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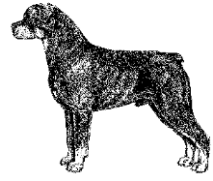
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**Don't accept your dog's admiration as conclusive evidence that you are wonderful.**  
**-Ann Landers**

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## Rottweiler: Dog of the Month

The Rottweiler is a highly intelligent dog in the working class who reacts well to training: many hold obedience titles. It is devoted to family, powerful but gentle and makes an ideal household companion. Not all families are suited to the ownership of a Rottweiler. It needs adequate exercise and is most happy when allowed to share family activities.



### Background

The Rottweiler is a very old breed. Some historians claim they were used by the Roman legions to drive cattle. Later they were used by German farmers for the same purpose. They have been used successfully as military and police dogs and as "eyes" for the blind, both in Europe and the United States. The breed as we see it today was developed by the German Breed Club, which wrote the Standard and established the breeding rules for Rottweilers.

### The Show Ring

This is a large dog, though not a giant breed. The dog averages 24 to 27 inches at the shoulder. The bitch stands from 22 to 25 inches at the shoulder. Rottweilers weigh from 90 to 130 pounds. The coat is black, of medium length, coarse and flat, with a soft undercoat which insulates in cold climates and in the water which it loves. The coat is accented with mahogany-tan markings above

each eye, on the cheeks, under the tail, on the muzzle, throat and chest and on all four legs. It requires no special grooming beyond a weekly brushing.

**Breed disqualifications** are: entropion; ectropion; overshot; undershot; wry mouth; two or more missing teeth (They should have a scissors bite. Less than 42 teeth in an adult dog is a serious fault.); unilateral or bilateral cryptorchid males; long coat; any base coat other than black; absence of all markings; a dog, that in the opinion of the judge, attacks any person in the ring.

### Recognized Health Problems

Canine hip dysplasia is the one developmental problem found in the breed with any statistical frequency. The relative risk of males developing Arthrosis of the elbow joint is 1.5 x that of females.

### Old Age

The life span of the Rottweiler is 10 to 11 years. Problems that appear most often in old age are the same ones as for other breeds and humans: cancer, heart ailments, bloat and other geriatric disabilities. *From: Ross D. Clark, DVM & Joan R. Stainer. Medical and Genetic Aspects of Purebred Dogs*

## September Meeting

Our September meeting will be held on Monday, **Sept. 20**. 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.



## President's Message

The DKC has been busy this summer with good use of the building. In addition, our summer yard & bake sale was very successful. Thanks to all for your contributions and work to make it so successful.

The building interior has had a face lift; scrubbed from ceiling to floor, painted, and soon to have new mats. Please be sure to thank Jeff Telander for his organizational efforts and work, as well as those who worked so hard to get the job done.

The presentation of the bullet proof vests to the Durham Police Department's K-9 Corp was well attended and a rewarding evening to all. Be sure to notice the plaque presented to the DKC by Chief Chambers on behalf of the Durham Police Department the next time you're at the building; and watch for pictures soon to be displayed.

Thanks is extended to Marge White for her organizational efforts and to all who contributed to this very worthy cause.

September marks the start of a very busy season with classes in agility, confirmation and obedience; and a Show N' Go (obedience). Our first Agility Trial will be Oct. 2-3, we'll have our Fall Show Oct 23, a November tracking trial, a December Obedience Trial, and an Agility seminar in January. Other events will pop up.

PLEASE be generous with your time and willingness to help. YOUR club needs your support.

I hope to see everyone at our September meeting. Don't forget to sign the attendance sheet at the table inside the building.

Chairpeople needing volunteers can also place a sign-up sheet at the attendance table.

DKC t-shirts and sweatshirts will be on sale at the September meeting for \$3.00/\$6.00 while supplies last. Might be a good time to get a start on holiday shopping!

## Sharon Pitz

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### Show-N-Go

The DKC will hold a Show-N-Go on Sunday, September 12th. Registration starts at 8:30 AM. Run throughs start immediately. Two rings, one for Open and Novice and the other for Utility. (The second ring will be used for Open and/or Novice when Utility has finished.) \$5 per run through. Volunteers are both welcome and needed.

Call **Jane Bergsten 919-967-2191** for information or to volunteer.

