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Durham Kennel Club Newsletter

Giant Schnauzer: Dog of the Month

The Giant Schnauzer, a member of the



Working Group, is a good companion and family protector. He is reliable with children and is usually not a one-person dog. The temperament

temperament combines spirit

and alertness with intelligence and reliability. He is composed, watchful, courageous, easily trained, deeply loyal to family, playful, amiable in repose, and a commanding figure when aroused. The sound, reliable temperament, rugged build, and dense weather-resistant wiry coat make for one of the most useful, powerful, and enduring working breeds.

Background: Cattle drovers in Germany admired the Standard Schnauzer, but desiring a larger dog to serve their purpose, they carefully developed the Giant Schnauzer. He was practically unknown outside of Bavaria until nearly the first decade of the 20th century. Cattle driving was then a thing of the past, but the breed was still found in the hands of butchers, at stockyards, and at breweries at which they were eminently successful as guard dogs. Just before World War I, they began to come to nationwide attention in Germany as suitable dogs for police training and proved to be such intelligent pupils that police work has been their main occupation since that time in countries other than the U.S.

The **Giant Schnauzer** was **approved** by the AKC on **October 11, 1983**.

Show Ring: The height at the withers of the male is 25½ to 27½ inches, and of the female, 23½ to 25½ inches, with the mediums being desired. It should be noted that too small dogs generally lack the power and too large dogs the agility and maneuverability desired in the working dog. The color is solid black or pepper and salt and the coat is hard, wiry, very dense composed of a soft undercoat and a harsh outer coat which,

when seen against the grain, stands slightly up off the back, lying neither smooth nor flat. There is coarse hair on the top of the head and a harsh beard and eyebrows - the Schnauzer hallmark. Giant Schnauzers have a scissors bite.

Breeding and Whelping: The pups weigh from 6 oz. to more than 1 lb. at birth with an average litter of from 7 to 9 puppies. Tails are docked and dewclaws removed. Full maturity is not reached until 2 years of age. Often the adult weight can be estimated by doubling the weight at 17 weeks. Giant Schnauzers do not develop well if raised in a kennel.

Breed Disqualifications: An overshot or undershot bite and markings other than specified.

Faults: Puppies are black at birth. A small white spot on the chest is permitted, providing that it is not larger than dime size at 6 weeks of age.

Recognized Problems: Hip dysplasia and primary hypothyroidism are some reported problems.

Old Age: The average life span of the **Giant Schnauzer** is 10 to 12 years. A frequent cause of death is the automobile.

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.

Holiday Party

Our Holiday Party is Dec 17th. 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.

Please also use this occasion to contribute to the AKC CAR fund which is in the process of establishing a permanent "AKC CAR Relief and Support Fund" as a tax deductible charity. [Please, see the article in this newsletter.]

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Membership

NEW CANDIDATE MEMBER

Patricia Nowak

6907 Havenwood Dr. Raleigh, NC 27616 919-872-5047

NEW REGULAR MEMBERS

Betty and Ken Nelson

313 Azalea Drive Chapel Hill, NC 27517 919-933-5161

DKC Membership Meeting

11/19/01: Durham Kennel Club Membership Meeting – November 19, 2001.

Following a presentation by club member and Durham City Police Officer, Sgt. Mike Baker, on K9 Narcotic Detection; the meeting was called to order by President Jack Sappenfield.

President Jack Sappenfield welcomed guests to our meeting and encouraged members to invite guests. Our meetings have been well attended due to the high quality of programs that we have had presented. Jack expressed appreciation for the high attendance our membership meetings. Membership was reminded to sign the attendance list.

Minutes for the October 15, 2001 meeting were approved as published.

Corresponding Secretary: Stella has received a catalog with lovely items for sale. This will be placed in the lobby.

Treasurer's Report: DKC Account Balances as of 11/19/01:

CCB Savings	\$15,827.32					
Fowler Trophy	1,844.71					
Financial Mgt	31,101.21					
Loan Payoff	(17,994.75)					

Membership:Patricia Nowak was voted in as a new member

candidate. Betty and Ken Nelson were voted in as new regular members!! Congratulations and welcome to all three!!

