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### Chow Chow Non-Sporting Group



Keen intelligence, an independent spirit and innate dignity give the Chow an aura of aloofness. It is a Chow's nature to be reserved and discerning with strangers. Displays of aggression or timidity are unacceptable. Because of its deep set eyes, the Chow has limited peripheral vision and is best approached from the front. Essential to true Chow type are his unique blue-black tongue, scowling expression and stilted gait.

**Background:** The Chow Chow is an ancient breed of northern Chinese origin. This all-purpose dog of China was used for hunting, herding, pulling and protection of the home.

**Approved October 10, 2005;  
 Effective January 1, 2006.**

**Show Ring: Size:** Average height is 17 to 20 inches at the withers. **Eyes:** Brown, deep set and placed wide apart, of moderate size, almond in shape. **Ears:** Small, moderately thick, triangular in shape. **Bite:** Scissors. **Coat:** Two types: rough and smooth. Both are double coated. **Nose:** Large, broad and black in color with well opened nostrils. **Tail:** High and carried closely to the back at all times. **Color:** Red (light golden to deep mahogany), black, blue, cinnamon (light fawn to deep cinnamon) and cream. **Feet:** Round, compact, catlike. Trimming of the whiskers, feet and metatarsals optional.

**Breeding and Whelping:** Genital tract infections are common. Chow bitches can be quite difficult to settle. Pregnancy may be difficult to diag-

nose due to the barrel shape of the body. The need for cesarean section is common. The average litter size is 4 to 6 pups with weight varying from 10 to 20 ounces.

**Serious Faults:** Profile other than square, entropion, labored or abdominal breathing (not to include normal panting), narrow or slab-sided chest and unsound stifle or hock joints.

**Disqualifications:** Drop ear or ears. Nose spotted or distinctly other color than black, except in blue Chows which may have solid blue or slate noses. The top surface or edges of the tongue red or pink or with one or more spots of red or pink.

**Recognized Problems:** Hip dysplasia, skin problems, metabolic disease causing hypopigmentation, congenital entropion and bloat.

**Old Age:** The average age of the Chow is 12 years. Blindness is common in older dogs. Death is generally from heart or kidney failure.

*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.*

## October Meeting

The next DKC membership meeting will take place on **Monday, October 16**. 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.

**Oct. Program:** D. D. DiLalla and Jayce Scott from the Canine Health Foundation will be our speakers. The AKCCHF is doing exciting work in the area of genetic canine health research.

**COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

Conformation Classes/

Breeder Referral

**Nancy Adams**

Obedience Classes

**Carol Quinlan**

Spring Show

**Connie Howard**

Fall Show

**Peggy Schmidt Edwards**

Agility Trials

**Mary Whorton**

Obedience Trial

**Lynn Reagan Hull**

Tracking

**Jack Sappenfield**

Membership/Newsletter/Cheer

**Terri Toohil**

Rentals(building/land), Obedience

equipment & Yard Sale

**Sharon Pitz**

Social

**Jeanne Stringall**

CGC Program-/Maintenance (outside)

**George Beglane**

Librarian, Recycling & Agility classes

**Denise McDonald**

Education

**Kirk Ridge**

Legislative Liaison, Tail Waggers

**Joanne Harrar**

**Sept. Meeting Minutes**

Durham Kennel Club Membership Meeting – Sept. 18, 2006

Following a program on “Breed Specific Legislation (BSL)”, President Roger Akers called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the May 16, 2006 meeting, were approved as published.

**President:** Welcome to the first meeting following the summer break. Molly Zaragoza has resigned as Corresponding Secretary and Ann Carter will be the new Corresponding Secretary. Thank you Molly for your years of service.

Per by-laws, we have hired Mr. George Kolasa to perform the DKC audit for 2005/2006.

Other items that the Board has been working on include:

1) Formation of a **Governance Committee**. A short term committee, say 6 months, to read the By-laws and see if things need to be changed. For example putting term limits on the Board. This committee would benefit from having lawyers as members. The recommended changes would go to the Board, then to the membership and then to AKC for final approval. Marge White has agreed to Chair this committee.

