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# Durham Kennel Club Newsletter

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Is what we say,  
what our dogs are  
hearing?.

*Petspeak*

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### Rhodesian Ridgeback: Dog of the Month



The Rhodesian Ridgeback, a member of the Hound Group, is a handsome, upstanding and athletic dog, capable of great

endurance with a fair (good) amount of speed. Of even, dignified temperament, the Ridgeback is devoted and affectionate to his master, reserved with strangers. The peculiarity of this breed is the *ridge* on the back. The ridge is regarded as the characteristic feature of the breed. The **Rhodesian Ridgeback (also know as the African Lion Hound)** is the only dog that is able to hold a raging lion at bay for a hunter.

**Background:** The breed was developed in Africa by the European settlers beginning in the 16<sup>th</sup> century, where one of its ancestors was a small, prick-eared, dog found with Hottentot tribes – the only ancestor having a ridge. Other breeds that are part of the Ridgeback’s heritage include the mastiff, the Greyhound, the Great Dane, and the Boer Hound. **It was first recognized in 1955.**

The current standards for the **Rhodesian Ridgeback** were **approved** by the AKC on **Aug. 11, 1992; effective Sept. 30, 1992.**

**Show Ring:** --The preferred height is 25 to 27 inches for dogs and 24 to 26 inches for bitches; the desirable weight for dogs is 85 lbs. and 70 lbs. for bitches.

The coat should be short and dense; its color is light wheaten to red wheaten. A little white on the chest and toes is permissible but excessive white there, on the belly or above the toes is undesirable. The ridge should be clearly defined, tapering and symmetrical. It should start immediately behind the shoulders and continue to a point between the prominence of the hips and

should contain two identical crowns (whorls) directly opposite each other.

**Breeding and Whelping:** Delivery is usually easy. Litter size ranges up to 15, with birth weight averaging 1 lb. Dewclaws should be removed

**Breed Disqualifications:** Ridgelessness

**Serious Fault:** One crown (whorl) or more than two crowns (whorls).

**Recognized Problems: Dermoid sinus** a serious condition related to the ridge (but not on the ridge itself) in which a funnel of outer skin grows inward from the surface down to the spinal cord allowing contamination of the spinal cord. **Congenital deafness** is reported in the breed. The **standard problems** of larger dogs are no more frequent in the Ridgeback than any large dog.

**Old Age:** The average life span is 10 to 14 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.*

### September Meeting

**FOOD:** Our next meeting will be held on **Monday, Sept. 16th.** 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.

Dogs are welcomed in the building during the pot luck dinner before the meeting, but should be crated or kept in Ring 2 until dinner is over.

**PROGRAM:** The program will be given by club member, **Dee Wallis** who will address the topic of contracts. Do breeders need them and what should they cover? Should puppy buyers expect to enter into a contract with their breeder and how binding is a contract if a problem does occur? This looks like a very interesting and useful program. Hope to see you there.

## DKC MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The last Durham Kennel Club Member Meeting of May 20, 2002 was reported in the Summer newsletter.

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## MEMBERSHIP CARING

Even though we have a membership of about 180, give or take a few, we do care about each of our members. If you know of a DKC member who is ill, has had a death in the family or just needs a "cheer up," please let Marge white know so that a card or note can be sent. We can't let people know we care if we aren't aware that they are having a problem.

**Marge White (919-542-1718)**

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## MEMBER ILLNESS

We send good wishes to Vern Bell who has spent a great deal of the summer in the hospital. Here is a note from Mary.

