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- Nobody can fully understand the meaning of love unless he's owned by a dog.**  
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# Durham Kennel Club Newsletter

## Cocker Spaniel: Dog of the Month

The American Cocker Spaniel is the smallest of the sporting breeds. It was named for its superb ability to ferret out woodcocks. The Cocker has long been an international favorite and was ranked number one in AKC registrations in 1984. It has even been featured in the Disney movie, *the Lady and the Tramp*.



The American Cocker Spaniel has a short, firm body with a deep chest; shoulders that slope slightly from withers to loin; a wide distinctly domed head with a clearly defined stop; an angular muzzle; long low-set pendant ears; round, full dark brown eyes; and a tail that is usually docked. It has a straight or slightly wavy, silky coat that is fairly short on the head, but quite full on the ears, chest, abdomen and limbs.

The Cocker Spaniel is shown in three varieties: black (including black with tan points), ASCOB (any solid color other than black), and Parti (two or more colors, with white being one.) In the United States only, sable coloring is a disqualification.

### Background

The *Spanyell* was mentioned as far back as 1368 when it was divided into 2 groups: water and land. Later the Spaniel group was again divided when the "cockers" and toy spaniels were separated from the larger spaniels. When it became evident that the "toys" and the "cockers" were being used for very different purposes, the group was further

divided. The "toys" became the English Toy Spaniels used basically as pets and the Cockers retained their classification as sporting dogs.

The Cocker has been exhibited in the U.S. since the early 1880s. The American Cocker has slowly evolved into a distinct breed different in type, size and coloring from the breed recognized as the English Cocker Spaniel.

### Temperament

The Cocker Spaniel has a sweet temperament, free spirit, is a cheerful, speedy and untiring hunter and is a companion always willing to please its master. It is also gentle and loving with children.

Cockers can be divided into field dogs and show dogs. Field bred cockers will not have the luxuriant coats, but are probably better for hunting. Both types make excellent companions.

**WARNING** - There are many Cockers around. Buy only from a reputable breeder.

*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.*

## February Meeting

**There is no meeting in February.** This is the month to enjoy our **AWARDS BANQUET - Feb. 26.**

Please see the insert in this newsletter and join us for a fulfilling and fun-filled evening where all the guests are dog lovers. Every award has been claimed this year so the evening will be even more interesting and diversified than usual.

## President's Note

Our sympathies to Sharon Pitz who lost her mother this month.

## Membership

At the January 18, 1999 DKC meeting, the following members were voted in as regular DKC members:

- Tracy Fletcher**
- Masha Halpern**
- Liza Williams**

*Stella Maunsell*

## Minutes of the DKC Membership Meeting

*Jan. 18, 1999* - Following a program on herding presented by DKC member, Terri Hardwick, the meeting was called to order by Diane Kessler, Vice President, in the absence of President, Sharon Pitz.

Minutes from the November 16<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved as printed in the club newsletter.

### Treasurer's Report:

CBB checking	\$ 10,263.87
FTF	1,826.39
Fin. Mgt. Acct.	21,237.82
Loan Bal. (12/31/98)	(39,652.47)

### Committee Reports:

**Awards** program: Joanna Burley reminded us that the annual awards dinner will be held on Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> at the Regal Hotel in Durham. Jack Sappenfield, for the Awards Committee, reported that there will be a cash bar from 6:30 until 7:30 with dinner being served at 7:15. The cost will be \$25.00 per person and our group will be in the Alumni Room.

**Membership:** Stella Maunsell circulated ballots for the following to be voted into regular membership status: Tracy Fletcher, Masha Halpern, and Lisa Williams.

Stella, as Corresponding Sec., read a thank you note from Betty Perschel and also let the membership know that a thank you from obedience judge, John Mett, had been received.

Lisa Connelly (AKC Delegate) reported that she had attended the Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> delegate meeting in New York. A complete report will be included in the next newsletter. [This newsletter]

Old Business: Marge White reported that the club project of collecting money to outfit the Durham K-9 dogs with bullet proof vests is progressing. We are collecting funds at a regular rate and will go full-steam ahead as soon as we get the final approval from the police officials.

The membership was reminded of the yard sale that will be held on Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>. Items to be contributed can be brought to the building on Friday night from 3:00 until 8:00 p.m. Items for the bake sale should be brought to the building on Saturday. Volunteers are still needed to help set up, be in attendance on Saturday and also to help take down at the close of the sale.

Terri Toohil reported for Marie Inman that ads for the spring show catalog must be submitted very quickly. \$35.00 will buy a full page with picture, \$30 a full page w/o picture, 1/2 page w/o picture is \$25.00 and the booster page is \$5.00 per line.

Monies collected from the impressive brags were added to the money being collected for the K-9 vests.

