

DURHAM KENNEL CLUB

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***** NEWSLETTER *****

DECEMBER, 1994

PARTY/PROGRAM (ALL IN ONE):

All DKC members and their guests are invited to our annual Christmas party to be held on Monday, December 19th at the DKC building, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Please note that this will be a cocktail party (and not a pot luck dinner). Our club will furnish beverages and members are asked to please bring generous portions of their favorite hors d'oeuvres (and you folks didn't think I could spell!) to share.

As is our usual custom, we ask our members to bring a gift to be shared with the less fortunate animals who must spend time in the local animal shelters. The gifts may include such items as: Good quality dog or cat food, any medical supplies applicable to dogs or cats, grooming items (including shampoos, flea sprays, clean brushes/combs, etc.). Chew toys/sterilized bones, blankets and towels (may be old, but must be clean and in good repair). Cash donations are also welcome. These items are to be brought to the DKC clubhouse on the night of the Christmas party and they will either be delivered to or picked up by one of our area animal shelters. Please be as generous as you possibly can, but know that any gift you bring will be greatly appreciated.

This is mistletoe-for
those who can't tell!



IMPORTANT NOTICES:

1. There will be a mini-session of handling (conformation) classes during the month of January. They will be held on Thursday nights and will run from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. For more information please call Betty McAllister at 528-2649 or Julie Kaupas at 477-2168.
2. The annual awards banquet will be held on Friday, February 24, 1995 at the Colonial Inn in Hillsborough. There will be a wine and beer cash bar beginning at 6:30 p.m. and the buffet will begin at about 7:30 p.m. The menu will consist of: roast beef au jus, roast turkey with dressing, baked ham with raisin sauce, green beans almondine, butterbeans, creamed potatoes, squash Creole, yams Cornwallis, rolls, dessert and iced tea. The cost will be \$17.00

Awards banquet cont.

per person and must be paid in advance to Denise McDonald by February 14, 1995. Those of you who have revolving trophies must have them turned in to someone on the awards committee (polished, PLEASE) by the December DKC meeting.

- 3. Reminder: The mirrors that were added to our building last year are a wonderful addition that we all have enjoyed and taken advantage of. Let's remember to not place anything in front of them as in, jumps, chairs, grooming tables, etc. Not only is it dangerous to the mirrors to have items placed in front of them, but it defeats the purpose of the mirrors.

A note about books: Sunshine books has just released two new books. A Behavior Sampler, written by Gary Wilkes is a collection of articles that Mr. Wilkes has written for Dog Fancy, The Tribune newspaper and the Cox and New York Times Wire services. The articles do not focus on the misbehavior of animals, but rather on a broader spectrum of topics ranging from learning theory to humane issues. (\$14.95)

The second book is Don't Shoot The Dog! Study Guide by James Kopp (University of Texas at Arlington). This guide will help you get more out of Don't Shoot The Dog!, Karen Pryor's book on operant conditioning and positive reinforcement. There are five chapters in the book. Dr. Kopp has written questions about each chapter and after each question there is room to jot down an answer. If you don't know the answer Dr. Kopp gives you the page number to look it up. (\$8.95)

These books can be ordered directly from Sunshine Books (1-800-472-5425). Either volume would be a welcome addition to someone's dog book library for Christmas and would also help to prepare you for the Karen Pryor seminar in April of 1995.

History Lesson Number ?????????? Or, In Case you Might Have Wondered:

If any of you have turned over one of the metal folding chairs at the DKC building you may have wondered why there was a name written on the bottom. In the days when our club first occupied our present building money was very scarce and we had to rely on our membership to help equip and furnish the building. The names on the bottoms of the chairs simply mean that that person donated the money to purchase that chair. Unfortunately, many of the chair donors are no longer with us, but some of us have been around long enough to get a bit nostalgic when we see the names and remember the person who donated the money for that chair. End of History Lesson -- for now!

CONGRATULATIONS----AND ARE WE EVER PROUD OF YOU TWO!!!!

Word has come to us that Mary Whorton and Sally Gleis went to the West Coast for the Gaines Cycle Obedience Classic and brought home the marbles, so to speak. Mary tied for 3rd in the Open division with her Border Collie, Sassy, and finished in 4th place. Sally and her Border Collie, Sophie, WON the Super Dog division!!!!!!

Congratulations to both of you!!! We are proud of what you and your dogs have accomplished.

