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Durham Kennel Club Newsletter

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What is a dog?

Q *Wisdom in a fur coat and whiskers.*

u *Grace and humor on four paws.*

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Adapted from a poem by Pam Reinke

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Mastiff: Dog of the Month



The **Mastiff** is a member of the Working Group and was first recognized by the AKC in 1885. He is a gentle friend to man by nature, always serving as man's watchdog and loyal companion. This is a dog who likes being around people. He needs their company and bonds close with his family, but may be aggressive with other dogs. Mastiffs are extremely sensitive, devoted and eager to please. Because of his size, he needs room to move, but is content to sit in the house all day if the family is there.

Background: Mastiff refers to a group of large, square-muzzled dogs that have been used for fighting, hunting and guarding since the days of the Roman Empire. In England during the Middle Ages, it was required that one Mastiff be kept for every two peasants, so the breed developed as a family dog. The **Mastiff** was approved by the AKC on November 12, 1991 which became effective December 31, 1991.

Show Ring: Dogs must be a minimum of 30 in. at the shoulder and bitches a minimum of 27½ in. at the shoulder. The proportion is rectangular; the length of the dog from forechest to rump is somewhat longer than the height at the withers. The height of the dog should come from depth of body rather than from length of leg.

The outer coat is straight, coarse, and of moderately short length. The undercoat is dense, short, and close lying. It should not be so long as to produce "fringe" on the belly, tail, or hind legs. Coat colors are fawn, apricot, or brindle while the muzzle, ears, and nose must be dark in color, the blacker the better. A scissors bite is preferred, but a moderately undershot jaw should not be faulted providing the teeth are not visible when the mouth is closed.

Breeding and Whelping: Mastiffs mature slowly and should not be used

for breeding until they are 2 years old. Bitches usually come into first estrus at 11 to 12 months. Ovulation is irregular (7th to 21st day) and gestation ranges from 60 to 67 days. Five puppies are an average litter, although litters of up to 14 have been reported. Many bitches experience *uterine inertia* after whelping 1 or 2 puppies. Supervised exercise is essential for proper muscle tone. At birth the pups weigh from 1 to 1.5 pounds.

Breed Disqualifications: None.

Faults: Dogs or bitches below the minimum standard, lack of substance or slab sided, straight stifles, long or wavy coat, excessive white on the chest or white on any other part of the body, mask, ears, or nose lacking dark pigment, snipiness of the muzzle.

Recognized Problems: Obesity, elbow dysplasia, ectropion and persistent pupillary membranes, vaginal hyperplasia, and bloat are some reported problems.

Old Age: Arthritis, nephritis and heart problems are the ailments that commonly affect aging Mastiffs. The average lifespan is 9 to 10 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.

October Meeting

FOOD: Our October meeting will be held on Monday, **Oct. 15th**. 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 speaker **Cheri Miller**, AKC Tracking Judge and Schutzhund enthusiast, will join us to explain the duties of being a Breed Warden and how the program works to maintain working ability, desired temperament and character in certain breeds. Cheri will also address European registries and how they relate to the AKC system of registering dogs.

Membership

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DKC Membership Meeting

9/17/01: Following a presentation by Dr. John Sherman, VetHab, on physical rehabilitation for canines; the meeting was called to order by President Jack Sappenfield.

President Jack Sappenfield welcomed guests and members to the first meeting of the year.

The membership was asked to take a moment of silence for the victims of the attacks on the United States.

Minutes from the May 12, 2001 meeting were approved as submitted.

Photographs from the pet photographer that the club had are on display on the card table by the front doors; please take time to look at these.

Corresponding Secretary: Notices have been put in the lobby. AKC legislation information is posted on the bulletin board.

Treasurer's Report: DKC Account Balances as of 9/17/01:

CCB Savings	\$21,166.24
Fowler Trophy	1,917.21
Fin. Mgt. Acct.	30,308.00
Loan Payoff	(18,507.11)

The accounts seem high as we have Agility trial entries, Membership fees and Obedience class fees coming in, but not the associated expenses as of yet.

AKC Delegate: The meeting in Newark, NJ 09/11/01 was adjourned

shortly after starting due to the World Trade Center attacks. AKC has purchased a portable x-ray machine for use of injured Search & Rescue dogs working at the World Trade Center site. AKC has also set up a \$50,000 Humanitarian Relief Fund and a \$50,000 Disaster Relief Fund.

AKC is also working with Dog Food companies to donate food and supplies.

Membership: Martha Klopfer, Deborah Wales and Mary Ann Hannan were voted on and approved as new Candidate Members. John and Sharon Smith were read as Reinstated Members. Kayla Zaragoza, Molly Zaragoza and Michel Miller were all voted on and approved as new Regular Members. Congratulations to all the new members!!

If you have not paid your dues – You may do so tonight. Reminder that membership information is in the mailbox under the bulletin board.

