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American Eskimo Dog: Dog of the Month

The Eskie is a loving companion dog, presenting a picture of strength and agility, alertness and beauty. It is a small to medium size Nordic type dog, always white, or white with biscuit cream. The white double coat consists of a short, dense undercoat, with a longer guard hair growing through it forming the outer coat, which is straight with no curl or wave. The AED is a good-natured breed that can be kept together and adapts to varied situations.



Background: In 1992 the AKC asked that the name be officially changed to American Eskimo Dog from "Spitz," "Eskimo Spitz" or "American Eskimo Spitz". Ancestors of what is now called the American Eskimo Dog began arriving in America about 100 years ago. The best estimate of informed breeders is that the AED included in its ancestry the white German Spitz (Weisser Grossspitz), white Keeshond, white Pomeranian, white Italian Spitz and possibly a bit of Japanese Spitz. Approved: Oct. 11, 1994; Effective: Nov. 30, 1994.

Show Ring: There are three separate size divisions of the AED (all measurements are heights at withers): Toy, 9 inches to and including 12 inches; Miniature, over 12 inches to and including 15 inches; and Standard, over 15 inches to and including 19 inches. There is no preference for size within each division.

Disqualifications: Any color other than white or biscuit cream, blue eyes or height: under 9 inches or over 19 inches.

Breeding and Whelping: They are usually easy whelpers, although occasionally a Toy may require caesarean section. Front dewclaw removal is optional. The pigment of biscuit-marked whelps darkens as early as 2 weeks, while that of solid white pups may take as long as 6 months to fully develop. Maturity is reached by 2 to 2 1/2 years.

Recognized Health Problems: Congenital abnormalities are rare in this breed. Puppy seizures are reported, but it is thought to be caused by low blood sugar as they outgrow the problem. Hip dysplasia is seen, but the OFA has not had a sufficient number to estimate its prevalence.

Old Age: Old age cataracts are seen in the American Eskimo Dog. Most live to be 16 to 18 years old.

From: Ross D. Clark, DVM & Joan R. Stainer. Medical and Genetic Aspects of Purebred Dogs, the AKC web site. Picture from the AKC web site.

October Meeting

FOOD: Our October meeting will be held on Monday, **Oct. 16th**. Do plan to attend and bring a dish for our potluck dinner with program following. 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. Dogs are welcomed in the building during the meal, but should be crated or kept in Ring 2 until dinner is over.

DKC Meeting Minutes

9-18-00--Following a program presented by DKC member Linda Kerr on canine epilepsy; the meeting was called to order by President Sharon Pitz.

Minutes from the May 15, 2000 meeting which were printed in the June newsletter will stand as printed.

Sharon welcomed all guests and members.

Thank you Terri Toohil for all of the work in the newsletters.

New air conditioning system was put in over the summer; Thank you Jeff Telander for all of the research. Thanks to George Beglane for clearing a space for the heating/air gas tank.

We have had some inquires on buying part of the Harris Road property and we are going to pursue the interest in the sale of the land. George Beglane will be handling this.

Membership: There is a list of unpaid members going around... please let these people know to pay if they want to stay current.

Member Candidates to be voted on: Laurel Williams, Michelle Miller, Beth Hutchings, Janet White and Tammy Abernathy. Congratulations all were voted in as new member candidates.

Corresponding Secretary: AKC has sent a note regarding airlines. Please read the letter which is posted in the foyer.

Treasurer's Report:

DKC Accounts as of 9/18/00:

CCB Savings(Changed from Checking)	\$23,721.15
Fowler Trophy	1,918.35
Financial Mgmt. Acct.	10,869.71
Loan Pay off	(26,286.64)

The Heat/Air units cost about \$14,000. They were 23 years old and constantly breaking down and with them being so old...it was getting hard to find parts and people to work on them.

Delegates Report: There were some bylaw changes and other things. The new obedience regulations go into effect October 1, 2000. Copies of the changes are on the table in the foyer. A full Delegates report will be in the newsletter.

Conformation Classes: These will start October 12th; please call Betty McAllister for more information.

Obedience Classes: Orientation is this Wednesday the 20th. All classes are full. We will be enforcing dogs coming in the middle doors and leaving the two side doors.

Agility: Three levels are being offered. Beginning and intermediate on Monday nights and Advanced on Thursday evenings. The Fall Agility Trials will be held at the Harris Road property on September 30th and October 1st...Please come out and watch or volunteer to help!! Please call Mary Whorton...and no experience needed!!! We need the most help between 12- 4pm on Sunday the 1st. Thank you.

