



DKC Newsletter
September - 2019 Durham Kennel Club
Member Meeting 9/16/2019

6:30 PM Potluck Dinner - 7:30 Membership Meeting

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DKC - News

Meeting Agenda

- Call to Order:
 - Approval of the minutes from the August 19, 2019 member meeting as published
 - Report of the President:
 - Report of the Recording Secretary:
 - Report of the Corresponding Secretary:
 - Report of the Treasurer:
 - Report of the AKC Delegate:
 - Reports of the Committees:
 - Report New Members: Terri Toohil
 - Unfinished Business:
 - 2020 Budget Review: – Jodi LaBombard
 - Gravel and grading update - Lisa Roberts
 - Group Management Strategy, Progress Update -Thomas Wrath
 - 3- & 5-Years Planning Committee, Progress Update - Nancy Akers
 - Pumphouse construction update – Thomas Wrath
 - New Business:
 - Brags
 - Adjournment
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From the President

We are very excited to let you know that we have filled several committee chair appointments at our last DKC Board meeting held yesterday. Ann Carter has agreed to serve as DKC Health Clinic, Co-chair with Judy Wagaman. This dynamic team will build on the success that we had at our DKC Health Clinic last week. Judy Wagaman was also appointed as our new Program Chair. We are very blessed to have Judy as a member of our club and her professional background will be a definite asset in her new role. We are all looking forward to participating in the club's programs moving forward.

Rose Ann Wallace was also appointed as our new Cheer Chair. Rose Ann will be providing our members with a valuable service by well wishes and support to our members. We need the memberships to help here. If you become aware of a DKC member that is recovering from an illness, surgery recovery or loss of a loved one. Please, bring this to Rose Ann's attention so we can send them a card and offer support.

The DKC Board of Directors is absolutely thrilled with the progress with our new Scent Works Group and the outstanding leadership of Mira Jones. This team is off to a fantastic start and I'm very pleased how this team has embraced our group management strategy and their commitment to building a first-class Scent Work Program. The DKC Board of Directors has approved the following committee chairs that are part of the Scent Work Group.

Scent Work Committee Chairs:

Training and Classes Chair - George Beglane

Sniff and Go Chair - Helen Sanderford

February Trial Chair - Trish Koontz

April Trial Chair - Laura Boyce

I also want to take this opportunity to personally thank each and everyone for agreeing to serve these critical roles. I'm very confident that they will all do an excellent job.

Best regards, Thomas Wrath - President, Durham Kennel Club - 919-943-1627 - gotallyho@gmail.com



Regarding Building Access Privileges from Emilie Beglane

I have been notified that on multiple occasions recently club members have come to the building and found that it was not properly secured by a previous user.

- The equipment closet has been left open.
- Side doors have not been locked. (You have to slide the latch in addition to closing the door.)
- The alarm system has not been enabled.

These omissions, in addition to leaving the building open to theft, can create a very unsafe situation for the next person coming out to the building alone.

PLEASE follow ALL procedures for securing the building when leaving. This means securer ALL doors EVEN IF YOU THINK YOU ARE COMING BACK IN A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME and even if you don't think you used side or back doors.

[Please click here](#) to see the procedures for opening and closing the building, and these instructions are also posted in various locations in the building.

Proposed New Members

Candidate Membership

- Robin Broughton; Raleigh, NC; Labrador Retriever; Participates in Obedience; Learned about the club by going to an obedience trial; Seeking membership as an opportunity to be part of quality classes and trials and to connect with the dog community.
- Kathryn and Dr. Patrick McLaren; Mount Olive, NC; Golden Retriever; Learned about the club in an online search and through Connie Cleveland; Seeking membership for dog training.

Full Membership

- Thomas Savarese; Cary, NC; Austrian Shepherd, Border Collie; Has requirements; Sponsors: Nancy and Roger Akers.
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Classes at DKC

Obedience/Rally Classes

We still have openings in these classes:

- Beginner Novice - starts Tuesday Sept 10 - 1:00
- Intro to Scent Work - starts Tuesday Oct 15 - 2:00
- Puppy - starts Tuesday Sept 10 - 4:00
- Rally Novice - starts Wednesday Sept 11 - 6:15
- Novice CD - STARTS WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 18 - 7:30
- Rally Excellent/Master has been cancelled

From DKC Member: Kirk Ridge ksridge@earthlink.net

Call for Volunteers

Volunteers Needed

Rally Show & Go September 21

Rally volunteers are needed for the Saturday afternoon 09/21/2019 Show & Go being held at the DKC building. Exact arrival times will be sent one week before the event, but it will be approximately noon.

Volunteers needed for the following positions:

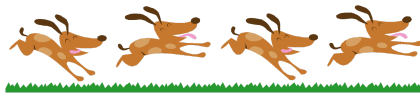
Registration table

Novice/Int./Advanced ring- gate steward

Novice/Int./Advanced ring- ring steward

Novice/Int./Advanced ring- relief steward

Excel./Master ring- gate steward



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Remember that this counts as a DKC service and each volunteer is able to get a couple of Rally runs for free. Additional runs will be \$5.00 each.

If you do not have any experience, you will be paired with someone who has volunteered for Rally in the past.

This will be a perfect time to practice and fine-tune before the up-coming trials.

Please contact me at Hunter07292002@yahoo.com
919-479-8479 if you have any questions.

