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**Irish Wolfhound: DOG OF THE MONTH**



The **Irish Wolfhound**, a member of the Hound Group, and the tallest of the coursing hounds, is in appearance like a rough-

coated Greyhound and is remarkable in combining power and swiftness with keen sight. His patient, thoughtful, intelligent character makes him an ideal companion dog, but he needs a large exercise area. He is good with children, but reserved with strangers.

**Background:** The Irish Wolfhound was first mentioned in the year 391 A.D. when the Roman Consul received 7 of them as a gift which was viewed with wonder by all of Rome. This breed was prominent in the feudal life of the Middle Ages and was formerly used to hunt deer, wolf and boar.

**Approved by the AKC September 12, 1950.**

**Show Ring: Size:** The minimum height and weight of dogs should be 32 inches and 120 pounds; of bitches, 30 inches and 105 pounds; these to apply only to hounds over 18 months of age. **Eyes:** dark. **Ears:** small, with Greyhound like carriage. **Coat:** rough and hard, especially wiry and long over the eyes and under the jaw. **Feet:** moderately large and round; toes, close, well arched. **Tail:** long and slightly curved. **Color:** The recognized colors are gray, brindle, red, black, pure white, fawn or any other color that appears in the Deerhound.

**Breeding and Whelping:** The average age of first estrus is 14 to 18 months with 2 years not being unusual. Single births do occur and the average litter size is 4 pups. Birth weight of dogs is about 1 and a half pounds with bitches slightly less. The pups are usually dark at birth, but some have white markings. Their colors appear as they grow older.

Dewclaws should be removed at 3 days. The IWCA recommends puppies up to a year be fed 4 to 5 times a day. Some breeders suggest 3 feedings a day for adult dogs to avoid bloat.

**Faults:** Too light or heavy a head, too highly arched frontal bone; large ears and hanging flat to the face; short neck; full dewlap; too narrow or too broad a chest; sunken or hollow or quite straight back; bent forelegs; overbent fetlocks; twisted feet; spreading toes; too curly a tail; weak hindquarters and a general want of muscle; too short in body. Lips or nose liver-colored or lacking pigmentation.

**Disqualifications: None.**

**Recognized Problems:** Irish Wolfhounds are subject to **tail injury** and **elbow hygroma** (fluid sacs). **Medication** may also be a problem. Dosages of **anesthesia and worm medicine** should not be determined strictly according to weight. Because of low body fat, this breed is very sensitive to **barbiturate anesthetics**. **Rhinitis syndrome** appears in puppies and may progress. **Hip dysplasia** and **metabolic bone diseases** occur as in all giant breeds.

**Old Age:** Of those who survive to one year, the average age for dogs is 5 years and for bitches 6.6 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.*

**January Meeting**

The next meeting of the DKC membership will take place on **Monday, Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>**. 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. Furry friends at 7:30.

**January Program** - DKC Education Chair **Kirk Ridge** will be speaking about the activities of the Education Committee.

## November Business Meeting

Durham Kennel Club Membership Meeting - November 15, 2004

Following a program on Flyball, President Jack Sappenfield called the meeting to order.

“Welcome to all members and guests!! Once again, It is so nice to see such a large crowd. Guests please stand up and tell us about yourself. Please remember to sign the attendance sheet. We are getting to the end of the year and we have lots of activities where volunteers are needed. We have SHO-n-GOs, the December Obedience trial, the Spring Breed/Obedience Show, Tracking tests, Agility trials & etc. Please volunteer!!”

Minutes of the October 18, 2004 meeting, were approved as published

**Corresponding Secretary:** Thank you to all who participated in the program at Little River School. The program that we helped with the Girl Scouts was awarded with a certificate from the Girl Scouts. All correspondence that has been received has been placed in the lobby.

**Treasurer:** DKC Account Balances as of 11/15/04:

CCB Savings	\$28,366.97
Fowler Trophy	\$1,846.28
Financial Management	\$54,595.07

**Last Board Meeting:** The Board approved the Budget for 2004 - 2005. Copies are available if you would like to see them.

**Membership:** Up for voting tonight include 4 for new candidate members (Kristy Siefkin, Meagan Hamblen, Kenneth & Emily Hang) and 10 for regular memberships (Tom & Gail Kanas, Cyndy Ebert, Paige & Randall Wiseman, Steve & Yvonne Short, Karen Stewart and Andy & Cindy Hartman). Congratulations...All were voted in!!

**Conformation:**Classes are going well. We will not meet Thanksgiving or Christmas. We meet Thursdays from 7 -8pm.

**Agility Classes:** We have completed this session of classes. The building will be open on Monday nights from 7 - 8:30 pm for supervised “open” Agility work. The next session of classes will start the second week in January.

**CGC:** There will be one this Saturday.

**Sho-n-Go:** Saturday and Sunday following Thanksgiving will be the next one.

**Awards:** February 26<sup>th</sup>, Saturday night is the date of the Banquet. It will be at the DKC building and catered by Belle Rouge; this is a new Caterer for us this year.

