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Durham Kennel Club Newsletter

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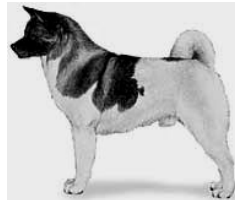
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If you want
a friend in
Washington,
buy a dog.
Harry S. Truman

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Akita: Dog of the Month



The Akita, a member of the working group, was approved by the AKC Dec. 12, 1972.

Akitas combine good nature,

dignity, courage, alertness and docility, but can be aggressive toward strange dogs. They are not destructive nor barkers and are easily trained by those who have established leadership over them.

In recent times, the uses of Akitas have broadened beyond hunting. They can pull a heavier sled load than most breeds of Alaskan dogs. They have keen noses, sight and hearing. Their feet can handle any type of terrain.

The Akita is double-coated with an under-coat that is thick, soft, dense and shorter than the outer. His outer coat is straight, harsh and standing somewhat off the body.

Background

The breed takes its name from the Akita Prefecture on the main Japanese island of Honshu, where it was originally developed and bred. The original Akita was the result of breeding the Kari, the Tosa Fighting Dog, and other breeds imported from Europe. In the beginning only royalty could own an Akita. Each dog was served by appointed attendants. Great ceremony surrounded everyday actions such as training, eating and drinking. Much spiritual significance has been attached to the Akita. The Japanese government has declared the breed a national monument of Japan and one of Japan's national treasures. Every champion dog is declared a National Art Treasure and made a ward of the government.

Show Ring:

Any color including white; brindle; or pinto is accepted, but any indication of ruff or feathering is a fault. Males are 26 to 28 inches at the withers and bitches 24 to 26 inches.

Disqualifications: Butterfly nose or total lack of pigmentation on nose, Drop or broken ears, Noticeably undershot or overshot, Sickle or uncurled tail and Dogs under 25 inches; bitches under 23 inches.

Breeding and Whelping: Akitas usually whelp easily but slowly. A litter usual averages 6, but 10 is not uncommon. Growth rates vary. Some do not reach full size until 4 years.

Recognized Problems: Hip and elbow dysplasia, congenital deafness and hypothyroid and hyperthyroid problems are not uncommon. Some Akitas are very sensitive to anesthetics and like many Japanese breeds, there is an inherited susceptibility to onion poisoning.

Old Age

Akitas usually live 15 years, and there are no aging problems peculiar for this breed. *Text from the AKC web site, Legacy of the Dog by T. Yamazaki, and Your Purebred Puppy: A Buyer's Guide by M. Lowell Picture from the AKC web site.*

September Meeting

FOOD: Our September meeting will be held on Monday, **Sept. 18th**. 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.

PROGRAM: Our first speaker this season will be **Linda Kerr**. Linda and members of the NC K9 Epileptic Group will present a program about **Canine Epilepsy**. Linda will discuss the many sides to the disease and suggest many non-medical things that can be done to prevent the seizures.

Conformation

Show handling class will begin on Thursday, October 12 and end on November 16, from 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM. Six weeks for \$50. We will offer a beginner class. To enroll, or if you have a question, call **Betty McAllister at 528-2649, after 6 PM**

Volunteers Needed Agility Trial

We will hold a 2-day Agility Trial on September 30 and October 1st at our Harris Road show site.

The trials have not filled at this time, so if you plan to enter, do so soon. Entry forms are available at the building or by contacting Richard Whorton.

As usual, we need your help to support this club function. Experience in agility is not necessary. If you can work for a few hours, a half day, or both days, please contact Mary Whorton.

This is an easy and fun way to get service credits while supporting a club function.

Call: **Mary Whorton to volunteer** or **Richard Whorton for entry forms** (Fri. Agility Match) **919-471-1405**

Fall Show-General

The Board would be very glad to have volunteers to help at the Fall Show, on Saturday October 21, 2000, as soon as possible. This will be the first time that we will hold our show at the Riverside High School grounds. All parking will be on blacktop, to cover the cost of this venue we will be charging for parking.

