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When most of us talk to our dogs, we tend to forget they're not people.
 Julia Glass, Redbook

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English Toy Spaniel

Toy Group



The English Toy Spaniel is a compact, cobby and essentially square toy dog possessed of a short-nosed, domed

head, a merry and affectionate demeanor and a silky, flowing coat. His compact, sturdy body and charming temperament, together with his rounded head, lustrous dark eye, and well cushioned face, proclaim him a dog of distinction and character. The important characteristics of the breed are exemplified by the head. English Toys still possess the natural hunting instinct.

Background: Most authorities agree that the English Toy has its origins in the East, namely Japan (traveling to Europe as part of royal presents).

In the U.S. the breed has appeared in the AKC's records since the club was founded. Before 1903 all four colors were classified as separate breeds for show purposes, but were permitted to intermix for breeding. But in 1904 the AKC ruled that they should be combined into one breed.

Approved June 13, 1989
Effective August 1, 1989

Show Ring: Weight: 8 to 14 lbs. is desirable in an adult. **Head:** Large in comparison to size, with a plush, chubby look. **Eyes:** Large and very dark brown or black, set squarely on line with the nose. **Ears:** Very long and set low and close to the head, fringed with heavy feathering. **Bite:** Slightly undershot; teeth not to show. A wry mouth should be penalized; a hanging tongue is extremely objectionable. **Stop:** Deep and well-defined. **Nose:** Large and jet black in color. **Color:** The Blenheim (red and white) consists of a pearly white ground with deep red or chestnut markings evenly distributed in large patches. The Prince Charles (tricolor) consists of a pearly white ground, with evenly distributed black patches, solid black ears and black face markings. **Coat:** Profuse-

ly coated, heavy fringing on the ears, body, and on the chest, and with flowing feathering on both the front and hind legs, and feathering on the feet. The coat is straight or only slightly wavy, with a silken, glossy texture. **Tail:** Docked to 2 to 4 inches in length and carried at or just slightly above the level of the back.

Breeding and Whelping: Caesarian section is necessary as often as 50% of the time in some lines. Delivery can be more difficult if the climate is extremely hot, cold or humid. Litters average from 2 – 5 pups which weigh from 3 – 7 oz. Cleft palates can occur.

Disqualifications: None

Serious Faults: White hairs anywhere except for a few on the chest or a small white patch on the chest.

Penalties: A wry mouth. Over-trimming of the body, feet or tail fringing. A hanging tongue is extremely objectionable.

Recognized Problems: Dental (good hygiene important), lazy tongue (never fully retracts), luxating patella, umbilical hernias, fused toes and congestive heart defects. Anesthesia can be a problem.

Old Age: English Toy Spaniels have a life span of 8 - 14 years. Some individuals live to 16.

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 Banquet

There is traditionally no meeting in February - the month that the Awards Banquet 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 already done so.

This is a fun occasion for all members to share and enjoy each other's successes.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

<u>Conformation Classes/Breeder Referral</u> Nancy Adams
<u>Obedience Classes</u> Mary Florence
<u>Spring Show</u> Connie Howard
<u>Fall Show</u> Jan Gray
<u>Agility Trials</u> Tracy Fletcher
<u>Obedience Trial</u> Jan Gray
<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 1/19/09

Program: Teruko Wright gave us a program on canine message. She owns the business *Message To Go for Pets and Pet Parents* in Raleigh, NC. She demonstrated massage techniques for your dogs and answered questions about massage. Sharon Pitz's Rusty was the demonstration dog and thoroughly enjoyed his part in the program.

President's Report: Minutes for the November meeting were approved as written. Roger reported that, unfortunately, the money from our Show and Go and Conformation class is missing. We are taking measures to keep money more secure. The Awards dinner is February 28 and we hope all members will

attend. It will once again be at the building and the dinner reservation form and information on time and caterer are in the newsletter.

Committee Reports: Treasurer, Emilie Beglane gave the **treasurer's report**. She reported on the Fall show and the December obedience trial and the shows did well, even though there was a drop in entry numbers. **AKC Delegate**, Linda Wozniak, says her notes on the last meeting are in the newsletter. [Jan. 09] There are a lot of new obedience classes coming this year.

Mary Whorton reported for the **Nominating Committee**. The proposed slate is:

President	George Beglane
Vice President	Dee Wallace (May not be able to run for President.)
Treasurer	Roger Akers
Corresponding Secretary	Ann Carter
Recording Secretary	Peggy Schmidt
Director	Lisa Roberts
Director	Thomas Givens
Director	Terri Toohil
Director	Jan Gray
AKC Delegate	Linda Wozniak

Remember that people can submit a written nomination (see bylaws) and make nominations from the floor at the April meeting (see bylaws).

Nancy Adams reported **conformation classes** are going well. We have people coming from far and wide for the classes. It is still "drop in" and \$5 for adults and free for juniors. Breeder referral is busy.

Emilie Beglane says in case of **bad weather**, the cancellation of classes would be on the DKC phone message.

