

# DURHAM KENNEL CLUB

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IMPORTANT!!! DUES NOTICE INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER.

DINNER: Our "man in the green apron", Richard Perschel tells us that the main dish for the dinner on May 16, 1994 will be bar-b-que. If you plan to join us for dinner please bring a dish to share that will compliment the main course such as, cole slaw, baked beans, potato salad, etc. 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. Guests and member-candidates and of course, our regular members are all welcome at our dinners as well as at our meetings.

PROGRAM: Our program for the May meeting will be presented by DKC member, Dr. Donna Brown. Dr. Brown's topic will be "Social Development in Puppies" and will explore the general processes that underly the development of canine behavior. The program portion of our meeting will begin at 7:45 p.m. Dr. Brown is always a welcome speaker at any of our club functions and we look forward to her talk on May 16th.

## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS:

As we wind down our working year there are several items of unfinished business to be taken care of--please take the time to read these notices so that you will be kept informed. Also, remember that the June newsletter will be the last for the summer as we have no newsletter during July and August. Thus, if you need items printed in next months newsletter please make sure that Marge White has them before May 25th.

1. Stella Maunsell expresses regret that, due to an oversight, nominations from the floor were left off of the agenda for the April meeting and were not included in the business portion of our meeting. If you plan to nominate from the floor these nominations will be accepted during our May 16th meeting. A brief biography of those named on the slate will be presented and if you plan to nominate from the floor please be prepared to offer a few sentences regarding your candidate's qualifications.
2. Please note that DKC members are welcome to place ads. and/or notices on the bulletin board in the entry area. The notices will be left there for no more than one month and should be dated when they are put on the board.
3. This is to remind all DKC members that it is important that you keep track of the services that you perform for the club and the dates of the services so that you will be able to take advantage of the benefits that our club offers. Also, it is especially important for our member-candidates to keep track of their services as this information is asked for on the application form when applying for regular membership. Our club is an organization made up of volunteers and it is through the willingness of our members to contribute to the various activities that we offer that we are able to function so efficiently.

4. It is important that we all remember that food items (including dog treats) must be contained in metal or some other mouse-proof container in our kitchen. Any food items left out are a direct invitation to these creatures that we should be discouraging. This includes food items and food dishes that are put into the trash containers. If you have occasion to put dishes with food residue on them in one of the trash containers please be sure that it is removed to the outside dumpster before you leave the building. We don't want to have to resort to traps or other forms of unpleasantness for the little fellows.
5. If any of you are interested in offering your services as a judge for matches or if you know of someone else that you know to be interested, please give the name and phone number to Stella Maunsell so that our match judge list can be updated.
6. 'Hard to believe, but trophy commitments for the fall 1994 show are due. If you would like to donate a trophy (either an actual trophy or a cash donation) contact Diane Kessler no later than June 1, 1994. Diane's phone number is 929-1955. Remember that you are asked to pay as you make your pledge.
6. President, Stella Maunsell, thanks everyone who helped make our spring show such a success. Special thanks to Show Chairperson, Connie Howard and Steve Wallis, who assisted Connie, for the outstanding contribution that they make to our club. Putting on a successful dog show takes the effort of many people and the members of our club are famous for their willingness to help. Thanks to all of you.
7. Old business from last months newsletter----(only one book was returned to the library as a result of the reminder in the April newsletter. So, one more time-- The Dunbar "Sirious Puppy Training" video was due on 5-26-93, the Pearsall "Guide to Successful Dog Training" was due on 4-20-92 and the Bauman "Beyond Basic Dog Training" was due on 6-5-90. Our books and videos in the library are there for all of our members to use--please check your bookshelves and if you have any of the above do return them right away so that others can enjoy them too. We do have a record of where these items are-----

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The Durham Kennel Club will sponsor a Canine Good Citizen test on Saturday, June 4, 1994 at the DKC building from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. We will test a maximum of 40 dogs and will take registrations until that number is reached. Sally Malek is coordinating this event; please call her at 286-2626 if you would like to volunteer as an evaluator or to help set the test up. The equipment for the test will be set up at 8:00 a.m.

If you are new to the Canine Good Citizen test Sally will instruct new evaluators on Saturday morning (June 4th) at 9:00 a.m. There also will be a need for from 2 to 4 good natured dogs (and their crates) to help with the part of the test where the participant greets a stranger and a dog. It's a lot of fun and a good learning experience for everyone, plus being an important community service.

In addition, Marge White will be available to observe dogs who's owners wish them to be considered for therapy certification. Passing a CGC test is part of the certification requirement for Therapy Dogs International (TDI) and Marge has recently become eligible to certify dogs with this therapy dog organization. Please let Marge know in advance if you are interested. Her phone number is 477-5211.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR NURSING HOME VISIT: Marge White co-ordinating.

We have been asked to perform a "dog show" or program at the Brian Center Health and Retirement Facility on Fayetteville Road in Durham on Tuesday, May 10th at 2:00 in the afternoon and additional volunteers are needed. Weather permitting, this program will be held outside, but there also are inside facilities available. Although this is billed as a program and we will be presenting dogs doing obedience exercises to whatever degree they are able, it is not necessary that your dog be obedience trained in order to participate, nor is it necessary that your dog be a certified therapy dog.

