



# DURHAM KENNEL CLUB

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DINNER: Richard Perschel, chef extra-ordinaire, advises that the pièce de résistance for the March 21st meeting will be breast of turkey. Anyone planning to join us for dinner is asked to please bring a dish to share that will compliment the main course. Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. and a donation of \$1.00 will be appreciated. Beverages will be provided by our club.

PROGRAM: Betsy Pethick, Program Chairperson, reports that the program for the March meeting will be a presentation by three DKC members comparing the dissimilarities between Poodles, Irish Water Spaniels and Portuguese Water Dogs. This should be a time of education for all of us and we hope that as many as possible will plan to attend. As always, guests are welcome.

## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Spring is about to be upon us and along with the crocuses and daffodils, we look forward to the DKC spring show which will be held on Friday, March 25th. As is usually the case, help is needed in many different areas and any amount of time that you can give will be appreciated. The hospitality committee, chaired by Ann Walthall, needs additional people, especially at lunch time and also to help take the hospitality cart around to the different rings. Call Ann at 477-5088 if you can be available to help her. Help is needed too, at the end of the day to transport the judges back to the hotel and also to get them to the show site in the morning. Connie Howard will be happy to receive your calls volunteering your services. Call Connie during the evening hours at 477-1719.  
  
Ken Killinger is organizing the stewards for the obedience rings and also is in need of help. Call Ken at 477-6320 if you would like to help in the obedience rings.
2. Be reminded that in order to qualify for certain club benefits service requirements must be fulfilled. If you have questions about what constitutes a "service" contact either Beedsie Woo or Dolores Travis for clarification.
3. Your newsletter editor apologizes to re-located DKC member, Patty Ashmore, for neglecting to add her show win to either the January or February newsletter. It was received in December, but obviously slipped through the cracks. Because of the oversight it is printed here rather than in the "show wins". Skye (Chaparral U Got It), Patty's Gordon Setter, finished her championship with a Best of Breed win at Palm Beach (not a bad location for a dog show!!) on December 5, 1993. Congratulations Patty! Keep your show wins coming and hopefully, the reporting will be better in the future.

4. If you are involved with any breed or activity club renting the DKC building and you are the responsible DKC member, it is important to be aware of how our building is being used. For example, if the heat or air-conditioning is on doors should not be left open for extended periods of time and also, all trash containers should be emptied and the contents removed to the outside dumpster. We do have small creatures (none that are desirable) who inhabit our building and either of the above make life much easier and more pleasant for them, in addition to increasing our heating and A/C bills.
5. In case you have not been out to the building recently or somehow missed seeing it, we now have a mirror installed along the back wall. Thanks to Julie Kaupas, Sharon Pitz and anyone else who helped to get this done. This should be a very beneficial addition to our building for all of us. Although the mirror does have a shatter-proof backing it will still break so it's important that we use care in moving jumps, throwing dumbbells, etc., close to it and no equipment should be stacked in front of or leaned against it.
6. Again, thanks to Steve Wallis for keeping us so well informed on the "doings" at AKC. Steve's delegate's report is printed elsewhere in this newsletter.
7. Remember that certain plants are poisonous to dogs. If you would like a list of poisonous plants (before you start thinking about spring plantings) a list can be obtained by calling the Duke Poison Control Center (800)672-1697.

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Some thoughts about gastric dilation (bloat) taken from DogWorld, June 1993: Deep-chested, mature members of large breeds are particularly susceptible, but bloat has also been reported in smaller dogs. Some suggested precautions:

1. Do not allow your dog to become overweight.
2. Feed several small meals during the day rather than one large meal.
3. If you have multiple dogs, feed the dogs individually in a quiet place in order to help calm the eager eaters who may swallow air as they gulp their food.
4. Do not feed immediately following or before vigorous exercise.
5. Avoid sudden diet changes. Change a dog's diet gradually, over a period of from 7 to 10 days at least. Begin with a small amount of the new food and gradually increase this amount each day.
6. Be alert to symptoms such as abdominal swelling and unproductive vomiting. If you see such signs, don't wait--minutes can matter!
7. Call your veterinarian immediately if you suspect problems.

If you would like further information (free), write Mary Fuller, Ralston Purina Co., P. O. Box 88988, Checkerboard Square, St. Louis, Mo 63188 for a booklet entitled, "Understanding Gastric Dilation-Volvulus (Bloat) in Dogs."

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A test of your knowledge of movie/TV dogs, their breeds and the production they played in: Perhaps the older you are, the better you will do!! The answers are printed elsewhere in this newsletter.

1. Lassie (let's start with some easy ones).
2. Rin Tin Tin.
3. Old Yeller.
4. Hootch.
5. Wolf.
6. Dreyfus.
7. Buck.
8. Daisy.
9. Toto.
10. Asta.
11. Bullet.
12. Big Red.
13. Turk and Duke.
14. Sam.
15. Wildfire.
16. Benji.
17. Beethoven.
18. Strongheart.

SHOW REPORT

CONFORMATION

OWNER'S NAME	DOG'S NAME (BREED)	SHOW	CLASS	POINTS	HIGHEST WIN	SPECIAL MERIT
Julie Kaupas	Moxie (Irish Water Spaniel)	Mighty Match	BOB		Group II	
Betty McAllister	Lacey (Cocker Spaniel)	Sue Lackey Seminar				1st place in judging competition
Julie Kaupas	Bailey (Irish Water Spaniel)	Westminster	BOB			Award of Merit
M. F. Davis	Rider (Border Terrier)	Hendersonville KC	Open Dog	1	WD	
M. F. Davis	" " "	Greenville KC	" "	1	WD	
Vern and Mary Bell	Belvar's Pop Gun (West Highland White Terrier)	Spartanburg KC	Bred By Ex.	1	WB	
" " " "	" " "	Greenville KC	" " "	2	WB, BW, BOB	
Susan Ebering	Prophet (Rhodesian Ridgeback)	Hanover KC	Open Dog	3	WD	
" " & S. Bellows	Tawanda " "	Hanover KC	Puppy	3	BOW	
" " & S. Bellows	" " "	Myrtle Beach KC	"	3	BOW	
" "	Sky " "	Hanover KC	BOB		BOB	
" "	" " "	Charleston KC	"		BOB	Group cut
Terri Snodgrass	Julie (Flat-Coated Retriever)	Myrtle Beach	Bred By Ex.	2	WB, BW	
Bob & Maureen Lucas	Reba (Greyhound)	Greenville KC	BOB			Group II

\*\*\*\*\* OBEDIENCE \*\*\*\*\*

			SCORE			
Anne Fitzgibbon	Indy (Bouvier des Flandres)	Hanover KC	Novice B	183.5	1st leg	
" "	" " "	Spartanburg KC	" "	191	2nd leg	H.S. Bouvier
Cindy Kromer	Buddy (Australian Terrier)	Hendersonville KC	Utility A	190.5	3rd leg	1st place in class.U.