Award Applications are on the web site and in the lobby....PLEASE Read the instructions!!!

Reservation forms for the Banquet will be in the newsletter.

**Newsletter:** It will be out right after Thanksgiving. And it comes in 1 of three forms; e-mailed, on the web or hard copy.

**December Obedience Trial:** Entries are pouring in & it looks like we will fill. Linda Kerr is the Chief Ring Steward...please contact her if you will be available for stewarding.

There is a food list going around for food donations.

**Agility Trial:** The next trials will be held the end of April. The limits per judge has been raised from 300 per day to 330 so we will increase our limits to such.

**Spring Show:** It is that time to ask for volunteers again. We must have the names now to put in the premium list. Thank you to those who have volunteered. If you have not done so yet, Please contact Connie Howard.

**Programs:** Instead of a December meeting, December 20<sup>th</sup> will be our Holiday Social. Please bring hors d'oeuvres. Because of insurance issues; DKC will not be providing

wine, beer & etc. More info will be provided at a later date.

**Breeder Referral:** We are getting many requests. Christmas puppy requests are coming in.

**Outside Maintenance:** The roof does not leak anymore!!

**Unfinished Business:** Gate - When will the gate be put up? As soon as we can get a concrete truck out here.

**New Business:** Canine CPR Class. If we have the interest of at least 15 people, the American Red Cross will come out for a 4 hour class. Please sign the list going around if you are interested in this class.

**Announcements:** Mighty Match will be January 9 & 10, 2005 at the Fairchild Community Center in Burlington. Flyers will be available soon!!

Following several brags the meeting was adjourned at 9:47pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Denise McDonald*

Denise McDonald  
Durham Kennel Club  
Recording Secretary

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## Dec. Obedience Trial

As Show Chairman, you don't breathe that sigh of relief until the judges are on the plane home, and you realize that the trial ran smoothly. No dogs bit other dogs or people, no Event Committee hearings were required, no medical emergencies occurred, no major arguments happened, the building is locked up and all is well. At the end of the day you realize that it took a strong committee of hardworking, knowledgeable people to put together a smooth-running show, and at least a dozen more dedicated people to pitch in various talents, not to mention all the other people who contributed in various ways. All this, so our club can put on an obedience trial we can be proud of. I had many exhibitors -- Novice people

especially -- come up and tell me how welcomed they felt and how much they liked the judges. Both judges, too, talked to me before the trial on the phone, at the trial and in letters afterward about how much they love to come to DKC and how well our club does putting on a trial. This year, unlike trials in other places, our limited entry show filled up and even had waiting lists for Novice A entries! A huge thanks goes to the show committee:

Tracy Fletcher -- Trial Secretary, who had the thankless task of all that paperwork and people calling him over the Thanksgiving holiday.

Denise McDonald & Nicki Camerra - Trophies, who solicit and keep track of all the prizes we hand out. Nicki's company IAMS has been a generous sponsor of our trial and we thank them enormously.

Carolyn Wolfe & Joanne Harrar -- Concessions & Hospitality, who solicited donations of food items and prepared breakfast and lunch both days.

Linda Kerr -- Chief Ring Steward, who recruited experienced stewards and paired new ones with mentors to show them the ropes.

George Beglane -- Equipment & Grounds, who toled, hauled, moved equipment and did whatever was needed with a smile on his face.

If you weren't involved with the December trial but are interested, please consider lending your time and talents for next year. It's one of the best ways to get involved, get to know other club members and make a difference. A big thanks to all who made a difference.

*Lynn Reagan-Hull*  
Show Chairman

### Award Application Deadline

Please remember that **all Award Applications are due by Jan. 7** to **Lisa Roberts**

Please join us for the  
**DKC AWARDS BANQUET**

Saturday, February 26, 2005  
Durham Kennel Club Building  
Doors Open at 6:30  
Dinner at 7:00  
\$25.00 per person

A reservation form for the banquet is enclosed with this newsletter. Reservations must be made (check received by) Tuesday, February 15. Please mail your completed form and check to: **Lisa Roberts 4036 Abbey Lane, Stem, NC 27581.**

Belle Rouge will be the caterer. The menu will be Fresh Fruit & Vegetables, Tossed Salad, Vegetable Medley, Rosemary Red Potatoes, your choice of Chicken Roulade with mushroom, herb & white wine sauce **or** Beef Forestiere with herb port demi glace, **or** Balsamic Roast Portabella Mushroom melt (vegetarian) and assorted cheesecakes & cakes for dessert.

The DKC building will be closed all day Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> so we can prepare for the banquet.

Come join us for fun, food and to congratulate fellow club members for their accomplishments!

