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# Durham Kennel Club Newsletter

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# **K9 Nose Work**

Discover K9 Nose Work, the latest training activity that develops your dog's natural scenting abilities through fun and games. The sport leverages every dog's amazing sense of smell and their love of performing a task. Geared for dogs of all shapes, sizes and ages-K9 Nose Work has found enthusiastic participants seeking a lower impact canine activity that offers great rewards for both handlers and their dogs. By utilizing basic search dog skills, the sport builds confidence, burns off mental and physical energy, and reinforces the bond between dog and owner. All levels of performance reap these benefits and are welcome.

K9 Nose Work is the specific sport created and sanctioned by the National Association of Canine Scent Work (NACSW). This sport was inspired by the training methodology of detection K9s and borrows elements of that training for recreation. The terms nose work, fun nose work, scent work, search work are all commonly used references to describe any activity where the dog is using its nose to locate a target scent or odor. K9 Nose Work is the term that defines this detection inspired sport that has evolved from the pursuit of many dogs (with their handlers) to practice nose work and have fun.

One of the many challenges faced by working K9s and their handlers is encountering new environments and scenarios daily. This challenge will be reflected in the sport through differing search environments and requirements of each trial location.

Therefore the general rules and guidelines will apply, but handlers and dogs may encounter point-scoring variations at each trial.

Trials may be held for the purpose of competition, titling, or both. Only NACSW sanctioned trials, however, may award the official work titles and certificates. Additionally, the prerequisite Odor Recognition Testing must be awarded by a NACSW certifying official.

For more information, check out the official website at http://www.funnosework.com. On that site is also a great article published in *The Bark* last year: http://nacsw.net/press.html. There is a video on youtube at: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BycQ 2MA1o\_k&feature=player\_embedded



# **Upcoming Meeting**

The next meeting of the DKC membership will take place on *Monday, November 21, 2011*. Please come 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**: Susan Teer will present the history, mission and needs of the Durham APS.

#### **Sponsors Needed for December Obedience & Rally Trials**

It is that time! We are looking for people to sponsor classes for the December 16-18 Obedience and Rally Trials. Your help ensures that our trials will be a success! Your name will appear in the catalog as the class sponsor. As a result of DKC's generous members all classes have been sponsored for the last two years. We would like to meet that goal again this year!

In addition, we are looking for members to sponsor Novice A Rally handler "Welcome Bags.". If you are interested in sponsoring, providing items, or helping with the Welcome bag, please let Kim Tyndall know.

If you would like to sponsor a breed/group or other specific prize, please let Lisa or Kim know what class, what breed/group and the prize you would like to donate.

The following is a list of classes we are offering:

Rally (Friday Evening Only)

- Rally Novice A
- Rally Novice B
- Rally Advanced A
- Rally Advanced B
- Rally Excellent A
- Rally Excellent B

# **Obedience** (Saturday and Sunday)

- Novice A
- Novice B
- Open A
- Open B: Sponsored by Roger and Nancy Akers each day
- Utility A: Sponsored by Lisa Roberts each day
- Utility B
- Beginner Novice A
- Beginner Novice B
- Graduate Novice
- Graduate Open
- Versatility

Friday Evening Rally Prizes are:

1st: 8" Festive Rope Wreath and Dog Treats 2nd–4th: 5" Festive Rope Wreath and Dog Treats

All other qualifiers: Dog treats or Toy

Saturday Obedience Prizes for classes are: 1st: Flexi leash & light set; dog treats; dog toy

2nd-4th: Dog treats; dog toy

All other qualifiers: Dog treats or toy

Sunday Obedience Prizes for classes are:

1st: No spill water travel bowl; dog treats; dog toy

2nd-4th: Dog treats; dog toy

All other qualifiers: Dog treats or toy

HIT - 50.00 HC - 40.00 Each Day

Cost to sponsor a class is 35.00 per class per day. This includes all placement prizes and rosettes or ribbons.

To sponsor an Obedience Trial class please contact Lisa Roberts at wonderdogs@earthlink.net

To sponsor a Rally Trial class please contact Kim Tyndall at kktyndall@cs.com

#### WE NEED ALL SPONSORS BY THURSDAY DECEMBER 1!

Payment should be made no later than December 1, 2011, with checks payable to Durham Kennel Club. Mail obedience and rally trial sponsor checks to Nancy Akers, 9501 Rougemont Rd, Bahama NC 27503. Please note on your check that it is for the December Obedience Trial class sponsorship.

We appreciate your support!

-- Lisa Roberts and Kim Tyndall

#### **New Logo for the DKC**

As you can see, the DKC has a new logo! Congratulations to *Brittany Vogel*, daughter of club member Brenda Vogel. Brittany graduated from Savannah College of Art and Design with a BFA in Advertising Design, and is currently working as a freelance designer in Savannah, Georgia. She has this to say about the design: "I can say that our family pets--Dancer, Bates,

and Apollo-- definitely inspired the design of the logo. I don't have a dog myself, but I miss the dogs at home a lot. While I was away I drew up some sketches for the logo, all the while thinking about Dancer, Bates, and Apollo."



-- The Fundraising Committee

### **AKC Group Realignment**

The proposal from the Group realignment Committee, which was accepted and approved by the AKC Board in November, is posted on the home page of the public AKC web site. It includes their recommendations for the assignment of breeds to groups, the AKC's tentative plan to provide judges for the new groups, and an FAQ on realignment. The rule changes necessary to go from 7 to 11 groups will be read in December for a vote at the March 2012 meeting. If approved by the Delegates, the changes would not go into effect before 2015.