Tracking: Sunday, November 18, 2001 was a combined TD/TDX test. We had 4 for TD and 4 for TDX with two dogs passing the TD test. We are very blessed to have such competent volunteers for the tracking tests...Thank you to all who contributed from preparing food to laying tracks. Jack read a very nice Thank you e-mail from Jane Klein who was one of the Judges. The next scheduled tests are February 25th for TDX and March 31st for TD. Please see Jack to volunteer with these trials.

CGC: A test was held at the end of the obedience class session and out of 16 entered 8 passed. Thank you to all who helped with this event. Another CGC test will be scheduled at the end of the Winter Obedience class session.

Sho N Go: Please contact Jane Bergsten to volunteer to help with this. The next one is scheduled for December 9th which is the Sunday before DKC's Obedience trials.

Awards: The banquet is scheduled for February 22. Forms are in the lobby and are due to Jan Gray by December 28, 2001.

Fall Show: Thank you for all of the helpers!! If you need to pay for awards; please see Emilie tonight or send a check to her as soon as possible. We have received Thank You cards from a number of the Judges. One of the Judges is donating part of her fee to the Morris Animal Foundation [see editor's note after minutes]; Stella will receive a notice on this. The same Judge sent a Thank You note to be given to the Barbare's which Jack will deliver. Next year, we will try to encourage clubs and individuals to support entries. This is a good way to bring entries up. Please give any Judge suggestions to Peggy Schmidt or Jan Gray...Also any other suggestions for the Fall Show.

Spring Show: We still need a head of Transportation for the Judges. All of the committee chairs are set; but we will need people to work on these committees. Please contact Ridley Kessler to volunteer. Diane Kessler has the sheets to sign up for Spring awards.

Obedience Trial: The Judges, Dan Herald and Victoria Brown still plan on coming!! Victoria will be driving from New Jersey and Dan Herald will be flying. Sally Glei is Chief Steward – Please contact Sally to help with this. Novice B and A have not filled yet...Please enter or tell others to enter!

We will need help with setting up on Friday and tearing down on Sunday!!

A list is being passed around for Awards. Please contact Denise McDonald or MF Davis to contribute to the awards.

Holiday Social: In lieu of the December Meeting, we will have our Holiday Social which will be the at the regular third Monday of the Month at 7pm. We ask that you bring contributions for the animals at the Durham County APS (Food, toys, & other supplies for dogs & cats). We also will take donations for the September 11th fund. As we heard this fund is closed, we are checking to see if we can transfer what we have collected and add to a fund started by AKC for an Animal Emergency Relief Fund that would help in other times such as with the flooding from the hurricanes.

Yard Sale: The date is set at January 19th!!! This takes place at the DKC building and starts at 8am and most of the stuff is gone by noon.

Please start clearing out your stuff for the yard sale. We take anything other than clothing. If it is an electrical item, we ask that it be in good working order.

We will probably have a membership silent auction for the carousel horse and pony. If club members do not buy, they will go out for the yard sale.

Set up will be the Thursday and Friday night before the Yard Sale. Please contact Sharon Pitz if you would like to help with this.

Unfinished Business: 1) The Board has discussed an offer to buy part of the Harris Road land. When coming down the road to the property, it is the land on the right hand side of the road. The person would like to fence in and use it as a pasture for horses. The offer is for \$3,500 per acre and the land is 8 – 10 acres. The Board decided that it is in the best interest of the club to sell this portion of the land.

Following discussion, MF Davis made a motion that the land be sold. Pat Lawrence seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and approved. Jack will arrange to have the land in question surveyed, contact the interested party and go from there. 2) A note from Marge and Stella. 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. Would this be a program worth pursuing? Marge will take under advisement for a future program.

