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The dog represents all that is best in man.
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Membership Renewal Forms will be in the next newsletter & are on the web site.

The Obama Family Dog Saga

Why has it taken so long? Because the type of dog they want doesn't often turn up at the local shelter.

By Judith Lewis March 15, 2009

Why has a task as simple as getting a dog eluded the Obamas for so long? Perhaps the answer can be divined in Michelle Obama's interview: She said she wanted not just any Portuguese water dog but a rescued one. An adult with a good temperament. Perhaps even house-trained. Certainly that should satisfy the activists agitating for the Obamas to adopt a stray. The rescue-only crowd insists that every dog purchased from a breeder is a death sentence for a stray. They make no distinction between responsible breeders who nurture sound-tempered dogs and puppy-mill operators who crowd breeding bitches so tightly into cages that they chew off each other's legs.

For the record, I rescue dogs. I rescue, in fact, the kinds of dogs that end up in shelters in droves. I am well set up for the task. My tolerant, dog-loving husband and I have no children; I love dogs that would drive sane women mad; and I have the tenacity to work with them. But I also love purebred dogs and the whole notion that we humans have bred dogs for certain tasks. And I despair that we may be heading into a world in which breeding dogs to do what dogs do -- work with, and beside, and indeed even for, human beings - is considered, by some crooked measure, cruelty to animals. There is something far worse than a family acquiring a dog from a conscientious breeder, and that's a family rescuing a dog that turns out to be fundamentally unstable or just plain

unsuited to life with a family. Childhood dogs shape attitudes toward animals for life; they can make kids lifelong advocates for animal welfare or create in them an ineluctable fear.

Symbolically, it would be nice if the Obamas could rescue a dog. But to insist that the only good dog is a rescued dog is to relegate our future with the canine species to random relationships in which humans are forced to settle for whatever renegade breeders produce and fail to care for. And let it be said that the reason there exists such a thing as a Portuguese water dog at all, or any dog with a hypoallergenic coat and a game temperament, is not a happy accident but a triumph of the selective breeding humans have been practicing with canines for millenniums -- the very practice so many people who claim to care about dogs would prefer to see turned into a crime.

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http://www.latimes.com/news/printedition/opinion/la-oe-lewis15-2009mar15_0,288756.story

April Meeting

The next meeting of the DKC membership will take place on **Monday, April 20th**. 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.

April Program: Steve Wallis has agreed to come and talk about the purpose and role of the NC Federation of Dog Clubs and about the NC legislature.

COMMITTEE CHAIRSAgility Classes

Lisa Roberts

Agility Trials

Tracy Fletcher

Breeder Referral

Nancy Adams

CGC Program/Maintenance(outside)

George Beglane

Conformation Classes

Nancy Adams

Dog Legislation

Jan Gray, Linda Wozniak

Education

Kirk Ridge

Fall Show

Jan Gray

Legislative Liaison, Tail Waggers

Joanne Harrar

Librarian, Recycling

Denise McDonald

Membership / Newsletter

Terri Toohil

Obedience Classes

Mary Florence

Obedience equipment & Yard Sale

Sharon Pitz

Obedience Trial

Jan Gray

Rentals(building/land), Show & Go

Dana Pritchett

Social

Jeanne Stringall

Spring Show

Connie Howard

Tracking

Jack Sappenfield

FULL LIST ON WEB SITE

should be ready in a couple of years.

Our new bylaws were passed at the last meeting and approved by AKC.

Committee Reports:

Corresponding Secretary Ann Carter had nothing to report.

Treasurer Emilie Beglane gave the treasurer's report.

AKC Delegate Linda Wozniak reported that the AKC discussed the changes in dog groups.

She also reported that the competitor service fee is a dead issue. There also was a discussion about mixed breeds competing in performance events.

Nancy Adams reported the **Conformation class** is very active and there are many people helping out. Chuck Adams made a Bassett ramp for practice here at the club.

Nancy Adams reported **Breeder Referral** has been slow.

Connie Howard reported that the **Spring Show** is Friday. Overall entry is down. We have 2 competing shows on the east coast. It is projected we will make less money, especially with the rental price of the 2 buildings going up. She also reported we still need more volunteers.

Peggy Schmidt reported that we still need volunteers for the clinics and show for the **Fall Show**.

We also need an Obedience Show chairperson. Contributions are needed for trophies and ribbons. Sponsorship for particular classes would be appreciated.

Tracy Fletcher said the **Spring Agility Trial** is going well and hopefully it will be rainless this time.

Jan Gray said there was nothing to report for **Seminars, Legislation, or December Obedience**.

Jack Sappenfield said the **February Tracking Trial** went well and the **March Tracking Trial** was wet, but also went well. He thanked all the volunteers.

