

DKC Newsletter
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Durham Kennel Club Newsletter

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My dogs touch the deepest parts of me - whole and broken.

Jon Katz

Don't forget the Awards Banquet!!!!

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Bouvier des Flandres

Herding Group



Bouvier give the feeling of great strength without any sign of weightiness or clumsiness in their overall makeup. They

are agile, spirited and bold, yet their serene, well behaved disposition conveys a steady and courageous character. Bouvier intelligence and scenting abilities allow them to perform as tracking dogs and guide dogs for the blind. They are trustworthy with children and make excellent companions and house dogs.

Background: The Bouvier originated in Southwest Flanders and on the French northern plain. Most of the early Bouvier owners and breeders were farmers, butchers or cattle merchants. A standard did not exist until 1912. In Belgium, a Bouvier cannot win the title of champion unless he has also won a prize in work-competition as a police, defense or army dog. The Bouvier des Flandres was first recognized by the AKC in 1929.

AKC Approved: January 10, 2000
Effective: February 23, 2000

Show Ring: Height: Dogs, 24½" - 27½"; bitches, 23½" to 26½". **Eyes:** Dark brown and oval. **Ears:** Placed high and alert. **Teeth:** A scissors bite. **Coat:** A tousled, double coat capable of withstanding the hardest work in the most inclement weather. **Color:** From fawn to black, passing through salt and pepper, gray and brindle. A small white star on the chest is allowed. **Feet:** Both forefeet and hind feet are rounded and compact, turning neither in nor out; the toes close and well arched; strong black nails; thick tough pads. **Tail:** Docked and set high and aligned normally with the spinal column. Preferably carried upright in motion. Dogs born tailless should not be penalized. **Breeding and Whelping:** Although the breed is generally hardy, there is a large proportion of birthing problems including uterine inertia, associated with very large or small litters which can vary from

1 to 15 pups. The pups weigh 8 oz to 1½ lbs at birth; those weighing over a pound may be oversize at maturity. Dewclaws may be removed in front and must be removed in rear. Tail is to be docked, leaving 2 or 3 vertebrae. It is difficult to breed away from the overshot bite. Socialization is very important. Bouvier pups develop guarding tendencies as early as 12 weeks.

Faults: A short, squatty neck; steep shoulders; elbows which are too far out or in; a narrow, snipy muzzle; a coat too long, too short, silky, woolly or flat.

Serious Faults: Long-bodied, ears that are too low or too closely set, a sunken or slanted croup, brown, pink or spotted nose, overshot or undershot bites, sickle or cow-hocks, chocolate brown, white, or parti-color coat color, yellow or light eyes, size above or below Standard.

Disqualifications: There are no disqualifying faults.

Recognized Problems: Umbilical hernias & cleft palates in some bloodlines, **reproductive difficulties, lymphosarcoma** [middle or late years], **torsion, elbow dysplasia, hypothyroidism.**

Old Age: Life expectancy is 10 to 12 with dogs often outliving bitches. Grey dogs darken as they age and fawn dogs lighten.

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.

February Meeting

There is traditionally no meeting in February - the month that the Awards Banquet usually takes place.

Please check this newsletter for information concerning the Awards Banquet and for the Reservation Form and send it in if you have not done so already. This is a fun occasion for all members to share and enjoy each other's successes.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

<u>Conformation Classes/</u>
<u>Breeder Referral</u>
Nancy Adams
<u>Obedience Classes</u>
Marge White
<u>Spring Show</u>
Connie Howard
<u>Fall Show</u>
Jan Gray
<u>Agility Trials</u>
Tracy Fletcher
<u>Obedience Trial</u>
Lynn Reagan-Hull
<u>Tracking</u>
Jack Sappenfield
<u>Membership/Newsletter</u>
Terri Toohil
<u>Cheer, Rentals(building/land)</u>
Dana Pritchett
<u>Obedience equipment & Yard Sale</u>
Sharon Pitz
<u>Social</u>
Jeanne Stringall
<u>CGC Program-/Maintenance (outside)</u>
George Beglane
<u>Librarian, Recycling</u>
Denise McDonald
<u>Agility classes</u>
Lisa Roberts
<u>Education</u>
Kirk Ridge
<u>Legislative Liaison, Tail Waggers</u>
Joanne Harrar

DKC Membership Meeting – Nov. 19, 2007

Minutes of the October 15, 2007 meeting were approved as published.

President’s Report: Two issues. 1) Instructors have the right to control their class. DKC doesn’t have good policies and procedures for issues regarding dog aggression problems. George will be looking into input for this. 2) Obedience Instructors. If you are interested in being an instructor, contact Marge.

Tracy Fletcher will be the new chair for our Agility Trials.

Speaker Systems. We are looking for an affordable wireless speaker

system for use at meetings and seminars.

Paving Harris Road – This will probably happen and stop at the tree line at the beginning of our property.

Jack Sappenfield – has resigned as Tracking Chair effective March 17th. Get in touch with Roger if you are interested in this position.

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

Breeder Referral: We have someone looking for a Wheaton Terrier. If you know of a breeder, let Nancy know.

Delegate’s Report: A couple of things coming up for vote. 1) Delegates will not be allowed to be a delegate if they have been convicted of embezzlement. 2) Change in the Breed classes changing Novice to an amateur class. Linda will vote to keep the Novice class.

Seminar: We have new ones scheduled. The subjects are Obedience, Agility, Dog Behavior and Gait & Structure. Chris Zink is also on the schedule.

Building Rental: The rentals are steady.

CGC Test: We had one on Oct. 27th. We had 7 try and all passed.

Outside Building Maintenance: Will schedule a day for clearing and cleaning after the 1st of the year.

Awards: Date is February 23rd.

Announcements: Don’t leave food out in the building. Carol Woods Retirement Center is looking for Therapy dogs. Contact Vanna Condax. There are three Wednesday nights from 7 – 9 when there will be Rally Show-N-Gos at the building. More info will be in the calendar.

Following several brags the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise McDonald

DKC Recording Secretary

DKC Membership Meeting – Jan. 21, 2008

The program on vaccines was postponed. One of our members discussed her experience with vaccinations. Then the membership shared information on vaccines.

President’s Notes: Minutes from November meeting will be approved in March. No meeting in February because of our Awards Banquet on February 23. AKC Education Match on February 23 in Raleigh. We have been asked to participate. That would mean having an information table and volunteers to man the table and provide information. It has been referred to the education committee.

Committee Reports:

Conformation Class is going well. Participation is up.

Obedience Classes are going well. Three beginner classes, rally, CGC, etc, and all are going well.

Spring Show is going well. Connie Howard, the trial chair, reported the Premiums are out and so far no judge changes. We are having the eye clinic and several breed clinics. We may be losing Danville Kennel Club, which will be going with Greensboro. This will give us a five-day cluster, which is what AKC now requires. We need volunteers for all venues, conformation, obedience, and rally. Lynn Reagan-Hull is the obedience chair and Ann Carter is the rally trial chair.

Tracking: There is a tracking trial in February and we need volunteers. Jack Sappenfield would appreciate support.

Membership: Terri Toohil explained the 2 kinds of club membership. You have to be a full member in order to receive award plaques. To become a full member you must be a candidate member for at least 6 months, attend some meetings, perform 2 services for the club, and have 2 members sign for you.

We had the following candidate membership applicants: Shannon

Coleman, JoAnn Michaels, Karen Morgan, Diana Rutherford, Terri Smith, Brenda Vogel, Michael Ward and Sandra Losa. All were approved. We had the following Regular Membership applicants: Christine Laughlin who was voted in.

Newsletter: Terri Toohil discussed the deadline for the newsletter which is the 25th of each month.

Spring Yard Sale: Sharon Pitz says she will determine if there is an interest in a spring yard sale.

Agility: Mary Whorton reports we sold our unwanted agility equipment. We have bought some 5-foot bars. Three tunnels, more saddle bags, and weave poles. We are still in the process of buying needed equipment. Mary Whorton says agility classes are going well. We are having obstacle familiarization class and FAST class. She gave a description of FAST class in agility.

Tracy Fletcher discussed the agility trial in April. There is no FAST class, but 3 days of Excellent classes and 2 days of Novice and Open.

CGC: George Beglane reports there is a CGC Test coming up.

Maintenance: George Beglane also reported that so far we are waiting for rain to work on the new area out back.

Treasurer: Emily Beglane gave the treasurer's report.

Banquet: Nancy Akers reported for Lisa Roberts that awards banquet forms are out in the lobby and in the newsletter. The banquet is on February 23 at the DKC building. Rick's Diner is catering.

There were a number of brags.
Meeting was adjourned.

Nancy Akers

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 23
(Sat.) [DKC]

Awards Banquet

Feb. 24
(Sun.) [Quail Roost]

TDX Tracking Test

Jack Sappenfield 919-598-5318

Mar. 21, 2008
(Fri.) [Raleigh Fairgrounds]

Spring Show

Connie Howard 919-309-9014

Mar. 21, 2008
(Fri.) [Raleigh Fairgrounds]

Obedience & Rally Trials

OBEDIENCE: Lynn Reagan-Hull
676-0983 / lrhull@mindspring.com

RALLY: Ann Carter / 919-932-778
summertimegsp@bellsouth.net

**Cluster Coordinator of Grounds
Cleanup & DKC Chair of Grounds
Cleanup (aka "Poop Patrol"):**
Lynn Reagan-Hull, 676-0983

lrhull@mindspring.com

April 18, 19, 20, 2008
(Fri., Sat., Sun.) [Rougemont]

Agility Trials

Tracy Fletcher 919-460-7944

SEMINARS

The Durham Kennel Club has several exciting seminars scheduled for 2008. Full details are on our website at:

www.durhamkennelclub.com and flyers are available in the lobby of the DKC building.

Club members may take 15% off the prices if you have done TWO (2) services during the year. Please make a note on the bottom of the registration form that you are a DKC member and list 2 of your services.

OBEDIENCE & RALLY STEWARDS NEEDED

We need stewards for the DKC Obedience & Rally Trial on Friday, March 21st in the Dorton Arena! There will be 1 ring of Rally and 2 rings of Obedience. This requires lots of stewards, especially people who can commit to working the entire morning, or at the least an entire class. We really need experienced Table Stewards who can be there the entire time. Judges prefer that. If you are showing and not sure whether you can fit in stewarding, contact us anyway and we'll try to work it out. If you don't have much experience, don't worry, stewards will receive written instructions and training and/or be paired with a mentor. It's a great way to learn more about Obedience & Rally and get in your service requirements for the club.

Obedience will start with an Open Class running simultaneously with Utility in the other ring. Following will be the other Open and Utility classes, then Novice in both rings. Start time is usually 8:00 am, but is determined by MB-F. We usually finish by lunch. Thanks for volunteering!

OBEDIENCE Chair:
Lynn Reagan-Hull, 676-0983
lrhull@mindspring.com

RALLY Chair:
Ann Carter, 919-932-7789
summertimegsp@bellsouth.net

SPRING SHOW POOP PATROL NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!

Once again I am Coordinator for the Cluster Grounds Cleanup (aka "POOP PATROL") and Chair (aka "Chief Pooper Scooper") for the DKC show day on Friday, March 21st. Certainly this job is not #1 on the volunteer list! But, it's necessary to retain our show site that we improve grounds cleanup at the Fairgrounds and encourage exhibitors to pick up after their dogs. I've tried to make it

simple and not too onerous for workers. We don't expect them to spend the day picking up poop piles (unless they feel that motivated), but are simply asking them to patrol the grassy areas wearing *Kennel Club Staff* yellow vests. They'll empty the staked-out orange buckets and replace with new trash bags. They will resupply poop bags at the buckets and on doors as needed. Volunteers should also be willing to smile and hand a baggie to someone about to walk away from a pile their dog left! We don't want confrontations, just compliance. The presence of clearly identified workers patrolling does a great deal to remind people to clean up after dogs. *Like State Patrol cars on the highway cuts down on speeding.*

Most of the people who did this job at the Fall Cluster didn't seem to mind it and found that it gave them a chance to stroll around, visit with friends, walk their own dog and grab a little time watching the breed rings as they cut through the building from one side to the other. I'll need 2 workers for the am shift, then 2 workers for the afternoon. When I finish being Obedience Chair I will don my yellow vest and do poop patrol until the end of the day.

Please call Lynn Reagan-Hull at (919) 676-0983 or email me lrhull@mindspring.com to volunteer.

Membership Info

Please update your information [address, phone number, e-mail] when it changes. It is important to all those in the DKC to have our membership list current.

And remember, if you can accept e-mail attachments like the newsletter, you can have a new membership list as often as you want. Just e-mail me and it will be yours a few minutes later.

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ttoohil13@aol.com / 919-471-8303

Spring Agility Trials

DKC will be having our spring agility trials on April 18th, 19th, and 20th. We will be offering Excellent Standard and JWW regular and preferred titling classes on Friday. We will be offering Standard and JWW regular and preferred titling classes at the Excellent, Open, and Novice levels on Saturday and Sunday. The premium will be available in early February. It will be random draw and the draw period opens February 25th and closes March 10th. The premium is available on the DKC web site, or contact Tracy Fletcher 919-460-7944 if you need a copy. It's always great fun, so plan to join us as an exhibitor, helper, or spectator. If you're interested in helping, feel free to **contact me at 919-460-7944 or tafletcher@bellsouth.net**

Tracy Fletcher

DKC Agility Trial Chairman

Paul Whitaker

Although Paul Whitaker was not a member of the DKC when he died on December 27th, his interest in our club remained strong. Paul was a dedicated dog person with a strong devotion to Collies and German Shepherd Dogs. Paul's last years were spend in a nursing/rehab. facility and anyone entering his room immediately saw, through photos and calendars, that he was a man who dearly loved dogs. Several of our club members routinely visited Paul and were always graciously welcomed. In spite of grievous health problems, his good humor never failed him and although it was clear that dogs of any breed were welcome as visitors, you could almost see him thinking, "be better if it was a Shepherd." I first met Paul through his last two Shepherds, Rocky and Cassie, and we remained friends through many years. I will miss him greatly.

Marge White

AWARDS BANQUET

Each year DKC holds an awards banquet to recognize and honor its members for their achievements throughout the award year. The awards year runs from January 1 to December 31 and the banquet is held in February the following year. In order to apply for awards you must be a regular member in good standing and perform two services for the club during the award year.

Once again our members have been busy competing successfully in all venues and competition was tough for the perpetual trophies!

This year's banquet, catered by Rick's Diner, will be held on Saturday, February 23 at the DKC building. Doors will open at 6:30 with dinner at 7:00.

Reservation forms will be available at the building, attached with the February newsletter, or by contacting

Lisa Roberts at:
wonderdogs@earthlink.net .

Reservation deadline is Friday, February 15, 2008. We hope you can join up for the DKC Awards Banquet this year!

Awards Committee: Lisa Roberts, Nancy and Roger Akers, Diane Divine, Carolyn Wolfe, Denise McDonald, Linda Kerr and Nancy Zawadowski.

PLEASE REMEMBER you must be a REGULAR MEMBER TO APPLY FOR AWARDS.

But the fun of the Banquet is for all members and friends of the DKC.

Please fill in the Awards Dinner Banquet form at the end of this newsletter and join us on February 23.

CONFIRMATION 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
None given.							

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

OWNER'S NAME	DOG'S NAME (BREED)	SHOW	& DATE	CLASS	PT	HIGHEST WIN	SPECIAL MERIT
OBEDIENCE							
Tammy Abernethy	Skye (Labrador Retr.)	Agility Club of Chatham Virginia (1/19/08)		Utility A		191.5	3 1 UD!!!
Lynn Michael	Joe (Sheltie)	TSSC of NC (11/10/07)		Nov B		189	1 1
	"	TSSC of NC (11/11/07)		Nov B		194	2 1
Sharon Pitz	Aurora (Golden Retr.)	DKC (12/14)		Open A		190.5	2 4 HS Golden Retriever!!
"	Glory (Golden Retr.)	DKC (12/14)		Nov B		186	1
"	Glory (Golden Retr.)	DKC (12/15)		Nov B		192.5	2 HS Golden Retriever!!
Paulette Hicks	(Dobe)	DKC (12/14)		Open A		189.5	2
Lynn Michael	Joe (Sheltie)	DKC (12/15)		Nov B		186.5	3 CD!!!
	"	DKC(12/16/07)		Nov B		192	
RALLY							
Donna Pace	Bailey (Golden Retr.)	Chatham Agility Club (1/18/08)		Nov A		99	1 1
"	"	Chatham Agility Club (1/19/08)		Nov A		90	2 1
Lynn Michael	Joe (Sheltie)	TSSC of NC (11/11/07)		Nov B		100	1 1
	"	TSSC of NC (11/12/07)		Nov B		89	2 4
		DKC (12/14/07)		Nov B		98	3 RNI!!!
Joanne Harra	Sonny (Kees)	Concord (1/20/08)		Nov A		89	3 RNI!!!
Sharon Pitz	Aurora (Golden Retr.)	DKC (12/14)		Adv B		97	1 4
"	Glory (Golden Retr.)	DKC (12/14)		Adv A		96	1
"	Glory (Golden Retr.)	DKC (12/15)		Adv A		87	2
"	Aurora (Golden Retr.)	DKC (12/15)		Adv B		97	2
Paulette Hicks	(Dobe)	DKC (12/14)		Ex B			2
"	(Dobe)	DKC (12/15)		Ex B		89	3 RE!!!
Stella Maunsell	Marti (Std. Poodle)	DKC (12/14)		Ex B			2
"	"	DKC (12/15)		Ex B		98	3 2 RE!!!

AGILITY

OWNER'S NAME	DOG'S NAME (BREED)	SHOW	& DATE	CLASS	SCORE	LEG	PLACE	TITLES & AWARDS
Amanda Stipe	Weaver (Amer. Foxhound)	2007 AKC Agility Invitational, Long Beach CA (12/1/07) (20"/ 83 entries)		Round 1	100		41	
"	"	"		Round 2	100		19	
"	"	" (12/2/07)		Round 3	100		13	
"	"	"		Round 4	100		11	
"	"	"		Finals	100		5	Agility High Hound Group!!!
Dana Mackonis	Lola (Turv)	Concord (11/07)		Nov B Std	91	1	1	
"	"	"		Nov B Std	100	2	2	
Ken Nelson	Tigger (Border Terrier)	Danville (11/31/07)		Nov B Std	100	2		
"	"	Danville (11/31/07)		Nov B JWW	95	3		NAJ!!!
"	"	Danville (12/1/07)		Nov B Std	95	3	1	NA!!!

AWARDS DINNER RESERVATION

Saturday, February 23, 2008

Durham Kennel Club Building

Doors Open 6:30 Dinner at 7:00

\$25.00 per person

Dinner will be catered by Rick’s Diner again this year and 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: Roger and Nancy Akers
9501 Rougemont Road
Bahama, NC 27503

No alcohol will be provided

Reservations due Friday February 15, 2008