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Durham Kennel Club Newsletter

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If You Have a LOT of Money...

[This is fluff, but I was amused! --cmw] (by Jeryl Brunner, *Travel + Leisure*) -- Gunny, a devoted Peninsula Beverly Hills guest, often visits the posh hotel, and the staff joyously greets him as he strides along the lobby's marble floor. Retiring to his room, Gunny finds a specially monogrammed towel beside his bed and sits down to a grilled New York sirloin and scrambled eggs with aged Tillamook cheddar on bone china. And when he needs styling, the hotel's Rolls Royce shuttles him to the salon.

All pretty normal for a 5-star hotel -- except Gunny is a golden retriever. "Like their owners, pets should have a chance to get away from their normal routine," said the hotel's head concierge, James Little.

It's not uncommon for a hotel to be pet-friendly these days. "America is more pet obsessed than ever," said Andrea Arden, pet expert for the Today Show. "We see them as part as part of the family." But some luxury properties go to such extremes to cater to pets that the line between man and man's best friend is a bit, well, fuzzy.

Pet bathrobes, pet massages, and pet treadmills are becoming practically de rigueur at five-star hotels these days. Vermont's Spa at Topnotch, for example, has doggy Reiki. Hotels are also competing for Fido's affection with food. The Mandarin Oriental, Miami offers grilled beef tenderloin, while Los Cabos' Las Ventanas al Paraíso features made-to-order dishes for pets with special dietary needs.

The list of extras doesn't stop with food, especially for chains like Loews, which has taken pet pleasing to new heights. When

the surf's up at Loews Coronado Bay Resort, in California, pups can join Su'ruff Camp, where poodles and bulldogs alike can take a shot at catching a wave. And if you've dreamed of your pup becoming the next Britney Spears, the Loews Vanderbilt Hotel in Nashville offers voice-coaching lessons and the chance to cut a CD.

So what gives? Aren't we recovering from a recession? "With the economy in bad shape, people cut back on their own luxuries, but not on their pets," explains Arden. "For many, indulging their pet is more rewarding than indulging themselves."

But some of these programs are focused on giving back as well. The Hotel Indigo Atlanta-Midtown donated \$1 from each signature drink ordered during its "Canine Cocktail Hours" this spring to help a local
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(photo courtesy of The Ritz-Carlton)

Upcoming Meeting

The next meeting of the DKC membership will take place on **Monday, October 17, 2011**. We are celebrating the 80th birthday of the DKC! Please see more information on page 4.

In addition to the birthday celebration, we will also be voting on the new logo for the Club.

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dog park. The hotel even invited the Atlanta Humane Society to bring four-legged friends to the event to encourage adoptions.

Some of these pets may even become hotel guests. "There's nothing like when you've had a bad day and you come home to your dog smiling and beaming unconditional love," says Peninsula Beverly Hills concierge James Little. "Why shouldn't you have that when you're in a hotel?"

The Ritz-Carlton New York, Central Park. Before arrival, the staff contacts all guests to see if they have special needs or requests -- of course, this includes four-legged visitors as well. But there's plenty that comes with the Pampered Pooch package, too, like wrought-iron pet beds, 22-karat gold plated ID tags, and home-baked dog treats. And when water is pouring down from the sky, both pet and owner can borrow Burberry raincoats.

Las Ventanas al Paraíso, Los Cabos. A stress-reducing neck massage is the perfect antidote to a long flight, no matter whether that neck is human or canine. And at this Mexican resort, pets can also enjoy the beach or pool in a portable pet cabana. When it's time to dine, the Canine Delights menu (served in metallic bowls with faux gem stones) features items like Rin Tin Tin (shredded braised beef and steamed rice) or made-to-order dishes for pets with special dietary needs.

