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Durham Kennel Club Newsletter

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Q *Our dogs shepherd us through the difficult periods of our lives.*

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Newfoundland : Dog of the Month



The **Newfoundland** is a member of the Working Group. He is a dog with a sweet disposition that acts neither dull nor ill-tempered and is a devoted companion. A multipurpose dog, at home on land and in water, the Newfoundland is capable of draft work and possesses natural lifesaving abilities. He is a large, heavily coated, well balanced dog that is deep-bodied, heavily boned, muscular, and strong. A good specimen of the breed has dignity and proud head carriage. Sweetness of temperament is the hallmark of the Newfoundland; this is the most important single characteristic of the breed.

Background: All authorities agree that the **Newfoundland** was developed in Newfoundland. There is much question concerning his ancestors. The possibilities include Great Pyrenees, Boarhound, native Indian, wild dogs and those brought by Viking settlers. The **Newfoundland** was approved by the AKC on **May 8, 1990** which became **effective June 28, 1990**.

Show Ring: Average height for adult dogs is 28 inches, for adult bitches, 26 inches. Approximate weight of adult dogs ranges from 130 to 150 pounds, adult bitches from 100 to 120 pounds. The **Newfoundland** is slightly longer than tall when measured from the point of shoulder to point of buttocks and from withers to ground.

The adult **Newfoundland** has a flat, water-resistant, double coat that tends to fall back into place when rubbed against the nap. The outer coat is coarse, moderately long, and full, either straight or with a wave. The undercoat is soft and dense. Recognized **Newfoundland** colors are black, brown, gray, and white and black. Any amount of white found at the chin, chest, toes, and tip of tail is

typical and is not penalized. Also typical are a tinge of bronze on a black or gray coat and lighter furnishings on a brown or gray coat. The **Landseer** variety has a white base coat with black markings.

The bite should be level or scissors.

Breeding and Whelping: With a large litter the whelping time can be as long as 24 hours and this may cause problems for the last of the puppies. The average litter contains 8 pups, ranging in size from 3/4 to 2 pounds with an average of 1 1/2 pounds. Growth rates vary but on an average a 9 month puppy weighs 100 pounds.

Breed Disqualifications: Any colors or combinations of colors not specifically described are disqualified.

Faults: Structural and movement faults common to all working dogs are as undesirable in the Newfoundland as in any other breed.

Recognized Problems: Bloat, heat stroke, elbow dysplasia, dermatitis and hypothyroidism are some reported problems.

Old Age: The average life span of the **Newfoundland** is 8 to 10 years. Older dogs seem to enjoy the water and continued activity.

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.

November Meeting

FOOD: Our November meeting will be held on Monday, **Nov. 19th**. 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: The program for our November 19th meeting will be presented by the Durham City K-9 Unit, **Sgt. Mike Baker** in charge. The handlers and dogs from this group are always welcome at our club. We know that our members and their guests will want to attend. The program will begin at 7:45 p.m.

Membership

NEW CANDIDATE MEMBERS

Dawn Rowe
6304 Daybreak Drive
Wake Forest NC 27587
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Border Collies

Sheila and Brent Judd
PO Box 90694
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919-789-4979
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Basenjis, American Eskimos, and
Border Collies

From the Membership Chair: The new membership list is attached to this newsletter. Please keep it for reference! Also, please check your listing to make sure your vital information is accurate. **Send any corrections to Joanna at joburl@aol.com or call her at 919-479-7011.**

DKC Membership Meeting

10/15/01: Following a presentation by Cheri Miller on The SV Breed program in Germany; the meeting was called to order by President Jack Sappenfield.

President Jack Sappenfield welcomed guests to our meeting.

Jack thanked all the DKC volunteers for their participation in the Canine Learning Experience that took place 10/7/01 at the Museum of Life & Science in Durham.

Minutes for the September 17, 2001 meeting were approved as published.

Corresponding Secretary: Stella has put two notices in the lobby. One is from AKC and the other one is from an artist who draws dogs. If you have not picked up your health certificate for the Canine Learning Experience, you may pick them up from Stella.

