

Durham Kennel Club
 DKC Newsletter
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If we didn't have a dog how EMPTY our lives would be!

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English Springer Spaniel Sporting Group



The English Springer Spaniel is a medium sized sporting dog, with a compact body and a docked tail. His

coat is moderately long, with feathering on his legs, ears, chest and brisket. Typically, he is friendly, eager to please, quick to learn and willing to obey. Springers love their families and like to stick close to their owners. They make excellent house pets, but require daily exercise and need regular brushing and trimming to keep their coats neat and free of mats.

Background: English Springer Spaniels and Cocker Spaniels were originally born in the same litters; the smaller "Cockers" hunted woodcock while their larger littermates were utilized to flush, or "spring," game. In 1902 the Kennel Club of England recognized the English Springer Spaniel as a distinct breed (separate from English Cockers). The Springer Spaniel became even better known in North America after 1924, when the English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Association was formed and field trials were started for the first time.

Approval Date: February 12, 1994
Effective Date: March 31, 1994

Show Ring: Size: Height at the shoulder in dogs, 20"; for bitches, it is 19".
Weight: Dogs: 50 lbs; bitches: 40 lbs.
Eyes: Medium size and oval. **Ears:** Long and fairly wide, hanging close to the cheeks with no tendency to stand up or out. **Bite:** Close scissors bite. **Nose:** The nasal bone is straight. **Color:** Black or liver with white markings or predominantly white with black or liver markings, blue or liver roan, tricolor. **Coat:** In combination, the outer coat and undercoat serve to make the dog substantially waterproof, weatherproof and thorn proof. The coat has the clean, glossy, "live" appearance indicative of good health.

Breeding and Whelping: They rarely have problems during gestation and whelping. Although, the bitches do tend to gain too much weight during pregnancy. The average number of pups per litter is 7 or 8 with weights ranging from 9 to 14 oz. Nose pigment may not fill in until as late as 12 months. Tails and dewclaws are removed. Undershot bites are common in this breed and may not develop until 9 to 12 months of age.

Disqualifications: None

Faults: More than one inch under or over the breed ideal, tail clamped or at right angles and movement faults.

Serious Faults: Undershot, overshot and wry jaws.

Recognized Problems: Ear infections, retinal dysplasia, PRA, CPA (central progressive atrophy), PFK (phosphofructokinase) which is an enzyme deficiency which decreases red blood and muscle cells, **hip dysplasia** and **Rage Syndrome** is more common in English Spring Spaniels than many other breeds although it is rare in all breeds.

Old Age: Springers live to be quite old. 15 year olds are quite common. Obesity is often a problem in older animals.

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.

January Meeting

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

January Program: The speaker for January's meeting will be Teruko Wright and the subject is canine massage.

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 ob-

edience 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 thrus.

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

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.

New classes are beginning.

New Memberships

At the January meeting, Dick and Susan Cicone will be voted on for Regular Membership.

The following have requested Candidate Membership and will be presented at the January meeting: Edith Braginton, Hannah Branigan, Kathleen Clay Farland, Barbara Govan and Marques H. Wilkerson.

December Obedience & Rally Trials

The December obedience and rally trials are over, and we didn't seem to have any real problems. This is due to the hard work of all the club members that pitched in and helped at various times. We got many compliments about the friendly club members working. I can't name everyone that worked, but there were a bunch. People helped remove equipment so the mats could be steam-cleaned, helped set up everything Friday, stewarded, did ribbons and trophies, sponsored ribbons and trophies, brought food (much of it homemade), prepared and sold food and drinks, stewarded in obedience and rally, and helped clean-up Sunday--which included bringing equipment back in and helping to set up for the Christmas meeting that was on Mon. night. This involved a lot of our club members, and I greatly appreciate each one of you for your help. The following were committee members who put in a lot of time before, during, and after the trials: Tracy Fletcher, obedience secretary; Peggy Schmidt, rally secretary; Sally Ridge, chief ring steward for obedience; Kim Tyndall, equipment; Maggie Lutz, grounds; Sharon Pitz, concessions and hospitality for obedience; Liz Rende, concessions and hospitality for rally; Lisa Roberts and Nancy Akers, obedience trophies; Nancy Akers, Lisa Roberts, and Roger Akers, rally trophies. I also have to mention Greg Dunnegan who helped remove equipment, helped set-up Fri., stewarded Fri. night, helped set the rings for obedience Fri. night, stewarded all day

Sat., Sat. night, and Sun., and helped clean up Sun. afternoon.