Loews Hotels, Nashville, Coronado. Sure, there's gourmet room service and luxurious bedding at Nashville's Vanderbilt Hotel, but you can also have your pup cut a CD in a professional recording session. After being shuttled to a recording studio in a limo, dogs work with a voice coach (!) and howl along with a musician or bark to their favorite karaoke tune. It's part of the chain's Vacation for Pets learning camps, which includes Su'ruff Camp at the Loews Coronado Bay Resort & Spa in San Diego where pups can learn to catch a wave.

The Peninsula Hotels, Beverly Hills, New York, Chicago. Humans have ergonomic chairs, so why shouldn't pets have the same for their bowls? That's just one of the perks at the Peninsula Beverly Hills, where they also receive monogrammed paw-printed towels and scented poop bags. At the Peninsula Chicago, treats include special room-service dishes like the Spaniel Spinach Salad with corn and chopped beef or Tabby Tuna Tartare. And the Peninsula New York offers a personalized menu option with the pet's preferred brand of food.

Kimpton Hotels, New York, Denver. Side-by-side massages are usually meant for two humans, but at New York's Muse Hotel, the "Hers and Furs Pet-icure" the second creature should be canine. Kimpton properties have always featured a special devotion to animals, and that dedication has only grown; today, each property welcomes the pet on the lobby activities board, and many have a resident pup. At the Denver's Hotel Monaco it's Tulo -- a cocker spaniel "Canine Concierge" named after Troy Tulowitzki, shortstop for the Colorado Rockies.

One&Only Palmilla, Los Cabos. Your pet may not need a passport to travel to Mexico, but that doesn't mean he doesn't want one. Hotel staff will take your pup's photo for a "Dog Passport" (written in, um, "Paw-lish") and marked with a One&Only Palmilla passport stamp. Once you both make it through immigration, Fido will find gourmet menu offerings like organic roasted chicken, beef tenderloin, and steamed Pacific salmon. Pets can even relax in poolside doggie cabanas.

Rome Cavalieri, Waldorf-Astoria Hotel & Resorts, Rome. There are no toga-clad waiters serving your dog grapes, but the hotel does offer four-course pet meals of fish, game, or vegetable soup in Gucci dog bowls (and on golden trays to boot). When it's a little chilly in the Eternal City, order an Odilia Prisco Dog Haute Couture cashmere sweater with your pup's name written in rhinestones. But Fido may not want to wear it during his visit to La Domus Aventina, a nearby dog spa, for his green-clay and aloe vera skin-and-hair-revitalizing massage.

Hotel Indigo Atlanta-Midtown, Atlanta. Even pets have stressful days and (like their owners) need a happy hour. So every Thursday night this spring, this hotel obliged, serving chicken, steak, or vegan options for pups. Humans joined in, of course, and when they ordered one of the Hotel Indigo's signature drinks (a Greyhound, Salty Dog, or Yellow Lab), \$1 was donated to the local Piedmont Park Dog Park.

Mandarin Oriental, Miami. Four-legged guests receive a luxurious plush bed, a golden Mandarin Oriental collar tag, treats, bottled water, and a bone-shaped place mat. But so they don't go hungry, culinary choices include grilled beef tenderloin, organic chicken breast, and gourmet desserts. Afterward, pups can work out with a certified trainer at the hotel's Doggie Boot Camp and focus on issues like excessive barking, jumping, or housebreaking. And for the stylish dog, there are bathrobes with the Mandarin Oriental logo emblazoned in blue or pink Swarovski crystals.

The Arizona Biltmore Resort & Spa, Phoenix. Who doesn't like welcome gifts -- especially if they include a cookie, commemorative bowl, and placemat? The Biltmore also features a special room-service menu with Zen Yo, a hearty vegetable stir-fry with poached eggs, steamed brown rice, and salmon, which is perfect fuel for taking your pet on a walk around the property's 39 landscaped acres (the hotel provides a map of the trails).