Connie Howard says planning for the **Spring Show** is going well and if anyone is interested in putting an ad in the catalog, contact Connie right away. Deadline is February 6.

Lynn Reagan-Hull, obedience chair for the **Spring Show**, reported we do need volunteers. The show is on Friday, March 20 and volunteers for obedience need to commit to a full

class when stewarding. We also need volunteers for poop patrol.

Peggy Schmidt, the **Fall Show Chair**, says things are going well and we are looking for an obedience chair.

Jack Sappenfield, the **tracking** trial chair, says there is a trial February 22 and in March. Volunteers are needed in March.

Terri Toohil says many are getting the **newsletter** by email. She said if you are having trouble to let her know, and she will help you.

Terri Toohil, **membership** chair, reported we have 5 Candidate Members and 2 Regular Members to vote on. The Candidate Members are Marques H. Wilkerson, Barbara Govan, Kathleen Clay Farland, Hannah Branigan, and Edith Braginton and they were all approved. Dick and Susan Cicone applied for Regular Membership and were approved.

Mary Whorton reported that **agility classes** are going well. We have 3 agility classes. Two on Monday nights and one Mondays during the day. She also reported there is an AKC agility advisory committee collecting information (criticisms and accolades) from competitors until the end of February. To reach them go to the AKC website and go to the Agility page and it gives the contact information. The Agility Nationals will be in Concord, NC. DKC has at least a dozen people going. We also had about a half dozen invited to the Agility Invitationals.

Roger Akers, our president, discussed the **revised bylaws**. There has been no feedback on the new bylaws and articles of incorporation and the scheduled vote is tonight. Chuck Adams gave us a synopsis of the changes. The membership attending the meeting voted on the revised by laws and articles of incorporation. They were approved unanimously.

Mary Whorton asked about the development of the cleared land. Roger Akers reported that it is recommended that we fertilize and plant Bermuda grass in the spring. The Harris land is recovering well from the last muddy agility trial.

New Business: Chuck Adams reported that we need to start monitoring government websites to see what is happening as far as dog related legislations are concerned. He recommends that we appoint someone to monitor these websites and report activities to the club. Sharon Pitz reported there are tax increases for dogs in Durham city. Brona Hicks reported that in Montana a law is up for a vote that states that all Pit Bulls and similar dogs will be collected and put to death. There were other examples of this type of legislation given. Jeanne Stringall reported the club's Brenda Aloff DVDs have been misplaced. If anyone knows where they are, please contact Jeanne or Denise McDonald.

Closing of Meeting: There were a number of brags. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Akers

Show Ads

Feb 6 is the absolute last day for ads. If they are late, there is a \$12 additional fee.

A full page ad is \$35. If you want a picture in the ads, it is \$10 more. We also have 1/2 page ads \$20 with no picture. We were thinking about having a memorial page and you pay \$10 by the line and that would include the Dogs name or the person's name you want to remember and also your name, for example: Ch Old Friend CDX, RN, AX owned by Mr. & Mrs. A. Friend.

If anyone is interested, please contact me or Jacob Jesse. The ads can be camera ready or just drawn out on a piece of paper and show where you want the picture, and what you want and where you want things in relation to the picture. You can send these to me: **Connie Howard, 2109 Forest Ridge Pl, Durham, NC 27705** or **fcoat@aol.com** or call me **919 309-9014**

Stewards Needed For Spring Obedience Show

The Spring Tarheel Cluster will be here soon and we'll all be busy getting ready to show our dogs and volunteer. I'm trying to grab stewards now before everyone is committed elsewhere! Durham's show day is FRIDAY, MARCH 20TH. Unfortunately not everyone can take off work on a Friday, so it's harder to get volunteers. I need obedience stewards!!!

Obedience and Rally will be held in the beautiful Dorton arena. DKC strives to provide competitors and judges with experienced, competent stewards. Volunteers with little experience receive written steward instructions and are paired with mentors to insure smooth running rings.

Ideally I need stewards who aren't showing a dog, don't have breed ring conflicts, and can serve all morning, or at least for an entire class, both A & B. You may not steward first and then show under that judge the same day. Class order and times will not be known until the judging schedule comes out the week of the show, but obedience will likely start at 8:30 and be finished by early afternoon.

To steward Obedience, please contact **Lynn Reagan-Hull (919) 676-0983** or email

lrhull@mindspring.com

For Rally, please contact **Ann Carter (919) 932-7789** or email summertimegsp@bellsouth.net

Poop Patrol Volunteers Needed For Tarheel Show

Do you watch the television show "Dirty Jobs" with host Mike Rowe? Well, I contacted him about experiencing firsthand our poop patrol at dog shows and explained how necessary it was, even though it's a "dirty job." Sorry, he won't be coming to film DKC members at the Tarheel cluster because frankly, it's just not dirty enough for his show and way too easy. In fact, if you ask past

"POOP PATROL" volunteers, you'll find out that it really is an EASY job to do and just not as stinking dirty as it sounds. So, if you'd be willing to join the few, the proud, the chosen, and don your latex gloves and walk the grounds on poop patrol, then call me to volunteer. I will explain your duties and sign you up. I need 4-5 volunteers for Friday, March 20th.

