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Each dog is a unique creation brought to perfection with the eyes of love.

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# Durham Kennel Club Newsletter

## French Bulldog: Dog of the Month



To watch a French Bulldog play gently with a child or cuddle with an elderly person, makes it difficult to accept the fact that its ancestors were fighting bulls in

England as recently as 150 years ago.

There are 2 distinctive features in French Bulldogs: 1) the bat ear and 2) the skull. The correctly formed skull is flat between the wide-apart bat ears (as seen above) and domed at the forehead. The nose is black, broad, very short and turned up. The straight, muscular forelegs are slightly shorter than the hind legs and the coat is short, smooth, fine textured and lustrous. It may be any shade of brindle, white, fawn or brindle and white. There are 3 acceptable tail types: straight, kinked, or screwed--all are short. Although this dog must be muscular and heavy boned, the weight may not exceed 28 lbs.

### Background

The Bulldog originated in England as a bull fighter, but after bull-baiting was banned in 1835, his ferocity was not needed. He was quickly adopted as a companion pet, especially in the English Midlands where lace making thrived. Attracted by better jobs, many lace-makers moved to France around the middle of the 19<sup>th</sup> century taking their Bulldogs with them. There according to one version of the French Bulldog's history, the British breed was crossed with other dogs, became smaller and more docile and

by the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century was known as the *Bouledogue Fran-ais*. Other stories show that these dogs existed in Spain as far back as 1625 and were then brought to France and miniaturized.

### Temperament

The French Bulldog, is highly responsive to affection. It adapts itself to those around it: children love its playfulness and older people enjoy its quiet devotion.

It doesn't bark much, is clean in the house and needs little exercise. Care should be taken around swimming pools; due to its build, it is not a swimmer and can easily drown.

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

## January Meeting

**FOOD:** Our January meeting will be held on Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup>. 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.

Dogs are welcomed in the building during the pot luck dinner before the meeting, but should be crated or kept in Ring 2 until dinner is over.

**PROGRAM:** Our January meeting will feature Terri Hardwick who will be describing **Herding** and will be able to explain this area of dog training based on her wide experience. Please bring your questions concerning herding, sheep and secure fencing. Terri Hardwick has the answers.

### President's Note

I would like to thank all the members who have worked so hard in the last few months to help with our most successful Dec. Obedience Trial. We had so many members involved in helping with planning, catalogs, clean-up, set-up, trophy donations, the meals and snacks, parking and on & on. Their support and cheer for one another in competition cannot go unnoticed.

We are getting feedback from exhibitors that is most positive. Check the bulletin board at the club to read letters.

The Sho-N-Go was also very successful. We plan to have more throughout the year. Jane Bergsten is coordinating these. [Please see the article at the end of this one for further information on dates.]

The recent tracking trial was run like a charm. AKC was most impressed. Again, we couldn't have done it without membership help. **Jack Sappenfield was upgraded from a provisional tracking judge to Tracking Judge!**

The **Awards Committee** is working hard to plan our February function. Hopefully we will have the majority of our members at the Awards Dinner. It's a great opportunity to support and recognize our membership for all their many accomplishments.

**Agility classes** will start Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>. Beginner and Intermediate classes will be offered. Please contact **Lisa Connelly (919-471-8402)** for an application or check the **Agility Box at the building**. Beginner /Intermediate dogs without a CDX will need to be tested for a reliable stay and off lead control unless they have previously been in our class and have been tested. **Contact Mary Whorton (919-471-1405) to arrange testing before the classes.**

Remember dogs are welcomed in the building during the pot luck dinner before meetings, but should be crated or kept in Ring 2 until dinner is over.

Here's wishing everyone a **Happy, Healthy '99**. See you at the Jan. meeting.

*Sharon Pitz*, DKC President

### Proposed Sho-N-Go Dates



The proposed Sho-N-Go dates will be on the following **Sundays in 1999: Feb. 21, May 9, Sept. 12, Dec. 12.**

Please check these over and if you find any potential conflicts, please call **Jane Bergsten, 919-967-2191**.

### DKC Yard & Bake Sale



**Saturday, Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>**, the doors open to the public at 8 AM. If you bring stuff out this AM, PLEASE come by 7:30.

**Friday, Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>**, building will be open from 3 PM to 8 PM to receive all the goods you can donate. Please save all your unwanted items for the Yard Sale. We will not sell clothing, but accessories are fine. Electrical items should be in working order.

