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Komondor: Dog of the Month



The **Komondor** (plural Komondorok), a member of the Working Group was first recognized by the AKC in 1937. It

is a serious, conservative guard dog. This breed responds well to obedience training which is strongly recommended. The mature, experienced dog tends to stay close to his charges, whether a flock or family; he is unlikely to be drawn away from them in chase, and typically doesn't wander far. Though very sensitive to the desires of his master, heavy-handed training will produce a stubborn, unhappy **Komondor**. While reserved with strangers, he is demonstrative with those he loves.

Background: The **Komondor** is the largest Hungarian livestock guard dog. The breed was used to guard the flocks while the smaller Puli did the herding. The mature coat falls into heavy protective cords which are practically impervious to predators and harsh weather. The **Komondor** was **approved** by the AKC on **June 13, 1994 (Effective: July 31, 1994)**.

Show Ring: Dogs are 27½ inches and up at the withers; bitches 25½ inches and up at the withers. Dogs are approximately 100 pounds and up, bitches, approximately 80 pounds and up at maturity, with plenty of bone and substance. The body is slightly longer than the height at the withers. Height below the minimum is a fault.

Breeding and Whelping: The whelps weigh from 12 to 18 oz. with an average litter of 7 or more puppies. Newborn coats are pure white and curly; pigmentation is pink. Milk comes in late and many pups are lost during the first week. It is advisable to be prepared with formula, bottles, feeding tubes and instructions. Puppies are very sensitive to temperature changes. It is important that they be watched carefully.

Rate of growth is highly variable. Pigmentation on paw pads and nose is usually complete in a few weeks. A puppy's eyes should be brown by 5 weeks. The corded coat should be obvious at one year and clearly corded by two years. At five, the coat can reach the ground. Some Komondorok are picky eaters and have difficulty gaining weight.

Underbites and misaligned teeth in the lower jaw are common and the underbites become worse with maturity. Bites that are even at 5 months tend to become underbites later.

Breed Disqualifications: Blue eyes, flesh-colored nose, three or more missing teeth, failure of the coat to cord by two years of age, short, smooth coat on both head and legs, color other than white, with the exception of small amounts of cream or buff in puppies.

Faults: Height below the minimum.

Recognized Problems: **Skin problems** are common. This breed has more **cysts** than other breeds, but there is usually no difficulty with the removal.

Old Age: The average life span is 10 to 12 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.

March Meeting

FOOD: Our March meeting will be held on **Monday, Mar. 18th**. 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 the March DKC meeting will be presented by Dolores Alonzo, Assistant Vice President of Registration Services at AKC. This program should be of interest to all of us who register our breeds with the American Kennel Club and of special interest to those among us who have, in the past, or may at some time in the future, import dogs with the expectation of registering them with the AKC.

Durham Kennel Club Awards Banquet Results

The Durham Kennel Club's Awards Banquet was held February 22, 2002 at the Black Horse Run clubhouse. We had great catered food and a fun time. Fifty people attended this year, the largest in a number of years. Plaques and certificates that were not picked up at the banquet are in the lobby of the Durham Kennel Club clubhouse and can be picked up any time the building is open.

I would like to thank Carolyn Wolfe and Denise McDonald for serving on the Awards Committee, and for all your help decorating, which was a new responsibility for the Committee this year. Lisa Roberts and Joyce McHenry helped me move tables from the DKC clubhouse and set tables and chairs up for the banquet. Lisa also helped set up the day of the banquet. I know I'll forget someone, but Lisa Roberts, Denise McDonald, Carolyn Wolfe, Joanne Harrar, Sharon Pitz, and George and Emilie Beglane all did a tremendous job of helping to clean the Black Horse Run clubhouse and leave it in better condition than it was when we got there. Thank you all. I couldn't have done it without you. Many thanks also to Joanna Burley for doing the announcing. Once again you did an outstanding job and entertained us all. I wouldn't have done it without you.

