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Among the gifts we receive this holiday season, the love of our dogs is the greatest gift of all.

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Durham Kennel Club Newsletter

Collie (Rough & Smooth)

Herding Group



There are two varieties of Collie, the rough-coated being by far the more familiar. However, many fanciers have increased their breeding of the smooth-coated variety and many smooths of excellent type are now being exhibited. Both varieties existed long ago in the unwritten history of the herding dogs of Scotland and northern England. Being no longer in great demand as a herder, today's Collie has transferred these abilities to serving as a devoted family dog where he shows a particular affinity for small children. For many years his general popularity has placed him among the top twenty of the favorite dogs registered by the AKC.

Background: From early in the 19th century, when some dog fanciers began to take interest in these dogs, and the keeping of written pedigrees began, the breed progressed rapidly, becoming not only larger in stature but also more refined. The dog "Old Cockie" was born in 1867 and he is credited with not only stamping characteristic type on the rough Collie but he is believed by usually reliable authorities to be responsible for introducing to the breed the factors which led to the development of the sable coat color in the Collie. A short time later Collies were seen of almost every imaginable color, including red, buff, mottle of various shades, and a few sables. At that time the most frequently seen colors were black, tan and white, black and white (without tan), and what are now called blue merles, but which were known then as "tortoise shell."

Approved: May 10, 1977.

Show Ring: Size: Height at the shoulder in dogs, 24 to 26"; in bitches, 23 to 24". **Weight:** Dogs: 60 to 75 lbs; females should weigh 50 to 65 lbs. **Eyes:** Almond-shaped, of medium size. Except for the blue merles, they

are required to be matched in color.

Ears: Carried about three-quarters erect, with about one-fourth of the ear tipping or breaking forward. **Bite:** Scissors. **Nose:** Black. **Color:** The four recognized colors are "Sable and White," "Tri-color," "Blue Merle" and "White." There is no preference among them. **Coat:** The outer coat is straight and harsh to the touch. The undercoat, however, is soft, furry and close together. Any feathering below the hocks is removed for the show ring. **Smooth:** The Smooth Variety of Collie is judged by the same Standard as the Rough Variety, except that the references to the quantity and distribution of the coat are not applicable to the Smooth Variety, which has a short, hard, dense, flat coat of good texture, with an abundance of undercoat.

Breeding and Whelping: The bitches are generally easy breeders, whelpers and good mothers. Some problems can occur when there are **vaginal strictures** or **season related polyps**.

Penalties: In proportion to variation from standard.

Recognized Problems: Eye problems, dermatoses.

Old Age: The life expectancy is from 8 to 12 years. The most common problem of old age is arthritis.

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.

Holiday Party

Our annual holiday party will take place on **Monday, Dec. 15th**. This is the one time we ask that you leave your dogs at home, and rather bring dog/cat food or supplies (towels, cotton balls, toys which need not be new but in good condition, leashes, collars your pets no longer need, etc.) for the APS.

Please bring heavy hors d'ouvres to share. It's party food time. People should also bring their own serving dish and utensils. And a reminder

that the DKC does not provide alcohol, but will offer other assorted beverages - if anyone wants something else they are welcome to bring their own.

Come out and visit with friends. It is a good time of the year to relax and share our dog stories.

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 11/17/08

Program: Calley Gerber, a lawyer with the Gerber Animal Law Center in Raleigh NC, spoke on state and local animal laws and legislation.

President's Report: Minutes from the October membership meeting were approved with 2 minor corrections: Dana Pritchett is the correct

spelling of this member's name and it was John Hicks who got out of the hospital and is doing well.

The IRS audit of Durham Kennel Club has taken place. As far as we know our not-for-profit status will continue. The full report will be sent to us at a later date.

On Dec. 9 the mats in the DKC building will be cleaned. We do this once a year before the DKC obedience trial. The building will be closed until after the trial, which is Fri., Dec. 12 through Sun., Dec. 14.

Committee Reports

Corresponding Secretary: No report.

Treasurer: Emilie Beglane gave the treasurer's report.

AKC Delegate Report was given by Linda Wozniak. She reported that at the last meeting she received a PowerPoint presentation on the AKC of the future. She said she would show it at a future meeting.