Topnotch Resort and Spa, Stowe, Vermont. Reiki isn't just for humans. Here, pups can get a "Rover Reiki" massage on a magnetic dog bed. "Usually dogs are excited but calm down quickly as the therapist starts to work on them," says Alexandra Sharpe, the resort's spa director. "At the end of the treatment the dogs are usually relaxed and sleepy." Fortunately, they can then retire to an "Aero Paws" inflatable dog bed wrapped in soft fleece covers, with Mini-Bone cookies at turndown.

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 October Meeting on **Monday, October 17**. *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 Facebook page for viewing and discussion by all our Facebook members. If anyone cannot download the samples or has questions you 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



Current Logo

SEMINARS

Information is put on the website as soon as it is available, as well as in the lobby. We have a few more we're working on, but wanted to give members a chance to put these on your calendar.

January 21-22, 2012

Betsy Scapicchio and Linda Brennan
Obedience

July 7-8, 2012

Denise Fenzi
Obedience

August 25-26, 2012

Daisy Peel
Mental Management for ALL Dog Sports (1 day);
an Agility-related topic (the other day)

September 8-10, 2012

Sil Sanders
Tracking

April 13-15, 2013

Janice Gunn
Obedience

Regarding full DKC seminars (examples: AKC Rules, Janice Gunn, Hastings/Saunders): DKC Members, having completed 2 or more services for the club in that year, can take a 15% discount off the registration fee. You must write your 2 DKC services on your registration and take the discount when you register. We cannot give refunds; please be sure to take the discount (if eligible) before sending in your completed registration.

No discount is offered on the mini-seminars because they are already suitably priced for club members. We do not expect as many non-club members to attend, since the 2-hour mini-seminars are usually offered evenings Monday through Friday.

DKC Instructors may request a \$50 refund on 1 dog-related seminar per fiscal year (June 1-May 31). This refund can be requested for a DKC seminar (internal) or external seminars. Firstly, you must pay for the seminar. Secondly, a request for refund must be submitted to the treasurer within 90 days of the seminar date for reimbursement. In addition, the \$50 reimbursement cannot be taken in conjunction with any other DKC discount.

Please remember, DKC Gift Certificates are accepted payment for any DKC seminar.

-- DKC Board

HEALTH CLINICS

The DKC will be offering the health clinics at our own building on February 25, 2012. This will give people a chance to get their dogs tested that are too busy showing at the fall shows. Details are available on the website now. Please tell people! Of course we'll need lots of volunteers as well. If anyone would like to assist and learn how to run the clinics, please contact Jan Gray at fundogs@gmail.com.

MINI-SEMINARS

February 26, 2012

Several mini-seminars on health-related topics; these will be the day after the health clinics at our building

DKC's 80th Birthday Party!

Remember DKC's 80th Birthday Party is **this Monday, October 17th**. It is not too late to RSVP to me at 919.932.7789 or summertimegsp@bellsouth.net.

We will start dog games at 6:30 and eat hamburgers and hot dogs a little after 7:00.

Remember to practice your Best Dog Trick and get your costumes ready for the Best Dog-Owner Look Alike Contest. Party goers will vote and winners get prizes. We will also vote on the DKC logo. Remember to bring a \$10 present. We will play a variation of the White Elephant game. There have been lots of questions about this so I will briefly explain.

Wrapped gifts without names are placed on the table. Everyone that brought a gift draws a number. Number 1 chooses a present and unwraps it so everyone can see. Number 2 can either steal Number 1's present or choose one from the table. Number 1 gets another present from the table and unwraps. Number 3 can either steal Number 1 or 2's present, etc. etc. Presents can be for dogs or humans. The party has potential to be lots of fun...so I hope you will attend.

-- Ann Carter





**Tahnee's Northern Lights, CDX, RA, MX, MXJ, AXP,
AJP, OFP, CGC, Therapy Dog
5/26/2001 – 9/14/2011**

Unexpectedly, Aurora went to the Rainbow Bridge late on Wednesday night, 9/14/11.