Emilie Beglane spoke on the **Volunteer Committee**. They are presenting their recommendations to the

Board and will report on them next month.

Terri Toohil reported that she has been doing the **Newsletter** for 15 years and she is passing the baton to Cathy Wells as of this summer.

Membership Chair, Terry Toohil reported on our new members which do not have to be voted on any more because of the new bylaws. Our new Candidate Members are: Bonnie Allen, Jacob Jessee, David Weant, Patty McEwen, Terry Murphy, Kathleen Debra Ryan, and Angie Taverna.

She introduced Brenda Vogel, who is applying for Regular Membership. She was voted on and approved for Regular Membership.

George Beglane reported that we will have a **CGC test** coming up and he will be looking for volunteers.

Lisa Roberts reported the **Agility Classes** start next Monday and are full.

Kirk reported that the **Education Committee** gave a presentation to a 4H Club with several dogs.

Joanne Harrar reported from the **Tailwaggers Federation**. They are promoting dog owner keeping up with legislation and actively advocating for their dogs.

Chuck Adams reported that Steve Wallis has registered as a lobbyist for the Tailwaggers Federation and to please send letters to your legislators to advocate for your dogs and dog ownership.

There was discussion about this and local bills up for discussion and being passed on these issues.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

Nancy Adams proposed we get a microphone for the building.

Close of Meeting

There were a number of brags.

Meeting was adjourned.

Nancy Akers

DKC Membership Meeting 3/16/09

Program: A representative from Cargill Incorporated made a presentation on pet food ingredients and particularly on Loyal Pet Food products.

President's Report: Minutes from the January membership meeting were approved. There were brief introductions of visitors.

The Fire Marshall came last month with just a few minor recommendations. We passed inspection.

The Board approved grading and a new gravel for the driveway.

The back field has been graded, limed, fertilized and seeded. It

Proposed New Members

The following will be brought in as **Candidate Members** at the April Members Meeting: **Judy Cosler & Cathy Raver.**

The following will be voted on as **Regular Members** at the April Members Meeting: **Greg Dunnegan & Lois Schultz.**

Anyone who has 6 months as a Candidate Member and has done 2 services in the past year is eligible to become a Regular Member. Just mail the Regular Member form found on our website to Terri Toohil. [All info on form.]

The Proposed Slate :

President	George Beglane
Vice President	Dee Wallis (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).

New Show Equipment

Chuck Adams built a Basset Ramp to be used by Conformation classes and shows at the building. AKC is now requiring all Bassets to be shown on a ramp.

Many other dogs are on the list of dogs that the Judge can request to be shown on a ramp. The DKC ramp will be useful for many of our members.

Please remember – the grooming tables are for stacking dogs and not places for sitting or eating.

Nancy Adams

Spring Show Thanks

I want to thank all the Club members that helped with the show. Without them there would be no show. We had three people that were not members that added to the show.

The two Bob's that made the omelets for the judges before they started showing and all their work was greatly appreciated.

Cathy and all her people that helped with the hospitality.

All that worked in the eye clinic and Dee and Mary for all their work.

Lynn Regan-Hull and her poop squad.

Ann Carter and Lynn again for their help with Obedience and Rally.

ALL the stewards, and please if I did not mention your name and you helped please know that the club and I thank you.

Connie and Linda

DUES can be sent in any time now.

DKC Poop Patrol Excels Again!

A huge Thank You goes out to all who volunteered for the "POOP PATROL" at the Tarheel circuit. I saw lots of DKC people actually enjoying this job as they strolled the grounds together talking and laughing, while stopping to watch the breed rings or Obedience for a bit, but still making an impact on keeping our grounds clean.

I overheard one of the PHA (Professional Handlers Assoc.) bigwigs, who is in charge of organizing the grooming & ex-pen setups for the entire show, comment to an AKC rep that he saw people patrolling the grounds in yellow vests. He said they were keeping the poop buckets emptied, were emptying the butt buckets, handing out poop bags with a smile and generally keeping the

grounds clean. He said he was impressed and wished more clubs would do the same thing at shows.

Hey...it made my heart swell with pride that the hard work of our members got noticed! Thanks to all who volunteered: Sally & Kirk Ridge, Amanda Stipe, Gail Kanas, Hannah Branigan, Patty McEwen, Helen Glenn, Kristen Tresidder, Marcia Stedman and Irena & Karl Pulkstenis and to any others who pitched in.

Lynn Reagan-Hull

**Cluster Grounds Chair
(aka Chief Pooper Scooper)**

Great Job Obedience Stewards!

Without stewards we wouldn't be able to have an obedience trial. Good stewards make the difference between a smooth running ring and chaos for the competitors and judge.

Luckily DKC is blessed with many competent volunteers who willingly serve as obedience stewards and mentor newcomers to the sport.

