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Durham Kennel Club Newsletter

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*Why a dog?
In short, to love
and be loved.
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Boxer : Dog of the Month



The **Boxer** is a member of the Working Group and was first recognized by the AKC in 1904. He is a great family dog, fearless and loyal, but also stubborn under force. Consistent, quietly enforced commands are most effective, for he is happy to please when guided.

Background: The **Boxer** was developed through many years of diligent breeding of bulldogs and terriers in Germany. The breed gets its name from its manner of fighting. It has a tendency to begin an encounter by rising on its hind legs and striking out with its forepaws.

The first **Boxer** was registered by the AKC in 1904; the current standard was approved in March of 1989.

Show Ring: Adult males should measure 22½ to 25 in. at the withers; females 21 to 23½ in. Preferably, males should not be under the minimum nor females over the maximum. However, proper balance and quality in the individual should be of primary importance since there is no size disqualification. The body in profile is of square proportion.

The coat is short, shiny, lying smooth and tight to the body. The colors are fawn and brindle. Fawn shades vary from light tan to mahogany. The brindle ranges from sparse, but clearly defined black stripes on a fawn background, to a heavy concentration of black striping.

The **Boxer's** bite is generally under-shot. Extra incisors are more common than missing teeth and are desirable because they add width to the lower jaw. Tug-of-war games are not recommended because the bite is so important.

Breeding and Whelping: Eight months to 2 years of age is not unusual for first estrus, nor is a regular

interval of 8 to 11 months between estrus cycles. Although Boxer bitches seldom have difficulty during gestation, the incidence of cesarean sections is higher than that of other working breeds. The dam should be assisted in severing umbilical cords. Boxer bitches often carry puppies tucked up in the rib-cage. A radiograph may be advisable after delivery of what is believed to be the last pup. The average weight of newborn pups is 10 to 16 oz. Tails are generally docked when the pup is 5 to 7 days old and the ears at 8 weeks.

Breed Disqualifications: Boxers that are any color other than fawn or brindle and Boxers with a total of white markings exceeding one-third of the entire coat.

Recognized Problems: **Gingival hyperplasia, dermoid cysts, unilateral cryptorchidism, intervertebral disc degeneration, ulcerative keratitis "boxer ulcer", gastric torsion, and hypothyroidism** are some reported problems.

Old Age: **Boxers** do not lose their tolerance and good nature with age. Life expectancy is usually 8 to 9 years.

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.

September Meeting

FOOD: Our September meeting will be held on Monday, **Sept. 17th**. Do plan to attend and bring a dish for our potluck dinner and **bring your Dog Photography Session Photos, too..** 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 **Dr. John Sherman**. He will be telling us about, VetHab, his new veterinary practice specializing in animal rehabilitation. For more information before our meeting see his web site: www.vethab.com and read Marge White's first hand account of Cody's therapy visits to VetHab in this newsletter issue.

Membership List Changes

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Note from Terri Wilson

Hello!

I just wanted to let everyone know that I have finally moved into my new home in Oklahoma, complete with phone number and internet access again. [see above]

It is so GREAT to have a home again!

I have a beautiful new home (1600 sq ft doublewide) on 20 acres. Most of it is lovely pasture, but in the front is a couple of acres with very large, old trees where I have put the trailer.

The sheep made it here just fine, and the dogs are settling in to the new home just fine. We bought some guineas and even they are getting comfortable with the new place.

I have a good job at Conoco supporting their UNIX servers. It's about 30 miles from the house in Ponca City. Morrison is right next to Stillwater where the university and vet school are. I haven't made it to any dog shows yet, but Ruenette went to one in Missouri

and met lots of Australian Cattle Dog folks there.

I'm getting more herding judging assignments - hope to see some of you there!

I hope everyone is doing well and all your dogs are happy and healthy.

Take care!, Terri Wilson & family

DKC Membership
DUES Renewal

2001 - 2002

AS OF AUG. 15, 2001,

THERE ARE **85**

MEMBERS WHO HAVE FORGOTTEN TO PAY THEIR DUES.

PLEASE LOOK AT THE ADDRESS ON THIS NEWSLETTER!

IF IT HAS -  ON IT,

YOU ARE ONE OF THE UNPAID MEMBERS, and this will be your LAST NEWSLETTER.

Please fill out the form at the end of the Newsletter as soon possible. DKC does not want to loose you as a member.

