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NOTICE OF MEETING

The next meeting of the Delegates will be held at the Doubletree Newark Airport Hotel on **Tuesday, September 10, 2024**. For the sole purpose of conducting the vote for the Delegate Standing Committees, the meeting will be called to order at 9:30 a.m. After those present at that time have voted, the Delegate Meeting will recess to begin the Forum (approximately 1 hour in duration). The Delegate Meeting will reconvene following the conclusion of the Forum at which time anyone who had not yet voted will have the opportunity to do so, then the polls will be closed.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Greeley Kennel Club

DELEGATE CREDENTIALS

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Southern CA

Cynthia J. Weight-Carter, Lakeside, CA,
Miniature American Shepherd Club of the
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NOTICE

As a result of an Event Committee determination the following individual stands suspended of AKC privileges. It should be noted that this determination may still be appealed and may be reversed. Upon expiration of the appeal process, an appropriate notice describing the status of the individual's suspension, if any, will appear in this column:

Ms. Electra Blair (Plainfield, VT)

Ms. Sharon Mayes (Spring Mills, PA)

Mr. Charles Stephen Williams
(Riverview, FL)

NOTICE

Mr. Todd Bomkamp (Barrington, IL).
Action was taken by the Illinois Valley
Kennel Club of Peoria for conduct at its
May 26, 2024 event. Mr. Bomkamp was
charged with personal property damage.

The Staff Event Committee reviewed the Event Committee's report and set the penalty as a six-month suspension of event privileges, imposed a \$750 fine, and ordered restitution to be paid, effective May 27, 2024. (Bull Terrier)

NOTICE

Mr. Kevin Edgerly (Lebanon, CT).
Action was taken by the Baltimore County
Kennel Club for conduct at its April 20,
2024 event. Mr. Edgerly was charged with
inappropriate, abusive, or foul language.
The Staff Event Committee reviewed the
Event Committee's report and set penalty
as a reprimand and imposed a \$100 fine.

NOTICE

Ms. Michelle Edling (The Dales, OR).
Action was taken by the Lewis-Clark
Kennel Club for conduct at its April 21,
2024 event. Ms. Edling was charged with
improper treatment in connection with
an event. The Staff Event Committee
reviewed the Event Committee's report
and set the penalty as a reprimand and
imposed a \$100 fine. (Belgian Tervuren)

NOTICE

Ms. Lauren House (Nevada City, CA).
Action was taken by the Shasta Kennel
Club for conduct at its March 14, 2024
event. Ms. House was charged with
neglect at or in connection with an event



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by individual. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the committee's report and set the penalty at a three-month suspension of all AKC privileges and a \$500 fine, effective March 15, 2024. Ms. House appealed the decision to an AKC Trial Board. The AKC Trial Board denied the appeal but recommended modifying the penalty outside the guidelines established by the AKC Board of Directors. The penalty recommendation required approval by the AKC Board of Directors which was denied.

NOTICE

Ms. Kelsey Kirkpatrick (Huffman, TX). Action was taken by the Dalmatian Organization of Houston for conduct at its June 14, 2024 event. Ms. Kirkpatrick was charged with inappropriate, abusive, or foul language. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the Event Committee's report and set the penalty as a one-month event suspension and imposed a \$500 fine, effective June 29, 2024. (Border Collies)

NOTICE

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended the following individuals for six-months from all AKC privileges and imposed a \$500 fine, for non-compliance with AKC's Care and Conditions Policy (unacceptable conditions, dogs, and/or facility) as well as AKC's record keeping and dog identifica-

tion requirements:

Effective June 11, 2024:

Mr. Leland Koenig (New Rockford, ND) Siberian Huskies, St. Bernards

Mr. Troy Thomas (Wake Forest, NC) German Shepherd Dogs

NOTICE

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Ms. Maria Alejandra Lopez Rios (Hawthorne, NJ) for six-months from all AKC privileges and imposed a \$500 fine for refusal to make her dogs and records available for inspection, effective June 11, 2024. (French Bulldogs)

NOTICE

REPRIMANDS AND FINES

Notification of fines imposed on Superintendents for late publishing of Premium Lists, *Rules Applying To Dog Shows*, Chapter 4, Section 2

Onofrio Dog Shows, LLC..... \$250

Executive Dog Shows..... \$250

Notification of fines imposed for modifying entries after closing, *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*, Chapter 11, Section 6

Onofrio Dog Shows, LLC..... \$300

Notification of fines imposed on a Superintendent for late submission of event records, *Rules Applying to Dog*



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Shows, Chapter 17, Section 2

Executive Dog Shows \$250

Notification of a reprimand imposed on a club for cancelling entries for Conformation show after the entry closed, *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*, Chapter 11, Section 6.

Northern New Jersey German Shepherd Dog Club..... Reprimand

Notification of a fine imposed on a club for cancelling entries for a show after the entry closed, *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*, Chapter 11, Section 6.

Susque-Nango Kennel Club \$200

Spinone Club of America \$400

Notification of fines imposed on a club for late submission of event records, *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*, Chapter 17, Section 2

Dalmatian Club of Northern California..... \$50

..... \$50

Illiana Japanese Chin Club..... \$50

Wisconsin English Springer Spaniel Club.. \$50

..... \$50

German Shepherd Dog Club of Reno.... \$50

Afghan Hound Club of Dallas..... \$100

German Shepherd Dog Club of Beaumont \$100

Duluth Kennel Club \$150

Notification of fines imposed on Performance

Clubs for late submission of results, *Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedure for Beagle Field Trials*, Chapter 8, Section 6.

Rabbits Unlimited of South Carolina.... \$50

West Alabama Beagle Club..... \$50

Southeastern Indiana Beagle Club.... \$100

Silver Creek Beagle Club \$100

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE RULES APPLYING TO DOG SHOWS – CHAPTER 9, SECTION 11 AND CHAPTER 11, SECTION 12

The AKC Board has endorsed the following amendment to **Chapter 9, Section 11** and **Chapter 11, Section 12**, of the *Rules Applying to Dogs Shows*, proposed by the Dog Show Rules Committee. This will be voted on at the September 10, 2024 Delegate Meeting.

CHAPTER 9 SUPERINTENDANTS AND SHOW SECRETARIES SECTION 11.

Previous portions of this section are unchanged.

For the purpose of this section, the employees of a Superintendent would include only those individuals who represent the Superintendent or superintending organization at dog shows.

