

DKC Newsletter
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F F The soul of a person is
I A reflected in the eyes of
D C his dog.
O T

Anonymous

Durham Kennel Club

German Shepherd Dog — Dog of the Month

The German Shepherd dog is a strong, agile, well-muscled animal, alert and full of life.

It is well balanced, longer than tall, deep-bodied, and presents an outline of smooth curves rather than angles.



The dog has a strong, muscular, clean-cut and rather muscular neck. The V-shaped muzzle is long and strong; the ears are moderately pointed and in proportion to the skull. The tail is bushy and at rest hangs in a slight curve. The ideal dog has a double coat of medium length. The outer coat should be as dense as possible, hair straight, harsh and lying close to the body. A slightly wavy outer coat, often of wiry texture is permissible. The coat varies in color; strong rich colors are preferred. Pale washed-out colors and blues or livers are serious faults. At the present time white is *disqualified*.

Background

He was developed in Germany as a sheepherder, but he is now the world's leading guard, police, military, and Schutzhund dog. He is used for avalanche and earthquake search and rescue, narcotics and bomb detection, tracking missing persons,

and guiding the blind. He is also a home guardian and companion.

Temperament

He is discriminating, confident, steady, very responsive to firm and fair obedience training, and willing and able to learn and do anything. Reserved and protective, he should be accustomed to people and other dogs at an early age. A dominant dog may refuse commands from family members who have not established leadership over him. This intelligent dog must be owned and handled by someone who is as smart and capable as he is.

The Complete Dog Book (18th ed.) by AKC, Legacy of the Dog by T. Yamazaki and Your Purebred Puppy: A Buyer's Guide by M. Lowell

February Meeting

FOOD: Our February meeting will be held on Monday, February 16th. Do plan to attend and bring a dish for our potluck dinner. The club will provide beverages. Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. and everyone is welcome.

We do not normally have a February meeting because of the Awards Banquet, but the January meeting was cancelled due to snow.

PROGRAM: Janet Herzberg is planning a Dog Bowl. All those individuals with courage or lots of doggy information will be answering dog questions and, of course, the one with the most correct answers will get the **prize**.

Our Web Site

Our Durham Kennel Club is now featured on its own WEB SITE thanks to George Beglane, our webmaster.

Everything and anything you may need to know concerning the DKC is out there waiting for you including the most current newsletter. (I'm learning about HTML and having fun.)

Please check us out at:

www.mindspring.com/~beglane/

Membership

NEW ADDRESSES:

Betty Thies (Hon. Life Member)
1517 Buckhorn Rd.
Mebane NC 27302

Sally Malek
1214 Alabama Ave.
Durham NC 27705
919-286-2626

Stephanie Smith McGinnis
2715 Ramblegate Lane
Durham NC 27705
919-382-8314

REJOINED:

Marlene & Thomas Anton
1632 Chalks Rd.
Wake Forest NC 27587

PHONE NUMBER CHANGE:

(Area code changes. Please let Stella know if your area code changes.)

Denise & Mark McDonald
336-364-7996

TRY OUR NEW WEB SITE AT:

www.mindspring.com/~beglane/

IN CASE IT IS A QUESTION:

Sharon Pitz's real phone number is 384-9071.

— Stella Maunsell

You're Invited

**Annual Durham Kennel Club
AWARDS BANQUET
Friday, Feb. 27, 1998**

at the
**Regal University Hotel
2800 Campus Walk Ave.
Durham**

Cash Bar 6:30

Dinner 7:00

\$25.00 per person

**Reservations due
Feb. 16, 1998**

**Make checks payable
to DKC and mail to:**

**Joanna Burley
9719 Rougemont Road
Bahama, NC 27503**

**CELEBRATE & SUPPORT
the
ACHIEVEMENTS
of our
MEMBERS!!!**

Spring Show Ads

Please think about advertising. Our big Spring Friday show will soon be here. Please send your Show ads to **Marie Inman, 3552 W. Thollie Green Rd., Stem, NC 27518** as soon as possible. **\$50.00** for a cover page. **\$45.00** for a full page with a camera ready picture or art work. **\$35.00** for a half page (no picture). **\$15.00** for a quarter page (no picture). **\$5.00** per Booster or Memory Page line.