Nancy Adams reported **Breeder Referral** is going well and that there is a strong interest in puppies. She also said there were 90 breeds that are on the list to become AKC registerable. Also, the 7 current breed groups will become 10.

Nancy Adams also reported that **conformation classes** are going well, but will have a break over Christmas and pick back up the 2nd week of January. We have a new table with a grooming arm. Please do not sit on it.

Cathy Fogel reported that **Obedience classes** have completed this session and the next session starts in January. Rally will continue for 3 more weeks as run thru.

Connie Howard reported the **spring show** has had their judges approved. Dorton Arena will be used for obedience again.

Jan Gray reported **Fall Show** plans are ongoing.

Jan Gray reported that the **December Obedience Trial** planning is going well, but we will need volunteers for setup, take down, and stewarding, as well as food for both Obedience and Rally.

Jack Sappenfield reported the **Tracking Trial** went well. Thanks to all volunteers. The next trial will be in February and volunteers are needed and appreciated.

Terri Toohil is requesting that people email, call, mail, or stop by her house with their wins. The "win" sheets will no longer be in the lobby of the kennel club for various reasons.

Terri Toohil reported for **membership** that we have 6 Candidate Members to be voted in. They are Cynthia Baughan, Sharon Berthold, Donna Elliott Frick and John Frick, and Marlene and Ron Nicewander. All were voted in. Congratulations!

Dana Pritchett reported that **John Hicks** is still improving.

Dana Pritchett says **building rental** is picking up.

George Beglane reported that the **CGC** test in November went well with 6 dogs passing..

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: Jan Gray reported that the **Legislation Committee** has met since the last membership meeting. The committee's responsibility is to present information on dog legislation issues to the club and then the club members who attend the membership meeting will vote on DKC's position on the issue. She has e-mailed the committee's report on the tethering issue. DKC membership voted to stand against the tethering law in Orange County.

Chuck Adams has been working on **revisions of the club bylaws**. They are printed in the newsletter. Membership should review them and send comments and suggestions to him and he will send it to the board members. **In January the membership will vote on the revisions to the club bylaws and then they will be sent to the AKC for approval.**

Close of Meeting: There were a number of brags. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Akers

CGC Test

DKC sponsored a CGC test on Saturday November 15, 2008 at the building. There were seven dog and handler teams entered of which six passed the test successfully.

I would like to thank the following volunteers who gave up their Saturday morning to make this test a great success: Brian, Jeanne & Hunter Stringall, Terri & Cindy Toohil, Andy & Cindy Hartman, Jeff & Martha Traylor, Lois Schultz, Denise Paschal, Kirk & Sally Ridge, Jane Burch, Emilie Beglane and Bonnie Nichols.

George Beglane

Awards Banquet

The Durham Kennel Club has an Awards Banquet every year after the first of the year. At this banquet, people and their dogs are recognized for their performance during the past year. It is a great time to get together and celebrate our companionship with our dogs and our accomplishments during the past year. The date has not been set yet for the banquet but it is usually in January or February of the following year. You will be notified of the date and sent a registration form once we get closer to the actual date for the banquet. We are sending this out because we wanted to give you plenty of time to understand and meet the requirements for the awards.

We not only award plaques to everyone that earned a title in 2008 but we also have special people recognition awards and special achievement trophies. We also have special prizes for the dogs that earned their CGC in 2008. The award forms will be posted on the DKC web site at www.durhamkennelclub.com. To be eligible for the 2008 awards you must meet the following criteria:

DKC Awards Criteria:

--You must be a current *Regular* (not Candidate) DKC member (your dues must have been paid) to apply for any awards, trophies, or plaques.

--You must have performed 2 services for DKC this year. Life members are exempt from this requirement

Applications will be available on the DKC website:

(<http://www.durhamkennelclub.com>) and in the Awards Applications Box in the lobby of the DKC building by December 8, 2008.

The deadline for applications is **January 4, 2009 at 5:00 PM**. *No* applications will be accepted after this date. Applications can be mailed to the address below or downloaded from the website, completed and e-mailed (on the application form) to address below.

Roger & Nancy Akers, 9501 Rougemont Rd., Bahama, NC 27503, r.akers@verizon.net

Please feel free to e-mail or call to make sure we received them! ***Applications can no longer be left in the box at the building for pickup!***

All applications ***must*** be made on an application form. E-mails, phone calls, and mail not made on an application form will not be accepted, as the information is usually incomplete.