From DKC Member: Jeanne Stringall Hunter07292002@yahoo.com

Agility Show N Go - Sept 21

[Check the volunteer schedule and sign up to help here.](#)

Thank you to our volunteers

Volunteers at the DKC Fall TarHeel Conformation Show

A successful show is the result of the hard work of many, many volunteers. This Saturday, DKC held its 136th All Breed Dog Show with an entry of 1069 dogs. Club members put in a long day at the NC State Fairgrounds from before the National Anthem to after the English Foxhound went Best in Show.

Bob Wisniewski and Floranne Etheridge left home long before sunup. Bob met judges at the host hotel and transported them to the Fairgrounds; Floranne was there to make sure that judges' hospitality was set up for coffee and ringside.



The catalog and trophy table was manned by Mary Cain-Murphy, Judy Biasella, Patty Thomas, and Rose Mary and Bob Pries.

Tables at the gate collecting entrance fees, were manned by Bob Wisniewski, Lori Grove, Marcia Pines, Hayley Young Roy, Martha Ann Traylor, Linda Hobbett, Becky Harrison, Dale Wisniewski, Patrick and Christie Murphy, and Jimmy and Cathy Stutts.

Floranne Etheridge and Mary Oppermann prepared, set up, served, and cleaned up the yummy judges' luncheon.

Donna Goldstein again coordinated a wonderful Junior Showmanship program including trophies, a handling clinic conducted by the AKC Professional Handlers' Association, a suit swap, and a luncheon Q&A with the NCSU Veterinary Students attending the event as part of the AKC Veterinary Outreach Program.

Boo Donoho judged the American Chesapeake Retriever Club sweepstakes entry; Shelley Miller judged the 4-6 Month Puppy Competition, NOHS Sporting Group, and NOHS Best in Show.

At the end of the long day, Bob Wisniewski drove judges back to the host hotel while Donna Goldstein, Lynn Reagan-Hull, and Joyce McHenry helped Shelley Miller and me load up the remnants of the show for transport back to the DKC building.

Connie Howard, Shelley Miller, and I extend our sincere thanks to everyone who helped out on Saturday; the event wouldn't have been such a success without you all.

From DKC Member: Linda Wozniak oswicks@att.net

Volunteers at the 2019 Health Clinic

The 2019 Health Clinic is officially behind us. I am so grateful for everyone's support and encouragement as I assumed the event chair position for the first time. My last 6-plus months have been filled with an overwhelming list of details, to-do's, emails and spreadsheets. It is very important to me that I acknowledge the many people who contributed toward the success of this annual event.

The team of cheerleaders standing along side me - every step of the way - include: Thomas Wrath, Nancy Akers, Jodi LaLombard, Linda Wozniak and Anne Truesdale. I am profoundly grateful for their endless efforts and guidance.

We are so blessed to be served locally by a committed group of veterinary healthcare professionals who are the foundation of our clinics. Thank you to Dr. Kathleen Brown, Dr. Michael Cocchiario, Dr. Brian Gilger, Dr. Susanne Hughes, Dr. Freya Mowat and



Stacey Hathaway, RVT for providing their expertise and support to the many owners/handlers, and their dogs, participating in our clinic.

It takes a village of volunteers to successfully undertake and deliver an event of this size and scope. My sincere thanks to the following folks who shared all or part of their Saturday to work the health clinic:

Anne Truesdale, Ann Carter, Nancy Akers, Roger Akers, Cathie Fogel, RoseAnne Wallace, Barbara Blaisdell, Anne Fitzgibbons, Gail Kanas, Tom Kanas, Michele Wrath, Laura Anne Welch, Dee Wallis, Lulu Mullaney, Kellie Page, Cindy Singleton, Pam Robbins, Adele Monroe, Paula Botkin, Wanda Wise, Dorene McCune, Beth Johnston, Lisa Roberts, Patty McEwen, Beth White, Kittie Deemer, Liz Peters, Paisley Lunchick, Susan Morrison, Jarrett Paul Morrison, Donna Lawlor and Chris Gibbons.

**Note: I am very sorry if I have overlooked the acknowledgement of anyone who may have assisted or volunteered their time.

Health Clinic Summary:

- 29 Echocardiograms
 - 11 BAER Tests
 - 8 Microchip Implants
 - 6 Dentition Evaluations
 - 27 Patellar Evaluations
 - 31 Auscultation Evaluations
 - 93 OFA Eye Examinations
 - 16 Blood Draws
- (*approximate numbers)

And in closing, thank you to the Durham Kennel Club for it's commitment to the health and well-being of our canine companions, to the future generations of quality breeding, performance sports and the sheer joy of all dogs!

Stay tuned for updates and announcements related to our 2020 Health Clinics.

Gratefully Yours, Judy Wagaman



Volunteers at the DKC August Obedience Trial

The DKC August obedience trial came off without a hitch, thanks to all the volunteers that gave their time and talents to make it all happen:

- Lisa Roberts and her wonderful prizes,
- Cathy and Scott Wells and their unbelievably delicious food,
- Sally Ridge and the FANTASTIC stewards she recruited and beautiful boards for running order,
- Tracy Fletcher for all that secretarial work pretrial and
- Thomas Wrath working as onsite secretary
- Many thanks for setup team:
- Vicky Gillow, Cathy Wells, Lisa Roberts, Thomas Wrath, Roger Akers
- Linda Wozniak for hiring those wonderful judges.
- The trial had a warm, supportive atmosphere. The stewards were “johnny on the spot” and fun! Thanks to:
- Emmy Wolters for tabling (again!) on Friday morning
- Norma Williams who stewarded all morning!
- Roger Akers who stewarded and did everything all weekend!
- Helen Sanderford who did table all the 2nd trial on Friday
- Dale Wisniewski and Kathleen Down who patiently stewarded the whole 2nd trial on Friday
- Brona Hicks who tabled the whole day on Saturday
- Cathy Whitaker, Pam Robbins, Sharon Pitz, Martha Traylor, and Debbie McClellan who were excellent and welcoming stewards on Saturday.
- And a special thanks to Ann Standon who stepped in to help our less experienced stewards
- Jodi LaBombard for tabling all day Sunday and stepping in and helping the whole time!
- George and Emilie Beglane, Donna and Chip Lawler for being right there when we needed you
- And a special thanks to Laura Boyce who stewarded and also stepped in to train and help!
- For breakdown and cleanup Colleen and Nelson made a special trip to help
- Diane Devine helped with breakdown and took the judge to the airport (saved me the trip!)
- Lisa Roberts, Thomas Wrath, Cathy Wells, Sally Ridge and Roger for hanging in there and getting the building put back together!

