

DKC Newsletter
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If a dog will not come to you after having looked you in the face, you should go home and examine your conscience.

- Woodrow Wilson

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Bichon Frise: Dog of the Month

Non-Sporting Group



The **Bichon Frise** is a small, sturdy, white dog with a happy temperament. It is affectionate, gentle, sensitive and playful.

Background: The Bichon traces its origin to the Mediterranean area around 1300. It descended from the Barbet or Water-Spaniel from which came the name *Barbichon* later contracted to Bichon. In the past, Bichons were divided into 4 types: Maltais, Bolognais, Havanais and Teneriffe. The name Bichon Teneriffe was changed to **Bichon Frise (plural - Bichons Frises)** in France by the International Canine Federation in 1933. The breed is recognized in France, Belgium and Italy. It was introduced into the U.S. in 1958.

AKC Approved: October 11, 1988; Effective November 30, 1988.

Show Ring: Size: Dogs and bitches 9½ to 11½ " are to be given primary preference. Where the comparative superiority of a specimen outside this range clearly justifies it, greater latitude is taken. This latitude never extends over 12 inches or under 9 inches. **Eyes:** Round, black or dark brown and are set in the skull to look directly forward. **Ears:** Drop and are covered with long flowing hair. **Bite:** Scissor. **Coat:** The undercoat is soft and dense; the outercoat of a coarser and curlier texture. The combination of the two gives a soft but substantial feel to the touch which is similar to plush or velvet and when patted springs back. **Feet:** Tight and round, resembling those of

a cat and point directly forward. **Tail:** Well plumed, set on level with the topline and curved gracefully over the back so that the hair of the tail rests on the back. **Color:** Shadings of buff, cream or apricot around the ears or on the body are acceptable.

Breeding and Whelping: Bichons are prone to silent heat. They are sensitive to pain and often need help at the delivery. The normal litter size is 4-5 pups weighing 3.5 to 4 oz. Dewclaws may be removed. They do not reach full maturity until 1 to 1.5 years.

Serious Faults: Eyes of any color other than black or dark brown; overshot or undershot bite, missing teeth; a corkscrew tail.

Other Faults: Overly large or bulging eyes and almond shaped, obliquely set eyes; absence of pigment on the eye rims.

Disqualifications: None.

Recognized Problems: **Patellar luxation, epilepsy, heavy tartar formation and Pemphigus** [a chronic ulceration disease involving the oral mucosa].

Old Age: The average life span is often 16 or 17 years of age.

From: Ross D. Clark, DVM & Joan R. Stainer. Medical and Genetic Aspects of Purebred Dogs; AKC. The Complete Dog Book (20th ed.) and the AKC web site.

March Meeting

The next meeting of the DKC membership will take place on **Monday, March 20th**. Do plan to attend and bring a dish for our potluck dinner. Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. and everyone is welcome. Furry friends at 7:30.

Mar. Program: To be announced.

Jan. Meeting Minutes

[Also printed in the Feb. Newsletter]

Jan. 16, 2006: Following a program by Michelle Lennon on Rally, which was enthusiastically received by the DKC members, Vice-President Carolyn Wolfe called the meeting to order. The minutes from the last meeting were approved.

Corresponding Secretary: No report.

Treasurer:

DKC Account Balance 1/16/06

SunTrust Savings	\$31,184.68
Fowler Trophy	\$1,867.23
Financial Mgt. Acct.	\$ 67, 257.04

Membership: Congratulations to Rhonda Morin, Margaret Clarke, Christopher & Wanda Hepler and Lisa Nicholson on becoming new Candidate Members. Congratulations to Dana B. Mackonis and Dot McClenny, on being voted in as new Regular Members.

Agility Committee: No report. The committee was in Florida..

Obedience Committee: Sharon said the evening classes are going well and the day classes have begun. She hopes to add puppy classes next time. Call Denise McDonald for Rally O classes at 5:30 on Wednesday. Also check the website for day and night obedience classes. Lynn said that the addition of Rally O in the obedience show raised the income from \$900.00 to \$2900.00. Lynn read complimentary notes from the judges.

