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Dogs hear every word we don't say.
(Jon Katz)

Durham Kennel Club Newsletter

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Is Your Pet a Toxic Dumping Ground? (by Nora Simmons, *Natural Solutions*)

(October, 2009) You work hard to reduce your family's exposure to household toxins, but your pets may face a greater risk than you, says Olga Naidenko, PhD, senior scientist at the Environmental Working Group, "Where do our pets spend their time? They sleep on the couch, roll around on the carpet, and get dust carrying toxic chemicals all over their fur and then lick it off."

Relative to humans, dogs are burdened with three times more perfluorochemicals (PFCs)—the chemicals used to stain-proof furniture and sometimes coat the inside of pet-food bags and cans. Our canine companions also face two and half times the amount of human exposure to polybrominated diphenyl ether flame retardants (PBDEs), which are used on furniture and carpet. And our kitties absorb a whopping 23 times more PBDEs than we do, which they store in fatty tissue. Studies have linked PBDEs to thyroid and liver problems as well as cancer.

While PBDEs and PFCs have been banned in many parts of Europe, they are still widely used in North America. But Naidenko says she has hope. "Now that we have this information, we can work toward manufacturing reform and better regulation." In the meantime, here are some ways to lighten your pet's toxic load:

- * Choose pet food without the chemical preservatives BHA, BHT, and ethoxyquin, and opt for organic or free-range ingredients to ensure pets are getting high-quality food.
- * When you buy new furniture, resist adding stain-proofing treatments.

- * Replace furniture or pet bedding whose exposed or crumbling foam may have been treated with flame retardants.
- * Vacuum often, preferably using a HEPA filter. Since PFCs and PDBEs migrate through dust particles, keeping your carpets and furniture dust-free will help reduce contamination.



Upcoming Meetings

The next meeting of the DKC membership will take place on Monday, November 16, 2009. Do plan to attend and bring a dish for our potluck dinner.

Dinner will be served at 7:00 pm. Bring a friend at 7:00 and furry friends are welcome at 7:30 pm.

Program: The program will be announced. If you have program ideas, contact Michelle Lennon.

☛ Also, mark your calendars for the upcoming HOLIDAY PARTY on Monday, December 21. (But this time, please leave your furry friends at home.)

The Spirit(s) of the DKC

On October 31st the DKC had its first ever Howl-o-ween party. Entering the lobby was like going into a haunted house. Ghosts and shadows were everywhere. The room had giant specters and bats and cobwebs and all kinds of Howl-o-ween frights.

There was pizza, games and contests; dogs and people with almost every type of costume that can be imagined. Susan and Dick Cicone won the "Best Person Costume" prize dressed as elaborate pirates, really fantastic costumes. "Best Dog Costume" went to Rena Mansi's three poodles dressed as Duke, State and Carolina cheerleaders. The "Pet-Owner Look Alike" prize went to Thomas Givens, who dressed as Obi-Wan Kenobi, and Yoda. The "Best Trick" prize was awarded to Dobby, owned by Thomas and Lori Givens. ("Would you rather be dead or a Carolina fan?") You can guess that trick! Games included: bobbing for hot dogs; a

popcorn toss; recall relays, where you had to whistle to call your dog (but you had to eat a cracker first); relay races, one carrying a ball on a spoon; and a game called "shape the behavior" that was similar to charades.

About 40 people and many, many dogs attended. All had a great evening of sociability thanks to Ann Carter, who put so much time and effort into the project, and to Brona Hicks, Marcia Stedman, Rena Mansi and Sally Ridge, who helped her in many ways. Many others pitched in and helped, too. This event, like so many others in our club, was a great example of the true spirit of the DKC, the imagination and creativity of the club members, and the temperament and training of their dogs.

--Terri Toohil



More pictures are available on the DKC website: www.durhamkennelclub.com

Upcoming Events & Volunteer Opportunities!