As you can see, it takes a village!

Many, many thanks, Nancy Akers - nakers56@gmail.com



Coming up - Show and Go's

Agility Show N Go - September 21

We'll be sponsoring an agility Show N Go on September 21st (the weekend before our trials). If you're entered in our trials, it'll be a great opportunity to get some extra practice in before the trials. If you're not ready to trial, this is an excellent opportunity to see how your dog performs in a more trial-like environment than you might get in class.

Toys, food, and targets will be allowed in the rings.

See the attached flyer, and the info here http://www.durhamkennelclub.com/agility/show_go.html, and if you still have questions, let me know.

We will need some help, please sign up here to help, https://docs.google.com/document/d/16yxuyYjhXarXqXmpBbxiTrh4_4BMdG47DVVZim3G_T8/edit. This counts as a club service, and each volunteer will get 2 free runs.

Hope to see you there.

Tracy funshelties@gmail.com

Scent Work Sniff & Go - October 3, 2019

Date: October 3, 2019

Time: 4:00pm to 7:00pm

Location: Roger & Nancy Akers

9501 Rougemont Rd

Bahama NC 27503

Searches: Interior & Exterior

Levels: Novice , Advanced & Excellent

\$5 per run per element

[Register & Pay online »](#)



AKC News - Linda C Wozniak

AKC Delegates Update - August 2019

THESE NOTES ARE FOR CLUB MEMBERS ONLY — PLEASE DO NOT DISTRIBUTE OR POST IN TOTAL OR PART TO SOCIAL MEDIA

The **AKC Canine College** completed seven courses and exams and gathered more than 3,000 assets for courses that will be developed through 2020. Public Education launched one new successful program, while continuously growing longstanding programs and providing additional resources to Clubs. In Quarter 2, Canine College is currently working on six special projects, including courses on Conformation for Beginners, Safe Handling and Scent Work.

Public Education • In Quarter 1, AKC Public Education continued to grow existing programs. 11 Clubs completed the AKC Patch Program in Quarter 2. • 81 Canine Ambassadors were added to our registry, bringing the total number to 187. A video was created to advertise the AKC Canine Ambassador program to Clubs and the public. • An advanced version of AKC Canine Clubs launched in Quarter 2. AKC Canine ClubsCommunity Dogs is a collaboration between AKC Public Education and Princeton University student Camden Olson. This club is for students in grades 6-12 and focuses on teaching children about dog training and behavior. Camden's research found that children that engage in this program experience a significant improvement in executive functioning skills, allowing for improved academic performance and behavior. • AKC Public Education now maintains three Facebook groups. Learn about Dogs with AKC Education is marketed towards Club members and the general dog owning public. The purpose of this group is to share about our programs, encourage discussion and to share information that is of interest to dog owners. • Facebook groups are also available for Public Education Coordinators and Canine Ambassadors, providing support and resources for each. We currently have 418 members across all three groups.

AKC Education Webinar Series continues to serve our club members. Three webinars were aired through the AKC Education Webinar Series. These webinars served 330 club members and garnered an average rating of 4.4 out of 5. In Quarter 2, the following three webinars aired. • Archiving • Juniors • Digital Marketing 101

The 7th annual **Canines at the Capitol event in Raleigh, North Carolina**, on April 10 featured educational and policy information and the opportunity for legislators and staff to meet a dozen different dogs, watch trick dog and agility demos on the lawn of the state legislature. The annual event has continuously been one of the most popular events at the NC state legislature.



The Board approved a recommendation to allow the **Westminster Kennel Club to hold a Special Event Obedience Trial** on a one-time pilot basis in conjunction with their February 2020 show. The continuance of this type of obedience trial will be assessed as a regulation change for all clubs following the Westminster trial. This is a one-time exception to the Obedience Regulations

Scottish Terrier Club of America (STCA) requested to have their breed become eligible to earn a Draft Dog (DD) title.

The Board requested that staff obtain the input of drafting breed Parent Clubs regarding non-drafting breeds earning such titles. All clubs were appreciative the AKC sought their input. While the majority of clubs are not opposed to the STCA's request, the two in opposition were passionate and felt strongly about their position. Those opposed strongly believe that the title should only be available for breeds whose function includes drafting. This is consistent with the principal behind Performance Events, which is, the event is best of the dog's ability to perform its function. The request was denied. Scottish Terriers may still compete at drafting events that are open to all breeds but are not eligible to earn an AKC Title.

Hydro Dash - A New Activity Offered by North American Diving Dogs The Board was presented with a memo to inform them that North American Diving Dogs (NADD) will be adding a new activity called Hydro Dash. NADD's announcement about Hydro Dash could be made as early as October. As part of AKC's association with NADD, Hydro Dash will become a new activity in AKC's title recognition program.

