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People did not choose dogs, They chose us, for better or worse.

-Stephen Budiansky "The Truth About Dogs"

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Bullmastiff: Dog of the Month



The Bullmastiff is a member of the Working Group. It has a balanced look, showing great strength, endurance, and alertness; powerfully built but active. He is fearless and confident yet docile. The dog combines the reliability, intelligence, and willingness to please required in a dependable family companion and protector. It has just enough aggressiveness to be an efficient watch dog. Members of this breed love children. They often exhibit this guard-dog behavior as puppies.

Background: The Bullmastiff is entirely British. It is a man-made breed, approximately 40% Bulldog and 60% Mastiff. The breed was developed in England by game-keepers for protection against poachers. Lacking an official breed name, it was called Gamekeeper's Nightdog or Holding Dog. The hybrid was fearless and would attack on command. The poacher was to be thrown and held, but not maled. Recognition was given to the Bullmastiff by the English Kennel Club in 1924 and by the AKC in Oct. 1933, AKC approval was on Feb. 8, 1992 (Effective Mar. 31, 1992).

Show Ring: Dogs range from 25 to 27 inches at the withers and weigh from 110 to 130 lbs. Bitches are from 24 to 26 inches at the withers and weigh 100 to 120 lbs. Other things being equal, the more substantial dog within these limits is favored. Proportion--The length from tip of breastbone to rear of thigh exceeds the height from withers to ground only slightly, resulting in a nearly square appearance.

The coat is short and dense, giving good weather protection. Colors include red, fawn, or brindle.

Breeding and Whelping: The first heat cycle may occur anytime between 6 and 16 months of age and still be considered normal. Some males are "lazy breeders" and artificial insemination is required. 70% of whelpings are normal deliveries and the average litter is 7 puppies.

Dewclaws, if any, are removed. Tails are not docked and ears are not cropped.

Breed Disqualifications: There are No Breed Disqualifications. Except for a very small white spot on the chest, white marking is considered a fault.

Recognized Problems: **Short tails, screw tails and cleft palates** are listed as birth anomalies. **Contact dermatitis, alopecia and eczema** are common complaints in this breed. **Hip and Elbow Dysplasia** are not uncommon. **Cervical vertebral malformation** is a reportedly hereditary problem in Bullmastiffs. **Cerebellar degeneration** is believed to be an autosomal recessive cerebellar disease affecting Bullmastiff puppies between 4 and 9 weeks of age.

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

December Party

Our Holiday Party is Dec 18th. In addition to socialization, this is a time to make contributions to the APS. Items need not be new, as long as they are clean and in good condition for cats or dogs.

Food is always welcomed, care supplies, towels, collars, leads, bedding and blankets, toys your pets have outgrown or lost interest in, etc.

We also need someone to deliver the items to the Durham County APS. If you can help with this, please let Sharon Pitz know. I'm sure we'll have many hands to help load your car/van at the end of the evening.

DKC Meeting Minutes

11-20-00: Following a program presented by DKC member, Shirley Sanders, on freestyle; the meeting was called to order by President Sharon Pitz.

Minutes from the October 16, 2000 meeting which were printed in the last newsletter will stand as printed.

Sharon welcomed all guests and members.

Membership/Corresponding

Secretary: No new member candidates. Two regular members to vote on: Cathy & Andrew Gottlieb - Both were approved as regular members.

Information about the new AKC Canine Health Program is on the table in the foyer.

Treasurer's Report:

DKC Accounts as of 11/20/00:

CCB Savings (Changed from Checking)	\$11,675.47
Fowler Trophy	1,834.27
Financial Mgmt. Acct.	11,325.42
Loan Pay off	(25,881.30)

Delegate's Report: There are two votes coming up on which Lisa would like input from membership. One will limit the number of member clubs to 450 total to AKC. The other one pertains to Delegate eligibility. There will be a full report in the newsletter, please read and let Lisa know your input.

Conformation: Classes have completed. The next ones will start in February.

Obedience: Classes have completed. Next session starts January 9 -10, 2001.

Agility: Next session starts January 8th. There will be Intermediate at 7pm and Advanced at 8pm.

Tracking: The test was the 19th. There were 4 TDs entered and 4 TDXs entered. All of the TD entrants passed and 1 of the TDX passed. The next test is scheduled for February.

Sho N Go: December 10th is the next one, Call Jane Bergsten if you would like to help.

Awards: Forms are out in the lobby area. Please get them in. More information will be in the newsletter about the Banquet.

Newsletter: Everyone is doing great at getting information to Terri. On show wins, please just give the dog's call name.

Fall Show: Thank you for all of your hard work Betty! And Thank you to all the Volunteers.