Dogs owned wholly or in part by a Superintendent, an individual licensed to

superintend events as an employee of the Superintendent, any other employee of the superintendent, any individual with an ownership interest in a superintending organization, or any person residing in the same household as any of the foregoing, shall be ineligible to be entered at any show held thirty days before or after a show which the Superintendent has been approved to manage by The American Kennel Club.

Any person acting in the capacity of Superintendent or Show Secretary must abide by the eligibility requirements described in Chapter 11, Section 12 of these Rules.

CHAPTER 11 DOG SHOW ENTRIES, CONDITIONS OF DOGS AFFECTING ELIGIBILITY SECTION 12.

Any person acting in the capacity of Superintendent or Show Secretary at a show, or any person residing in the same household with the Superintendent or Show Secretary shall not exhibit, act as agent or handler at the show, and dogs owned wholly or in part by him or by any person residing in the same household with him shall be ineligible to be entered at that show. The official veterinarian shall not exhibit, act as agent or handler at the show, and the dogs owned wholly or

in part by him shall not be eligible to be entered at that show.

A Superintendent, an individual licensed to superintend events as an employee of the Superintendent, any other employee of the Superintendent, or any person residing in the same household as any of the foregoing, shall not exhibit or act as agent or handler, at any show held thirty days before or after a show which the Superintendent has been approved to service by The American Kennel Club.

Remaining portions of this section are unchanged.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE RULES APPLYING TO DOG SHOWS – CHAPTER 10, SECTION 2 AND CHAPTER 10, SECTION 5

The AKC Board has endorsed the following amendment to **Chapter 10, Section 2** and **Section 5**, of the *Rules Applying to Dogs Shows*, proposed by the Dog Show Rules Committee. This will be voted on at the September 10, 2024 Delegate Meeting.

CHAPTER 10 SHOW VETERINARIANS SECTION 2.

The Show Veterinarian must be available during show hours to examine any dog that becomes ill or injured at the dog show during show hours or referred by the

Event Committee for examination. It will be the responsibility of the owner or owner's agent to transport the dog to the veterinarian and for any cost associated with the dog's examination, illness, or injury. "On call" veterinarians are not required to be present at the event.

CHAPTER 10

SHOW VETERINARIANS

SECTION 5.

The duties of the Show Veterinarian shall be to:

- (a) Render treatment to dogs in the cases of sickness or injury occurring at the event. The associated expense shall be the responsibility of the owner or owner's agent.
 - (b) Examine dogs at the request of the Event Committee and require removal from competition and the show premises of any dog deemed to endanger the health of said dog or the health of other dogs at the event. If any expenses are incurred in the examination of the dog, it shall be the responsibility of the owner or owner's agent of the dog.
 - (c) Provide written reports of such decisions to the Event Committee and superintendent.
 - (d) Provide written advisory opinions to an Event Committee when requested.
- Show Veterinarians are not to be called to treat dogs with non-emergency conditions or with no apparent contagious symptoms.

Show Veterinarians may request payment from the dog's owner or agent for services rendered.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE RULES APPLYING TO DOG SHOWS – CHAPTER 15, SECTION 1

The AKC Board has endorsed the following amendment to **Chapter 15, Section 1** of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*, proposed by the Dog Show Rules Committee. This will be voted on at the September 10, 2024 Delegate Meeting.

CHAPTER 15

PROTESTS AGAINST DOGS

SECTION 1.

Every exhibitor and handler shall have the right to request a veterinary examination of any dog within a show's premises which is considered to endanger the health of the other dogs in a show. This must be in writing and signed by the person making the request to the event chair, whose duty will be to direct the subject dog's owner or agent to take the dog to the Show Veterinarian if deemed appropriate. Any dog referred by the event chair for examination is excused from further competition at that event or any associated event the same day, the weekend, circuit, or the cluster until the Show Veterinarian examination is completed indicating the dog's presence does not endanger other dogs at

the event. *Malicious complaints will be considered conduct prejudicial to the sport.*

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE FIELD TRIAL RULES AND STANDARD PROCEDURE FOR RETRIEVERS – CHAPTER 14, SECTION 4

The AKC Board has endorsed the following amendment to **Chapter 14, Section 4**, of the *Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedure for Retrievers*, proposed by the Retriever Field Trial Advisory Committee. This will be voted on at the September 10, 2024 Delegate Meeting.

CHAPTER 14 RULES FOR RETRIEVER FIELD TRIALS SECTION 4.

(2nd paragraph)

In all stakes the judges will impose a system of rotation. The objective of the rotation is to spread the burden or benefit of running early equitably among the competing dogs. The Judges shall select the particular system of rotation to be used, and the system selected shall be publicly announced by the Judges and/or Marshal before the commencement of the stake to which the rotation will apply. If any dog, by consequence of the rotation, is designated to run first twice in the same stake, at the same field trial, he should be exempt

from that obligation. In such an instance, said dog will be passed over and the next number in the callbacks shall be first. For example, if #22 had started a previous series and by some chance came up again to be first on a subsequent series in the same stake, at the same field trial, he would be passed over and the next dog in the sequence would be first (#23 or the next number in the callbacks).

PROPOSED GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG STANDARD FOR COMMENT

In accordance with the Guidelines for Breed Standard Revisions this is being published to receive any comments prior to the balloting of the club membership. Any comments may be forwarded directly to:

Mari-Beth O'Neill
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General Appearance: The first impression of a good German Shepherd Dog is that of a strong, agile, well muscled animal, alert and full of life. It is well balanced, with harmonious development of the fore-quarter and hindquarter. The dog is longer than tall, deep-bodied, and presents an outline of smooth curves rather than angles. It looks substantial and not spindly, giving the impression, both at rest and in motion, of muscular fitness and nimbleness without any look of clumsiness or

soft living. The ideal dog is stamped with a look of quality and nobility - difficult to define, but unmistakable when present. Secondary sex characteristics are strongly marked, and every animal gives a definite impression of masculinity or femininity, according to its sex.

Temperament: The breed has a distinct personality marked by direct and fearless, but not hostile, expression, self-confidence and a certain aloofness that does not lend itself to immediate and indiscriminate friendships. The dog must be approachable, quietly standing its ground and showing confidence and willingness to meet overtures without itself making them. It is poised, but when the occasion demands, eager and alert; both fit and willing to serve in its capacity as companion, watchdog, blind leader, herding dog, or guardian, whichever the circumstances may demand. The dog must not be timid, shrinking behind its master or handler; it should not be nervous, looking about or upward with anxious expression or showing nervous reactions, such as tucking of tail, to strange sounds or sights. Lack of confidence under any surroundings is not typical of good character. Any of the above deficiencies in character which indicate shyness must be penalized as very serious faults and any dog exhibiting pronounced indications of these must be excused from

the ring. It must be possible for the judge to observe the teeth and to determine that both testicles are descended. Any dog that attempts to bite the judge must be disqualified. The ideal dog is a working animal with an incorruptible character combined with body and gait suitable for the arduous work that constitutes its primary purpose.