I had just let myself start to think I would have her several more years and she seemed healthy, and was always happy, ready to go to her Pet Therapy visits at Duke Hospital, the Radiation Oncology Clinic, or the Caring House for cancer patients.

She was known as the "talking dog" by the patients she routinely visited, as she attempted to talk back as they spoke to her. She was also a camera hog and loved having her picture taken with them.

Aurora had recently earned her 5th Exc BP Std leg and her 8th Exc BP JWW leg, and was to run in DKC's Fall Agility trial.

Aurora was sweet, a good mom to her pups, and able to give tail wags to the very end. I am grateful I was able to be there with her.

I will never forget the week Denise McDonald and I drove to Wisconsin to get her, and the 10 wonderful years she gave me. She is sadly missed, not just by me, but by the many patients she visited, friends she made along the way, and her companions at home.

Knowing Aurora, she is likely dancing with her buddies who went to 'The Bridge' before her.

-- Sharon Pitz



Fall Agility Trials -- Thank You!

The feedback on the Fall Agility Trial has been overwhelmingly positive. Thanks to everyone who helped out with the trial - the level of support was amazing! We had people who weren't entered and weren't members show up to help - like Greg Beck (2 days - all day long!), Rosemary Abell, and Molly Zaragoza. We had members who weren't entered but showed up to help, like George and Emilie Beglane and Jan Gray.

Special thanks to the following:

- George Beglane and Roger Akers for mowing the property all year round.
- George Beglane for hauling the equipment, and organizing the loading and unloading of the trailer, and all those who showed up early and stayed late to load and unload equipment.
- Cathy and Scott Wells for cooking (there have been several comments that we have the best food at any trial!)
- Pat Wallace for doing a great job in her first tour of duty as volunteer coordinator.
- Peggy Schmidt for handling all of the awards and prizes and ribbons.
- Sue Ivy for keeping all the results flowing, even when faced with equipment failure.
- Shutterpaws for taking pictures.

- And a very special thanks to Tracy Fletcher, who took care of the timers, built courses, handled all of the worker drinks and snacks, and ran errands for the slightly preoccupied and forgetful trial chair.

Thanks to everyone!

-- Thomas Givens

Spring Show

Please volunteer! We need help with ads, grounds, hospitality, stewards for obedience, etc. Remember this is an event that helps bring in a great deal of the money it takes to make the club run. It takes some help from each of the members and we do not get the volunteers we need. The more people to help the smoother the show runs. Please email me or call.

-- Connie Howard, Show Chair

Calling All Juniors!

We'd love to hear from our junior members. Please let us know what you've been doing with your dog: show results, fun activities, training breakthroughs, etc.

Program: None. Budget discussion.

Meeting called to order: 7:50 pm.

President's business: Minutes approved; budget will be discussed with attending members. Dues increase was suggested, motion made, members approved. 2012 membership dues will be: Family \$40.00, Single \$30.00, and Juniors \$10.00.

Corresponding Secretary: Requested that sympathy cards be sent to Mac Rood's wife, Karen, at 4221 Blossom Street, Columbia, SC 29205. Mac Rood judged this past Labor Day circuit.

Another DKC workday will be scheduled before it gets too cold.

Treasurer's Report: Roger Akers reported account figures in each fund and presented and discussed the budget. Roger informed the membership that the Board has determined money be set aside for replacing existing assets such as HVAC, flooring, roof, etc. This account is separate from our normal operating account for all our fun interests. Members in attendance received and reviewed a copy of the budget.

Spring Show: No report.

Fall Show: Cathy Rubens reported that the volunteers were wonderful and thanked them again for their services. Thank you letters from the judges were read aloud and passed around for members to view. Need volunteers to be Chairs for next year's show (Publicity, Trophies, etc.!) Sign up sheets passed around. And, the Junior's luncheon was well received. Roger Akers reported that we made a \$12,500 profit on the show and approximately \$500.00 on the clinics (vs. \$900 on clinics last year). It was suggested that the figure for clinics may be down due to February clinic offered at DKC.