1AKC Delegates Notes August 2019

Recommendation was made to expand the eligibility for the **mentored conformation event option to include newly accredited local Specialty clubs and existing licensed local Specialty clubs**, provided the club has significant member experience in various capacities of holding shows. This is part of our ongoing efforts to simplify procedures by minimizing bureaucracy in numerous areas.

With mentored events, points and titles can be earned. An AKC Field Rep or AKC designated official from a mentoring club will be available to assist the club in planning and conducting the event. A report including details of the mentored event is submitted to Club Relations. If the results are acceptable, clubs are officially licensed to hold that type of competition. For an existing licensed specialty club which, at this time does not hold conformation but does hold AKC licensed events to qualify to hold a mentored conformation show, it must have at least 5 club members with extensive experience in the sport. For new local specialty clubs, approximately 50% of club members must have extensive member experience in the sport. This will be discussed further at the October meeting.

Roy Jones Dogs Shows (RJDS) issued a letter to the clubs they currently superintend for, indicating they would work shows only through January 2020. RJDS has been in existence since the early 60's and has served various clubs for decades.

AKC on ESPN In March 2019, AKC broadcasting, as part of its comprehensive programming distribution plan, approached ESPN, the leader in sports televised events, with the intent to interest ESPN in dog action sports organized and authenticated by the AKC. As an outcome to the AKC-led discussions, ESPN will program 6+ hours on Saturday 8/24 to highlight dog programming with featured events from the AKC. AKC will



produce or make available content / programming for 50 % + of the broadcast. The AKC 2019 programming expansion plan was previously approved but did not include the ESPN Dog Day platform as it is an unbudgeted opportunity that has been developed to take advantage of market timing, the interest of a major distribution network and advancement of the 3-year AKCTV plan. The Board approved effective 8/12/2019 the new, unbudgeted investment of \$250,000 in 2019 to produce a minimum of 2 hours of AKC branded programming for distribution/use during AKC on ESPN Dog Day and in future syndication. The programming being produced is additive to the AKCTV content library and provides content for us on all AKC distribution platforms (current and in the future) while creating revenue for the AKC

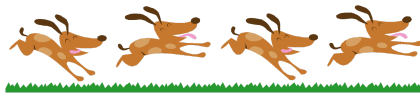
Programming AKC DogCenter airs live on Tuesdays and Fridays at noon from The Museum of the Dog. The show includes updates on the top dogs, feature stories, and AKC news. **Ask the Expert** airs live, every Wednesday at noon. Ask the Expert answers viewers questions live via Facebook and covers topics such as health, training, grooming, and dog sports. **“Meet the Breed” breed documentaries** reinforce AKC as the go-to resource for breed information with entertaining storytelling. 6 new episodes have been released to date so far in 2019. Six (6) of the top 10 most watched videos on demand on AKC.TV are the “AKC Meet the Breed” documentaries. In 2019, AKC.TV will cover 34 live AKC dog events that include, conformation dog shows, national specialties, obedience, agility, and rally trials. AKC.TV is available on many platforms including Amazon Fire, Apple TV, Roku and on the AKC.TV website. In February 2019, mobile apps were launched for Apple IOS and Android. The Alltime platform launched August 1 and the Xumo platform will be available in the Fall of 2019. Roku: 57% increase from Q3 and Q4 2018, Amazon Fire:40% increase from Q3 and Q4 2018 , Apple: 817% increase from Q3 and Q4 2018.

The Board approved amendment to Regulations & Guidelines for AKC Hunting Tests for Retrievers, Chapter 2, to add a new Section 8 to award a dog that has passed the Master Amateur Invitational Hunting Test on three occasions the suffix title of Master Amateur Hunter (MAH). Dogs that qualify more than three times will have their accomplishment recorded by a numeric designation behind the title.

2AKC Delegate’s Notes August 2019

This amendment is effective November 1, 2019. Chapter 2. Section 8. Master Amateur Hunter Title (MAH) New section. The Master Amateur Retriever Club will notify the AKC Performance Events Department when a dog has qualified for the title. The Master Amateur Retriever Club has agreed to pay for the title application fee. Upon verification of the accomplishment, the title will be placed on the dog’s record. The MAH is a suffix title, appearing after the dog’s name. Once the title has been placed on a dog’s record, it will appear on pedigrees and registration certificates.

The Board approved amendment to Chapter 20, Section 5 of the *Obedience Regulations* to change the **eligibility requirements for dogs participating in the Non-Regular Brace class in obedience**, to allow any two dogs of a similar height to be entered as a brace in the class. The change will become effective September 4, 2019. Section 5. Brace Class. The Brace class will be for two dogs (including dogs listed with AKC Canine Partners) of similar height at the withers that are eligible under these regulations and capable of performing the Novice exercises. The dogs need not be owned by the same person but will be handled by one handler. Dogs may be shown unattached or coupled (the coupling device will not be less than 6 inches in overall length). Whichever method is used will be continued throughout all exercises. A separate official



entry form will be completed in full for each dog entered. Exercises, performances and judging will be as in the Novice class. The brace should work in unison at all times. Either or both dogs in a brace may be entered in another class or classes.

Agility – For Exhibition Only Runs & The Fix and Go On Option The Board approved recommendation to (1) allow dogs to run For Exhibition Only in the agility FAST and Time2Beat classes at the option of the host club, and (2) allow handlers, when their dogs perform an obstacle incorrectly, to “Fix and Go On” (immediately reattempt the obstacle) one time per course. “Fix and Go On” will be allowed at all agility trials. No dog will receive a qualifying score if they are running For Exhibition Only or use the Fix and Go On option. These changes will be done on a one-year pilot basis in order to give staff time to evaluate their impact.

