

DKC Newsletter  
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# Durham Kennel Club Newsletter

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**The more I work  
with dogs, the  
more I understand  
myself.**

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## Plott Hound: Dog of the Month



The Plott Hound has been accepted for recording in the AKC's Foundation Stock Service®. This service is provided by the AKC to help new breeds develop and establish breeding records. It does not mean the breed is AKC recognized. It does mean there must be some parent club that is organizing and working on having the breed recognized by the AKC.

Loosely regarded in the Coonhound category for its skill at chasing large game and participating in the sport of raccoon hunting, the Plott Hound is eligible to compete in field trials, though not in conformation.

### Background

Of the six breeds of the U.K.C. registered Coonhounds, only the Plott Hound doesn't trace its ancestry to the foxhound.

The ancestors of today's Plott were used for boar hunting in Germany many years ago. Jonathon Plott left his native Germany and came to this country in 1750. He brought a few wild boar hounds with him. These dogs had been bred for generations for their stamina and gameness. Plott and his family settled in the mountains of western North

Carolina. Since there were no wild boar in this country, he used his dogs for hunting bears.

The strain was kept pure, with no outcrosses, until 1780 when Henry Plott allowed a hunter in Georgia to borrow one of his best stud dogs for a year to breed with his own strain of *leopard spotted bear dogs*. Then in 1900, G. P. Ferguson, a neighbor in North Carolina, influenced the breed by studying the Blevins and Cable hounds of that era and possibly introducing some of these bloodlines to those of the Plott Hound.

### Temperament

The Plott Hound is rarely kept as a pet since it requires a tremendous amount of space and exercise. Today's he is know for great courage and stamina with a clear voice that carries well.

FSS Begin Date: 01/01/95

Eligible Registries: ACHA, United Kennel Club (UKC)

Contact: American Plott Association, Tim Helms, Rt. 5, Box 636, Boone, NC 28607 *Text from Internet sources.*

## September Meeting

**FOOD:** Our September meeting will be held on Monday, **Sept. 21st**. 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. If you know of anyone who might be interested in joining our group, do bring them along. All dogs are welcome after the meal.

**PROGRAM:** Shirley Sauders, our new program chairperson, will be presenting a program on **Freestyle**, a

new performance activity which is fun to watch and do.

## Minutes of the DKC Membership Meeting

June, 1998 - There was no meeting in June, July or August.

### DUES

As of August 17, 1998, there are

**NINETEEN**

**MEMBERS WHO HAVE FORGOTTEN TO PAY THEIR DUES. PLEASE LOOK AT THE ADDRESS ON THIS NEWSLETTER, IF IT HAS --- A COLORED STICKER ---NEAR IT, YOU ARE ONE OF THE UNPAID MEMBERS, and this will be your last NEWSLETTER.**



PLEASE fill in the form below and let me have it with your check as soon as possible. Then you will continue to receive the Newsletter.

Stella Maunsell  
116 Stoneridge Drive  
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

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NAME..... PHONE.....

ADDRESS.....

..... E-mail.....

### MEMBERSHIP STATUS: (Circle one)

<b>Regular Membership</b>	<b>Single</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>	<b>Family</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>
<b>Candidate Membership</b>	<b>Single</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>	<b>Family</b>	<b>\$15.00</b>
<b>Junior Membership</b>		<b>\$ 1.00</b>		

### CLUB ACTIVITIES

CONF.....OBED.....TRACK.....AGIL.....  
HERD.....EARTH.....TERR.T.....LUR. COURS.....FIELD.....

### PRESENT DKC OFFICE OR COMMITTEE

P.S. This is much fewer than last year. THANKS!

### **A Message from our President**

September is just around the corner and club activities will begin soon. There's plenty to participate in or to volunteer your service for with classes starting, an agility fun match, our first show at the Harris Road Property, a mortgage burning party, tracking test, obedience trial and more...all before Christmas.

Shirley Saunders has volunteered to serve as our Program Chairperson this year and will present our first program on Freestyle!!!

Please let Shirley (336 586-9663) know about topics of interest to you.