Conformation: Classes start October 11th. There will be a Beginner class from 7:30 to 8:30. Maria Walker will run a Puppy Play group for members' puppies that are 3 – 6 months of age. This will take place in the opposite ring of the beginner class and last about 30 minutes. This is for members only and there is no charge.

Obedience: Classes are full. They are starting this week on the 18th with orientation on the 19th.

Agility: We have a new 12-foot dog walk. We are in the third week of classes with two (Intermediate I and Intermediate II) being on Monday night and a Run through class on Thursday night. Our Agility Trials are the 29th and 30th – We filled opening day!! We still need some workers; please call Denise McDonald if you are willing to help.

Tracking: Our next test will be held on November 18th. We will be offering 4 TD and 4 TDX tracks. We need food donations, please contact Jack Sappenfield.

CGC: There is a test planned for the Fall. George has sent his paperwork in to become an evaluator.

Equipment: Please, when selling links for the prong collars, do not take apart the collars...there are links that can be sold separately. We have two new sets of obedience jumps.

Sho N Go: Sunday, September 23rd is the next one. We need help with stewarding. Another Sho N Go is scheduled for December 9th.

Newsletter: E-mail information for the newsletter. Deadline is the 20th.... Please send the information to Terri Toohil.

Fall Show: The show will be held October 20th at the Orange County Speedway. We still need Volunteers. We really need people to help with ring hospitality and Obedience stewards. There are sign up sheets in the lobby. Please contact **Liza Williams** for Obedience stewarding. The Eye Clinic will only be for half a day this year...from 8am – 12noon or 9am – 1:00pm. For the 2002 Fall show, we have all the Judges lined up. For 2003, Please send any suggestions to **Peggy Schmidt**. This is for breed and obedience. **Chris Rassmuson** is in charge of advertising and Emilie will be taking the money for her tonight.

Spring Show: We will be contacting the past Chairs to see if they would like to continue on for this year. We will need a new Transportation Chairperson. We will keep recruiting up through March!

Programs: October is to feature Sherry Miller who will speak on the Responsibilities of being a Breed Warden and the methods of European Regulations as compared to AKC Regulations. November will feature Mike Baker and the Durham Police Department Canine Unit.

Social: We will have our Christmas Social in lieu of a regular meeting the third Monday in December.

Breeder Referral: We need a new person for this job. If you are interested, please contact Jack Sappenfield.

Building/Land Rental: We have had an increase in the number of rentals. These are to be dog-related events only.

Yard Sale: We will only have one and it will be in January. Start saving all of your stuff to donate to the DKC yard sale. It will be held either the 2nd, 3rd or 4th Saturday in January. Watch the Newsletter for information.

Education: We are in need of a new Education Chairperson. The job would include having an Education table set up at DKC events, visitations & etc.

Please contact Jack Sappenfield if you are interested.

Unfinished Business: Canine Learning Experience - We need volunteers. A List for volunteers is being passed around. Please sign up!! Stella passed around a flyer about this day.... Please take flyers and post at local businesses. There will be an Obedience demonstration, a tracking demonstration, videos on Agility and AKC dog & safety will be running; there will be different breeds available and etc. This will be on Saturday, October 7th from 1:30pm – 4:45pm. Please contact Stella Maunsell if you would like to volunteer.

New Business: Proposal for DKC Expansion – A letter explaining the proposal was e-mailed to the membership and passed out at this meeting. Following discussion, Richard Perschel made a motion that we proceed with the planned expansion project, as funds are available. Marge White seconded the motion. The membership approved the motion.

Budget: Following discussion, Sharon Pitz made a motion to accept the Budget as presented. Marge White seconded the motion. The membership approved the motion.

Following several brags, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise McDonald
DKC Recording Secretary

Conformation

We will have a beginner conformation class beginning October 11th, 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM. The class will run 6 weeks and the cost is \$50.

Also, we will offer at no cost to DKC members, a puppy play group the same nights as the beginner class, from 7:30 PM to 8:00 PM.

To enroll call **Betty McAllister 528-2649**.

Hypothyroidism

The data below comes from the endocrinology lab at Michigan State University. The entire article may be found on page 22 of the Aug. 01 issue of the AKC Gazette. This is an excellent article.

Breeds With The Highest Prevalence (more that 9% affected)

Akita, Basenji, Beagle, Border Collie, Boxer, Chesapeake Bay Retriever, Cocker Spaniel, Dalmatian, English Setter, Golden Retriever, Maltese, Old English Sheepdog, Rhodesian Ridgeback, Shetland Sheepdog, Siberian Husky.

Breeds With The Lowest Prevalence (less that 3% affected)

Basset Hound, Bichon Frise, Boston Terrier, Cairn Terrier, Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, Chihuahua, Flat-Coated Retriever, Greyhound, Lhaso Apso, Miniature Pinscher, Miniature Schnauzer, Newfoundland, Norwegian Elkhound, Pomeranian, Portuguese Water Dog, Standard Schnauzer, Yorkshire Terrier, the Welsh Corgi breeds.

