

DKC Newsletter
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**Doberman Pinscher:
Dog of the Month**



The Doberman Pinscher is as intelligent as it is beautiful. When the Dobe is correctly bred and trained, it is a friend and a

guardian. Its ability to absorb and retain training have caused it to be in demand as a police and war dog. It has an excellent nose that can adapt to criminal training or hunting.

This breed demands training with affection. The Doberman needs close contact with human beings that can be fulfilled by living as a house dog and member of the family. Unfortunately, this dog is often found in unsuitable homes where it is denied the affection it needs.

Background: The Doberman Pinscher is a fairly new breed, developed in the 1870s by Herr Louis Doberman of Germany. By using crosses of shorthaired shepherd-dog stock with Rottweiler, Black and Tan Terrier and smooth-haired German Pinscher, a rough form of the breed was produced by 1890. The Doberman Pinscher Club was formed in 1921.

Show Ring: Dobes are allowed 4 colors: black, red, blue and fawn. All have sharply defined rust markings which appear over each eye and on the muzzle, throat and forechest, on all legs and feet and below the tail. Many blue and fawn dogs have skin and coat problems. Some breeders sell these as "rare and valuable" and charge more for a dog which is more likely to lose its coat. Dogs may be from 26 to 28 inches at the withers, with the ideal at 27½ inches and

bitches are from 24 to 26 inches with the ideal at 25½ inches

Breed Disqualifications: The only disqualifications are overshot more than .3/16th of an inch, undershot more than 1/8th of an inch, dogs not of an allowed color and four or more missing teeth. A judge is expected to dismiss any shy or vicious Doberman from the ring.

Recognized Problems: Cervical vertebral instability (CVI) or Wobbler Syndrome is a serious problem in Dobermans. It often does not show up until the dog is past his prime. There is no known cause, but diet and genetics may be involved.

Alopecia (dry, lusterless hair coat, scaliness and papules) is most commonly found in blue Dobermans. Dobes also have a high incidence of **demodicosis** and are at greater risk of developing **VWD** and **osteosarcomas**. **Narcolepsy, Dancing Doberman disease** and **Immune Complex disorders (ICD)**, also, appear to be breed concerns.

From: Ross D. Clark, DVM & Joan R. Stainer. Medical and Genetic Aspects of Purebred Dogs and The Complete Dog Book (18th ed.) by AKC.

January Meeting

FOOD: Our Jan. meeting will be held on Monday, Jan. 17th. 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. Dogs are welcomed in the building during dinner, but should be crated or kept in Ring 2 until dinner is over.

PROGRAM: Our January meeting will feature **Dog Acting with Phyllis Campbell**. This presentation should be fun as well as interesting and educational. Please come and bring a friend.

President's Message

I'm very pleased to report the success of another DKC Obedience Trial on the 18th and 19th of December; thanks to the superb planning and organizing skills of Denise McDonald and Mary Whorton. They know who to delegate to get things done!. Of course, we couldn't have done the job without the many club members and volunteers who helped one or both days, to all who contributed to the awards, and to our photographer. We received a number of compliments from the participants for a job well done.

Our Holiday Party was a relaxing and pleasant evening. It was good to see Delia Copley and Carolyn Vaughan, two of our Honorary Life Members at the party. The donations for Durham County APS were much appreciated. Thanks Emilie and George Beglane for delivering the food and supplies.

Our Y2K Yard Sale will be on Saturday, Jan. 8th. No Bake Sale this time, but we'll add it back later if we get requests and support for the sale. The building will be open in the evenings the Monday-Friday before the sale from 6:30 PM-8:15 PM to receive goods. Let me know if you're interested in helping set up Fri. PM. The sale starts at 8:00 AM Saturday.

I sincerely wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season; a healthy and successful 2000.

See you at our January meeting, if not sooner.

Sharon Pitz

Membership

Corrections and Changes:

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**ARTHUR FERGUSON
HONORARY LIFE MEMBER
DIED RECENTLY.**

Upcoming Events

Jan. 10, 2000 (Mon.)
DKC Building

Agility Classes Begin

Mary Whorton 919-471-1405

Jan. 15 & 16, 2000 (Sat./Sun.)
DKC Building

Agility Seminar

Tracy Fletcher 919-460-7944

Jan. 22, 2000 (Sat.)
DKC Building

Y2K YARD SALE

Sharon Pitz 919-384-9071

February 25, 2000 (Fri.)
Regal Hotel in Durham

AWARDS BANQUET

Joanna Burley 919-479-7011

Feb. 27, 2000
Quail Roost Farm

TDX Tracking Match

Jack Sappenfield, 919-598-5318

March 24, 2000

SPRING SHOW

Connie Howard 919-309-9014

Spring Show

Advertisements Due!