Agility trial: Coming at the end of this month. Member request for loading trailer Thursday night, Sept 29, at 6:00 pm and unloading at 8:30 am on Friday morning, Sept 30, for trial set-up. Sue Ivey reported Friday and Saturday entries around 300 with offering Time2Beat and Fast classes for all levels on Friday along with Excellent JWW and Standard. Fast class also offered on Saturday with all classes.

Obedience and Rally Trial: December 16th Rally Trial, December 17-18 Obedience Trial. Need ring stewards for all days, please email Sally Ridge. Premium is available.

Obedience classes: Start Tuesday 9/27 and Wednesday 9/28. Novice and Rally still have open spaces.

Agility classes: Rubberized contacts ordered for upcoming trial. Classes started.

Conformation classes: Drop-in class every Thursday at 7pm into 2 rings. New instructor added.

Tracking report: TDX at 10 a.m. on October 23rd at Quail Roost Farm. Volunteers needed.

Seminars: See website for our schedule and flyers are in our lobby.

Membership Report: Terri Toohill tells us you can regain your membership status when you pay your dues.

- **Candidate Members:** Rosemary Abell, Peggy Baucom, Florence Etheridge, Sally Herndon (formerly Malek) and Carl Matyac, Karen Hill, William and Christine Hodder, Pam and Tony King, Barbara and Bob Marotto, Trudy and Eric Soneson.

Other Business:

- DKC's 80th birthday party will be held on October 17th! Logo Vote!!! Dogs are welcome during first part of evening where we will have games night (relay, musical chairs, etc). Holding a pet and owner look-a-like contest, best trick, and a \$10 gift exchange, other contests, and more. Hot dog and hamburger dinner provided by DKC. RSVP to Ann Carter the number of people and dogs attending.
- Fun Match to occur on October 29th! Two handling clinics provided in the morning. Then at 1p.m. holding a breed and mixed breed conformation class. Need kitchen volunteers and other volunteers. Photographer and vendors will be available.
- Discussion regarding rosettes occurred while speaking about the budget and the Fall Show. Discussion will be put to the club and the Board. Suggestion was made that the best practices that members see at other shows and venues should be brought back to the Board members. Then, the DKC can decide what we like, and together, the members and Board can see what we can afford to do.
- Discussion also to try and get younger members involved more with club activities and other members involved with responsibilities of the club.
- Library will be now be operated by Joanne Harrar. Operating hours of the library coming soon.

Jeanne Stringall thanked the Board for the paved end of the driveway where it meets Guess Rd.

Braggs were boasted.

Adjourned at: 9:35pm.

-- Amanda Stipe

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

Jan Gray

Paulette Hicks

Marcia Stedman

Maria Walker

Membership Meetings, 2011-2012

- **September 19, 2011.** Welcome back to the new year!
- **October 17, 2011.** 80th birthday party of the Durham Kennel Club! Also, voting on the new DKC logo.
- **November 21, 2011.** Susan Teer: the history, mission and needs of the Durham APS
- **December 19, 2011.** Holiday party! (no meeting)
- **January 16, 2012.** Mari-Beth O'Neill, AKC: Take the Lead Program
- **February 20, 2012.** No meeting. (Awards Banquet, date TBA)
- **March 19, 2012.**
- **April 16, 2012.**
- **May 21, 2012.** Vote on new DKC officers.