Sad News

Sallie Cooper's Kelbie has died. Since the diagnosis of the spinal cord tumor, they had the NC Vet School do a series of radiation and chemo treatments on her - apparently they improved her quality of life and bought them all some more time. One morning, Kelbie went into the family room, and laid down to take a nap - she never woke up.

Authors Wanted

From the editorial staff at Canine Times -- Do you know how to stop dog barking that annoys neighbors, family or friends? Do you have a funny or poignant story about dog barking? If so, read on.

We're writing and publishing a book on dog barking. In the fashion of "Chicken Soup for ...", the book will contain dozens of real-life stories from dog people relating how they successfully curtailed dog barking when it was unacceptable behavior. It will also contain filler stories of a lighter nature -- humorous or heart-touching stories on dog barking.

Dog owners and behavior professionals are invited to contribute stories

(and get a opportunity to make more than \$400 US). Abusive or cruel methods are obviously not of interest to us.

MARKETING

CFNA Publishing, a division of CFNA Inc. and publisher of the five-year-old online Canine Times, will sell this book online in digital and paper formats. We will market and sell it at the Canine Times web site and later at our new web site: How We Did It. com We have registered the new domain name and plan on launching the site by year end.

CONTRIBUTOR GUIDELINES

All story contributors will receive:

1. A section accompanying their story in which they can eulogize or honor a favorite pet (or human-dog team), or promote their personal or commercial web site. Hyperlinks will be allowed.
2. Forty digital books to sell at the retail price set by CFNA Publishing. The contributor will keep 100 percent of their sales. At the minimum, you'll be able to earn \$400 US currency from these sales.

To contribute a story idea, note the following:

1. Contributions must be in English and sent via email. We may follow English versions of this and other books with versions in other languages in the future.
2. Send no more than 200 words providing a synopsis of your "How I did it" story and why it should be included in this book. Send via email to ct-editor@cfnaonline.com Put in the subject line the word "bark." (Lowercase, please.) Be sure to include your email address and other contact information.
3. We will review all submissions and email ONLY those persons whose contributions have been accepted for further review or inclusion. We cannot respond to individual inquiries. A computer-generated acknowledgment will be sent to you, indicating our receipt of your email.
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6. This is not a solicitation of work-for-hire or contract of professional writers or freelancers.

7. CFNA Inc will hold the copyright on all published stories in digital or print format, in English or other languages.

Note that YOU DO NOT need to be a good writer to participate. We will do the editing/writing here.

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Upcoming Events

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

Nov. 18, 2001

TD and TDX Tracking

Jack Sappenfield 598-5318

Dec. 9, 2001, DKC

SHOW-N-GOs

Jane Bergsten 919 967-2191

January 2002

Yard Sale

Sharon Pitz 384-9071

Poison Control

Kansas State University's **poison control hot line (for dogs and cats)** can be reached at **785-532-5679**. There is no charge for the call - except for your long distance bill - it's not a toll-free number. The hotline has a direct line to a vet 24 hours a day.

Tips to keep in mind:

1. Always remember it is a race against the clock and the overall goal is to stop the poison from being absorbed into the animal's system.
2. Identify what the chemical is and how much of it the animal has been exposed to.
3. Have the original container handy and as soon as possible call your veterinarian, the local poison control center, or K-State's poison control hot line at 785-532-5679.
4. Always have syrup of ipecac and/or hydrogen peroxide on hand, but DO NOT administer it without instructions from your veterinarian or the poison control center.
5. Wait until the veterinarian or the poison control center has given you instructions before taking any medical action. --**Sharon Pitz**

Rescue Dogs

One story that was heard concerning the rescue dogs at Ground Zero. The dogs are so well trained that they would work until they died, so there are veterinarians on site. One quarter of the dogs are taken off duty at a time, cleaned up from the soot, treated for their many cuts and given IV's to rehydrate them. Apparently, the dogs could not drink enough, fast enough to keep them going and IV's can replace the fluids faster. These are tough dogs!

SHOW REPORT: CONFORMATION

OWNER'S NAME	DOG'S NAME (BREED)	SHOW & DATE	CLASS	PTS	HIGHEST WIN	SPECIAL MERIT
Brona Hicks	Riverdell QE Two (Strafford Bull Terrier)	Skyline KC	Open Bitch	1	BOS	
"	"	Asheville KC	"	5	BOW, BOS	CHAMPION!!!!!!
"	"	Clemson KC	Special	-	BOS	
Sheila Pagura	Weezer (Malinois)	Carolina KC	12-18	1	WB	
"	"	Durham KC	"	2	WB	
"	"	Raleigh KC	"	3	BOW	
"	"	Fayetteville KC	"	2	BOW	
"	"	Lumberton KC	"	1	BOW	
"	"	Athens KC	"	2		CHAMPION!!!!!!
"	"	Asheville KC (1)	Special		BOB	
"	"	Asheville KC (2)	Special		BOB	

PERFORMANCE SHOW REPORT: OBED., TRACKING, HERDING, FIELD TRIALS, LURE COURSING AND AGILITY, ETC.

none submitted