Yes, it seems a little early to be thinking about this, but Spring Show ads are due Feb 1st, 2000!

Full page ads without a picture are \$35, with a picture for \$45. 1/2 page ads (no picture) are \$20. Booster page are \$10 per name.

What an easy way to support the club and advertise at the same time!

For more information call or e-mail:

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Tracking

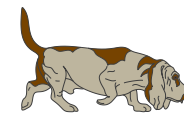
The DKC Tracking Test on November 21, produced very favorable results. We had two TDs and one TDX to pass. Exhibitors have been very complimentary about how much they enjoy coming to our tests; obviously, we are doing many things right.

One of the TDX judges, Carol Pernicka, sent this comment about our test: "Thanks so much for all the effort everyone went to; it was truly a pleasure to get to judge for your club. A gorgeous site, very friendly and competent people to work with, good food, and even a pass (and we came close to another). I really had a great time."

I would like to give a special thanks to Marge White, Linda Kerr, Jan Gray, Jodi and Jeff Telander, Pat Lawrence, Emilie and George Beglane, Sally Gleis, Lynne Degitz and our test secretary, Nancy Burka. They did a great job, and it was appreciated very much.

The next test will be a TDX on February 27, 2000, Come out and enjoy.

Tracking Offer



We have had a very generous offer from **Lucille Schreiner** at 9347 Castalia Loop

Rd., Castalia, NC 27816. She wrote, "If any member is interested, I have 10 acres, 3/4 cleared, the balance weeded. They're welcome to practice tracking, etc."

Directions: I85 N to Highway 56 – follow 56 to Castalia – Turn Rt on Highway 58 – Turn Left on Castalia Loop Rd. – 1st house on Rt – 3 board brown fencing – white house – several barns.

Please call first: 252 – 459 -2564

AWARDS DINNER RESERVATION



Friday, February 25, 2000
Cash bar 6:30 p.m.
Dinner 7:00 p.m.
Regal University Hotel, Durham, NC
\$25.00 per person

Please reserve _____ places in the name(s) of:

Enclosed is a check for \$_____

Reservations due Friday, February 18, 2000!!!

CONFORMATION SHOW REPORT

| OWNER(S) | DOG'S NAME (BREED) | SHOW & DATE (1999) | CLASS | PTS | HIGHEST V |
|-------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------|-----|-----------|
| None Listed | | | | | |

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

| OWNER(S) | DOG'S NAME (BREED) | SHOW & DATE (1999) | CLASS | SCORE | LE |
|------------------------------|---|--|-----------------------|--------|----|
| Betsy & Buddy Amos | Skye (Weimaraner) | DKC Tracking Test | TD | | |
| Chris Rasmussen | Tara (Dobe) | Charlottesville-Albemarle KC | Nov A | 191.5 | 1 |
| Norma Williams | Georgia/Ebony Overdrive CDX JE (Mini L Dachs) | Tidelands Poodle Club Agility Trial | Nov.-Jumpers w/weaves | | 2 |
| Carol Quinlan | Lakeview Amberglo Omichaelyn (Sheltie) | Piedmont Border Collie Ass. Herding Trial (11/14) | PT | Passed | 1 |
| " | " | " | " | Passed | 2 |
| Steve Hartman & Lynne Degitz | Riga (Weimaraner) | Weimaraner Club of America National Field Trial (12/4-12/12) | Open Derby | | |
| Judy Ortiz | Bragg (Border Collie) | Piedmont Border Collie Ass. Herding Trial (11/14) | HI | 80 | 2 |
| " | " | " | " | 78 | 3 |
| " | Meg (Border Collie) | " | HS | 98 | 2 |
| " | " | " | HS | 97 1/2 | 3 |
| J & M Wright | Rita (Irish Setter) | Winston | Nov B | 188 | 1 |
| " | Rita (Irish Setter) | " | Nov B | 190.5 | 2 |
| " | Patricia (Irish Setter) | DKC Obedience Trial(12/18/99) | Util A | 175 | 1 |
| " | Rita (Irish Setter) | " | Nov B | 179 | 3 |
| George & Emilie Beglane | Shandy (Labrador Retriever) | DKC Obedience Trial(12/19/99) | Nov B | | 1 |
| " | " | " | Nov B | | 2 |
| Sharon Pitz | Michael (Golden Retriever) | DKC Obedience Trial(12/19/99) | Utility | | 1 |