P.S. I lied about Mike Rowe....but wouldn't that be cool if he did come do our "dirty job" and put it on TV?

Call Lynn Reagan-Hull, Tarheel Cluster Grounds Chair (aka Chief pooper scooper) at 676-0983 or email lrhull@mindspring.com

DKC Awards Banquet

Feb. 28th, 2009

DKC Building

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

See Reservation Form Attached

Tracking Events

There will be a TDX test on Feb. 22 and a TD test on Mar. 15.

We need track layers and other volunteers for the **March 15th test.**

It's fun and a great way to learn about tracking. Why don't you call and see if there is something you might want to do?

Jack Sappenfield 919-598-5318

Rainbow Corner

**Neyland's Wide Retriever
CD, MX, MXJ, MXP3, MJP3,
PAX**

**Mar. 30, 1999-Jan. 3, 2009
Neyland [Labrador Retriever]**

Lorri Givens

It is with much sadness that I share with you the news that we lost Neyland this morning. He had begun a very rapid decline with his cancer and I made the decision to have him euthanized this morning. He went very peacefully in my arms. It would not have been fair to him to have carried it any further. Even this morning his tail was wagging (although very weakly). He was a true best friend and companion whom I will greatly miss. The void is very large but I also am aware that he is no longer suffering. I envision him now running through fields, swimming in rivers and stealing any food that he can possibly take from unsuspecting persons. Those who knew Neyland at the agility venues are aware that his favorite thing to do was to surf the ledges for treats that may have been left there. You can rest assured that your treats are safe now and you can eat your lunches in peace without the threat of the lightning fast strike of Neyland's jaws. I will truly miss running trials with my best buddy. I know most of you have experience the loss of a beloved pet and many of you knew Neyland well. His personality just made you want to smile. Thank you all so much for your thoughts, prayers uplifting sentiments.

If I had to say anything about Neyland he was always happy and willing to share his love to others (especially if they had food) :-). He had surgery to remove a malignant tumor on July 31, 2008, recovered quickly and finished his PAX on September 19, 2008. The cancer returned in the liver and he passed away Saturday Jan 3, 2009. Every-

one will remember him as the stealer of any treats left unattended and always with smiling eyes and an eager personality.

One thing I would like to add to Neyland's tribute is how very much he will be missed by our family. He was a true part of the Given's household and has left a tremendous void.

Lorri

New Additions

There were 3 new members welcomed to my household on 11/15/2008, 2 girls and 1 boy. All were healthy and happy especially me, and mom, Sadie, a West Highland White Terrier.

The problem now is, trying to decide which of the girls to keep to show.



Helen Glenn

UPDATE: Montana BSL Legislation Soundly Defeated

[Friday, January 23, 2009]

Responsible dog owners won a decisive victory Thursday afternoon when the Montana House Local Government Committee voted 17-1 against a bill to ban "pit bulls" in the state.

House Bill 191 prohibited the ownership, harboring, or keeping of dogs described as "pit bulls". "Pit bulls" was defined to include Staffordshire Bull Terriers, American Staffordshire Terriers, and "any dog that has the physical characteristics that substantially conform to the standards established for those breeds by the American Kennel Club." If the bill had passed, all such dogs would have been seized and euthanized.

Approximately 100 responsible dog owners and breeders testified against House Bill 191, convincing the committee that breed bans are not an effective solution to animal control problems. In addition, the AKC sent letters of opposition to committee members and alerted tens of thousands of dog owners throughout the country about this legislation.

UPCOMING EVENTS

****Feb. 6, 2009****

**Show Ad
Deadline**

**[See Article on Page 3]
Connie Howard 919-309-9014**

Feb. 22, 2009 at Quail Roost

TDX Test

Jack Sappenfield 919-598-5318

Feb. 28, 2009 (Sat.) at DKC

**Doors open 6:30
Dinner at 7:00**

Awards Banquet

Reservation Form in this Newsletter

Mar. 15, 2009 at Quail Roost

TD Test

Jack Sappenfield 919-598-5318

**Mar. 20, 2009
Raleigh Fairgrounds**

DKC Spring Show

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	HIGHEST WIN	SPECIAL MERIT
None						

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							
None							
AGILITY							
Maria Walker	Dax (Rottweiler)	BTCA-Sanford (1/17/09)	Open JWW	1	88	1	
“	“	BTCA-Sanford (1/18/09)	Open JWW	2	90	1	
RALLY							
Sharon Pitz	Electra (Golden Retriever)	Winston Salem (12/7)	Novice	97	1	2	
“	“	DKC (12/13)	Novice	100	2	1	
“		DKC (12/14)	Novice	100	3	1	RN!!!

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