Size, Proportion, Substance: The desired *height* for males at the top of the highest point of the shoulder blade is 24 to 26 inches; and for bitches, 22 to 24 inches. The German Shepherd Dog is longer than tall, with the most desirable *proportion* as 10 to 8½. The length is measured from the point of the prosternum or breastbone to the rear edge of the pelvis, the ischial tuberosity. The desirable long proportion is not derived from a long back, but from overall length with relation to height, which is achieved by length of forequarter and length of withers and hindquarter, viewed from the side.

Head: The *head* is noble, cleanly chiseled, strong without coarseness, but above all not fine, and in proportion to the body. The head of the male is distinctly masculine, and that of the bitch distinctly feminine. The *expression* keen, intelligent and composed. *Eyes* of medium size, almond shaped, set a little obliquely and not protruding. The color is as dark as possible.

Ears are moderately pointed, in proportion to the skull, open toward the front, and carried erect when at attention, the ideal carriage being one in which the center lines of the ears, viewed from the front, are parallel to each other and perpendicular to the ground. A dog with cropped or hanging ears must be disqualified. Seen from the front the forehead is only moderately arched, and the skull slopes into the long, wedge-shaped muzzle without abrupt stop. The *muzzle* is long and strong, and its topline is parallel to the topline of the skull. Nose black. A dog with a nose that is not predominantly black must be disqualified. The lips are firmly fitted. Jaws are strongly developed. Teeth - 42 in number - 20 upper and 22 lower - are strongly developed and meet in a scissors *bite* in which part of the inner surface of the upper incisors meet and engage part of the outer surface of the lower incisors. An overshot jaw or a level bite is undesirable. An undershot jaw is a disqualifying fault. Complete dentition is to be preferred. Any missing teeth other than first premolars is a serious fault.

Neck, Topline Body: The *neck* is strong and muscular, clean-cut and relatively long, proportionate in size to the head and without loose folds of skin. When the dog is at attention or excited, the head is raised and the neck carried high; other-

wise typical carriage of the head is forward rather than up and but little higher than the top of the shoulders, particularly in motion. *Topline* - The withers are higher than and sloping into the level back. The back is straight, very strongly developed without sag or roach, and relatively short. The whole structure of the body gives an impression of depth and solidity without bulkiness. Chest - Commencing at the prosternum, it is well filled and carried well down between the legs. It is deep and capacious, never shallow, with ample room for lungs and heart, carried well forward, with the prosternum showing ahead of the shoulder in profile. Ribs well sprung and long, neither barrel-shaped nor too flat, and carried down to a sternum which reaches to the elbows. Correct ribbing allows the elbows to move back freely when the dog is at a trot. Too round causes interference and throws the elbows out; too flat or short causes pinched elbows. Ribbing is carried well back so that the loin is relatively short. Abdomen firmly held and not paunchy. The bottom line is only moderately tucked up in the loin. Loin Viewed from the top, broad and strong. Undue length between the last rib and the thigh, when viewed from the side, is undesirable. Croup long and gradually sloping. *Tail* bushy, with the last vertebra extended at least to the hock joint. It is set smoothly into the croup and low rather than high. At

rest, the tail hangs in a slight curve like a saber. A slight hook- sometimes carried to one side-is faulty only to the extent that it mars general appearance. When the dog is excited or in motion, the curve is accentuated and the tail raised, but it should never be curled forward beyond a vertical line. Tails too short, or with clumpy ends due to ankylosis, are serious faults. A dog with a docked tail must be disqualified.

Forequarters: The shoulder blades are long and obliquely angled, laid on flat and not placed forward. The upper arm joins the shoulder blade at about a right angle. Both the upper arm and the shoulder blade are well muscled. The forelegs, viewed from all sides, are straight and the bone oval rather than round. The pasterns are strong and springy and angulated at approximately a 25-degree angle from the vertical. ~~Dewclaws on the forelegs may be removed, but are normally left on.~~ Dewclaws remain on front legs. The feet are short, compact with toes well arched, pads thick and firm, nails short and dark.

Hindquarters: The whole assembly of the thigh, viewed from the side, is broad, with both upper and lower thigh well muscled, forming as nearly as possible a right angle. The upper thigh bone parallels the shoulder blade while the lower thigh bone parallels the upper arm. In a show pose

with the hock perpendicular to the ground, the angle between upper thigh and lower thigh is approximately 120 degrees. The metatarsus (the unit between the hock joint and the foot) is short, strong and tightly articulated. The dewclaws, if any, should be removed from the hind legs. Feet as in front.

Coat: The ideal dog has a double coat of medium length. The outer coat should be as dense as possible, hair straight, harsh and lying close to the body. A slightly wavy outer coat, often of wiry texture, is permissible. The head, including the inner ear and foreface, and the legs and paws are covered with short hair, and the neck with longer and thicker hair. The rear of the forelegs and hind legs has somewhat longer hair extending to the pastern and hock, respectively. Faults in coat include soft, silky, too long outer coat, woolly, curly, and open coat.

Color: The German Shepherd Dog varies in color; ~~and most colors are permissible.~~ Strong rich colors are preferred. Pale, washed-out colors ~~and blues or livers~~ are serious faults. ~~A white dog must be disqualified.~~ Approved colors are Black and Tan, Black and Red, Black and Cream, Sable, Bicolor and Black. White as well as any solid color other than Black is a disqualification. Any color not described in

the Standard is a disqualification. White markings on the tips of toes, tip of tail or chest and throat are permissible but not desirable. Other white markings above the toes, white facial blaze or white body patches are disqualifying.

Gait: A German Shepherd Dog is a trotting dog, and its structure has been developed to meet the requirements of its work. General Impression - The gait is outreaching, elastic, seemingly without effort, smooth and rhythmic, covering the maximum amount of ground with the minimum number of steps. At a walk it covers a great deal of ground, with long stride of both hind legs and forelegs. At a trot the dog covers still more ground with even longer stride, and moves powerfully but easily, with coordination and balance so that the gait appears to be the steady motion of a well-lubricated machine. The feet travel close to the ground on both forward reach and backward push. In order to achieve ideal movement of this kind, there must be good muscular development and ligamentation. The hindquarters deliver, through the back, a powerful forward thrust which slightly lifts the whole animal and drives the body forward. Reaching far under, and passing the imprint left by the front foot, the hind foot takes hold of the ground; then hock, stifle and upper thigh come into play and sweep

back, the stroke of the hind leg finishing with the foot still close to the ground in a smooth follow-through. The overreach of the hindquarter usually necessitates one hind foot passing outside and the other hind foot passing inside the track of the forefeet, and such action is not faulty unless the locomotion is crabwise with the dogs body sideways out of the normal straight line.

