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Some of our treasures we place in museums, others we take for walks.
Roger A. Caras

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Shih Tzu: Dog of the Month



The **Shih Tzu** is a sturdy, lively, alert toy dog. Befitting his noble Chinese ancestry as a highly valued, prized companion and palace pet, the Shih Tzu is proud of bearing, has a distinctively arrogant carriage with head well up and tail curved over the back. Although there has always been considerable size variation, the Shih Tzu must be compact, solid, carrying good weight and substance. The sole purpose of the Shih Tzu is that of a companion and house pet and it is essential that its temperament be outgoing, happy, affectionate, friendly and trusting towards all.

Background: The **Shih Tzu** takes its name from the Chinese Shih Tzu Kou (Lion Dog). Its ancestors appeared in Tibetan recorded history as holy dogs as early as the 7th century A.D. During the Manchu dynasty (1642-1912), Shih Tzus were preferred gifts to monarchs and were bred by them. After 1908, smugglers introduced them to visitors from Great Britain. It was at first called the Tibetan Poodle or Lhasa Lion Dog by the Chinese Kennel Club, but the Shih Tzu was soon distinguished from the Lhasa Apso by English breeders. The **Shih Tzu** was first recognized by the AKC in 1968, approved on May 9, 1989; which became effective June 29, 1989.

Show Ring: Ideally, the height at the withers is 9 to 10 1/2 inches; but, not less than 8 inches nor more than 11 inches. The ideal weight of mature dogs is 9 to 16 pounds. The length between withers and root of tail is slightly longer than the height at withers. The Shih Tzu must never be so high stationed as to appear leggy, nor so low stationed as to appear dumpy or squatty. Regardless of size, the Shih Tzu is always compact, solid

and carries good weight and substance. The bite should be slightly undershot and the jaw broad and wide.

The coat is luxurious, double-coated, dense, long, and flowing. A slight wave is permissible. The hair on the top of the head is tied up. Trimming of the feet, the bottom of the coat, and the anus may be done for neatness and to facilitate movement. All colors and markings are permissible and are to be considered equally.

Breeding and Whelping: Litters average 3 to 4 puppies, each puppy weighing an average of 6 ounces at birth.

Breed Disqualifications: There are no breed disqualifications. Faults include: Sparse coat, single coat, curly coat, excessive trimming, pinkness on the nose or eye rims and *snipyness*.

Recognized Problems: The major hereditary defects of the breed are **cleft lip and palate**. **Renal cortical hypoplasia** is in some lines where symptoms begin at about 1 year.

Old Age: Shih Tzus are hardy dogs that live to be 12 to 14 years old.

From: Ross D. Clark, DVM & Joan R. Stainer. Medical and Genetic Aspects of Purebred Dogs; AKC. The Complete Dog Book (18th ed.); Michele Lowell. Your Purebred Puppy: A Buyer's Guide and the AKC web site.

May Meeting

FOOD: Our May meeting will be held on Monday, May 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 p.m. and everyone is welcome. Dogs are welcomed in the building during the pot luck dinner before the meeting, but should be crated or kept in Ring 2 until dinner is over.

PROGRAM: Eileen Bassett will be presenting the program in April entitled: **Rally Obedience**. Please come and bring a friend.

Membership

NEW CANDIDATE MEMBERS

Amanda L. (Amy) Jervis
2307 Englewood Ave.
Durham, NC 27705
919-286-5185

Gillian Goodacre
400 Deming Rd.
Chapel Hill, NC 27514
919-967-2747

APPLICATIONS FOR REGULAR MEMBERSHIP

Beth Para (Sponsors: Jack Sappenfield & Linda Kay)

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Terri Wilson
P.O. Box 279
Stillwater, OK 74076
(405) 269-6868

Mary E (Kayla) Zaragoza
1432 Poinsett Dr.
Chapel Hill, NC 27514
919-967-7720

Peggy Schmidt
1809 Wackena Road
Morrisville, NC 27560
919-467-1215

CORRECTION

Peggy Wilkinson
5690 Bob Daniel Road
Oxford NC, 27565

Stella Maunsell (4/01)

TO ALL CLUB MEMBERS

I do wish to thank all the members who have taken time to answer the mail I have sent on to you from people requesting breeder referrals.