The Board to approved four (4) recommendations to **amend the way obedience trial classes are scheduled**, to improve the time it takes to complete judging assignments; reducing the burden of extended days for clubs, judges and exhibitors. 1. If after entries have closed, for the purpose of balancing the judging schedule among the approved judges, the club may elect to change the class assignments to facilitate a smooth running of the trial. 2. If a judge is scheduled to begin a class in an assigned ring that is not going to be available on time, and by waiting for that same ring would otherwise cause the judging to be delayed, allow the class to be moved to any available ring at the trial site that meets the same requirements as the original ring, and noting at the original ring the assignment has been moved to the new location. 3. The *Obedience Regulations* allow clubs the ability to schedule dogs by their jump height and most clubs do arrange entries in jump height order. However, by requiring clubs to do so will allow clubs to combine Regular and Preferred classes for judging; which will save time. Scheduling the dogs in jump height order would allow the club to schedule the Regular and Preferred Open class entries together, and the Regular and Preferred Utility class entries together, allowing one set-up for Open and one set-up for Utility during the day. This will improve the overall time it takes to judge these classes, as the only difference between them is the required jump height for the dog. The classes would be arranged by jump height and class. For example, the schedule would have all dogs in the Open B class jumping 8” followed by Preferred Open 8” dogs, then Open B 12” dogs followed by Preferred Open 12” dogs, and so on. 4. Combine the walkthrough time for classes that require them, when they have similar setups.

AKC Accomplishments

The AKC Staff has been busy working for the betterment of the sport and the advancement of the health and well-being of all dogs. Below is a summary of some of the accomplishments in Q2 and Q3:

[Read more here.](#)



Acceptable Collars and Leashes at Conformation Events

Staff was tasked by the Board of Directors to review the current Board Policy on Training Collars and define what is considered as acceptable collars and leashes at conformation dog shows. It was suggested that a definition be established to provide clarity to AKC's exhibitors, judges and clubs and to prevent confusion between sports as what is considered as acceptable equipment.

Per its request, the following definition of acceptable collars and leashes in conformation, an addendum to the Board's Policy on Training Collars, was presented to the Board at its July 2019 meeting for discussion, and subsequently adopted at its August 2019 meeting. **It is effective immediately.**

All dogs must be presented on an acceptable collar and lead when competing at conformation dog shows. An acceptable collar and lead is defined as a single lead and collar combination utilized for the presentation of the dog. Examples of acceptable collars and leads include: slip collar plus lead (loop or snap), slide lead (i.e. resco), swivel lead, martingale (one piece), and martingale collar plus lead.

Special training devices and/or devices used to mask deficiencies in training, temperament or conformation are not acceptable and not permitted for use at conformation dog shows; examples include collars with prongs, electronic collars, muzzles, harnesses and head collars. The use of multiple acceptable collars or lead and collar combinations simultaneously is considered use of a special training device and therefore is not permitted.

A point of emphasis in establishing the definition of what constitutes "regular neck collars" or "special training collars" was the following statement included in the Training Collars policy adopted in 2001, "...owners should have sufficient control of their dogs to manage them on regular neck collars, without the use of special training collars."

Dogs competing at AKC conformation events are expected to be sufficiently trained. The collar (lead and collar) used during competition is intended as a connector between the dog and handler to assist in presentation, not as a tool to hinder or mask deficiencies in training, temperament or conformation. Just as the use of special training collars is not acceptable, the same applies to the use of multiple acceptable leads/collars at one time where, when used in combination, serve to alter a dog's natural gait.



In addition to being added to the Board Policy on Training Collars posted within the [Board Policy manual](#) on the AKC website; the definition of acceptable collars and leashes at conformation dog shows will be added as part of its next update to the [AKC Show Manual](#) posted on the AKC website and in the addendum section to be added to the [Rules Applying to Dog Shows](#) as of January 1, 2020. It will also be added to the [Rules, Policies and Guidelines for Conformation Dog Show Judges](#) and included in its next reprint.

To be clear, judges are expected to address if they should encounter unacceptable collars or leashes, or multiple leads/collars being used simultaneously at one time either by requiring the exhibitor to switch to a proper lead/collar or if not possible, excusing the entry.

Linda Wozniak oswicks@att.net



From Members and Friends

TSS Obedience Trial

Durham Kennel Club will once again be the venue for the Triangle Shetland Sheepdog ALL BREED obedience Trial on November 9-10, 2019. This is a great one ring trial with loads of space for crating.

The Premium is [here](#).

Kimberly Tyndall kkyndall@cs.com

NCSU College of Veterinary Medicine - Clinical Trial

Canine SARDS

Judy Wagaman submitted the following request:

I had a small request if at all possible? We are trying to recruit normal dogs for a study of canine SARDS (*sudden acquired retinal degeneration syndrome*). **We need 2 healthy purebred miniature schnauzers to enroll :one 7 year old male and one 6-7 year old female.**

The owners will get (free of charge): blood tests, urine testing, eye examination (not a certification for breeding).

Would you be able to circulate our request to your members? Owners have to visit NC State for a single visit, will last about 2 hours.

Link for more information: <https://forms.gle/fgPUFNshiETVn9P86>

Thank you!

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Canine Epilepsy

The Companion Animal Epilepsy Research program at NC State University College of Veterinary Medicine is recruiting for a new clinical trial to determine whether dogs with idiopathic epilepsy have alterations in their gut microbial population. Our study team is looking for households with an epileptic dog and an unaffected dog to compare the bacterial populations within their gastrointestinal tract. Feces will be collected from both dogs to compare their gut microbiome.