From the Awards Committee

1997 was, indeed, a spectacular year for the DKC! Over 100 trophies, plaques and certificates have been earned by our members and their dogs. What a testimony to the versatility and enthusiasm of our club! These awards (and maybe more!) will be presented with great fanfare and joy at the Awards Banquet on Friday, February 27, 1998. Please plan to attend and celebrate the outstanding accomplishments of our members! (Any questions please call **Joanna Burley** at 479-7011).

Conformation Classes Begin

Conformation classes will start on Thursday, February 5. The classes will include: Puppy, Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced.

Those who have been in our past classes did very well at recent shows.

If you are interested or need more information, please call **Maureen Lucas** at 919-477-9432.

News from Terri Hardwick

Terri has been teaching herding classes for the past five years.

On the morning of Christmas Eve, 2 large black dogs jumped her fence and savagely attacked her sheep. All 19 sheep were severely injured. Five had to be put down that day and one died a week and a half later.

The injured sheep would surely have died without the help and care of the DKC members who donated massive amounts of time for wound flushing and other much needed attention.

The male dog was shot at the scene as he attacked a neighbor who heard the commotion and came to help; the female was taken back to the owner. She returned one week later to attack another neighbor's goats, killing two of them.

Criminal as well as civil charges are being proffered.

Durham News

Possible Dog Regulations

According to Stan Brag, director of the county's animal control division, in a news release to The Herald-Sun [1/12/98], the county is considering several proposed changes to Durham's animal control ordinance:

- Doubling penalties for dogs running loose.
- Clarifying requirements for owners of dangerous dogs.
- Changes would ban the use of metal "choke chains" as leashes
- The transportation of unrestrained dogs in the back of trucks or open areas of any vehicle would be outlawed.

- Increasing the civil fine for failing to vaccinate pets for rabies would increase from \$25 to \$100.

This information was released as if the Animal Control Advisory Commission, which is the liaison group between Mr. Bragg and the Commissioners, had approved of the changes. Maureen Lucas, a member of our club and a member Animal Control Advisory Commission was unaware of the Commission as having given approval.

Irresponsible dog owners must be dealt with, but it is important for us, as responsible dog owners, to be aware of legislation which could have a great impact on our lives and that of our dogs. There are meetings of the commissioners, open to the public, which are held once a month. You can find out what is happening by attending these meetings, calling your commissioner, or calling Maureen Lucas at 919-477-9432.

AKC News

Registration of Imported Dogs

A DNA profile from an AKC approved laboratory will be accepted as an alternative to a microchip or tattoo identification to meet requirements for AKC registration for an imported dog.

Amendments to the Obedience Regulations

Several amendments to the Obedience Regulations were passed. The Amendments will be published in the January Secretary's page and will be effective as of February 1, 1998:

- To expand the definition of what collars are acceptable to be worn in the ring.
- To modify the eligibility requirements for the Novice A and Open A classes.

- To allow a Novice A or Open A exhibitor to enter more than one dog in their class.
- To provide an exhibitor with the opportunity to warm-up his or her dog to include any exercise performed in the Obedience ring.
- To lower the jump height to once the height of the dog at the withers for all breeds, with the exception of the massive breed, who will jump 3/4's the height at their withers.

Amendments to the Tracking Regulations

Several amendments to the Tracking Regulations were passed. The Amendments will be published in the January Secretary's page and will be effective as of February 1, 1998. They cover:

- The allowable distances between the tracks.
- The use of building and the resultant diverse scenting conditions in variable surface tracking.
- Sites totally or partially covered in snow and how they might not meet the criteria of three different surfaces.

**φNetwork Coverage
of the Westminster**

Feb. 16 (Mon.) 8-11 p.m.
Feb. 17 (Tue.) 8-11 p.m.

Repeat of Mon.
Feb. 17 (Tue.) 10 am.-1 p.m.
Repeat of Tue.
Feb. 18 (Wed.) 10 am.-1 p.m.

Where Do Pets Come From?

From a Reputable Internet Source as Reported in the American Dog Owners Association Newsletter

It is reported that the following edition of the Book of Genesis was discovered in the Dead Seal Scrolls. If authentic, it would shed light on the question, "Where do pets come from?"

And Adam said, "Lord, when I was in the garden, you walked with me everyday. Now I do not see you anymore. I am lonesome here and it is difficult for me to remember how much you love me."

And God said, "No problem! I will create a companion for you that will be with you forever and who will be a reflection of my love for you, so that you will know I love you, even when you cannot see me. Regardless of how selfish and childish and unloving you may be, this new companion will love you as I do, in spite of yourself."

And God created a new animal to be a companion for Adam. And it was a good animal. And God was pleased.

And the new animal was pleased to be with Adam and he wagged his tail. And Adam said "But Lord, I have already named all the animals in the Kingdom and all the good names are taken and I cannot think of a name for this new animal.

And God said, "No problem! Because I have created this new animal to be a reflection of my love for you, his name will be a reflection of my own name, and you will call him DOG.

And Dog lived with Adam and was a companion to him and loved him. And Adam was comforted. And God was pleased. And Dog was content and wagged his tail.

After a while it came to pass that Adam's guardian angel came to the Lord and said, "Lord, Adam has become filled with pride. He struts and preens like a peacock. And he believes he is worthy of adoration. Dog has indeed taught him that he is loved, but no one has taught him humility.

And the Lord said, "No problem! I will create for him a companion who will be with him forever and who will see him as he is. The companion will remind him of his limitations, so he will know he is not always worthy of adoration.

And God created CAT to be a companion for Adam. And Cat would not obey Adam.

And when Adam gazed into Cat's eyes, he was reminded that he was not the Supreme Being. And Adam learned humility.

And God was pleased. And Adam was greatly improved.

And Cat did not care one way or the other.

[This story shows that although everything on the Internet may not be true, it is often fun.]

Westminster Show Facts

The Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show will take place on Monday, Feb. 16 and Tuesday, Feb. 17.

The Westminster KC was named after the Westminster Hotel in New York City. The first Westminster KC Dog Show was held in May 1877 with 1,177 entries. The show is the nation's second oldest continuous sporting event, after the Kentucky Derby.

Madison Square Garden has been host to the Westminster show every year since 1921.

Upcoming DKC Events

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Jan. 31, 1998 (Sat)

At Durham Kennel Club

Yard & Bake Sale

Interesting, useful items with potential. For information call **Sharon Pitz 919-384-9071.**

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Feb. 21, 1998 (Sat.)

At Durham Kennel Club

Show and Go

Sponsored by PBCA (8 a.m.- 2 p.m.)

All breeds welcome

Sally Gleib 910-597-2021.

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Feb. 22, 1998 (Sun.)

TDX Test

Nancy Burka 919-469-4501.

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Mar. 20, 1998 (Fri.)

Spring Show 1998

Volunteers needed please contact Connie Howard 919-477-1719.

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Apr. 5, 1998 (Sun.)

TD Test

Jack Sappenfield 919-405-2124.

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It is considered bad taste and a violation of the Westminster dress code for women not to wear skirts.

Shoes, however, are always comfortable with a good rubber sole for traction.

From *Dog Fancy* (February 1998)

SHOW REPORT: CONFORMATION

OWNER'S NAME	DOG'S NAME (BREED)	SHOW & DATE	CLASS	POINTS	HIGHER WIN	SPECIAL MERIT
Joyce McHenry	Allante Hint of Sage (Bel Terv)	Forsyth KC 12/5/97	Open	3		
"	"	Forsyth KC 12/6/97	"	4		
"	"	Carolina KC 12/7/97	"	3		

PERFORMANCE SHOW REPORT: OBEDIENCE, TRACKING, HERDING, FIELD TRIALS, LURE COURSING AND AGILITY, ETC.

OWNER'S NAME	DOG'S NAME (BREED)	SHOW & DATE	CLASS	SCORE	LEG	PLACING	SPECIAL AWARD
Judy Ortiz	Bragg (BC)	Durham KC	Novice B	196.5	1	1 st	
"	"	"	"	194.5	2	1 st	
Carol Parron	Covey (Weimaraner)	Gr. Charleston Weim. Club 12/13/97			1		JH
"	"	Gr. Charleston Weim. Club 12/14/97			2		JH
"	"	Gr. Charleston Weim. Club 1/3/98			3		JH
"	"	Gr. Charleston Weim. Club 1/4/98			4		JH & Junior Hunter Title

Help Needed

**March 20th (Fri.) —
SPRING SHOW 1998**

Volunteers needed please contact Connie Howard at 919-477-1719.

