



# Durham Kennel Club Newsletter

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### **DUES NOTICE**

**is included on the last page of this newsletter.**  
**THE DUE DATE FOR RENEWING YOUR MEMBERSHIP IS JUNE 1 !!**

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**Praise: an attitude toward a dog.**  
*Monks of New Skete*

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## *Australian Shepherd:* **Dog of the Month**



The **Australian Shepherd** is an intelligent working dog of strong herding and guarding instincts. He is a loyal, intelligent companion and has the stamina to work all day. He is well balanced, slightly longer than tall, of medium size and bone, with coloring that offers variety and individuality. He is attentive and animated, lithe and agile, solid and muscular. He has a coat of moderate length and coarseness. He has a docked or natural bobbed tail which should not exceed four inches in length as an adult.

**Background:** There are many theories about the origin of the **Australian Shepherd**, but the breed as we know it originated in the US. It probably had its roots in the Basque region of the Pyrenees Mountains between Spain and France, and was called the Australian Shepherd because of its association with Basque shepherds who came to the United States from Australia in the 1800s. These dogs were originally called by many names, including Spanish Shepherd, Pastor Dog, Bob-Tail, Blue Heeler, New Mexican Shepherd and California Shepherd.

The **Australian Shepherd** was **approved** by the AKC on **May 14, 1991**; **effective January 1, 1993**

**Show Ring:** --The preferred height for males is 20-23 inches, females 18-21 inches. Measuring from the breastbone to rear of thigh and from top of the withers to the ground the **Australian Shepherd** is slightly longer than tall. Hair is of medium texture, straight to wavy, weather resistant and of medium length. The undercoat varies in quantity with variations in climate. He comes in 4 acceptable colors: black, blue merle, red and red merle. *Eyes* are brown, blue, amber or any variation or combination thereof, including flecks and marbling: almond shaped, not protruding nor

sunken. The blue merles and blacks have black pigmentation on eye rims. The red merles and reds have liver (brown) pigmentation on eye rims.

**Breeding and Whelping:** Delivery is normal and easy. The bitch exhibits an intense mothering instinct and a strong milking ability. Males tend to be very accepting of puppies. Litter size ranges from 5 to 10, with birth weight from ½ to 1 lb. Dewclaws are not removed on working dogs.

Litters from 2 merled (heterozygous) parents will produce an average of 25% homozygous merles. These are euthanized at birth.

**Breed Disqualifications:** Undershot. Overshot greater than 1/8 inch. White body splashes, which means white on body between withers and tail, on sides between elbows and back of hindquarters in all colors.

**Faults:** Prick ears, pendulous, low-set ears and non-typical coats are *severe faults*. Any display of shyness, fear or aggression is to be severely penalized.

**Recognized Problems:** Mild **umbilical hernias**, **hip dysplasia** and **ocular anomalies** are seen in this breed. **Hereditary deafness** is associated with the presence of the merle and piebald genes. Incidents of **ivermectin** and **piperazine toxicosis** have occurred. Australian Shepherds have the highest incidence of **nasal solar dermatitis**.

**Old Age:** The average life span is 10 to 15 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.*

## May Meeting

**FOOD:** Our next meeting will be held on **Monday, May 20th**. 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:** There will be no program for the May DKC meeting

## DKC MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Durham Kennel Club Member Meeting – April 15, 2002

Following a program given by the Huntsmen from the Red Mountain Hounds, President Jack Sappenfield called the meeting to order.

Jack welcomed members and guests. He reminded everyone to sign the attendance list which is on the white table in front of the main doors.

Minutes from the March 18, 2002 meeting were approved as submitted.

Corresponding Secretary: Stella has received correspondence from Canine House and PCOTC which she will put in the lobby of the DKC building.

**Report of Treasurer:** DKC Account Balance as of 04/15/02:

CCB Savings	\$28,514.30
Fowler Trophy	1,856.11
Financial Mgt. Acct.	30,834.01
Loan Payoff	(6,621.44)

Emilie made a \$10,000 loan payment.

Spring Show net (to date) \$10,559

**Membership:** The following Candidate Members were all voted on and approved: Martin Bourque, Stephanie Spencer, Helen Sanderford and Kathleen Bryant. Congratulations to all!! Our current membership stands at 190.