Transmission - The typical smooth, flowing gait is maintained with great strength and firmness of back. The whole effort of the hindquarter is transmitted to the forequarter through the loin, back and withers. At full trot, the back must remain firm and level without sway, roll, whip or roach. Unlevel topline with withers lower than the hip is a fault. To compensate for the forward motion imparted by the hindquarters, the shoulder should open to its full extent. The forelegs should reach out close to the ground in a long stride in harmony with that of the hindquarters. The dog does not track on widely separated parallel lines, but brings the feet inward toward the middle line of the body when trotting, in order to maintain balance. The feet track closely but do not strike or cross over. Viewed from the front, the front legs function from the shoulder joint to the pad in a straight line. Viewed from the rear, the hind legs function from the hip joint to the pad in a straight line. Faults of gait,

whether from front, rear or side, are to be considered very serious faults.

Disqualifications:

Cropped or hanging ears.

Dogs with noses not predominantly black.

Undershot jaw.

Docked tail.

White dogs:

Any color other than Black and Tan, Black and Red, Black and Cream, Sable, Bicolor or Black.

Any solid color other than Black.

White on head or body except as described.

Any color or color combination not described in the Standard is to be disqualified.

Any dog that attempts to bite the judge.

CONFORMATION JUDGES

Letters concerning judges and provisional judges should be addressed to the Judging Operations Department at PO Box 900062, Raleigh, NC 27675-9062. Letters concerning Agility, Obedience, Rally, Tracking, and VST applicants should be addressed to the Companion Events Department in North Carolina.

The American Kennel Club will, at the request of a judge or judge applicant, provide that individual with copies of letters received regarding their judging qualifications. As a result, it should be understood that any such correspon-

dence will be made available, upon request, to the judge or judge applicant.

It is the responsibility of all Conformation and Junior Showmanship judges to notify the Judging Operations Department of any changes or corrections to their address, phone, fax or emails. These changes are very important because they affect your judges' record, the web site and the Judges Directory.

Please notify Judging Operations by email at judgingops@akc.org.

APPLICANTS

The following persons applications have been submitted for the breed(s) specified **but they are NOT eligible to accept assignments.**

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Brittanys, Lagotti Romagnoli, Pointers, German Shorthaired Pointers, German Wirehaired Pointers, Chesapeake Bay Retrievers, Flat Coated Retrievers, Golden Retrievers, Labrador Retrievers, English Setters, Gordon Setters, Irish Setters, Irish Red and White Setters, Clumber Spaniels, Cocker Spaniels, English Cocker Spaniels, English Springer Spaniels, Field Spaniels, Spinoni Italiani, Vizslas, Weimaraners, Giant Schnauzers, Smooth Fox Terriers,

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German Shepherd Dogs

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Junior Showmanship

Mrs. Catherine Bell

Junior Showmanship

Mr. Eldon W. Bishop

Junior Showmanship

Mr. Fred Lanting

Junior Showmanship

Mrs. Dianne Connolly

Junior Showmanship

Mrs. Edeltraud Laurin

Junior Showmanship

Ms. Aubrey Nash

Junior Showmanship

Mrs. Madeline Patterson

Junior Showmanship

Mr. Jeffrey G. Pepper

Junior Showmanship

Mr. Richard F. Sedlack

Junior Showmanship

Mr. Terry Stacy

Junior Showmanship

Mrs. Betty-Anne Stenmark

Junior Showmanship

RESIGNED CONFORMATION JUDGES

Mr. Wayne Harmon

Mr. Charley McMaster

Ms. Christy Nelson

Mrs. Dorothy (Dee Dee) P. Wells

EMERITUS CONFORMATION JUDGES

Mr. Dennis R. Elliott

Ms. Katrina J. Hamiton

DECEASED CONFORMATION JUDGES

Mr. Luis E. Aizcorbe

Dr. Barry M. Deitch

Mr. Gerald Szymczk

APPLICATION FOR BREED-SPECIFIC REGISTERED NAME PREFIX

The following applications for a breed-specific Registered Name Prefix have been submitted to The American Kennel Club.

5STARR- Vizslas- Lisa M. Starr

A2Z -Old English Sheepdogs- Christine Winter & S. Curt Winter

AKANNI- Rhodesian Ridgebacks & Borzoi
– Amy L. Balthrop

ARCH ROCK- Weimaraners- Laura S. Hightower

CHEZ NOUS- Briards- Polly C. Currier & Edward B. Currier

DESERT WILLOW- Papillons- Mary L. McClane & Samantha L. Epperly

FALLING STAR- Shi Tzu- Dr. Troy Clifford Dargin

FIREHAUS- Rottweilers- Susan L. Abel
 FIRE WHIRL- Dalmatians- Winter K.
 Pearsall & Daniel J. Pearsall
 LAKE-EFFECT- Poodles- Leesa D. Grat-
 kowski
 LECHIC – Border Collies and Chihuahuas
 – Whitney B. Legrand.
 LONDONDERRY- Bulldogs & French
 Bulldogs- Ann <. Hubbard & Marianne
 McNichol
 NOR'EASTER'S – English Setters-
 Michaela L. Masi & Taylor C. Masi
 PONDSIDE- Labrador Retrievers- Diane
 M. DeDominicis
 PRIDENJOYZ- Cane Corso- Kristen
 Sauers
 SAGAMORE- Miniature American Shep-
 herds- Cassy C. Janssen
 TARTANSIDE- Collies- John G. Buddie &
 David A. Supplee
 VOM FLUSSTAL- Rottweilers- Deborah-
 A. Bram
 VRS- Australian Shepherds- Alison Gocke
 & Mile Cikara
 WESTWOOD- Belgian Tervuren- Camilla
 A. Echeverria
 WHITE GLOVES- Beagles- Barbara A.
 Ferneyhough

REGISTERED NAME PREFIXES GRANTED

The following applications for a
 breed-specific Registered Name Prefix
 have been granted.