Thank you to my hardworking table stewards who work directly with the judge handling paperwork: Emmy Wolters, Carolyn Wolfe & Joanne Harrar. A big thanks to the busy ring stewards: George Beglane, Ellen Beasley, Susan Baldrige, Ken Nelson, Terri Toohil, Kim Tyndall, Kathleen Ryan and Greg Dunnegan. Non-DKC member Skip Schniebben also stewarded at the request of our judge. Y'all did a super job and the judges were very pleased.

Lynn Reagan-Hull,
Obedience Chair

Thanks to Our Show Hospitality Committee

I want to thank all those that helped me in hospitality at the show this past weekend! I could not have done it without you!!!!

Cathleen A. Rubens

Next Tracking Test

The next tracking test will be a TDX on October 18th.

We need volunteers for tracklayers, cross-track layers and our wonderful Sunday luncheon.

Come and join the fun.

Jack Sappenfield at 919-598-5318
or wymars@msn.com

Fall Show

The fall show will be on Saturday, September 5, 2009. Trophies this year will be a container (probably a bucket, basket or bowl) filled with dog-related goodies and rosettes.

Rosettes will be for WD, WB, BOW, BOS, and BOB for breed classes, and 1st - 4th places for obedience and rally classes. The cost to sponsor an obedience or rally class, or a breed, will be \$35.

The deadline to sponsor an obedience or rally class, or a breed, is April 20, 2009 so we can meet the premium list deadline.

If you want to donate other items, you need to let me know by April 20, 2009 and get the items to me no later than August 15, 2009.

You can contact me at fun-dogs@gmail.com or send your check and what you want to sponsor to me at P. O.. Box 1172, Hillsborough, NC 27278.

Thank you all in advance for sponsoring breeds and/or classes. This club always has more prizes than the other clubs on the circuit.

Jan Gray

SHOW-N-GOS

Our next SHOW-N-GOs are:

Novice: Sat., May 2

-- Denise MacDonald

Open, Utility: Sun., May 3

-- Dana Pritchett

Contact info and schedule are up on web site. Volunteers are needed as always.

Seminar Flyers Now Available

The flyers for our 2009 and January 2010 seminars are now available at the DKC website AND in the lobby of the DKC building.

We have Lorie Jolly back on retriever training, Celeste Meade for a 3-day obedience seminar, Steve Ripley for VST tracking and Debbie Gross Saunders on stretching, strengthening and exercises to prevent injury in your dog. See the flyers for complete details.

DKC members get a 15% discount. The discount must be applied when you send in your registration.

Jan Gray

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 5 (Saturday)
Raleigh Fairgrounds
DKC Fall Show

Oct. 18 (Sunday)
Quail Roost
TDX Test

Jack Sappenfield 919-598-5318

Legislative Proposals

Two statewide legislative proposals loom before North Carolina dog owners and breeders. The first, HB733, seeks to regulate the "commercial breeding of dogs." The second proposal, HB626, seeks statewide restrictions on tethering dogs.

HB733, which supporters hope will go in effect on 12/1/09, defines a commercial breeder as "any person who, during any 12-month period, maintains 15 or more adult female dogs for the primary purpose of the sale of their offspring as companion animals." A "commercial breeding facility" is defined as "the physical location or facility at which a commercial breeder breeds or maintains adult female dogs and their offspring. For purposes of this Article, commercial breeding opera-

tions shall not include those kennels or establishments operated primarily for the purpose of boarding or training hunting, sporting, herding or guide dogs."

Some of the proposed restrictions on breeders include, but are not limited to:

- * Mandatory annual licensing at a cost of \$50.
- * Age limits on breeding dogs
- * Annual certification by a veterinarian that a dog can be bred
- * Unannounced home inspections
- * NC Board of Agriculture devised standards of care, including exercise, veterinary care, housing, and record-keeping
- * Prescribed methods of transporting animals to and from the "commercial breeding facility" (remember, this facility could easily be the breeder's home.)
- * At no time would a breeder be allowed to have possession of more than 20 bitches over the age of 4 months

Breeders found to be in violation of the imposed restrictions, or who declined a home inspection would find themselves subjected to fines and possible seizure and euthanasia of their dogs.

The second bill, HB 626, is also set to come into effect on 12/1/09, and seeks to restrict the tethering of dogs statewide. The bill defines tethering for more than nine hours as animal cruelty. During this nine hours, any tether used must be fifteen feet or longer in length. **Below please see a copy of the letter the DKC has sent in opposition to HB626. [next page]**

If you are interested in learning more, please contact one of the Legislative Committee Members. In addition, the DKC Legislative Committee will be formally presenting HB733 for all members' review at the April general meeting.