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### Agility Classes

DKC agility classes will resume Monday Sept 13. We will be offering a beginner class at 7:00 PM and a more advanced class at 8:00 PM. **Contact Lisa Connelly (919 471-8402) for an application.** If your dog has **never been in a DKC agility class please call Mary Whorton (919-471-1405) to schedule a time to test your dog.** The test will consist of an off lead sit and down stay, off lead come when called around other dogs, and general off lead control including an evaluation to insure the dog does not demonstrate aggressive behavior towards other dogs.

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### Agility Trials

On Oct 2nd and 3<sup>rd</sup>, the DKC will host their first two licensed agility trials at the Kennel Club property in Rougemont. Judging will begin at 8:30 AM and will hopefully be

completed by 4:00 PM. All levels of both standard and jumpers classes will be offered. **If you are interested in helping with the trial, please call Mary Whorton at 919-471-1405.** No experience is required and we need lots of help! Everyone is encouraged to come and watch this exciting and fast growing canine sport. It will amaze you how many different breeds participate.

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### Conformation Classes

Fall conformation classes will begin on October 14 and run through November 18 (6 weeks). The cost is \$50. We will offer a puppy socialization class for puppies approximately 3 to 5 months old. Also we will offer a beginner class for dogs and/or handlers who need basic instruction, or ring experience. Both classes will begin at 7:30 PM and end at 8:30 PM. For more information or to register, **call Betty McAllister, 528-2649, after 6 PM**

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### Eulogy:

It is with great sorrow that Mary Whorton reports the passing of her obedience trial champion Twink, officially known as OTCh Tystar Twinkle, UDX, AX. To know her was to love her... Twink had an outstanding obedience career with over 30 high in trials and 2 perfect scores of 200. She was the first Border Collie to earn the UDX title and did so in 10 straight shows. From her very first utility class she qualified 31 straight times in utility without failing. At the age of 11 years Twink embarked on an agility career which proved to be equally successful. In 7 short months she earned the novice, open, and excellent agility titles winning many of her classes along the way. She was 2 months shy of her 13th birthday and will be greatly missed....

## **DKC Outfits Durham Police Dogs in K-9 Unit**

Anyone driving onto Durham Kennel Club property on the evening of July 30<sup>th</sup> would have to wonder what had happened. Why were so many cars in the parking lot? It wasn't so much that something had happened, but that something very exciting was about to happen.

For the past several months Durham Kennel Club members had been working to raise enough money to buy bullet proof vests for the dogs serving on the K-9 unit of the Durham Police Department. The thought to do this came about when DKC member, Marge White, saw an article in a dog magazine about a group of children who had undertaken a similar project. The youngsters had raised over \$10,000 to outfit the 10 dogs in their local K-9 unit.

After learning that the dogs in Durham's K-9 unit did not have this equipment and after learning, too, that the officers were excited at the prospect, the idea was put into motion. The next step was to get approval from the Durham Kennel Club membership and this certainly was not a problem, as the members embraced the project with enthusiasm. Plans for fund raising events then began taking place.

Originally the plan was to raise enough money for two vests, as this was what the officer in charge of the unit suggested. However, in a very short time, generous donations from club members began coming in and after several successful fund raising events, it was possible to place an order for not two, but three vests.

As soon as the vests arrived, several dates were considered for the presentation and July 30<sup>th</sup> was the date agreed upon. This was a Wednesday night and the entire membership was invited to attend

along with the Durham City Chief of Police, Teresa Chambers, Captain Duane Clark, Sgt. Mike Baker (the officer in charge of the K-9 unit) and all of the officers making up the K-9 unit, plus their canine partners. Five of the K-9 handlers attended, along with their dogs, with the sixth being on vacation.

As Durham Kennel Club members know, our club building is where training classes and club meetings take place and it is a utilitarian building, not generally thought of as a place for festive events. On the evening of July 30<sup>th</sup>, however, the building was transformed into a lovely place definitely fit for this exciting event. The dinner was catered for all in attendance, tables were made quite lovely with centerpieces of red, white and blue flower arrangements and there was an air of excitement, along with a feeling of great pride.