Spring Show: The date is March 23, 2001. We need Volunteers for Hospitality Chair, Publicity Chair and Transportation Chair. Any Trophy Donations, please contact Diane Kessler. Denise McDonald is Obedience Chair. Please contact Denise if you are interested in stewarding.

Obedience Trials: The Dates are December 16th and 17th. Please see Sharon Pitz if you are interested in helping Steward.

Program: The next program will be on Canine Separation Anxiety.

Building: Please call Diane Kessler to reserve the Building or Land.

Cleaning: Friday the 15th the building will be cleaned - Please remove crates before Thur. 14th.

Yard Sale: The yard sale is scheduled for January 13, 2001. Set up will be the Friday before and the building will be open for drop off during the week. Please save you stuff for the yard sale!!

Holiday Party: The Holiday Party is scheduled for December 18th...The Monday following the Obedience Trials. This is a time to come out and enjoy ourselves. Please bring a donation for the APS (dog/cat food or supplies) and hors d'oeuvres.

It is with sadness that we report that on October 24th one of our lifetime members, **Jane Ferguson, passed away.**

Following several brags the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise D. McDonald

DKC Recording Secretary

Membership

New **Regular Members** voted in on November 20, 2000:

Cathy & Andrew Gottlieb

Corrections to the Newsletter Member List. Please continue to give us your corrections. A new list will be printed in a few months.

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HONORARY LIFE MEMBER

Jane Ferguson, passed away on October 24' 2000 at the Forest at Duke.

Yard Sale

Please remember our Yard sale is on **Jan 13th**. Items for the yard sale can be brought to the building the week of Jan 8th in the evening from 7-9PM and left in the kitchen as classes are going on at that time.

Anyone able to help set up and price items Thur. and Fri. PM; Jan 11th and 12th, please call **Sharon Pitz @ 384-9071.**

Agenda for the Dec. 12th AKC Delegates Meeting

The following items will be up for a vote during the December meeting. Anyone wishing to comment upon them (and I welcome your comments!) please contact me by December 11th.

1. There will be a vote on a proposed amendment to Article VIII, Section 8 of the Constitution and Bylaws, which would make members of the Nominating Committee ineligible to run for the Board of Directors.

2. There will be a vote on a proposed amendment to Chapter 14, Section 10 of the Dog Show Rules which would remove the section which requires the return of ribbons after an award has been disallowed. This rule is almost impossible to enforce, creates unnecessary problems and has a negative impact on exhibitors, chairpersons, and staff.

3. There will be a vote on proposed amendments to Chapter 16, Section 3 of the Dog Show Rules, which would change the calculation of points at independent specialty shows for breeds with varieties so that any class dog that went Winners in their own variety and then went BOB in inter-variety competition would be awarded the highest number of points available in any variety at the specialty.

4. There will be a vote on proposed amendments to Chapter 16, Section 5 of the Dog Show Rules, which would allow an Amateur Field Champion and a Herding Champion to be recognized as a Dual Champion, and after that, completion of OTCH, Champion Tracker, or MACH would allow a dog to be recognized as a Triple Champion.

5. There will be a vote on the proposed amendment to Chapter

3, Section 1 of the Beagle Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures, which eliminates March deadlines and allows Beagle Field Trial Clubs to apply for an event during the course of a calendar year, using the corresponding date system.

6. There will be a vote on numerous proposed amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws which include matters pertaining to membership and delegate eligibility. These amendments are quite controversial, and I expect a lot of discussion to ensue. To cover the simplest one first, the change in delegate eligibility would allow judges who charge a fee to become delegates. Historically, the delegate body has been made up of people who do not make their living from the sport of dogs (i.e., no superintendents, no pro handlers or pro judges) since potential conflicts of interest may arise (the old fox guarding the hen house scenario). On the other hand, people who make their living in dogs have a lot of knowledge and experience that they could bring to the delegate body, so they represent an untapped pool of talent. This debate will be a hot one. The more complicated (but no less important) issue deals with restrictions on AKC membership. If adopted, this proposal would put a cap on the number of clubs allowed to be AKC member clubs such that there could be no more than 325 all-breed clubs, 50 obedience clubs, 25 field trial clubs, and 50 "other" clubs (agility, lure coursing, earthdog, etc.). The number of parent clubs would not be restricted, and a committee would re-examine the above limits every ten years to determine if they needed to be adjusted. All current member clubs would be "grand fathered" in, but could lose their member status if they failed to send a delegate to more than six consecutive meetings. There would be a second category of membership – that of associate