I have had very nice messages back from these people, thanking the club members for all their help.

You are making this system work

Thank You.

Stella

Pet Photos

It's time to make reservations for your pet photos. Photographer Eric Lupton /Visual Image Pet Photographer from Greensboro, **will be at DKC Sat., June 16th.**

If interested.....

-appointments are required
-a \$6.00 non-refundable deposit is due when the appointment is made
-the above deposit WILL BE applied to the \$6.00 sitting fee per dog, and/or per dog and per person

-Eric will take 3 different poses which will be available in several different packages ranging in price from \$29-\$84

-many props will be available
-approximately 2 weeks after the photo session, your pictures will be available to purchase (not the proofs; the pictures)

-Non DKC members are welcomed to participate

If interested in making an appointment, contact :

Sharon Pitz, 919-384-9071
(Please speak slowly and clearly if leaving a message. My answering machine sometimes get garbled messages which can't be returned.)

-State preference of time for the appointment in hour increments, as 10-11, 11-12, as early or as late as possible.

-Appointments start at 10 AM. and will be scheduled every 10 min. per every 2 dogs, a few more minutes for your 3rd or 4th dog. He really gets good shots fast, so please be on time. If late, we'll take the next person/dog waiting.

-I'll try to get you as close to your preferred time as possible.

-Your appointment time will be confirmed once I get your Non-refundable deposit (to be applied to your sitting fee).

Make your \$6.00 deposit check payable to:

**Visual Image Photography.
Send to: Sharon Pitz, 3124
Marywood Dr., Durham, 27712
(or catch me after classes)**

DEADLINE FOR Pet Photo APPOINTMENTS: June 1st

Agility Trial Report

DKC successfully hosted 3 days of agility trials April 20-22. We had over 1300 runs with numerous DKC members both helping and competing. Many legs were earned. We also provided the opportunity to have dogs officially measured for agility height cards and 130 dogs were measured. It was a busy 3 days, but thankfully the weather cooperated and we received many compliments on how well the trials were run. By the time we got the equipment back to DKC and unloaded on Sunday afternoon, we were a very tired bunch of club members. Thanks to all who helped out in any capacity. The names are too numerous to list as there were over 80 volunteers covering various jobs over the 3 days. But an extra special thanks to the trial secretary, Richard Whorton, who handled all these entries and spent dozens of hours preparing and mailing all the premium lists, catalogs, running orders, armbands, scribe sheets, gate boards, confirmation letters, and more. It was an enormous job.

Mary Whorton

Trial Chairman

Agility Demo

AKC has asked us to put on an agility demonstration after one of the Carolina Mudcats games on May 20. In return, **the Mudcats will give DKC \$500.** We will need to transport just a few pieces of equipment to Zebulon and the demo will take place after the game. If anyone is interested in participating, please e-mail **Mary Whorton at mhwhor@duke.edu** or call 471-1405

Award Winners

Luster Novice Obedience
--**Broad Reach Diesel CD**

Open A
--**Carocal Dakota Autumn Love CDX HSAs AX AXJ**

Utility A
--**Windward Put To The Test MX MXJ UD**

Thompson Obedience
--**Broad Reach Diesel CD**

Pitz Agility
--**MACH OTCH Tystar Little Dipper UDX MX MXJ**

Grimson Tracking
--**Homestead's Pride n'Joy TD**

Kartye Brood Bitch
--**CH Dunraven Dorothy Parker ME OA NAJ**

Kartye Stud Dog
--**CH Calirose Prize Patrol ME OA NAJ**

Hill Breeders Trophy
--**Lisa Connelly and Charles Vance**

Haines Show Dog
--**CH Dunraven Dunn and Bradstreet**

Holland Versatility
--**CH Dunraven Dressed To Kill NA NAJ JE**

DKC Service Awards
--**Mary Whorton, George Beglane**

DKC Good Sportsmanship Award
--**Joanna Burley**

Large Wall Plaques (not a trophy) in the DKC building:

Best In Show
--**CH Dunraven Dunn and Bradstreet**

Master Agility Champion
--**MACH OTCH Tystar Little Dipper UDX MX MXJ**

Individual Plaques:

- 13 Champions
- 16 CD
- 7 CDX
- 5 UD
- 1 UDX
- 2 TD
- 1 HT
- 1 PT
- 1 HS
- 2 HSAs
- 1 HSAd
- 2 HX
- 2 HC
- 3 JE
- 1 SE
- 2 ME
- 1 FC (Mini Longhaired Dachshund)
- 13 NA
- 4 OA
- 5 AX
- 15 NAJ
- 7 OAJ
- 4 AXJ
- 1 MACH

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gooddogs@integrity.com

Toy Danger

A pet toy, the Wiggly Giggly ball is a hidden danger as it contains zinc-coated whistles encased in plastic. The ball packaging gives no warnings as to metal contents, so it appears rather safe. The toy was featured on the Oprah Winfrey show last Christmas season and received the 1999 Toy of the Year award. It's a rugged green ball, without batteries, decorated with paw prints and makes amusing noises. The exact same ball has been marketed for children, but lacks the paw prints.

If a pet should ingest metal (confirmed by x-ray), it is to be considered a MEDICAL EMERGENCY and extracted immediately via endoscope or surgery.

Gene Therapy Restores Dog Vision

AP: April 30, 2001, NEW YORK - Using gene therapy, scientists have restored vision in dogs with a version of a rare disease that blinds human infants. The work may lead to treatments for several genetic forms of blindness. The dogs had a version of Leber congenital amaurosis, an untreatable condition that causes near total blindness in infancy. Perhaps 10,000 Americans have it, and about 1,000 of them have the particular genetic defect corrected in the dogs, said researcher Dr. Jean Bennett.

The dogs were blind because they lacked a particular gene. Without it, their eyes could not make a pigment necessary to perceive light. The therapy was designed to deliver working copies of the gene to their eyes. Researchers used eye surgery to deliver a dose of the gene, carried by a virus that deposited the gene within eye cells. Four months after treatment, several tests showed the animals had regained at least some sight in the treated eye.

Bennett, an associate professor of ophthalmology the University of Pennsylvania, and colleagues report their experiments on three Briard dogs in the May issue of the journal Nature Genetics.

DKC Membership Meeting

4/16/01: The Minutes were not available for the newsletter.