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 Rubens

Librarian

Joanne Harrar

Membership

Terri Toohil

Newsletter

Cathy Wells

Obedience Classes

Sharon Pitz

Obedience Equipment/Yard Sale

Sharon Pitz

Obedience Trial December

Nancy Akers

Obedience Trial July 2012

Jan Gray

Recycling

Denise McDonald

Rentals (building/land)/Show & Go

Dana Pritchett

Social

Jeanne Stringall

Spring Show

Connie Howard, Linda Wozniak

Tail Waggers

Steve Wallis

Tracking

Liz Rende

Mark Your Calendars

October 23, 2011

TDX

Quail Roost Farm

October 29, 2011

All Breed Fun Match

DKC Building, Guess Road

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January 21-22, 2012

Obedience

Betsy Scapicchio &

Linda Brennan

DKC Building, Guess Road

February 25, 2012

Health Clinics

DKC Building, Guess Road



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



Dog Training Club of Durham

All Breed Fun Match

Saturday October 29, 2011

On Site Registration 10:30 am – 12:30pm



Handling Seminars

for Juniors & Adults 11am - 1pm

Judging Begins at 1 pm

Conformation Classes

Puppies (3-6, 6-9 and 9-12 months)

Adults (not broken by sex)

Groups for each of these classes

And just for fun, Mixed Breeds too!

Junior Showmanship

Canine Costume Class

Professional Photographer Available

Concessions, Bait and Vendors will be onsite all day

Pawtastic Pet Supplies will be on site. Supplies that are pre-ordered at www.pawtasticpet.com will be delivered to the match. Use coupon code SAVENOW and get 5% off your order also.

Entries are \$5.00 each

Match will be held *rain or shine*, most rings indoors at the DKC Building

Be sure your dog has had all its recommended vaccinations

LOCATION / DIRECTIONS

7318 Guess Road in northern Durham County, 8.3 miles from I-85

- From I-85 North or South, exit onto Guess Rd (NC 157) North
- If coming north on I-85 turn left at light onto Guess Rd
- if coming south on I-85 turn right on Guess Rd
- Proceed North for 8.5 miles
- Turn right at the Durham Kennel Club sign and proceed to end of driveway

For more information contact Dee Wallis: 919-782-2558 / deewallis@aol.com

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

Conformation Shows

Owner's Name	Dog's Call Name	Breed	Date	Show	Class	Place	Highest Win	Special Merit
Tina Gay	Breeze	Dalmatian	9/3/11	Durham Kennel Club	Open	WB	4 pt Major	New Champion!

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									
Sharon Pitz	Electra	Golden Retriever	9/25/11	GRCA National	Open Std	100	2	2nd	
Sharon Pitz	Electra	Golden Retriever	10/2/11	DKC	Open Std	100	3	1st	OA !
Sharon Pitz	Electra	Golden Retriever	10/2/11	DKC	Open JWW	100	2	2nd	
OBEDIENCE									
Gillian Goodacre	Hannah	Std Schnauzer	9/17/11	Lynchburg DTC	Open A	195	3	1st	CDX! (Highest scoring dog from the Working Group)
Gillian Goodacre	Jack	Std Schnauzer	9/17/11	Lynchburg DTC	Nov B	190.5	1	3rd	
Gillian Goodacre	Jack	Std Schnauzer	9/18/11	Lynchburg DTC	Nov B	187.5	2	3rd	
RALLY									
Beth and Rich Johnston	Ernest	Std Poodle	Sept 2011	Raleigh NC	Nov B	98 96 93	all 3 one weekend	1st; 2nd; Q	RN!
Yvonne Millspaugh	Louie	Poodle Std	9/2/11	Alamance Kennel Club	Adv B	98	1		
Yvonne Millspaugh	Louie	Poodle Std	9/4/11	Raleigh Kennel club	Adv B	85	2		
Yvonne Millspaugh	Louie	Poodle Std	9/5/11	Cary Kennel Club	Adv B	99	3		RA!

I apologize for any misinterpretations and inaccuracies in these reports, and will fix them if you let me know. The best way to report your show wins is through the on-line form available on the DKC website: <http://durhamkennelclub.com/newsletter/news1.html>. That way, you are in charge of the information. You may also email them to me at: msmillerunc@gmail.com.