Treasurer's Report: DKC Account Balances as of 10/15/01:

CGB Savings	\$16,907.87
Fowler Trophy	1,917.21
Fin. Mgt. Acct.	43,694.67
Loan Payoff	(18,239.87)

The preliminary figures from the Agility trial show a plus of \$4,500.

AKC Delegate: Lisa received an e-mail from AKC stating that they have received about \$144,000 in pet donations. AKC have invited some of the SAR teams to go to the AKC invitational.

AKC is also thinking of making the Canine Disaster Relief Fund a permanent fund so people & clubs can contribute year round and be tax deductible.

Obedience: Classes are half way and things are going well.

Tracking: The next test is November 18, 2001 and will be a Combined TD/TDX. The closing date is November 9th. If you would like to contribute food, please contact Jack.

Newsletter: Please e-mail information to Terri. The 20th of the month will be the permanent deadline date.

Fall Show: Judges are staying in Roxboro. The Friday night Dinner will be held at Clarksville Station in Roxboro. If any Officers would like to attend, please let Maureen know, as she needs to give the restaurant final count. She asked for a volunteer to help with Judge's transportation and Jack volunteered. Entries are up by 25 dogs from last year. Obedience is down as there are several other performance events being held close by. RV's can start coming in on noon Friday; Tents will be there at 8am on Friday. Jack will be going out there and find out about electricity for the food vendor. Jack thanks those of you who will be helping this weekend!!

Spring Show: Please contact Connie Howard or Ridley Kessler if you are able to help. Moss Bow has offered an option of sending out most of the premium lists by e-mail. This would save a lot of money; however, the whole circuit has to agree to this. The Trophy List is going around and Emilie will be glad to take checks tonight.

Holiday Party: Instead of a regular meeting, December 17th will be our Holiday Party. We will have a donation bucket for the September 11th fund. You may also bring the donations of dog food, toys & other supplies for the animals at the Durham County APS. This is a cocktail party not a dinner. There will be a notice in the newsletter.

Membership: Sheila and Brent Judd and Dawn Rowe were voted on and

approved as new Candidate Members. Congratulations & Welcome!!

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

Respectfully submitted,

Denise McDonald
DKC Recording Secretary

DKC Members Community Day

This is a very grateful message to all the DKC members who came to the Canine Learning Experience at the Museum of Life and Science in Durham Sunday afternoon, October 7. We know that it took a lot of your time Not only to be there but to bathe and groom, and move crates and equipment. Thank you for answering questions and talking to all those children and adults. Thank you every one and the 45 dogs, very, very much indeed. It is great to belong to a club with so many members that are always willing to help.

Marge and Stella

Message from Stella

Message for the following members (Akers, Amos, Bergsten, Burley, Butler, Fox, Rowntree, Rubens, Wallis) who brought their dog(s) to the Museum of Life and Science on October 7, I have your dog's Health Certificate. I will put them in an envelope in the holder above the little white chest, with my name on it. in the DKC building.

Thank you and your dogs for being there.

Stella

DKC AWARDS

Applications for DKC Awards should be available at the DKC building by the first of November.

The deadline for applications is December 28, 2001.

Trophies need to be returned by December 28, 2001 also.

Jan Gray 919-990-1009

2002 Yard Sale

Saturday, Jan 19th.....Mark your calendars.

It's getting close to that time of year.....be saving all your unwanted treasures and items you no longer need or use. Clean out those drawers, linen closets, cabinets and tool sheds! Buy new furniture and donate the old; we can use everything (except clothing and electrical items that aren't safe/don't work).

We'll have a set up date/time for you to bring those items to DKC before the sale. If you would like to help, please let me know. Thanks, **Sharon Pitz, 919-384-9071** or see me at DKC.

Holiday Party

We will have a Holiday Celebration in lieu of our regular **Dec. 17th** meeting. Members are encouraged to come in Holiday spirit; and bring an appetizer or hors d'oeuvres as this is NOT a dinner meeting. The club will provide a self serve beverage bar.