Upcoming Events

May 6, Sept. 23, Dec. 9, 2001

SHOW-N-GOs

Jane Bergsten 919 967-2191

SHOW REPORT: CONFORMATION

OWNER'S NAME	DOG'S NAME (BREED)	SHOW & DATE	CLASS	PTS	HIGHEST WIN	SPECIAL MERIT
Philip & Colleen Elcan	Leia (Flatcoat)	Alamance KC (3/22)	9-12mo	1	WB	
"	"	Fayetteville KC(3/25)	9-12mo	2	WB	
Susan Jones	Jewel (LH Mini Dachs)	Danville KC (3/20)	BBX	3	BW	
"	"	Carolina KC (3/21)	BBX	5	BW	
"	Candy (LH Mini Dachs)	Fayetteville KC(3/25)	BBX	3	WB	
"	"	Salisbury KC (3/26)	BBX	1	BW/BOS	Over Special
"	Flash (LH Mini Dachs)	Chesapeake KC-MD (4/7)	BBX	1	BV	NEW CHAMPION!
"	Jewel (LH Mini Dachs)	Virginia KC (4/8)	BBX	3	BV	NEW CHAMPION!
"	Emma(LH Mini Dachs)	Baltimore Dachshund Club (4/20)	BV		BV Long, BOS to BB	
"	Casey(LH Mini Dachs)	Baltimore Dachshund Club (4/20)	12 to 18mo		Best in Sweeps, RWB	
"	Pluto (LH Mini Dachs)	Baltimore Dachshund Club (4/20)	12 to 18mo	3	WD	
Lisa Connelly & Charles Vance	Piper (Border Terrier)	Alamance KC (3/22)	Bred-by	2	WB	
"	"	Durham KC (3/23)	Bred-by	2	BOW	
"	"	Raleigh KC	Bred-by	3	BOW	3 rd Major!
"	"	Montpelier Border Terrier Rally	12-18mo	-	BOB	Entry of over 40 bitches
Tina Thomas	Mary Ann (Dalmatian)	Dalmatian Club / Piedmont (4/6)	BBX	4	WB	
"	Belle (Dalmatian)	Durham KC (3/23)	6-9mo	3	WB	

Sharing Dog Love

Northwood Nursing and Rehabilitation Center on Carver Street in Durham (behind the Golden Corral on Roxboro Street) would like to have Pet Therapy visits. Weekends would be fine or any time during the afternoon or early evening. If any DKC members are interested, please call Linda Frazier at Northwood (471-4558). She will need an immunization record from your veterinarian and would like to meet your dog before the visits begin. Please think about sharing a little dog love with those who are missing it.

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
Lisa Connelly & Charles Vance	Dot (Border Terrier)	Charlotte Agility	Open JWW	100	1	2	
"	"	Danville Agility	"	97	2	2	
"	"	Gr. Columbia Obed. Club Agility	Ex. A Standard	93	1	4	
"	Grace (Border Terrier)	Charlotte Agility	Open Standard	100	3	1	OA Title
"	"	"	Open JWW	100	2	1	
"	"	"	"	100	3	2	OAJ Title
"	"	Danville Agility	Ex. A Standard	100	1	1	
"	"	Gr. Columbia Obed. Club Agility	"	97	2	1	
"	"	"	"	94	3	2	AX Title
"	"	"	Ex. A JWW	97	1	3	
Norma Williams	Maggie (Dachshund)	Danville Agility	Ex. A Standard	100	1	1	
"	"	Merrimac Agility	"	100	2	1	
"	"	"	"	100	3	1	AX Title
"	"	"	Ex. A JWW	97	1	1	
Colleen Elcan	Pixie (Flatcoat)	Danville KC Agility Trial (3/18)	Novice Std A	95	2	2	
Philip Elcan	"	Lumber River Retriever Club Hunt Test (3/31)	Junior Hunter	qualified	1		
"	"	" (4/1)	"	"	2		
Cindy Luster	Benni (GSD)	Tarheel All Breed Training Club (9/30/00)	Novice B	190	1		
"	"	Carolina DTC (3/17)	"	193.5	2	4	High scoring GSD in Novice A & B and high scoring GSD in Regular classes
"	"	" (3/18)	"	195	3	4	
Joanna Burley	Jimmy (Cocker Spaniel)	DKC Agility Trial (4/21)	Novice Std	100	3	3	NA Title
	Sophie (Cocker Spaniel)	"	"	100	3	1	NA Title
	Jimmy (Cocker Spaniel)	DKC Agility Trial (4/22)	Novice JWW	95	3	2	NAJ Title
Sharon Pitz	Mariah (Golden Ret.)	DKC Agility Trial (4/20)	Exc B JWW		1		
"	"	DKC Agility Trial (4/21)	"		2		
"	"	"	Standard				Clean run/ Double Q
"	"	DKC Agility Trial (4/22)	"				Clean run/ Double Q
"	"	"	Exc B JWW		3		MXJ

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