--Linda Wozniak, AKC Delegate

# **Learning/Training Opportunities**

#### **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

March 3-4, 2012 Debbie Gross Saunders Get on the Ball

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

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 miniseminars 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

# **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

### **New Obedience and Rally Trial**

We will be adding a new obedience and rally trial to DKC's events in 2012. It will be July 14-15, 2012, at NetSports, pending AKC approval. We will be using much more of the building, and there will be no games. There will be a few of the classes for small kids Saturday morning, like they had during the show-n-go we held there in 2010. Most of the negative issues we had with the trial there in December will be eliminated by having the trial in July. We will continue with the December trial at our own building.

-- Jan Gray

# **DKC Meeting Minutes: October 17, 2011**

There was no formal meeting in October; instead, we celebrated the 80th birthday of the DKC! Thanks to Ann Carter for organizing the fun party. One official function that was held was voting for the new logo, which is now in effect.

George Beglane took pictures and put them on-line:

http://www.durhamkennelclub.com/photoalbum/DKC80thbirthday/dkc80thbirthday/dkc80thbirthday.html

#### Pumpkin or Squash Soup 6-8 servings

A variation of this soup was a "hit" at the recent match. Quite a few people asked for the recipe.

- 1 T butter
- 1/4 C chopped onions
- 2 medium leeks, white part only, thinly sliced
- 2 C cooked pumpkin puree or unsweetened canned pumpkin (NOT pie filling)
- Chicken or vegetable stock (1 qt.?)
- salt/pepper
- about 1 tsp. fresh curry
- 1 small package cream cheese (room temperature)
- 2 C heavy or whipping cream (approximate amount)

If you want to prepare your own pumpkin (or any of the winter squash, such as Butternut or Hubbard), wash well on the outside, scrape the seeds and coarse pulp out, cut up into large pieces. To steam the pumpkin, place in a large soup kettle with about 2 in. of water. Bring to a boil and steam until soft. Try to keep the squash out of the water. Another method is to wash the pumpkin, poke holes all over it and bake in the oven (put a piece of foil under to it catch drippings) until soft. 250-300 degrees F. should do it. Cool and pull out the seeds and pulp.

Once the pumpkin is cool and the rind is removed, puree the pulp in a sieve, Foley mill, or food processor until the lumps are removed. In a small pan melt the butter and cook onions and leek, covered, until they are translucent and soft (10 min.?). Cool the mixture and put it through a sieve (spoon or spatula works fine), Foley mill, or food processor. Add this mixture to the pumpkin puree. Cool and refrigerate if you are doing this in advance.

To put the soup together (this takes perhaps an hour): In a large saucepan, add salt, pepper, and curry to taste to pumpkin/ onion mixture puree. Mix well. Begin heating on medium heat, stirring often. Add enough chicken or vegetable stock so that it becomes a kind of thick soup. In a medium bowl, beat the cream cheese with spatula or wire whip until it is a little soft. Add about 1 cup of the warmed pumpkin pulp to the cream cheese and beat well to blend thoroughly. Try to eliminate little "bumps" of cream cheese. Add this to the soup and continue to stir and heat. When it is quite hot, but not boiling, begin adding the cream, reducing the heat so that it never boils. Add enough cream so that that is soup, not "puree," but also isn't watery. Much depends on how much liquid is in the pumpkin itself, so you'll have to judge when it is right. Heat the soup thoroughly and serve.

I basically made it up as I went along, but based it on several recipes that I found online and in Bernard Clayton's *Complete Book of Soups and Stews*.

#### --Lois Schultz

#### 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. Awards Banquet
- March 19, 2012.
- April 16, 2012.
- May 21, 2012. Vote on new DKC officers.



The proud graduates of the Fall 2011 Senior Puppy class!

#### **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

#### **Mark Your Calendars**

December 16-18, 2011 **Obedience/Rally Trials**DKC Building, Guess Road

January 21-22, 2012

Betsy Scapicchio & Linda Brennan

DKC Building, Guess Road

February 25, 2012

**Health Clinics** 

DKC Building, Guess Road

March 3-4, 2012

**Debbie Gross Saunders** 

DKC Building, Guess Road

July 7-8, 2012

Denise Fenzi

DKC Building, Guess Road

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

# **Holiday Party**

Our annual Holiday Party will take place on *Monday, December 19, at 7:00pm*. This is the one time we ask that you do not bring your dog, and instead bring dog or cat food, supplies (towels, cotton balls, toys which need not be new but in good condition), leashes and collars your pets no longer need, etc., for the APS.

It's party food time! Please bring heavy hors d'oeuvres to share (and your own serving dish and utensils). The DKC does not provide alcohol, but will offer other beverages; if anyone wants something else, you are welcome to bring your own.

[REMINDER: This takes the place of the December meeting.]

Fellow Club Members,

I am in the process of trying to form a Nominating Committee. The By-laws require that we form this committee to select the people who will fill Durham Kennel Club officer and board member positions. The recording secretary, corresponding secretary, AKC delegate officers, and two board member positions are up for election for the year 2012. If you would like to serve or chair this committee please contact me.

--George Beglane

#### **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/Recycling

Denise McDonald

Membership

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**Obedience Classes** 

Sharon Pitz

**Obedience Equipment/Yard Sale** 

Sharon Pitz

**Obedience Trial December** 

Nancy Akers

**Obedience Trial July 2012** 

Jan Gray

Rentals (building/land)/Show & Go

Dana Pritchett

Social

Jeanne Stringall

**Spring Show** 

Connie Howard, Linda Wozniak

**Tail Waggers** 

Steve Wallis

Tracking

Liz Rende