If you price things, remember not to overprice them. If you want to leave the pricing to us, we will do that for you.

A Volunteer is needed to manage the bake sale. A few volunteers are needed to set up on Fri., as well as to help on Sat... This includes breaking down/cleaning up after the sale; so if you can't come early, your help around 12:00 (noon) will be appreciated.

If you are unsure if your items can be used, if you have any questions, or want to VOLUNTEER, call **Sharon Pitz (384-9071)**.

**REMEMBER** The more we have to sell, the better the Yard Sale. Don't be afraid to ask neighbors for items they can donate, and watch those items that are put out on the curb for disposal. They may be a treasure for someone.

### Upcoming Events

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Jan. 5, 1999

#### Obedience Classes Begin

For applications call:

**Barbara Doerman, 644-1421.**

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Jan. 11, 1999

#### Agility Classes Begin

For applications call:

**Lisa Connelly, 919-471-8402**

For pre-testing call:

**Mary Whorton, 919-471-1405**

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Jan. 21, 1999

#### Conformation Classes Begin

For applications call:

**Betty McAllister, 919-528-2649**

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Jan. 22, 1999 (Friday)

3-8 PM (donations)

Jan. 23, 1999 (Saturday)

7:30 AM (donations) , 8 AM (public)

#### Annual Yard/Bake Sale

DKC Building

**Sharon Pitz, 384-9071**

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Feb. 26, 1999 (Friday)

Regal Hotel in Durham

#### DKC Awards Dinner

**Joanne Burley, 919-479-7011**

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Feb. 21, 1999 ( Sun.)

DKC., 8:30 AM – 11:00+ AM

#### Show-N-Go

**Jane Bergsten, 919-967-2191**

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## From the Awards Committee



Mark your calendars. **The Annual DKC Awards Banquet will be held Friday, February 26, 1999 at the Regal Hotel in**

**Durham.** More information to follow. It's a great evening to celebrate the OUTSTANDING achievements of our members with our DKC family.

**Joanna Burley (479-7011)**

## Bullet Proof Vests for K-9 Dogs

While leafing through one of my GSD magazines recently, I was drawn to an article about a group of kindergarten children who (obviously with the help of their teacher) raised enough money to purchase bullet proof vests for the 10 dogs that made up the K-9 unit in their town's police department. I thought, WOW!, if a group of 5 and 6 year olds can do something like this, surely the Durham Kennel club can too.



The more I thought about this the more convinced I became that this was something to be pursued. After a couple of phone calls, I located the officer in charge of our K-9 unit in Durham and found that they do not have bullet proof vests for any of the dogs, and yes, they would like very much to have them. The officer, I spoke with, was very appreciative of our interest and equally enthusiastic about the possibility of our help in getting protection for the dogs.

I then talked with Sharon Pitz (our president) who was very interested and after we both discussed the idea with officers/board members, it was decided that we would proceed with this project.

There are presently 4 dogs working in the Durham K-9 unit with hopes of adding another.

It is estimated that the vests will cost about \$700 to \$800 each (the

children raised over \$10,000.00 and bought 10 vests) and of course the choice of vests will be made by the K-9 unit personnel.

Our fund raising efforts will begin with placing containers at our building for cash donations and at a future date we may consider also placing containers in appropriate places of business. Fund raising activities will be organized to benefit this project, such as Sho-N-Go matches for obedience and possibly for conformation training as well. Special public interest educational programs requiring an admission charge might be considered. Certainly anyone with ideas for money making projects is asked to share them with club officers and board members for consideration.

This is an exciting opportunity for us to be involved in something that can really make a difference, but our commitment to raise the needed funds will require the efforts and generosity of all of us. **Will you help?**

Donations can be placed in the marked containers at our club building or for now can be mailed to me at the address shown below. DO NOT mail checks to the P.O. box. **Checks** should be made out **to the Durham Kennel Club** and mailed to:

**Marjorie J. White**  
**1116 Sandlewood Drive**  
**Durham, NC 27712,**  
**Phone # (919) 477-5211**

## A Special DKC Trophy

Our club has in its possession a very old trophy that holds the lovely flowers that are on our trophy table during the Tarheel Circuit. There are several stories as to how we happened to regain custody of this trophy (and all of them are interesting), but the one I like best is that Bonnie Tolbert (a club member of many years ago) happened to see it at a yard sale and realizing what it was, bought it for the lofty price of \$5. It is engraved with our club name, the

year and probably what class it was offered for. It is not in the best of condition and does need to be resilvered and it is hoped that this will have been done before the March 1999 shows. If you have not seen this trophy, stop and look at it. It could probably tell us a lot about the history of our club and it is something very special for us to have and keep. We're glad that it was able to find its way "back home." And just for the record, Bonnie gave it back to the club and did not asked to be reimbursed for the \$5. . *M. J. White*

## Golf Club Herding

One of the local golf courses has added another employee to the grounds crew. She is a Border Collie who was hired for the express purpose of directing wayward or vacationing Canada Geese to greener pastures.

Geese are not popular on golf courses. It isn't that they get in the way of hitting the ball, but sometimes picking the ball up in an area populated by geese gets a little sticky, anyway, you get the idea. At last report, all the geese have moved on and the Border Collie gets to spend part of the day riding around in a golf cart just to sure there are no stragglers. *Marjorie J. White*

## Health Update

This month we have two DKC members who are in the health report and we are glad to report that both are doing well. Richard Perschel is home following surgery that sent him home with a new knee. Richard is not quite back to marathon running shape, but does look forward to days ahead with less pain.

Stella continues to do well, who knows, Stella may start a new fashion trend as she gets about still wearing her halo, which she hopes can be removed in January. Not being able to drive has slowed Stella down a bit, but she still manages to get around quite well. *Marjorie J. White*

## Reba's Story

*Many of you have heard parts of this story and since so many of us were so close to Reba and Maureen, we thought you might like to hear the entire story from Maureen Lucas herself.*

This month on Labor Day morning, I opened the door to walk my Greyhounds like I do every morning. They roared out the door to enjoy the physical sensation of running as only Greyhounds do. They seemed to be soaring, only on the earth rather than above it. Our ten year old, Reba, who has always thought she was much smarter than the others, decided to play a trick and she peeled off from the back of the pack to go in the opposite direction and "head them off at the pass" by running in the opposite direction around the circle in our driveway. Tragically for her, the others were running full speed, their vision of her obscured by trees in the circle, and they collided. Her grandchildren hit her, one in the chest and one in the abdomen, with enough fury that the impact sent Reba sailing 4 feet in the air, in a complete rotation, then landing with a sickening thud on her neck.

By the time I got to her, she was limp, her eyes rolled back in her head, gums blue and she was not breathing. I was sure her neck was broken and she was dead. The two year olds who hit her never even slowed down, oblivious to what had happened. Suddenly she gasped a breath, but the next shock was that she couldn't move from the neck down.

I raced her to the hospital where she was x-rayed to reveal no broken neck. But the doctor's notes said "Quad". She started on the same drug a patient like Christopher Reeves gets. A myelogram the next day showed spinal chord damage, and it was suggested time might let the swelling subside and perhaps she could heal. She was nearly completely paralyzed for 5 days.

Then she regained control of her bladder, then bowels, and little by little she progressed. Each step was a triumph, and while it meant the world to me, Reba took it all in stride. She was optimistic, happy, courageous and eager to make each step towards recovery.

Kennel club members were a huge part of that recovery, and part of what I have learned from this is to stand in awe of the abilities and the generosity of people in our club. Adele did Reiki that helped Reba straighten her neck out. Frieda had holistic anti-inflams that helped Reba sleep pain free. Betsy not only did acupuncture each week, but also provided a hydrotherapy tank that Reba could float in before she was able to support herself, helping her regain strength in her limbs, and regain the feeling of her legs under her. Terri did daily treatments with her electromagnetic therapy machine that helped Reba heal and gain strength, so ultimately she was standing again, and then walking again. Marge, Donna, Lorraine, Stella, MF, the Perschels and others were so kind and supportive and helpful.