**Membership dues are due June 1<sup>st</sup>. Form will be in the next newsletter. [Which is this one.]**

**CGC:** A test was held April 6<sup>th</sup>. Nine dogs passed. There will be another test at the end of this session of classes.

**Sho N Go:** The next one is May 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Programs:** Marge expressed appreciation for the large attendance that the meetings have been having. Jack thanked Marge for the great programs that we have had this past year.

**Breeder Referral:** Nancy is getting at least one request a day.

**Education:** AKC is sending Molly a tape on the recovery program. May 5<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> is Education Week. New pamphlets will be coming from AKC.

**Tracking:** The end of March, we had a TD test out of 10 there were 3 that passed. A lot of work goes into these tests. Raise your hand if you have helped in any way. For those who have been involved ...you spend 2 days working whether the dog passes or not. Jack borrowed on idea from another club---The Tired Tootsie award!! Everyone who helps will get this little patch of a foot with a dog on a track. Next time you help...you will get a paw print to go with the "Tired Tootsie". Thanks to everyone for helping out.

We have increased the TDX tracking fee. Based on other clubs and the number of alternates that we are receiving...we have gone up to \$150.00 and dogs that pass will get \$50.00 back in addition to the nice plaques that DKC gives as trophies.

**Spring Show:** Connie thanked everyone for helping out at this show!!

**Agility:** The trials will be this weekend at the DKC land....Things will start about 8am and end about 3:30pm. Please come out & watch...bring a chair and a hat!

**Unfinished Business:** Pet Photographer - A professional pet photographer will be coming to DKC on June 15<sup>th</sup>. We must have at least 15 people or we will have to cancel. Please contact Sharon Pitz for an appointment time. She also will collect a \$6.00 sitting fee from you at that time which will go towards the cost of your pictures. The packages range from \$29.00 - \$85.00 and will

be picked up at DKC on June 29<sup>th</sup>. A notice will be put in the newsletter.

Driveway Closure - This will be discussed again now that we have more information.

**New Business:** There was an article in the Raleigh paper about dogs being stolen...Please be careful about your pets. The article will be put up on the bulletin board.

Following several brags, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Denise McDonald*

DKC Recording Secretary

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## MEMBERSHIP

### NEW CANDIDATE MEMBERS

**Martin Bourque  
Stephanie Spencer  
Helen Sanderford  
Kathleen Bryant.**

### MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

**Chris Rasmussen**  
New address is:  
10117 Old Roxboro Rd,  
Bahama 27503  
477-7932

**Sharon Pitz**  
I have a computer at home now, and am trying to cut down on personal e-mails at work. So, unless you need an urgent reply, please send memos to my home:  
[pitz0001@earthlink.net](mailto:pitz0001@earthlink.net)

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## Litter Brags

Kate and Conrad Fulkerson report that they had a great litter of Labrador puppies on April 1. They have eight: 6 boys, 2 girls; 7 black, 1 yellow. Dam: CH Graemoor Columbine; Sire: Trendmaker's Tycoon. Whelping was monitored and assisted by WhelpWise from Veterinary Perinatal Specialties, Wheat Ridge, CO.

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### DKC Spring Agility Trials

Our 2002 spring agility trials on April 20 and 21 were a huge success thanks to the many club and exhibitor volunteers. We received well over 500 entries for our 300 run limit. Not even all the entries received opening day got in.

Thursday night before the trials, the agility class members all helped load the equipment onto the trailer. With everyone helping this took about 30 minutes. Friday afternoon we hauled the trailer out to the Rougemont property where we unloaded, hammered rebar, strung the fencing, set up tents for the secretary and one at each ring for the exhibitors. This took about 2 hours with lots of people.

Saturday morning began at 7 out at the site to start building courses. At 8 am, the judge announced excellent briefing for the first class. Afterwards she met with all the ring crew - scribe, timer, assistant scribe and timer, gate steward, ring crew and more to make sure all were present and knew what to do. The first dog was called to the line shortly after that. There are 5 jump heights in each class and whenever a height is completed, the ring crew rushes up to reset bars and change the table height. In the meantime, at the rate of about one every 2 minutes, the scribe sheets are brought from the ring, calculated at the secretary's table and recorded into 3 separate catalogs - one for the club, one for the judge, and one for AKC. The scores and times are also transcribed to a class sheet which is posted for all exhibitors to see. Placement and green ribbons are labeled for the qualifiers. At the end of the class, ribbons and toys are awarded to all the qualifiers. Peggy Schmidt did a great job with this as always. New titles are announced, and smiles are visible on many faces! We finish all runs about 4 pm.