Questions can be directed to Joanna Burley, Membership Chair at 919-479-7011 or joburl@aol.com.

Conformation Classes

Conformation classes will begin on Thursday, October 11th, 7:30 to 8:30. Six (6) weeks for \$50. To register, please call Betty McAllister after 6 PM at 528-2649.

New Program Chair

Marge White is our new Program Chairperson.

DKC Fall Show

Our **fall show** will be held on **Saturday, October 20** at the **Orange County Speedway**. This is our fourth show site is an many years and our attendance is down accordingly.

We need **EVERYONE'S** help to make this show a success so that exhibitors will come back to our show. The following is a list of specific opportunities that are available:

- * Obedience Stewards
- * Announcer/Catalog Sales
- * Boy Scout or Cub Scout or Girl Scout Troop for trash and "other" pickup - they will be compensated
- * Parking Helpers - Friday 12pm-12am and Saturday 6am-6pm
- * Grounds Crew - Friday 8am-12pm and Saturday 6am-6pm
- * Hospitality - day of show and airport pickup

All help can be provided in two hour increments and can be worked around your showing schedule. There will be sign up sheets at the building or you can contact one of the show committee members -

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| Peggy Schmidt | 467-1215 |
| Show Chair | |
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| Trophies | |
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| Advertising | |
| Terese Villa | 496-3563 |
| Concessions | |

Public Education Event at the Museum of Life & Science

Stella and Marge are organizing another outing for our club, similar to the Northgate affair.

It is going to be at the Durham Museum of Life and Science on Sun., Oct. 7 in the afternoon and we will start setting up at noon.

If you didn't participate in the last outing, you missed a really great event. Every type of dog related activity was featured and the public (as well as our club members and their canine friends) had a wonderful time. We will need as many members as possible with their dogs to answer questions. **Please join us.** For more information, please call Stella or Marge at:

Stella Maunsell 919-929-8377
Marge White 919-542-1718

Veterinary Rehabilitation Has Come to Our Area

Some of you know that Cody, my German Shepherd Dog, had orthopedic surgery performed right after the first of the year. This was done to relieve hip discomfort caused by hip dysplasia. Considering Cody's age and his general physical condition, the type of surgery recommended was a triple pelvic osteotomy. On Jan. 2nd, the first hip was operated on and after about 6 weeks of recovery, the second hip was done. Cody's recuperation and recovery were uneventful (I can say that now!) and he gave new meaning to the phrase "ideal patient." He made my job much easier than it might have been.

While he was recovering from his second surgery, DKC member, Cecillia Reeder, called to tell me that a young veterinarian was planning to open a veterinary rehabilitation practice in Raleigh and Cecillia felt that I should know this. My reaction was, WOW! I contacted the veterinarian at his home (his practice was still being

formed) and he and I agreed that when Cody was actually ready for rehabilitation and his practice was open for business, we would talk again.

The owner and practitioner of VetHab is Dr. John Sherman. John is a Labrador Retriever enthusiast and is actively involved in field trials with his dogs. In that capacity, he has seen how dogs can injure themselves and felt that there was a need for some type of animal rehabilitation in our area. The timing of his opening and Cody being ready for rehabilitation couldn't have been better and Cody became one of John's first patients.

Cody's introduction to rehab was on an underwater treadmill. Cody and I met with John three times each week for a period of two months. After the first couple of visits, Cody was worked twice each visit with a rest period of a couple of hours in between workouts. The time that Cody was in the treadmill water tank was gradually increased and the water level was lowered as he became stronger and his stamina increased. The machine also was inclined to challenge him even more. Cody's strength and stamina seemed to increase with each visit. As his workouts increased not only in time, but in difficulty; Cody also was worked on a land treadmill. Cody accepted all of this very willingly and seemed to enjoy his time spent with John. After greeting John, he would usually run for a toy and then try to push his way into the water tank.

John is trying new equipment and I'm sure more will be added as it becomes necessary and as John feels the need for additional pieces. Several DKC members have been aware of where Cody and I have been spending our time and asked that I write something for the newsletter. There are other DKC members who have been working with John and I'm sure that number will increase as his

practice becomes more widely known. I was impressed with John and felt very comfortable having him lay out a plan for Cody's rehabilitation. With Agility taking off as it has, along with the other physical activities that we ask our dogs to perform, I feel that John is going to become quite busy in a very short time. I admire John's spirit and his confidence in opening a practice that is a bit different. I certainly recommend him as I know that I could not have gotten Cody to his present state of physical well-being without John's help.