BLUE MOON- Parson Russell Terriers-
 John R. Conley & Loree A. Conley
 BLUERAIN- Australian Shepherds-
 Michelle D. Bredael & Gary L. Roberson
 CALEE-Shuh Tzu- Cora Lee Helfrich
 DESERT OASIS- Newfoundlands- Terre
 C. Tripoli
 DOIBLE TALK- Doberman Pinschers-
 Laura R. Clawson
 HEIRLOOM- Mastiffs- Debi D. Flocchini
 HIGH ROYAL- Cane Corso- Sarah J.
 McClelland
 JOVAL- Brussels Griffons- Valeria Rickard
 & John W. Rickard
 KISHNIGA- Borzoi- Patti M. Fitzgerald
 MEIWU- Chinese Shar Pei – Lisa McDaniel
 MILLS RUN- Boston Terriers-Charlotte A.
 Mills & Hadsel K. Mills
 PAINTERLY- Manchester Terriers- Cath-
 erine Masters
 SOUTHWIND- Great Danes- Melody A
 Wieth
 SWEETHAVEN- Papillons- Teresa L.
 Wilkinson
 SUNVAL- Chinese Cresteds- Gina Crawley
 & Christopher Crawley
 SUNVAL-Poodles- Gina Crawley & Chris-
 topher Crawley
 WHITBY JET-Flat Coated Retrievers-
 Deborah L. Sandoval
 WINGNUT- Labrador Retrievers-Rodney
 R. Glenn
 WILD WEST- Border Collies- Laurie A.
 Ceccareli



**AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB, INC.
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AKC OFFICES AT
101 PARK AVENUE, NEW YORK, NY
JULY 8-9, 2024**

The Board convened on Monday, July 8, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. Eastern Time.

All Directors were present in the New York office except for Ms. Biddle, who participated via video conference. The Executive Secretary was also present.

Copies of the May 9-10, 2024, Board Meeting minutes had previously been provided to all Directors for review. Upon a motion by Dr. Battaglia, seconded by Mr. Sweetwood, the Board voted to approve the May 2024 Board Meeting minutes.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Sprung reported that since 2009/2010 following the 2008 economic crisis, our Financials are facing strong headwinds for the first time in years. Staff will finalize its mid-year forecast and present it in August. With the current decline in demand for pets following the pandemic surge, our breeders have sharply reduced their litter breeding in every

category, leading to declines in Registration as well as in each related product such as pedigrees, transfers, Helpline, Reunite, etc. The demand for pet dogs will start to grow again based on the U.S. population increases and the natural replacement rate. However, predicting when our breeders will respond to that demand increase is difficult. In the meantime, management is doing a total reevaluation of current priorities and pivoting wherever necessary. We are researching new opportunities that do not have significant cost barriers to enter. Of course, Staff is also containing costs well, but we know there is no growth through cost cuts.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was an EXECUTIVE SESSION to discuss business matters. Nothing was reported out of this session.

Legal Update

The Board reviewed the Legal Department update as of June 2024.

CMS Update

Doug Ljungren, EVP of Sports and Events; Torraine Williams, Director of Engineering; Keith Frazier, EVP of Business Support Services; and Ian Hennigan, Sports and Events Project Manager, participated in this portion of the meeting. The Board reviewed a progress report for the CMS Upgrade Project. This

is a three-year project that concludes at the end of 2024. A summary list of the key accomplishments-to-date was provided, as well as a list of all the CMS enhancements that are in some stage of development or are scheduled for completion in 2024. The Progress Report also provided a list of additional items that have been identified which could be future enhancements.

Retirement Plans Committee Meeting Report June 27, 2024

Ann Wallin, Chair of the Board Retirement Plans Committee gave a report. The Retirement Plans Committee's meeting was held at 4 p.m. on Thursday, June 27, 2024, via Zoom.

All materials presented at the meeting were sent in advance to the committee for review. The Atlanta Consulting Group presented the performance results of the Pension Plan, the 401(k) Plan, and the 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan for the first quarter of 2024. Questions and discussion followed.

Heather Mc Manus participated in an initial discussion of the Charter of the American Kennel Club Retirement Plans Committee review. The Committee plans to meet with Staff, committee members, and ERISA counsel to discuss the charter in depth.

AKC Fundraising Department Research

Seth Fera-Schanes, Director of Strategic Planning; Daphna Straus, Vice President of Business Development; and Ted Phillips, CFO, participated in this portion of the meeting.

The AKC Board requested research on creating an AKC Development Department (fundraising) position with administrative support that encompasses donations to AKC and/or each affiliate rather than relying on individuals from multiple staff within each organization.

Mr. Carota moved, seconded by Ms. Fineburg, to authorize an RFP for an outside professional fundraiser.

There was an amendment to the motion made by Mr. Tatro and seconded by Dr. Battaglia that the fundraiser would be tasked with raising \$10 million dollars annually.

Mr. Tatro moved, seconded by Ms. Fineburg, to approve the motion as amended. The motion was unanimously passed.

AKC Canine Health Foundation (AKC CHF) Update

Dr. Mary Smith, AKC CHF Chair; Stephanie Montgomery, AKC CHF CEO

and Andrea Fiumefreddo, AKC CHF COO participated in this portion of the meeting.

AKC CHF's 2024 April 2024 financial statements are included with this report. Overall contributions and expenses are both below budget for this point in the year.

In May, AKC CHF received applications for the new Canine Sports Medicine & Rehabilitation Residency, which is possible through the support of AKC. CHF received applications from 5 programs (4 academic and 1 private practice).

CHF requested that the portion of AKC's 2022 funding for a Theriogenology Residency that has undergone significant restructuring be transferred to a second Canine Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation Residency. There were no objections to this transfer.

CHF reviewed the progress of their strategic planning initiative.

AKC CHF has scheduled three educational webinars in 2024.

FINANCE

Ted Phillips, Chief Financial Officer, presented unaudited financial results as of May

31, 2024. Net operating income for the five months ended May 31, 2024, is \$4 million. Operating revenues of \$40.4 million, excluding \$900k in interest and dividends. Registration fees for litters and dogs total \$15.1 million. Recording and event service fees, title recognition, and event application fees total \$7.1 million. Advertising, Sponsorship, and Royalties total \$8.2 million. Operating and non-operating expenses total \$37.3 million.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Gina DiNardo, Executive Secretary, and Seth Fera-Schanes, Director of Strategic Planning, participated in this portion of the meeting. Mari-Beth O'Neill, Vice President of Sport Services; Sheila Goffe, Vice President of Government Relations; Penny Leigh, Director of Registration Development; and Kassandra Pickle, Business Intelligence, participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

German Shepherd Dog Proposed Breed Standard Revision

The German Shepherd Dog Club of America, Inc. (GSDCA) has submitted proposed revisions to the breed standard's color, hindquarters, and disqualifications sections. Following a motion by Dr. Battaglia, seconded by Mr. Sweetwood, the Board VOTED unanimously to approve the revisions to be published for comment in the

August Secretary's Page of the *AKC Gazette*.