Tracking: Jack said there will be tracking on February 26th, please call to volunteer.

Awards: The Banquet will be on February 25th at Frankie's. The sign up form is the last newsletter. [And in the present one.].

AKC Delegate: Linda is at the meeting in Florida.

Spring Show: The premium list is coming out. There will be a German Shepherd specialty after our show and Moore County will, also, be there. Obedience will be in the Kelly

Building. Please contact Connie and Linda to volunteer.

The Cary Kennel Club will have an All Breed Sanction A Match w/ Breed Obedience on Wed. The Lumberton County fall show will no longer be held.

Fall Show: Peggy said we need help with clinics which make money and with the Rottweiler Specialty. This is a good chance for candidate members to volunteer.

Show-N-Go: Marge needs volunteers on February 4th and 5th. Saturday is Novice and Sunday is Open Utility.

Building and Grounds: We are still in the process of purchasing 8 acres adjacent to the club and selling the Rougemont property.

New Business: Harry Smith, who was a member of our club, was honored at the age of 83 by a Lifetime Recognition Award at the Tampa Show.

Ann Carter's father passed away.

Following several brags the meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Molly Zaragoza

UPCOMING ELECTION SLATE

[Voting at the May meeting]

President	Roger Akers
Vice-Pres.	Ann Carter
Corres. Sec.	Molly Zaragoza
Rec. Sec.	Denise McDonald
Treasurer	Chuck Adams
Director	Emilie Beglane
Director	Vern Bell
Director	Linda Kerr
Director	Jack Sappenfield
AKC Delegate	Linda Wozniak

Spring DKC Agility Trials

On April 21, 22 and 23, the DKC will host 3 days of all breed agility trials outdoors on grass at the property in Rougemont on Harris Rd. Friday is excellent level only and judging starts at noon. Sat. and Sun. are all classes - all levels and judging starts at 8 am. To be included in the random draw, entries must be received no earlier than March 6 and no later than March 20. The draw date is March 21 and the closing date is April 1, 2006. The judge is Pam Richcreek from Texas.

Premium lists are available on the DKC website or contact the trial secretary - Richard Whorton either by e-mail awho@duke.edu or telephone 919-471-1405.

If anyone would like to help on any or all of these 3 days, please contact Mary Whorton.

Hope to see lots of folks there!

Mary Whorton

Trial Chairman
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MRI Center Open House

The Iams Company and the Tarheel Cluster invite you to a FREE tour of the Iams Pet Imaging Center!

- Sat., Mar. 25 Noon-4 pm
- Free Towel for the first 200 Guests
- Refreshments provided
- Free shuttle every 10 minutes to/from the center
- Learn how MRI Technology can aid in the diagnosis of disease in your dogs!

The Iams Pet Imaging Center is located across the street from the fairgrounds at 4700 Hillsborough Ave, in Building 3 of the NCSU School of Veterinary Medicine. Free Parking, or use the free shuttle bus which runs every 10 minutes, 12 noon-4 pm on Saturday, March 25. Visit the Iams Booth at the show for more details!

SHOW-N-GO

The Tarheel Golden Retriever Club will host an All Breed Conformation Match, **Obedience Show & Go and CGC Test at the DKC on March 11.**

Registration begins at 8 AM and classes begin at 9:30 AM. CGC Testing begins at 1 PM.

For more information, contact:

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diane@shenandoahgoldens.net

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UPCOMING EVENTS

**March 24 [Raleigh Fairgrounds]
*Spring Show***

**April 21-23 [Rougemont Trial Site]
*Spring Agility Trials***

Richard Whorton 919-471-1405.

**May 13/14, Aug. 12/13, Dec. 2/3
(DKC)**

Show-N-Go –Obedience

Marge White 919-542-1718

Get Well

Jane Bergsten has been ill and we are hoping for her quick return to better health.

