

The Durham Kennel Club met at the Forest Hills Club House November 9, 1953 at 8:00 p.m. Dr. Douglas Hill presided.

After the minutes of the October meeting were read, Mrs. Hoenig said that she had not agreed to be co-chairman of Advertising for the 1954 Show and the Secretary was instructed to so amend the minutes.

The Treasurer reported receipts of \$10.00 and expenditures of \$105.00 leaving a balance of \$692.77 in the checking account and \$1507.50 in the Building and Loan account. This report was approved.

Mrs. Hoenig said that the Club House Committee had no report to make.

Mr. Sanders said that the Bench Show Committee had no report.

A letter from the American Kennel Club stating that the Durham Kennel Club had been formally accepted into membership was read to the Club.

The program for the meeting was devoted to a discussion of the Durham dog ordinances. It was brought out that Durham has an estimated dog population of 7800 and 1660 dogs had been picked up by the dog catcher in a ten month period. Of these, 80% had been put to sleep because they were unclaimed.

Dr. Vanderbilt suggested that if we were to attempt drastic action about the ownerless dogs of Durham, the problem might be approached by having dog owners confine their dogs for a period of 30 days. In that time all stray dogs could and should be picked up by the dog catcher.

Dr. Epperson stated that 80% to 85% of the local dogs had been innoculated for rabies in 1953. He emphasized the fact that there had been no known cases of rabies in Durham County for two years. As a solution for the stray dog problem in Durham, he suggested that all citizens report strays and stated that a citizens committee to support new and more realistic legislation could be formed.

Dr. Bell read some of the local dog ordinances to the Club. He recommended that the Durham Kennel Club invite a larger membership in an effort to get more immediate support for changing the dog ordinances. He suggested that the present

situation is as good as can be expected until there is more careful consideration and general interest in the matter. He suggested that a committee from the Durham Kennel Club be appointed for this purpose.

Mr. Moore recommended that invitations to the public to join the Durham Kennel Club be posted in the veterinarian's offices. He also suggested that individual invitation cards be given out by the veterinarians. Both of these ideas were well received by the Club.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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