2024 Nominating Committee

The AKC Board of Directors elected the Nominating Committee to select candidates for vacancies on the Board of Directors that will be filled at the March 2025 Delegates Meeting. There are four (4) vacancies for the Class of 2029.

Nominating Committee:

Karolynne McAteer, Chairperson, Irish Setter Club of America

Joellen Gregory, Otterhound Club of America

Don Hanson, American Lhasa Apso Club

Maggi Strouse, National Shiba Club of America

Mary Lou Olszewski, American Bloodhound Club

Alternates:

Cindy Stansell, Grand River Kennel Club

Marjorie Tuff, American Shetland Sheepdog Association

Breed Standard Guidelines Revisions

The AKC Board requested that staff propose a revision to the Guidelines for

Writing Breed Standard Procedures to include a minimum timeframe for revisions of a similar or same topic to be submitted if a revision fails to be approved by the membership.

Following a motion by Mr. Tatro, seconded by Mr. Powers, the Board VOTED unanimously to revise the Guidelines for Breed Standard Revisions to read Proposed revisions or like revisions, that do not receive the required ballots to be approved by the membership may not be submitted to the AKC Board for consideration for a minimum of 18 months from the date of the ballot results being submitted to AKC.

AKC Agility League New Skill Level

The Board reviewed a Staff recommendation to add a new skill level, Elementary, to the Agility League program, which will be geared towards pre-competition dogs.

There were also requests to add Puerto Rico to the list of participating regions, grouped with the

Southeastern Region and change the scoring to allow all dogs to drop their two lowest scores of each season.

Following a motion by Mr. Hamblin, seconded by Dr. Garvin, the Board voted unanimously to approve these changes,

which will be effective with the launch of the Fall 2024 season.

Miniature American Shepherd Stud Book

The Miniature American Shepherd Club of the USA has submitted a request to keep the Stud Book Open for the Breed beyond January 1, 2025. Currently, AKC will accept dogs registered with Stock Dog Registry Services.

This will be discussed further at the August Board meeting.

Parent Club Designation for Large Munsterlander

The Large Munsterlander Association of America requests to be designated as the Parent Club for the Breed, allowing them to hold FSS Open Shows.

This will be discussed further at the August Board meeting.

Parent Club Request to retire Blazen (Papillon)

The Board was advised that the Papillon Club of America wishes to permanently retire the kennel name “Blazen” for Papillon. The name “Blazen” was registered from 2009-2024 as an AKC Recognized Breed protected kennel name.

Staff has retired the kennel name “Blazen” as the Papillon Club of America, Inc requested.

2024-2025 Veterinary Student Scholarship Recipients

The Board was advised that The Veterinary Student Scholarship Committee met to select the 2024-2025 veterinary scholarship recipients.

Government Relations Priority Legislation Monthly Update

Sheila Goffe highlighted numerous active priority legislation and administrative regulations in Congress and State Legislation.

As of June 13, 2024, 14 state legislatures, the District of Columbia, and Congress are in session. AKC Government Relations is currently tracking more than 1,600 local, state, and federal bills impacting AKC and dog owners. For the most up-to-date information on legislative issues, visit legislative/regulatory alerts and the legislative tracking tool on AKC GR’s Legislative Action Center, <https://www.akcgr.org>, or contact the AKC GR Department.

MARKETING

Kirsten Bahlke, Vice President of Marketing, participated in this portion of the meeting.

Update on AKC Brand Awareness

Campaign

Staff presented a memo updating the timeline for the brand campaign launch. At the August Board meeting, Marketing Staff and Leap Group will present brand planning elements and ad campaign creative for Board input.

Marketing Incremental Funding Request

Based on a Board request, Staff presented costs associated with additional Staff requests in the email and social media departments to address the changing social landscape, traffic volume, and future brand awareness campaign needs.

This will be discussed further at the August meeting.

MEDIA AND SPONSORSHIP

Ronald Furman, VP of Broadcasting, Sponsorship & Media; Daphna Straus, VP of Business Development; and William Ellis, Senior Director of Broadcasting, participated in this portion of the meeting.

An update on the AKC Sponsorship, Media, and Advertising Sales Department's activities during the first six months of the calendar year. The report highlighted the department's accomplishments in meeting revenue goals and concurrently advancing the mission of The

American Kennel Club, Inc.

The AKC's digital video network, AKC.tv, has experienced growth in plays across all platforms, including Web plays on AKC.tv via desktop or mobile, AKC.tv app plays and plays on AKC.org via our digital content matching system (39 million plays) through May. The channel continues to grow in reach, breadth, and scope of content.

AKC's Dog Sports programming on ESPN continued to deliver new audiences for AKC Sports, with eight new shows premiering since the beginning of 2024:

- NFL Dog Plays of the Year
- AKC National Championship Highlights
- AKC K9 Detection Dogs
- AKC Fastest Dogs USA
- AKC National Agility Championship
- AKC Fastest Dogs USA Highlights
- AKC Disc Dog Challenge
- AKC Diving Dogs Challenge

Through the first five months of 2024, AKC has received a total of ninety-two broadcast hours on ESPN, ESPN2, and ESPNEWS, which represent fifty-five total broadcasts.

An important focus of expansion for AKC.tv is the AKC Good Dog TV magazine-format lifestyle program, which airs weekly on AKC.tv and in syndication

across the country on local broadcast stations. It can now be seen in over 100 markets, reaching 51 million homes, which represents more than 41% of the American linear TV audience. More markets are to be added for the 2024-2025 season. Key top markets that have picked up the show for the upcoming season include Tampa, Miami, Indianapolis, and Nashville.

The Board recessed at 5:22 p.m.

The Board Meeting reconvened on Tuesday, July 9, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. All Directors were present in the New York office except for Ms. Biddle, who participated via video conference. The Executive Secretary was also present

COMPANION and PERFORMANCE

Doug Ljungren, Executive Vice President of Sports and Events, and Caroline Murphy, Director of Performance Events participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

Retriever Hunting Test Regulations – Six Clarifications

The Board reviewed a recommendation to allow six clarification changes to the *Regulations & Guidelines for AKC Hunting Tests for Retrievers*. The Retriever Hunt

Test Advisory Committee (RHTAC) unanimously voted in favor of four changes, and the staff suggested two changes. Both Staff and the Committee agreed on all six changes.