Thank you! Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. We look forward to seeing you at the Awards Banquet.

The location and date of the Awards Banquet will be posted in a subsequent newsletter along with a registration form for the dinner.

The Awards Committee
Linda Kerr, Chairman
corgimom4@nc.rr.com

Eukanuba World Challenge

The AKC and Eukanuba announced today that 2,312 dogs will compete for a total of \$225,000 in cash prizes at the Eighth Annual AKC/Eukanuba National Championship on December 13 and 14, 2008 in Long Beach, California. The two day event is held in conjunction with the AKC Agility Invitational and the AKC Obedience Invitational (entries of 468 and 100 respectively) making for a combined

entry of almost 3,000 dogs competing in all events.

The AKC/Eukanuba National Championship is also host to the Eukanuba World Challenge, a unique event offering top dogs from 52 countries the opportunity to compete for prestigious international recognition. Rare breeds such as the Briquet Griffon Vendéen and the Xoloitzcuintli will compete against more traditional favorites such as the Dachshund and Labrador Retriever for the title of "World Challenge Champion" and a total of \$15,000.

The AKC/Eukanuba National Championship will be simulcast on Animal Planet and the Discovery Channel on Saturday, Jan. 31, 2009 from 8-11 p.m. (ET/PT). Highlights from the AKC Agility Invitational will air on Animal Planet on Saturday, Feb. 7, 2009 at 8 p.m. (ET/PT).

DKC Web Site

Remember to check our web site www.durhamkennelclub.com for upcoming classes, events on the calendar, forms that you need and e-mail access to other club members.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 3, 6, 7 (Wed., Sat., Sun.) [DKC]

Show-N-Go

Nov., Open & Util. (3th)

Nov. (6th)

Open & Util. (7th)

Marge White 919-542-1718

Linda Kerr 919-554-2065

Dec 12, 13 (Fri., Sat.) [DKC]

Rally Trial

Jan Gray fundogs@gmail.com

Dec 13, 14 (Sat., Sun.) [DKC]

Obedience Trail

Jan Gray fundogs@gmail.com

Jan. 4, 2009 at 5 PM

Awards Applications

Linda Kerr 919-554-2065

CONFORMATION SHOW REPORT Please Note: ONLY AKC WINS WITH AKC TITLES ARE LISTED IN SHOW REPORTS.

OWNER'S NAME	CALL NAME (BREED)	SHOW & DATE	C L A S S	S P T	HIGHEST WIN	SPECIAL MERIT
Peggy Schmidt	Claire (Vizsla)	Wilmington KC (10/12)	BOB		BOB & Group 3	
"	"	Monroe KC (10/15)	BOB		AOM	
"	Trudy (Vizsla)	Monroe KC (10/15)	Veterans		AOM	

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

OWNER'S NAME	CALL NAME (BREED)	SHOW & DATE	CLASS	SCORE	LEG	PLACE	TITLES & AWARDS
OBEDIENCE							
Shirley Sanders	Babe (Sheltie)	New River Valley DC (10/18)	Utility B	197		1	HIT!!!
"	"	New River Valley DC (10/19)	Utility B	193.5		1	HIT!!! & 12 OTCH pts
AGILITY							
Maria Walker	Dax (Rottweiler)	Autumn Winds (10/8)	Ex A JWW P	100	2	1	
"	"	Autumn Winds (10/8)	Ex A Std P	100	1	1	
"	"	Youngsville (11/08)	Ex A Std P	85	2	1	
"	"	Danville (11/28)	Ex A Std P	91	3		AXP!!!
"	"	Danville (11/28)	Ex A JWW P	94	3		AJP!!!
HUNTING							
Margaret Fox	Sly (Standard Poodle)	Yadkin River Waterfowl & Ret. Club (10/26)	Jr. Hunter				First Pass!!!

Because your wins are very important to us, they are now being given directly to Terri Toohil by

1. e-mail [ttoohil13@aol.com],
 2. phone [919-471-8303],
 3. regular mail [5017 Pine Trail Dr., Durham NC 27712]
- or at her house.

The posting of wins in the lobby of the club has not been effective.