I'm looking forward to seeing you in September. Canine friends, guests and brags are always welcome.

*Sharon Pitz*

### **Membership**

#### Changed:

**Shirley Saunders**, 3582 W. Meadow Lane, Elon College, NC 27244 (336) 586-9663

**Janet Herzberg**, 129 Watson Ct., Clayton, NC 27520

**Elise Geary**, 10 Surrey Lane, Durham, NC 27707

### **CLICK, CLICK, CLICK !!!**

The next **Obedience Instructors Meeting** will take place on **September 9, 1998 at 7:30 p.m.**

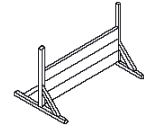
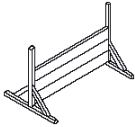
This meeting is open to **all instructors, assistants, and those**



**who are thinking about teaching.**

The agenda will include a short, interesting and informative video tape on **basic clicker training** and an open discussion. If you have heard about this interesting technique or are thinking of trying it, please come. You might find you are interested in helping with obedience classes.

**Hope to see you there,**  
*The Obedience Committee*



### FALL AGILITY CLASSES

Due to a scheduling difficulty we will only be able to offer one agility class this fall and it will be at the intermediate level. First priority will be to those dogs and handlers who have successfully completed the current Beginner Agility class and are deemed ready to move on to intermediate. The class will be limited to 15 dogs. If it is not filled from already existing students by Sept. 1, 1998 it will be opened to other dogs on a first come first serve basis. These dogs must be approved by the instructor prior to enrolling in class. Call Mary Whorton at 471-1405 for more information.

The Intermediate Agility class will be held from 8:00-9:00 p.m. at the DKC building on Monday nights starting September 14. Do bear in mind that there will no classes the evenings of DKC club meetings. Be sure and read your newsletters for these dates. Once again, bitches in season will not be permitted. Those handlers are encouraged to attend class and may opt to work an instructor's dog. Health certificates are required the first night of class.

Contrary to the last agility class, the board has now approved to allow instructors who have taught the past 3 sessions to enroll at no charge, and members with the appropriate service requirements can enroll at the \$50 reduced fee. The regular fee is \$80 for 8 weeks.

We are planning on having an Agility Show and Go at the Harris Road property on October 3. This will be our first agility event of any kind and you are encouraged to volunteer to help put this on. No experience is necessary to volunteer. This will not be open to dogs who have never been exposed to agility equipment. Spectators are also encouraged to come see what agility is all about. If you choose to volunteer, jobs can be quite easy such as helping move equipment, resetting jump heights, giving a table count of 1 to 5, timing the runs, or taking entries. No food will be provided unless someone wants to volunteer to do this. Call Mary Whorton for more information and to confirm that we will have the Show and Go. Right now we will plan to set up at 9 am and start running dogs by 10.

*Health forms for all DKC classes will be available at the DKC building.*



### Durham Kennel Club Fall Conformation Classes Show handling classes begin Oct. 1. -- Nov. 5, 1998 6 weeks for \$40



7:30 - 8:30 PM

Puppy Socialization Class & Beginner Class

8:30 - 9:00 PM

**Open independent floor work for all DKC members and class participants**

**DKC Health Forms completed by your vet must be brought the first night of class. DKC policy states that no dog can be admitted to class without first providing a completed health form. Do not come to class without it. NO EXCEPTIONS!**

#### APPLICATION

Name of owner or handler.....

Name of Dog.....Breed.....Age.....

Address.....

Phone number.....(day).....(evening)

**Mail the above application along with a check made out to Durham Kennel Club to:  
Betty McAllister, 11 Moss Street, Creedmoor, NC 27522**

## Start building your own "Winning Team"

### AKC Delegate's Report

It was my privilege to travel to St. Louis to attend the Delegate's meeting on June 9<sup>th</sup> as the representative of the Durham Kennel Club. Delegate's meetings are always interesting, and this one was made even more so because this was the first time a meeting had been held outside New York City since September 1893 in Chicago! Prior to this meeting there had been some talk of a boycott by some of the northeast Delegates, as they were protesting the expense of having to travel outside of the greater New York area. I am happy to report that although attendance was down slightly, we did have a quorum (there were 229 present) and there were a good number of folks from the northeast who did attend.