- 1) Specify the hunt test application is required 3 months prior to the opening date. (by Staff)
- 2) Clarify the exact point honoring begins which is when the working dog is sent for a marked retrieve.
- 3) Clarify judges can call the next dog to the line by saying the word “dog”.
- 4) Clarify the blind must be clearly marked by a conspicuous object.
- 5) Clarify inspection of birds are required by a judge when damage of a bird is suspected due to hard mouth or unusual situation. (by Staff)
- 6) Specify for a senior test, blinds shall not be run between marks unless they are run first.

This will be discussed further at the August Board meeting.

Tripod Dog Pilot Program for Obedience & Rally Non-Jumping Classes

At the May 2023 Board meeting, the Board approved an 18-month pilot program to allow three-legged dogs (tripods) to participate in the non-jumping classes in Rally and Obedience. The pilot program became

effective July 1, 2023, and expires at the end of 2024. This is a recommendation to extend the pilot program for six months.

This will be discussed further at the August Board meeting.

CONFORMATION

Doug Ljungren, Executive Vice President, Sports & Events; Mari-Beth O'Neill, Vice President of Sports Services; Tim Thomas, Vice President of Conformation; Glenn Lycan, Director of Event Operations Support; and Mark Desrosiers, Director of Event Programs, participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

Specialty Show Event Application Fee

The Board reviewed a recommendation to modify the event application fee for specialty shows to make it consistent with the other sports that use the "30 or less entries" application fee structure. Currently, there is no application fee for specialty shows when the entry was 30 or less at the previous year's corresponding event. For Rally, Obedience, and Agility events where the entry was 30 or less at the previous year's corresponding event, the application fee is \$25.

This will be discussed further at the August meeting.

2024-2025 Junior Scholarship Recipients

The list of Junior Scholarship recipients was presented to the Board.

JUDGING OPERATIONS

Tim Thomas, Vice President of Conformation, and Doug Ljungren, Executive Vice President of Sports and Events, participated in this portion of the meeting.

Publishing of Handlers and Agents in Dog Show Catalogs

Staff presented a recommendation to adopt a policy requiring professional handlers and agents listed in dog show catalogs to successfully complete the Stewards of Children® training from the non-profit organization Darkness to Light once every three years.

Following a motion by Mr. Carota, seconded by Mr. Tatro, the Board VOTED unanimously to approve the recommendation.

Effective January 1, 2025, all professional handlers and agents listed in dog show catalogs must successfully complete the Stewards of Children® training from Darkness to Light once every three years.

Exhibiting Restriction for Sweepstakes and Futurity Judges

At its May 2024 meeting, the board requested Staff review the current exhibiting restrictions for Futurity Judges and report back to the Board any recommendations to modify them to assist clubs in filling these assignments.

Effective January 1, 2009, the exhibiting restriction for Sweepstake and Futurity judges was modified, prohibiting one from exhibiting at events within 200 miles of the day(s) they judge. The revised policy maintained the allowance to exhibit the day before and the day after the event they judged. The policy also defines when a Sweepstakes and/or Futurity is held as part of a multi-day specialty; the restriction ran the entire length of the event.

Acting on a recommendation by Staff, the Board, at its February 2024 meeting, approved a modification to the exhibiting restriction for Sweepstakes and Futurity judges, whereas one may not exhibit the breed they judge the same day. The revised policy, effective March 6, 2024, permits Sweepstakes and Futurity judges to exhibit in any breed other than the one they judge on the day of their assignment. It did maintain the application of the restriction “to the day” as well as the entire length of the event when held as part of a multi-day show.

This will be discussed further at the August meeting.

Conformation Judging Statistics

FINAL REVIEW ACTION SUMMARY 2024 NEW BREED JUDGING APPLICANTS									
	APPLICATIONS						BREEDS		
	Total	Fully Appr.	Limited	Denied	Wthdrn	Held	Req.	Appr.	Pend.
January	4	4	0	0	0	0	17	17	0
February	5	5	0	0	0	0	8	8	0
March	7	7	0	0	0	0	8	8	0
April	6	6	0	0	0	0	15	15	0
May	4	4	0	0	0	0	6	6	0
June	10	10	0	0	0	0	13	13	0
NB TOTAL	36	36	0	0	0	0	70	70	0

(Conformation Judging Statistics Charts continue on next page)

**FINAL REVIEW ACTION SUMMARY
2024 ADDITIONAL BREED JUDGING APPLICANTS**

	APPLICATIONS						BREEDS		
	Total	Fully Appr.	Limited	Denied	Wthdrn	Held	Req.	Appr.	Pend.
January	23	21	1	1	0	0	102	99	0
February	27	22	5	0	0	0	135	125	0
March	26	26	0	0	0	0	148	148	0
April	36	32	2	2	0	2	267	249	3
May	36	31	0	4	1	0	132	111	0
June	42	42	0	0	0	2	192	192	9
AB TOTAL	190	174	8	7	1	4	976	924	12

**FINAL REVIEW ACTION SUMMARY
2024 YEAR-TO-DATE**

	APPLICATIONS						BREEDS		
	Total	Fully Appr.	Limited	Denied	Wthdrn	Held	Req.	Appr.	Pend.
NB	36	36	0	0	0	0	67	67	0
AB	190	174	8	7	1	4	974	924	9*
TOTAL	226	210	8	7	1	4	1046	994	9

COMPLIANCE

Bri Tesarz, Director of Compliance and Jessica Lopez, Compliance Manager, participated in this meeting portion via video conference.

(Final Board Disciplinary actions are reported on the Secretary's Page.)

CLUBS

Doug Ljungren, Executive Vice President, Sports & Events, Glenn Lycan, Director, Event Operations Support, and Lisa Cecin, Director of Club Relations participated in this portion of the meeting.

REPORT ON MEMBER CLUB BYLAWS APPROVED IN MAY AND JUNE

Canada del Oro Kennel Club, Marana, AZ (2007)

REPORT ON NEWLY LICENSED CLUBS APPROVED IN MAY AND JUNE

Cirneco dell'Etna Club of America, 86 total households; 41 households in 10 states west of the Mississippi River; 24 households in 14 states east of the Mississippi River.

Doberman Pinscher Club of Southern California, Oceanside, CA (including communities north to Placentia, south to Coronado, in proximity to Interstates 5 &

15), 21 total households, 12 local.

Great Lakes Pomeranian Club, greater Akron, OH (including communities north to Interstate 90, south to Interstate 70/ Grove City, east to Interstate 75 and west to Interstate 79/279), 32 total households, 12 local.