This is the one time we request you NOT bring your dog(s). Instead, please remember other dogs and animals at the Durham County Animal Shelter by bringing food, medical or health care supplies, towels, cotton balls, toys in good/clean condition (they need not be new), collars and other items you no longer need for your pets.

This is also a time when individual DKC members can do something very special by contributing to the Sept. 11th fund ; or to assist with the cost of the Vet. care of the Search & Rescue Dogs .

Let's show NY that DKC members are a part of their support system. Individual checks with a DKC cover letter will be sent. Please specify which fund you prefer, if you have a preference . (This will also allow you to use the donation for your tax record). If you are interested in making a contribution for this cause, I will have a separate table set up for you to place your donation. If you will not be at the party, you can give or send me your check. Please be as generous as you can. We are so fortunate not to be in their shoes.

Thanks, **Sharon Pitz, 3124 Marywood Drive, Durham, 27712-3010**

DKC Fall Show

I want to thank everyone for all their help at the show on October 20. The show was great, due to your efforts, and you made my job a lot easier. I would especially like to thank all the committee chairpeople: Diane Kessler, trophies; Liza Williams, obedience chair; Stacy Garvin, ring hospitality; George Beglane, grounds committee; Maureen Lucas, judges hospitality; Teresa Vila, vendors; Chris Rasmussen, advertising; Cathie Fogel, judges lunch; and Betty and Richard Perschel, catalog sales and announcing. There were numerous club members working with them and helping with parking and other jobs, and I can't tell you how much I appreciate what each of you did.

Jan Gray and Peggy Schmidt

Fall Agility Trials

Our fall agility trials on September 29 and 30 went very well. We had 300 runs each day and nice crisp autumn weather. Perfect for agility, but a little less wind would have been okay. The trailer was loaded up the Thursday night before the trials after agility class with all the equipment. Many folks were on hand to help.

There was cause for concern the next day however, when Richard discovered the trailer had a flat tire. Unloading it was not an option so he pumped it up enough with a hand pump until he could pull into a gas station and inflate it. Ring set up was a little bit delayed because of this. Nevertheless, we were done by 5 pm Friday afternoon due once again to the help of several club members particularly the Beglanes and Richard Whorton.

There were some worrisome moments that our judge, Barbara Budnar might not get there since several of her booked flights had been canceled by the airlines. She ended up only being able to arrive at 11:30 p.m. Friday night. We were all grateful to Tracy Fletcher for still picking her up at that hour and taking her to her motel. Neither one got much sleep as we started so early the next day. Saturday morning we began setting the first course around 7:15 a.m. Richard Whorton, the trial secretary, had all the scribe and gate sheets preprinted and ready to go. Judging of

the first dog started about an hour later. Six course changes, and 300 runs later we were finished for the day. Each class had about 14 people working it including a 2 timers, 2 scribes, gate steward, score tabulators, score runner, leash runner, ring crew, etc.. As always there is paperwork to be completed after all the judging is over and the last folks including the judge left at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday went about the same only Tracy and Barbara got a good deal more sleep. :-) All the paperwork was completed by about 4:30. Then the fun began - reloading the trailer. All the rebars and fencing had to be rolled up, the 3 tents taken down, the tables folded and packed, trash picked up and hauled away, equipment disassembled, etc. There were actually quite a few hands available for this, but there was a significant drop in visible bodies once we arrived at DKC to unload. Again Richard and George did a tremendous amount of heavy lifting and manual labor.

We were done unloading by about 6 pm but we all felt quite dirty and dusty from handling all the equipment. A few refreshments were passed out, words of "Fine Job" were passed around, and we adjourned to our own vehicles for the drive home.