member clubs. An associate member club would have all of the benefits of membership except they would not be able to send a delegate to AKC meetings, and so would not have a voice in policy changes, etc. The associate member clubs could still hold AKC events and would be afforded territorial protection, a reduced fee structure for events and regular mailings sent to member clubs. If this motion passes, all new clubs must first apply for associate status before they are eligible to apply for full membership (assuming there is enough room for them). There will be no limit on the number of associate member clubs. The rationale behind this change seems to be twofold – first, the unrestricted growth of the delegate body could impede its ability to effectively function as a deliberative and rule-making assembly with open discussion. Secondly, there is a feeling amongst some at AKC that agility and some of the other performance events are growing so quickly that at some point in the future there may be a significant shift in the makeup of the delegate body such that there are more delegates from performance clubs than there are from conformation show-giving clubs. My personal feeling is that the first concern is a valid one, but the second is rather far-fetched! At any rate, my personal feelings aren't of concern here – my job is to represent DKC, so I would appreciate hearing from any members who have comments or concerns. Likewise, anyone desiring more details regarding the proposals coming up for a vote, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,
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Upcoming Events

December 10, 2000 (Sun.)(DKC)
Show-N-Go

Jane Bergsten 919 967- 2191

Dec. 16,17, 2000 (Sat, Sun)(DKC)
Obedience Trial

Tracy Fletcher 919 460-7944
Sharon Pitz 919 384-9071
Leslie Eufrazio 919 528-3786

December 18, 2000(Mon.)(DKC)
Holiday Party

December 20, 2000(Wed.)
**Awards Applications
DUE**

Jan Gray 919 990-1009

January 8, 2001 (Mon)
Agility Begins

January 9,10, 2001 (Tue, Wed)
Obedience Begins

January 13, 2001 (Sat)(DKC)
YARD SALE

February 2001
Conformation Begins

February 2001
AWARDS BANQUET

February 2001
Tracking Test

March 23, 2001
SPRING SHOW

Apr. 20- 22, 2001 (3 days)
Spring Agility Trials
Mary Whorton 919 471-1405

BREAD DOUGH a NO-NO

From: ASPCA news-alert <news-alert@list.aspc.org>

As the holidays descend upon us, there'll be many cooks in the kitchen--but don't spoil your pet by giving him bread dough. According to Jill A. Richardson, DVM, of the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center (APCC), when bread dough is ingested, an animal's body heat causes the dough to rise in the stomach. As alcohol is produced during the rising process, the dough expands. Pets who've eaten bread dough may experience abdominal pain, bloat, vomiting, disorientation and depression.

"We once had a case in which a Labrador retriever ate several rolls that the owner had placed on the oven to rise. The owner didn't think much of this, and was just upset that the dog ate part of the holiday feast," Richardson recalls. "A few hours later, the owner noticed the dog looked very lethargic. He was resistant to move, uncoordinated and was retching."

As the symptoms increased, the owner brought him to an emergency clinic, which contacted the APCC. Unfortunately, the dog's stomach was so severely distended that the only option at the time was to surgically remove the dough; he was also treated for alcohol toxicosis, caused by the fermentation of the dough. The Labrador was kept at the clinic for the weekend and recovered completely.

Although he had ingested quite a bit of dough, an animal needs to eat only a small amount to cause a problem, because bread dough can rise many times its size. Please take care not to let Fluffy or Fido in the kitchen unsupervised when you're baking this holiday season--especially if you've got a professional chowhound who's always on the lookout for food.

Addition online information is at <http://www.napcc.aspc.org>. The APCC also runs an emergency

hotline--1-888-4-ANI-HELP--that provides round-the-clock telephone assistance.

DOG BISCUITS a YES

Here is an idea for a Holiday Gift for your favorite friends. Mine really love these. *Terri*



BASIC BISCUIT

RECIPE

- 1/2 cup powdered milk
- 1 egg beaten
- 2 1/2 cups flour of choice
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. garlic powder
- 1/2 cup cold water
- 6 tbs. meat drippings or margarine

Preheat oven to 350°F (degrees F.) Mix, forming into ball. Roll out to 1/2" thick, cut into shapes, reroll scraps and repeat. Bake 25-30 min.

LIVER LUMPS (30 servings)

- 1 lb. liver
- 5 eggs
- 1 tbsp. garlic powder
- 1/2 cup whole wheat flour (approx.)

Preheat oven to 350°F. Mix liver, egg and garlic powder in food processor (or blender) until smooth. Stir in flour a little at a time until you have a thick, but pourable batter. Spread into a greased 8x8 pan. Bake until dry, approx. 30 min. Cut into 1/2" squares. Freeze and use as needed. No need to thaw unless you wish.