Tracking: Our next test is a TD and TDX on November 19th. It starts at 9am, please call Jack Sappenfield for more information or premium lists. Experienced volunteers are needed for cross tracks!!

Tracking Classes: There is an interest in Tracking classes; the problem is that there is no land available. If a member has 5, 8, 10 or more acres of land without trees that the club could use for classes, please contact Jack Sappenfield. Jack has a tracking manual available and the land being used would be kept in the natural state as found. Thank you.

Sho N Go: One was held very successfully 2 weeks ago and another is planned December 10th.

Library: If interested in checking out books or other items, please contact Cathy Fogel.

Fall Show: The show is scheduled for October 21st at Riverside High

School. Please contact Betty Perschel if you would like to volunteer. Mike Wright will need help with parking, please contact him if this interest you. There will be two judging changes, Jack Dexter and Robert Cash will not be able to judge. A very special presentation will occur at our Show.....one of The AKC Canine Excellence Awards will be presented right before the judging of groups.

Obedience Trial: December 16th and 17th.. Tracy Fletcher is trial secretary, Sharon Pitz is chief Steward, Leslie Eufrazio is in charge of awards...If you want to bring prizes to the building, we will have a box in the store room to store them (please label what they are offered for and from whom they came). Please call if you would like to volunteer.

Building Rental: Please contact Diane Kessler for building rental arrangements.

Recycle: Please empty cans before putting in recycle container.

Following several brags the meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise D. McDonald

DKC Recording Secretary

Membership

New **Candidate Members** voted in on September 18, 2000:

Beth Hutchings

2181 Fort Creek Rd.
Franklinton, NC 27525

Michelle Miller

1600 Hall Blvd.
Garner NC 27529

Janet White

1741 Greenlevel to Durham Rd.
Durham NC 27713

Laurel Williams

4106-273 Deep Hollow Drive
Raleigh NC 27612

Tammy Abernethy

12 Jenny Circle
Clayton NC 27520

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**

Obedience

DKC Obedience Trial: Dec 16-17

---STEWARDS NEEDED---

(easy service for your club)

Please contact me @ 384-9071

If you are planning to show, I will work around your schedule. Just let me know which class you are entering. Thanks, **Sharon Pitz**

Spring Show Trophies

All trophies for the spring show are due to **Diane Kessler by Nov. 15 (919-929-1955)**.

Canine Epilepsy Sites

Here are two new web sites for canine epilepsy information:

www.canine-epilepsy.com

www.canine-epilepsy-guardian-angels.com

AKC Delegates Meeting

9/12/00-I was once again privileged to be Durham Kennel Club's representative at the September Delegates Meeting in New York City. The major order of business was the vote on proposed amendments to AKC's Constitution and Bylaws, and voting on these amendments took up most of the meeting time. The first amendment passed was a change in the wording of Article III: Objects of the Club, which moved the object of maintaining an official studbook to the top of this section. It also changed the wording which listed dog shows, obedience trials and field trials to say "dog events" to cover all of AKC's new events. Your delegate voted in favor

of this amendment. Some changes were also made to Article V: Admission Fee and Dues – instead of listing a specific dollar amount for admission fees and dues, the new bylaws say that the Board of Directors shall determine the fees, subject to approval by the delegates. Your delegate was in favor of these changes, as well. Sections of Article VII were changed so that there will now be thirteen members of the Board of Directors, rather than twelve, in order to reduce the likelihood of a tie vote on issues. Term limits were created such that no one can serve more than two consecutive terms on the board (they can serve more than two terms, but not consecutively). The president was made an ex-officio non-voting member of the board, and changes were made so that no board member may be employed by AKC (even as a consultant or on a contract basis) during their tenure as a board member and for twelve months thereafter. The number of regular board meetings was reduced from twelve to eight, so that during months when the delegates meet, the board members can fully function as delegates in attending delegate committee meetings. Your delegate was in favor of all of these changes with the exception of term limits. There were several other changes made to Articles X, XI, and XVI which basically updated the wording of some sections and defined board and executive officers. If anyone wishes to see the exact wording of these changes, please feel free to see me.

In other voting, an amendment was made to Chapter 7, Section 1 of the Dog Show Rules so that kennel employees are now considered occupationally eligible to judge, and an amendment to Chapter 14 of the Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedure for Pointing Breeds made the Spinone Italiano eligible to compete in Pointing Breed Field Trials. Your delegate was in favor of these changes. The delegate body also elected representatives to four delegate standing committees – Ricky Blackman, Dr. Robert M. Brown, Pat Laurans & Karen Mays were elected to the Parent Club Committee; Tim Catterson, Charles Foley, Gene Mills & Douglas C. Taylor were elected to the All-Breed Club Committee; Jim Ashton, Spencer Harrill, Virginia

Mayhall & Susan Sullivan were elected to the Obedience Club Committee; and Susan DeSilver, Jesse Pfeiffer & Nelson Sills were elected to the Field Trial Club Committee. In addition, the American Black & Tan Coonhound Club, the Greater Freeport Illinois Kennel Club, the Saratoga New York Kennel Club, and the United States Australian Shepherd Association were all voted in as new member clubs.