Please Note: The DKC building will be open for any club members wishing to work their dogs during the holidays. This, of course, is for obedience and/or conformation training. Schedule: Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Let's all remember to put the jumps away before leaving the building.

"TAKE THE TIME TO....."

All of us have heard the expression, "take the time to smell the flowers". Perhaps a more apt phrase for those of us who share our lives with dogs would be, "take the time to pet your dog". In these busy days when we all have things that we MUST do it's easy to put aside things that we OUGHT to do.

All it takes is just one phone call from your veterinarian with the news, "the biopsy report is back and it's not good" or a call from the vet. school saying, "your dog is not responding well to the treatment and we have nothing else to offer" to quickly be reminded of what a short time we have with our dogs----and to know that your time with a particular dog may be running out.

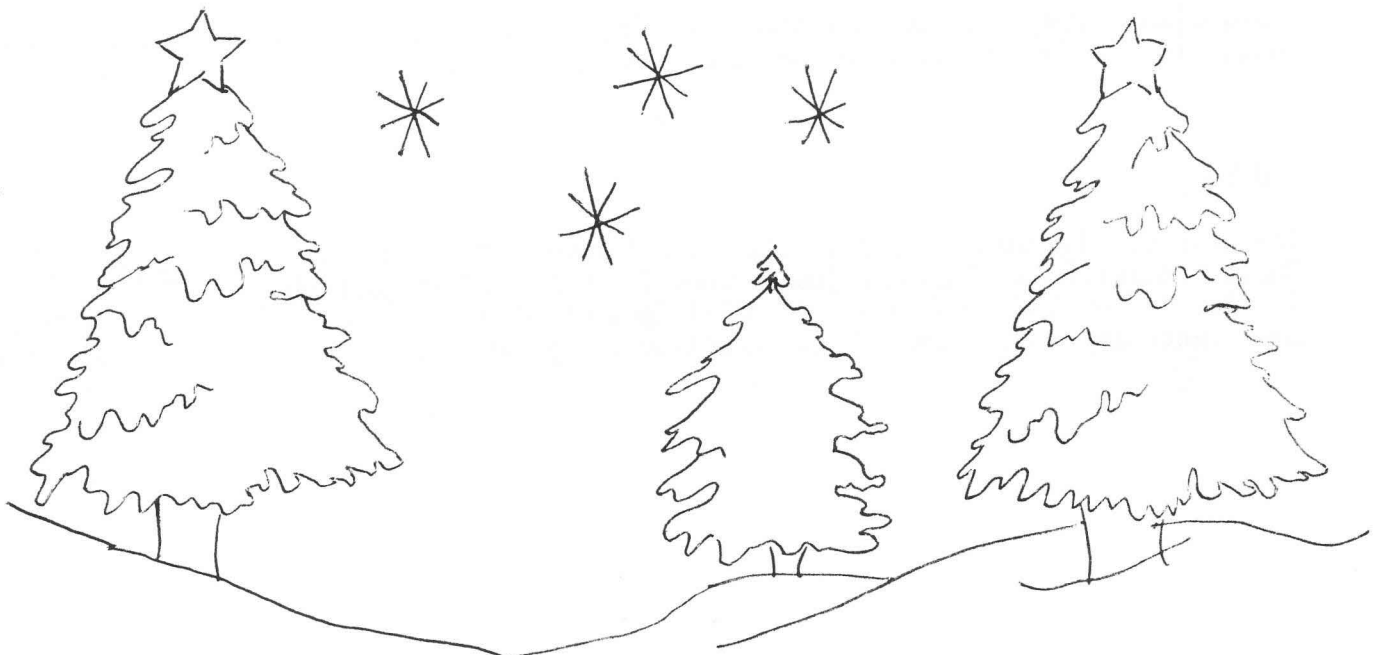
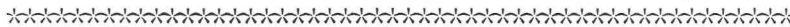
When we are reminded of the shortness of our dog's lives our priorities change. We all know that our time with them is too short, but to be told that we may have even less time than expected and hoped for puts a different perspective on what is really important.

A shopping trip or an evening out become of little importance compared to a quiet time at home with your dog lying across your feet. Smiles that bring a responsive thump of a tail as your eyes meet those of your dog are given more frequently and for no reason other than he is there with you. Reading the newspaper or the latest best selling novel pales in importance when your dog roots his nose under your arm for a reassuring word or hug. There will be other newspapers and certainly other novels, but never will there be another dog exactly like that one.