As a part of the activities surrounding the meeting, AKC arranged for us to tour the AKC Museum of the Dog, and I highly recommend it to anyone finding themselves in the St. Louis area. The museum is not large, but is in a lovely setting and is chock full of paintings, sculptures, and various dog related artifacts. All seven groups are well represented, and there is a gift shop with lots of nifty items to boot!

On Monday I attended a presentation on "Re-Engineering AKC" by Nick D'Altilio, AKC's chief operating officer. Mr. D'Altilio was hired in from the Jockey Club where he was heavily involved in updating their computer registry, and he seems intent on doing the same at AKC. His presentation was quite impressive, and he talked about the creation of a relational database at AKC that would serve the fancy in many ways. With such a database, a fancier could query the system about how a specific dog did under a certain judge throughout its career, for example, and also see how its offspring did under that same judge. You could then check on the pedigrees of the dams of any of the offspring, and have all of this information at your fingertips in a matter of seconds. Currently, to gather all of that information would take hours and hours sifting through the Awards publications and the Stud Book. I have just learned that Mr. D'Altilio will be repeating his presentation at larger dog shows over the next several

months -- if any DKC member has an opportunity to go, I recommend it.

At the Delegate's Forum, the dog show rules committee gave a report on a labeling program that they have been working on. The program is purely voluntary, but has received the support of most of the major superintendents and handler's organizations. Crate labels will be distributed by the superintendents at cluster shows where there is a possibility of dogs being left in crates overnight in the show building. These labels will indicate how to reach a person responsible for the dogs in case of emergency. The all breed clubs committee gave a report on territories -- they made recommendations for how territories should be defined and how show dates and sites should relate to them. The forum ended with a report on cystinuria in Newfoundlands -- the gene responsible for it has been found (thanks in part to grant money from the AKC Canine Health Foundation) and it is inherited as an autosomal recessive.

The meeting proper began Tuesday afternoon and four clubs were voted in as member clubs: Kettle Moraine Kennel Club, Whidbey Island Kennel Club, Lakeland Winter Haven Kennel Club and the Beaumont Kennel Club. Five proposed amendments were read, and are to be voted on at the September meeting. The first of these amendments would make it optional, when an amendment is up for a vote, to read either the entire amendment or a summary of it. The full amendment would still be distributed twice and published twice in the Gazette. The second amendment concerns a change in the Dachshund Field Trial Rules which would designate the Field Champion Dog and Bitch Classes as regular, rather than non-regular classes. There are three proposed changes to the Retriever Field Trial Rules -- one would ensure that the Field Trial Committee is involved in all procedural decisions, the second would emphasize that the final authority to change the running order in any stake rests with the Field Trial Committee, and the third would provide for a new Restricted All-Age Stake. If anyone has any comments or concerns regarding these proposed amendments, please contact me before September 14<sup>th</sup>.

Chairman David Merriam, in his report, commented about the use of DNA to ensure the integrity of the AKC registry. As of early June, AKC inspectors have collected over 8,000 DNA samples from large commercial kennels and 88% of all litters tested have proven to be registered correctly. The 12% which were registered incorrectly have all been canceled and the breeders/owners subjected to disciplinary proceedings. Those DKC members who stand a dog at stud or who plan to do a fresh chilled or frozen semen breeding in the future should be aware that as of October first, all stud dogs collected for fresh chilled or frozen semen breedings will be required to have a DNA profile. More information, as well as kits for submitting DNA samples, can be obtained by contacting the DNA Certification Program at 854-0108 or [dna@akc.org](mailto:dna@akc.org).

In other business, Nina Schaefer asked the board to review AKC policy on suspensions for cruelty -- currently, a person must be convicted of cruelty to dogs to be suspended from AKC privileges, and Ms. Schaefer would like to extend that policy to include convictions for cruelty to any animals. There seemed to be a good bit of support amongst the Delegates for this idea.