In addition to all this voting, several amendments were read which will be voted on at the December meeting, but in the interests of space I'll save discussing those until my next report. Until then, please feel free to contact me if I can provide more information or be of any help to anyone – my job is to represent the DKC, and the more input I receive, the better I can do my job!

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Connelly

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Upcoming Events

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. 10 (Sun.)(DKC)

SHOW-n-GO

Jane Bergsten (919) 967-2191

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

OBEDIENCE TRIAL

Denise McDonald 336-364-7996

Sharon Pitz 919-384-9071

From the Awards Committee:

The Awards Committee met on September 20 to begin preparations for our annual Awards Banquet honoring DKC members and their dogs. It promises to be an exciting event again this year. CRITERIA for all awards/plaques/certificates/ trophies are included in this newsletter. APPLICATIONS are available at the DKC building, the DKC website, or by calling **Jan Gray** at **919-990-1009** or **gooddogs@integrity.com** to have them mailed or faxed to you. **The DUE DATE for Trophies and Applications is Wednesday, December 20, 2000.**

Your **Committee members**, who are happy to answer any questions/concerns or take suggestions, are **Jan Gray (chair), Margaret Fox, Joanna Burley, and Carolyn Wolfe.**



Durham Kennel Club Criteria for Annual Awards

The following are descriptions of the DKC's annual awards. The award year will be from January to December. All of these awards must be applied for on the correct form. Forms are available at the DKC Building. One form per dog per award! **All forms are due by** All members and candidate members in good standing are encouraged to apply.

Individual Plaques

Given to each DKC member whose dog attains an AKC conformation, obedience, tracking, herding, or agility TITLE during the year.

Haines Show Dog Trophy

Awarded to the dog with the most outstanding conformation show record for the year, in the opinion of the Awards Committee.

Fowler Show Bitch Trophy

Awarded to the bitch with the most outstanding conformation show record for the year, in the opinion of the Awards Committee.

Kartye Stud Dog Trophy

Awarded to the owner of the stud dog whose progeny have compiled the most notable record of achievement in the opinion of the Awards Committee. Accomplishments in all AKC events are considered.

Kartye Brood Bitch Trophy	Awarded to the owner of the brood bitch whose progeny have compiled the most notable record of achievement in the opinion of the Awards Committee. Accomplishments in all AKC events are considered.
Hill Breeders Trophy	Awarded in recognition of a kennel's outstanding year. Criteria include: number of breed or better placements during the previous year; number of studs active; number of brood bitches active; number of puppies whelped; national rating of dogs of the breeder; and number of show champions bred during the preceding five years.
DKC Breeder's Certificates	Honors dogs bred by a member who obtain an AKC recognized title in any discipline.
Canine Good Citizen	Collar tags and certificates are given to each dog earning a CGC.
Thompson Obedience Trophy	Awarded to the dog who has excelled in obedience during the year, in the opinion of the Awards Committee.
Luster Novice Obedience Trophy	Awarded to the dog earning a CD title with the highest average score from the first three qualifying scores.
Telander Open A Trophy	Awarded to the dog earning a CDX title from the Open A class with the highest average score from the first three qualifying scores.
White Utility A Trophy	Awarded to the dog (owned and handled by a DKC member) earning a UD title from the Utility A class with the highest average score from the first three qualifying scores.
Grimson Tracking Trophy	Awarded for encouragement and excellence in tracking.
Pitz Agility Trophy	Awarded to the dog owned by a DKC member who excels in agility competition during the year. The winner of this award is determined by a point system depending on the number of clean runs in the classes, double q's, titles earned and mach pts the dog achieves.
Holland Versatility Trophy	Awarded to the dog who earns a conformation <i>and</i> an obedience, tracking, or agility title within a twelve month period.
BIS, 200, OTCH, MACH & National Specialty Winners	Dogs who have won these awards in the past year will have their names placed on plaques at the DKC building, and commemorative certificates will be given.