I wish I could mention everyone who helped, but you know who you are and you have my appreciation for volunteering and working. Thank you all so very much.

Merry Christmas!

Jan Gray

Thanks to Stewards

I want to thank all of the members who volunteered their time last weekend to help steward the obedience trial: MF Davis, Emmy Wolters and Caroline Wolfe who organized the tables all day. Also: Laura Boyce, Brona Hicks, Shannon Coleman, Lorri Givens, Ellen Beasley, Nikki Camerra, Jack Sappenfield, Ken Nelson, Balynda Brown, Shari Bryant, Karen Morgan, Emilie Beglane, Anne Standen, Maria Walker, Bonnie Nichols, Sally Gleib, Terri Toohil, Stacey Garvin, George Beglane, Nancy Zawadowski, and Dana Pritchett, who made the rings work so smoothly. We have such a rich resource of talent in our club. They all made Durham Kennel Club look great.

Sally Ridge

Eukanuba Broadcast

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).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan. 4, 2009 at 5 PM

Awards Applications

Linda Kerr 919-554-2065

Feb. 28, 2009 (Sat.) at DKC

Doors open 6:30

Dinner at 7:00

Awards Banquet

Reservation Form in this Newsletter

Mar. 20, 2009

Raleigh Fairgrounds

DKC Spring Show

**AKC Delegates' Meeting,
December 15 and 16, 2008;
Long Beach, CA**

Obedience changes, effective Jan. 1, 2009 were discussed at the **Obedience/Tracking/Agility Committee**. These include the Master and Grand Master Obedience Titles as well as three new titling classes - Graduate Novice, Graduate Open and Versatility - and three new optional classes, Wildcard Novice, Wildcard Open, and Wildcard Utility. Additional information on these classes may be found on the AKC website, http://www.akc.org/news/index.cfm?article_id=3633. The new rule book will be available in January.

Additional recommended changes to the point schedules are being considered by the **Dog Show Rules Committee**. Currently

**DKC Awards
Banquet**

Feb. 28th, 2009

DKC Building

**Doors Open @ 6:30
Dinner @ 7:00 p.m.**

**See Reservation
Form Attached**

states must be contiguous which may not be the most realistic method of determination.

The new Show Trial Manual is now available for order. Recommendation is being made for all clubs to have the option to split the 12-18 class into two classes as is currently done at most specialty shows.

The AKC Board of Directors is accepting comments until the end of January regarding the proposed group realignment. General comments should be sent to grouprealign@akc.org, specific breed comments should be directed to the Parent Clubs. The proposed group realignment breed listing can be found at http://www.akc.org/events/conformation/group_realignment.cfm

A vote will be taken by the Board of Directors at their June meeting. The Rule Change Amendment will be sent to the Delegates for discussion at the March meeting and be voted on in June. Delegates can only approve the change in the number of groups, not the assignment of breeds. If the increase is approved, the increase will go into effect January 2011.

Rule change to Chapter 3, Section 1 of Rules Applying to Dog Shows will read in its second sentence, "The Board of Directors may either add or delete *groups* [a change], breeds, and or varieties of Breeds and transfer from one group to another or delete from said list of breeds and/or variety of breeds whenever in its opinion registration of such breeds and or variety of breeds in the stud book justifies such action."

The presentation was made by Mike Liosis at the **All-Breed Committee** concerning *What AKC Club Relations does for your Club*. Subjects discussed were bylaws, use of email communication, club histories, weather notifications, and AKC contacts and where to locate specific information on the AKC website.

The AKC has appointed a new Director of Government Relations, Sheila Goffe, based in Raleigh.

At the **Delegates' Forum** presentations were made by individuals

running for the AKC Board of Directors, Lee Arnold, Alan Calder, John Neilson, Dr. Robert Smith, Fred C Bock, Carl Ashbey, Judith Daniels and Carl Gomes.

The Kennesaw Kennel Club was elected as an AKC Member Club. There are now 369 Member Clubs and 4950 clubs hosting AKC events.