Hotel Discounts

http://www.akc.org/motel6_studio6/

A copy of the letter the DKC has sent in opposition to HB626

Representatives;

Comprised of over 250 members, the Durham Kennel Club (DKC) has been promoting the care and welfare of North Carolina's dogs for over thirty-nine years. Through owner education and community involvement, the DKC has striven for the betterment of all dogs, regardless of their background. The DKC officially opposes legislation limiting the rights of responsible dog owners to keep dogs in a humane manner, including anti-tether legislation. Where there are already laws in place dealing with neglect and animal cruelty, there is no need for further legislation to address the same issues.

The North Carolina Animal Cruelty ordinance currently in place states:

"If any person shall intentionally overdrive, overload, wound, injure, torment, kill, or deprive of necessary sustenance, or cause or procure to be overdriven, overloaded, wounded, injured, tormented, killed, or deprived of necessary sustenance, any animal, every such offender shall for every such offense be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor..."

<http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/>

Considering that it is entirely possible, indeed easy, to tether a dog while exceeding all of the stated conditions above, it is contradictory to define tethering in and of itself an act of cruelty punishable by law. Every "issue" typically broached in support of proposed anti-tether legislation is already addressed by the current animal cruelty laws: adequate shelter, veterinary care, food and water, waste removal, etc. Dogs tethered in a manner inconsistent with existing laws are already protected under said laws. We support the cruelty laws as they stand now and fully condone continued efforts to enforce them against those that choose not to comply. Those dog owners who keep their dogs responsibly on tethers, meeting all the requirements of the law, should not be penalized for the negligent actions of those who choose not to abide by the law.

Anti-tether bills, such as this one are couched in emotional appeals and personal anecdotes, rather than being based on factual evidence. Pictures of starving puppies on heavy chains are used to sell a horror story, one that is not representative of the norm, to well intentioned, sympathetic dog lovers, the majority of which keep their dogs strictly inside as house dogs. It is entirely possible to tether a dog responsibly in a manner consistent with, and even above and beyond, all existing levels of mandatory care. Whether an outdoor dog lives in a kennel or on a tether, the obligation exists to keep the dog responsibly, which is contingent upon a combination of love, and common sense – neither of which can be created through legislation.

Regards,

The 250+ Members of the Durham Kennel Club

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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	PT	HIGHEST WIN	SPECIAL MERIT
Angie Taverna	Sulli (Dalmatian)	Raleigh KC (3/21)	12-18 mo	3	WD/BOW	
“	“	Fayetteville KC (3/22)	12-18 mo	1	WD	

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							
Marge White	Jet (Border Collie)	Hendersonville KC (2/13)	Open	195	1	1	
“	“	Greensboro (3/14)	Open		2		
“	“	Greensboro (3/15)	Open		3		CDX!!!
Brian Stringall	Hunter (Golden Retriever)	DKC (3/20)	Graduate Novice	194	1	1	
Bonnie Nichols	Jamie (Miniature Poodle)	WSDTC (3/1)	Nov A	181	1	2	
RALLY							
Lois Miller	Jennie (Sealyham Terrier)	Winston Salem DTC (2/27)	Ex	94	2		
“	“	Winston Salem DTC (2/28)	Ex	94	3		RE!!!
Brian Stringall	Hunter (Golden Retriever)	DKC (3/20)	Adv B	82	1		
“	“	Fayetteville KC (3/22)	Adv B	87	2		
Nancy Burka	Poppin (Belgian Tervuren)	Alamance KC (3/19)	Adv A	99	1	1	
“	“	Durham KC (3/20)	Adv A	98	2	2	
“	“	Raleigh KC (3/21)	Adv A	100	3	2	RA!!!
AGILITY							
Sallie Redding	Tate (Border Terrier)	Charlotte (3/08)					MACH 4!!!
Maria Walker	Boch (Rottweiler)	Danville KC (3/14)	Nov Std P	100	3	1	NAP!!!
“	“	Danville KC (3/14)	Nov JWW P	100	2	1	
“	“	Danville KC (3/15)	Open Std P	95	1	1	
“	“	Youngsville (3/21)	Open Std P	100	2	1	
“	“	Youngsville (3/22)	Nov JWW P	100	3	1	NJP!!!
George Beglane	Bentley (Labrador Retriever)	Danville KC (3/14)	Nov Std P	100	2	1	
Amanda Stipe	Weaver (Amer. Foxhound)	Charlotte DTC (3/7)	Open Fast	63	3	1	OF!!!
FIELD TRIALS							
Norma Williams	Jazzy (Wire Dachshund)	MDCA (3/20)	OAAB	100	12 pts	3 rd place	35 pts are needed for Field Champion. She only needs 23 more.

Show wins are now being given directly to Terri Toohil: ttoohil13@aol.com, 919-471-8303.