

Minutes of the Durham Kennel Club General Meeting of the Membership October 16 2023 (Approved)

Vice President Rose Mary Pries called the meeting to order at 7:19 pm. There were 46 in attendance, 31 voting members, 12 associate members) and 3 guests. The attendance sheet is attached and considered part of these minutes.

Minutes of the September 18 2023 Membership Meeting were approved as published on a J Traylor/J Stuttts motion.

Vice President Pries welcomed everyone to the meeting. She thanked Sharon Pitz for coordinating the potluck. Ms. Pries apologized for the inability to Zoom the meeting, but assured attendees that the Board was looking into resolution of the internet issues.

The Corresponding Secretary reported that the Club is instituting Canine Flu protocols. The Recording Secretary reminded everyone to please sign the attendance sheet.

Jack Sappenfield, AKC Delegate, reported about the economic impact of dog shows in North Carolina, the Canine Influenza outbreak and the Supreme Court Victory for PETA in North Carolina (see attachments). The next AKC Delegates' meeting will be in December at the AKC National Championship. Mr. Sappenfield reminded members that as a member of the Companion Events Committee he is happy to bring members' concerns or issues before the committee.

The Club's cash position was presented by Ms. Pries in the absence of the Treasurer, details are available upon request.

Carol Rives, Membership Chair, presented applications received from
New Associate Members:

1. Sandra Bailey (Durham) Toy Poodle
2. Jessica Forrester (Durham) Siberian, All American
3. Pamela K Silverman (Pinehurst) English Cocker Spaniel, German Shorthaired Pointer

and Associate Members for Full Membership:

1. Tom Coleman
2. and Tracey Coleman (Durham) Bernese Mountain Dog, Golden Retriever, Brittany

Upon majority vote of members present and voting, the application for full membership was approved. Welcome was extended to all.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

No committee reports were made at the meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

No new report from the Planning Committee.

Jen Stout reported on the state of internet service at the DKC facility. Ms. Stout has contacted several providers and will be putting together a spread sheet of services and costs along with recommendation for the November 2023 Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Pries discussed protocols that will be followed at the DKC building. Floors will be cleaned and sanitized more frequently, grooming tables and ramp will be cleaned prior to and after classes. Members are encouraged not to use community water bowls for their dogs, are reminded to clean any crate before and after use and to leave coughing dogs at home. Supplies for sanitizing are available at the building.

Dr. Abby Lang reported that influenza outbreaks have been prevalent in North Carolina since November 2021 centered around boarding facilities, dog parks and dog shows. Symptoms generally appear two weeks after exposure. Vaccinated dogs may become infected but generally show less dire symptoms. The vaccination was on back order but is now being shipped and veterinarian practices should have a supply. Transmission is respiratory and through fomite exposure. First symptoms are generally a mild cough which can progress to secondary bacterial infections.


Sharon Pitz reported that the Club will be have its annual Holiday Party in lieu of the December membership meeting on December 18 2023 at 7 pm. Members are asked to bring appetizers. hors d'oeuvres, or deserts and to leave their dogs at home. The evening will be a social event and members are welcome to bring their favorite beverage. As in the past, the Club will be collecting items for Durham APS; please bring that evening and leave on the table in the lobby. Wish list is attached.

It is important that we keep the Club calendar updated especially in the case of set up for trials and events being held at the building. Please make sure that the webmaster has the times that the building will be unavailable for members to come and work dogs independently.

Braggs.

There being no additional business to come before the membership, the meeting was adjourned at 8:24pm on a J. Traylor/B Wisniewski motion.

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Linda Wozniak', written over a horizontal line.

Linda Wozniak
Recording Secretary

PLEASE SIGN IN — ONE NAME EACH LINE

INDIVIDUALS IN ATTENDANCE AT THE DURHAM KENNEL CLUB MEMBERSHIP MEETING *October 16 2023*

	VOTING MEMBER		VOTING MEMBER		VOTING MEMBER		ASSOCIATE MEMBER
1	Linda Wozniak	26	Jen Stout	51		1	LORRAINE ALBANOSE
2	Tom Sharon	27	Gail Kanas	52		2	FRANK ALBANOSE
3	Sharon	28	Susan Jones	53		3	Ruth Schalkert
4	Jeff Traylor	29	Arleen Strysak	54		4	Christine Taylor
5	Martha Ann Traylor	30	Joyce McHenry	55		5	Karen Foust
6	Jimmy Stults	31	Barb Dietzsch	56		6	Julia Trimmer
7	Cathy Stults	32	Chris Griffith	67		7	Keith Glidewell
8	Maly Zarogova	33	Margaret	58		8	Baptist Krawiec
9	Bob	34		59		9	Beth Klonowski
10	Dede Wisniewski	35		60		10	Mikayla Castellano
11	Bob Wisniewski	36		61		11	
12	Kate Gulberson	37		62		12	Belen
13	Cynthia	38		63		13	
14	Rosemary Pries	39		64		14	
15	Jan Hoyle	40		65		15	
16	George Beglar	41		66		16	
17	Emilie Beglar	42		67		17	
18	Jack	43		68		18	
19	EMMA LAMBETH	44		69		19	
20	CADON RIVES	45		70		20	
21	Abby Lang	46		71		G	GUESTS
22	Helen Hobbs	47		72		G	Pam Silverman
22	Colleen Hobbs	48		73		G	
24	SUSAN BANKAUF	49		74		G	
25	Roger	50		75		G	