Aug. 21

Vern Bell entered Durham Regional Hospital on July 12 with shortness of breath caused by blood clots in his lungs coming from a clot in his right leg in April which had been treated. He was diagnosed with diabetes July 11 at his annual physical. They later found he has a defective blood clotting gene. While in the hospital, they discovered an aneurysm in his brain. Because of this, they stopped the blood thinners and inserted a permanent filter in his blood stream just under his kidneys to protect the upper part of his body from clots. The filter stopped up causing his legs to swell. Emergency surgery on his left leg relieved the pressure. His right left corrected itself. The leg wounds were closed a week later with skin grafts. The aneurysm started leaking so that surgery was

performed sooner than expected. The aneurysm was surrounded by a mass including blood clots. A biopsy indicated the mass is a pituitary tumor which will be removed sometime in September. Vern is currently in rehab learning to walk again and hopes to be coming home around August 27 after 6 plus weeks in the hospital. He is in excellent spirits and although he had other plans for the summer, feels he is a very lucky guy! Thanks to all DKC members for your prayers, well wishes and kind words.

Mary Bell

We certainly hope that Vern is getting stronger each day. Many positive thoughts have been directed to Mary and Vern during this time.

Also, Diane Kessler has had eye surgery and we hear she is recovering well from that, but is looking forward to more surgery this fall. Our best wishes are with Diane too, and hope that all goes well with the pending surgery.

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## 2003 YARD SALE

Again, start saving your no longer needed treasures, or goodies you no longer need or want. We will have ore annual yard sale on Jan 18. More information to come in future newsletters.

**Sharon Pitz**

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## PET PHOTOS

For those of you who wanted to have a pet photo made, but missed the opportunity in June, Eric Lupton will return to DKC Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>.

Mark your calendars; save the date. There is a \$6 sitting fee per subject, and many packages to select.

**Sharon Pitz**

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## FALL SHOW ADS

**It's that time again! Ads are due by the end of August.** It's a great way to support the club!

\$5 for memory/booster ads  
\$20/half page  
\$35/full page  
\$40/full page with picture

Checks and cash go to:

**Emilie Beglane**  
(in person or by mail)  
**8318 South Lowell Rd.**  
**Bahama, NC 27503**

**Chris Rasmussen**

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## FALL SHOW ROSETTES

We need sponsors for rosettes for the fall show. Exhibitors have expressed an interest in receiving rosettes instead of trophies. The cost to sponsor a breed or variety is \$20, which includes rosettes for Best of Breed/Variety, Best of Opposite Sex, Best of Winners, Winners Dog, and Winners Bitch. We also need sponsors for obedience.

**We need to get this information to Moss-Bow for the premium list ASAP, so please call Jim Ferson at 933-5045 if you would like to sponsor anything.**

If your Breed/Variety has already been sponsored by someone, please consider sponsoring another Breed/Variety, perhaps in honor or memory of a friend's dog. Thank you all for your support!!!!

**JAN GRAY**

**workingdogs@earthlink.net**

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## Litter Brags

**CH Abken's Bizzy, CGC HIC** (owned by **Emmy Wolters**) and **CH Donlee Moon Shine del Robles** (a 'California Boy') have five fabulous baby Bouvier girls born July 13th. We wonder if they'll turn out to be 'Southern Belles' or 'California Girls'?!...

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## Fall DKC Agility Trials (9-28 and 9-29)

Once again we filled our entry limit quickly on opening day (Aug 7) for the 300 runs of agility trials each day. We have an extremely long waiting list of over 100 runs each day. We will very much need DKC members to help work at these trials. Training or experience is not necessary. If you are able to work either day, please contact Mary Whorton at e-mail [whort002@mc.duke.edu](mailto:whort002@mc.duke.edu). Most needed will be from 7:45 am to 11:30 am both days, and from 2 pm to 4 pm both days. We will provide lunch for workers.

We will also have an official measuring judge, Diane Holleman, to measure dogs for agility height cards. All dogs planning to participate in AKC agility must eventually have a height card. Dogs can come out and be measured on Saturday from 11 to 2 and Sunday morning even if they are not entered. Dogs who are entered and need height cards before they run will be measured as soon as Diane can work them around her showing schedule. See the judging confirmation letter for details on times for those who are entered.