Mid-Michigan Labrador Retriever Club, greater Saginaw, MI (including communities no further south of Flint, MI), 25 total households, 15 local.

Mississippi Valley Coonhunters Association, Hancock County, IL, 16 total households, 9 local.

New England Finnish Lapphund Club, greater Lowell, MA (including communities north to Pembroke, NH, south to Acushnet, MA, and west to Cummington, MA), 24 total households, 13 local.

Pinetree Retriever Club of South Georgia, Smithville, GA (including communities north to Americus, south to Ochlocknee, west to Route 45 and east to Routes 19/300), 25 total households, 12 local.

BUSINESS INTELLIGENCE

Mark Dunn, EVP Registration, and Seth Fera-Schanes, Director of Strategic Planning participated in this portion of

the meeting.

AKC Corporate Project Roadmap Review

The AKC Board of Directors has asked the President for multiple roadmap status updates during the year. Staff presented the second project check-in of 2024. The presentation included a sample of work completed in Q2 and a sample of work currently in progress.

Key programs include:

- Registration Console Update (RCU)
- Competition Management System (CMS) Update
- Revenue Collection and Reporting System Modernization
- Systems and Security Infrastructure
- Business Continuity
- Customer Relationship Management (CRM)
- Data governance and oversight

REGISTRATION DEVELOPMENT

Mark Dunn, EVP of Registration; Kirsten Bahlke, VP of Marketing; Jacqueline Taylor, Director of Marketing; Linda Duncklee, Director of Registration Services; and Vanessa Skou, Breeder Development, participated in this portion of the meeting.

Registration Update

January thru May Results, compared to

same period in prior years:

The number of breeders is down 19% from peak COVID and up 11% from 2018;

The number of litters is down 20% from peak COVID and up 6% from 2018;

The number of litters per breeder is down 1.3% from peak COVID and down 4.3% from 2018;

Most recent Return Rate metrics show a recovery after dipping in 2021 and 2022.

There was a general discussion of what is going on in the Pet Industry. Companies across the pet industry are reporting declines in pet and pet supply sales while services, nutrition, and Rx continue to grow. *Forbes* magazine reported that it now appears that some of the pandemic-era growth was borrowed from the future and may have the effect of slowing down growth now.

AKC is working to mitigate industry effects, with a focus on initiatives to promote registration.

AKC continues to optimize its online Systems (update user experience and features; improve mobile), call Center Outbound Campaigns, and Customer Service.

Registration Initiative Update

Linda Duncklee and Jacqueline Taylor participated in this portion of the meeting. An

overview of the marketing campaigns used to increase registration was presented.

Breeder Development

Vanessa Skou, Breeder Development, participated in this portion of the meeting. An overview of the department and its work was presented.

The importance of providing breeders with education was discussed. The department offers monthly or bi-monthly webinars and attends conferences and breeder forums.

CONSENT

There was a motion by Dr. Battaglia, seconded by Ms. Biddle, and it was VOTED (unanimously) to approve the following Consent items:

Championships - Rules Applying to Dog Shows, Chapter 16, Section 2

The Board VOTED to approve a recommendation by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee (DSRC) to revise **Chapter 16, Section 2** of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* to award championship points to a class dog awarded Reserve Best in Show, calculated as the highest number of points awarded in any breed from all groups excluding that from which Best in Show advanced.

This will be read at the September Delegate

meeting for a vote at the December Delegate meeting. If approved by the Delegate Body, the effective date will be July 2, 2025.

NOHS Regulation Updates

The Board VOTED to adjust the NOHS Regulations regarding who may judge and allow clubs to offer three-time win prizes.

NOHS Regulations, Section 4: Judges Eligibility

- A judge cannot be assigned the NOHS Group ~~on the same day at the same~~ show they are assigned that same group for the all-breed/limited/breed show.
- At Specialty shows, additional prizes may be offered on a three time win basis for Best Owner Handled Dog, provided permanent possession goes to the owner and/or breeder winning the award three times, not necessarily with the same dog, and further provided such prizes are offered by the specialty club itself, or through it, for competition at its specialty shows only.

Memphis Kennel Club

The Memphis Kennel Club (MKC) requested that the AKC Board grant them an extension on the exception to the 125-mile distance a club may travel to hold a show policy granted by the Board in 2022.

Memphis is requesting to continue holding events in Lebanon, TN, 221 miles from Memphis, TN.

In 2022, the Board approved Memphis to hold all-breed events beyond the 125-mile travel distance in 2023 and 2024.

The Board VOTED to deny this request. The 125-mile policy will be enforced for 2025 events.

Agility International Sweepstakes Class Awards

The Board approved a change to the Agility Regulations Chapter 14, Section 4 to allow for the colors of ribbons and rosettes, if awarded in International Sweepstakes Classes, to be at the trial giving clubs discretion.

Appointment of AKC PAC Board Members

The Board VOTED to appoint Dr. Carmen Battaglia, Ms. Gail LaBerge, Mr. Robert Rynkiewicz and Mr. Christopher Sweetwood for 2-year terms to the AKC PAC Board.

Delegates Approved

John Brading

To represent Dachshund Club of America
Published May 2024, June 2024



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Alyson Casper

To represent Dog Obedience Club of Hollywood

Published May 2024, June 2024

Anita M. Forde

To represent Santa Maria Kennel Club

Published May 2024, June 2024

Jan Ritchie Gladstone

To represent Waterloo Kennel Club

Published May 2024, June 2024

Chris Murphy

To represent St. Petersburg Dog Fanciers Association

Published May 2024, June 2024

Robin Springer

To represent Klamath Dog Fanciers

Published May 2024, June 2024

Brice Wonders

To represent Skye Terrier Club of America

Published June 2024, July 2024

Member Club Approved

Big Apple Working Group Club

Focal Point: greater New York City, NY (including Long Island and New Jersey communities east-northeast to Manorville, NY, west-southwest to Stockton, NJ, north-northwest to New Milford, NJ and southwest to Robbinsville, NJ)

1st Licensed Show: March 27, 2021

Households: 21HH/ 20L

Bylaws: Acceptable

Recommendation: Approve. Published in May 2024 & June 2024 AKC Gazettes

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was an EXECUTIVE SESSION to discuss business matters. Nothing was reported out of this Session.

It was VOTED to adjourn on Tuesday, July 9, 2024, at 12:45 p.m. Eastern Time.

Adjourned

Attest: _____

Gina M. DiNardo, Executive Secretary