At first, advance warning of what may be ahead can be devastating. Your heart stops beating and time seems frozen in that moment, but the knowing can be a bonus too. It gives us time----time for special moments, time to store up additional memories and time to say "thank you" to our dogs who give so much and ask for so little in return.

Take the time----there never will be enough of it and you can't go back and get more once it is gone.

Marge White



Membership Update: Please welcome the following as new member-candidates.

Joanna Burley and Nancy Chew
2527 Wrightwood Avenue
Durham, N. C. 27705
493-0479

Brian Downs
705-B Edwards Street
Chapel Hill, N. C. 27516
932-3330

Marion Crain (will be moving to Durham in January)
212 East Wayne Street
Maumee, Ohio 43537
(419) 893-0701

Please add the following to your current membership list:

Vern and Mary Bell
3208 Rosewood Court
Durham, N. C. 27705
477-9119
West Highland White Terriers
Show: Conf.

Rose Ann Wallace
7900 NC 157 West
Rougemont, N. C. 27572
732-2033
Samoyeds
Show: Conf.

Please correct the following telephone numbers to read:

Ann Fitzgibbon to 942-2679
M. F. Davis to 471-2920

Newsletter Deadline Reminder:

Please be reminded that anyone having news items to be included in our monthly newsletter should have those items in the hands of Marge White (477-5211) by the 25th of each month. It will help if lengthy items are in written form, but short items can certainly be given to Marge over the phone. If you have an important piece that should be included in the newsletter, but time is short do contact Marge so that arrangements can be made in order to include your news piece.

Also, please try to write your show wins in ink and legibly. The newsletter staff makes every effort to avoid errors and your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Did You Know?

The heaviest dog ever recorded weighs in at over 300 pounds!!!! The dog, an Old English Mastiff named Zorba, just turned 13 years old in September of 1994. Zorba is over 8 feet long from nose to tail (tip to tip) and eats over 12 pounds of fresh meat every day. His owner, Chris Eraclides, says Zorba, "is a very, very good friend."

From the October 1994 issue of Canine Classified, Houston, Texas (Anne Page, Owner/
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SMALL DOGS GET AN OBEDIENCE BREAK

BY

ANNA LEE RUCKER

"Have you, Oh Small Dog Owner, ever thought that there are actually advantages in training your small dog in obedience, as opposed to training a big dog? Especially if you are taller than ten to fifteen inches high yourself. Have you ever attended an obedience seminar where a small dog was the demonstration dog and the guest trainer actually trained small to very small breeds of dogs? Neither have I. Years ago I spent three tedious years getting a CD on a small dog that I trained alongside Rottweillers. Labs, Goldens and the trainer's Doberman! I was supposed to just do as they did, only -- and then I was left in limbo after the "only".

But, praise the Lord, we who own small dogs are no longer left in limbo. Two ladies, Barbara Cecil of Houston and Gerianne Darnell of Council Bluffs, Iowa have collaborated and cooperated to produce a gem of a book just for us! "Competitive Obedience Training For The Small Dog", is an attractive, beautifully organized, compact yet thorough new book which gives us everything we ever wanted (need) to know about training a small dog in obedience for competition. The idea is not to think small because your dog is small and thinks small (little dogs usually have big thoughts), but it is to see things from the prospective of the small dog. Consequently, some training will begin as you sit on the floor, seeing things the small dog sees in his world. Then, you can begin to adjust training techniques to his world so that he can be trained to compete in your world - or more correctly, in the world of the big dog!

When I opened the package containing the book for review I'm not sure which of the following things appealed to me more (even before I had even read the book), being an acquaintance of one of the authors and of the dog that graces the cover, as in, "Wow, I know her!", or the deep blue cover embossed with gold lettering, as in "Ahhhh, how pleasing!" But, since a reviewer must not be biased in the beginning, I donned my critical trifocals and dove in.

The philosophy of the book which is followed consistently on every page is the replacement of the "Three P's" of dog training from practice, perseverance and perspiration to preparation, patience and perfection. (p.22). And, although some of you are going to say, as you progress from chapter to chapter and technique to technique, "Oh, I've always done that," I guarantee you will soon find yourself in new and exciting territory. There will be some ideas and techniques you have never thought of, much less done. I know this will be absolutely true for the people who've read all they could find on the subject but never read precise ways of dealing with the little guys. The authors have written about what they have used and proven to be sound and workable. To any beginners, and to experienced trainers who cringe every time they think of training a tiny dog, this book will be a time saver and eventually their very salvation!