That night move ups to a higher class level are recorded by the

secretary. New catalogs, scribe sheets, and gate boards are printed. Sunday morning we start all over again with a repeat of the day before. There were no major problems, just a grumble or two from unhappy exhibitors who did not qualify. The excellent jumpers class was most exciting as we all got to watch our very own Tracy Fletcher finish his MACH (Master Agility Championship) title on his Sheltie, Tess. This is only the second MACH for the Durham Kennel Club. Tracy and Tess took a victory lap around the ring to the cheers of friends and family as he clutched the traditional last bar in his hand. Way to go Tracy! The MACH title represents the ultimate achievement in agility and is well deserved by this team.

For the remainder of the day, the weather was dry and hot reaching close to 90 degrees with only a slight breeze and a few clouds. We finished around 4 and took down the fencing and tents. The equipment was loaded into the trailer and hauled back to DKC. There it was all unloaded and put away by 5:30. The only remaining business was for the catalogs and reports to be sent to AKC along with the recording fees of \$3 per dog.

A tremendous thanks to: Emilie Beglane who was always ready to take care of any financial matters with a smile. George Beglane who never seemed to run out of energy up to the last unloading of the A-frame into the building. He was always there hammering, stretching fencing, assembling the tents (it seems no one else can ever figure out how they go together), nailing down equipment, building courses, and of course his favorite - gate steward. Sharon Pitz who organized all the refreshments for the workers. Denise who supervised all the workers and covered the last minute no shows. Tracy Fletcher who built all 12 courses and helped set up Friday and unload Sunday. And most of all, Richard Whorton, trial secretary. Richard makes it look

easy, however, that is simply not the case. That job is tremendous and many clubs hire their secretaries because it is such an enormous job, very few are willing to do it. The secretary gets asked everything. So while he is trying to calculate and record the scores, he may get asked where are they measuring dogs, do I have to get my dog measured, where are the porta potties, are there any extra armbands cuz they already lost theirs from the day before, where are the scribe sheets, what was the course time for yesterday's open jumper course 16", could they look at their scribe sheet from 3 classes earlier, can they buy a catalog, how many refusals are you allowed in novice, and the best one of all - when are the sporting breeds showing. He answered all questions with great patience.

There were many many more people who helped in a number of ways including some new faces we had not seen before such as Martin Bourque who helped all day Sunday including unloading the trailer. There were at least 50 folks helping each day and we are grateful to each and every one of you for helping put on our best trials yet. Our next trials are Sept 28 and 29. See you all then.

*Mary Whorton*  
Agility Trial Chairperson

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

**Show-N-Go**

**Jane Bergsten (919) 967-2191**  
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**Sept. 28, 29 (Sat., Sun.)**

**Agility Trials**

**Richard Whorton 919-471-1405**  
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**Dec. 15, 16 (Sat., Sun.)**

**Obedience Trials**

**Shirley Sanders 336-586-9663**  
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**SHOW REPORT: CONFORMATION**

OWNER'S NAME	DOG'S NAME (BREED)	SHOW & DATE	CLASS	PTS	HIGHEST WIN *	SPECIAL MERIT
Joanna Burley	Giorgio (Lhasa Apso)	Central MD Lhasa Apso Fanciers 4/21/02)	Sweeps 12-18 mo.		<b>BEST IN SWEEPSTAKES</b>	

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

OWNER'S NAME	DOG'S NAME (BREED)	SHOW & DATE	CLASS	SCORE	SP. AWARD
Tracy Fletcher	Tess (Sheltie)	DKC Agility Trial (4/20/02)	STD/JWW	23rd Double Q & 737 total MACH points	
“	“	DKC Agility Trial (4/21/02)	STD/JWW	24th Double Q & 753 total MACH points	<b>MACH Title !!!!</b>

**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 29<sup>th</sup> / 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

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**ANIMAL VISITATION DOGS NEEDED**

Is there anyone with a Delta or TDI dog that could help at the Murdock Center:  
 a state residential facility serving persons with severe-profound disabilities?  
 For more information, please call Sarah Hogan 575-1253.