Following the dinner, DKC President, Sharon Pitz, welcomed club members and guests and introduced Marge White who spoke briefly on how the idea for this project came to be. Chief of Police, Teresa Chambers, then took the floor and following her comments, she introduced Duane Clark who then introduced Sgt. Mike Baker. Sgt. Baker spoke briefly and then introduced the officers making up his unit. Each officer was invited to share personal experiences relating to their dogs. These were wonderful, heartwarming stories that all of us enjoyed hearing. The dogs were then brought into the building, vests were tried on and those present welcomed the chance to interact with the dogs...and this, of course, was one of the highlights of the evening. Dogs are what bring us together for so many activities, but the dogs that brought us together on this night of July 30<sup>th</sup> are indeed very special.

Durham Kennel Club members hope that none of these vests will ever be used, but should an occasion arise where a vest might be needed, we will feel good knowing that we may have made a difference in the safety of one of these dogs. Certainly July 30<sup>th</sup> will be remembered by many of us as a very special night in the history of our club.

## **Marge White**

### **Upcoming Events**

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**September 12, 1999 (Sunday)  
DKC**

**Show-n-Go  
Registration- 8:30 AM**

**Jane Bergsten 919 967-2191**

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**September 13, 1999 (Monday)  
DKC**

**Agility Classes Begin**

**Beginner - 7:00 PM  
Advanced- 8:00 PM**

**Lisa Connelly 919 471-8402  
Mary Whorton 919 471-1405**

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**October 2 & 3, 1999 (Sat. & Sun.)  
Harris Rd. Property**

**Agility Trials  
All Levels**

**Judging begins at - 8:30 AM**

**Mary Whorton 919 471-1405**

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**October 14, 1999 (Thursday)  
DKC**

**Conformation Classes  
Begin**

**Both Classes (Puppy &  
Beginner) - 7:30 PM**

**Betty McAllister 528-2649**

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**October 23, 1999 (Saturday)**

**DKC FALL SHOW**

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**November – Tracking Trial  
December – Obedience Trial**

**SHOW REPORT: CONFORMATION**

OWNER'S NAME	DOG'S NAME (BREED)	SHOW & DATE	CLASS	PTS	HIGHEST WIN	SPECIAL MERIT
Susan Jones	Pepper (LH Mini Dachs)	DCA WAT Specialty (6/3,4,5/99)	BBX		RWD	Best BB x All Coats
"	Emma (LH Mini Dachs)	"	Open Mini	5	WB-Award	Award of Merit
"	Ariel (LH Mini Dachs)	"	BV		BOS to BV	
"	Ariel (LH Mini Dachs)	Met. Wash Dachs Club (6/2/99)	BV		Award	Award of Merit
Mary Valkenaar	Kodak ACS	Tampa, FL	Open Dog	4	BOS	Finished!!
"	Jasmine ACS	"	Open Bitch	4	BOV	Over Special
"	Chase ACS	"	9 – 12 puppy	2	BOV	Over Special
"	Robin ACS	Clemson K C	Open Bitch	2	WB	Finished!!
Brian Wall	Kid	Greenville KC	Open Dog	3	BOW	1 <sup>st</sup> Major

**CONFORMATION Abbreviations:**

RWD/RWB	Reserve winners Dog/Bitch
WD/WB	Winners Dog/Bitch
BW	Best of Winners
BOS	Best of Opposite Sex
BB	Best of Breed
Group I,II,III,IV	Group placements
BIS	Best in Show
BISS	Best in Specialty Show
BV	Best of Variety
Ch.	Conformation Champion

**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
Sharon Pitz	Maria (Golden Retriever)	Blue Ridge Agility	Nov. J WW	100	3	3	NAJ
Tracy Fletcher (Handler)	Whisper	Mocksville	Novice Std	98	1	3	
"	"	"	Novice Std	95	2	2	
"	"	Ashville	Novice Std	100	3	1	NA
Terri Wilson	Marco (Belgian Tervuren)	ATBA Herding Test & Trial, Bangor PA	PreTrial	Passed	1		
"	"	"	PreTrial	Passed	2		PreTrial Title
Cindy Kramer	Zak (Aust. Terrier)	Greenville KC	Novice B	196	3	3	CD
"	Steele (Aust. Terrier)	"	Novice B	196.5	3	1	CD
Carol Quinlan	Sunny (Sheltie)	ATBA Herding Test & Trial, Bangor PA	HT	Pass	2	--	HT Title
"	"	"	HT	Pass	3	--	Extra leg