Durham Kennel Club Membership Meeting

10/16/2023

Delegate's Report

- Statistical Update of the AKC Impact in NC Handout
- Agility Dog Attack on Judge
- Canine Influenza
- Supreme Court victory for PETA in NC



AKC IMPACT IN NORTH CAROLINA

The American Kennel Club (AKC) is a not-for-profit organization established in 1884 to promote the study, breeding, exhibiting, and advancement of purebred dogs. Together with our clubs and affiliates, AKC works to advance the health and wellbeing of all dogs, protect the rights of dog owners, and promote responsible dog ownership. We represent more than 5,000 dog clubs nationally, including **148 clubs in the state of North Carolina**.

The AKC sanctions over 22,000 dog events each year, which generate significant economic benefits to local communities in addition to the millions of dollars AKC dog owners in North Carolina spend annually on their dogs.

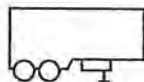
AKC DOG EVENTS IN NC (2022)

854 EVENTS **84,000** PARTICIPANTS

An increase in 13% increase in events in 2021.



2 DISASTER RELIEF TRAILER DONATIONS



AKC Pet Disaster Relief is a lifesaving program in which AKC Reunite® partners with AKC clubs to donate trailers stocked with equipment to help create a safe, temporary shelter for at least 65 pets before, during, and after a disaster is declared. The trailer's crates and generator can be set up as co-location shelters, where owners can evacuate with their pets, as well as emergency animal shelters for displaced animals.



\$2.15 million
ECONOMIC BENEFIT OF
DOG SHOW WEEKEND

Surveys demonstrate that exhibitors at AKC conformation dog shows spend an average of \$982 per show weekend. This means spending by AKC dog show exhibitors for a show weekend could inject more than **\$2.15 million into the local economy**. And because AKC dog shows are an educational and family-friendly event, large spectator gates can generate additional revenues for cities and towns statewide.

AKC REUNITE ADOPT A K-9 COP GRANTS

AKC Reunite® and AKC Clubs work together to fund the purchase of law enforcement K-9s for police departments around the United States.

NORTH CAROLINA POLICE AGENCIES THAT RECEIVED GRANTS



APEX POLICE DEPARTMENT
BUNCOMBE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
CURRITUCK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
FUQUAY-VARINA POLICE DEPARTMENT
PERSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
MOUNT OLIVE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
HILLSBOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT
JACKSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
MAGGIE VALLEY POLICE DEPARTMENT
NASHVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
HALIFAX COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

ROCKY MOUNT POLICE DEPARTMENT
SYLVA POLICE DEPARTMENT
WAYNESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
HERTFORD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
AHOSKIE POLICE DEPARTMENT
VANCE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
WINGATE POLICE DEPARTMENT
BUNCOMBE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

SUPPORTING CANINE HEALTH RESEARCH

The AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF) has invested nearly **\$6.35M in canine health research** at North Carolina institutions state-wide through the support of **92 projects, research grants, and educational studies** to benefit dogs at Duke University, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, North Carolina State University, Canine Comparative Oncology and Genomics Consortium, Inc, and the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences. This research has spanned topics related to general canine health and behavior predictors with assistance dogs, the genetics of oncology and research regarding lymphoma, osteosarcoma and hemangiosarcoma, immunology and infectious disease, cardiology, dermatology and allergic disease, epilepsy, gastrointestinal disease, hepatic disease, kidney and urological disease, lung and respiratory diseases and conditions, musculoskeletal conditions and disease, neurology, ophthalmology, immunology, infectious and tick-borne diseases. There are currently **17 active grants** which comprise projects such as enhanced detection and characterization of a novel tick-borne disease infecting clinically ill dogs, understanding with the gut-brain axis associated with canine idiopathic epilepsy, a longitudinal comparison of development in assistance dog puppies, and the prevalence of bartonella infection in dogs with cardiac and splenic hemangiosarcomas. CHF prioritizes a One Health and comparative medicine research approach to diagnose and treat health conditions that affect both ends of the leash while advancing canine health for all dogs.