There will be a Show-n-Go **Sunday, December 6, 2009** at DKC. This is the weekend before our Trials (as usual, the same weekend as Winston Salem shows!). There are some changes this time: We will offer 1 ring of Open and 1 ring of Utility, and as these rings become available, Novice. Building will open by 8:30, sign-up is 9-12:00. First run will be 9:10. Utility: 9 minutes; Open: 8 minutes; Novice: 7 minutes. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** Early shift: 8:45 to 11:30; afternoon shift: 11:30 to finish (may be longer as we are allowing Novice to run as there is not a Novice day on Saturday.) Please let me know asap if you can help and which time slot suits your schedule, and how many dogs/runs you will want. Happy Thanksgiving to everyone! and Happy Heeling! Enjoy your dogs.

Any additional questions? Contact Dana Pritchett, dpritchett2@nc.rr.com, 919.381.6550 or 919.618.3522.

Food and kitchen **volunteers are needed** for December Obedience/Rally trial, **December 11-13, 2009**.

Kitchen Volunteers: If you are able to help in the kitchen for a two-hour period, please specify which day and time. A two hour slot counts for a club service.

Food Volunteers: If you are willing to bring food, please specify which day and type of food. Soups, one dish meals/casseroles, and desserts (cookies, etc) are all appreciated!

We will also provide soda, bagels, muffins, sandwiches and fruit for sale.

Kitchen Hours

- Friday, December 11: Dinner (5-8:30p)
- Saturday, December 12: Breakfast (7:30-10a); Lunch (11a-3p); Dinner (5-8:30p)
- Sunday, December 13: Breakfast (7:30a-10a); Lunch (11a-3p)

Please RSVP by email to either Cathy Wells (msmillerunc@gmail.com) or Liz Rende (rn14@nc.rr.com or rende001@mc.duke.edu)

The DKC will be having a TDX test on **February 20-21** at Quail Roost Farm in Rougemont. **Needed are tracklayers, cross-tracklayers, and volunteers** for our wonderful luncheon we have on Sunday at the conclusion of the test. If you can volunteer, please contact Jack Sappenfield by email (wymars@msn.com) or call 919.598.5318. Happy tracking!

Hello all,

I am looking for a few good people to **chair committees** for the Durham KC Fall show **Sept 4, 2010**, and also many more to aid as **volunteers**. We would like to get more people involved and train individuals, so please do not hesitate because you don't know what is involved. We will make sure you have the necessary training and support. I would like to break down the duties as much as possible, so many hands make the load lighter!

Please email Cathy Rubens (cathy@silverhillrottweilers.com) or call 919.362.4738

We will have fun!

DKC Membership Meeting, 10/09

The minutes were not available at time of publication.

Mark Your Calendars

Sunday, December 6, 2009
DKC Building, Guess Road
DKC Obedience Show-n-Go

Friday-Sunday, December 11-13, 2009
DKC Building, Guess Road
DKC Obedience/Rally Trials

Saturday-Sunday, February 20-21, 2010
DKC Building, Guess Road
Laura Romanik Obedience Seminar

Saturday-Sunday, February 20-21, 2010
Quail Roost
TDX Test
Jack Sappenfield 919.598.5318

Committee Chairs

Agility Classes

Lisa Roberts

Agility Trials

Tracy Fletcher

Breeder Referral

Nancy Adams

CGC Program/Maintenance (outside)

George Beglane

Cheer

Carolyn Wolfe

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

Terri Toohil

Newsletter

Cathy Wells

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

Proposed New Members

At the November Members meeting, the following people will be voted on:

- **Candidate Members:** Eddie & Selma Kominek;
- **Regular Members:** Judy Cosler, Angie Taverna and Pat Wallace.