Due to an extremely large number of hand delivered and courier delivered entries this year for these trials, we will no longer permit such deliveries in the future. The trials were very close to filling before even the Federal Express entries arrived at 9:30 am on opening day. No U.S. mail entries made it in at all. We do not feel this is fair to out of town exhibitors or those who did not have access to someone who would hand deliver an entry. For our spring trials, entries must be mailed to a P.O. Box in Durham. No exceptions. The address will be published later. Any entries that are delivered to the home of the trial secretary will not be accepted.

If you have not watched the ever growing sport of agility, please come out and see why so many dogs and handlers are getting involved in this

event. Many different breeds will be represented at these trials from the every popular Shelties, Border Collies, Corgis, Labs, and Goldens, to Cavalier King Charles Spaniels, Scotties, Westies, Staffordshire Bull Terrier, JRT, Poodles, Dalmatians, Keeshonds, Boston Terrier, and more. A food concession will be on site. Bring your own chair, shade, and water.

**Mary Whorton** - Trial Chairman

## AGILITY CLASSES

We will be offering both an **intermediate and an advanced agility** class on **Monday nights beginning Sept 9**. Intermediate is for dogs who have successfully completed a beginner or intermediate level agility class. Advanced is for dogs who have at least one leg from the open standard class. Classes run for 8 weeks but not on club meeting nights.

In addition, we will offer **4 consecutive weeks of run through classes on Thursday night beginning Sept 5 through Sept 27**. To qualify for this class dogs must have at least one novice standard leg. No instruction is offered for this class, just a different advanced level course will be set up to run each week. **For any of these classes, contact Lisa Connelly for an application or to see if the classes are still enrolling.**

**Mary Whorton**

## CONFORMATION CLASSES

We will offer a **beginner conformation class, running for 8 weeks, beginning October 3rd and ending on November 21st**. The class will run from 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM. The cost of this class is \$65. If you are starting a puppy, consider bringing another dog for part of the hour, since puppies can tire easily.

For our more experienced handlers we will also offer a "drop in" opportu-

nity to work your dog for \$5.00, from 8:00 to 8:30 (30 minutes), in the other ring. I will be available to go over your dogs, or run throughs.

Written vet verification of shot records, plus a current clear fecal check will be required for all dogs participating.

**Please call Betty McAllister at 919 528 2649, after 6 PM, for more information and to enroll in class.**

## OBEDIENCE TRIAL

As most of you are aware, the Durham Kennel Club has a two day obedience trial in the middle of December. The dates for this year's trials are December 14 and 15. We are contacting you to ask if you would like to donate a trophies(s) for these trials.

The club will furnish the trophies for 1 - 4 place in each class. **The cost for these trophies is as follows: 1 - 10.00, 2 - 7.00, 3 - 5.00, 4 - 3.00.**

If you would like to donate a special trophy (such as high scoring Lab, etc.), you would supply this trophy. **The deadline for receiving donations is Monday, Oct 21st (Oct. DKC meeting).** If you would like to donate a trophy, please contact **Dee Wallis at [deewallis@aol.com](mailto:deewallis@aol.com)** and let her know what trophy and what class or what special trophy you would like to donate. If you are donating a special trophy, Dee needs to receive these trophies no later than the Nov. DKC meeting. She will also need to know, in the case of special trophies, what the trophy is for and what the trophy will be (such as dog toy, etc.).

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me ([Mfdavis1@aol.com](mailto:Mfdavis1@aol.com)) or Dee at the above e-mail address.

Thank you.

**Mary Frances Davis**  
**DKC Obedience Trial Chair**

## Of Medical Interest

**1. A very interesting and informative transcript from the *Canine Reproduction Seminar*** With Dr. Robert Van Hutchison is available as an e-mail attachment at [toohil@duke.edu](mailto:toohil@duke.edu)

### 2. Testing Animals' Immunity Level

Owners anxious about annual vaccinations can ask their veterinarians to check their pet's immunity to certain diseases. In the past, most such tests were costly and had to be sent to an outside laboratory. If they indicated that a dog or cat wasn't protected, the owner had to bring the pet back for vaccination.

