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Durham Kennel Club Newsletter

**Black and Tan Coonhound
Hound Group
Foundation Stock Service**



The Black and Tan Coonhound is one of the few truly American breeds. It was developed in the South by hunters who

brought together the unique traits of several hound breeds. It is a medium-sized hound capable of independently locating and tracking its own prey and can follow cold trails when necessary. It has a deep musical voice and can track many types of game, including raccoons, bobcat, cougar, deer, elk, wild boar and even bear. It has an outgoing and friendly temperament and is a dedicated worker.

Background: The Black and Tan Coonhound is a descendant of the Talbot Hound found in England during the 11th century. It's ancestry includes the Bloodhound and the Foxhound.

**Approved: December 11, 1990
Effective: January 30, 1991**

Show Ring: Height: Males 25 to 27"; females 23 to 25". **Weight:** Males are heavier in bone and muscle tone than females. **Eyes:** They are hazel to dark brown in color, almost round and not deeply set. **Ears:** They are low set and well back. **Bite:** Teeth fit evenly with a scissor bite. **Coat:** It is coal black with rich tan markings above eyes, on sides of muzzle, chest, legs and breeching, with black pencil markings on toes. **Feet:** They are compact, with well knuckled, strongly arched toes and thick, strong pads.

Breeding and Whelping: There are not enough specimens of this breed for information on whelping difficulties to be available. The American Foxhound, a close relation, has few whelping problems.

Faults: Rear dewclaws. White on chest or other parts of body is highly undesirable. Inasmuch as this is a hunting

breed, scars from honorable wounds shall not be considered faults.

Penalties: Undersize. Oversized dogs should not be penalized when general soundness and proportion are in favor. Excessive wrinkles. Yellow or light eyes. Ears that do not reach the tip of the nose and are set too high on the head. Excessive deviation from scissors bite. Flat or splayed feet. Lack of rich tan markings, excessive areas of tan markings, excessive black coloration.

Disqualifications: A solid patch of white which extends more than one inch in any direction.

Recognized Problems: This breed has a high incidence of **hip dysplasia** and **ectropion** [turning inward of the eye lid]. **Hemophilia B** is also found in Black and Tan Coonhounds. **Polyneuritis [coonhound paralysis]** is an occupational hazard caused by a raccoon bite of scratch which precedes the onset by 7 to 14 days. Paralysis peaks in 10 days. Once affected, dogs are prone to redevelop the syndrome in further encounters with raccoons.

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 meeting of the DKC membership will take place on **Monday, October 15th**. Do plan to attend and bring a dish for our potluck dinner.

Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. Bring a friend to share at 7 and furry friends are welcome at 7:30.

October Program: Our speaker will be Dr R. B. Ford from the NCSU Vet School who will talk about vaccination protocols and their effects.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Conformation Classes/

Breeder Referral

Nancy Adams

Obedience Classes

Marge White

Spring Show

Connie Howard

Fall Show

Jan Gray

Agility Trials

Mary Whorton

Obedience Trial

Mary Oppermann

Tracking

Jack Sappenfield

Membership/Newsletter

Terri Toohil

Cheer

Dana Pritchett

Rentals(building/land), Obedience

equipment & Yard Sale

Sharon Pitz

Social

Jeanne Stringall

CGC Program-/Maintenance (outside)

George Beglane

Librarian, Recycling

Denise McDonald

Agility classes

Lisa Roberts

Education

Kirk Ridge

Legislative Liaison, Tail Waggers

Joanne Harrar

**September DKC
Member Minutes**

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the minutes were not available at the time of publication.

They will be read at the October Meeting and published in the next newsletter.

Any member may have the latest membership list at any time as an e-mail attachment.

Terri Toohil

**Ken Nelson Receives
Special Honor**

At the St. Bernard Club of America National Specialty, Ken Nelson was awarded the "Lifetime Member" honor by the Board of Governors. Since 1932, when the Club was reorganized, only about 35 "Lifetime Member" awards have been made.

The Award is based on service to the Club and Breed over a prolonged period of time. Ken has owned/finished 17 Champions, was president of the Saint Bernard Club of America for 6 terms, on the Board of Governors another 10+ years, was selected by its membership to judge the St. Bernard National Specialty 5 times, was a founding member of 2 regional St. Bernard Specialty Clubs and on the Board of two others.

Fall Agility Trials

The DKC hosted 3 days of all breed agility trials at the Harris Rd. property in Rougemont on Sept 28-30.

Peggy was there for a few hours on Friday and it was wonderful to see her looking so well and sharing with all.

Full details of the show will be in the next newsletter.

Tracking Test

There will be a TDX Tracking Test at Quail Roost on Sunday, October 21st.

Tracking volunteers are always welcome. Help at all experience levels is needed. Please call Jack if you can assist in any way.

And if you cannot help, come and see what tracking is about and have fun at the same time.

Any questions? Call:

Jack Sappenfield 919 598-5318

Poison Control Hotline

Kansas State University Veterinary Teaching Hospital is offering a FREE 24 hours poison control hotline for pet owners and veterinarians.

1+785-532-5679 is the number and the service has been available since 1969. Dr. Oehme, a vet and professor in toxicology and pathology oversees the hotline.

Dr. Oehme offers these suggestions:

1) Be patient. The person answering the phone may have to take a few minutes to consult the vet on duty.

2) Call as soon as possible. Immediate attention might save your animal. But waiting to see if there is a reaction could cost your animal their life.

3) Have any product labels available for answers. The vet might need to know milligrams and generic names.

4) Know your pet. Drooling could only mean he is thrilled to see you!

5) Know that the toxicologists are also taking calls from vets about other animals and other problems, including those problems with large animals.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 21 (Sun.) [Quail Roost]

TDX

Jack Sappenfield 919 598-5318

Oct 27 (Sat.) [DKC]

CGC

George Beglane 919 477-8874

Dec. 8 & 9

(Sat.-Sun.) [DKC]

Last 2007 Match

[Like a SHOW-N-GO]

Notes from the AKC Delegates' Meeting, September 8 and 9, 2007, Newark, NJ

At the **Legislative Caucus** the initial discussion concerned California AB 1634, which is dead for this year. The bill was pulled prior to its defeat and is still in the local governing committee and most likely will be reintroduced next year.

Minnesota is currently fighting a complete ban on Am Staffs, Staffy Bulls, Akitas, Chow Chows, and Rottweilers. A bill is currently being introduced in Florida to remove a statute that prohibits breed-specific legislation. Sumter County, SC has introduced an ordinance making it against the law to own fighting dogs which would encompass any with bloodlines of American Pit Bull Terriers. The Louisville Kennel Club continues to fight their two lawsuits against the city.

Activist Cash is running full-page ads in *New Yorker*, etc attempting to educate the public about HSUS and PETA. For more information, check out their website at www.activistcash.com

The **All Breed Committee** discussed at length the results of their survey regarding increases and decreases in entries at All-Breed Shows. It was determined that clubs lost money on shows with fewer than 500 entries of which there were approximately 134 in 2006. These clubs/shows were centered in three general geographic areas Louisiana (most likely due to the effects of Hurricane Katrina), New Jersey, Eastern Pennsylvania, New York, and Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin. The most cited reason for the increase in small-entry shows was the increase in the number of clusters. Note: over the past ten years only five all-breed clubs have dissolved.

AKC's legal department has drafted a prototype of the Judges' Contract due to the number of problems that have arisen between clubs and judges. At present the prototype is lengthy and wordy and includes numerous provisions including fees, breeds, hotel and travel expenses, termination, and penalties for breaches and noncompliance as well as arbitration. It is a suggested contract and not mandatory but will become part of the AKC *Show/Trial Manual*.

The possibility of an All-Breed Club conference is currently being investigated which may or may not include Obedience Clubs. This would be an educational conference in much the same way that the Parent Club Conference is structured.

The **Obedience/Agility/Rally Committee** discussed the possibility of adding the requirement of DNA testing to the ILP application as the test is now available, reasonably inexpensive (less than \$50) and about 99 percent reliable.

Effective January 1, 2008, event fees are increasing for every show to \$3 for the first entry and \$3 for all subsequent entries of the same dog for all regular and non-regular classes not to include Sweepstakes entries. Clarification is being sought from AKC Board to exclude Obedience and Rally non-regular entries as well.

A transition class from Rally to Obedience is currently being investigated. This class would be a titled class at a level lower than Novice Obedience (for example, Beginning Novice). Exercises would include an Heeling exercise using verbal commands as well as Rally signs, Sit for Examination on lead, Sit and Stay with dropped lead to the ground, Recall off leash with no failure for additional commands and no finish. This class would not compete for High in Trial; obedience titled dogs could not compete and would be judged by regular obedience judges. This class would be under the Obedience Trial and implementation is being hoped for January 1, 2008.

There will be a Mixed Breed presentation at the AKC Board of Directors' meeting in October. The issue is still under significant investigation because of intense passion on both sides.

Research is currently underway to bring a Drafting/Carting venue into the AKC titling program. This would be a breed-specific program with 30-38 breeds eligible. Initial regulations have been developed, however it still needs further input from clubs. A draft of the program can be found on the AKC website [www.akc.org] and suggestions, comments, and questions are welcomed. It has been proposed that judges already judging the venue for specialty clubs would be grandfathered. Otherwise, the same judging requirements in place for other companion venues would apply.

Change to requirements for Judges application process is under investigation. Currently a Provisional Judge applicant must have ten assignments with a minimum of ten dogs and then an observation and an additional five more assignments before being approved for the next level. Proposed changes would allow for a minimum of ten assignments and a total of 150 dogs before applying for regular status and/or for the next level.

The **Chairman's Report** focused on AKC's past achievements since 1995

- In 1995 total income was reported at \$32.2 million; in 2006 it totaled \$70 million. During the eleven-year period the AKC has never reported a net annual loss.
- The AKC CHF was created and the AKC has contributed \$16 million to its operation.
- \$1.7 million has been contributed to the AKC Museum of the Dog.
- AKC/CAR grants totaling \$1.5 million have been funded for Canine Support and Relief.
- Capital expenditures for information technology have doubled resulting in 20 percent reduction in headcount.
- Online registration of dogs is now over 60 percent of litter registrations.
- A Breeders' Newsletter has been created and a full-time archivist has been added to staff.
- AKC and AKC/CAR has contributed \$400,000 to the Parent Club conferences.
- The AKC/Eukanuba National Championship was created and is among the top three prestigious shows in the world. Bred-by exhibitors account for approximately 40 percent.

- AKC is now "first call" for disaster relief for dogs.
- Hundreds of thousands of dollars are awarded in scholarships.
- A Breeder of the Year program has been established.

In addition, two areas of caution were addressed

- A serious decline in AKC registrations from 1960 to the present.
- The gap in cost of maintaining the Event Department compared with the fees it generates requiring those who participate in shows share a larger portion of its cost.

The **President's Report** informed the Delegates of the creation of a new AKC entity, The AKC Humane Fund. The fund's mission is "to unite a broad spectrum of animal lovers in promoting the joy and value of responsible and productive pet ownership through education, outreach and grant-making." The Fund will be proactive in reaching out to dog lovers offering memberships in the way of tax-deductible donations solicited to champion specific causes. These causes may include support to the AKC Canine Health Foundation, Companion Animal Recovery, and the Museum of the Dog. The Fund can sponsor educational programs and provide grants to other likeminded organizations including Parent Club Breed Rescue Groups. The Fund plans to establish a Hall of Fame for fanciers, including breeders, owners, delegates, judges and handlers. Ideas from clubs are welcome and can be directed to Daphne Straus. Inaugural membership pledges are being accepted and these founding member contributions will be recognized on a Wall of Honor.

July year-to-date compared to July 2006 **financial highlights**

- Revenues were slightly higher and operating expenses were 3 percent higher
- Operating surplus for the period was \$2.3 million and Net Surplus was just over \$6 million
- Litter and dog registrations continue to decline

Vote on proposed amendment to Article VII, Sections 1 and 3 enabling an elected AKC Board Member to retain their position even if removed as Delegate by their club was postponed to the December meeting to allow time for revisions to address concern raised by Delegates.

Revision to Chapter 8, Section 12 of AKC Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Retrievers allowing a handler to withdraw from a specific stake during the trial if the handler feels that running the test may injure or aggravate an existing physical/medical condition of the dog was approved.

Revision to Chapter 14, Section 5 of the Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Retrievers: Rules for Retriever Trials eliminating pigeons as a permitted choice of birds for use in the minor stakes and make requirements for game birds uniform for all licensed field trial stakes was approved.

Revision to Chapter 9, Section 2 of the Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Basset Hounds reducing the number of entries required in order to obtain a championship title from ten to six was approved.

Proposal was made to rescind the Delegate Standing Rule that provides for three-minute speeches by Board candidates at the March meeting. The intent was to substitute a more interactive format for getting to know the candidates at the Forum at the December meeting. This proposal was adopted.

Proposals to be voted on at the next Delegates' meeting:

- Revision to Article VI of the AKC Bylaws allowing that no person may become or remain a Delegate if convicted of a misdemeanor or felony involving the theft, embezzlement, or misappropriation of funds from an AKC-sanctioned, licensed, or member club within the previous ten years. The same would apply to a person found liable for the same charges in a civil court action within the previous ten years.
- Amendment to Chapter 3, Section 6 of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows which would eliminate the Novice Class and substitute an Amateur-Owner-Handler Class. Dogs eligible for this class would be at least six months of age that are not champions. Dogs must be handled in the class by the registered owner of the dog. This class is restricted to exhibitors who have not at any point in time been a professional dog handler, AKIC approved conformation judge, or employed as an assistant to a professional handler. Additional, members of the immediate family or household of a current professional handler are ineligible for this class (as defined in Chapter 11, Section 13). Professional handlers are defined as any person who belongs or has belonged to a professional handlers' organization, distributed rate cards, or otherwise advertised or represented themselves as handling dogs for pay.

Discussion was held concerning the AKC proposal to have a one-third presence on the AKC/CHF Board of Directors. At present this is only one AKC Director on the CHF Board and the nomination of an additional AKC Director was rejected. The AKC believes that it should have a more significant representation as it donates approximately \$1.2 million to the CHF representing approximately one-third of the CHF annual income. The AKC Board is concerned that the two organizations are drifting apart and specifically in the difficulty in obtaining financial reports and complaints received about numerous acts of poor governance.

The next Delegates' meeting will be held in Long Beach, CA - December 3 and 4, 2007.

Linda Wozniak

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	SPECIAL MERIT
Michelle Lennon	Molly (Rottweiler)	Moore County KC (9/15)	Bred-by	2	WB, BOS	1 st place in BBE
“	“	Moore County KC (9/16)	Bred-by	1	WB, BOS	1 st place in BBE
Anne Truesdale & Mary Ward	Rohan (Miniature Poodle)	Newnan KC (9/23)	Open Dog	4	WD, BOS	Champion!!! Finished as a Puppy!
MF Davis	Molly (Border Terrier)	Raleigh KC	9-12 Mo Puppy	1	WB	

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	TITLES & AWARDS
OBEDIENCE							
Ellen E Beasley	Nyle (Australian Cattle Dog)	Raleigh KC (9/3)	Open B	196.5		1	OTCh!!!!
Mary Florence	Magoo (Clumber Spaniel)	Lynchburg (9/5)	Nov B	177.5	3		CD!!!
RALLY							
Kirsten Leysieffer	Dash (Pembroke Welsh Corgi)	DKC (9/2)	Nov A	87	1		
“	“	Raleigh KC (9/3)	Nov A	88	2	3	
Mary Florence	Clara (Clumber Spaniel)	Lynchburg (9/5)	Nov B	90	3		RN!!!
AGILITY							
Wanda Moriarty & Judy Ortiz	Brooklyn (Border Collie)	Salisbury, MD	Ex Std B	100	3	1	
Emilie Beglane	Keira (Lab. Retriever)	Durham KC (09/29)	Open STD Pref	94	3	2	OAP!!!
“	“	Durham KC (09/29)	Open JWW Pref	90	2	1	
Maria Walker	Dax (Rottweiler)	Durham KC (09/29)	Nov A Pref		1	1	1 st time dog & handler!!!
HERDING							
Ellen E Beasley	Nyle (Australian Cattle Dog)	AKC Trial, Gladys, VA (9/8)	Herding Started A Course, sheep	73	3		HSA's (Herding Started A Course Sheep!!!)
Maria Walker	Dax (Rottweiler)	AKC Trial, Gladys, VA (9/8)	Herding Tested		1		
“	“	AKC Trial, Gladys, VA (9/8)	Herding Tested		2		HT!!!
“	“	AKC Trial, Gladys, VA (9/8)	Pre-Trial Tested		1		