1. Help needed the Friday before the show (Oct. 20) from Noon till 5:00 pm. - Roping off areas. Etc.
2. Help needed on the day of the show (Oct. 21) from 6:00 am till 2:00 pm. - Collecting parking fees,

Education Table, etc. and also for all the unexpected jobs that always turn up.

3. Hospitality for the Nine Rings. Three shifts between 8:45 am. and 1:45 pm to serve Judges and Stewards coffee and cold drinks.

These services can be done on a shift basis of two or three hours, at whatever time is best for you. The more volunteers we have the easier it will be for everyone.

Please come, call **Betty Perschel at 477-4381** (leave a message and phone number) for jobs 1 and 2.

Call or e-mail **Stella Maunsell at 929-8377** maunsell@earthlink.net if you can help with number 3 the Hospitality for Rings.

Please call us.

Fall Show-Obedience

DKC. Members are needed to steward in the Obedience rings for the Fall Show on Sat. Oct 21, 2000 at the Riverside High School Durham. Show starts at 8:30 am.

Please send your name to **JUDY ORTIZ 919-967-5786** judy.ortiz@mindspring.com

Dec. Obedience Trial

We will be needing Volunteers for the December 16 and 17, 2000 obedience Trial. We really need someone to be in Charge of Prizes!! We. also, have other jobs available. Thanks,

Denise McDonald

What is a Title?

Not just a brag, not just a stepping stone to a higher title, not just an adjunct to competitive scores. A Title is a tribute to the dog that bears it, a way to honor the dog, an ultimate memorial. It will remain in the record and in the memory for about as long as anything in this world can remain. Few humans will do as well or better in that regard.

And though the dog himself doesn't know or care that his achievements have been noted, a Title says many things in the world of humans, where such things count.

A Title says your dog was intelligent, and adaptable, and good-natured. it says that your dog loved you enough to do the things that please you, however crazy they may have sometimes seemed. And a Title says that you loved your dog, that you loved to spend time with him because he was a good dog, and that you believed in him enough to give him yet another chance when he failed, and that in the end your faith was justified.

A Title proves that you dog inspired you to have the special relationship enjoyed by so few, that in a world of disposable creatures, this dog with a Title was greatly loved, and loved greatly in return. When that dear life is over, the Title remains as a memorial of the finest kind, the best you can give to a deserving friend, volumes of praise in one small set of initials before or after the name.

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Upcoming Events

Sept. 10, Dec. 10 (Sun.)(DKC)
SHOW-n-GO

Jane Bergsten (919) 967-2191

Sept. 30 & Oct.1 (Sat. & Sun.)
Harris Rd. Site

Agility Trials

Mary Whorton (919) 471-1405

October 21 (Sat.)

Riverside H.S., Rose of Sharon Rd.

FALL SHOW

Betty Perschel (919) 477-4381

November 19 (Sun.)
Quail Roost

TD/TDX Tracking Match

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

OBEDIENCE TRIAL

Denise McDonald 336-364-7996

SHOW REPORT: CONFORMATION

OWNER'S NAME	DOG'S NAME (BREED)	SHOW & DATE	CLASS	PTS	HIGHEST WIN	SPECIAL MERIT
Joanna Burley & Nancy Chew	Kate (Lhasa Apso)	New River Valley KC (8/6/00)		3	WB & BOW	Championship!!!!
Susan Jones	Ted (L H Mini Dachs)	Va. Beach KC (5/28)	BBX	3	WD/BW	New Champion!!!!
"	Flash (L H Mini Dachs)	Fla. Gulf Coast Dachs Club(7/12)	BBX	3	WD/BW	Retired BW challenge trophy
"	Ariel (L H Mini Dachs)	"	BV		BOS to BV & BB	Retired BW challenge trophy
"	Flash (L H Mini Dachs)	Midwest Dachs Club (8/18)	BBX	3	WD,BW,BOS to BV over specials	Best BBX in Show
"	Locket (L H Mini Dachs)	"	BBX	2	WB	
Terry Hamrick	Julie (Flat Coated Retr.)	Flat Coated Retr. Nat. Spec. (5/19)	Veteran 7-9 yrs		4 th place	
Lisa Connelly	Dot (Border Terrier)	Border Terrier Nat. Spec. (July)	Working Bitch		Best Working Award of Merit	
"	Duncan(Border Terrier)	"	BOB		AOM	
Sharon Pitz	Michael (Golden Retriever)	Roanoke KC (8/4)	OPEN		2 nd	
"	"	Roanoke KC (8/5)	"		4 th	
"	"	Carolina KC (8/13)	"		2 nd	Reserve Winners
"	"	Greater Hickory KC (8/13)	"		1 st	
M F Davis	Lizzy (Border Terrier)	Greensboro KC	12-18 months	2	BOS	