VetHab is located close to the Angus Barn and is just off of Hwy. 70. John has a web site at www.vethab.com.

Marge White

[John Sherman, DVM will be our speaker for the Sept. meeting.]

Upcoming Events

Sept. 23, Dec. 9, 2001, DKC
SHOW-N-GOs

Jane Bergsten 919 967-2191

Sept. 29&30, 2001, Harris Rd.
Agility Trials

Richard Whorton 919 471-1405

Oct. 7, 2001
Museum of Life & Science
Education Program

Stella Maunsell 919-929-8377
Marge White 919-542-1718

Oct. 11, 2001, DKC
Conformation Begins
Betty McAllister 528-2649 (6 PM +)

Oct. 20, 2001
Orange County Speedway
DKC Fall Show
Peggy Schmidt 919 467-1215

SHOW REPORT: CONFORMATION

OWNER'S NAME	DOG'S NAME (BREED)	SHOW & DATE	CLASS	PTS	HIGHEST WIN	SPECIAL MERIT
Lisa Connelly & Charles Vance	Grace (Border Terrier)	Border Terrier Club of America National Specialty (June 7-9)	Working Bitch		BOB	
"	Dot (Border Terrier)		BOB		JAM (Judge's Award of Merit) 1 of 6 given	
"	Eddie (Border Terrier)		Vet. 7-10		Best Veteran in Sweeps	
"	Piper (Border Terrier)		BBX		1 st place	24 in the class!!
Philip & Colleen Elcan	Leia (Flatcoat)	Asheville KC (6/16/01)	12-18 mo.	1	BOS	
"	"	Asheville KC (6/17/01)	12-18 mo.	1	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
Sharon Pitz	Mariah (Golden Ret.)	Asheville KC Agility Trial (6/16/01)	Ex B Std	100		3	Double Q
"	"	Asheville KC Agility Trial (6/16/01)	Ex B JWW	100	5	3	
"	"	Asheville KC Agility Trial (6/17/01)	Ex B Std	100		2	
Judy Ortiz	Bragg (Border Collie)	Moore County KC	Open B	194.5		1	3 rd UDX leg HIT H Comb.
"	"	"	Utility B			1	
"	"	Asheville KC Agility Trial	Open B	195.5		3	4 th UDX Leg High Comb.
"	"	"	Utility B			4	
Stella Maunsell	Marti (Std. Poodle)	Danville KC Agility Trial	Nov JWW		2	2	
Philip Elcan	Pixie (Flatcoat)	Sandlapper GRC WC/WCX Test (4/21/01)	WC	Qualified			WC Title
Philip Elcan	"	Dogwood Retriever C. Hunt Test 4/28/01)	Junior Hunter	Qualified	3		
Philip Elcan	"	Yadkin River Waterfowl & Retriever C. Hunt Test (5/5/01)	Junior Hunter	Qualified	4		JH Title
Colleen Elcan	"	FCRSA Nat. Spec. Agility Trial (6/3/01)	Novice A JWW	85	1	2	
Philip Elcan	"	FCRSA Nat. Spec. Unsteady Singles Championship (6/12/01)	USS-A				JAM
Philip Elcan	Gander (Flatcoat)	FCRSA Nat. Spec. Unsteady Singles Championship (6/12/01)	USS-A				JAM

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Please fill out the form below and let me have it with your check as soon as possible. Then you will continue to receive the Newsletter. DKC does not want to loose you as a member.

JOANNA BURLEY
9719 ROUGEMONT ROAD
BAHAMA, NC 27503

P.S. This is 2 more than last year.

Single Membership.....\$20.00, Family Membership.....\$30.00, Junior Membership.....\$ 1.00
Single Member Candidate.....\$10.00, Family Member Candidate.....\$15.00

Questions? Phone 919-479-7011 or email joburl@aol.com

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Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Membership: Single Member _____ Single Candidate _____ Junior _____
 Family Member _____ Family Candidate _____ Hon Life _____

Breed(s) owned: _____

May we refer breed inquiries to you? yes _____ no _____

Activities (check all that apply):

- Conformation Obedience Agility Tracking Earthdog Herding Hunt/Field Trials
- Coursing Terrier Trials Carting Water Freestyle Therapy Breed Rescue

Other Activities: _____

2001-2002 Office held and/or Committee member:

