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It's hard to believe how much a dog can change your life!

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Bloodhound Hound Group



The Bloodhound is called the modern representative of the oldest race of hounds that hunt by scent. He is very powerful, and stands over

more ground than is usual with hounds of other breeds. The skin is thin to the touch and extremely loose, this being more especially noticeable about the head and neck, where it hangs in deep folds. He possess the keenest nose of any domestic animal. With all his abilities, he has an even temperament and enjoys a home environment.

Background: The Bloodhound made its appearance in Europe long before the Crusades, the first specimens being brought from Constantinople in two strains, black and white. The first recorded use of Bloodhounds by organized law enforcement was in England in 1805 when the Thrapthton Association for the Prevention of Felons acquired a Bloodhound to search for poachers and thieves. Testimony of a Bloodhound's man trailing results is acceptable in almost any court.

Although the Bloodhound approached its modern form in England, the breed has perhaps reached its greatest development in the United States, as far as usefulness is concerned.

Approved: January 9, 1996
Effective: February 29, 1996

Show Ring: Height: Males 25 to 27"; females 23 to 25" with the larger sizes preferred. **Weight:** Males 90 to 110 lbs.; females 80 to 100 lbs. with the greater weights preferred. **Eyes:** Deeply sunk, the lids assuming a diamond shape, in consequence of the lower lids being dragged down. Color varying from deep hazel to yellow with hazel preferred, **Ears:** Thin and soft to the touch, extremely long, set very low, and fall in graceful folds, the lower parts curling inward and backward **Bite:** A scissors

bite is preferred, level bite accepted. **Coat:** Black and tan, liver and tan, and red. A small amount of white is permissible on chest, feet, and tip of stern.

Feet: They are strong and well knuckled up.

Breeding and Whelping: The bitch matures late. Breeding is not recommended until the female is at least 18 to 20 months old. Bitches have been successfully bred at 9 years of age. False pregnancy is common. Litter size varies from 1 to 14 with an average of 8. A 2 hour interval between pups is usual. Black and tan adults are generally black at birth. The adult temperament develops between 12 and 16 months.

Disqualifications: There are no disqualifying faults.

Recognized Problems: Malformed eyelids are the most common problem. The lower lid tends to open as a pouch and to gather debris. **Gastric torsion-bloat syndrome** is a leading cause of death in this breed. **External ear infections** are frequent. The area around the throat and neck is predisposed to **moist dermatitis**. **Sedating drugs** should be given in smaller doses than one would expect for a breed this size.

Old Age: The lifespan is approximately 10 years.

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.

November Meeting

The next meeting of the DKC membership will take place on **Monday, November 19th**. 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.

November Program: Our speaker will explain Freestyle - a fun activity that few of us have tried.

COMMITTEE CHAIRSConformation 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, Rentals(building/land)**Dana Pritchett**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**

revision change suggestions to the Board; the board recommended some changes and all should be ready by early next year.

Treasurer: There was a Financial Report read and is available upon request from the Treasurer. We have gone to Quick Books a few things are a little different, there is more detail. The Fall show did very well. Emilie has put a great deal of work into the changing to Quick Books. When you get a chance, give Emilie thanks.

Fall Show: Jan Gray did a remarkable job. Everything went on pretty seamless to the exhibitors. Jan Gray has been appointed as Chairperson for the 2008 Fall show. The Peggy Schmidt Benefit Raffle, which was the brainchild of Denise Kilpatrick and Lisa Roberts, raised a good amount of money. We will have another raffle at the Fall Agility Trial. Jan thanks everyone who helped. It takes many people and we could not have done it without all the volunteers.

Obedience Classes: We have tried something different and have had to make some changes. Marge has done a tremendous job working with this. The whole committee deserves a hand.

Spring Show: The judge's panel was approved, and then one judge passed away. 2009 will probably get some foreign judges. Foreign judges can judge 6 shows a year.

Agility Trials: They start at the end of the week. We need Lots of Volunteers!! We did not fill, but it is easier on the Secretary! Entries don't have to be returned; people don't get mad because they don't get in. Come out & help!

Tracking: Our next test is October 21st. It is a TDX test. If you want to carry flags, come out and help. Come out Saturday morning about 9 or 9:30 am.

Membership: The following were voted in for Candidate Membership: Shari Bryant, Louise & Frank Chut Jr., Louise Locklear, Peggy & BH Powell, Donald Roback, Kim & Ken

Tyndall and Sue Vickery. And for Regular Membership: Stacy Garvin and Chris & Wanda Hepler. Congratulations.

CGC Test: October 27th, the 3rd or 4th Saturday in October. Will send an e-mail out looking for volunteers.

Yard Sale: Thanks to all who helped – made a good amount of money.

Agility Classes: We are offering 2 classes this session obedience for agility and a short sequence class.

Announcements: Don Young – Our December Obedience Judge has been in the hospital and we are told that he would appreciate any cards!! Please send him cards. He is a great judge & person!!

Following several brags the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise McDonald

Durham Kennel Club

Recording Secretary

Durham Kennel Club Membership Meeting – October 15, 2007

Sally Ridge asked to speak to the club about setting a policy about banning dogs from classes because her dog has been banned. A rebuttal followed by Marge White. A rebuttal followed by Kirk Ridge, who denied any previous problems with his dog's behavior and demanded a due process policy meeting on this issue. Another member, Vanna Conday, complained she was turned down as an assistant instructor in an obedience class because they said she did not have good control of her dogs. Roger Akers discussed what was said at the meeting and that it was larger than just their dog. Marge White discussed that maybe a review of the decision should occur and a discussion about what policy we should have about dogs that are not always under owner control in class. A discussion followed.

Durham Kennel Club Membership Meeting – September 17, 2007

Following a presentation by DKC member Carol Parron about pointing breed field tests/trials and a presentation about volunteer positions for Tracking tests by Jack Sappenfield, President Roger Akers called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the May 21, 2007 meeting, were approved as published.

President's Report: Remember to sign the attendance roster by the door. This is the official record proving that we have a quorum. The Governance committee gave bylaw

Minutes of the September 17, 2007 meeting were approved as published.

Presidents Report: No board meeting since last meeting.

Mary Whorton has resigned as Agility Show Chairman and Richard Whorton has resigned as Show Secretary. We are looking for replacements. We found we are missing a 15' tunnel, extra long poles for weave poles, 5' jump bars, a measuring stick for agility broad jump and one of the boards for a panel jump. We also need to replace agility equipment, including unsafe equipment and we will have an auction to sell off the equipment to be replaced. We are also going to inventory all agility equipment. It was noted that we do not loan or rent equipment, with the exception of our electric timers, so if anyone sees equipment leaving our facility, you should notify a board member immediately.

Treasurer: There was a financial report read and is available upon request from the treasurer.

Conformation: Classes are so full we need to expand. But there will no classes on Thanksgiving weekend or in December.

Show and Go: December 1 and 2. Volunteers are still needed to help. Contact Linda Kerr if interested.

Obedience Show: December 14, 15, 16. Need stewards for obedience and rally. Contact Linda Kerr and Ann Carter. Need volunteers for kitchen. Contact Wanda Hepler if interested.

Obedience Classes: Marge White discussed that we are no longer the only place that offers obedience classes. We need new instructors because we are aging.

Agility Trials: Mary Whorton said that she enjoyed the trials and that they were very successful. She and Richard just wanted to go out with a smile. This last trial was very successful with many breeds.

Agility Classes: 2 more weeks of the present class. Run-thrus Monday nights after this class ends.

More information to follow. In January there will be obstacle discrimination class.

Tracking: TDX this Sunday, October 21 at Quail Roost. 9 entries for 6 slots and this includes a German Shepherd.

Membership: Several new candidates for membership. Cynthia Margenau, Philip and Donna Goldstein, and Laura Welch were voted in for Candidate Memberships. Put brags in board form when sending by e-mail. Dana Pritchett said to remember Eileen Bassett, who is suffering an unknown ailment.

CGC Test: October 27 and can use volunteers

Maintenance: The agility field is resting until weather changes. An agriculture extension agent came, checked the field behind the building, and said the ring needs composting, seeding, liming, and fertilizing. There was a discussion on the need for the rocks and stumps to be removed before mowing can take place.

Holiday Party: Will be coming up in December (17) and we will once again bring donations for APCS.

Announcements: Vern Bell will be operated on October 16, so keep him in your prayers.

Braggs followed.

Nancy Akers

Fall Agility Trials

We just finished 3 days of agility trials at our DKC property in Rougemont. The weather was near perfect with a mixture of sun, clouds, 60-80 degrees, and nice breezes each day. The judge, Rhonda Crane, had fun courses, lots of qualifiers, and was very easy to work with. Everything ran smoothly and both the new and the old electronic timers worked fine.

It was an unexpected yet delightful surprise to see Peggy Schmidt show up on Friday and she looked

wonderful. How nice it was to see her. A raffle was held in her honor and made ~\$700.

We had two dogs finish their MACH's this weekend, first was Rae Tanner and her Border Collie Jet who earned their MACH4 on Friday. Then on Saturday was the much awaited first MACH on an 11 year old Italian Greyhound owned by Eleanor Hawkins. Each dog and handler were presented with a MACH bar, special MACH rosette, and a MACH title patch.

On Sunday we had a surprise but unwanted visit from a pack of 8-10 Beagles who were turned loose up the road a bit to "run". Several folks of the trial committee asked the owner who was sitting in a pickup truck on Harris Rd, if he would mind taking his dogs somewhere else as we were trying to have a dog show. He was actually very cooperative and did his best to get them to follow his truck in the other direction.

As always, it takes a huge number of people each day to put these on and it is impossible to thank everyone. Nevertheless, big thanks go to the following folks:

Roger Akers for keeping the grass mowed both in the rings and all around the perimeter of the property all year long, Connie Howard and Eileen Bassett who worked very hard to take over Peggy's job of giving out the ribbons, George Beglane who always does the job of 8 people including loading, hauling, unloading, reloading, and unloading again all the equipment from the trailer, Emilie Beglane who cheerfully writes checks all weekend is always willing to take on extra jobs, and also does the work of about 8 people, Tracy Fletcher who built all 14 courses for the weekend and also helped load and unload equipment, Bill Gates who took care of both timers for the weekend and helped load and unload, Richard Whorton who was secretary again and also helped load and unload, Cathy and Scott Wells who fed all of us with great food for the weekend, Sandra Hellberg and Deb Schweers who handled making

sure all the worker positions were manned in all 14 classes filling in themselves whenever needed, Sharon Pitz who made sure both the judge and all the workers had plenty of drinks and snacks all 3 days, Karen Stewart for organizing the vendors, Pat Wallace for taking the judge to the airport and dozens more club members who helped either loading or unloading the trailer, ring crew, serving the lunch, running scores, running leashes, or any number of other jobs. Couldn't have done it without you.

This is without a doubt, one of the finest clubs in the area with so many members willing to help. Dozens of folks told me over the course of the weekend that these are their favorite trials. I asked them why that was and it was a combination of things - the friendly club members, great food, the big grassy field where dogs can be exercised, the team competition, the ability to camp and park RV's there, the speed with which the scores are posted, the toys and prizes we give away, the fenced off rings, the great judges, and the well taken care of equipment.

We should be proud.

Thanks very much,

Mary Whorton

CGC Test

The test was held on Saturday October 27 at the DKC building. There were seven teams entered, all of which all passed. One of the teams was an 8 year old girl (Sara) and her sheltie (Hailey) from a local 4H Club, they did an outstanding job. I would to thank the following people who gave of their valuable time to make this a successful test. Richard & Betty Perschel, Kim & Ken Tyndall, John Pye & Eva Schroeder, Connie Steffens, Brian & Jeanne Stringall, Vanna Conday and Terri Toohil.

George Beglane

Tracking Test

The Durham Kennel Club TDX test was held at Quail Roost Farm on Sunday, October 21 and it was a beautiful day to have dogs and their handlers vying for that sometimes elusive TDX title. There were four regular entries and five alternates. Unfortunately, the four entries tried their best to master their tracks, but with the alternate track not used, the first alternate, a Chesapeake Bay Retriever, mastered the dry conditions and successfully completed the course with great fanfare.

Judges Michele Anne Gillette and Jim Pitts plotted five great tracks that were unique and challenging and made those who were observers envious to want to have the opportunity to run any one of the tracks.

We extend our congratulations to: Webbfoot's Keeping in Motion VCD2,UD,JH,MX,MXJ and his owner Mary Kearns from Winston-Salem, NC.

This test would not have been successful without the individuals who contributed to the event. Many thanks to Cathy Fogel for a luncheon that was superb, tracklayers Buddy Amos, Marlene and Tom Anton, Laura Boyce, Elise Geary, and crosstrack layers Lynn Reagan-Hull and Terri Toohil.

Jack Sappenfield

Conformation Class Schedule

Conformation classes will not meet on the:

- Thursday before Thanksgiving,
- Thursday of Thanksgiving week
- and the month of December.

Nancy Adams

DKC Obedience & Rally Trials

The DKC Obedience and Rally Trials will be held on December 14, 15 & 16th. This is an excellent opportunity to earn a service for the club. We will need rally stewards on Friday evening and Saturday evening (12/14th & 15th) and obedience stewards on Saturday and Sunday (12/15th & 16th) during the day. It is not difficult and it is fun and educational to be a part of the obedience trials. If you have not stewarded before, we will pair you up with an experienced steward and provide you with instructions.

Please contact me if you can help.

Thank you,

Linda Kerr

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 28, Dec. 5 & 12
(Wed.) [DKC]

Rally SHOW-N-GO

Dec. 1 & 2

(Sat.-Sun.) [DKC]

Obedience SHOW-N-GO

Dec. 14, 15 & 16
(Fri., Sat., Sun.) [DKC]

Obedience & Rally Trials

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

Terri Toohil

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
Linda Kerr & Kimberly Scarey	Cruiser (Pembroke Welsh Corgi)	Hanover County (10/13)	Bred By	2	BOW	1 st Place!!!
Emmy Wolters	Georgia (Bouvier)	Raleigh Shows (8/30)	Open	1	WB	
"	"	Columbia KC(9/30)	Open	1	BOB	
"	"	Hanover KC (10/13)	Open	1	BOB	
"	"	Hanover KC (10/14)	Open	1	BOB	
"	"	Lumberton KC (10/20)	Open	1	BOB	
"	Stormy (Bouvier)	Lumberton KC (10/21)	6-9 mo	1	BOB	
Chris Laughlin	Ian (Smooth Collie)	Kennesaw KC (10/27)	Open	4	BOW	Championship!!!

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							
Lynn Reagan-Hull	Moseley (Westie)	All Terrier Obedience Trial PRTAA (10/3)	Open B	197		1	6 OTCH points!!!
"	"	WHWTCA Nationals (10/6)	Open B	197		1	HIGH IN TRIAL!!!
"	Nigel (Westie)	WHWTCA Nationals (10/6)	Utility A	194	1	1	1st & HIGH COMBINED!!!
"	"	WHWTCA Nationals (10/6)	Open B	195		2	HIGH COMBINED!!!
RALLY							
Bonnie Nichols	Jamie (Miniature Poodle)	CCPC, Lexington NC (10/20)	Novice A	94	1	3	
AGILITY							
Wanda Moriarty & Judith Ortiz	Brooklyn (BC)	Autumn Winds (10/19)	Ex B JWW			1	AXJ!!!
Maria Walker	Dax (Rottweiler)	DKC (9/29)	Nov Std Pref		1	1	
"	"	Autumn Winds (10/20)	Nov Std Pref		2	1	
"	"	Autumn Winds (10/21)	Nov Std Pref		3	2	NAP!!!
"/handled by Mary Whorton	"	Autumn Winds (10/20)	Nov JWW Pref		1	1	
Maria Walker	"	Moore County (10/27)	Nov JWW Pref	92	2		
"	"	Moore County (10/28)	Nov JWW Pref	100	3		NAJP!!!
Sharon Pitz	Aurora (Golden Ret.)	Autumn Winds (10/20)	Ex B JWW	100		Q	
"	"	Autumn Winds (10/21)	Ex B JWW	100		Q	
Emilie Beglane	Keira (Labrador Ret.)	Autumn Winds (10/20)	Open JWW Pref	100	3	1	OJP
EARTHDOG							
Lynn Reagan-Hull	Nigel (Westie)	WHWTCA (10/8)	Senior Earthdog	Q	7		Bonus Leg!!!
"	"	WHWTCA (10/8)	Master Earthdog	Q	8		Bonus Leg!!!