2) Formation of a **Finance Committee**. This committee will work on things like detailed financial reports, balance sheets, cost accounting, policies and procedures, developing a budget process ( anything over x amount of \$ needs Board approval & etc.). It is important to know what we make money on and what we don't make money on, developing policies and procedures such as how to compensate instructors to help improve and make them better instructors and policy for capital purchases. Roger is still working on appointing a Chair for this committee. Volunteers with a financial background are welcome. Contact Roger Akers if you are interested in being Finance Chair or being on the committee.

3) Formation of a **Seminar Committee**. Jan Gray has agreed to Chair this committee which will handle the arrangements of seminars, workshops and clinics put on during the year by DKC. Please contact Jan Gray with ideas of seminars that you would like to see put on by DKC.

4) **Volunteers**. How do we volunteer and how to we get volunteers? We will help with this by: a) supplying a Volunteer Form. This will be in the next newsletter. Please complete and return it so that we can have a Volunteer Pool, b) having a Volunteer Picnic – Ann Carter will host this event. We will have tables set up with the various areas of volunteer opportunities and the members can visit each table to decide where they would like to volunteer. It will be set up sort of like a Job Fair.

5) **Job Descriptions** for all Board Members and Committees will be developed.

6) **Nominating Committee** – The last election was the first time that there were nominations from the floor and there being competition to run against. We are looking for a Chair for this. If you are interested in this position, contact Roger Akers.

Vandalism at Harris Road property – We have had trash being left, broken glass left around the driveway and the building, our electrical box panel door torn off, a couple of tables damaged and there has been damage to a grill. We will prosecute when these vandals are caught.

Class Revisions - We need answers to things such as ...how many are on the waiting list? How many were turned down? And/or how many have we sent to our competitors? This will be part of what the Finance Committee will be putting together. If we are turning away Club members, we need to rethink this. All classes will be on the web site and the applications there also. The Board is open to any comments or suggestions.

**Corresponding Secretary:** We received a Thank You note from Betty Perschel and one from Betty Joy Patrick, one of the Fall Show Judges. Both notes will be put on the Bulletin Board.

**Treasurer:** DKC Account Balances as of 9/18/06:

<b>First Citizens Money Market</b>	<b>\$38,217.07</b>
<b>Fowler Trophy</b>	<b>\$1,909.46</b>
<b>Financial Management Account</b>	<b>\$76,223.91</b>
<b>Loan Balance</b>	<b>(\$65,776.58)</b>
<b>Fall Show Clinics</b>	<b>\$2,176.69 Profit</b>

**Agility:** On Mondays we have a Long Sequence class and a Short Sequence class, Wednesdays we have run thrus at the Whorton's.

This summer we upgraded all our equipment to meet the September AKC changes.

We have 3 trials two weekends from now. We filled these trials. Friday will be Excellent only, Saturday and Sunday will be all regular classes. We will load the trailer Thursday evening. Anyone wanting to help is welcome. We will have our Team Competition which consists of 4 dogs on a team and they can have the same owner. We have no plans to hold a FAST class.

**Conformation:** If you want to be an Instructor for Conformation Classes contact Nancy Adams. Classes are Thursday evenings and run from 6:30pm to 9:00pm. We are getting more and more requests.

**Dec. Obedience/ Rally Trials:** The dates are December 15, 16 and 17. We have Rally on Friday and Saturday evening. Our Judges for Rally are Ms. Marleen C. Burford and Mrs. Sandra Curtis-Powell. For Obedience, we have Mr. John D. Landis and Ms. Marleen C. Burford. Patty Thomas is our new Hospitality person. If you want to volunteer to bring food or help in the kitchen, please contact Patty.

Linda Kerr and Mary Oppermann are Chief Ring Stewards. Please contact Linda Kerr if you are interested in Stewarding.

Nicki Camerra is in charge of Trophies. Please contact Nicki if you would like to donate a prize to for the trials.

The premium list is up on our web site. Please download and enter if you have not already done so!!!!