Reba progressed to walking 500 feet at a time, and demanded to be taken out with the other dogs to watch them run- she not only had no fear of them or re-injury, she wanted to play! 9 weeks after the injury, just when she was making so much progress her recovery seemed a matter not of "if" but of "when", Reba's challenges overtook her. Her lungs were surrounded with fluid, one collapsed, and then things just plummeted downhill. Again we raced to the hospital, but we lost her very suddenly, just hours from the first cough. It is painfully empty without her here. Her injury defined us, and our household revolved around her for all those weeks. But it is her life, not her death that we chose to dwell on. Her life was one of joy and love and fun. She just loved it all. People, candy, showing, traveling, going for walks in the woods at

home. She was the top female in our breed for a while, and won 2 National specialties. But that wasn't what was great about her. It was her personality and her character. Her optimism and zest for life made it fun to just spend time with her, and her courage in adversity was dauntless.

Don't wait until your dog is old or injured or has some problem facing him to tell him you love him. We don't own them and we don't own time. It shouldn't be about titles or records or public recognition. It should be about the joy and the privilege of spending time with our dear dog friends. When I stop crying, I'll try hard to honor Reba's lessons, and try hard to enjoy it all again half as much as she did. *Maureen Lucas*

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## Winter Conformation Classes

**Show handling classes**  
**Jan. 21. — Feb. 18, 1999**  
**6 weeks for \$50**  
**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!**

**Mail the application along with a check made out to DKC to: Betty McAllister, 111 Moss Street, Creedmoor, NC 27522**

**If you need an application, call Betty McAllister, 919-528-2649**

**SHOW REPORT: CONFORMATION**

OWNER'S NAME	DOG'S NAME (BREED)	SHOW & DATE	CLASS	PTS	HIGHEST
Nancy Burka	Judge (Belgian Tervuren)	Forsyth KC (12/4/98)	OPEN	2	WD
"	"	Carolina KC (12/6/98)	OPEN	3	BOW
Emmy Walters	Bizzy (Bouvier)	Forsyth KC	Puppy, 9-12	2	BOW
Susan Jones	Flash (LH Mini Dachs)	Carolina KC (12/6/98)	OPEN MINI	2	WD
"	Sam (LH Mini Dachs)	Salisbury KC (11/6/98)	BBY	1	WB-BOS
"	"	Salisbury KC (11/7/98)	BBY	1	WB-BOS
"	"	Misphillion KC (11/8/98)	BBY	1	WB-BOS
"	"	Forsyth KC (12/5/98)	BBY	2	WB-BW-BO
"	Ian (LH Mini Dachs)	Salisbury KC (11/6/98)	BBY	1	WB-BW
"	"	Salisbury KC (11/7/98)	BBY	1	WB-BW- NE CHAMPIC
Sandra Curtis Powell	Brightcroft Briagha of Puckerbrush CD	Piedmont KC (10/31/98)	OPEN BITCH	3	BOW
"	Brightcroft Movin' On Up	Forsyth KC	OPEN DOG	3 MAJ	BOW
Vern & Mary Bell	Katie (Westie)	Forsyth KC	Puppy, 9-12	3	WB, BW
"	"	Forsyth KC	Puppy, 9-12	3	WB, BW

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

OWNER'S NAME	DOG'S NAME (BREED)	SHOW & DATE	CLASS	SCORE	LEA
Judy Ortiz	Bragg (Border Collie)	Cape Fear DTC	Open A	197.5	1
"	"	Forsyth KC	Open A	195.5	2
"	"	Forsyth KC	Open A	194	3
Cathie Fogel	Carefree's Zuni Gaia (Belgian Tervuren)	Forsyth KC (12/4/98)	Novice B		3
Joyce McHenry	Allente Extra Spicey (Belgian Tervuren)	Forsyth KC (12/4/98)	Novice B		3
"	"	Forsyth KC (12/5/98)	Novice B		4
Nancy Burka	Judge (Belgian Tervuren)	GDS Specialty	Agility Novice B	100	2
Stella Maunsell	Asti (Standard Poodle)	Henderson KC	Utility A		1
"	"	Danville KC	Utility A		2
"	"	Gr. Raleigh KC	Utility A		3
"	"	Carolina DTC	Utility A		2
"	"	Beckley -Clarksville	Utility A		3
Denise McDonald	Little Sister Betsy Jane	DKC (12/12/98)	Utility B	186	3
Sandra Curtis Powell	Brightcroft Briagha of Puckerbrush CD	DKC (12/12/98)	Open B	191	2
"	"	DKC (12/13/98)	Open B		3
"	"	Forsyth KC	Open A	193.5	1
Sharon Pitz	Maria (Golden Retriever)	DKC (12/13/98)	Open A	191	1