[For more information go here.](#)

Scent Work Seminar

Pat Nolan will be presenting a 2-day scent work seminar at Dog Trainers Workshop. As many of you know, Pat is a highly skilled trainer who has vast experience in the area of nose work. On the morning of the first day, he will spend an hour discussing training principles. He will then discuss the steps necessary to train the dogs to compete in AKC Scent Work.

[More information and entry form here.](#)



This is interesting

Velcro Behavior

Why Does My Dog Follow Me Everywhere?

By [Alexandra Anastasio](#)

May 03, 2018 | 3 Minutes



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As dog owners, we love spending quality time with our pups. But there have been days when you might have wondered, “Why does my dog follow me everywhere?” The answer has to do with your dog’s animal instinct and pack mentality. Canine companions that exhibit this type of behavior are often referred to as “Velcro dogs” because of their desire to be attached to your side. “Dogs are pack animals, and we are their pack,” says Sally Morgan, an [author and holistic physical therapist](#) for pets and people.

While the thought of your dog following you everywhere might seem cute and lovable, it can be an indication that something else is going on. According to [Dr. Rachel Barrack](#), a licensed veterinarian certified in both veterinary acupuncture and Chinese herbology with [Animal Acupuncture](#) in New York City, there are scientific reasons behind dogs’ clingy behavior. “Young puppies (anywhere from birth to 6 months of age) can often [imprint](#) on their owners and look to them as they would their mother,” says Dr. Barrack.

Another reason your dog might stay close to your side is positive reinforcement. “If every time you are with your dog, he gets affection or treats, he’s likely to [follow you around] more often,” Dr. Barrack says. If you’re flattered by this true sense of affection, and unknowingly reward your dog for his clingy behavior, you’re sending him a message that it’s welcome.

Because dogs respond to their owners’ behavior, it’s important to examine your relationship with your canine. For example, if your dog [sleeps in your bed](#), you might be creating a dependency and reinforcing his need to be close to you at all times. In households consisting of multiple people, there’s a good chance your dog will become fixated on one person in particular. Sometimes it’s the primary caregiver who provides food and walks or the fun-time human who plays tug of war, a game of catch, or hands out endless amounts of treats.

“Look at it from the dog’s point of view,” says Erin Kramer, a professional certified dog trainer and owner of [Tug Dogs](#) in Northern California. “You might think you’re the cool one, but the person your dog is attached to is the road to everything wonderful and magical. The focus is on that person because of what they give access to.”





As Kramer points out, one of the problematic things about behavior is the many factors that influence it. A dog's life experience before entering your home can play a big part when it comes to being fixated on one person, especially for dogs who have been rescued. What was their life like before they came to live with you? "Those previous experiences have an impact on a dog and can contribute to the lingering fear of abandonment," says Dr. Barrack.

It's not uncommon for certain breeds to over-attach to their owners, particularly dogs in the [working](#) or [herding](#) groups that are bred to work side by side with their humans. "It's a trait that's prized and bred into their genetic history," says Kramer. If your dog is overly attached, it's important to figure out whether this velcro behavior is part of his personality and breeding, or if something more serious is going on. Could these signs be an indication that your dog has [separation anxiety](#)? While they're both associated with not wanting to be away from an owner, there are some distinct yet subtle differences between these two forms of behavior.

The big difference between separation anxiety and being a velcro dog is anxiety itself. While velcro dogs are constantly glued to their owner's hip, dogs with true separation anxiety become anxious and panic when they're away from their owners. In some cases, that fear can cause real damage to the dog both mentally and physically.

While velcro dogs are more susceptible to developing separation anxiety, it doesn't automatically mean they will. But it should serve as a wake-up call to address the behavior before it reaches the point where your dog can not function without you in the picture. "Patience and positive reinforcement over time are important components of all behavioral modifications," says Dr. Barrack.

There are various approaches owners can take to help their dog should he exhibit these traits. The key is to have a dog that loves your attention and being close to you, but is fine when you're not around. "Bonding with your dog is good for you," says Dr. Barrack. "Just make sure that in the process you do not limit their social interactions with other dogs and people. [This socialization will help] prevent anxiety when you are separated." If you're having trouble with your pup's clingy behavior, consider consulting a [professional dog trainer](#).



Canine Good Citizen Milestone

CGC & Me: Celebrating Fiona, the Millionth Dog to Earn Canine Good Citizen Title

By [Miranda Carney](#)

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Courtesy of Nora Pavone



One-and-a-half-year-old Bernese Mountain Dog, Fiona, is the millionth dog to pass her Canine Good Citizen test. Fiona works at a funeral home in Brooklyn, New York.

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The [AKC Canine Good Citizen](#) (CGC) program has been the gold standard of behavior for all dogs — both purebred and mixed breeds — since 1989. Thirty years later, one million dogs have passed their CGC test!

On August 14, 2019, the AKC recognizes the millionth CGC dog — Fiona the [Bernese Mountain Dog](#), owned by Nora Pavone of

Brooklyn, New York.

In honor of the millionth CGC dog, we are launching a monthly article series that highlights the amazing stories of CGC dogs and their owners, starting with Fiona.



Nora Pavone with her Bernese Mountain dog, Fiona.



Preparing Fiona to Work at a Funeral Home

Nora remembers loving Bernese Mountain Dogs since childhood. The breed was at the front of her mind when she began searching for dogs that would be a good fit for a [therapy dog](#) at her family business, Marine Park Funeral Home. That's when she found her breeder — Ada at High Country Kennels in Colorado. Ada helped Nora select the perfect puppy for her needs — Fiona.