This years trophy and award winners were:

Haines Show Dog: CH Dunraven Dunn and Bradstreet, a Border Terrier owned by Lisa Connelly and Charles Vance

Fowler Show Bitch: CH Titan's Serious Heartbreaker, a Pointer owned by Peggy Schmidt

Luster Novice Obedience: Wyndspell Thrill Seeker CD AX OAJ,

a Border Collie owned by Mary Whorton

Open A: Stonerhaven's Secret Affairs CDX, a Shetland Sheepdog owned by Eileen Bassett

Utility A: CH Allante Hint of Sage O'Glenoak UD TD, a Belgian Tervuren owned by Joyce McHenry

Thompson Obedience: OTCH Broad Reach Diesel, a Labrador Retriever owned by Jeff Telander

Grimson Tracking: CH Meridian's Step In Time TD, an English Springer Spaniel owned by Liza Williams

Pitz Agility: MACH OTCH Tystar Little Dipper UDX MX MXJ, a Border Collie owned by Mary Whorton

Holland Versatility: CH Meridian's Step In Time TD, an English Springer Spaniel owned by Liza Williams

Kartye Brood Bitch: CH Titan's Encore CDX NA NAJ, a Vizsla owned by Peggy Schmidt

Kartye Stud Dog: CH Calirose Prize Patrol ME NA, a Border Terrier owned by Lisa Connelly and Charles Vance

Hill Breeders Trophy: Peggy Schmidt, Titan Vizsla's

DKC Good Sportsmanship Award: Joyce McHenry

DKC Service Award: Lisa Roberts and Emilie Beglane

Dog World Award: Richard and Mary Whorton

DKC Clubhouse wall plaques:

Best In Show at a National Specialty: CH Dunraven Dressed To Kill MX AXJ JE, a Border Terrier

owned by Lisa Connelly and Charles Vance

OTCH: OTCH Broad Reach Diesel TD, a Labrador Retriever owned by Jeff Telander

CH OTCH Titan's Vintage Promise UDX, a Vizsla owned by Anne Standen and Peggy Schmidt

Perfect 200: CH OTCH Titan's Vintage Promise UDX, a Vizsla owned by Anne Standen and Peggy Schmidt, 3 200's!!!

Wyndspell Thrill Seeker CD AX OAJ, a Border Collie owned by Mary Whorton

OTCH Broad Reach Diesel TD, a Labrador Retriever owned by Jeff Telander, 2 200's!!

Marianette Joyeuse Cuvee Sylvain UD, a French Bulldog owned by Hope Sylvain

Individual Plaques: 16 CH's, 11 CD's, 11 CDX's, 8 UD's, 2 UDX's, 2 OTCH's, 2 TD's, 2 HSAs, 3 HSBs, 1 SE, 1 ME, 1 JH, 12 NA's, 10 OA's, 13 AX's, 6 MX's, 9 NAJ's, 10 OAJ's, 10 AXJ's, 4 MXJ's, 3 VCD1's, and 2 VCD2's

We also had 19 Breeder's Certificates and 10 CGC's

Jan Gray

News from the AKC

Companion Events Tournament

April 26--28 2002 Perry, Georgia
July 12-- 14 Ogden, Utah

For more information see flyer and premium list (on a string) in our lobby or AKC website: www.akc.org/dic/events/wharsnew.cfm

Spring Agility Trials

DKC will be hosting 2 all breed agility trials on April 20 and 21 at the property in Rougemont off Harris Rd. Judging usually begins at 8 am, rain or shine and continues until about 4 pm each day. There are approximately 300 runs each day. Our judge this time is Ms. Edie Allyn from Virginia. Help is needed for many aspects of these trials. In general we need about 50 volunteers each day to cover all the jobs. Experience is wonderful but not necessary. We particularly need helpers for the first two classes each day and the last two classes on Sunday. We need people to time each of the runs, build courses, set bars, straighten chutes, run leashes, post scores, tabulate scores, gate steward, but no figure 8 posts.

We also need folks to help load everything up at the end of the day on Sunday *and* follow the trailer to DKC and unload for agility class the next evening. If you are willing to work, please either e-mail Mary Whorton at whort002@mc.duke.edu or call her at 919-471-1405. E-mail is preferred so she has a written copy of your request. Let her know what hours you will be available and what jobs you might be willing to do. We really love folks who say, "I can be there all day, both days, and I will do whatever you need." But we also understand not everybody can do this.

