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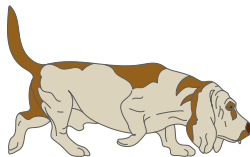
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Basset Hound: Dog of the Month



The Basset Hound is a very gentle, sweet and affectionate breed, quite stubborn at times, but very loyal. An individual who is extremely shy or aggressive is not acceptable. In trailing ability, the accuracy of his nose makes him second only to the Bloodhound.

Background: The first mention of the word "Basset" as applied to a breed of dog was in a French text of 1585. They are thought to be descended from the St. Hubert hounds bred by the friars of a French abbey of that same name. It is thought that George Washington was the owner of Basset Hounds presented to him by Lafayette. The first Basset Hounds were registered by the AKC in 1885.

Show Ring: The ideal height is under 14 inches. This breed does not have hind dewclaws and the front may be removed if desired.

Breed Disqualifications: Hounds with distinctly **long coats, knuckled over front legs** or **over 15 inches** at the shoulder are disqualified from the Standard.

Breeding and Whelping: Bassets can be slow whelpers and generally have large litters. There can be as many as 16 in a litter, but the average is 8 to 10. It is difficult to determine when a Basset has completed whelping and radiography may be necessary. Cesarean sections are not uncommon in this breed.

Red and white puppies are pale in markings at birth, the red and lemon growing deeper in color with age. At 8 weeks, the pups will weigh between 10 and 15 lbs. depending on the bone carried.

Recognized Problems: The conformation of the Basset leads to many joint problems. There is a high incidence of **shoulder and foreleg lameness, and osteochondritis dessicans**. Deformities of the **distal radius, ulna and carpal joint** are frequently seen. **Patellar luxation** is also seen. **Inguinal hernias** are considered a high risk in this breed. Some ear and eye problems are also common.

Old Age: Given good care, the Basset can be active to 12 years of age. It enjoys its food in old age and if allowed can become fat. The Basset is an easy keeper and on the average lives to 8 to 12 years.

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

March Meeting

FOOD: Our March meeting will be held on Monday, Mar. 20th. Do plan to attend and bring a dish for our potluck dinner. The club will provide beverages. Dinner will be served at 7:00 PM 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 March meeting will feature **Legal Issues** with **Vicky O'Rourke**. This presentation should be fun as well as interesting and educational. Please come and bring a friend.

Membership

NEW CANDIDATE MEMBERS TO BE VOTED ON AT THE MARCH MEETING

Nicole Casey
7822 Fawnbrook Dr.
Hillsborough, NC 27278

Coleen & Philip Elcan
5413 Ephesus Church Rd.
Durham, NC 27707

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2813 Hillside Rd.
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2813 Hillside Rd.
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Bahama, NC 27503

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DKC Members Please Note If you need a copy of any of the lists from the Orange Notebook on the lobby table please ask me for it.

Stella Maunsell

Report from DKC Nominating Committee

The proposed slate for the years 2000 and 2001 is as follows:

President	Sharon Pitz
Vice President	Jack Sappenfield
Treasurer	Emilie Beglane
Recording Secretary	Denise McDonald
Corresponding Secretary	Stella Maunsell
AKC Delegate	Lisa Connelly
Board	George Beglane, Richard Perschel Mike Wright

The Nominating Committee included: Marge White as Chairperson, Joyce McHenry, Nancy Burka and Brona Hicks.

DKC Membership Meeting Minutes

Feb. There was no meeting in February because of the Awards Dinner.

Safety Reminder

Please lock your car when you are at the DKC building. During the recent Canine First Aid Seminar, there was a theft from the cars of seminar goers.

Denise McDonald

Show-n-Go

Our first Show-n-Go for the year will be held on Saturday, March 18, 2000. Registration for Utility, Open, and Novice will be from 8:30 until 10:30 AM.

There will be a special additional registration for Novice from 12:00 until 1:00 PM. To volunteer, contact Jane Bergsten at JWbergsten@aol.com or at (919) 967-2191.

Additional dates on the DKC Show-n-Go calendar are

Sunday, May 21
Sunday, Sept 10
Sunday, Dec 10

Jane Bergsten

Agility Trials

DKC will be hosting 3 days of agility trials on Easter weekend of April 21, 22, and 23. This is a Friday through Sunday.

We will have 2 rings running simultaneously and will need lots of help, especially on Sunday. Anyone willing or able to help any or all of these days, please contact **Mary Whorton** at **471-1405** or **mhwhor@duke.edu**

No experience is necessary. **Denise McDonald has premium lists available.**

Thanks,
Mary Whorton

Upcoming Events

March 18, 2000 (Sat.)
DKC Building

SHOW-n-GO

Jane Bergsten (919) 967-2191

March 24, 2000 (Fri.)

SPRING SHOW

Connie Howard 919-309-9014

April 1, 2000 (Sat.)

DKC Building

CGC TEST

George Beglane 919-477-8874
919-905-4558(W)

April 21, 22, 23 2000

Rougemont

AGILITY TRIALS

Mary Whorton (919) 471-1405

October 21, 2000 (Sat.)