Before coming home with Fiona, Nora began to research how to train a therapy dog. Most of her sources recommended starting with the AKC

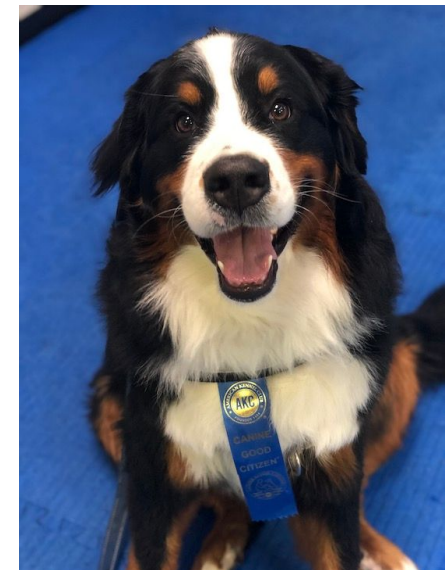
Canine Good Citizen program.

“I navigated to AKC’s website where I learned the program was the ‘gold standard of behavior for dogs in our communities,’” Nora says. “I knew if Fiona was going to be working with families in the Funeral Home, I wanted her held to that same standard.”

Fiona with her Canine Good Citizen ribbon.

The Importance of Fiona’s CGC Training

Nora [started to train Fiona](#) soon after she came home at nine weeks old. Fiona and Nora worked with a trainer to complete puppy fundamentals and basic manners: sit, stay, lay, loose leash walking, hand targets, and a few tricks.





After getting the basics down, Nora started to work with Fiona on training specifically for CGC. “Our biggest challenge was to keep Fiona motivated even when treats weren’t involved,” Nora says. “We decided to take the CGC test after Fiona turned a year old, so we trained for a whole year to make sure she was completely ready.”

For Nora, the most rewarding part of Fiona earning her CGC is the confidence that Fiona is prepared to act professionally when meeting families at the funeral home.

“The biggest change in Fiona since completing the CGC program is her attention to her handler,” Nora says. “She now knows to interact with a family, while also keeping her attention on the handler for any commands that may come her way.”



Fiona comforts children at the Marine Park Funeral Home in Brooklyn, New York.

The Bond of CGC

Nora says CGC has not only made Fiona more confident but Nora feels more confident herself, as well.

“CGC has helped me forge such a strong bond with Fiona,” Nora says. “The faith I have that Fiona will behave in a polite and gentle manner in all settings has allowed me to enjoy her to the fullest. For all those

reasons I would highly recommend the program. Your relationship with your dog will benefit, as will your dog’s relationship with the world.”

Earning Your CGC



If Nora and Fiona inspire you to try to take the [Canine Good Citizen](#) test, you can get started right away by [finding a CGC class and evaluator](#). The Canine Good Citizen program is open to *all* dogs. If you have a special CGC story to share, post a photo with [#ThisisAKC](#) [#CGC](#) [on Instagram](#).

Training mode is a hoax! Want to know why?

If a Dog Trainer Could Only Tell You ONE Thing, It Would Be....



[McCann Dog Training](#)

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Training mode is a hoax! Want to know why?

Think about this for a moment — training mode would be the time you strap on your bait pouch, get out your clicker and set out to train your dog. Okay, so we know that practise makes perfect, which means it is important to set out to train skills that you might not encounter in day-to-day life, but that can't be the only time you teach your dog. What about the rest of the time?





Dogs are Always Learning

Dogs are constantly learning! From the time they are born, they start learning from their environment. They figure where the comfortable spots are, where the heat is and they figure out a good source of food. As they grow and their senses become heightened, they learn from their littermates, from their mother and from their human caregivers. Their brains are fully developed by 7 weeks of age and have an nearly limitless capacity for knowledge. They learn about body language as they grow with their littermates and they learn about rules from their mothers.

Once they're old enough, they head off to their individual homes where they continue to learn. They learn what brings them value and they learn to avoid unpleasant things. Now here is the tricky part, because this is the point that we come in and upset the cart. We want them to fit into our world. A world where they can only chew certain things, where they shouldn't jump up on our guests and where they must come when they are called. So how do they learn all of that if you only teach them during "training mode," what happens the rest of the time? What happens when the doorbell rings unexpectedly and the puppy jumps on your guest? Do you allow it because it's not "training mode time?" No! You need to fix it — and truly, you need to know that EVERY moment is a good moment to train.

Dog Training Time is Only Part of the Equation

Dog training is not enough. It's only one half of the equation. There are two major facets to bringing up a well-mannered dog. The other, equally important thing is management. Management is all about controlling your environment and setting your dog up to have success. We are lucky to have many amazing management tools at our disposal. We can crate our dogs when we are at work or sleeping so that they don't have accidents in the house, or chew the baseboards or furniture. We can keep a leash on them so that when they have "puppy moments," we don't end up having to chase them down to stop them from running off with that pair of socks. Finally, we can use every day moments to reinforce good manners and good behaviour.

So often in classes, people ask us to help them with a problem, but they tend to limit the solution to "training mode time." For example, they want their dogs to come when called. Great! A good recall is really quite easy to teach. The hard part is dealing with distractions and the environment and making it consistently understood for your dog that coming when called is an ALL of the time thing. You can't let them ignore you when you aren't set up to train the recall. They'll only learn that it's optional. You must set up your scenario so that you can have success all of the time. That means limiting freedom and using a leash or long line whenever the dog is out of their crate.



