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Durham Kennel Club Newsletter

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Dogs can laugh, too.

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English Cocker Spaniel Sporting Group



The English Cocker Spaniel, neither sluggish nor hyperactive, is a happy and willing worker.

Although he is a gentle, playful companion dog, he is independent and intelligent, but generally does not care for young children.

Background: This spaniel acquired the name "cocker" because of his skill in routing woodcocks from dense cover. A spaniel resembling the modern English Cocker appears in a 17th century Van Dyke painting. He is taller and stronger than his American cousin and, also, differs by having a much longer muzzle. The English Coker Spaniel flourished in England, but is still a semi-rare breed in the US.

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

Show Ring: Size: Height at withers: males 16-17"; females 15-16". The preferred **weight:** 28-34 lbs (males) and 26 to 32 lbs (females). **Eyes:** medium, full & slightly oval; set wide apart. Eye color dark brown, except in livers and liver parti-colors where hazel is permitted, but the darker the hazel the better. **Ears:** Set low, lying close to the head. **Bite:** Scissors. **Coat:** Flat or slightly wavy; silky in texture. **Tail:** Docked. **Color:** Various. Parti-colors are either clearly marked, ticked or roaned, the white appearing in combination with black, liver or shades of red. Solid colors are black, liver or shades of red. Black and tans and liver and tans are considered solid colors. **Feet:** Round and catlike; toes arched and tight; pads thick.

Breeding and Whelping: The average number of pups is 5, but can be from 1 to 11. There are usually no problems in breeding or whelping. The bitch will remain active right until whelping time. Birth weight is from 2-4 oz. Swimmers may appear at about 2 weeks, but the condition usually corrects itself in a few days or weeks.

Penalties: Height deviations, and undershot or overshot **bite. White feet** on a solid are undesirable,

Disqualifications: None.

Recognized Problems: Progressive vision loss and **cataracts** after middle age, **ear problems** if the hair is not removed from inside the ear and higher than average incidence of **liver disease.**

Old Age: The average age of the English Cocker Spaniel is 10 to 14 years. Unfortunately the older dog often has eye problems [see above] and is blind by 10 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.

January Meeting

The next DKC Membership Meeting will take place on **Monday, Jan. 15th**. Do plan to attend and bring a dish for our potluck dinner. Dinner will be served at 7 PM and everyone is welcome. Furry friends at 7:30 PM.

January Program: Our program this month will feature Glynn Lycan, from AKC's DNA Program. This is your chance to ask those questions.

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

Nov. Meeting Minutes

Durham Kennel Club Membership Meeting – November 20, 2006.

Following a game of “Dog Jeopardy”, President Roger Akers called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the October 15, 2006 meeting, were approved as published.

President: Welcome to the meeting. Please remember to sign the attendance list on the table by the foyer doors. Welcome to all of our visitors. Please stand & tell us about yourself.

1) **Governance Committee:** Marge White has had to resign as Chair for this committee. Chuck Adams has agreed to take over as Chair.

2) **Finance Committee:** The Board decided to have Roger Akers chair this committee. Anyone interested in becoming a member of this committee, please contact Roger.

3) **Obedience Trial Committee:** Has requested that the floors be professionally cleaned and this was approved & will take place the third week in December. George will take care of getting the floors cleaned.

4) **Renter’s Concern:** a) Building Cleaning – We request that the building be cleaned after the renter’s event, some say the renter’s leave it cleaner than when they got there. We will coordinate bi-monthly cleanings to be on Thursdays so that the building will be cleaned when renter’s arrive. b) Rental Prices – This issue is being referred to the Finance Committee.

5) **Legislation Discussion:** Tabled.
Treasurer: DKC Account Balances as of 11/20/06:

First Citizens Money Market	\$53,684.20
Fowler Trophy	\$1,905.36
Financial Management Account	\$25,911.44
Loan Balance	(\$64,953.62)

Fall Agility Trials: Financial Report

Income	Entries, Vendors, Etc.	\$13,080.00
Expense	Misc.	\$8,414.63
Net		\$4,665.37

Seminar Committee: We will be having a meeting the end of November. If you have not voted on a Seminar yet or given any ideas, please do so. We appreciate your input and want to give the club what they want!! Please e-mail or mail your seminar voting sheet to Jan Gray by 11/27/2006.

Agility Classes: The next session starts in January. We are still working on what classes to offer.

Awards: The Awards Banquet will be March 3rd. Applications will be available online and at the building in December.

Agility Trials: We just had our Fall Trials and our Spring Trials will be in April.

Dec. Obedience/Rally Trials: The dates are December 15, 16 and 17th. Patty Thomas is our new Hospitality person...Please sign up if you want to volunteer to bring food. We need kitchen help on Sunday also! Please contact Patty. Please Contact Linda Kerr if you are interested in stewarding. If you are stewarding in Rally, you need to be at the building by 5pm each evening. Thank You!!

Tracking: Our next test is February 25th. It is a TDX test. If you want to bring food, please contact Jack Sappenfield. Tidewater Kennel Club had openings for their tracking test if anyone is trying to get into a test.

Newsletter: The deadline is always the 25th of the month. Please send information to Terri so that your news is included!! For wins make sure she has complete information. Follow the form that is posted in the lobby!

Breeder Referral: We are starting to get the Christmas requests.

CGC: Test will be this Saturday. 8:30 – 10:00 am.

Following several brags, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise McDonald

DKC Recording Secretary

Awards Banquet

Each year, Durham Kennel Club holds an awards banquet to recognize its member’s accomplishments and titles from the previous year of showing. Plaques are given for titles earned and many perpetual or traveling trophies are awarded for outstanding achievements in breed, obedience, tracking, agility and versatility.

Make plans to join us for this year’s banquet at the Durham Kennel Club building on Sat. March 3rd at 6:30 PM.

Dinner will include a selection of beef, chicken and/or vegetarian entrees, salad, choices of vegetables, bread, desserts, tea and coffee.

A reservation form is attached to this newsletter. The cost is 25.00 per person and reservation forms are due by Friday, Feb. 23rd.

Please plan to join us in recognizing and celebrating the accomplishments of the wonderful dogs, handlers and trainers that make up Durham Kennel Club!

Lisa Roberts

DKC Awards Committee

DECEMBER OBEDIENCE & RALLY TRIALS

If it takes a village to raise a child, it certainly takes an entire club to put on a successful dog show! Our December Obedience & Rally Trials could not have run smoothly without the efforts of the hardworking show committee and the many volunteers who pitched in. We had great weather, lots of dogs earning new titles, on-site photographers to capture those winning moments and many prizes generously donated by DKC members. Our Rally trials were filled to the 75 dog limit each night; the Obedience trials both days were just 1 or 2 dogs shy of the 111 dog limit. Competitors come to a show and see a weekend of people working at the show, but as Show Chair I know that the real work started over a year ago and continued on throughout the year behind the scenes in planning, AKC paperwork, contracts, meetings, phone calls, etc. My heartfelt thanks goes out to the Show Committee who worked tirelessly with me to put on this show weekend:

Denise McDonald - Trial Secretary who handled tons of AKC paperwork, replied to endless phone calls & emails and helped with prizes, setup, cleanup, and anything else I asked her to do or that was needed.

Nicki Camerra - Trophy Chair who once again got IAMS gear & biscuits donated and convinced DKC members to donate so many wonderful prizes that almost every breed entered had a prize. Donations also allowed us to award those big rosettes, and she put together the memorial display and special prizes in honor of Jane Bergsten.

Linda Kerr - Chief Ring Steward who finds stewards and juggles the list up to the last minute when people call in sick! She does an excellent job educating new stewards and pairing them with a mentor.

Mary Oppermann - Rally Ring Steward who kept our Rally ring moving along efficiently, helped cleanup and any odd job needed.

Patty Thomas - Hospitality & Concessions who jumped in this year and did a great job coordinating all the food donations and providing tasty lunches to feed our judges and all the workers. Her homemade Rigatoni each night hit the spot for tired workers!

George Beglane - Equipment & Grounds coordinated getting the floors cleaned and the building emptied prior to the show, worked to set-up, clean-up and also pitched in to steward when we had no-shows. George also quietly does the other less glamorous jobs, like taking out trash and setting up pooper scoopers. Thanks George.

Emilie Beglane - Treasurer who was always ready with checks for our judges when we needed them and she also pitched in to steward.

Cindy Hartman who skillfully stepped in at the last minute to be Rally Ring Steward while Mary Oppermann spent the night at the Emergency Vet with a very ill puppy.

Kitchen: Joanne Harrar, Carolyn Wolfe, Barbara Dillard, John & Paulette Hicks, Marge White.

Prize Table: Michelle Hoyman, Debbie Dennison, Chris Laughlin.

Table Stewards: Emmy Wolters, M. F. Davis, Sue Evenson, Brona Hicks.

Stewards: Jack Sappenfield, Gail Duncan, Paige Wiseman, John Pye, Deb Schweers, Kathy Small, Ann Standen, Chris Hepler, Wanda Hepler, Norma Williams, Kay Rogers, John Hicks, Paulette Hicks, Susan Baldrige, Laura Boyce, Ellen Beasley, Michelle Giampa, Frank Giampa, Kirsten Leysieffer, Sue Ivy, Debbie Kodros, Brett Winn, Terri Toohil, Cindy Hartman, Lisa McClure, Lorri Givens, Rebekah Givens.

It's amazing how many people it takes to put on a successful show, so I want to thank each one who volunteered to steward, work in the kitchen or at the prize table. Forgive me if I overlooked anyone, but please know your efforts were appreciated. Thanks especially to all who donated the delicious soups and baked goods. When the next show rolls around, please consider helping, not just showing. It takes all of us to put together a show, not just a 6-person committee. Volunteer, you'll be glad you did.

Thanks to all who helped,

Lynn Reagan-Hull

Show Chair

As Chief Ring Steward for the December Obedience Trials, I would like to personally thank each and every one of the wonderful Stewards that contacted me to volunteer and serve in that capacity. There were few glitches, but there was always someone on the sidelines that stepped up to the challenge. That is what makes this club so great.

We often receive compliments from the exhibitors in Obedience and Rally at these trials. Your help and support is part of what makes the trials a positive experience for the handlers and a success for our club.

Thank you!!

Linda Kerr

Chief Ring Steward

Notes from the AKC Delegates' Meeting, December 3 and 4, 2006, Long Beach, CA

The **All Breed Committee** continued its discussion of the Veterinary Outreach Program encouraging all-breed clubs to include veterinary students in their programs, shows, etc. to help them understand what breeders and the fancy is about. The importance was stressed in getting them involved and perhaps inviting a student to breeding and/or to a whelping.

Robin Stansell, Director of Event Operations, presented proposals submitted to the Board of Directors concerning Chapter 2, Sections 3 and 5 of Rules applying to Dog Shows as it applied to club territories. A club not holding a show in its territory for two consecutive years would lose its sole privilege to that territory, allowing another member or non-member club access to show sites. A club may be reinstated in its territory by holding a show. If no licensed or member club holds a show for four consecutive years, its territory may be reassigned.

Proposal is being submitted to increase the number of activities a member club, including specialty clubs, must complete during a calendar year to be able to hold future dog shows. The AKC is encouraging clubs to man First Time Exhibitor Booths and to hold New Exhibitor Briefings at shows — 1/2 hour before group judging has proven to be a successful time. The average number of shows a new exhibitor enters is three. It is easy to attract exhibitors; hard to keep them in the sport.

Beginning January 2007, in-ring Judge Observation program will be eliminated. It will be replaced with a Ringside Mentoring Pro-

gram. A prospective judge will be required to complete three separate ringside observations. Mentoring requirements include twelve years as breeder/exhibitor, twelve years judging experience, or anyone the parent club says is qualified. A list of Parent Club approved mentors is available on the AKC website. At the present time, 18 percent of approved judges judge 80 percent of the dogs. The AKC receives 700 judging applications a year, 77 percent are approved for 100 percent of applications.

The **Obedience, Rally and Tracking Committee** has submitted application in conjunction with the Herding Committee to the Board of Directors to exempt their events from the AKC's Conflict of Interest Policy covering judges. Agility events have already been exempted.

The AKC International Obedience Class has been approved for implementation January 1, 2008. The possibility is being investigated of holding regional competitions with scores being cumulative. Dogs would not need to have a title to compete; the exercises would be a combination of open and utility ones and are ones performed by 98 percent of international countries. The exercises are posted on the AKC website. The AKC International Obedience Invitational has not yet been approved, but has been presented to the Board. The AKC has committed to sending a team to Crufts in 2007; it is unlikely a 2008 team will be approved (approx \$35K to send team).

The 2007 Obedience Advisory Committee is considering two immediate changes to the program. The first having Pre-Novice be a titled class and the second is the Obedience Master Program. It is hoped that these pro-

grams will help to stop the decline in obedience entries. From 1999-2006 entries have been decreasing 1.4 percent per year. In 2006 entries are down 4.3 percent January through December.

The Obedience Master Program is geared for those in Utility competing for OTCH points, but not placing in the top four and consistently scoring 190 or better. Each Obedience Master Level would require 200 points and after completion 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 final proposal would be to have regional obedience competitions to include three shows in a row which 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 first year of the program, circuits would be chosen by the AKC, in successive years clubs would be able to apply for the privilege of holding the qualifying events.

The AKC is strengthening their legislative arm in 2007. A legislative analyst is being added to staff, regional legislative seminars are being scheduled and available materials are being expanded in conjunction with the Public Education Department to educate pet owners and to increase available sample legislation materials.

Canine Legislative Services now available include:

- *Taking Command* (and e-newsletter to which members

can subscribe).

- Legislative Alerts available on website.
- Information Packets.
- Brochures — Make your *Contact Count* and *Disagree Diplomatically*.
- Assistance with legislative process.
- Letterhead lobbying.
- Talking points for Breeding Restriction Legislation, Dangerous Dog Legislation, and Breed Specific Legislation.

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

- YTD Revenues \$45.5 million, Operating Expenses \$52.0 million, showing \$6.5 million deficit from operations. With alternative revenues and investments bottom line shows \$3.5 million surplus.
- Litter registrations are down 1.3 percent compared to 2005.
- Individual dog registrations are down 5.6 percent from last year.
- Royalties are up 13 percent.
- Recording fees are up 4 percent mainly the result of agility and rally entries.
- All 165 breeds were represented at the AKC Eukanuba Invitational. Bred-by Exhibitor entries represented 40 percent of the total 3000 dogs. Sixteen countries were represented and 145 Parent Clubs.
- Events are up 12 %; entries have topped 3 million. Rally is up 60 % from 2005.
- Responsible Dog Inserts are being placed in the new Disney releases, Air Buddies, 8 Below, and Shaggy Dog.
- Discussion of the New Exhibitor Orientation Program to address drop-out rate of novices.
- If an event is to be cancelled, an exhibitor can now call the event cancellation number 877-252-3229. Information will also be

posted on the AKC website and/or an exhibitor can sign up for email notification.

- Details are being finalized on the establishment of an AKC Member Club Outstanding Sportsman Award. All member clubs will be able to present to the AKC one member they feel should be recognized for sportsmanship.

The Board of Directors will be looking for member input regarding the implementation of a listing of Mixed Breed Dogs. Initially, the thought would be that mixed breeds could be registered with proof of spay or neuter. These dogs would be able to compete in separate Companion Events. Additional information will be forthcoming after the first of the year.

The Ninth Annual AKC Open House will be held at the AKC offices on Madison Avenue, NYC, Sunday, February 11, 2007.

The next Delegates' meeting is the Annual Meeting and will be held March 12 and 13, 2007 in New York City, NY

Linda Wozniak

2007 SHOW-N-GOs

There will be four SHOW-N-GOs in 2007: Feb. 17&18 (Sat.-Sun.), May 12 & 13 (Sat.-Sun.), Aug. 11 & 12 (Sat.-Sun.), Dec. 8 & 9 (Sat.-Sun.).

They will all be held at the DKC building.

If you have questions or can help, please contact: Linda Kerr at lindakerr@mindspring.com, Marge White at markelgsd3@aol.com or Linda Kay @ lbkay@bellsouth.net.

Novice is always on Saturday and the Open/Utility on the Sunday following.

Mach 3 Winners Denise McDonald & Pauli Girl



UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 25 (Sun.) [Quail Roost]

TDX Tracking Test

Jack Sappenfield 919-598-5318

**Feb. 17&18 (Sat.-Sun.) [DKC]
May 12 & 13 (Sat.-Sun.) [DKC]
Aug. 11 & 12 (Sat.-Sun.) [DKC]
Dec. 8 & 9 (Sat.-Sun.) [DKC]**

2007 SHOW-N-GOs

Mar. 3 (Sat.) [DKC]

Awards Banquet

**March 23 (Fri.)
[Raleigh Fairgrounds]**

Spring Show

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	PTS	HIGHEST WIN	SP. MERIT
Dory Van Duzer	Reddy Teddy (Corgi)	Furniture City (11/11)	Open Dogs	3	WD	Major!!!!

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

OWNER/Handler NAME	DOG'S CALL NAME (BREED)	SHOW & DATE	CLASS	SCORE	LEGS	PLACE	TITLES & AWARDS
OBEDIENCE							
Stacy Garvin	Bond (Belgian Sheepdog)	DKC (12/16)	Open A	194	1	2	
"	"	DKC (12/17)	Open A	187	2		
Sandra Hellberg	Vinny (Sheltie)	Forsyth KC (12/9)	Utility A	192	3	1	UD!!!
Lisa Roberts	Tec (Border Collie)	BC Nat. Specialty (10/21)	Utility A	191	1	1	
"	"	BC Nat. Specialty (10/22)	Utility A	190.5	2	1	
"	"	DKC (12/16)	Utility A	193	3	1	UD!!!
"	"	DKC (12/17)	Utility A	192.5	4	1	
Nicki Camera	Molli (Mastiff)	DKC (12/16)	Utility A	192.5	3	2	UD!!!
Brian Stringall	Hunter (Golden Retriever)	DKC (12/16)	Open A		1		
"	Aurora (Golden Retriever)	DKC (12/16)	Open A	194.5	1	1	HS Golden Retriever !!!
AGILITY							
Tracy Fletcher	Chipper (Sheltie)	Danville KC (12/3)	Ex B	100	20	2	MACH 2 !!!!
Denise McDonald	Pauli Girl (Golden Retriever)	Atlanta, GA 12/31/06)					MACH3!!!!
Wanda Moriarty & Judy Ortiz	Brooklyn (Border Collie)	Oriole DTC (12/8)	Nov A JWW	100	3	2	NAJ !!!
SPECIAL AWARD CATEGORY							
Lisa Roberts	Tec (Border Collie)	BC Nat. Specialty (10/22)	Janet Larson Versatility Award Based on his scores at Nat. Spec. in herding, obedience and 2 double Q's in agility named most versatile Border Collie for 2006!!!!				
RALLY							
Stacy Garvin	Bond (Belgian Sheepdog)	DKC 12/15/06	Exc B	100	1	1	
Terri Toohil	Cindy (Sheltie)	DKC (12/16)	Ex A	93	1	3	
"	"	DKC (12/16)	Ex A	97	2	2	
Patty Thomas	Tango (Great Dane)	Forsythe KC (12/9)	Nov B	100	2	2	
"	"	Forsythe KC (12/10)	Nov B	97	3	3	RN !!!!
Brian Stringall	Hunter (Golden Retriever)	DKC (12/15)	Nov B		1		
Sharon Pitz	Rusty (Golden Retriever)	DKC (12/15)	Adv B	82	3		RA; HS Golden Retriever !!!
"	Aurora (Golden Retriever)	DKC (12/15)	Nov B	99+	2	2	HS Golden Retriever !!!
"	"	DKC (12/16)	Nov B	97	3		RN !!!
"	Rusty (Golden Retriever)	DKC (12/16)	Ex B		1		

AWARDS DINNER RESERVATION

Saturday, March 3, 2007

Durham Kennel Club Building

Doors Open 6:30 Dinner at 7:00

\$25.00 per person

Dinner will include a selection of beef, chicken and/or vegetarian entrees, salad, choices of vegetables, bread, desserts, tea and coffee.

Please reserve _____ places in the name(s) of:

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$_____

Make check payable to **Durham Kennel Club.**

Mail check and reservation form to: Lisa Roberts, 4036 Abbey Lane, Stem, NC 7581

No alcohol will be provided.

Reservations due Friday, February 23, 2007.