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
Terri Wilson	Marco (Belgian Tervuren)	DOTC of Lynchburg Herding Trial (5/13)	Herding Started Sheep	90	1	2	Reserve High in Trial <u>11 yrs old</u>
"	"	" (5/13)	Herding Started Ducks	91	1	1	High in Trial
"	"	" (5/14)	Herding Started Ducks	79	2	1	High in Trial
"	"	Buckeye All Breed Herding Assoc. (6/23)	Herding Started Sheep	92	2	2	
"	"	" (6/24)	Herding Started Sheep	89	3	4	Title: Herding Started A Sheep (HSAs)
Carol Quinlan	Sunny (Sheltie)	Burlington City KC (5/20)	Herd Started	77	1	4	
"	"	" (5/21)	"	66	2	2	

OWNER'S NAME	DOG'S NAME (BREED)	SHOW & DATE	CLASS	SCORE	LEG	PLACE	SP. AWARD
Carol Quinlan	Reno (Sheltie)	Charlotte DTC (3/11)	Nov. B	190	3	-	CD
Judy Ortiz	Bragg (Border Collie)	Burlington City KC	HA		3	5	HX!!
"	"	"	HA		4	4	
"	"	Ral DTC	Utility A	191.5	3	1	UD!!
"	Meg (Border Collie)	"	HA		2	3	
"	"	Lynchberg DTC	HA		1	2	
Sharon Pitz	Michael (Golden Retriever)	Ral DTC (5/27)	Nov B	187	4		
"	Mariah (Golden Retriever)	Asheville KC	Agility Exc B Std	91	3		
"	"	"	Agility Exc A JWW	97	1	2	
George Beglane	Bentley (Labrador Retriever)	Greater Ral DTC (5/27)	Nov B	185	3		CD!! Highest Lab in Nov
"	"	" (5/28)	Nov B	189.5	4	3	Highest Lab in Nov
Lynn Michael	Proton (Sheltie)	" (5/28)	Open A	190.5	1	2	
"	Carmen (Sheltie)	Carolina KC	Nov B	186	3	1	<u>9 yrs old</u>
"	Proton (Sheltie)	"	Open A	188	2	2	
Stella Maunsell	Marti (Standard Poodle)	Greater Ral DTC (5/28)	Utility A			2	Title
Norma Williams	Maggie	Asheville KC	Agility Open	88	1	1	
"	Georgia Dachs Ebony	"	Agility JWW	94	3	1	Title
"	Overdrive	"	No information given				
Cindy Kramer	Zak (Aust. Terrier)	NJ Beanfield	Senior Earthdog	P	3		Title
"	Steele (Aust. Terrier)	"	Master Earthdog	P x 3	2,3,4		Title
"	"	Greenville	Open		3		Title
Lisa Connelly & Charles Vance	Grace (Border Terrier)	Border Terrier Club of Amer. Agility Trial	Nov B Standard	100	1	1	1 st time n the ring!
"	"	"	Nov B JWW	100	1	4	
"	"	BTC of Amer. Earthdog Trial	Junior Earthdog	100	1	NA	
"	Dot (Border Terrier)	"	Master Earthdog	100	8+	NA	