New Business: Stella proposed having a gate up at the end of the driveway to the DKC building. This is to keep vandals out. We have been having an increase in the number of incidents by vandals with the latest being fires set close to the building. Following discussion, Ridley Kessler made a motion that we proceed with installing a gate/chain at the end of the driveway following the recommendations from our Insurance company and emergency personal as to what is allowed and best for our situation. Adele Monroe seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the membership. Jack will proceed with this project.

Announcements: Nancy Adams is now doing Breeder Referral. Please let Nancy know if you would like to have your name on her list.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Denise McDonald

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DKC Recording Secretary

MORRIS ANIMAL FOUNDATION NOTE

In the year 2002 alone, the MAF is awarding grants totaling \$3.7 million for humane animal health studies, making it once again the world's largest foundation funding companion animal and wildlife health studies. Nearly half of that Year 2002 money is earmarked for studies benefiting dogs. Twenty one new studies on canine cancer, epilepsy, genetics, hip dysplasia, cardiovascular and infectious diseases join 17 other studies now in progress.

Dec. Obedience Trials

We need members to donate money or trophies for the December 15 and 16, 2001 Obedience Trials. We have awards for placements and High in groups...so we will take money donations of \$10.00 for first place, \$7.00 for Second place, \$5.00 for Third place and \$3.00 for Fourth place. To donate for High in Group is \$10.00 per group. Other special trophies, breed specific or title specific & etc. are needed also!!

Please contact **Denise McDonald** or **MF Davis to donate.**

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. 17**th 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 AKC CAR fund which is in the process of establishing a permanent "AKC CAR Relief and Support Fund" as a 501©3 tax deductible charity. [See article in this newsletter.]

Let's show NY that DKC members are a part of their support system. Individual checks with a DKC cover letter will be sent. 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

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 Testing will consist of class. 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

<u>Vance003@acpub.duke.edu</u> for an application or visit the DKC website.

Sad News

Pro handler Flavio Wernak and his wife, Daniella, died in a car accident on their way home from a dog show in Brasilia.

They leave two children, a 4 year old and a 5 month old...how tragic. All the dogs they had with them were fine except for one Chow who died. Flavio handled cockers, but also some other breeds.

AKC/AKC CAR Disaster Relief Fund

The tremendous generosity of the dog fancy and the dog-loving public in support of the AKC/AKC CAR Disaster Relief Fund has been truly overwhelming. As of November 8. the fund has received donations totaling \$218,099. Over the past several weeks, Stephanie Robinson the AKC Communications Department has been working to identify the numerous canine search rescue organizations and participated at the World Trade Center, Pentagon, and Pennsylvania disaster sites. A total of \$180,000 is being distributed to seventy-seven SAR units and veterinary support organizations. The remaining funds will be distributed to additional groups that participated in the effort as they are identified.

In order to offer support to these dedicated units going forward, AKC CAR is in the process of establishing a permanent "AKC CAR Relief and Support Fund" as a tax deductible charity. The AKC will make an announcement when this Fund is in place. Any funds remaining in the AKC/CAR Disaster Relief Fund will be transferred to the new Fund at that time.

AKC is planning a special tribute to the hundreds of heroic teams that participated in the search efforts following recoverv the September 11 attacks as well as others that gave them crucial support. This tribute will take place at the AKC Classic in Orlando. Eight handler/dog teams as well as representatives of the Veterinary Medical Assistance Teams (VMAT) and the Suffolk County SPCA have been invited to participate in a ceremony as representatives of all those American heroes whose valiant efforts touched and inspired the entire country.

AKC President and CEO Al Cheaure states, "We do not believe that a simple tribute or financial contribution to these units alone is enough to express our true admiration, empathy, and concern for the welfare of these dogs that have so dramatically demonstrated the depth human/canine the bond." Therefore, AKC and the AKC Canine Health Foundation are iointly sponsoring a long-term study on the health effects of the search and rescue dogs that participated at Ground Zero, the Pentagon, and in Pennsylvania. Each organization has committed \$40,000 to begin this project. AKC and the AKC CHF plan to announce the recipient of this grant at a press conference to be held at the AKC headquarters in New York. Handlers and dogs from the NYPD Canine Unit will be invited to assist us in launching this important study.

