates have been selected by petition as of this time. They are Albert Lawrence and Marion Levy.

Beginning April 1, 1994 AKC's registration fees will increase. Litter registration will go from \$15 to \$18, Individual Dog registration from \$7 to \$8, and Supplemental Transfers from \$3 to \$4. The last increase was in 1989.

As always, I welcome your comments and suggestions. See me at the member meeting in February or call me by March 6. Best Regards, Steve Wallis (782-2558).

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#### BE ALERT--POSSIBLE DOG-NAPPERS IN OUR AREA:

Stories and news items of dogs being stolen seem to be more common these days. Whether there actually is more dog-napping taking place or just publicity being given to this hideous activity there probably is no way of actually knowing, but all of us should exercise all possible caution regarding the security of our dogs.

Some things to keep in mind: If your dog(s) are left outside in a fenced area when no one is at home be sure that all gates are secured and locked. An unlocked enclosure can be very inviting to a possible dog-napper. Check to be sure that your fenced area is in good repair and the fence high enough for the size dog that you have. Ideally, runs should be covered (and also locked) with wire so that dogs can't scale the fence or be pulled out. Professional dog-nappers know how to handle dogs and they have the equipment to get almost any dog out of almost any enclosure. The harder they have to work and the longer it takes for them to get a dog, the more likely they will move on to easier prey.

Be on the lookout for unfamiliar vehicles in your neighborhood, especially enclosed vans or trucks. They may be looking for loose dogs or dogs being housed in situations that offer easy access. If you do see such a vehicle pay close attention to it. Get a good description of it (color, make, etc.) and most especially, get the license number.

What a heartbreak to have a dog suddenly become missing. Let's all be especially careful and give our dogs all the protection that we possibly can.

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From "Man Meets Dog" by Konrad Lorenz: "The fidelity of a dog is a precious gift demanding no less binding moral responsibilities than the friendship of a human being. The bond with a true dog is as lasting as the ties of this earth can ever be."

The following disturbing information was sent by the AKC to all secretaries and delegates of Rottweiler, Doberman Pinscher, Chow Chow, American Staffordshire Terrier, Staffordshire Bull Terrier and Miniature Bull Terrier national parent and specialty clubs and it is printed here verbatim. Thanks to Brona Hicks for sharing it with us.

"We have just heard some very disturbing news about a breed-specific policy in effect in Haywood County, North Carolina. Last summer, Jack Horton, the Haywood County Manager, declared Rottweilers, Doberman Pinschers, Chow Chows and "pit bulls" to be inherently vicious breeds and prohibited the county shelter from offering these breeds for adoption. Instead, these dogs are to be automatically euthanized by the shelter staff. The shelter personnel report that they deal with "quite a few" of these breeds and that this policy was instituted by the County Manager without their input.

We have included the name, address and phone number of the Haywood County Manager below. We encourage you and your club members to write and/or call Mr. Horton to express your disapproval of his shelter policy, and to explain to him the reasons why such breed-specific definitions of dangerous dogs are misinformed and ineffective. Please share your expertise about dog training, about the individuality of all dogs, and about the specific characteristics of these breeds to Mr. Horton and encourage him to reconsider his shelter policy."

The above was signed by The Canine Legislation Department of AKC.

Mr. Horton's address is: Mr. Jack Horton, County Manager  
420 North Main Street, Courthouse Annex  
Waynesville, N. C. 28786  
(704) 452-6625) (the last part of the phone # may be 8825, this was a blurred copy).

Ed. Note: Don't feel complacent because your breed is not on the list above. Your breed may be targeted in the next action, so do write and/or phone and let your concerns about breed-specific policies be know.

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Answers to quiz.

1. Collie, Lassie books, movies, TV series.
2. German Shepherd Dog, movie dog following WWI.
3. Mixed breed dog from movie of the same name.
4. Dogue De Bordeaux from movie Turner and Hootch.
5. Malamute in movie The Journey of Natty Gann.
6. St. Bernard/cross in TV series Empty Nest.
7. St. Bernard from movie The Call of the Wild.
8. Mixed-breed from Dagwood series.
9. Cairn Terrier from The Wizard of Oz.
10. Wire-haired Terrier from the Thin Man series.
11. German Shepherd Dog from Roy Rogers movies and TV series.
12. Irish Setter from movie of the same name.
13. Great Danes from The Swiss Family Robinson movie.
14. Old English Sheepdog from The Shaggy Dog movie.
15. Bull Terrier from movie It's a Dog's Life.
16. Mixed-breed from movie of the same name.
17. St. Bernard from movie of the same name.
18. German Shepherd Dog from movie The Silent Call and others before WWI. (And no, before any of you ask, your editor does not go quite as far back as before WWI!!)