In his **Chairman's Report**, Ron Menaker discussed the AKC 125th Anniversary. On its inception in 1884, The AKC registered nine breeds, in 1998, 161 breeds. The first AKC dog show was held in 1926. In December 2009 the ninth AKC/Eukanuba Show will waive invitational status; numerous regional and national specialties will be held in conjunction. A new anniversary logo has been introduced that clubs are being asked to utilize throughout the year. This logo can be found under the "Clubs" tab on the AKC website. Dennis Sprung discussed ideas in stages of development and future programs in his **President's Report**. These include: 1) An initiative to improve breeding programs by establishing a frozen semen bank, 2) Making Meet the Breeds an independent event, with the inaugural event in NYC in 2009, 3) A new approach to the economic impact of dog shows by increasing the data fields from five to eighty-five areas of study which would be available on a state by state basis, 4) Increasing licensed products; products are now in 9000 stores in the country.

In Session a new congressional newsletter is being distributed to all legislators. If a club wants to add the name of a local legislator, the contact is the Government Relations Department.

November 2008 year to date compared to November 2007 **financial highlights:** 1) Revenues down 1 percent from \$61.7 million to \$61.1 million, 2) Expenses up 1 percent from \$58.0 to \$58.4 million, 3) Operating surplus (excluding investments) \$2.7 million compared with \$3.7 million, 4) Investments are down \$17.0 million compared with a \$5.0 million gain the previous year, 5) Net loss \$14.4 million compared with net income of \$8.8 million in 2007, 6) Lit-

ter registration is down 11 percent compared with 2007, 7) Dog registration is down 12.5 percent compared with the previous year, 8) Revenues from pedigrees are down \$1 million, 9) Revenues from royalties are down \$1.2 million, 10) Revenues from Event Fees are up \$3.3 million.

Amendments were adopted by the vote of the Delegate body:

Proposed amendment to Chapter 17, Section 2 of Rules Applying to Dog Shows, which would permit monthly billing of AKC licensed superintendents to improve efficiency and accuracy of accounting.

Proposed amendment to Chapter 9, New Section 11 of Beagle Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Brace, Small Pack Option Field Trials and Two-Couple Pack Hunting Tests, which would provide for a new National Championship for Gundog Brace Beagles.

Two amendments were postponed due to lack of Beagle Parent Club support.

Proposed amendment to Chapter 9, Section 6 of Beagle Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Brace, Small Pack Option Field Trials and Two-Couple Pack Hunting Tests, which would differentiate the Beagle Field Championship title by the three distinct hunting styles demonstrated in different field events.

Proposed amendment to Chapter 9, Section 6 of Beagle Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Large Pack Field Trials, which would differentiate the Beagle Field Championship title by the three distinct hunting styles demonstrated in different field events.

AKC Lifetime Achievement Awards were presented to Wendell J Sammett for Conformation, Kenneth A. Buxton for Companion Events and Mary Jo Trimble for Performance.

The next Delegates' Meeting is the Annual Meeting and Election of Board of Directors and will be held in Newark, NJ on March 9 and 10, 2009.

Linda Wozniak

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

OWNER'S NAME	CALL NAME (BREED)	SHOW & DATE	CLASS	SP	T	HIGHEST WIN	SPECIAL MERIT
Emmy Wolters	Stormy (Bouvier)	Greater Hickory KC (12/5)	Open		1	WB/OS	
"	"	Forsyth KC (12/6)	Open		1	WB/OS	NEW CHAMPION!

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							
Brian Stringall	Hunter (Golden Retriever)	DKC (12/13)	Open A	184	2		
"	"	DKC (12/14)	Open A	191	3	4	CDX!!!!
AGILITY							
Laura Anne Welch	Cassie (Australian Shepherd)	Danville KC (11/28)	Ex B Std	100	2		
"	"	Danville KC (11/30)	Ex A JWW	100	2	2	
HERDING							
Terri Toohil [handled by Richard Whorton]	Sam (BC)	PBCA (12/6)	Pretrial Test	Q			
"	"	PBCA (12/7)	Pretrial Test	Q			PT!!!

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.



AWARDS DINNER RESERVATION

Saturday, February 28, 2009

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, 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: Denise McDonald

PO Box 50

Rougemont, NC 27572-0050

No alcohol will be provided

Reservations due Friday February 20, 2008