There being no further business, a motion for adjournment was entertained and seconded and the meeting ended at 9:20 p.m.

Submitted with the greatest of respect for our club and its membership.

*Marjorie J. White,* Recording Secretary

## Canine Good Citizen Test

**Volunteers are needed** for the **Canine Good Citizenship test**. People are needed to work at the registration desk and as evaluators, Saturday, Mar. 6<sup>th</sup>, 1999 from 8:30 a.m. to noon. **Please call George Beglane 477-8874 or e-mail at beglane@mindspring.com**

## DKC Yard & Bake Sale

The DKC Yard Sale held on Jan. 23 was a very successful event. Many members and materials were brought together for two days of fun, hard work and profit.

There will be more details in the next newsletter.

## Upcoming Events

Feb. 21, 1999 ( Sun.)  
DKC; 8:30 AM – 11:00+ AM

### Show-N-Go

Jane Bergsten, 919-967-2191  
Feb. 26, 1999 (Friday)  
Regal Hotel in Durham

### DKC Awards Dinner

Joanna Burley, 919-479-7011  
Mar. 6, 1999 (Saturday)  
DKC; 8:30 AM – 12 Noon

## Canine Good Citizenship

George Beglane, 919-477-8874  
Mar. 26, 1999 (Friday)

### Spring Show

Connie Howard, 919-477-1719



## DKC Spring Show

March 26

**HELP is needed in many areas. Please help us and share in the fun of working as a team with a wonderful group of people and some of the finest dogs in the country.**

### Obedience trial stewards:

If you can help at any obedience level, please call **Judy Ortiz at 919-967-5786.**

### Hospitality people :

If you even think this might interest you, please call **Connie Howard at 919-477-1719.**

### Advertising for next year's show:

If you feel you might head up this area or have any questions concerning it, please call **Connie Howard at 919-477-1719.**

**AND if there is any other way, in which you might wish to help, please call Connie Howard at 919-477-1719.**

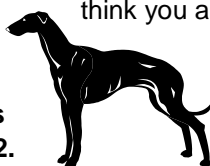
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## Member-to-Member

Several members have expressed a need for a reliable person (bonded if possible, but this is not essential) who would be able to house sit with their animals on an overnight basis. The ability to work with several large dogs would be important. If you know of or think you are this person, please call

**Maureen Lucas at 919-477-9432.**



## You're Invited

**Annual Durham Kennel Club AWARDS BANQUET  
Friday, Feb. 26, 1999**

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

**Cash Bar ..... 6:30  
Dinner ..... 7:15**

**\$25.00 per person**

**Reservations due  
Feb. 20, 1999**

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

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

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

## Some New Dog Show Definitions

**SPECIALTY**-Whatever your dog is good at, like bringing home dead cats or chewing the walls.

**BALANCE**- Ability to hold coffee, Danish, leash, treats and entry form all at once.

**CRABBING**-What you do when the judge doesn't like the way your dog moves.

**FORCE FETCH**-Dog drops the toy under furniture, scratches at the carpet 'til you're forced to "fetch" it.

**BLIND RETRIEVE**-When you can't see the toy under the furniture.

**DOUBLE BLIND**- Finding two toys under the furniture.

**PEDIGREE**- Dog food with lots of great coupons.

**MULTI-GENERATIONAL PEDIGREE**-Something you should have read first.

**CGC**- Canine Gastrointestinal Catastrophe {a.k.a. GAS}

**DISTEMPER**-Shown by those hot-headed competitors.

**TYPE**- What your dog has...if you turn down the lights and squint a little.

**UTILITY**- The kind of vehicle you need to haul around your dogs.

**FLY BALL**- Neutering.

**QUALIFYING SCORE**- Justifying the 170.5 you got in obedience today.

**HEEL**- What you feel like when your dog won't heel during the exercise.

**RIBBONS**- What you want to cut the other exhibitors into, after their "pet" wins.

**BITCH**- To complain heartily.

**DOG**- To chase a judge from show to show in an effort to attain more breed wins.

**GUARD HAIR**- An activity in which one watches intently as the dog's hair falls out, in clumps, just after entries are mailed.

**OVERSHOT**- Running so fast as to pass the 1st place ring marker and plow into the judge and the stewards.

## Delegate's Report - Dec. 1998

### Meeting

I was once again privileged to attend the December, 1998 Delegate's Meeting as the representative of the Durham Kennel Club. During the Delegate's Forum, Bob Slay gave an interesting presentation on detecting forgeries. AKC is very concerned with maintaining the integrity of the registry, and they are really going to be cracking down on people who forge a co-owner's name on papers. Currently, documents sent in to AKC are microfilmed and then destroyed within the week that they are received -- the volume of paperwork is so high that there is no way they can store the original documents. Forensic document examiners have been hired to study questioned signatures, and they have been able to detect some forgeries using the microfilmed documents. However, by 2001 AKC will switch from microfilming to scanning all documents, and for all intents and purposes this will be as good as having the original documents and it will be very difficult indeed for forgeries to slip by undetected. Chief Information Officer Nick D'Altilio gave a report on the re-engineering status -- soon we will be able to get progeny reports, lists of dogs defeated, and other interesting statistics about our dogs on line! This information will be available by phone for those who do not have access to a computer and a modem.