If you want a dog who listens all of the time, you have to create that perfect scenario all of the time. Consider every moment of the day to be training mode time. Take the opportunities you get to reinforce good behaviour and stop bad behaviour. If you're set up for training mode all the time, your dog will learn to consistently listen and follow the rules all of the time.

As always, Happy Training!



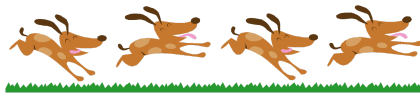
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All American Dog Earns Scent Work Master



**Reba's Fancy Red Heart BN RI FDC CA BCAT ACT2 SWNE SWM SCME SIEE SHDE THDN CGCA CGCU TKI
owned by Barbara Bumcrots of Maumee, OH**



Reba, Barbara's first rescue dog, came from the Golden Retriever Rescue Resource from Toledo, OH. Apparently, her father was a golden, but her mother must have been a Toller. Barbara has always had a "soft spot" for a red colored Golden Retriever and Reba fit the bill and her smaller size was a plus.

When Barbara got Reba she was 8 months old and had already had two homes. They began working together right away, in agility which she had trained her previous dog for. "Reba likes it in class but not as much in a competition setting (no treats!)" said Barbara. Reba began with her over-achieving ways by earning titles in Rally, Obedience, Barn Hunt, Therapy Dog, AKC's Trick Dog Program, Coursing Ability, and Fast CAT. "We have played with some dock diving – we don't compete, but she loves the water and swimming."

"Then I started to dabble in Scent Work," said Barbara. "I found a thing that she excels in." It only took her 13 months to earn her SWM (AKC Scent Work Master Level title). She was the third dog to earn this distinction and the first All American/Canine Partner dog to do so! "She has racked up tons (34) of Scent Work titles to date. We are now working on the Detective class and we just earned our first Q."

Show Reports/Braggs

From Barbara R Grubb

Spright-Rally Obedience Champion (RACH)

Spright, earned his RACH title at the Greater Monroe Kennel Club trials in Concord NC, Aug 9, 2019. (Spright is pictured with his winnings from that weekend.) We started on the journey to his RACH title just 5 mo ago. To earn the RACH title a dog must get 20 triple qualifying scores (a qualifying score in the Advance, Excellent and Masters class at the same show), 300 total points and 150 points in Masters. The number of points earned is based on the dog's score in each class. He earned his title in 20 trials, and along the way he garnered 11 High Point Triple awards (high point in Advanced, Excellent and Masters class) and 17 High Point Combined



awards (high point in Advanced and Excellent). Spright is only the 3rd papillon to earn the RACH title. Presently in AKC rally points for 2019, Spright is the top rated papillon as well as the top rated dog in the Toy group!

We are now working on his UD title and his Grand Champion Bronze in the breed ring. This past weekend (9/1/19) at the Raleigh All Breed show, Spright was awarded Select Dog for a 5 point major by the well known papillon breeder/judge Angela Pickett. I would like to thank all my friends at DKC who have helped me along the way in both conformation and obedience with this little guy. Spright is such an energetic and high drive little guy, he is a joy to show.





Conformation Show Report

9/11/2019

Owner's Name	Dog's Call Name	Breed	Date	Show	Class	Placement	Highest Win	Special Merit
Emmy Wolters	Lexi	Bouvier des Flandres	8/29/19	Fayetteville KC	Best of Breed	OS OHBOB	OH group 2	
Emmy Wolters	Lexi	Bouvier des Flandres	8/30/19	Alamance KC	Best of Breed	OS OHBOB	OH Group 2	
Emmy Wolters	Lexi	Bouvier des Flandres	8/31/19	Durham KC	Best of Breed	BOB OHBOB	OH group 2	3rd OH Grp2 in a row!
Emmy Wolters	Lexi	Bouvier des Flandres	9/1/19	Raleigh KC	Best of Breed	BOB OHBOB	OH group 4	
Emmy Wolters	Lexi	Bouvier des Flandres	9/2/19	Cary KC	Best of Breed	BOB OHBOB	Herding Group 4 AND OH Group 3	
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Performance Show Report

9/11/2019

Owner's Name	Dog's Call Name	Breed	Date	Show	Event	Class	Score	Leg	Place	Titles & Awards
Kathleen Downs	Grayson	Pembroke Welsh Corgi	8/8 -8/9/19	GMKC	Obedience	Beg. Novice	197 & 192 1/2	2 & 3	1st & 1st	Beginner Novice
Kathleen Downs	Grayson	Pembroke Welsh Corgi	8/10 -8/11/19	GMKC	Scent Work	Novice A Containers Interior Exterior		1 2	3-1sts 2nd 3rd 4th	Novice interior Novice Exterior Novice Container
Kathleen Downs	Ellie	Pembroke Welsh Corgi	8/10 -8/11/19	GMKC	Scent Work	Advanced Exterior		1 2 & 3	1st. 2nd. 2nd	Advanced Exterior
Kathleen Downs	Ellie	Pembroke Welsh Corgi	8/3/19	Youngsville Agility Club of NC	Scent Work	Advanced Containers Advanced Interior		2 & 3	1st 2nd 4th	Advanced containers Advanced interior Hi in Trial Novice B
Sharon Pitz	Delilah	Golden Retriever	8/23/19	TGRC	Agility	NP STD 20 inch	100	3	1st	NP STD
Sharon Pitz	Delilah	Golden Retriever	8/24/19	TGRC	Agility	NP JWW	95	1	1 st	



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 - a. Report **Conformation** Show Wins
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3. Enter your information in the fields provided.
4. Click Submit.
5. You will then see a verification page of your posting

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