It is necessary, however, that your dog be well-behaved around other dogs and of course, around people. He/she should be quiet, friendly and under control and obviously, house trained. The dogs must also be absolutely clean, inside and out, with no possibility of carrying fleas or ticks or other parasites.

The program portion of our visit is only part of what will take place. We will have ample time to just visit with the residents and give them an opportunity to pet and talk to the dogs and very often this is the most important part of the visit for many of the residents.....and for us too!

If you are interested, but have never done a nursing home visit and think your dog is a good prospect, please give Marge a call at 77-5211 and she will be glad to give you additional information.

As more and more care facilities become aware of the benefits of animal/people interaction, additional volunteers are needed. If you would just like to come and watch and not bring a dog you are certainly welcome to do that too. Unfortunately, most of the visits do take place during the daytime, which makes it hard for many DKC members to participate. Some work places now though, are giving employees a certain number of hours off for community service and this would surely apply. Our visits usually last 45 minutes to an hour, which is generally long enough for most of the dogs. Puppies are welcome and these visits can be a good socializing experience for them, but they do require a little extra care and attention.

Please give Marge a call if you are available and would like to join us. The Brian Center is easily reached off of I-40 coming from Durham, Chapel Hill or Raleigh.

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Again, many thanks to George and Emilie Beglane for the mowing job that they do at the DKC building. This is a great service to our club and we are most appreciative of their efforts!!

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Emilie Beglane would like to acknowledge and thank the following people for donating their time and talents to our tracking tests on February 27th and April 3rd: George Beglane, Anthony Benson, M. F. Davis, Elise Gear, Julie Kaupas, Joel Kmetz, Pat Lawrence, Laura Livingstone, Carol Parron, Sharon Pitz, Carol Quinlan and Richard Whorton. Sincere thanks to all of you!!

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Notice: The Tarheel Weimaraner Club will host a George Alston All-Breed Conformation handling seminar at the DKC building on October 29th and 30th, 1994. Sign ups will begin on June 1st and the class size will be limited. Contact Betsy Amos at (919)266-4254 if you would like additional information.

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'Just heard the news---CONGRATULATIONS to Emmy Wolters and her husband Paul on the birth of their little baby boy. We wish all of you much happiness.

## VETERINARY SURGICAL REFERRAL PRACTICE TO OPEN IN RALEIGH, NC

Dr. C.W. (Bill) Betts, after twenty-two years in academia, will begin a private surgical referral practice in Raleigh, NC on **June 1, 1994**.

A 1969 graduate of Colorado State University, he completed an internship and surgical residency at The Animal Medical Center in New York City. He began his career in academics as an assistant professor of surgery at the University of Georgia in 1972 where he became an associate professor in 1977. From 1980 to 1982, he was an associate professor of orthopedics at Michigan State University and then came to NCSU-College of Veterinary Medicine as a professor of surgery in 1982. He has been Surgery Service Chief at UGA, MSU and NCSU, where his main interests have been clinical veterinary surgery and teaching.

A diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Surgeons since 1975, Dr. Betts received the Norden Teaching Award at MSU (1982) and NCSU (1988) and then the Teacher of the Year award from the NCSU class of '92. He will become an adjunct professor of surgery and will maintain a close liaison with the College of Veterinary Medicine.

Dr. Betts is very enthusiastic about being able to offer referral veterinarians a highly personalized surgery service, the first of its kind in this area of the state. Referral service will be provided in orthopedics, neurosurgery and select general surgery.

Appointments can be made (referral basis only) beginning on Monday, May 23, by calling **919-571-9233**. Practice hours will be from 8:00 A.M. to 5:30 P.M., Monday through Friday. Consultation by phone will be available at the same number or you may FAX to: **919-571-9250**. If you need consultation on radiographs, please mail them to:

**C. W. Betts, D.V.M.**  
**VETERINARY SURGICAL REFERRAL PRACTICE OF N.C.**  
**409 Vick Avenue**  
**Raleigh, NC 27608**

### Please Note:

Dr. Betts contacted your editor and asked that the notice of his relocation be passed on to our membership. As many DKC members already are familiar with Dr. Betts and the services he performs, we felt this was important information for all of us to be aware of.

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The following taken from PET AGE/March 1994 (thanks to Maureen Lucas for sharing).

The pet industry is bound to face more intense efforts to restrict pet ownership now that students and young lawyers are showing greater interest in animal rights law. That interest is reflected in the classes being taught at several law schools. According to a recent article in the Wall Street Journal, a number of law schools now offer animal rights classes that encompass regulatory, environmental and constitutional law as well as a smattering of criminal law. The fact that Rutgers University offers a three-year animal rights law program and that several major law firms donate time to animal rights litigation indicates that the subject is gaining esteem, the Journal said. However, the article also indicated that most law schools and firms consider animal rights law only marginally interesting.