**Spring Show:** The show date is March 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will have the Dorton Arena for Obedience and Rally. This building costs us \$1,800 more. We will try it for 2 years and if it does not work out, we will have to discontinue obedience. Connie received a note from Pat Baubin, the Cluster Chair, about suggestions to utilize the arena. Things like have an event at night (ex. A specialty club putting on a B match), offer Wild Card Obedience, put on an obedience demo in the evening and/or put more vendors in the arena. Do we want security for the arena? Will it be an extra cost?

If you have any suggestions or would like to volunteer for anything, contact Connie Howard or Linda Wozniak. It was suggested that "New Location" be printed on the front of the Premium List.

**Fall Show:** Our show was Saturday of Labor Day weekend. We made money!!! Thank you to Cathy Rubens, a DKC member, who judged Rotties and sweeps AND did not charge the club!!! Also, thank you to Victoria Brown, another DKC member, who judged overload obedience one day and Rally another day!!! If you donated an Obedience or Rally Prize that did not get awarded and you would like your prize to be transferred to the December Obedience/Rally trials, please send an e-mail to Nicki Camerra stating that you would like to do this and CC Peggy Schmidt.

For next year, Peggy will try to get the Big Blue curtains to separate the grooming area from the obedience rings. Entries were up by 100 dogs!!! We had Great Volunteers!!! Thank you all very much!!!

**Newsletter:** The deadline is always the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month. Please send information to Terri so that your news is included!!

**Membership:** Congratulations to Jeff & Martha Ann Traylor and Chris Apple on becoming new Candidate Members!! Also congratulations to Karen Curran, Jenny Gleis and Meagan Hamblen on becoming new Regular Members. We have around 260 members.

**Tracking:** October 22nd will be a TDX test instead of a combined test. If you want to help, please contact Jack Sappenfield. We need track layers and cross track layers. And we need volunteers to bring food for the luncheon.

**Obedience:** We start classes tomorrow night. Orientation will be Wednesday night if your class has orientation. Instructors should show up by 6:30pm to help. We had a last minute change and will not offer a Utility class.

**Rentals:** Still going pretty good with rentals.

**Breeder Referral:** Going Strong. Nancy is looking for a 2 or 3 year old golden retriever. Contact Nancy Adams if you can help!

**Land Development Committee:** Land has been cleared. Drainage pipes will be put down. Next Spring sometime, we will put up fences and maybe lights.

**Outside Maintenance:** Driveway has been bush hogged. The driveway needs clearing. We will probably do this in January.

**CGC:** We are having one on the 25th of November. Contact George Beglane to volunteer. We will send a notice out next month.

**AKC Delegate:** The meetings were Sunday, Monday and Tuesday of last week. Some of the items discussed included breaking up groups into 8 instead of 7, Obedience and Rally, making another level of titling where those in Open B and Utility B not earning wins could earn a new title, having intermediate obedience classes and making graduate novice & other non-regular titling classes. Also being talked about is having classes for mixed breeds. Mixed breed clubs could put on their own trials and have classes.

Recommended changes to the Rally rules are on the AKC Web Site. You have until September 25<sup>th</sup> only to contact AKC with your opinion of these recommendations. Please review these and let AKC know how you feel! The AKC is making money overall however they are losing in operations. The money is being made in investments. Entries in Conformation continue to decrease.

AKC's comments on the John Lyons and the Petland contract were put on the DKC mailing list. It is a done deal! A motion was made, seconded and approved that DKC should write a letter against AKC's contract with Petland. Please send any comments that you want included in the letter to Roger Akers. The Board will look at the letter and send it out. Please send any comments to Roger by

Friday this week. October 2<sup>nd</sup> is the next AKC Board Meeting and we want our letter to AKC in time for the meeting.

**Announcements:** Welcome Guests to DKC. Please stand up and tell us about yourself!!

**Channel 5:** Brona Hicks is concerned that whenever a dog bite incident is reported on Channel 5, they flash up a picture of a barking Rottweiler with the words "Dangerous Dog" written across it. When this happens, Brona calls the TV stations to voice her concerns. She urges other club members to do this also.

Following several brags the meeting was adjourned at 9:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Denise McDonald*

Durham Kennel Club  
Recording Secretary

## Summer Building Use

Thank-you to Dana Pritchett [Tues. evenings], Sharon Pitz, Emilie & George Beglane and Barbara Doermann [Wed. evenings] for opening the DKC Building for obedience practice all summer.