If you want to send a card,

Jane's address is
631 Kensington Dr.,
Chapel Hill, NC 27514



ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rufus, a colored bull terrier, stands up at a table at Sardi's Restaurant in New York City on Wednesday. Rufus became America's top dog Tuesday night when he won Best in Show at the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show.

CONFORMATION SHOW REPORT**Please Note: ONLY AKC WINS WITH AKC TITLES ARE LISTED.**

OWNER'S NAME	DOG'S NAME (BREED)	S H O W & D A T E	C L A S S	P T	HIGHEST WIN	SP. MERIT
Susan Jones	Mandy (ML Dachs)	Dachs. Club of NJ (2/10)	BV		BB & BV	Entry of over 130!
"	Queenie (ML Dachs)	Dachs. Club of NJ (2/10)	BBX	4	WB	3rd specialty major!!!
Hope Sylvain	Pinks (Fr. Bulldog)	Ladson, SC (1/28)	Puppy 6-9	3	WB	And Puppy Gr. 2!!!
Kimberly Scarey	Tank (Pembroke WC)	Plum Creek KC (2/17)	BB		BB	Special Merit!!!
"	"	Plum Creek KC (2/18)	BB		BB	
"	"	Colorado KC (2/19)	BB		BB	

PERFORMANCE SHOW REPORT: OBEDIENCE, TRACKING, HERDING, FIELD TRIALS, LURE COURSING AND AGILITY, ETC.**Please Note: ONLY AKC WINS WITH AKC TITLES ARE LISTED.**

OWNER'S NAME	DOG'S NAME (BREED)	S H O W & D A T E	C L A S S	SCORE	L E G	PLACE	TITLES & AWARDS
OBEDIENCE							
Tammy Abernethy	Labrador Ret. (Skye)	Charlotte DTC (2/4)	Open A	194	3	2	CDX!!!
"	"	Charlotte DTC (2/5)	Open A	191	Extra	4	
Lynn Reagan-Hull	Nigel (Westie)	Charlotte DTC (2/4)	Open A	195.5	2	1	
"	"	Charlotte DTC (2/5)	Open A	194.5	3	2	CDX in 4 shows!!!
"	"	Charlotte DTC (2/5)	Open B	195			
"	"	Charlotte DTC (2/5)	Utility B	191			1st UDX LEG!!!
Sue Evenson	Eli (Border Collie)	Charlotte DTC (2/5)	Utility A	189.5	1	2	
AGILITY							
Claire Clayton	Tristran (Border Terrier)	Blue Ridge AC (1/27)	Open JWW	100	3	1	OAJ!!!
"	"	Blue Ridge AC (1/27)	Open Std	100	1	1	
"	"	Blue Ridge AC (1/28)	Open Std	95	2	2	
"	"	Blue Ridge AC (1/28)	Ex A JWW	100	1	1	
RALLY							
Patty Thomas	Zorro (Great Dane)	Charleston (1/28)	Adv	87	2		
"	"	Charleston (1/29)	Adv	92	3		RA!!!
Lynn Reagan-Hull	Nigel (Westie)	Carolina DTC (2/4)	Adv B	96	1		
"	"	Carolina DTC (2/5)	Adv B	90	2		
Sue Evenson	Eli (Border Collie)	Carolina DTC (2/4)	Nov B	100	3	1	RN!!
"	"	Carolina DTC (2/5)	Adv B	99	1	3	
Amanda Stipe	Weaver (Am Foxhound)	Piedmont KC (2/4)	Nov B	89	3		RN!! 1 st hotel trip!
"	"	Piedmont KC (2/5)	Nov B	81	extra		
Wanda Moriarty	Pita (Mini Bull Terrier)	Carolina DTC (2/4)	Nov				RN!!
"	Belle (GSP)	Carolina DTC (2/4)	Nov				RN!!