There were many DKC members showing their dogs and a number of legs and titles were earned including Richard finishing Holt's OA, and George finishing Bentley's NAJ! This was definitely a huge club effort as so many folks are needed to man each run, each day. I'm afraid there are too many to name them all. But a special thanks again to Richard Whorton, George and Emilie Beglane, Tracy Fletcher for transporting the judge all weekend and building 12 courses, Sharon Pitz for hospitality, Denise McDonald for keeping track of the workers, and especially to the few hardy souls who stayed to the end and unloaded the trailer Sunday afternoon Denise, Lisa Connelly, Lisa Roberts, Joyce McHenry, Nancy Burka, Jan Gray, Sharon, Richard, George, Emilie, and myself. Please forgive me if I forgot anyone.

Now we get to do it again in April!

Mary Whorton

Agility Chairperson

Winter Agility Classes

We will have another set of agility classes starting in January. At that time we will offer a beginner class, and an advanced class on Monday night. We will also have 5 weeks of run throughs on Thursday night. The run through class will be a different course set up each week and will start on Jan 3, 2002 at 7 pm and will run through the end of January. The beginner and advanced class will be back to back on Monday night, but the times have not yet been established. Dogs will need to be tested to get into the beginner agility class. Testing will consist of observing for off lead control around other dogs. They will need to demonstrate a sit stay and a recall off lead. They also must not exhibit any aggressive behavior around other dogs.

Testing must be scheduled with Mary Whorton (mhwhor@duke.edu or 919-471-1405) and will take place during the month of December.

If you wish to enroll in one of these classes, contact Lisa Connelly (Vance003@acpub.duke.edu) for an application or visit the DKC website.

WTC Canine Hero

NEW YORK TIMES 9-19-01. This is a true story which happened on 9-11-01.... James Crane worked on the 101st of Tower 1 of the World Trade Center. He is blind so he has a golden retriever named Daisy. After the plane hit 20 stories below, James knew that he was doomed, so he let Daisy go out of an act of love. With tears in her eyes she darted away into the darkened hallway. Choking on the fumes of the jet fuel and the smoke he was just waiting to die...About 30 minutes later, Daisy comes back along with James' boss, who Daisy just happened to pick up on floor 112. On her first run of the building, she leads James, James' boss and about 300 more people out of the doomed building. But she wasn't through yet, she knew there were others who were trapped. So, highly against James' wishes she ran back in the building. On her second run, she saved 392 lives. Again she went back in. During this run, the building collapses. James hears about this and falls on his knees into tears. Against all known odds, Daisy makes it out alive, but this time she is carried by a firefighter. "She lead us right to the

people, before she got injured" the fireman explained. Her final run saved other 273 lives. She suffered acute smoke inhalation, severe burns on all four paws, and a broke leg, but she saved 967 lives. The next week, Mayor Guiliani rewarded Daisy with the Canine medal of Honor of New York. Daisy is the first civilian Canine to win such an honor.

A Note from Marge

Can it be true? Surely not! Can Stella and I be the only members in our club who think (rather, believe; no, know to be absolutely true!) that our dogs have extraordinary intelligence, even to the point of reasoning and figuring out how to solve problems? Surely not!!

Stella and I had this discussion over lunch one day and as we were talking about Poodles and German Shepherd Dogs we were both probably out of our league. We didn't put our thoughts to a vote, (the dogs weren't there to collect the ballots), but I felt the Shepherds had a bit of an edge over the Poodles! (Sorry Stella!)

Which brings us to the point of this whole thing. It occurred to both of us that there may be (there must be!) others in our club who also feel that their dogs are unusually bright. What would you think of using that format for a program? We could have 8 or 10 members give a 3 or 4 minute talk on something their dog has done that exhibited extreme intelligence and/or thinking power and see which one of us could outdo the others.

Let me know, please, if you are interested in being involved in such a program. I can be reached at **919-542-1718 or my new e-mail address Markelgsd@aol.com**

Good Sportsmanship Is Alive and Well in the South

Recently while stewarding in an obedience ring at an AKC trial, I was witness to an unusual display of good sportsmanship. It was in one of the Novice Classes. I'm not sure if it was A or B and that doesn't matter anyway.

A young woman was in the ring with a very pretty little dog who obviously wanted everyone to know that she was in the ring because she barked through the entire class. Hardly ever stopped long enough to take a breath.