## DKC Labor Day Obedience

The Labor Day Circuit for DKC Obedience was Sat., Sept. 2nd. As expected, it presented many challenges, but the judges were GREAT, almost Saintly, as they tried to accommodate all the exhibitors and their conflicts and the stewards were professionally unflappable and kept everything on track and in order. There were MANY compliments on how friendly, helpful and supportive the stewards were and one person asked if the whole group could go to Florida to work the trials down there! It was an honor and a pleasure to be a part of such a great team!

A BIG THANK YOU to team members: Susan Baldrige, Laura Boyce, Nicki Camerra, Diane Divine, Gail Duncan, Tracy Fletcher, Jayne

Isbell, Linda Kay, Debbie Kodros, Joyce McHenry, Sharon Pitz, & Emmy Wolters.

You ALL helped make the show a success and represented DKC and the sport of obedience in a professional and classy fashion! Your time, support, good humor and expertise was greatly appreciated!

Sincerely,

*Anne Standen*

Obedience Chair-Labor Day Circuit

## Fall Show Thanks

The Fall Show and Rally Trial were very successful! Some things could have gone better, but things could have been a lot worse! Our entries were up by 100 entries even though we were competing with the shows in Lexington, KY; Perry, GA; and Augusta, NJ.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that made the show a success. And as you will see, it takes a lot of volunteers to make this show happen.

Show Management: Asst. Show Chair and Clinic Organizer - Jan Gray, Obedience Chair - Anne Standen, Judges' Breakfast - Janet and Gary Norris, Judges' Lunch - Ann Carter & Wanda Moriarty, Judges' Hospitality - Nancy and Roger Akers, Ring Hospitality - Lynn Lake and Cyndi Swanson, Safety Officer - Cathy and Mark Fogel, Catalog Advertising - Donna Schafer, Catalog Sales - Helen Sanderford and Rhonda Morin, Trophy Chair - Dana Mackonis, Trophy Help - Brett Winn, MF Davis and Deb Schweers, Ice Cream Social - Ed Robertson, Unloading My Van - Jan Gray and Carol Henry.

Rally Stewards: Jan Gray, Terri Toohil, Deborah Kodros, Joyce McHenry, Marcia from the Raleigh Kennel Club, Andy Hartman, Cindy Hartman, Mary Oppermann.

Clinic Workers: Betsy Pethick (did the microchips), Anne Truesdale (worked all 3 shifts), Terri Toohil (worked 2 shifts), Donna Schafer, Jack Sappenfield (worked 2 shifts), Sandra Hellberg, Stella Maunsell

(worked 2 shifts), Betsy Amos, Carolyn Wolfe, Dee Wallis, Rena Mansi, MF Davis, Jeanne Simmons, Mary Whorton, Helen Glenn, Vanna Condax, Margie Clarke, Emmy Wolters, Liza Williams, Laura Boyce, Paulette Hicks, John Hicks, Chris Hepler, Lynn Cox, Wanda Hepler, Barbara Nelson, Bonnie Nichols, Susan Baldrige.

Obedience Stewards - Laura Boyce, Nikki Camerra, Gail Duncan, Diane Divine, Tracy Fletcher, Linda Kay, Deborah Kodros, Sharon Pitz, Emmy Wolters, Jayne Isbell, Susan Baldrige.

**And a huge thanks to Cathy Rubens for judging Rotties at our show for no fee.**

*Peggy Schmidt*

## And More Fall Show Thanks

I would like to second Peggy's thanks to everyone who helped at the shows. When we say we couldn't do it without you, we mean it.

The clinics have always been successful at this show, but this year we really took off. People are starting to count on the clinics. This year we did 122 CERF's, 46 cardiac exams, 25 BAER tests, 49 tattoos, 43 microchips and 17 blood draws for Optigen (plus some people brought in blood to include in ours, so we had more than the required number for the discount). I've had e-mails from people in Philadelphia and other areas, who are back home from our shows, thanking us for the clinics. Well done, guys!

There is a good possibility we will be able to add thyroid and titer testing next year, also, without increasing the number of workers.

We've had several requests to extend our hours next year, and we did have people coming in well after 3:00 wanting to do the clinics. Extending the clinics by 2 hours means

I'll need 10 more workers. I'd like some feedback from you all on if you're willing to stay later. I can't make the shifts longer than 2 hours, or it interferes with people showing, but people could work 2 consecutive shifts or work a shift, show a dog, and come back to work the last shift. Are enough of you willing to do this for us to do it? I know we can get the dogs in there if we're open. I've already got some ideas for improving the clinics for next year, and would also like to get input from other people about any ideas you have. We also have a bunch of the OFA DNA Repository kits left (cheek swabs) that I will leave in the lobby of the DKC building. These will be stored by OFA and used, confidentially, in the future for research as tests are developed for genetic diseases. You can read more about it at <http://www.offa.org>. Please consider participating.

Thanks again to everyone who helped at the show.

*Jan Gray*

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## Obedience Stewards Needed for December

Stewards are needed for the DKC Obedience Trial on **Fri., Dec. 15 and Sat., Dec. 16 (evenings) for the Rally Trials and Sat., Dec. 16 & Sun., Dec. 17th (day time) for the Obedience Trials.**

This is an excellent opportunity to learn more about obedience, watch the exhibitors in action WHILE earning your services for membership. Please contact Linda Kerr at [lindakerr@mindspring.com](mailto:lindakerr@mindspring.com) or 919-554-2065 if you have questions or wish to volunteer. Don't worry, if you do not have experience, we will put you with an experienced steward and provide you with instructions.

Thanks!

*Linda Kerr*

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## Obedience Run Thrus

Any DKC member interested in participating in Obedience Run Thrus at all levels?

Please contact Jeanne & Brian Stringall at 919-479-8479.

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month at DKC building starting at 1 PM. We will need a minimum of 6 members to act as stewards and judges.

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## Notes from the AKC Delegates' Meeting

Sept. 11 and 12, 2006; Newark, NJ

The **All Breed Committee** continued its discussion of the further division of groups to include a Northern Breed of Spitz Group. Although recommendations are sent each month, the Board of Directors has not yet included it as an agenda item.

Many changes to The Rules Applying to Dog Shows were discussed. Some were simple clarifications to rule wording, others involved revisions. These items included:

- Clarification of determining age for the puppy class,
- Allowing trophies brought by visiting judges and not published in the catalog to be awarded in the ring if approved by the event committee,
- Clarification that all winner of Best of Variety at a Specialty Show held in conjunction with an All Breed show compete in the group
- Clarification that BIS rosettes may be any color or combination of colors
- The winner of a Group I at a Group Show would be designated at Best in Group Show (BIGS)
- Judges must annotate in their books the reason for the excusal of any exhibitor or dog
- If an ineligible dog competes (such as one on Limited Registration) and is disqualified, that dog will be counted in the computation for championship points unless the winner has the same owner or agent

In an effort to grow obedience entries, the **Obedience, Rally and Tracking Committee** is introducing several proposals. The first is an Obedience Master Program. This program is geared for those Utility dogs competing for OTCH points, consistently scoring 190 or better but not placing in the top four. Each Obedience Master Level would require 200 points. After completing of the tenth level, the title of Obedience Grand Master would be awarded. Points may be obtained in either or both Open B or Utility B classes. For example, a dog scoring 190 to 191 1/2 would receive 3 points, dogs scoring 192-194 1/2, 5 points, 195-196 1/2 10 points, 197-199 1/2 15 points, and 200, 20 points

The second proposal is the introduction of a new non-regular class, the AKC International Obedience Class. The possibility of holding regional competitions with scores being cumulative is being investigated. Dogs would not need to have either a UD or OTCH to compete, the exercises would be a combination of existing open and utility ones with a standard more extensive and a more challenging heeling pattern. Top dogs from each regional completion would be invited to compete at an AKC International Obedience Invitational.

A third proposal is to make Graduate Novice and Graduate Open titled classes rather than non-regular ones. Exhibitors would be permitted to compete in both a Novice and Graduate Novice (or an Open and Graduate Open) class on the same day. An exhibitor may choose which track to take to Utility — either, Novice, Graduate Novice, Open, Graduate Open, Utility or the traditional Novice, Open Utility.