The Delegate body passed a non-binding resolution asking the board to hold at least one Delegate's meeting per year outside of the New York City area. Most of the delegates in attendance were in favor of this idea, although there were a few protests from those who reside in the northeast.

There was also much discussion about a situation that arose on this year's January Florida circuit, in which a handicapped exhibitor sued the show chair because he was not allowed to park where he wanted. The club had provided handicapped parking but he wished to park elsewhere, in a location where parking was not allowed. The show chair was present and understandably quite upset, and was concerned that she did not feel that she was getting enough legal support from AKC. This discussion was unfortunately very one sided, since AKC's legal counsel, Sam Perry, would not comment on the matter as it was still in litigation. It will be very

interesting to hear how this one plays out!

If anyone wishes to know more about any matter mentioned in my report, please do not hesitate to contact me. Likewise, please let me hear from you if you have any feedback on the amendments we will be voting on in September. My job is to represent your interests and I welcome input from the club!

Respectfully submitted,  
Lisa Connelly (471-8402)  
vance003@acpub.duke.edu

### New AKC Form

Effective Jan. 1, 1999, the signatures of all co-owners of the dam of a litter will be required on litter registration applications. Applications received after this date, without proper signatures, will not be accepted. As part of implementing this requirement, a new litter registration application with space for signatures of all dam co-owners has been put into circulation. We encourage you to use the new form and obtain the signatures of all dam co-owners.

Contact the AKC Customer Service Department if you have any questions about this new title registration requirement. AKC registration forms are available online for downloading at:

### Stella Maunsell

### Disease Directory

Jane Bergsten (919 967-2191) is going to try again to sponsor a **Disease Directory**. If you have information or need information on the care of dogs with specific diseases or know of persons with first hand knowledge of a canine disease, please call Jane. This could be a very helpful service to all of us--particularly those who do not use Internet.

### Tragedy at Marie's

On May 31, 1998, while Marie was on vacation in Seattle, WA, a poisonous snake got into her kennels killing Unique her favorite Boston Terrier and wounding two others. Unique was the Boston that Marie brought to North Gate Mall on May 31<sup>st</sup>. She never needed a leash, never left Marie's side and never met a stranger who didn't become a friend. She was the soul buddy of Marie's autistic son Daniel and the leader of the pack of Marie's ten dogs and as leader, this 11 lb. ball-of-fire gave her life saving that of two of her canine friends. She will be sorely missed.

### Upcoming Events

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**Obedience Instructors**  
**Sept. 9 (Wed.) 7:30 pm DKC**  
**Clicker video & discussion**  
YYYYYYYYYYYYYYYY  
**AKC Herding Seminar**  
**Sept. 12 (Sat.) DKC Building**  
**Terri Hardwick (919) 328-3575**  
YYYYYYYYYYYYYYYY**CLASS**  
**ES Begin**  
**Agility....Sept. 14**  
**Conformation.....Oct. 1**  
**Obedience...Sept. 15, 16**  
YYYYYYYYYYYYYYYY  
**Agility Show & Go**  
**Harris Rd. Oct. 3-- 9/10 am**  
**Mary Whorton... (919) 471-1405**  
YYYYYYYYYYYYYYYY  
**DKC Fall Show - 10/17**  
YYYYYYYYYYYYYYYY**AD**  
**DEADLINE for**  
**Obedience Trial Nov. 1**  
**Marie Inman... (919) 528-3433**  
YYYYYYYYYYYYYYYY  
**TRACKING Test/TD/TDX**  
**Nov. 22**  
**(919) 469-4501/(919) 405-2124**  
YYYYYYYYYYYYYYYY **DKC**  
**OBEDIENCE Trial**  
**December 12, 13, 1998**  
YYYYYYYYYYYYYYYY

### OBEDIENCE SHOW ADS--deadline Nov. 1, 1998.

1/4 page-\$10.00, 1/2 page-\$20, full page- \$30, full page with picture-\$35. NO dog food ads please.