SHOW REPORTS Please Note: Only AKC wins with AKC titles are listed in show reports

Conformation Shows

| OWNER'S NAME | CALL NAME | BREED | DATE | SHOW | CLASS | PT | HIGHEST WIN | SPECIAL MERIT |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|----------|-------------------|------------|----|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Dick & Susan Cicone, William Barnhouse | Tally | Chinese Crested Powderpuff | 9/12/09 | Moore County KC | Open Bitch | 2 | BOS, BOW | |
| Vern & Mary Bell | Emily | Westie | 10/10/09 | Hanover KC | Bred-by | 1 | WB, BOB, Terrier Group 4 | |
| " | Phallon | Westie | 10/11/09 | Hanover KC | Puppy 9-12 | 1 | WB, BOB, Terrier Group 3 | |
| Chris Laughlin & Susan Brillhart | Mia | Smooth Collie | 10/24/09 | Collie Club GA | Open | 4 | WB, BOW | |
| " | " | " | 10/25/09 | " | Open | 4 | WB, BOW | CHAMPION! |
| Gillian Goodacre | Jack | Std Schnauzer | 10/24/09 | Middleburg | Open | 1 | Winners Dog | 1st point! |
| " | " | " | 10/31/09 | Virginia Beach KC | Open | 1 | BOW | 3 points (1st Major)! |
| " | " | " | 11/01/09 | Virginia Beach KC | Open | 1 | BOW | 2 points! |

Performance Shows (Agility, Field Trials, Herding, Lure Coursing, Obedience, Tracking, etc.)

| OWNER'S NAME | CALL NAME | BREED | DATE | SHOW | CLASS | SCORE | LEG | PLACE | TITLES & AWARDS |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|----------|----------------------------------|---------------|-------|-----|-----------------|-----------------|
| OBEDIENCE | | | | | | | | | |
| Ellen E. Beasley | Luna | Aust Cattle Dog | 10/13/09 | Aust. Cattle Dog Specialty, TX | Open B | 194 | | 1 st | HIT! |
| Betty Henderson | Abbey | Scottish Terrier | 10/02/09 | Scottish Terrier Club of America | Nov B | | 3 | 1 st | CD! |
| Lois Miller | Jennie | Sealyham Terrier | 9/30/09 | All Terrier Obedience Trial, PA | Versatility | 194 | 1 | 1st | |
| Shirley Sanders | Babe | Sheltie | 10/17/09 | New River Valley DTC | | | | | OTCH! |
| RALLY | | | | | | | | | |
| Sue Vickery | Blair | Border Collie | 9/13/09 | Moore County NC | Nov B | 98 | | 1st | |
| AGILITY | | | | | | | | | |
| Sallie Redding | Tate | Border Terrier | 10/01/09 | Montgomery All-Terrier | | | | | MACH 5! |
| Sharon Pitz | Aurora | Golden Retriever | 8/15/09 | Tarheel Weim | Ex A Pref Std | 100 | 1 | 2nd | |
| " | " | " | 8/16/09 | " | Ex A Pref Std | 100 | 2 | 2nd | |
| " | " | " | 8/16/09 | " | Ex A Pref JWW | 100 | 1 | 1st | |
| " | " | " | 9/6/09 | Chatham | Nov Pref FAST | 64 | 2 | 3rd | |
| " | " | " | 9/26/09 | DKC | Ex A Pref JWW | 100 | 2 | 1st | |
| " | " | " | 10/03/09 | PBCA | Nov Pref FAST | 29.05 | 3 | 1st | NFP! |
| " | " | " | 10/03/09 | PBCA | Ex A Pref Std | 100 | 3 | 1st | AXP! |
| " | " | " | 10/03/09 | PBCA | Ex A Pref JWW | 100 | 3 | 1st | AJP! |
| " | " | " | 10/25/09 | Moore County | Ex B Pref JWW | 100 | 1 | 1st | |
| Susan & Dick Cicone, William Barnhouse | Moby | Chinese Crested Powderpuff | 9/27/09 | DKC | Nov B Std | 86 | 1 | 3rd | |

Please send show results to Cathy Wells (msmillerunc@gmail.com)

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|-------------------------------------------|---------|--------------------|----------|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------|------|-----|-----------------|----------------------------------------|
| " | " | " | 10/04/09 | PBCA | Nov B JWW | 100 | 1 | 1st | |
| " | " | " | 10/04/09 | PBCA | Nov B Std | 95 | 2 | 2nd | |
| Maria Walker | Boch | Rottweiler | 10/09/09 | Charlotte Agility | Ex B Pref Std | 100 | 6 | 1st | |
| " | " | " | 10/10/09 | Charlotte Agility | Ex B Pref Std | 100 | 7 | 1 | |
| " | " | " | 10/11/09 | Charlotte Agility | Ex B Pref JWW | 100 | 4 | 1 | |
| " | " | " | 10/17/09 | Autumn Winds | Ex B Pref Std | 100 | 8 | 2 | |
| " | " | " | 10/18/09 | Autumn Winds | Ex B Pref Std | 100 | 9 | 1 | |
| " | " | " | 10/24/09 | MCKC | Ex B Pref JWW | 100 | 5 | 1 | |
| " | " | " | 10/25/09 | MCKC | Ex B Pref JWW | 100 | 6 | 1 | |
| Patty Nowak | Tucker | PWC | 10/18/09 | Mattaponi KC | Ex B Std & JWW | QQ | | | MACH 5! |
| Gillian Goodacre | Jack | Std Schnauzer | 10/4/09 | PBCA | Nov JWW | 100 | 1 | 2nd | |
| Gillian Goodacre | Jack | Std Schnauzer | 10/10/09 | Charlotte | Nov Std | 95 | 1 | 2nd | |
| Gillian Goodacre | Hannah | Std Schnauzer | 10/10/09 | Charlotte | Exc B Std | 100 | 10 | | MX! |
| Gillian Goodacre | Hannah | Std Schnauzer | 10/9/09 | Charlotte | Exc A FAST | 75 | 1 | 3rd | |
| HERDING | | | | | | | | | |
| Lisa Roberts | Kat | Border Collie | 10/10/09 | GSD Club of America | Adv A Ducks | 86 | 1 | 2nd | |
| " | " | " | 10/11/09 | " | Adv A Ducks | 89.5 | 2 | 1 st | HIT! |
| " | " | " | 10/11/09 | " | Adv A Sheep | 88 | 1 | 2 nd | RHT! |
| " | " | " | 10/12/09 | " | Adv A Ducks | 83.5 | 3 | 1st | HIT & HXAd! |
| " | " | " | 10/12/09 | " | Adv A Sheep | 94 | 2 | 1 st | HIT! |
| " | " | " | 10/31/09 | PBCA | Adv A Sheep | 86 | 3 | 2 | HXAs! |
| " | " | " | 11/1/09 | PBCA | Adv A Sheep | 90.5 | | 1 | 4-pt major to Herding CH! |
| Terri Toohil (handled by Richard Whorton) | Sam | Border Collie | 10/31/09 | PBCA | Started A sheep | 89 | 3 | 4 | HSAs! |
| " | " | " | 10/31/09 | PBCA | Started B sheep | 94 | 1 | 2 | High Combined A & B Course! |
| " | " | " | 11/01/09 | PBCA | Started A sheep | 89.5 | 4 | 2 | |
| " | " | " | 11/01/09 | PBCA | Started B sheep | 97 | 2 | 2 | High Combined A & B Course! |
| LURE COURSING | | | | | | | | | |
| Lois Schultz | Liberty | Borzoi | 10/11/09 | MAHA AKC Lure Coursing | JC | pass | 1 | | |
| " | " | " | 10/17/09 | CLCS Lure Coursing | JC | pass | 2 | | |
| TRACKING | | | | | | | | | |
| Laurie Pahel, David Moore | Bayley | Chesapeake Bay Ret | 9/29/09 | Am Chesapeake Club 2009 Specialty Tracking Test | Tracking Dog | pass | | | TD! |
| EARTHDOG | | | | | | | | | |
| Sallie Redding | Dharma | Border Terrier | 10/31/09 | Carolina Terrier Association | SR Earthdog | Pass | 3rd | NA | SE Title at 18 months! |