SHOW REPORT: CONFORMATION

OWNER'S NAME	DOG'S NAME (BREED)	SHOW & DATE	CLASS	PTS	HIGHEST WIN	SPECIAL MERIT
Joanna Burley	Pepper (Cocker Spaniel)	Raleigh KC (9/4)	OPEN	2	WB,BOS	
Lisa Connelly & Charles Vance	Piper (Border Terrier)	Salisbury KC	Puppy 6-9	3	BOB	1 st show!
"	"	Raleigh KC	Puppy 6-9	3	BOB	
"	Duncan (Border Terrier)	Myrtle Beach KC	BOB		BIS	1 st BIS!
Emmy Wolters	Abken's Bandit (Bouvier)	Salisbury KC	Puppy 6-9	1	WS/BOW	

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	Mariah (Golden Retriever)	PVGRC-Agility (9/16/00)	Standard Exc B	100	4		Clean Run
"	"	PVBSC-Agility (9/15/00)	Exc A JWW	88	2	4	
Hope Sylvain	Joy (French Bulldog)	French Bulldog Club of America National Specialty Hamburg, NY (9/21/00)	Open B	198		1	HIT

AKC New Hero Award

A new award will be presented by the CEO of AKC at our fall show at Riverside High School on Saturday October 21, 2000. The approximate time is early afternoon just before groups start. All details can be found at http://www.akc.org/news/ace_2000.cfm. Try and be there

The AKC has announced the winners of the first Awards for **Canine Excellence (ACE)**. Awards in five categories — Exemplary Companion Dog, Law Enforcement, Search and Rescue, Service, and Therapy — will be given annually to AKC-registered or -registrable dogs that enrich, inspire or contribute to the lives of individuals and communities. A \$1,000 cash award and an engraved silver collar medallion will be presented to honorees at AKC shows in their areas.

The Awards for Canine Excellence recipients in the following areas: **Exemplary Companion Dog** — Golden Retriever Copper, owned by Christie S. Price Cameron, of Raleigh, N.C. Nominated by Diane Divine, of Youngsville, N.C. Carolina Copper Grace Price is a 12-year-old, three-legged female Golden who, on the morning of Feb. 26, 1999, roused her human family from a sound sleep after an electrical fire broke out in their Raleigh home. Copper's heroic action saved the lives of four people, two cats, and a parrot.

Law Enforcement — Belgian Malinois Rusty, owned by Officer Sharon Burke, of Wheaton, Md. Nominated by the Spencer J. Harrill, AKC Delegate from the Capitol Dog Training Club of Washington, D.C. During Rusty's 11 years in the Montgomery County Maryland Police Department's K-9 unit, he was responsible for over 150 criminal apprehensions and seizures of more than \$1,000,000 in narcotics and currency. In addition to his distinguished law-enforcement career, this remarkable animal has done demonstration and therapy work, and has been an effective "spokesdog" before the Maryland State Legislature on behalf of his canine colleagues. Since his retirement, he has qualified in 11 AKC obedience trials and has earned his CD.

Search and Rescue — Golden Retriever Austin, owned by Officer Jim Minton, of Austin, Texas. Nominated by Cathie Newitt, director of development for Texas Hearing and Service Dogs, Inc. A classic Cinderella story: A bedraggled stray is turned in to the Houston Golden Retriever Rescue program and, after a few twists of fate, becomes an honored search-and-rescue dog. Austin's inspiring story culminates in his work at the site of the Texas A&M bonfire collapse that killed 12 people and injured 27 others.

Service — Papillon Delta, owned by Lauren Wilson, of Silver Spring, Md. Nominated by Jan Paulk, of Santa Fe, N.M. Delta is an extraordinary service dog for Lauren Wilson, who is afflicted with pseudoachondroplastic dwarfism and acute arthritis. The resourceful Pap performs dozens of household tasks for Wilson — everything from squeezing toothpaste from the tube to removing clothes from the dryer. Dying of cancer, Delta is helping to train a new service dog for his mistress. This beautiful story was reported last year on the ABC newsmagazine program 20/20.

Therapy — Whippet Willow, owned by Linda Solano, of Baltimore. Nominated by Holly Parker, coordinator of the animal-assisted therapy program at the National Institutes of Health, in Bethesda, Md. Willow is a shy, reserved Whippet who, according to her nominator, has a "unique sense of herself and an uncanny ability to connect with people when they are most vulnerable." Willow's work in a pediatric unit has a profoundly positive effect on children suffering the ravages of cancer, severe body burns and other tragic circumstances.

Please submit nominations for the 2001 Awards for Canine Excellence by June 30, 2001, to ACE c/o Ron Rella, AKC, 260 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016.

The full stories of these canine heroes will be reported in the October AKC GAZETTE: Dogs in the Service of Mankind.