SHOW REPORT: CONFORMATION

OWNER'S NAME	DOG'S NAME (BREED)	SHOW & DATE	CLASS	PTS	HIGHEST WIN	SPECIAL MERIT
Emmy Wolters	Abken's Bandit (Bouvier)	Hanover KC (10/14/00)	Puppy	1	WD	
"	"	Hanover KC (10/15/00)	"	1	WD/BOW	
"	"	American Bouvier de Flanders Specialty	Puppy Sweeps 6-9 mo.		3	
"	"	"	Puppy 6-9 mo.		4	
"	"	VA Beach (11/2/00)	Puppy	2	WD/BOB	
George & Emilie Beglane	Teracraft Classic Bentley (Labrador)	Tidewater KC (11/2/00)	Open Yellow Dog	2	BOB	
Susan Jones	Ariel (Mini LH Dachs)	Desert Valley Dachs Club (11/15/00)	BV		BOS	Out of 71 Bitches!!
"	Emma (Mini LH Dachs)	"	Open Miniature		RWB	
"	"	Dachshund Club of America National Specialty (11/17, 18/00)	Open Miniature	5	WB	New Champion !!! Emma was also WB at the 1999 National Specialty.
"	Ariel (Mini LH Dachs)	Met. Wash. Dachs. Club (10/8/00)	BV		BV-Long	
"	Flash (Mini LH Dachs)	"	BBX	3	WD	
"	Micky (Mini LH Dachs)	"	Puppy		RWD	1 st Show
"	Locket (Mini LH Dachs)	"	BBX		RWB	
"	Captain (Mini LH Dachs)	"	Vet. Sweeps		Best in Veteran Sweeps!!	
"	Ariel (Mini LH Dachs)	Alabama Dachs. Club (11/4/00)	BV		BV-Long	
"	Locket (Mini LH Dachs)	"	BBX	2	WB	
"	Pluto (Mini LH Dachs)	"	Puppy		RWD to Major	
"	Locket (Mini LH Dachs)	Alabama Dachs. Club (11/5/00)	BBX	5	WB/BW	4 Specialty WB-New Champion!!!
"	Flash (Mini LH Dachs)	"	BBX		RWD to 5 pts	
Jack Sappenfield	Breeze (Weimaraner)	Alamance KC	BOB		BOB/Grp 3	
"	Hunter (Weimaraner)	"	Open Dog	1	WD/BOS	
Al & Connie Howard	Coal (Labrador)	Pasco KC (7/00)	Open	3	WD	Finished 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
Susan Jones	Penny (Mini LH Dachs)	Dallas/Ft Worth Dachs Club Field Trial	Open Bitch	27		1	
"	"	DCA Field Trial Michigan	"	5.5		2	
"	"	Badger Dachs Club	"	10.5		3	Field Trial Champion
"	"	Desmoine Obed. T C Earthdog T. (May)	Junior		1		
"	"	" (Nov.)	"		2		JE
"	"	"	Senior		1		
Tammy Abernethy	Belle (Labrador Retriever)	Obedience Club of Asheville (11/12)	Utility A	191.5	1	1	
Sandra Curtis-Powell & Phyllis Knight	Pebbles (Ch Brandywine's Rock A Bye Baby) Australian Terrier	Lumberton	Nov B	Qual.	1		
"	"	Fayetteville	Nov B	187.5	2	4	
Jane Bergsten	Larkin (Golden Retriever)	Asheville (11/12/00)	Open A	192.5	2		Great Relief!
George & Emilie Beglane	Bentley (Labrador)	RDLRC Specialty (11/17/00)	Open A		1	1	
Jan Barnett	Casey (Eng. Springer Spaniel)	Keystone KC (7/18/00)	Nov A Stan		1		
"	"	"	Nov A JWW		1	4	
"	Abigale (Eng. Springer Spaniel)	Durham KC	Tracking Trial	Passed			TD!!!
Emmy Wolters	Abken's Bandit (Bouvier)	American Bouvier Herding Test/Trial	Instinct T.	Passed			
Lisa Connelly & Charles Vance	Dot (Border Terrier)	Charlotte Agility	Open Stan.	100	3	2	OA Title!!!
"	"	"	Nov B JWW	100	2	3	
"	"	"	"	100	3	1	NAJ Title!!!
Sharon Pitz	Mariah (Golden Retriever)	Atlanta Obedience Club Agility	Std B Exc	85	9	Q	
"	"	"	Exc A JWW	91	3	2	AXJ Title!!!
Stella Maunsell	Marti (Standard Poodle)	Tidewater VA Obedience	Utility B	182		2	
"	"	"	Open B	194		4	
"	"	CCPC (11/17/00)	Utility B		3		High Combined!!
"	"	"	Open B		3		
Mary Whorton	Dipper (Border Collie)	AKC Agility Nationals	Ex B Std	100			7 th Place overall in 20" division out of 119 dogs
"	"	"	Ex B JWW	100			
"	"	"	Ex B JWW	100			
"	"	"	Ex B Std	100			
Margaret Fox	Easy (Standard Poodle))	DKC	Nov B	195	1	1	HIT!!!
"	"	CCPC Speciality	Nov B	192.5	2	1	
"	"	Lumberton KC	Nov B	193	3	1	