The judge, as she had to, could not qualify the team.

After the class was over, that same exhibitor came to the judge and thanked her for not giving her a qualifying score. She said that she and the little dog already had 2 legs toward their CD, but she didn't feel that she had earned those legs because the dog had given the same vocal performance at both of these previous trials. She went on to say that she didn't want a CD if she didn't feel that she had earned it. It was lovely and pretty much made my day!

Marge

Upcoming Events

Nov. 18, 2001(Sun.)

TD and TDX Tracking

Jack Sappenfield 598-5318

Dec. 9, 2001 (Sun.)(DKC)

SHOW-N-GO

Jane Bergsten 919-967-2191

Dec. 17, 2001 (Mon.) (DKC)

Holiday Party

Sharon Pitz 384-9071

December 28, 2001 (Fri.)

DKC Awards Deadline

Jan Gray 919-990-1009

January 19, 2002 (Sat.) (DKC)

Yard Sale

Sharon Pitz 384-9071

Mar. 22, 2002 (Fri.)

Spring Show

Connie Howard 919-309-9014

Ridley Kessler 919-929-1955

SHOW REPORT: CONFORMATION

OWNER'S NAME	DOG'S NAME (BREED)	SHOW & DATE	CLASS	PTS	HIGHEST WIN *	SPECIAL MERIT
Dee & Steve Wallis	Desi (Cavalier KC Spaniel)	Moore County KC (June 01)	Puppy	4	WB Best Puppy	
"	"	Roanoke KC (Aug. 01)	12-18 mo	3	WB BOS	
"	"	Columbia KC (Sept. 01)	Open	3	WB BOS	
Maria Walker	Drummer (Rottweiler)	Salisbury KC (9/2/01)	Open	3	WD	
"	"	Danville KC (9/22/01)	Open	1	WD BB BW	
"	"	Charlotte KC (9/29/01)	Open	1	WD	
"	"	Charlotte KC (9/30/01)	Open	2	WD BB BW	Over other Specials!

*Abbreviations as listed by the AKC Gazette

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

OWNER'S NAME	DOG'S NAME (BREED)	SHOW & DATE	CLASS	SCORE	LEG	PLACE	SP. AWARD
Hope Sylvain	Joy (Frenchie)	Danville KC (9/22/01)	Open B	195.5		2	High Combined
"	"	"	Utility B	196		1	
Judy Ortiz	Bragg (Border Collie)	Danville KC (9/22/01)	Open B			3	9 th UDX leg
"	"	"	Utility B			2	
"	"	Cape Fear KC	Open B	197			UDX!!!!
"	"	"	Utility B	196.5		4	
Norma Williams	Maggie (Dachshund)	Fayetteville Agility Trial	Ex A Jumpers	100	3	1	AXJ!!!!
"	"	Warrenton Agility Trial	Ex B Standard	100	2	1	2 nd Master's leg
"	"	Richmond Agility Trial	Ex B Standard	100	3	2	3 rd Master's leg
George Beglane	Bentley (Labrador)	DKC Agility (9/30/01)	Novice B JWW	97	3	1	NAJ!!!!
Denise McDonald	Pauli Girl (Golden Retriever)	Tideland's Poodle Club Agility Trial (10/7/01)	Ex B 24" Standard	100	10	1	MX!!!!
Lisa Connelly & Charles Vance	Dot (Border Terrier)	Charlotte Dog Training Club Agility Trial	Ex A 12" Standard	100	2	1	
"	"	"	"	100	3	2	AX!!!!
"	"	"	Ex A 12" JWW	88	1	2	
"	Grace (Border Terrier)	"	Ex B 12" Standard	100	9		
"	"	"	"	100	10		MX!!!!
Lisa Roberts	Tec (Border Collie)	"	Ex B 20" Standard	100		3	
"	"	"	Ex A 20" JWW	100		2	
"	"	Triangle Herding Virginia	Herding Started		3	1	High in Trial!