But a new 15-minute blood test, called **TiterChek**, can help determine if a dog is protected against two of the most common, life-threatening diseases: canine **parvovirus and distemper**. The test, made available in May, is the first of its kind to be approved by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which licenses animal vaccines. The kit is made by Synbiotics Inc., a San Diego veterinary-products company.

**If you wish to know of a vet in the area who will be carrying this product**, e-mail [toohil@duke.edu](mailto:toohil@duke.edu)

### 3. First Case of West Nile Virus in Dogs Reported Veterinary & Aquatic Services Department, Drs. Foster & Smith, Inc.

The first report of a case of infection with West Nile Virus (WNV) in dogs was made by a veterinarian in Georgia. The dog was a 2\* year old Labrador Retriever. The dog was drooling, had a decreased appetite, had small spasms of his facial muscles, and the ears were not held symmetrically. These are general signs of a neurologic (nervous system) problem. The veterinarian conducted laboratory tests for the presence of several viruses which affect the nervous system including

both Eastern and Western Equine Encephalitis, and West Nile Virus. The dog was treated with chloramphenicol, which is thought to have some anti-viral activity, and recovered.

**Comments from our Veterinary Staff:** Dogs had been considered resistant to infection with WNV. Their risk of exposure to the virus is high, since it is transmitted by mosquitoes, yet, until now, no dogs had been diagnosed with WNV infection. Considering this is the first case, and the dog recovered within 5 days, the hypothesis that dogs are more resistant to the virus than some other animals is still probably true. The fact that dogs can be infected with the virus and could potentially be sources of human infection, however, heightens the need to reduce exposure to mosquitoes in both dogs and humans. To minimize exposure of dogs to mosquitoes: Restrict outdoor activity when the risk of exposure to mosquitoes is high - early morning and at night. Limit exposure to stagnant water, the breeding ground of mosquitoes, by removing tires or other objects which can provide places for water to pool, and hanging the water in pet bowls on a daily basis. Use both oral and topical flea-and-tick control products on dogs, as well as insect repellents, such as permethrin. Avoid geographical areas where the mosquito density is high.

Field dog trainers, for example, should choose training areas away from stagnant pools of water. If your dog does show signs of nervous system disease, contact your veterinarian immediately.

This first case report of West Nile Virus in dogs should not cause undue alarm or panic, but is a reminder that we should protect dogs from external parasites such as mosquitoes, fleas, and ticks, which can transmit serious diseases.

**4. Merck Vet Manual online**  
<http://www.merckvetmanual.com/mvm/index.jsp>

**5. 100,000 Pets Returned 'Home Again' With Implantable Microchip Technology.** August 23, 2002 12:00am Source: PR Newswire

## Goings On

**Cindy Luster**, a former DKC member of many years, reports that her GSD Ben is now officially a stud dog for Guiding Eyes for the Blind. He was spotted at a GSD National and came through all his tests in New York with flying colors even though he is now seven years old.

Check with Sharon Pitz for further details.

## Upcoming Events

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**Sept. 9 (Mon.) (DKC)**

**Agility Classes Begin**

**Lisa Connelly 919 471-8402**

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**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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**Oct. 3 (Thur.) (DKC)**

**Conformation Classes Begin**

**Betty McAllister 919 528 2649**

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**Oct. 19 (Sat.)**

**Orange County Speedway**

**DKC FALL SHOW**

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**Nov. 17, 18 (Sat., Sun.)**