A final proposal would be to have regional obedience competitions to include three shows in a row that would be identified and publicized. The top 40 dogs would be invited and the winning four dogs from each regional competition would receive an invitation to the AKC Obedience Invitational along with OTCH titleholders.

The recommendations of the Rally Advisory Committee are currently on the AKC website. September 25th is the final date that individuals can make comments back to the committee at which time the final document will be prepared and submitted to the Board of Directors. Also under consideration is the possibility of creating an AKC listing for currently non-registrable dogs to compete in performance events. For example a classification of MBLP in addition to the ILP. Internal discussions are being held regarding this opportunity. Would there be a separate registry? Separate classes? Separate awards? Would a spay/neuter certificate be required in order to compete?

A pamphlet entitled *Tips for New Exhibitors* has been completed and will be added to the existing ones on Obedience, Rally, and Agility.

The **All Breed Committee** continued its discussion on the decrease in entries at dog shows. While the total number of entries has increased from the previous year, entries at individual shows are decreasing. Clusters and the current mileage restrictions continue to be the focus of the discussion. A survey of clubs has been sent out and as they are returned, data will be compiled. A Disaster Plan Survey has also been sent to all member clubs and data will be reported at the December committee meeting.

The **Veterinary Outreach Program** is now completing its second year. This initiative was undertaken to address the change in veterinary students (in 1960, 5 percent were female; in 1980 the percentage had risen to 50 percent) and in an attempt to promote AKC registrations. Veterinary Clinic hours

have been reduced from 54 hours to 42 hours per week in the most recent two years. The prediction is that the number of veterinary practices in the United States will decrease from 20,000 to 10,000 over the next ten years.

Currently, the program is jointly sponsored with the Hartz Mountain Company. As this sponsorship will be ending in 2007, additional sponsors are currently being investigated. The Program consists of:

- Veterinary Scholarships — currently \$145K is awarded to vet students and \$45K to vet tech students annually
- Education—at present, the AKC is conducting seminars at all 28 vet school and investigating the possibility of how All Breed Clubs in close proximity to this schools can be more involved in the program
- Conferences and Community Resources—the AKC is in attendance at the six national vet conferences to provide literature and educate attendees on the value of working with breeders
- Establishing a Vet Network where practices would register with the AKC. As of August 31, 2500 veterinarians were in the network. Individuals registering a puppy with the AKC would receive a certificate good for their first veterinary visit. This certificate lists the three closest participating veterinarians. During the first two years of the program, 48,567 certificates have been issued.

Additional information on the program can be found at [www.akc.org/vetnet](http://www.akc.org/vetnet) or from the health line on the AKC home page.

Amendments adopted:

1. The proposed amendment that would prohibit those with a significant interest in competing organizations from serving as a delegate to the AKC
2. The proposed amendment clarifying the Championship requirements
3. The proposed amendments to the Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Retrievers

Highlights of the President's and Chairman's Reports include:

- Operating Profit for the eight months ending August 2006 is \$3.2 million, 17 percent behind last year
- Registration revenue continues on a downward trend
- Litter registrations are down 1 percent for the first eight months of 2006 compared to the same period last year.
- Dog registrations are down 6 percent from 2005
- For the first eight months of 2006, 8500 events were held representing a 12.5 percent increase. The total number of entries was 1.8 million, an increase of 1.5 percent
- The AKC is projecting a \$10 million loss from events for the 2006-year
- In an effort to increase registrations, the AKC is offering electronic coupons to

dog.com, free 60-day pet insurance, litter coupons, on-line registration, public education, vetnet coupons and discounted one-step litter and dog registrations for breeders.

**On-line Breeder Classifieds**—This program was launched in October 2004. Breeders wishing to list their litters on the AKC website can do so for a fee of \$30 for sixty days with one renewal. The primary goal of this program was to increase the rate of blue-slip returns. Secondary goals included educating and assisting the public in the purchase of a purebred dog, help breeders find homes for their puppies, and to generate revenue for the AKC.