\$6.35 M





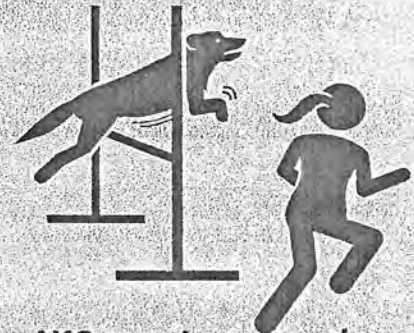
The Economic Benefits of AKC® Dog Events



Potential local economic impact of AKC Dog events is **MORE THAN \$2.15 Million**



Participants spend an average of **\$982 per event** in communities hosting AKC dog events.

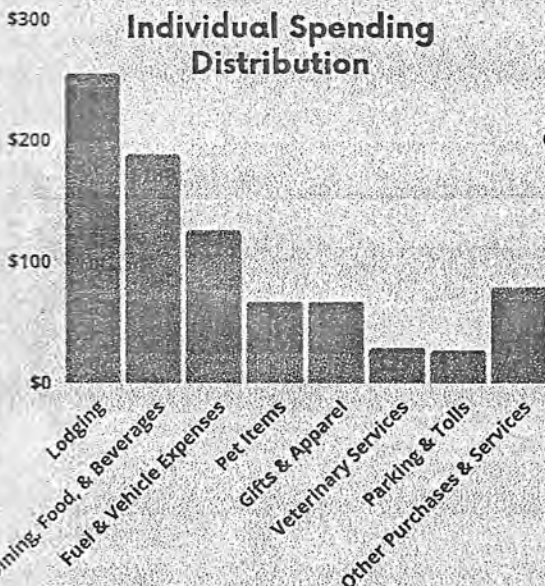


AKC sanctions more than **22,000 events** across the country every year.

Local Spending Per Participants

Surveys demonstrate that exhibitors at AKC conformation dog shows spend an average of **\$982 per show weekend**. This means spending by AKC dog show exhibitors for a show weekend could inject more than **\$2.15 million*** into the local economy. Most participants travel more than 100 miles to get to AKC events and spend at least two to three nights in the community.

The AKC sanctions more than **22,000 events** across the country every year, including dog shows, agility and obedience trials, performance events, and much more.



In addition to participant spending, communities benefit from spending by the event-giving club, which may include:

- Facility Rental, Fees, Permits
- Catering
- Rental Equipment, Tents, Chairs, Tables
- Flowers
- On-site Security, EMT, Veterinarian
- Trophies
- Local Vendors and Concessions
- Advertising



Canine Influenza (Flu)

Information for Dog Owners



Key Facts

Signs of disease can be:

- Mild, e.g. cough, sneeze, ocular (eye) and nose discharge, fever, lack of appetite, occasional vomiting
- Progressive, i.e. begin as mild signs that rapidly worsen
- Severe, such as pneumonia complicated with bacterial infection

Disease can spread rapidly to other dogs, and outbreaks can occur. This is a particular concern for dogs in group settings (e.g. dog shows, boarding, doggie daycare, dog parks) that have increased dog-to-dog contact.

Flu vaccines are available. These can lessen disease severity and reduce virus shedding.

Some strains (types) of flu can be spread to and cause disease in other species including people.

What is it?

Canine influenza is caused by infection with a specific type of influenza virus. Influenza viruses belong to a large group of RNA viruses classified as influenza A, B or C. These virus types are further divided by the numerical strain of the virus surface proteins, hemagglutinin (H) and neuraminidase (N). In North America, canine flu is most commonly caused by Influenza A (virus type) strains H3N8 and H3N2.

Veterinarians most commonly diagnose infection with canine influenza virus (CIV) after the dog's owner notes a sudden onset of cough, sneezing or acting sick (e.g. not eating, drinking, tired, trouble breathing). Canine flu may also be diagnosed after multiple dogs have a sudden onset of these signs after being together in a common area (i.e. outbreak).

Over recent years, dogs in North America have been diagnosed with H3N8 and H3N2 canine flu. There have also been outbreaks of canine flu in specific parts of the United States, where many dogs have become sick.

Influenza viruses receive great attention by healthcare professionals (including veterinarians) due to concern of rapid spread and the chance for animal to human transmission (zoonosis).

Who gets it?

Birds: All influenza A viruses originate in wild birds and waterfowl, e.g. ducks. Some of these viruses are able to infect other animals.

Dogs: In the early 2000s, a change in a horse influenza virus (equine H3N8 strain) in Florida resulted in a novel canine influenza virus (CIV) that was able to be easily transmitted between dogs. This canine influenza virus (H3N8) spread within the North American dog population resulting in numerous disease outbreaks. Other CIV's have been identified since that time, such as H3N2. Rarely, human-to-dog infections with human influenza (e.g. H1N1) have been reported.

