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Durham Kennel Club Newsletter

May 2011

Blog Entries from the Bark

Muttville Celebrates 1,000 Senior Dog Rescues (Lisa Wogan, May 6, 2011) It ain't easy finding homes for senior shelter and rescue dogs. That's why there are people who specialize in this particular population. They understand the joys and challenges of placing an older dog in a new home—and know how to connect the right people with these special pups.

So we were thrilled to hear that Muttville, a Bay Area senior dog rescue, clocked its 1,000th rescue (in four years). It's a big accomplishment, and even San Francisco Mayor Ed Lee recognized the breakthrough by proclaiming May 10, Muttville Senior Dog Rescue Day.

Muttville volunteers and supporters, as well as fans of canine golden oldies and San Francisco Supervisor Scott Wiener, will celebrate the milestone with an informal senior dog parade on May 10, 6 to 8 p.m., weather permitting, at Civic Center Plaza across from City Hall.

Of course, the rescue is also pretty big news for number 1,000—a sweetheart named Maxwell. The perfectly healthy nine-year-old was dumped in a Martinez, Calif., shelter because "his family outgrew him" and "the baby was afraid of him." No actual problems or challenges were identified in the documents of his surrender. (Sigh.)

And, according to his Muttville foster mom, he has impeccable manners, as well as eyes that shine with love and trust. We hope he finds his forever home soon.



[Julia Kamysz Lane, May 10, 2011] There are smart dogs, and there are Einstein canines. Mia clearly belongs in the latter category. When a fire engulfed her family's home in Greenville, SC, the one-year-old Belgian Malinois opened four doors to make her way to the basement. There, she stood in a cool bathtub that quickly filled with water as firefighters doused the blaze. Mia's owners, Chris and Codi Brumby, were enjoying dinner out with their two children when they learned of the house fire. After six hours of intense heat, smoke and flames, they assumed Mia had not survived. When she

was carried out by firefighters, she was

soaked and bewildered, but completely

unharmed.

Smart Dog Seeks Safety In Bathtub



Upcoming Meetings

The next meeting of the DKC membership will take place on Monday, May 16, 2011. 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: Mari-Beth O'Neill will speak about "Juniors and the AKC."

**This is an important meeting to attend; there will be voting on next year's officers and Board members, and a vote on the DKC logo.

DKC Logo Contest! Which One Will You Vote For?

Some club members feel the current Durham Kennel Club logo is outdated, some feel the logo does not adequately indicate we are a kennel club, and others love the current logo.

The DKC Board approved a logo contest in 2010 and solicited new logo designs, with certain restrictions, through the newsletter and by email. The contest gives club members an opportunity to decide if a change is wanted or needed, and if so, which of the logos submitted best represents the club. The current logo, and a revised current logo, are included on the ballot, so if most club members prefer the current logo it will not be changed. We hope to use the logo widely on shirts and other items in the future, and want the wishes of the club members to be represented.

There will be a ballot with all the choices at the May Member Meeting on Monday, May 16. As always, according to our Bylaws, you must be present at the meeting to vote. The choices can be seen below and on our website. It is also posted on our new Facebook page for viewing and discussion by all our Facebook members. If anyone cannot download the samples or has questions your may contact Jan Gray at fundogs@gmail. com or Dee Wallis at deewallis@aol.com.

We hope to have a large turn out at the member meeting!

-- The Fundraising Committee



Proposed Logo #1



Proposed Logo #2



Proposed Logo #3



Proposed Logo #4



Proposed Logo #5



Proposed Logo #6



The Durham Kennel Club now has a Facebook page! The new DKC Facebook page will be used to announce upcoming club activities such as monthly meetings, classes, seminars, clinics, show & gos, trials, and special events such as the annual awards dinner and Christmas party.

The DKC Facebook page will be a good place for members to network, ask questions, or post their brags and pictures of their dogs to share with other members. In addition, by having a presence on Facebook, the DKC can promote their mission to potential new members who join the DKC Facebook page.

To join the DKC Facebook page click on the following URL: https://www.facebook.com/DurhamKennelClub

Once you are on the DKC Facebook page, click on the "Like" button to join. I have already started "The Dogs of the Durham Kennel Club" photo album, so please feel free to add a picture of your dog.

Anyone who joins the DKC Facebook page can create a post or add pictures and videos to the page. These status updates will be featured on the DKC Facebook page and members can check the page to read them. Furthermore, as the administrator, I can create status updates that will roll out to the newsfeed of every DKC Facebook member at once. So if you have an important event or something to share with all DKC Facebook members, please email it to me at alyssalgrace@aol.com and I will post it.



I encourage everyone to join and also invite your friends to join the DKC Facebook page. It is a great way to share information about our club. Pleae let me know if you need help.

-- Alyssa G. Langgood



The DKC Yard Sale is posted and scheduled for May 28, 2011. Please start to go through your "treasured items" you no longer want or need, and save them for the sale. As a reminder, we don't take clothes, but these items are welcomed:

- Accessories and jewelry;
- Electrical items (in safe working order, boxes free of crawling critters);
- Puzzles, toys, childrens games, books, audiobooks, CDs;
- Household items and furniture;
- Garden tools or gardening items;
- Dog / any animal supplies, equipment, crates, agility items are always popular;
- Linens, blankets, tablecloths, craft items, Christmas and holiday items;
- Exercise equipment;
- Auto supplies;
- Almost anything (legal) is needed! If you see good items in your neighborhood out for grabs, be brave and ask if you can have them for our sale. They may be something someone has been looking for!

Donated items can be brought to DKC Thursday afternoon, May 26, 3-8:30PM, and Friday, May 27, 11:00AM-8:30 PM. (There will be no show handling class on May 26, and no open training Friday, May 27.)

If you are interested in helping Thursday or Friday PM, please contact Sharon Pitz @ sharon.pitz@frontier.com. We can also use break-down & clean-up help Saturday from ~11:00 AM-1:30 PM.

Sorry, no pre-sales, but happy to have you come to the sale Saturday morning!
Thanks.

-- Sharon Pitz

DUES can be sent in any time now.

The 2 forms are at the end of this newsletter and also on our web site. But if all your information is the same as last year, it is only necessary to tell me so and send in your check for \$20 [individual] or \$30 [family] or \$1 [junior].

A membership will be considered as lapsed and automatically terminated if such member's dues remain unpaid 30 days after JUNE 1st - the first day of the DKC fiscal year.

Thanks.

-- Terri Toohil, Membership Chair

SEMINARS

Information on these seminars are available on the DKC website under Seminars and in the lobby. More will be added later. As always, members who have performed at least 2 services in the past 12 months can take 15% off the registration. The discount must be taken at the time of registration and the 2 services must be written on the registration form.

June 18-19, 2011
Obedience and Rally
AKC—obedience & rally rules

July 16-17, 2011 Obedience Janice Gunn

(NOTE: More working spots have kindly been allowed, and will fill quickly. Auditor spots are also available.)

August 27-28, 2011 Structure in Action and Beyond! Pat Hastings and Debbie Gross Saunders

If you missed Debbie this year, this is your chance to see what you missed! This includes Pat Hasting's Puppy Puzzle and Structure in Action seminars. Pat's seminar usually lasts 1 day and is done in conjunction with a local performance-based veterinarian, but she and Debbie have done a few seminars together and their programs work so well together that this seminar will be 2 days. This is a great seminar for conformation and performance dogs.

January 21-22, 2012 Obedience Betsy Scapicchio/Linda Brennan



"When did you start seeing the invisible fence?"

MINI-SEMINARS

We have several new mini-seminars now on the website with Lynne Stephens and Karen Mielke. We have also scheduled a 2-part mini-seminar on T-Touch and dates and information will be announced soon.

There will also be a mini-seminar on grooming this fall. Details will be announced soon but this will be a great seminar to send puppy buyers, or people new to showing, for an introduction to grooming. Lynn Reagan-Hull has graciously agreed to do this for the club.

May 30, 2011 Cues and Stimulus Control Karen Mielke

June 14, 2011 Reliable, Fast Weaves Lynne Stephens

June 28, 2011 Contacts part 2 Lynne Stephens

September 5, 2011
Distance, Duration, and Distraction
Karen Mielke

September 13, 2011 One Jump Two Jump Lynne Stephens

Important Notice About the Newsletter

The DKC Board has decided that the expense of color printing and mailing the newsletter has become too much. Therefore, for those of you who receive a printed version, these next few issues will not be printed in color. And, after the June issue when we begin the summer break, I will no longer mail the newsletter when we start back in September.

If you have an email address, please let me know so I can add you to the list to receive them that way; you'll get them much sooner, AND in color! You can also download them from the DKC website.

If you don't have the Adobe Acrobat Reader software on your computer, it is free, and easy to install and use. I will be happy to help you with this if you'd like, just let me know.

-- Cathy Wells

Program: "Hunt Testing" delivered by Joe Zawadowski, DKC Member, spoke to attendees about participation in the North American Versatile Hunting Dog Association (NAVHDA). This organization is dedicated to foster, improve, promote, and protect the versatile hunting dog. During hunting tests, dogs are evaluated by 3 judges for use of nose, pointing, search, cooperation, desire to work, and their physical attributes. Each dog is scored in 4 phases (field, water, tracking, and physical breed standard) in an environment reflecting actual hunting conditions. The test criteria are evaluated according to increasing skill and ability for each test level, such as noise reaction, stamina, and obedience. Each test criteria is scored 0 (failure) to 4 (excellent). Levels of testing include: Natural Ability (dogs 16 months and under), Utility Preparatory Test (any age), Utility Test (any age more experienced dogs) and the Invitational Test (offered to exceptional animals once per year). Hunt tests fees are \$100-\$125 per level.

Meeting called to order: 8:35pm

President's business: Minutes approved; no additional written nominations received.

Training coupons from AKC/Wake County shelter for \$15.00 was approved to be honored by the Board.

Ken Nelson withdrew his name from the slate of nominations. George Beglane opened the floor for nominations for Officers and Board members. Two nominations were received: Jan Gray for Board member and Dee Wallis for Vice President. Voting will be held at next meeting, May 16th.

Corresponding Secretary: Shared the information that Bon-Clyde Training Center in Sanford is standing with minor damage.

Treasurer's Report: Roger Akers reported account figures in each fund.

Spring Show: Connie Howard received kudos for doing well to balance our budget and make some money during our Spring Show even though the entries were down. She informed us the next contract meeting is in May/June.

Fall Show: Cathy Rubens asked that we all start thinking of gearing up for Fall/Labor Day Show, Sept. 3rd. She is planning another June party for Fall Show volunteers. Donna Goldstein is our trophy person and the premium is due by the end of the month! Sign up sheets for trophies were passed around.

Agility trial: This coming weekend, Easter weekend, filled on Friday and Saturday. Loading trailer Thursday night and unloading at 8:30 a.m. on Friday morning for trial set-up. Friday and Saturday filled with entries.

Obedience and Rally Trial: Nancy Akers will be Trial Chair for this year's December trial.

Obedience classes: Start this Tuesday and Wednesday.

Agility classes: Have been going for 2 weeks.

Conformation classes: Drop-in class every Thursday at 7pm into 2 rings. Check calendar for time off before Memorial Day and summer.

Tracking report: 2 passes for TD test this past March. Next tests: TDX in October 2011 and February 2012, TD in March 2012.

Seminars: See website for our schedule and flyers are in our lobby. Good ones coming up!

Membership Report: Terri Toohill states that many members have already paid membership fees.

Requests for membership:

- 3 Candidate Members: Mary Beth Garvin, Julie Hofheimer, and Alyssa Langgood.
- Returning Regular Membership: Ken Killinger

Other business:

- Yard Sale will be held on Memorial Day weekend, Saturday, May 28th. Donations can be dropped off on Thursday evening, May 26th from 4pm-9pm, Friday, May 27th from 2pm-9pm. No clothes, please. All other items in good working order and clean (no critters please). Contact Sharon Pitz to volunteer.
- Jane Birch Memorial Garden and new DKC sign will start construction soon. Sally Ridge informed us that only minor donation amount was remaining for the construction to begin. All permits were approved!

Brags were boasted.

Adjourned: 9:00pm

-- Amanda Stipe, Recording Secretary

DKC Officers

President

George Beglane

Vice President

Dee Wallis

Treasurer

Roger Akers

AKC Delegate

Linda Wozniak

Corresponding Secretary

Ann Carter

Recording Secretary

Amanda Stipe

Directors

Thomas Givens Paulette Hicks Lisa Roberts Maria Walker

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May 30, 2011

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Structure in Action and Beyond

Pat Hastings and Debbie Gross Saunders DKC Building, Guess Road

Proposed Slate of Officers

Ken Nelson has previously been nominated for Vice President, and Denise McDonald was nominated for the Board; both have withdrawn from consideration. Dee Wallis is now on the ballot for VP and Jan Gray is on for the Board. Therefore, the nominations for next year's officers and Board members are the following:

President: George Beglane
Vice President: Dee Wallis
Treasurer: Roger Akers
Board Members: Jan Gray
Marcia Stedman

(Not up for re-election):

Corresponding Secy: Ann Carter
Board Members: Maria Walker
Paulette Hicks

Recording Secy: Amanda Stipe

Per By Laws: Election voting will be conducted at the May meeting. See By Laws for more information.

Needed!! Program Chair

We are in need of a Program Chair for the DKC meetings beginning September 2011. Many thanks to Debra Miller for coordinating the programs this past year.

If you are interested, please let me know ASAP.

-- George Beglane

Please send info for the newsletter! Any vacation stories? Pictures? Recipes? Jokes? Email to me at msmillerunc@gmail.com

Committee Chairs

Agility Classes

Mary Whorton

Agility Trials

Thomas Givens

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

Cathy Ruben, Jan Gray

Librarian/Recycling

Denise McDonald

Membership

Terri Toohil

Newsletter

Cathy Wells

Obedience Classes

Mary Florence

Obedience Equipment/Yard Sale

Sharon Pitz

Obedience Trial

Nancy Akers

Rentals (building/land)/Show & Go

Dana Pritchett

Social

Jeanne Stringall

Spring Show

Connie Howard

Tail Waggers

Joanne Harrar

Tracking

Liz Rende

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

Conformation Shows

Owner's Name	Dog's Call Name	Breed	Date	Show	Class	Place	Highest Win	Special Merit
Mary Florence	Odie	Clumber Spaniel	4/28/11	Clumber Spaniel Natl Spec	Open	1		Reserve WD
Mary Florence	Odie	Clumber Spaniel	4/29/11	Clumber Spaniel Regnl Spec	Open	1		Reserve WD

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

Owner's Name	Dog's Call Name	Breed	Date	Show	Class	Score	Leg	Place	Titles & Awards
	AGILITY								
George Beglane	Abby	Labrador Retriever	4/24/11	Durham Kennel Club	JWW Nov B	93	3	4	NAJ!
Marcia Stedman	Bella	Golden Retriever	3/31/11	Greater Monroe/ Charlotte DTC	JWW Nov B	100	1	1	
Marcia Stedman	Bella	Golden Retriever	4/2/11	Greater Monroe/ Charlotte DTC	Open Std	100	1	4	
Marcia Stedman	Bella	Golden Retriever	4/3/11	Greater Monroe/ Charlotte DTC	Open Std	95	2	3	
Marcia Stedman	Bella	Golden Retriever	4/23/11	Durham Kennel Club	JWW Nov B	100	2	1	
Marcia Stedman	Bella	Golden Retriever	4/24/11	Durham Kennel Club	JWW Nov B	100	3	2	NAJ!
			ОВЕ	DIENCE					
Marcia Stedman	Bella	Golden Retriever	4/01/11	Charlotte DTC	Begin Nov B	198.5	1	1	
Marcia Stedman	Bella	Golden Retriever	4/2/11	Greater Monroe KC	Begin Nov B	199	2	1	
Marcia Stedman	Bella	Golden Retriever	4/3/11	Greater Monroe KC	Begin Nov B	198	3	2	BN!
Mary Florence	Odie	Clumber Spaniel	4/26/11	Clumber Span Natl Spec	Nov B	191.5	3	1	CD! HIT!
Tammy Abernethy	Skye	Labrador Retriever	4/30/11	Hampton Roads	Open B	198.5		4	
Tammy Abernethy	Skye	Labrador Retriever	5/01/11	Hampton Roads	Open B	199		2	
Tammy Abernethy	Skye	Labrador Retriever	5/01/11	Hampton Roads	Util B	198.5		2	
RALLY									
Mary Florence	Pinker	Clumber Spaniel	4/26/11	Clumber Span Natl Spec	Nov B	97		1	High score!

DURHAM KENNEL CLUB MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL JUNE 1 Thru MAY 31

DEADLINE: JUNE 1ST !!!

NAME:					
MEMBERSHIP TYPE: RM RF CM CF J LM					
	[Call me if there is a question. Phone # below.]				
ADDRESS:					
PHONE:					
EMAIL:					
BREED(S):					
PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUES	TIONS:				
1 The DKC newsletter is available as a PDF document by email, or through the DKC website. How do you wish to receive your newsletter? Email or Website					
2. Do you wish to have your name on the DKC w	eb site mailing list YES NO				
Please make your checks payable to DKC and	Membership Levels and Fees				
mail to:					
Tomi Tookil	Regular Member (RM) \$20				
Terri Toohil DKC Membership Chair	Regular Family (RF) \$30 Candidate Member (CM) - \$20				
5017 Pine Trail Dr.	Candidate Family (CF) \$30				
Durham, NC 27712	Junior (under age 18) (J) - \$ 1				
	Life Member (LM)NO COST				
Questions?	, ,				
Phone: 919-471-8303					
E-mail:					
ttoohil13@aol.com					

Durham Kennel Club Volunteer Opportunities June 1 thru May 31

DEADLINE: JUNE 1ST !!!					
Name:					
Phone:	e-mail:				

Please check areas where you might be interested in volunteering during the coming year. Also list any					
special skills, training or experience you might	t have. This will allow committee chairs to know who to				
contact when help is needed. Thank you.					
Fall show/obedience trial (September)	Clinic/workshop/seminar planning				
many helpers needed					
Spring show/obedience trial (March)	Cheer (to respond to illness and losses within DKC)				
many helpers needed					
Fall agility trial (September)	Outside building projects (painting, building repairs,				
	brush clearing, trimming, land cleanup, etc.)				
Spring agility trial (April)	Inside building projects (painting, repairs, etc.)				
Obedience trial (December)	Social committee (setup/cleanup for club meetings)				
Obedience show & go's (setup, judging,	Public education programs				
stewarding)					
CGC tests	Library				
Tracking tests (test secretary, tracklaying,	Program				
coordinating					
lunch)					
Obedience classes (instructors, assistants,	Recycling				
organization)					
Rally classes (instructors, assistants,	Building rental				
organization)					
Agility classes (instructors, assistants,	Awards committee				
organization)					
Show handling (instructors, assistants,	Yard sale (setup/cleanup, staffing)				
organization)					
Finance committee	Special skills, training, or experience				

Please return completed form to Terri Toohil with your Dues Form (Address is on Dues Form)