[www.akc.org/regforms.htm](http://www.akc.org/regforms.htm)

### DKC ADVERTISING FORM

Yes, I want to help DKC by placing an ad.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of ad: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this form along with your ad and check to: Marie Inman  
3552 W. Thollie Green Road  
Stem, NC 27581  
(919) 528-3433

**THANK YOU !**

**SHOW REPORT: CONFORMATION**

OWNER'S NAME	DOG'S NAME (BREED)	SHOW & DATE	CLASS	PTS	HIGHEST WIN	SPECIAL MERIT
Lisa Connelly & Charles Vance	Eddie (Border Terrier)	Clarksville KC (5/23/98)	BOB		BIS	
"	"	"	BOB		BIS	
"	"	Tampa Bay Terrier Club (7/9/98)	BOB		BIS	1 <sup>st</sup> Border to win a group show
Barbara Hawkins & Mary Valkenaai	Marval Dyed in the Wool	Florence	WB	2	WB	6 mo. Old 2 <sup>nd</sup> show
Susan Jones	Lex (LH Mini Dachs)	Florida/Gulf Coast Dachs. Club (7/8/98)	Open Mini	4	WB, BW	Retired WB, Challenge Trophy
"	Pepper (LH Mini Dachs)	"	Sweeps		Best in Sweepstakes	
"	Ian (LH Mini Dachs)	Roanoke KC (7/31/98)	Open Mini	1	BW	
"	Ariel (LH Mini Dachs)	Talbot KC (8/14/98)	BBX	1	BW BOS	
"	"	Talbot KC (8/15/98))	BBX	1	BW BOS	
"	Flash (LH Mini Dachs)	Talbot KC (8/15/98)	Puppy	1	WD	
Susan Jones & Bonnie Mullen	Bailey (LH Mini Dachs)	Talbot KC (8/14/98)	BBX	1	WD	
Edwin Foster	Rosewood's Sweet Revenge (Vizsla)	Fredricksburg KC (4/13/98)	12-18 mo. Puppy	3	BOW	
"	"	Bucks County (5/2/98)	"		Reserves	
"	"	Moore County (5/31/98)	Open	3	BOW	New Champion Finished as a Puppy
"	"	Skyline KC (6/5/98)	BOB		BOB Group 3	
"	"	Skyline KC (6/6/98)	BOB			
"	"	Shenandoah KC (6/7/98)	BOB			

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

OWNER'S NAME	DOG'S NAME (BREED)	SHOW & DATE	CLASS	SCORE	LEG	PLACE	SP. AWARD
Norma K. Williams	CH U-CDX Georgia Dachs Bonifide MAX UDJE (Dachshund)	NJ Beanfield Earthdog Trial (6/6/98)	Sr. Earthdog	Qualified	2		
"	"	Danville KC (Agility)	Novice	100	1	1	Jr. Earthdog
"	Georgia Dachs Ebony Overdrive CD JE (Dachshund)	NJ Beanfield Earthdog Trial (6/6/98)		Qualified	3	3	
Cindy Kramer	Ch B'UD'S Zakra' Blue NA JE (Aust. Terrier)	Blue Ridge Agility Trial	Novice				NA Nat. Club Versatility Title
"	Ch B'UD'S Blue Steele JE, NA (Aust. Terrier)	Roanoke KC (Agility)	Novice		3	1	"
Lisa Connelly & Charles Vance	Dot (Border Terrier)	Dachshund Club of NJ	Master Earthdog	100	2		3 <sup>rd</sup> leg UD!
"	"	"	"	100	3		AX!
Nancy Burka	Judge (Belgian Tervuren)	Asheville KC Agility Trial	Novice A	100	1	1	

# Directions to the DKC Show Site

Durham Kennel Club  
1700 Harris Rd.  
Rougemont, N.C.

- Take I-85 to Durham, North Carolina.
- In Durham take **EXIT 176B (501 North, Duke St., Roxboro)**
- Take Duke St. north for **14.4 miles - Rougemont, NC**
- Left turn onto Bill Poole Rd. for **0.8 mile**
- Left turn onto Harris Rd.
- The show site is **1.3 miles down Harris Rd.**