**Tracking Trial**

**Jack Sappenfield 910-598-5318**

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

**Obedience Trials**

**Shirley Sanders 336-586-9663**

**CONFORMATION SHOW REPORT \***

OWNER'S NAME	DOG'S NAME (BREED)	SHOW & DATE	CLASS	PTS	HIGHEST WIN *	SPECIAL MERIT
Nicki Camerra	Dillon (Mastiff)	Clemson KC (6/23)			Best of Breed (group 4)	
Betty McAllister	Lucy (Black cocker)	Amer. Spaniel Club, San Antonio, Tx. (7/13)	6-9		4 <sup>th</sup> (out of a class of 23)	
"	"	Greenville, SC (7/27)	6-9	1	BOV	
"	"	Greenville, SC (7/28)	6-9	1	BOV	

**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 (French Bulldog)	Magic Valley KC, Charleston WV (7/6)	Utility B		3		OTCH !!!! 1st Frenchie OTCH in history !!
Nicki Camerra	Madison (Newfoundland)	Clemson KC (6/22)	Novice B	195			CD title
"	"	Clemson KC (6/23)	Novice B	198.5		1st	
Sharon Pitz	Michael (Golden Retriever)	Danville KC (7/6)	Agility Nov B Stan. 24"	95	1	1st	
"	"	Danville KC (7/7)	Agility Nov B Stan. 24"	90	2	1st	

\*The above reports are only those received online. Those reported at the DKC over the summer will appear in the October issue of the Newsletter.

**MOBILE PHONE FOR CANINES UNVEILED**

**Aug. 21** — Never again must hunters face the frustration of a hound run astray. A Finnish company has launched a mobile phone specifically for hunting and tracking dogs that lets masters communicate with and locate their canines over vast distances.

By strapping the device onto his dog, a hunter can send a text message from his own mobile phone and seconds later receive a reply giving the coordinates of the dog's position, according to a representative for the manufacturer, Benefon.

If the hunter wants to speak to his dog or give a command, he simply calls him up, paying normal calling charges, Benefon said.

The device — set to retail at 1,142 euros (\$1,115) across Finland — combines a Global Positioning System location finder and a normal cell phone, albeit without a screen or dialing buttons so the dog won't be able to make unauthorized long distance calls, he said.

Unfortunately for hunters, Benefon representatives said the manufacturer had no plans to start production of similar devices for their hunters' game.

## Addendum to the Newsletter

from Dee Wallis (reply to Dee at [DeeWallis@aol.com](mailto:DeeWallis@aol.com)) Regarding December Obedience Trial Prizes:

Several Development this summer have changed the process for the December trial trophies:

1. **Class Prizes.** Iams has very generously donated nice prizes for all of the class wins for both days. This has allowed us to dream and to ask the members to change their pledges. We would like to have money to buy rosettes for the placement ribbons and to buy a tub of stuffed animals to award to everyone who qualifies. If we get enough money we would even make the green ribbons rosettes. The premium list and the catalogue would list all of the DKC donors but they would not be linked to a particular class prize as in the past. I would like to hear from everyone who has pledged money so far to know whether they want to continue their pledge based on this new plan, and I would like lots of pledges from the rest of you.

2. **Special Prizes.** We have always allowed donations for prizes limited only by your imagination and pocket book and then allowed you to give a general description in advance and to provide the prize at the last minute. Because of new AKC regulations, we can no longer do that. The description of the prize must be so specific that we must have the prizes in hand by the September Member meeting to allow us to draft specific descriptions to go into the premium list. So, donate all you want. Just do it now. Get the prize to me by Sept 23. You can find me at the DKC building any Monday night. If you have donated a prize in the past, we may still have it and it can be redonated. Call or e-mail me if you want to inquire.

Dee Wallis

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From Brona Hicks

Open Work Time at the DKC building: Wednesday nights from 8:30 to 9:30 during the fall session of obedience class (9/18 – 11/13). All DKC members are welcome and should plan to be there by 8:45 and be prepared to share time and space with others. If no one has arrived by 8:45 I will close the building.

Thanks, Brona Hicks [bfhic@msn.com](mailto:bfhic@msn.com) 732-5562