During the meeting proper, the main topic of discussion was the vote on the proposed amendment to **Chapter 3, Section 6 of the Rules Applying to Registration and Discipline**. This amendment (3,6 for short) would replace the current Chapter 3, Section 6 with the following

statement -- "The American Kennel Club must be presented with properly completed paperwork, including all required signatures, in order to register a litter and/or dog. When a disagreement occurs, the parties must resolve it themselves. AKC will abide by the decision of a court." This would mean that AKC would no longer step in when there are disputes between co-owners or between stud dog and brood bitch owners -- the owners would have no choice but to take the disagreement to court. At present, AKC spends thousands of dollars trying to help settle such disputes -- there have been 1,900 in the last two and a half years! The proposed changes to 3,6 generated a lot of debate -- most of the delegates seemed to feel that AKC should not be spending the time and money on these disagreements that they currently do, but neither should every disagreement have to be settled by our court system, particularly since our legal system knows so little about issues important to the world of purebred dogs. The delegates voted to amend the amendment by deleting the last sentence, thus leaving the door open for binding arbitration or some other form of dispute resolution. Much discussion ensued as to exactly what forms of dispute resolution AKC would recognize, and it was voted to table 3,6 until the June meeting so that more information about arbitration could be gathered. As your delegate, I voted to delete the last sentence of 3,6, and also voted in favor of tabling the amendment until more information was forthcoming.

Three amendments were read at the December meeting, two having to do with procedural changes to the **Beagle Field Trial Rules**, and one having to do with a change in the **Rules Applying To Dog Shows**.

The field trial changes will make the paperwork for beagle trials more consistent with paperwork for other similar events, and the dog show rules amendment will allow multiple win trophies to be offered for the regular classes at National Specialties (e.g, challenge trophies for Best Bred-By, Best Puppy, etc.). If anyone has any comments concerning these amendments, please do not hesitate to contact me - we will be voting on them at either the March or the June meeting.

In other business, both the Klackamas Kennel Club and the Del-Otse-Nango Kennel Club were voted into membership. The Rhode Island Kennel Club was honored with a plaque for being a member club for 100 years, and Merrill Cohen was honored with a medallion for being both a delegate and a judge for 25 years. The next delegate's meeting will be on March 9th, and the main order of business will be the board elections. If anyone has any questions or concerns, please contact me -- as always, my ears are always open.

Respectfully submitted,

*Lisa Connelly*  
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### Other AKC News

Two new breeds will now be recognized in the regular classes at dog shows. The **Havanese** joins the Toy group and the **L-wchen** the Non-Sporting group.

The *AKC Gazette* is also adding some **new departments**: (1) **agility news and views** and (2) a bimonthly column called "The **Judge's Eye**," which will give insights into different

judges philosophical approaches to  
judging and to ring procedure.

**SHOW REPORT: CONFORMATION**

OWNER'S NAME	DOG'S NAME (BREED)	SHOW & DATE	CLASS	PTS	HIGHEST WIN	SPECIAL MERIT
Emmy Walters	Bizzy (Bouvier)	Mighty Match (1/16/99)	Adult		Group I	
Susan Jones	Pepper (LH Mini Dachs)	Florida Gulf Coast Dachs Club (1/11/99)	Bred by	3	WD-Best BB & all coats	

**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
Betsy & Buddy Amos	Starbucks Frostfire Skye "Skye" (Weim)	GCWC (12/13/98)	Jr. Hunter	Pass	1		
"	"	Greater Raleigh DTC (12/14/98)	CGC	Pass			1 <sup>st</sup> try
"	"	Greater Charleston Hunt Club (1/16/99)	Jr. Hunter	Pass	2		
"	"	Greater Charleston Hunt Club (1/17/99)	Jr. Hunter	Pass	3		
Emmy Walters	Bizzy (Bouvier)		Herding Instinct Test	Pass			

**IMPORTANT DATES****Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> (Fri.) —****AWARDS BANQUET**contact **Joanna Burley** at **919-479-7011****March 26<sup>th</sup> (Fri.) —****DKC SPRING SHOW 1999****Volunteers** needed please contact **Connie Howard** at **919-477-1719**.