### AKC Organizes Shipments of Toys and Treats to Military Dogs in Iraq

*[Wednesday, December 22, 2004]*

The American Kennel Club (AKC) recently organized a relief effort to aid the working canines serving in Iraq after receiving word from a military veterinary technician serving overseas that "rest and relaxation" supplies were greatly needed. While the dogs are provided for in terms of basic care, many were without recreational toys and treats, which

help alleviate stress and anxiety through play.

Thirty boxes of various items – collected from The Hartz Mountain Corporation, Nylabone, The Iams Company and Cherrybrook Pet Supply – were sent to kennels in two U.S. Army units, which maintain large kennels of K9 teams. Items included disc flyer toys, AKC Christmas stockings, pull toys, rawhide chews, rubber chew toys, AKC-licensed treats and glow-in-the-dark Frisbees, as well as blankets, cool-down towels and water dishes.

"From bomb detection to search and rescue, these canines provide an invaluable and critical service to our troops overseas," said Dennis B. Sprung, President and CEO of the AKC.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

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**Jan. 7**  
**Award Applications Due**

**Feb. 26 (DKC)**  
**Awards Banquet**

Lisa Roberts  
[wonderdogs@earthlink.net](mailto:wonderdogs@earthlink.net)

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**Feb. 19 & 20, May 14 & 15,**  
**Sept. 24 & 25, Dec 3 & 4 (DKC)**

### Sho-n-Go

Jane Bergsten 919-967-2191

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**Mar. 25 (Raleigh)**  
**Spring Show**

Connie Howard 919-309-9014

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**Apr. 22,23,24 (Rougemont)**  
**Agility Trial**

R & M Whorton 919-471-1405

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**CONFORMATION SHOW REPORT** Please Note: **ONLY AKC WINS ARE LISTED.** Show wins can be sent by e-mail to [ttoohil@duke.edu](mailto:ttoohil@duke.edu) [with info as below] or put on the forms in the lobby of the DKC building.

O W N E R ' S N A M E	DOG'S NAME (Breed)	SHOW & DATE	CLASS	PT	HIGHEST WIN	SPECIAL MERIT
Helen & Joel Sanderford	Maya (Weimaraner)	Lehigh Valley KC (12/12)	Open Bitches	3	WB, BOW	
Cheryl Peters & Mark Lucas	Dillon (Ital. Greyhound)	Fayetteville KC (11/14)	BBE	1	WD Best BBE	His first show!!
Cheryl Peters	Sunny (Ital. Greyhound)	Monroe KC (11/21)	Open Bitch	1	BOS	
"	"	Greater Hickory KC (12/03)	Open Bitch	5	BOW	Her 1 <sup>st</sup> major!!!
"	"	Forsythe KC (12/4)	Open Bitch	2	WB	
"	"	Forsythe KC (12/5)	Open Bitch	3	BOW	Her 2 <sup>nd</sup> major!!!
Nicki Camerra	Molli (Mastiff)	Monroe KC (11/22)	Open Bitch	4		New Champion!!!
Jeanne Simmons	Levi (Border Terrier)	Forsythe KC (12/4)		3	BOB	Champion!!!

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

OWNER'S NAME	DOG'S NAME (BREED)	SHOW & DATE	C L A S S	SCORE	L E G	PLACE	S P E C I A L A W A R D
Patty Thomas	Zorro, Great Dane	Fayetteville (11/12)	Nov A	189.5	1	1	
"	"	Fayetteville (11/13)	Nov A	185.0	2	2	
"	"	Fayetteville (11/14)	Nov A	188.5	3	1	New Title !!!!
Nicki Camerra	Molli (Mastiff)	Savannah (11/28)	Nov B	195.5		2	
"	Madison (Newfy)	Beaufort KC (11/27)	Utility A	187	2	2	
Cindy Luster	Anya (GSD)	Mattaponi KC (12/12)	Tracking Test	Q			TD - (9 mon. old/ her 1 <sup>st</sup> try!!!)
Tammy Abernethy	Skye (Labrador Ret.)	DKC (12/11)	Nov B	196.5	1	4	High Scoring Labrador Ret.!
"	"	DKC (12/12)	Nov B	196	2	3	High Scoring Labrador Ret. !
Lynn Reagan-Hull	Nigel (Westie)	Stokesdale (11/20)	Master Earthdog	Q	1		
"	"	Stokesdale (11/21)	Master Earthdog	Q	2		
Ken Nelson	Squirt (Border Terr.)	Savanna	Nov B JWW	88	1	3	NAJ !!!
"	"	"	Open JWW		2	1	
Claire Clayton	Tristan (Border Terr.)	PRTAA (11/21)	Sr. Earthdog	Q	3		Senior Earthdog!!!
Stella Maunsell	Laylee (Stan. Poodle)	Winston-Salem (12/4)	Nov B	191	3	4	
"	"	Winston-Salem (12/5)	Nov B	196.5		1	
Judy Ortiz	Brooklyn (BC)	DKC (12/11)	Open A	196.5	1	3	