The book provides us with tricks of the trade that work, written in detail with simple (meaning completely understandable) illustrations, and, yet, it is sprinkled throughout with humor, anecdotes and even inspirational words from successful people in other sports

in an effort to keep us on the high road of encouragement and success. Every line, every sentence, every chapter is meaningful, useful and stated as clearly as a bell's ringing. Lists of equipment, sources of equipment, reading lists, side bars of wisdom and fun by each of the authors, keep our interest perked from beginning to end. We never feel bogged down with "do's" and "don'ts".

One of the most valuable chapters (outside of the actual training techniques) is the chapter given to handlers. It gives us pause to think about the importance of knowledgeable handlers using good manners (etiquette) in and out of the ring at dog shows and wherever you may be while training your dog.

Small dogs will no longer be thought of as just miniature big dogs after you have read this book. Trainers of small dogs will no longer be told that we should just do as the big dogs do, only....for, if we follow the methods of this book, we will have done much of the training in our homes before we ever encounter groups of dogs in training. And that is one thing the big dogs can't do. They can't jump the high jumps and broad jumps in their living rooms!

Now, so that I won't be accused of being totally biased in favor of this book I must confess that I did find something that was missing. Nowhere did I find an announcement of an upcoming seminar on obedience training for SMALL dogs. So, okay, ladies, how about it? When and where will you have that first such seminar? PLEASE!"

Interested in buying this book? "COMPETITIVE OBEDIENCE TRAINING FOR THE SMALL DOG" by Barbara Cecil and Gerianne Darnell: Contact Barbara Cecil, 1726 Parana, Houston, Texas 77080 (713-464-7369) or Gerianne Darnell, R.R. #1, Box 176, 10092 240th Street, Council Bluffs, Iowa 51503. The price is \$20.00, which includes postage and handling.

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Shared with DKC members by Fran Hoffman.

The following does not reference the above book---this happend to be the available space.

"After buying his movie ticket and making his way into a dark theater, a man realized he was sitting behind a young woman and her Collie dog. At humorous parts in the movie, the dog laughed with delight and was obviously having a wonderful time.

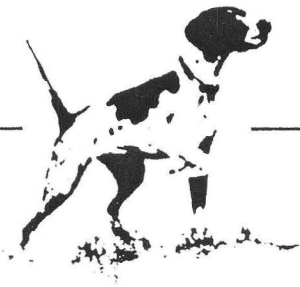
As the movie ended, the amazed man could stand it no longer. 'Pardon me, he said politely, 'I couldn't help but notice your dog. Imagine, him laughing like that, enjoying himself so much!"

"I'm just as amazed as you are, she responded. 'he hated the book."

Taken from the July 1994 issue of Puppy Prints, the newsletter for the N. C. Puppy Raising Program for Guiding Eyes For The Blind, Inc.

and the following from Christopher Morley---

"No one appreciates the very special genius of your conversation as a dog does."



The Confederacy of the Tail Waggers

NOTICE OF QUARTERLY MEETING

All delegates to Tailwaggers are asked to attend this quarter's Board meeting. Be sure to invite your club members to join us for the program and the meetings.

Date:	Saturday, January 7, 1995	
Place:	NCSU College of Veterinary Medicine. 4700 Hillsborough St., Raleigh. Park in front of the main building entrance. Meet in lobby.	
Times:	11:30am - 12:30pm	Mighty Match Committee meeting
	12:30pm - 1:00pm	Buffet lunch served in the cafeteria. Cost is \$6.00.
	1:00pm - 1:45pm	Program on rabies. Dr. Lee Hunter DVM, State Veterinarian for the North Carolina Department of Agriculture will speak on the growing concern of veterinarians and state health officials over the recent increase in cases of rabies being reported through-out the state. Program to be held in the South Theater.
	1:45pm - 2:00pm	Desert and refreshments in the Green Commons courtesy of the Jacksonville NC Kennel Club and the Mid-Atlantic Sighthound Association.
	2:00pm - 3:00pm	Tours of the Vet School.
	2:30pm -	Tailwaggers Board Meeting to be held in room D-236.

Reservations for Lunch: Contact Rachel Chappell at (919) 847-7794. Please make reservations by Tuesday, January 3, 1995.

Please Note: All DKC members are welcome to attend any of the above. This program sounds particularly interesting and timely and those of you who have not visited the vet. school might enjoy the opportunity to take the tour. Don't forget that it is necessary to make reservations if you plan to eat lunch there.