Nylabone Investigation

KING 5 investigates a potential danger to your pets; company pulls product

11/22/2001

By Chris Ingalls, KING5 News

Is your dog biting off more than he can chew? The KING 5 Investigators have learned of a troubling pattern among one of the most popular dog chews on Seattle area store shelves. One of the most trusted names in dog chews is Nylabone. For 40 years they've made some of the most popular dog chews. But there is growing evidence that some of their product lines - like one made from a gummy material - could be harmful, even fatal, to your dog.

At the Renton veterinary hospital she manages, Gail Scott has declared some chew toys off-limits. "I gave this one one similar to this - to my own dog," she said, holding up a Nylabone. Now added to her list is the Nylabone "plague attacker." the kind that she gave to her Doberman Sting. "He had broken the whole end off and it was going down this throat. But I retrieved it quickly and of course took it away from him," Scott said. "Had it been swallowed, probably within days, this could have been lodged somewhere in the intestinal tract and probably had to be retrieved surgically." But even surgery couldn't save Timber. It was only after the champion Alaskan malamute died in Virginia that a vet

discovered a chunk of plaque attacker lodged in his stomach.

In Texas, the same fate was in store for Rambo, a little poodle. The vet retrieved two pieces of what appeared to be Nylabone products, after Rambo's agonizing death. "What really got me is when the vet told me he screamed, and then died." said Harvev Hannah. Rambo's owner. Virginia attorney Debra Corcoran said she's uncovered more than a hundred cases where dogs may have been injured or killed after swallowing Nylabone products. She blames the company's line of flexible chew toys. They're marketed under names like Gumma-Bone and Plaque Attacker. Some vets say they're made of an indigestible material, and plaque attacker has a knobby surface that can lodge in the digestive tract. "This is a gas pocket in the stomach outlined here," Rambo's vet said, pointing to an X-ray. Rambo's x-ray highlights problem. Nylabones don't show up on Xrays, so vets, like Rambo's can't tell what's making the dog sick. "When it hung up - the intestine keeps moving - so it kind of knotted up like an accordion," the vet said.

The KING 5 Investigators have obtained a half dozen letters Nylabone sent to customers whose dogs were injured. The company calls the cases "...most unusual..." or an "...isolated incident..." In a letter to KING 5, Nylabone said "...the Plague Attacker (registered trademark) is safe ..." "however, all polymer dog chews, regardless of manufacturer, can present problems when they are inappropriate in size or have become old and worn." In Timber's Nvlabone settled case. for an undisclosed dollar amount the day of trial

Attorney Debra Corcoran is now preparing a class-action lawsuit, but some people who've lost their pets want quicker action from Nylabone, whose products can be found in pet shops just about anywhere. "Take it off the market or at least change your packaging and put on warning labels," asked Harvey Hannah, Rambo's owner.

Late this week - that's exactly what's happened. Nylabone sent KING 5 this letter saying that after ten years on store shelves it's pulling the Plaque Attacker. The company says it will replace Plaque Attacker with "...a new, improved product shortly." But it won't say how soon - or exactly what changes will be made. We'll

be watching for it - and we'll let you know how it compares.

The following is the text of the letter sent by Nylabone to the KING5 Investigators:

Nylabone products, a division of T.F.H. Publications, announced that it is replacing its Plaque Attacker line of dental dog bones.

"When used properly, the ASPCA approved Plaque Attacker Bones are a safe and effective aide in reducing problems associated with periodontal disease in dogs," said Glen Axelrod, President and C.E.O. of T.F.H. "However, Publications. all polyurethane dental dog bones, \mathbf{of} manufacturer. regardless can present problems when they inappropriate in size and have become old and worn."

The Plaque Attacker line of dental dog bones included the four sizes of Dental Bones made from polyurethane plastic which were introduced in the early 1990's. The produce is designed to massage a dog's teeth and gums through specially designed dental tips on a traditional dog bone shape to prevent canine periodontal disease. When improperly monitored during use, the bones can become frayed and worn, with the possibility of large pieces being bitten off and becoming lodged in a dog's intestinal tract.

"We are highly committed to pet safety and, while a typical small piece of the product will normally pass through a dog harmlessly, we take any amount of customer concern seriously. As such, we are discontinuing and removing all four sizes of our Bones in the Plaque Attacker line from stores and will introduce a new, improved product shortly. We will continue to work very closely with our veterinarian experts and the ASPCA to define, circulate and publish guidelines for the proper use of polyurethane dental pet products industry wide," said Axelrod.

Nylabone Products, a division of T.F.H. Publications, is a leading manufacturer of premium dog chews and dental devices. Since their introduction in 1955, Nylabone dog chews have grown to be the most recognized dog chew among veterinarians, clinics and kennels. Nylabone Products carry the ASPCA seal of approval.

A MACHINE CAN'T BE SENT TO DO A DOG'S WORK

Experts attending the Aviation Security Technology Symposium in Atlantic City agreed that despite millions spent on sophisticated explosive detection machines, the snout of a hunting dog is the best equipment to find bombs in large buildings or airplanes. Even parties with vested interests in the technology say the better dogs are under circumstances. 'A dog's nose is probably the most sensitive piece of equipment going. They're enormously accurate," said Brook Miller, vice president of Barringer Technologies, one of the companies exhibiting spectrometry scanners at the FAA-sponsored Aviation Security Technology Symposium.

Upcoming Events

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

February 22, 2002 (Fri.)

DKC Awards Banquet

Jan Gray 919-990-1009

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	
George & Emilie Beglane	Bentley (Labrador Retriever)	Alamance KC	Am. Bred	1	BOS		
Emmy Wolters	Izzy (Bouvier)	Hanover KC	Bred-by	1	BB		
"	"	Amer. Bouvier Club Spec.	Futurity		4th		
"	"	Cascade Bouvier Club	Am. Bred		4th		
MF Davis	Robbie (Border Terrier)	DKC KC	12-18 mo.	2	BOS		
"	"	Alamance KC	"	1	BOS		
"	"	Lumberton KC	Bred-by	4	BW, BOS		
Adele Monroe	Kentfield's Atalanta (Whippet)	Whippet Racing Assoc. (11/3/01)		2	BOS	Highest placing bitch!!	

^{*}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
George & Emilie	Bentley (Labrador	DKC KC (10/20/01)	Utility A	187	1	1	
Beglane	Retriever)		_				
"	"	Lumberton KC (11/17/01)	Utility A	191	2	1	
"	"	Fayetteville KC (11/18/01)	Utility A		3	1	UD!!!
Brona Hicks	Carl	Lumberton KC (11/16/01)	Novice B	194	1	2	
"	"	Lumberton KC (11/17/01)	Novice B	195	2	2	
"	"	Fayetteville KC (11/18/01)	Novice B	195	3	2	
Shirley	Khan	Triangle Shetland Sheepdog	Utility B			1	High in Trial!
Saunders		Specialty	-				
Adele Monroe	Kentfield's Atalanta	2001 Whippet Racing Assoc.	Racing			5	Competed
	(Whippet)	Nat. Race (11/3/01)					against 122 !!
Linda Kerr	ABBEY (Pembroke Welsh	DKC (10/20/01)	Novice B	191.5	1	2	
	Corgi)						
Lynn Reagan-	Moseley (West Highland	Raleigh KC (9/3/01)	Open A	194	1	1	
Hull	White Terrier)						
"	· ·	Triangle Obed. Club (10/13/01)	Open A	195	1	1	
"	"	Triangle Obed. Club (10/4/01)	Open A	196.5	1	2	
"	"	Carolina ASCA Show (10/26/01)	Novice B	191.5		1	
"	"	Carolina ASCA Show (10/27/01)	Novice B	198	1	2	High in Trial!
"	"	Carolina ASCA Show (10/28/01)	Novice B	195	1	3	ASCA-CD!!!