Riverside High School
Rose of Sharon Rd.

FALL SHOW

Dec.16 & 17, 2000 (Sat.&Sun.)

OBEDIENCE TRIAL

Denise McDonald 336-364-7996

CGC Test

The Durham Kennel Club will be sponsoring a CGC test. The test will take place on Saturday April 1, 2000 from 8 AM till 12 noon. I am looking for evaluators and people to work the registration table

Your help would be greatly appreciated .

Please call or e-mail me if you can help

George Beglane

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Raising Food Bowl Increases Bloat Risk

One finding from a study of bloat in dogs indicates that elevated food bowls, a current preventive method, is not helpful.

The study of more than 1,900 dogs focused on seven large breeds and four giant breeds. It has been led by Dr. Larry Glickman of Purdue University. The study began in 1994.

"The most significant finding in this study relates to preventive methods used by owners," reported the AKC Canine Health Foundation. "Raising the food bowl actually increased the risk of bloat by approximately 200 percent."

Other preventive methods used by owners were not associated with a decrease in bloat. Such measures include restricting water and exercise before and after meals.

The study confirmed that bloat risk increased with age, larger breed size, greater chest depth/width ratio and having an immediate relative with a history of bloat.

The four giant breeds studied were the Great Dane, Irish Setter, Saint Bernard and Standard Poodle. The large breeds included Akita, Collie, Irish Wolfhound, Newfoundland, Rottweiler and Weimaraner.

The study was funded by the AKC Canine Health Foundation, Morris Animal Foundation and contributions from breed clubs.

Dogs Can Be Good for Your Health

A dog is not only man's best friend, but one scientific study says Fido may be good for your overall health, too.

Earlier research linked caring for a pet to reduced stress and anxiety, lowered blood pressure, and lower rates of depression. Now, a study from the University of

Warwick, in England, says owning a dog appears to increase social interaction. That helps people feel more connected and, therefore, can help improve their general health.

Researchers sent out two study participants, one with a dog and one without. The two participants alternately dressed sharp or scruffy.

Being with a dog increased all social interactions, no matter the appearance of the dog or the person, researchers report in the Feb. 15 British Journal of Psychology.

What is it about dogs that makes socializing easier? Researchers say dogs are a safe topic for initiating conversations. "This may help us understand why pet owners are frequently reported to be healthier than nonowners," says researcher Dr. June Nicholas. "It may be that increased casual social contact can increase feelings of well-being, provide companionship and a sense of social integration."

Daily Briefings by Katrina Woznicki

Epilepsy Network

Announcing the official launch of the Canine Epilepsy Network web site! This site, sponsored by the University of Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine, provides a resource for breeders, owners, veterinarians, and researchers concerned with canine epilepsy. The site includes basic epilepsy information, an invitation to participate in Canine Health Foundation funded research into the genetics of inherited epilepsy, updates on the research, a discussion panel, and links to additional information. We invite you to visit the site at :

<http://www.cvm.missouri.edu/cen/> and welcome your comments.

Unfortunately this devastating problem can affect any breed. It is

our hope that this site can provide information for those who have an epileptic dog or have produced the problem, and the research will help concerned breeders to eliminate this problem from their breed while keeping all the good traits breeders strive for.

If you need additional information not provided in the site, or have any questions, please contact me. Thank you in advance for sharing this information with others in your breed! Liz Hansen

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THE PUPPY PRAYER

Now I lay me down to sleep,
The king-size bed is soft and deep..

I sleep right in the center groove.
My human being can hardly move!
I've trapped her legs, she's tucked in tight

And here is where I pass the night.
No one disturbs me or dares intrude

Till morning comes and "I want food!"

I sneak up slowly to begin
My nibbles on my human's chin.
She wakes up quickly,
I have sharp teeth-

I'm a puppy, don't you see?
For the morning's here
And it's time to play;
I always seem to get my way.
So thank you Lord for giving me
This human person that I see.
The one who hugs and holds me tight

And shares her bed with me at night!

~Author Unknown~

CONFORMATION SHOW REPORT

OWNER(S)	DOG'S NAME (BREED)	SHOW & DATE (1999)	CLASS	PTS	HIGHEST WIN	SPECIAL MERIT
Lisa Connelly & Charles Vance	Duncan (Border Terrier)	Westminster			BOS	
"	"	Spartanburg KC	BOB		Grp III	
"	"	Greenville KC	BOB		BOB	
"	Grace (Border Terrier)	Mighty Match (1/22/00)	Bred- by		Grp I	
"	"	Henderson KC	Bred- by	2	BOS, BOW	
"	"	Greenville KC	Bred- by	2	BOS	

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

OWNER(S)	DOG'S NAME (BREED)	SHOW & DATE (1999)	CLASS	SCORE	LEG	PLACE	SP. AWARD
There were no listings this month.							

RESCUE LIST

The Durham Kennel Club is interested in knowing the names of all those in the DKC who are involved in RESCUE. If you are one of these fine people, please contact either Stella Maunsell (919-929-8377), Betty Perschel (919-477-4381) or Sharon Pitz (919-384-9071).