The program has resulted in a 3.6 percent higher rate of return of blue-slips over non-OBC listed litters. There have been 3.1 million searches on the site through the end of August 2006. On the sight, the OBC searchers have access to links to parent clubs, breeders referrals, rescues AKC local clubs, and breed standards. Litters totaling 30,000 have been listed on OBC and are currently being entered at the rate of 1,200 listings per month. At the current time, the program is showing a profitable return for the AKC.

Participation in Conformation Events shows has seen a decrease over the past six years of about ½ percent per year. Overall the number of entries is up, but the number of dogs competing is down. The largest segment in this decrease is the number of dogs that compete in only one show. Questionnaires indicate that exhibitors find the dog show environment unfriendly, and that all breed shows are less appealing than specialty events. Consequently, the AKC is looking into allowing specialty clubs to cluster and to hold two events in the same day as long as entries in both events are less than 100. In addition, other possible changes include allowing an entry to be changed on the day of the show, and the creation of an Amateur or Owner/Handler Class with their own ranking systems.

John Lyons, Chief Operating Officer, spoke on the **Petland Initiative Project**. The AKC Board of Directors had taken under consideration working with pet shops to assist in AKC registrations. This initiative was based on the facts that these puppies have always been eligible for AKC registration and until recently, a significant number of these puppies were registered with the AKC. Recently, many of these puppies are being registered with competing, for-profit registries. Therefore, the AKC at the recommendation of the Board has entered into a contract with Petland Pet Stores to promote the benefits of registering a purebred puppy with the AKC. There are currently 120 Petland stores in the US with an additional twenty to be opened during the next year.

The contract calls first for the education of Petland associates about the difference between AKC and other agencies. Petland would provide data (breed, color, sex, microchip/tattoo, birth date, breeder, etc) to regis-

ter the puppy and collect the registration fee for the AKC. The new owner would then submit the puppy's name directly to the AKC online. The fees for registration are not discounted. The specific details of the contract are confidential and will not be published.

The delegate body passed a recommendation to the Board of Directors that they reconsider and rescind the Petland contract. The recommendation will be discussed at the next Board of Directors' meeting and their decision will be brought to the delegates at the December meeting.

The next Delegates' meeting is December 4 and 5, 2006 in Long Beach, CA

*Linda Wozniak*

**RAINBOW CORNER**

*Teracraft Shandy of Lttl Rvr*

*CD TD CGC WC TD Inc*

*(Shandy) Labrador Retriever*

**3/17/92- 9/11/06**

**Emilie & George Beglane**

**He was a clown, he was a love,  
he had a whole lot of heart.**

**We miss him, but his imprint on  
our lives is permanent.**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- \*\*\*\*\*
- Oct. 22 (Sun.) [Quail Roost]**
- TDX Test**
- Jack Sappenfield 919-598-5318**
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- December 15-17 (Fri.-Sun.) [DKC]**
- Obedience & Rally Trials**
- [See p. 5]*
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- March 23 (Fri.) [Raleigh Fairgrounds]**
- Spring Show**
- Conformation – Jim Graham Building**
- Obedience & Rally – Dorton Arena**
- Connie Howard 919-309-9014**
- Linda Wozniak 919-942-5818**

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

OWNER'S NAME	DOG'S NAME (BREED)	SHOW & DATE	CLASS	PT	HIGHEST WIN	SP. MERIT
Nicki Camerra	Noah (Mastiff)	DKC (9/2)	Puppy 6-9	4	BOB	Major!!!
"	"	Alamance (9/1)	Puppy 6-9	1	BOW	
Gillian Goodacre	Hannah (Std Schnauzer)	Macon KC (9/2)	Open	3		New Champion!!!
Sharon Pitz	Rusty (Golden Retriever)	Danville KC (8/11)	BOB		BOB	
"	"	Carolina KC(8/12)	BOB		BOB	
"	"	Hickory KC(8/13)	BOB		BOB	
Martha Ann & Jeff Traylor	Casey (Irish Wolfhound)	Charlottesville	Puppy 9-12	1	BOW	
"	"	Winston Salem	Puppy 9-12	1	BOW	
"	"	Winston Salem	Puppy 9-12	2	BOW	
"	"	Raleigh	Dog 12-18	1	BOB	
"	"	Raleigh	Dog 12-18	1	BOB	