This a great way for new members to get in required service hours. Even if you don't want to work, but wish to come watch, we'll let you. There is no charge for admission and there will be concessions available along with many vendors. In addition, we will have an official measuring judge there both days to measure dogs for their official AKC height cards. Dogs do not need to be entered but must be at least 12 months old and AKC registered. Permanent cards will only be issued for dogs 24 months and older. All others will receive a

temporary card which expires when the dog turns 2. This height card is only valid for AKC agility competitions.

Mary Whorton

Agility Trial Chairperson

Spring Agility Class

We will be offering another beginner agility class next session at 7 followed by an intermediate class at 8:15. To qualify for the intermediate class, dogs must have completed a beginner class or have approval of the instructor. All dogs applying for the beginner class must be tested to demonstrate off lead control around the presence of other dogs and must not show any aggressive behavior towards other dogs. Testing needs to be scheduled in advance with

Mary Whorton
whort002@mc.duke.edu
 919-471-1405.

Testing will take place on Monday March 11 at 7:00 pm at the DKC building. These classes fill quickly so get your application in promptly and schedule your testing right away if necessary.

Beginner at 7 (Instructors Mary Whorton and Denise McDonald); Intermediate at 8:15 (Instructors Richard Whorton and Betsy Pethick); Monday beginning March 25 and ending May 27; No class April 15, or May 20.

Run through class at 7:30 (Course designer Tracy Fletcher); Thursday beginning March 28 and ending May 16. These are consecutive Thursdays.

Requirement for run through class is a minimum of one standard novice leg. Courses will be of an advanced level.

To request an application contact Lisa Connelly at Lisa Connelly [<Vance003@acpub.duke.edu>](mailto:Vance003@acpub.duke.edu), or 919-471-8402

CGC Test

I have scheduled a CGC test for Saturday April 6, 2002. The test will run from 8:30 am to no later than noon. I am looking for people to run the table or be evaluators. This counts as a DKC service . Its rewarding and lots of fun . Please e-mail or call me

(919-477-8874), if you can help. Thanks again in advance.

George Beglane

Membership

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New Bloat Findings

Dietary Risk Factors for Gastric Dilatation-Volvulus (Bloat) in 11 Large and Giant Dog Breeds: A Nested Case-Control Study. Malathi Raghavan, DVM, MS; Lawrence T. Glickman, VMD, DrPH; Nita W. Glickman, MS, MPH; Diana B. Schellenberg*, MS. **Epidemiology, Copyright 2000 Perdue University**

ABSTRACT: Dietary risk factors for gastric dilatation-volvulus (GDV) in dogs were identified using a nested case-control study. Of 1991 dogs from 11 large- and giant-breeds in a previous prospective study of GDV, 106 dogs that developed GDV were selected as cases while 212 remaining dogs were randomly selected as controls. A complete profile of nutrient intake was constructed for each dog based on owner-reported information, published references and nutrient databases. Potential risk factors were examined for a significant (p<0.05) relationship with GDV risk using unconditional logistic regression.

The study confirmed previous reports of an increased risk of GDV associated with increasing age, having a first-degree relative with GDV, and having a raised food bowl. New significant findings included a 2.6-fold (or 160%) increased risk of GDV in dogs that consumed dry foods containing fat among the first four ingredients. The risk of GDV significantly increased 3-fold (or 200%) in dogs that consumed dry foods containing citric acid as a preservative. Dry foods containing a rendered meat meal with bone product among the first four ingredients significantly decreased GDV risk by 53.0%. Moistening of dry food alone was not associated with GDV risk, but consumption of owner-moistened dry foods that also contained citric acid significantly increased GDV risk 4-fold (or 300%). Approximately 30 and 33% of all cases of GDV in this study could be attributed to consumption of dry foods containing fat among their first four ingredients or citric acid, respectively. These findings can be used by owners to select dry foods that may reduce the risk of GDV.