Cats (domestic and wild): Cats are susceptible to many avian and human influenza viruses. Infections have included a range of avian (H3N2, H7N2, H5N1), canine (H3N2) and human (H1N1) influenza virus, and a large shelter outbreak with H7N2.



Supreme Court leaves in place court victory for PETA over North Carolina ag-gag law

The Supreme Court has rejected North Carolina's appeal in a dispute with animal rights groups over a law aimed at preventing undercover employees at farms and other workplaces from taking documents or recording video.

WASHINGTON -- The Supreme Court on Monday rejected North Carolina's appeal in a dispute with animal rights groups over a law aimed at preventing undercover employees at farms and other workplaces from taking documents or recording video.

The justices left in place a legal victory for People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals in its challenge to the state law, which was enacted in 2015. PETA has said it had wanted to conduct an undercover investigation at testing laboratories at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill but feared prosecution under the "Property Protection Act."

In a 2-1 decision, the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in February that the law could not be enforced against PETA — and likely others in similar situations — when its undercover work is being performed to conduct newsgathering activities.

"People have a right to know about illegal and unethical conduct. Exposing unsafe or inhumane practices and working conditions is essential to holding powerful bad actors accountable for the harm they cause," David Muraskin, a lawyer with FarmSTAND — representing PETA and other groups that challenged the law, said while praising Monday's decision.

The law is similar to so-called state ag-gag laws — aimed at gagging undercover activists who record footage of the animal agriculture industry — that have been struck down by several courts around the country over free speech concerns. The Supreme Court has so far refused to weigh in.

The majority opinion at the 4th Circuit had narrowed a 2020 ruling by a trial court judge who had struck down four provisions in the law related to the potentially secretive activities.

State lawyers for Attorney General Josh Stein, a defendant in the case along with UNC-Chapel Hill's chancellor, had asked the Supreme Court to take up the matter. So did the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation, which also defended the law in court.

Stein's office had told the justices there were conflicting decisions among circuits "about whether audio-visual recording always constitutes protected speech or whether recording may be unprotected when it takes place on nonpublic property without the property owner's consent."

And the federation's lawyers wrote the results of 4th Circuit's ruling would now potentially leave private property owners "without any civil remedy against invasions by individuals so long as the invaders claim they were attempting to gather news."

Muraskin said Monday that reversing that decision would have had a chilling effect on whistleblowers and undercover investigations of many kinds.

Bring December 19 for Social @ 1.00 PM.

Wish List

Thanks to generous donations, the APS of Durham is able to provide care to thousands of homeless animals every year. Listed below are some of the supplies we use, most on a daily basis. Highlighted in red are items that we use so consistently, we run out of them more often than other supplies. Gift certificates to Petsmart and Staples are always greatly appreciated and allow us to purchase what is most needed at a particular time. Thank you again for your support.

Dogs and Cats:

- ✓ Small bites dry dog food (adult or puppy)
- ✓ Purina One dry kitten food
- ✓ Friskies canned poultry platter
- ✓ Canned dog food
- ✓ Non-clumping cat litter (e.g. Tidy Cat)
- ✓ Blankets/Towels
- ✓ 42" (and larger) plastic crates & metal folding crates
- ✓ Balls, including old tennis balls
- ✓ Rope (tug) and harder rubber toys
- ✓ Peanut butter
- ✓ Rawhide - chips only (e.g. Chewies)
- ✓ Soft dog treats (e.g. Snausages, Beggin Strips)
- ✓ English style slip leads
- ✓ Adjustable snap collars (all sizes)
- ✓ "Easy Walk" Harnesses

Misc. Shelter Supplies:

- ✓ Bleach
- ✓ Disinfectant hand soap
- ✓ Poop scoops (2 piece)
- ✓ Latex cleaning gloves
- ✓ Batteries (D, AA, 9V, C)
- ✓ Landscaping mulch

Office/Staff:

- ✓ Copy paper
- ✓ Pens
- ✓ Highlighters (all colors)
- ✓ Staplers and staples
- ✓ Scotch tape
- ✓ Paperclips
- ✓ Binders (larger sizes)
- ✓ Band-aids
- ✓ Neosporin
- ✓ Plastic cutlery/plates
- ✓ Postage stamps
- ✓ Gatorade
- ✓ Flash Drives

Pocket Pets:

- ✓ Small animal bedding (no cedar)
- ✓ Timothy Hay (bagged)
- ✓ Guinea pig food
- ✓ Finch and parakeet food and treats

Wildlife:

- ✓ Peanut butter
- ✓ Beechnut baby food (chicken only)