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

OWNER/Handler NAME	DOG'S CALL NAME (BREED)	SHOW & DATE	CLASS	SCORE	LEG	PLACE	TITLES & AWARDS
<b>OBEDIENCE</b>							
<b>AGILITY</b>							
Mary Whorton	Thriller (Border Collie)	Warrenton KC (9/24)	had over 5000 MACH points when he finished his 20th double Q.				MACH !!!!
Sallie Redding	Tate (Border Terrier)	BT Specialty					MACH !!!!
Amanda Stipe	Weaver (Am Foxhound)	Asheville KC (6/3)	Nov B STD	95	3	3	NA !!!
"	"	Asheville KC (6/4)	Nov B STD	95	4	3	
"	"	Danville KC (7/8)	Nov B STD	95	5	1	
"	"	Danville KC (7/8)	Open JWW	100	1	1	
"	"	Danville KC (7/9)	Nov B STD	100	6	1	
"	"	Piedmont BC (8/19)	Nov B STD	100	7	1	
"	"	Piedmont BC (8/19)	Open JWW	95	2	2	
"	"	Piedmont BC (8/20)	Open JWW	100	3	1	OAJ !!!
Sharon Pitz	Aurora (Golden Retriever)	PBCA (8/21)	Ex B Std	100	4		Double Q!!!
"	"	PBCA (8/21)	Ex B JWW	100	12		
<b>RALLY</b>							
Debbie Dennison	Misty (Newfoundland)	DKC (9/3)	Nov B	92	2		
"	"	Raleigh KC (9/4)	Nov B		3		RN !!!
Tammy Abernethy	Belle (Labrador Retriever)	DKC (9/3)	Nov B	98	3	4	RN !!!
Terri Toohil	Cindy (Sheltie)	DKC (9/3)	Nov A		2		
"	"	Raleigh KC (9/4)	Nov A		3		RN !!!
Maria Walker	Drummer (Rottweiler)	DKC (9/3)	Adv A		1		
"	"	Raleigh KC (9/4)	Adv A		2	1	
"	"	DOTC - Lynchburg	Adv A		3	4	RA!!!
"	Gabe (Rottweiler)	DKC (9/3)	Adv		1		
"	"	Raleigh KC (9/4)	Adv		2		
Nicki Camerra	Madison (Newfoundland)	DKC (9/3)	Ex B	98	1	2	
Sharon Pitz	Aurora (Golden Retriever)	DKC (9/3)	Adv B	91	1		
"	"	Raleigh KC (9/4)	Adv B	98	2	2	
Stella Maunsell	Marti (Std. Poodle)	DKC (9/3)	Nov B	99	1	2	
"	"	Raleigh KC (9/4)	Nov B	88	2		

# Durham Kennel Club

## Volunteer Opportunities

Please check areas where you might be interested in volunteering during the coming year. Also list any special skills, training or experience you might have. This will allow committee chairs to know who to contact when help is needed. Thank you.

Fall show/obed trial (September) many helpers needed

Spring show/obed trial (March) many helpers needed

Fall agility trial (September)

Spring agility trial (April)

Obedience trial (December)

Obedience show & go's (setup, judging, stewarding)

CGC tests

Tracking tests (test secretary, tracklaying, coordinating lunch)

Obedience classes (instructors, assistants, organization)

Rally classes (instructors, assistants, organization)

Agility classes (instructors, assistants, organization)

Show handling (instructors, assistants, organization)

Finance committee

Clinic/workshop/seminar planning

Cheer (to respond to illness and losses within DKC)

Outside building projects (painting, building repairs, brush clearing, trimming, land cleanup, etc.)

Inside building projects (painting, repairs, etc.)

Social committee (setup/cleanup for club meetings)

Public education programs

Library

Program

Recycling

Building rental

Awards committee

Yard sale (setup/cleanup, staffing)

Special skills, training, or experience

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Name:  \_\_\_\_\_

Phone:  \_\_\_\_\_ email:  \_\_\_\_\_

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