Swap Shop

Chris Rasmussen was wondering if anyone has any used crates they'd like to swap.
crasmussen@nc.rr.com

Litter Brags

Joanna Burley has new pups! From Pepper (Ch Vagabond's Rebel Heart), black cocker spaniels: 3 boys and 2 girls!

Pet Photography

Eric Lupton, Visual Image Photography, will be coming back to DKC.

For those of you who missed him last year, or have new dogs you want to have photographed, this is your chance. He has a variety of props. I will ask him to bring a few different props for those of you who want new pictures with a different background of a dog photographed last year.

*He requires 15 people to sign up to hold the date. Therefore, I need to know who is interested, and need your \$6.00 non-refundable deposit (check made to: Visual Image Photography) This is applied to the cost of your order.

A \$6.00/subject sitting fee is paid THE DAY OF the photo session...I believe this is also applied to the cost of the packet you select, but will verify this and get back about this fee. He has packets that run from \$29-84.00. He has done photos of my dogs and others at DKC. To my knowledge, everyone has been happy with his work.

When: June 15th, Sat
Where: DKC
Pictures will be at DKC for pick up June 29th
Photo time starts ~10:15 am

If you want to reserve a time slot, please send your \$6.00 to me. Please tell me how many dogs you want to have photographed, and if you want to be in the picture. If you have a preference in a time slot between 10-11, 11-12, 12-1, let me know. I will try to fit people in as close as possible to the time requested.(It takes approx. 10 minutes per sitting for 1-2 dogs, longer for 3+ dogs).

DO NOT send me more than the \$6.00 deposit. Please include your phone # to assist in call back once appointments are worked out.

Sharon Pitz
 3124 Marywood Drive
 Durham, NC 27712

Upcoming Events

March 22, 2002 (Fri.)

Spring Show

Connie Howard 919-309-9014
Ridley Kessler 919-929-1955

Mar. 31 (Sun.)

Tracking TD Test

Jack Sappenfield 919-598-5318

Apr. 6 (Sat.)

CGC Test

George Beglane 919-477-8874

Apr. 20, 21 (Sat., Sun.)

Agility Trials

Richard Whorton 919-471-1405

May 5, Sept. 22, Dec. 1 (Sun.)
(DKC)

Show-N-Go

Jane Bergsten (919) 967-2191

Dec. 15, 16 (Sat., Sun.)

Obedience Trials

Shirley Sanders 336-586-9663

Editors' Note

We would like to include **Swap Shop** and **Litter Brags** each month and welcome any information you might wish to share.

No commercial ads are accepted, but DKC Member sharings are always welcome.

SHOW REPORT: CONFORMATION

OWNER'S NAME	DOG'S NAME (BREED)	SHOW & DATE	CLASS	PTS	HIGHEST WIN *	SPECIAL MERIT
Sharon Pitz	Aurora (Golden Ret.)	Henderson KC (2/15/02)	Puppy 6-9 mo		1 ST Place	First show !!!
“	“	Spartenburg KC (2/16/02)	Puppy 6-9 mo		2 nd Place	
Vern & Mary Bell	Phoebe (Westie)	Spartenburg KC (2/16/02)	Puppy 9-12 mo	1	BOB, WB	
Nicki Camerra	Kilykas Polaris Madison (Newfoundland)	Spartanburg KC (2/16/02)		3	WB	Major
“	“	Greenville KC 2/17/02		3	BW	New Champion!!
Camerra and Vicki Hix	Ch Oaklane This Buds For Us- Mastiff	Westminster Kennel Club	Breeder/Owner Handled		BOB	

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
Nicki Camerra	Eloise- Mastiff	DKC (12/15/01)	Utility A	181	1	3	
		Charlotte DTC (2/2/02)	Utility A	179	2	1	
		Charlotte DTC (2/3/02)	Utility A	187.5	3	2	UD!!! 6th Mastiff ever to earn a Utility title.

FIRST DOG

President George W. Bush's dog, Spot, is the daughter of Millie, former President George Bush's dog. Thus, we not only have the son of a former President, but also the daughter of a former first dog living at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave.