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Durham Kennel Club Newsletter

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Everyone who has the courage to compete is a winner.

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Finnish Spitz Non-Sporting Group

The Finnish Spitz presents a fox-like picture. The breed has long been used to hunt small game and birds. The pointed muzzle, erect ears, dense coat and curled tail denotes its northern heritage.



The whole being of the Finnish Spitz shows liveliness, which is especially evident in the eyes, ears and tail. He is a good companion dog: friendly, loyal and playful with children. He makes a good watchdog, but is a barker because that is how he hunts in his native land.

Background: The history of spitz-type dogs can be traced back several thousand years. As various tribes migrated to different areas, they bred their dogs according to need, thus developing separate strains. One clan made its way to the far northern regions where, the Finnish Spitz emerged as a pure breed and an invaluable asset to the hunter. Advanced methods of transportation brought diverse populations and their dogs together and the original Finnish Spitz were mated with other breeds, until by 1880 they were nearly extinct. About that time, two sportsmen from Helsinki observed the pure native dogs, realized their many virtues, and returned home with superior specimens in an effort to salvage the breed. One of the pioneers bred them for over 30 years and the other launched an impressive rescue campaign.

Approved: July 12, 1999

Effective: August 30, 1999

Show Ring: Size: Height at the withers in dogs, 17½ to 20"; in bitches, 15½ to 18". **Eyes:** Almond-shaped with black rims. **Ears:** Set on high. When alert, upward standing, open to the front with tips directly above the outer corner of the eyes. **Bite:** Scissors bite. **Lips:** Black; thin and tight. **Nose:**

Must be black. **Coat:** Double with a short, soft, dense undercoat and long, harsh straight guard hairs measuring approximately one to two inches on the body. **Color:** Varying shades of golden-red ranging from pale honey to deep auburn are allowed. **Feet:** Rounded, compact foot with well-arched toes, tightly bunched or close-cupped, the two center toes being only slightly longer than those on the outside. **Tail:** Set on just below level of topline, forming a single curl falling over the loin with tip pointing towards the thigh. **Whiskers:** Not trimmed.

Breeding and Whelping: Research revealed no specific problems. Rear dewclaws are removed; front are optional.

Faults: Runny, weepy, round or light eyes; ears or tail with incorrect set; silky, wavy, long or short coat

Severe Faults: Wry mouth, coat trimming.

Recognized Problems: Hip dysplasia, adult onset seizures or epilepsy. Low doses of medication are needed due to muscle to fat ratio.

Old Age: The life expectancy is from 13 to 14 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.

September Meeting

The next meeting of the DKC membership will take place on **Monday, September 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.

September Program: The program will be announced.

If you have program ideas, please contact Michelle Lennon.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Conformation Classes/

Breeder Referral

Nancy Adams

Obedience Classes

Mary Florence

Spring Show

Connie Howard

Fall Show

Jan Gray

Agility Trials

Tracy Fletcher

Obedience Trial

Jan Gray

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

DKC Membership Meeting 5/19/08

President's Notes: This is the meeting to elect officers for the next year, so there is no program.

Committee Reports:

Corresponding Secretary: Ann Carter reported she is sending information and news as she receives it.

Treasurer: Emilie Beglane gave the treasurer's report. She reported that our fiscal year ends this month, so we need to settle all financial work for this year during the next couple of weeks.

Emilie Beglane acted for the Membership Chair, Terri Toohil, and read

a membership application and said she would be glad to take any applications and get them to Terri.

AKC Delegate: Linda Wozniak, reported she will be going to the next meeting soon.

Nancy Adams reported **conformation** classes are going well.

Mary Florence reported the summer session of **obedience** classes is starting tomorrow. That all but "Rambunctious Dog" had enough interest and are a "go". Response was good.

Lynn Reagan-Hull reported that plans for the **Fall Show** are going well. Durham's show is Saturday, August 30, 2008 and Rally is Sunday, August 31, 2008.

Sharon Pitz reported there will be a **yard sale** on July 12, 2008, so dig out your treasures to sell.

George Beglane said we had a good turnout at the last **CGC**.

George also reported that he would be cutting the new field soon and we would have a rock gathering party

Ann Carter was thanked for her dressing up the front of the building.

Lisa Roberts reported that there would be no more **agility classes** until the fall.

Elections: Lori Givens passed out and collected ballots. The votes were counted by Lori Givens. The slate stood as nominated. The DKC officers for 2008-2009 are: President-Roger Akers; Vice President-George Beglane; Recording Secretary-Denise McDonald; Corresponding Secretary-Ann Carter; Treasurer-Emilie Beglane; Board of Directors-Tracy Fletcher, Jan Gray, Linda Kerr, Terri Toohil; AKC Delegate-Linda Wozniak.

Closing of Meeting:

There were a number of brags. Meeting was adjourned.

Nancy Akers

New Members

The following will be voted upon at the Sept. meeting.

Candidate Membership:

Greg Dunnegan, Chris Elliott, Kathy Hash, Irena and Karl Pulkstenis, Trish Rafalow, Tom Steinbacher.

Regular Membership:

Donna Chappell Pace, Jeff and Martha Traylor.

Correction from May Minutes: Richard and Susan Cicone were voted in as Candidate Family members at the May Membership Meeting and not as Regular Members.

Membership lists are always available by e-mail.
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Obedience Trials

The obedience trials were successful. I wish to thank all our members who volunteered to steward and who did an outstanding job. We had more volunteers than we needed. In particular, I wish to thank Sandra Curtis Powell, Barbara Doermann, Sally Gleis, Ellen Beasley Vanna Conday, Tammy Abernathy, Brona Hicks, Carolyn Wolfe, George Beglane, Kathy Small, Diane Rutherford, Betty Henderson, Lois Miller, BH Powell, Jack Sappenfield and Terri Toohil. We could not have had such a successful trial without you.

Shirley Sanders

Notes from the AKC Delegates' Meeting, June 8 & 9

Presentation was made by AKC Staff to the **Obedience/Agility/Rally Committee** with regard to a new on-line resource to be introduced on the www.akc.org website, *My Dog Trainer*. Trainers and training clubs would pay a fee as well as sign a contract in order to be listed. The AKC believes that there is a need for this service as: 1. they received inquiries for "dog trainers in my area", 2.

there is a need for additional resources for people looking for all forms of dog training at akc.org, 3. currently AKC training clubs are listed on website, but need enhancements such as searchable by state, 4. information about dates, locations, and trainers is limited or non-existent and 5. it would help bring interested individuals to AKC clubs.

The information about this resource would be included in the packet accompanying all new puppy registrations. The site would include all types of training including obedience, conformation, and agility. A six-month launch date is anticipated. Clubs would be able to opt in for a trial period if they so chose.

Same type of resource is under development for Boarding Kennels, Grooming Salons, and Photographers.

The 2007 Obedience Advisory Committee Recommendations include: 1. Clubs will have the ability to hold two obedience trials on the same day, 2. Judges will only be able to judge a total of eight hours in a day, 3. Jump height will be listed on entry form—judging in height order will be at the discretion of the club and must be stated in the premium list, 4. Graduate classes will be added January 1 2009, 5. If a dog is “regularly trained” under the judge, an exhibitor may not show to that judge for a six-month period, 6. Movement between A and B classes is not considered a move-up, 7. Date of the show may be on the tab and not on the ribbon, 8. HIT may only come from regular classes—not graduate nor versatility; clubs may offer HIT specifically for those classes if it chooses, 9. If a dog withdraws from a class after it has started the class, it still counts into OTCH points, 10. Hands may not move after recall and before the finish, 11. Dogs may qualify at three events under two different judges (not three), 11. Open B judge may determine whether exhibitors stand on left or right side of the broad jump (the committee is opposed to this change and it’s position will accompany the proposal to the Board, 12. In Directed Retrieve exercises, the same glove will be used for all handlers at one show (glove number must change show to show), 13. In Moving Stand, judge will not examine the tail, 14. The four inch height will be established in Directed Jumping, 15. Effective January 1 2009, Graduate Novice will be an optional titling class utilizing a judge who may currently judge open or higher at the rate of eight dogs per hour; Graduate Open, judge currently judging utility or higher at seven dogs per hour, 16. Judge will determine exer-

cises for the Versatility Class and all dogs will complete the same exercises, 17. Beginning Novice will have a July 1 2008 implementation

Most All Breed and Obedience clubs are not currently offering non-regular classes. Hopefully this will pick up when new titling classes come on line. Clubs can list non-regular class judges as TBA in premium and assign them on the day of the show.

Judging premium lists and schedules as well as mandatory confirmations can be sent email. However, hard copies must be available and sent if email address is not provided. Committee is against this practice and would like to see hard copies continue to be mailed. Any complaints can be made to Robin Stansell. Dog Show Rules says that hard copies must be mailed.

Petition of the Dog Training Club of Essex to allow blind, deaf, and/or physically challenged dogs to compete in Companion Events was presented. The committee was unanimously opposed and no further action will be taken.

The **All Breed Committee** discussed the issue that there are clubs holding shows without the requisite number of members attending. There must be a minimum of five living members in attendance at each and every show held by the club. Clubs found to not be in compliance will be unable to hold future shows.

Dog Show Rules require a club membership list be attached to every show application, however AKC has allowed that one list per year is sufficient and will approve shows as long as a current list is on file. Any club not providing their membership list will be unable to hold shows.

All show-giving clubs are feeling the impact of the AKC fee increase. The Perry, GA cluster reported that their fees increased from \$14,950 in 2007 to \$28,371 in 2008 even though their entire entry was down approximately 200 dogs. All other expenses were fairly level. It is anticipated that all clubs will feel the fee increase, and it is anticipated that as entry fees are raised to compensate that entries will continue to decline.

Dog Show Superintendents have agreed to conduct a show survey from the Exhibitor’s perspective at the request of the club and have suggested it in lieu of the Armband Initiative. Each superintendent has agreed to do the survey free of charge for clubs they’ve been hired to

serve. it is a simple on-line survey and 90 percent of exhibitors have provided email addresses. The survey can be tailored for the club including questions such as why the exhibitor attended, how many years attended the show, economic impact information providing detailed information for legislators. The superintendent will summarize the information received back and forward on to the show-giving club. The average response has been about 400 for an 1800 dog entry.

The report at the **Legislative Forum** included good news. New Jersey legislation has passed the House banning insurance discrimination against dog ownership. Orlando, FL has removed the term guardianship from laws. Massachusetts Federation of Dog Clubs about their Lobby Day made presentation.

In the **President’s Report** Delegates were advised of the creation of the Jim Holt Annual Legislative Award which will recognize legislators supporting dog legislation.

The Columbia, MO Kennel Club, Connecticut River Working Group Association and the Garden State All Terrier Club were elected as AKC member clubs.

Presentation was made regarding the status of the Mixed Breed Listing Program. Member clubs were asked for their input on four specific items. The Board has reached no final decision. Tentative plan is being formulated which will go to Board for finalization and then back to the Delegates for input before being Board vote.

The President addressed the decline in registrations. Currently there are twenty-nine All-Breed Competing Registries. Each offers incentives to register puppies/dogs with their registries. Commercial Breeders are offered free registration of breeding stock and free or discounted registration of litters. The Distributor/Broker is offered \$2 or \$3 incentive per puppy to include their registration papers with each puppy packet (instead of AKC’s). Pet Store is offered a share of each registration fee received. The New Puppy Buyer is offered the cost of registration included in the price of the puppy. The results in all subsequent puppies of this dog not being registered with AKC.

The impact to AKC of decreased registrations includes a decrease in legislative influence, public relations, education

of new puppy owners, marketing, future registrations and financial.

April year-to-date compared to April 2007 **financial highlights:** 1. Operating revenues up 2 percent, expensed down 1 percent, 2. Operating surplus \$2.8 million up 21 percent, 3. Investment loss - \$2.4 million compared with \$2.6 million gain, 4. Net surplus \$485K compared with \$4.9 million, 5. Litter registrations down 8.4 percent, 6. Dog registrations down 8.3 percent, 7. Event related fees up 14 percent, 8. Royalties down 12 percent (expired licensing deals), 9. Sponsorships up 25 percent.

Vote was held on proposed amendment to Chapter 11, Section 6 of Rules Applying to Dog Shows, which would benefit exhibitors of incorrectly entered dogs by moving their dogs into the open class as well as all those entered by providing the opportunity to maintain the number of dogs entered and counted toward the computation of Championship points was adopted.

The three proposed amendments that charge the Board with the setting of fees were voted on as a group. Each proposed amendment was a change to Rules Applying to Dog Shows and eliminated the specific dollar amount to be charged. These amendments were not adopted.

Items for vote at the next regular Delegates' meeting:

* Proposed amendment to Chapter 11 Section 1 or Rules Applying to Dog Shows which would resolve numerous issues resulting from ineligibility caused by dogs shown on litter numbers. Equivalent changes to Chapter 7, Sections 1, 2, and 3 or Beagle Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Brace, Small Pack and Small Pack Option Field Trials and Two Couple Pack Hunting Tests; Beagle Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Large Pack Field Trials, Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Basset Hounds, Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Dachshunds, Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Pointing Breeds, and Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Retrievers

* Proposed amendment to Chapter 7, Section 13 or Rules Applying to Dog Shows which would clarify the limit of entries and eliminate longer days that

can result from multiple entries of the same dogs, and would also permit judges to complete their provisionally approved breeds and advance to approved judging states without an avoidable delay.

* Proposed amendment to Chapter 5, Sections 1, 2, and 3 of Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Retrievers, which would add wording to make these sections consistent with Chapter 14, Section 3, only amateurs may judge; Chapter 5 New Section 5 and Chapter 14, Section 23 of Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Retrievers, which would improve the quality of judging by increasing the experience required for approval of a person to judge his/her first stake in which championship points are awarded.

* Proposed amendment to Chapter 14, Section 8 of Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedure for Retrievers, which would provide clarification of retired gun tests without intruding on the reasonable discretion of the judges in setting tests.

* Proposed amendment to Chapter 14, Section 20 of Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedure for Retrievers, which would clarify use of poisoned bird(s) as diversion in blind retrieves.

* Proposed amendment to Chapter 14, Section 10 new paragraph of field Trial Rules and Standard Procedure for Retrievers, which would allow for CKC Field Champions to meet eligibility requirements to participate in same level AKC events (subject to AKC registration requirements)

* Proposed amendment to Chapter 14, Section 25 of Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedure for Retrievers, which would eliminate all references to walk-ups from the rules and clarify rules for handler/dog at the line.

Tom Davies presented information concerning Group Realignment. Nothing has been finalized as yet. Consideration is being made to increasing the number of Groups from seven to ten with the addition of a Northern Breed Group, and dividing the Hound Group. There is much discussion about the third division, potentially a "bully" group or division of the Terrier Group. There are potentially twenty breeds that are being considered for realignment. No decisions will be made without discussions with the Par-

ent Clubs. Full proposal will be brought to the Delegate body for discussion.

Responsible Dog Ownership Day programs are being planned for Raleigh and New York. Any Club wishing to host an event should list it on the AKC website. AKC will provide educational materials and press release information if requested.

AKC has had suburb recent media coverage In January, *The Today Show* aired a segment on Registration Statistics and listed information on it's website (30 million hits) In March, *The Today Show* aired a segment on Irish Breeds. In total the AKC was featured six times on *The Today Show*, which reaches nine million viewers. AKC's Lisa Peterson even took on Bill O'Reilly.

The Bylaws Committee presented a Resolution stating that by "Consensus of the Delegates, the Board of Directors take no final action in registering or holding dog shows for mixed-breed dogs without approval by Delegates." The delegates in attendance passed this resolution

The next Delegates' Meeting will be held September 8 and 9, 2008 in Newark, NJ

Linda Wozniak

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct. 18, 19 (Sat., Sun.)
[Quail Roost]

TDX Tracking Test

Jack Sappenfield 919-598-5318

Bill Nelson
long-time Durham Kennel
Club member, passed
Thursday, July 24, 2008

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	SP	HIGHEST WIN	SPECIAL MERIT
Sharon Pitz	Rusty (Golden Retriever)	CKC (8/20)	Open	1	BOB	
Helen Sanderford	Jada (Weimaraner)	Salisbury KC (8/31)	Bred By	2	WB, BOW	
Terri Toohil	Sam (BC)	Cary KC (8/28)	Open	2	WD	
"	"	Salisbury KC (8/31)	Open	1	WD, BOW	CHAMPION!!!
John & Paulette Hicks	Keo (Silky Terrier)	Virginia KC (6/21)	BOB		BOB	
"	"	Virginia KC (6/22)	BOB		BOS	
"	"	Danville KC (8/7)	BOB		BOB	
"	"	Greater Hickory KC (8/08)	BOB		BOB	
"	"	Carolina KC (8/09)	BOB		BOB	
"	"	Carolina KC (8/10)	BOB		BOB	
"	"	Alamance KC (8/29)	BOB		BOB	
"	"	Durham KC (8/30)	BOB		BOB	
"	"	Salisbury NC KC (8/31)	BOB		BOB	
"	"	Raleigh KC (9/01)	BOB		BOB	
"	Jennifer (Silky Terrier)	Danville KC (8/7)	9-12 Puppy	1	WB, BOS	
"	"	Greater Hickory KC (8/08)	9-12 Puppy	1	WB, BOS	
"	"	Carolina KC (8/09)	9-12 Puppy		Reserve WB	
"	"	Carolina KC (8/10)	9-12 Puppy		Reserve WB	
"	"	Alamance KC (8/29)	9-12 Puppy		Reserve WB	
"	"	Durham KC (8/30)	9-12 Puppy	3	WB, BOS	1st.Major!!!
"	"	Raleigh KC (9/01)	9-12 Puppy		Reserve WB	

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

OWNER'S NAME	DOG'S CALL NAME (BREED)	SHOW & DATE	CLASS	SCORE	LEG	PLACE	TITLES & AWARDS
OBEDIENCE							
Nicki Camera	Noah (Mastiff)	Savannah Dog Training Club (6/28)	Open A	194.5	1	2	
AGILITY							
Sharon Pitz	Aurora (Golden Retriever)	Cen. Car. Poodle Club (6/21)	Std Ex B	100	10		MX!!!!
"	"	Cen. Car. Poodle Club (6/22)	Std Ex B	100	11		
Laura Anne Welch	Cassie (Australian Shepherd)	Monroe Kennel Club (7/4)	Ex A Std	100	3	1	AX!!!!