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BREED COLUMNS SCHEDULE

Sporting and Working
January, April, July,
and October

Hound and Terrier
February, May, August,
and November

Toy, Non-Sporting,
and Herding
March, June, September,
and December

With many fanciers traveling to New York City next month, we would like to invite you to two events that will benefit the AKC Humane Fund, a 501(c)(3) charity that promotes the joy and value of responsible pet ownership through education, outreach, and grant-making.

The 2013 Barkfest at Bonhams charity brunch and auction preview is scheduled for Sunday, February 10, from 10 A.M. to noon, at Bonhams's Madison Avenue gallery.

Visitors will be able to enjoy a light brunch and preview artworks to be auctioned at "Dogs in Show and Field: The Fine Art Sale" on Wednesday, February 13. (For full information on this popular annual event, including how to make a reservation, see page 6.)

The 2013 theater benefit on Friday evening, February 8, will feature the Broadway musical *Nice Work If You Can Get It*, featuring classic songs by George and Ira Gershwin and starring Matthew Broderick and Kelli O'Hara.

After the show, guests will head over to the famous "21" Club for a party and late-night nosh. The support of PetPartners, Inc., "Your Partner in Pet Health Care," allows 100 percent of ticket sales to directly benefit the Fund. For tickets or more information, contact the AKC's Aliza Burns at aeb@akc.org.

If you will not be able to attend either of these two events, we encourage you to lend your support in other ways, whether by donating your used cell phone or shopping at Amore dei Cani. Learn how at akchumanefund.org.

Your involvement will help the Fund's many programs: supporting parent-club rescue activities, assisting human-services organizations that permit domestic-abuse victims to enter and stay in shelters with their pets, and providing resources to programs that educate adults and children about responsible dog ownership. Such programs include the Awards for Canine Excellence and the American Kennel Club Library at AKC headquarters in New York. Most recently, the AKC Humane Fund created the Sandy Fund to assist those affected by Hurricane Sandy.

We hope you will get involved in the AKC Humane Fund in some fashion in 2013. We also encourage organizations in need of assistance to visit akchumanefund.org/grants.



Barkfest at Bonhams provides the most dog-friendly brunch in town.

Sincerely,

Dennis B. Sprung
President and CEO

We'd love to hear from you about what you think about our organization and our staff. Please contact us at feedback@akc.org. We're listening.

EDITED BY BUD BOCCONE

Wired!

Sky-high Terrier Takes AKC/Eukanuba; Doberman Pinches Bred-by Crown

ORLANDO, FLORIDA—When it came time to shut the lights at the Orange County Convention Center on the night of December 16, Wire Fox Terrier GCh. Afterall Painting the Sky was the last dog standing from an entry of 4,181. The 2012 AKC/Eukanuba National Championship Best in Show, awarded by Edd Bivin, capped a big year for Sky that included BIS at February's International Kennel Club Show and the Philadelphia KC event televised on Thanksgiving Day.

The 4-year-old Sky earned her owners—Victor Malzoni, Torie Steel, Mary and Scott Olund, and Diane Ryan—\$50,000 in prize money, put up by Eukanuba. Her breeders are Betty Seaton and Dr. Alton Pertuit.

An all-star panel of judges, confronted with thousands of the world's top show dogs, made tough choices all weekend to boil down the huge entry to seven worthies by Sunday night. Sky faced off in Bivin's ring against six formidable group winners: Cocker Spaniel GCh. Casablanca's Thrilling Seduction, Saluki GCh. Shiraz California Dreamin' (Reserve BIS), Alaskan Malamute GCh. Catanya's Latin Lover, Affenpinscher GCh. Banana Joe V. Tani Kazari, standard Poodle Eng. Ch. Del Zarzoso Salvame from Afterglow, and Bouvier des Flandres GCh. Rocheuses Me and My Shadow of Cornus.



Bivin, an AKC judge since 1961 who judged his first match show at age 15, drew on every year of his experience to weigh each dog's considerable merits. Finally, he decided that on this particular night Sky was his champion of champions.

The big crowd endorsed the choice with applause and cheers as Sky's handler, Gabriel Rangel, accepted congratulations at center ring. "She is a natural show dog with a short, well-balanced body," Rangel says of his famous charge. "She has a beautiful head, and her face is unbelievable."

In the Best Bred-by-Exhibitor ring, the elegant Doberman Pinscher GCh. Protocol's Veni Vidi Vici (Fifi) did what she does best: win. One of her breed's all-time champions with 65 BIS to date, Fifi topped an entry of 1,200 to become judge Pat Trotter's choice for Best in the breeders' showcase. Owners Jocelyn and Kevin Mullins, and Suzy and Dick Lundy, took home \$15,000 in prize money.

ABC will broadcast the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship on Saturday, February 2. Check local listings for air times.

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Eleven years ago, Ron Menaker, Dennis Sprung, and the good folks at Eukanuba created the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship and made celebrating our breeders an integral part of the event.

In 2003, they added the Best Bred-by-Exhibitor competition and every year since then, many of our sport's top breeders compete in the Bred-by-Exhibitor competition. In fact, 30 percent of December's more than 4,000 conformation entries were in Bred-by competition. And the exhibitors weren't there just to compete; they took the time to educate the public at AKC Meet the Breeds.

In addition, the Breeder of the Year Award recognizes an AKC breeder from each breed group who has made a great impact on a specific breed. At the end of the awards presentation honoring these seven breeders in Orlando, one was chosen as 2012 AKC Breeder of the Year.

Change the Conversation

Certainly, this emphasis on the breeder is a clear statement: There is no doubt that the AKC respects and supports our breeders.

And that commitment will grow even stronger next year. I have been working with Dennis, AKC staff, and the Parent Club and the Health delegate committees, and I am pleased to announce that our first Breeders Workshop will be held at next year's AKC/Eukanuba. This free workshop will be by breeders and for breeders, and will feature "news you can use."

There is also no doubt that the public loves what our breeders bring into the world: puppies, bred for type and sound in body, mind, and spirit. Look at any social-sharing site and puppies are always a big part of the conversation. On YouTube alone, there are over 729,000 puppy videos garnering billions of views.

There are many reasons to look forward to the holiday season, but anyone who has bred a litter knows there is something extra-special that arrives each



The prize-winning Bull Terrier booth at the recent AKC Meet the Breeds in Orlando.

year: the cards and notes updating you on the puppies you bred that are now part of other families. The photos and messages are heartfelt expressions of how lives were made better by the addition of that dog. They are a powerful reminder of the important role responsible AKC breeders play in the joy of dog ownership.

There is also no doubt that, while the public loves puppies, not all of the public loves breeders. Unfortunately, many see our responsible breeders in an unreal light, a misconception promoted by a few and accepted by too many. And because of this extraordinary disconnect between perception and reality, there is an onslaught of restrictive laws with the sole purpose of eliminating all breeders.

All of us will continue to fight anti-breeder legislation, but we must do more. We must change the conversation: from unabashed lies to the truth, from a cloud of doubt to the clarity of trust, from rumors and innuendo to facts, from expediency in lawmaking to right judgment.

Unleash the Power

To accomplish this, we must have unity and dedication of purpose. In addition to all that the AKC does now to add

to the conversation, we will do more—especially by engaging the general public.

We have powerful communication resources with our newly re-imagined website, our database of millions of people, our robust Facebook and Twitter following, and our professional and passionate public-relations team. We will utilize those resources to reach out to the public consistently, frequently, and convincingly about our responsible and dedicated breeders.

But that is only part of the job. We need you to take the message into your communities, to the voters who can affect our future. You are the force that brings together, and then unleashes, the AKC's true power. Our breeders represent everything we are today and everything we will be tomorrow.

As always, your comments are welcome at atk@akc.org.

Sincerely,

Alan Kalter
Chairman

Winner's Circle

2012 AKC/Eukanuba National Championship

Best in Show

Wire Fox Terrier GCh. Afterall Painting the Sky
owners Victor Malzoni, Torie Steel, Mary and Scott Olund, and Diane Ryan; **breeders** Betty Seaton and Dr. Alton Pertuit; **handler** Gabriel Rangel; **judge** Edd Bivin



Reserve Best in Show

Saluki GCh. Shiraz California Dreamin'
owners Nicklas and Ingunn Eriksson; **breeders** Valerie Nunes Atkinson, Michael Edwards, and Elena Edwards; **handler** Nicklas Eriksson; **judge** Edd Bivin



Best Bred-by-Exhibitor

Doberman Pinscher GCh. Protocol's Veni Vidi Vici
owners Suzy and Dick Lundy, and Kevin Mullins; **breeders** Jocelyn and Kevin Mullins; **handler** Jocelyn Mullins; **judge** Patricia Trotter

Eukanuba World Challenge

Standard Poodle GCh. Jaset's Satisfaction
breeders Sandra Tompkins and Chris Bailey; **owners** Michele Molnar and Jamie Danburg; **handler** Ann Rairigh; **judge** Miguel Teixeira (Portugal)



Best Junior Handler

Emma Grayson Echols, with Yorkshire Terrier GCh. Silkiss'D Lets Rock; **judge** Bill Shelton

AKC National Obedience Invitational

Golden Retriever NOC/OTCH Spirit's Zim Zam Zoom, UDX7, OM4; **handler** Ward Falkner

AKC National Agility Invitational

8-inch Toy Fox Terrier NAC/MACH7 Rosen Hill's Blink of an Eye, MXC2, MJG3, **handler** Johanna Ammentorp; **12-inch** Chinese Crested MACH2 China Road Ziggy's Split Decision, MXS, MJG, OF, **handler** Estelle Robinson; **16-inch** mixed-breed MACH2 Crush MXS, MJS, XF, **handler** Aryn Hervel; **20-inch** Border Collie MACH7 Blackwatch Limited Edition Maja, MXC2, MJC2, **handler** Silvina Bruera; **24-inch** mixed-breed MACH Roo!, CD, MXB, MJS, **handler** Stacey Campbell



American Kennel Clips >>

Barkfest at Bonhams

NEW YORK—Dog lovers, art lovers, and especially dog-art lovers will enjoy brunch and an exclusive preview of *Dogs in Show and Field: The Fine Art Sale* at Barkfest at Bonhams, beginning 10 A.M. on Sunday, February 10.

The annual gathering, at the elegant Bonhams gallery on Madison Avenue, will feature a viewing of paintings and artifacts to be auctioned on February 13. Among the major works on view will be William Henry Hamilton Trood's masterpiece of Victorian sentimentalia, *Wait 'Til the Clouds Roll By*. As always, Barkfest will be a dog-friendly event: Guests are urged to bring friends of the two- and four-legged variety.

Admission is \$50 in advance and \$60 at the door. All proceeds will benefit the AKC Humane Fund.

Reservations Call 212-696-8306 or visit the Humane Fund donation page at akc.org.



The Rain of Victoria: This late-19th century canvas by Englishman W.H.H. Trood will be on view at next month's Barkfest at Bonhams.

Local KCs Honored

RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA—The AKC has announced that the Northeastern Indiana, Northeastern Maryland, and Spokane (Washington) kennel clubs are winners of 2012 fourth-quarter Community Achievement Awards for hosting successful AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day events.

“The efforts made by the Northeastern Indiana Kennel Club, the Northeastern Maryland Kennel Club, and the Spokane Kennel Club in their communities to promote responsible dog ownership are exemplary,” AKC Director of Communications Lisa Peterson says. “They serve as a shining example of the good works accomplished by local AKC clubs.”

Nominations for the AKC Community Achievement Award are accepted year-round. Honorees receive a \$1,000 donation for their AKC club or AKC-recognized federation to further public-education and government-relations efforts.

To nominate an individual, club, or federation, visit the Government Relations department's page at akc.org.

CGC: It's Official!

The AKC now recognizes Canine Good Citizen® as an official title. The new policy went into effect on New Year's Day.

Since 1989, CGC has been considered an “award.” Dogs passing the 10-step test received a certificate, but the achievement was not listed on the dog's title record.

As a result of frequent requests, owners of dogs registered or listed with the AKC can now add the “CGC” suffix to their dog's official name and include it on their dog's title record.

“We're pleased to celebrate the accomplishments of the thousands of dogs passing the Canine Good Citizen test each year by offering CGC as a title,” CGC Director Mary Burch says. “The program tests the skills that make dogs a joy to live with, and many owners have expressed the desire to add this ‘badge of honor’ to their dog's official AKC name.”

For dogs passing the test on or after January 1, owners will have two options on the CGC test form: CGC as a title or CGC certificate only. Owners whose dogs earned the CGC award from January 1, 2001, onward may convert it into a title.

For full details and downloadable paperwork, visit the CGC pages at akc.org.

COURTESY BONHAMS



Top: Ch. Flornell Spicy Bit of Halleston, by Mildred Megargee
In 1934, the British import went Best in Show at Westminster. She was the third of four Garden BIS handled by Percy Roberts, who would judge Westminster's BIS in 1967.



Right: Terriers and Butterflies, by Arthur Wardle
Few artworks convey the breed standard's description "alert, quick of movement, keen of expression" as vividly as this oil-on-canvas.

Alert, Quick, and Keen

Sky's big win at Orlando provides a great excuse to revisit Wire Fox Terrier history with a mini-gallery from the AKC collection and the AKC Museum of the Dog.



Top: Senior Wranglers, by Maud Earl
Earl was a great favorite of British nobility. This 1905 oil depicts the Notts Fox Terriers of Kathleen, Duchess of Newcastle.

Left: Ch. Christopher of Notts and Ch. Cackler of Notts, by Maud Earl
Cackler (left), whelped in 1898, is among the most influential sires in the breed's history.

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Jim Smith

The AKC's 2012 Breeder of the Year is James W. Smith, of Absolutely Smooth Fox Terriers. His passion for the breed and his eye for a dog are surpassed only by his modesty. Smith says he shares the honor with kennel manager Dana Gabel and handlers Eddie and Lesley Boyes: "I'm sort of the glue that holds everything together. These three other people really get the job done."

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ABOUT THE BREED COLUMNS

The breed columns are a time-honored feature of the AKC GAZETTE. Each columnist is appointed by a breed's national parent club, which preserves the breed's standard and helps to educate breeders, judges, and the public about the breed's history, function, and possible health issues. A national parent club comprises dedicated breeders and fanciers, and it represents many years of collective experience in the breed. Columnists are asked to write about topics of interest to the fancy in general as well as those of specific interest to judges and devotees of the breed. The breed columns rotate by group so that each breed's column can appear four times a year.

Information and opinions expressed in the breed columns represent the views of their authors, not necessarily those of the breed's parent club or the AKC.

sporting **Brittanys** Judging Field Trial Puppy Stakes

How we judge puppies in the field influences the types of dogs we produce. While only a small portion of Brittany owners are field trialers, many of the dogs who excel in the show ring, in agility, obedience, and rally, and as family pets have pedigrees that go back to field dogs, so what happens in the field affects the breed overall.

Brittanys were imported to this country as hunting dogs, and hunting is an instinct that is inherited and cannot be taught.

After riding and judging a number of puppy stakes over the years, I feel it may be time to take a fresh look at our placements and ask if our judging criteria is helping us improve our dogs.

The AKC's standard of performance says: "Puppies must show desire to hunt, boldness, and initiative in covering ground and in search of likely cover. They should indicate the presence of game if the opportunity is presented. Puppies should show reasonable obedience to their handler's commands but should not be given additional credit for pointing staunchly. Each dog shall be judged on its actual performance as indicating its future as a high-class bird dog."

Recognizing qualities that make a high-class bird dog is the key to judging puppies. Each of us holds a vision of a high-class bird dog, but being able to recognize it at a young age takes years of experience.

While we may not always look for the same qualities, there are some qualities on which we should agree. As the standard states, puppies must hunt. They should use the wind and hunt from objective to objective. Some puppies are natural edge-runners; while this quality may be a desirable trait in field trial prospects, puppies should be closely watched for opportunities to use the wind to their advantage.

Puppy stakes are unique, because in these puppies are judged solely on potential before any formal training begins. Puppies do not get credit for holding point or for the number of finds they have. In fact, most puppy stakes are run without birds on the course, and knowledgeable judges look at the puppy's hunting instinct to evaluate his future potential.

Recently I judged a small puppy stake with only three braces. A young puppy ran in the first brace, and while immature, he showed a lot of potential. He used the wind, stayed forward, and listened to his handler. He was light on his feet and ran with an effortless gait that would help him compete in one-hour stakes as an adult. His race was not huge, but he showed the potential to become a high-class bird dog.

Contrast this performance to the third brace, where both puppies broke away and were not seen again until the end. Too many judges are placing this type of puppy that runs huge but does little else. If we place puppies based on run, how do we know if they hunt?

Brittany's are some of the best, if not *the* best, bird dogs of the pointing breeds. If we judge puppies based on run alone, we risk losing what is most important in our breed: the instinct to hunt.

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American Brittany Club website:
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Pointers

Our guest columnist is breeder-judge Mr. Thomas Bradley III

Tom Bradley on Pointers

A good Pointer when he enters your ring has a bit of an attitude—a little bit of arrogance—with his head held high and his nostrils large and flared. A good Pointer is moderate in size, not too big and overdone, not too refined. From the tip of his somewhat upturned nose to the tip of his shortish tail, he fits. He has good balance. He is in proportion.

I judge good Pointers on the premise that shorter is always preferable to longer—*everywhere*. Shorter in muzzle is better than longer. Shorter-backed is better than too long. Shorter loin is much better than too long. Shorter ears are way better than too long, and they should be somewhat pointed—never round—with thin, almost see-through soft leather. Not Foxhoundlike—not ever!

Our standard says that the tail is “Heavier at the base, tapering to a fine point. Length no greater than to the hock.” I find this to be fairly self-explanatory. You would be amazed at those who miss this point. It does not mean that the tail must come to the hock. It means what it says: “no *greater* than to the hock.” Again, a shorter, or “bee-sting,” tail is better than a long tail, and it will likely be straighter. Long gives a multitude of problems. They hang, as in an unhappy Bloodhound or, as they are often set on too high or level, they curl—or worse, stick straight up at 12 o’clock. All are equally offensive.

The standard says, “Croup falling only slightly to the base of the tail.”

This clearly means that the croup falls off “only slightly to the base of the tail.” The tail therefore should not come off level with the back.

As he stands there, the picture of what you believe to be a good Pointer, you become concerned about his topline—it isn’t level. Well, good! It isn’t supposed to be. If it were, he couldn’t do the job he was bred to do. The standard says, “slight rise from croup to the top of the shoulders. Loin of moderate length, powerful and slightly arched.” This “slightly arched” gives him his powerful drive and the ability to do his work effortlessly for hours on end.

So, now we have a moderate-sized dog who is compact—all over—and has an attitude! Now we pray that when he moves, he is basically sound coming, going, and on the go-around and doesn’t pick his front feet up too high—that is, hackney.

The standard says, “A good Pointer cannot be a bad color.” This does not mean that he can be purple! He can be liver and white, black and white, orange and white or lemon and white, with associated points to match—black noses and eye-rims on the blacks and oranges, self-colored on the livers and lemons. He can even be solid colored of any of the four colors listed previously. I will say, however, that I have never seen a solid-colored Pointer that I feel would fit into my above description of a good Pointer.

In my opinion, they may never be tricolored. Most of the oldest books now available warn frequently about tricolored Pointers carrying “too much of the Foxhound blood.”

Again, muzzle too long, ears too long, tails too long. Now, look at his feet. This is a working dog. Oval feet, not round, with well-arched toes, allowing him to work all kinds of ground effortlessly.

So, now what do we have? We have a moderately sized dog who comes into your ring with his head held rather arrogantly. Your first impression is head, tail, and attitude. Next, he appears to

balance, and he is in fit condition. We know now that the standard says he can’t be a bad color, and he is one that is acceptable.

Always look at a Pointer from all sides—coloring or patching can easily deceive, and for some reason his “off-side” is often more pleasing to the eye. He moves around your ring with power and grace. His tail, we hope, will lash somewhat from side to side as he moves soundly on four good legs. When he stops, he looks at you with a soft, trusting expression. Lucky you: You’ve just judged a good Pointer. The others just won’t measure up. Enjoy. —T.B.

Thank you Tom, for this informative column. Please visit the APC website at americanpointerclub.org for information on our wonderful breed. Your suggestions and comments are welcome.

—Helyne E. Medeiros,
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American Pointer Club website:
americanpointerclub.org

Curly-Coated Retrievers

Our guest columnist for this month is Patty Slighter, the owner of our highest-ranking Curly-Coated Retriever in U.S. agility. She now has a new puppy and shares the following ideas with us.

Agility Quips

I love agility. I also love Curly-Coated Retrievers. So, now that I have my new puppy, Rooney, I want to ensure he’ll be a successful agility dog. Given that Curlies are slow to mature, I know it is senseless to start obstacles early. Instead, I’m focusing on the “Three Cs” of agility success: *control*, *conditioning*, and *confidence*. I figure by focusing on these while he’s a puppy, I can lay a foundation that fits this independent breed and will hopefully lead to results in the ring.

Here’s my approach:

Control—Impulse control is critical for start-line stays and contacts, both release skills. So preparing for this is critical. I use releasing from the crate,

the car, or out the door as opportunities to teach impulse control. I give a “sit-wait” command and then open the door and say “OK” to release. If he self-releases, I simply close the door. I don’t correct for self-releasing; he just doesn’t get the reward (that is, getting out). I wait until he corrects himself (sits and waits), and then I release him with an “OK!” His excitement isn’t curbed by a correction, the reward is just delayed until he has controlled his impulse.

Conditioning—Agility is about quick acceleration, deceleration, jumping, and turns. However, I don’t think there is an advantage to subjecting my puppy to these physical demands while he’s growing. So to keep him fit but not risk injury, I allow him to be a puppy. He roughhouses with my older dog, gets “the zoomies” in the yard, plays fetch, and swims whenever I can take him. He gets exercise without being pushed to perform.

Confidence—This last “C” is the most important one. I promote confidence in two ways: by exposing Rooney to everything, and correcting him for nothing! Rooney’s been going to trials and social events since I’ve had him. He’s been exposed to trial noises, to being crated around other dogs, and to meeting new dogs at the lake and new people everywhere. Because of this, nothing fazes him.

Regarding corrections (or lack thereof), Rooney never “gets in trouble.” Sometimes I divert his attention (substituting a toy for a couch pillow) or I stop him from being “self-rewarded” (when pulling the leash), but “No!” is unknown to him. Some may think I’m too lenient, but I want him to race to an obstacle with confidence when he’s on a course later on. I don’t want him to hesitate thinking he may be “wrong”; he knows no wrong. And I’ll add, this approach is not creating a terror. He’s a sweet puppy.

Finally, like most agility addicts, I went through the “I gotta getta Border Collie” phase, but decided my love for Curlies is stronger than my need for speed. So I’m raising a performance

dog, but more importantly, I’m raising a partner whose health and happiness are the main goals of everything I do with him.

Now, if this results in a few green ribbons along the way ... —P.S.

Thanks, Patty, for a very informative approach to preparing a pup for agility.

—Ann Shinkle, annshinkle@aol.com

Curly-Coated Retriever Club of America website: ccra.org

Flat-Coated Retrievers

Loose-Lead Walking—No Lunging

The Flat-Coated Retriever is an exuberant dog who easily develops explosive behavior. This can lead to occasional on-lead accidents, so I am pleased to observe a national trend toward feeling that simply stopping and refusing to go forward until a dog returns to you is not adequate for all dogs being taught to walk on a loose lead. However, it is still the first step when the young, inexperienced puppy first begins to get ahead of you and begins to pull on the lead.

Once your puppy is enthusiastic about going for a walk, he will start leading you. If he pulls excessively, just stop, wait for him to return to you, and then praise him, play with him, or feed him treats. When you reach a point of having to stop frequently because he is pulling excessively, it’s time to go on to the next step.

Whether he is pulling you because of high spirits or is just sniffing the ground, turn and go in another direction with a lot of enthusiasm and cheerful talk. As he catches up with you stop, pet and praise him and play at retrieving, or feed a couple of treats. Then continue your walk.

If he is pulling because he sees something exciting, like a person, another dog, or an animal, go in the opposite direction quickly, talking cheerfully while you walk fast, and tease him as you walk with a toy, training dummy, or stick (using a stick only if he is not going to be a hunting dog). When you

get far enough away, like a half a block or so that the object of interest is out of sight, stop and interact with your puppy excitedly. If he is a show dog, have him stop and stand for a treat followed by play. If he is a pet, hunting, or competition dog, have him sit for petting and praise, and follow it with play-retrieving.

Every time you change direction when your puppy or dog is excited about something else, you are giving him a physical, visual, and verbal message that whatever that was, it wasn’t as important as the person he is with—*you!* Every time you stop with him afterward, you are giving him a message that you are not only the most important thing in his life, you are the most important thing on the walk, and also the most interesting and the most fun.

This is not only the fastest way to get him walking on a loose lead, it also eliminates lunging, because you are teaching him to think about you and what you want him to do when he sees something exciting. It is also the foundation of off-lead, open-space control, where he can’t be allowed to go running off to everything he sees.

If you happen to have a Flat-Coat who is a watchdog or is confrontational with other dogs (neither is typical of the breed), it also prevents aggression, because the lead, especially when tight, can trigger aggression. A tight lead is as frustrating to the dog as to the owner.

Happy walking!

—Sally Terroux, sjterroux@aol.com

Flat-Coated Retriever Society of America website: FCRSAinc.org

Golden Retrievers

Gifts of Gold

The Golden Retriever—the gift that keeps on giving. The Golden Retriever is the pioneer breed in the Morris Animal Foundation’s Canine Lifetime Health Project (CLHP), the longest and most comprehensive observational study ever undertaken on canine health issues. An online project that potentially will benefit all breeds of dogs, the intent of the Golden Retriever Lifetime Health Study is to

study and identify the risk factors for development of cancer and other diseases in the Golden. Over 50 percent of Golden Retrievers die from some form of cancer, almost double the rate of other breeds, where one in three is affected.

Launched on May 24, 2012, with a pilot group of 50 Golden Retriever owners to test the online application process, open enrollment in the program began later that summer. The study will ultimately enroll up to 3,000 Golden Retrievers over a 10- to 14-year period.

An “observational study” is what the name implies; it does not control or affect how participating dog owners care for their dogs. Rather, it observes the group through information gathered on each dog’s genetics, health and environment. Qualifying dogs must be under 2 years of age, in good health, and have a three-generation pedigree.

Such a study requires a long-term commitment from the dog owners and their veterinarians. Owners must agree to participate for the entire life of their dog and select a veterinarian who agrees to participate with them.

The online questionnaire includes information on the dog’s diet and feeding habits, environmental exposure, behavior/temperament, disease events, and more. Annual veterinarian visits are required and include sample collections of blood, urine, feces, hair and toenail clippings, and tumor samples when applicable. Owners must also consider providing a necropsy when the dog expires.

All costs are the responsibility of the owner, although MAF will reimburse up to \$75 a year after verification of those expenses has been completed.

The long-term goal is to provide valuable information on how to better prevent, diagnose, and treat cancer and other diseases. Dr. Michael Guy, study director, said such information will also “significantly advance the entire field of veterinary medicine.”

By participating in this study, Golden Retrievers and their owners will help scientists identify how genetics, environ-

ment, and diet may affect a dog’s risk for cancer. It will also allow them to determine risk factors for other health disorders in the breed and learn how to better prevent, diagnose, and treat cancer and other canine diseases—thus creating a healthier future for Golden Retrievers and all breeds of dogs.

To learn more about the CLHP and join the Golden Retriever Canine Lifetime Health Study, visit CanineLifetimeHealth.org.

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Labrador Retrievers Preparation

*L*uck is what happens when preparation meets opportunity.—Seneca (Roman dramatist, philosopher, and politician, 5 B.C.—A.D. 65)

We all know dog-handler teams who train brilliantly but somehow aren’t capable of putting in a stellar performance to match their rehearsal. While stress often plays a part in a disappointing performance, another facet to consider is the team’s preparation.

Some preparation begins days in advance. Your canine teammate needs to be in top condition. Getting that ear infection under control can make a world of difference as to whether a dog stays in the weave poles or gets distracted during an obedience routine. Toenails need to be trimmed; perhaps anal glands need to be expressed.

On the morning of competition, one of the first things to consider is when and how much to feed the dog. Dogs who need extra motivation or are prone to a sensitive stomach might be better off with something less than a full breakfast.

When to arrive at the competition and when to begin working toward the start also need to be thought out. A young or sensitive dog might focus better if he has plenty of time to walk around the venue and take in the sights, sounds, and smells before he is asked to perform. On the other hand, a lower-

energy dog might be better off arriving just before competing. Very keen competitors might be best kept some distance from the event until just before they are to go in, lest they get too wild. Where you crate at a trial or park your car at a hunt test is part of good preparation.

A competent handler in any venue will have the equipment necessary to keep the dog comfortable in extreme weather. On long days, maintaining a dog’s hydration is also critical. It can help to lace water with canned dog food or a canine sports drink.

A regular warm-up routine is as useful in getting the dog mentally ready to perform as it is in ensuring that the muscles are properly tuned. For conformation, a last-minute grooming is usually in order, and no dog will have that “give me the ribbon” attitude if he needs to relieve itself. Part of good preparation for tracking means sheltering your dog’s nose from car exhaust, and giving him ample exposure to the local conditions.

Handlers need preparation, too. At a retriever hunt test, anyone who foregoes the opportunity to witness the test dog and hear the judges’ expectations is compromising their preparedness. There is no excuse for a handler not knowing where the blinds are planted and the birds are to land.

Walking an agility or rally course adequately is critical for a smooth performance. Successful obedience competitors go into the ring knowing the order of the exercises and the heel pattern. Observing others who go before you will not only reinforce the course, ring pattern, or bird locations, but also it helps expose any challenges that might have been missed on the initial assessment.

Lastly, keep in mind that preparation means understanding the rules and guidelines. Exhibitors sign a statement on all AKC event entries saying they have read the rules and agree to abide by them.

Dogs thrive on routine. The more they can anticipate what is going to

happen, the better they (and you) will be able to overcome the stresses of performance day. The best way to be prepared for the ring/test is to develop one's own preparation routine and stick to it as much as possible. With a set ritual, you can be confident that you have done what you can to optimize your team's performance. All those little elements of preparation should sway luck more in your favor.

—Lee Foote

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Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retrievers

TollerData: An Online Database for the Breed

TollerData (toller-l.org/tollerdata) is an open, interactive database for pedigree information on Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retrievers. While many Toller breeders and fanciers maintain their own pedigree databases for research, the TollerData website serves a similar but public function. The data is edited by registered users of the site—generally, though not limited to, Toller owners and breeders. The available information can be viewed by anyone. The concept is somewhat similar to how Wikipedia's information is updated, maintained, and utilized; by combining resources, the set of available data it provides is larger than an individual can amass on their own, and new information can proliferate to more people more quickly.

Eric Johnson, a longtime NSDTRC (USA) member, is the force behind the current incarnation of TollerData. Intrigued by an early online Toller database effort begun by Theo Billman, Eric acquired a license to use Amy Raby's K9Data application, which she had developed for Golden Retrievers. TollerData as we now know it first came online in 2007, thanks to assistance from Toller-L member Dawn Jones and data from Swedish Toller breeder My Sköld. An additional group of records was pro-

vided by Dave Harding in the U.K.

According to Eric, there are currently around 28,000 dogs and test breedings in TollerData. Eric has been a careful steward of TollerData's limited resources and grown it into a valuable resource for Toller fanciers all over the world. For example, when a question arose concerning Toller longevity, the database's records helped verify that longevity was significantly better than first thought.

TollerData allows breeders to review pedigrees and enter test-breedings, note titling accomplishments, and view health information. An especially valuable feature of TollerData is that a photo can be included with a dog's information. Depending on the photo, of course, researchers can see markings and structure of the individual dogs within a pedigree. Due to resource constraints, the photos are not hosted on TollerData but are linked to from Photobucket.com. The process is well documented, quick, and easy to follow.

Another particularly useful feature of the site is that it allows vertical pedigrees to be displayed that list the siblings of each dog in the pedigree.

It is important to note that this information is only as complete as Toller breeders, owners, and fanciers make it. Within the vertical pedigree view, hip, elbow, and longevity data can be reviewed.

Future plans for TollerData include a TollerHealth module, which will house a worldwide open-health registry for Toller owners, breeders, and researchers. This will be modeled to include the diseases and conditions the Toller may be subject to according to Dr. George Padgett's book, *Control of Canine Genetic Diseases*. The intent is for the health records to be reviewed annually so as to help proactively identify any health issues on the increase.

This additional module will provide invaluable data on our beloved little red dogs, and it is hoped that breeders and owners won't feel threatened by so much health information being made public but rather use it to move for-

ward for the betterment of the breed.

Finally, it should be noted that while TollerData is an excellent place to start your research, the veracity of the data, especially in regard to health clearances, should always be verified independently.

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English Setters

Two Agility Trials in One

Chapter 1, Section 2, of the revised AKC agility rules, adopted January 1, 2010, says:

An AKC-recognized specialty club may offer a single breed specialty agility trial in conjunction with another club's all-breed trial, sharing the same date, show site, equipment and judges. Specialty trial participants shall be excluded from competing in the adjoining all-breed trial. Both agility trials may be run together; however, each club is required to maintain separate event records.

The English Setter Association of America took advantage of this provision in the agility rules at the breed's national specialty held in November 2012, offering an English Setters Only agility trial co-located with an all-breed agility trial.

Offering Time 2 Beat and all levels of Standard and Jumpers With Weaves on Saturday, and just Standard and JWW on Sunday, we had 39 runs on Saturday and 27 runs on Sunday. The club's fixed expenses added up to more than \$8,000, including rent for the venue, rent for the equipment, rent for the truck to move the equipment, judge fees, the trial secretary, ribbons, trophies, and AKC application and recording fees.

If we had had only English Setters in the trial, the cost per run would have been more than \$120. If we had only been able to use income from English Setter entries, the ESAA would have lost about \$6,500 on the trial.

How many specialty or parent clubs would be willing to sustain that kind of

loss in order to offer agility at their national or regional specialty? The all-breed trials came to the rescue.

By having the all-breed trials, we were able to break even. And with a more favorable date, we might have made a healthy profit.

We chose to have the English Setters Only trials in conjunction with all-breed trials, rather than simply host an all-breed trial that English Setters could enter, so that English Setters could compete only with each other for class placements. This meant that every English Setter with a qualifying run got a placement and a trophy.

The cost of holding two trials for English Setters only in addition to the all-breed trials: \$200 in additional application fees.

The joy of English Setters placing at their national agility trial: priceless.

The trial secretary set up two catalogs—one for English Setters, and the other for all breeds. The other breeds ran the courses at each jump height first, and their scores were recorded; then all the English Setters in their various jump heights ran the courses, and their scores were recorded in their catalog. The spotlight was on English Setters, while everyone cheered us on.

This format might benefit other parent or specialty clubs whose participation in agility might be so small that an agility trial for that breed only would be unaffordable. Another club must lend their name as sponsor to the all-breed trials, since AKC will not allow the specialty club to sponsor two trials the same day.

Setting up the premium under this format was a challenge. You can look at our premium at esaanational.com under Agility Trials. Our trial secretary checked all the ins and outs of how to do this, and she might be available to work your trial. Our judge and the AKC were very helpful and supportive.

We encourage you to try it—you just might like it.

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Gordon Setters

This is the third column in the breeding and whelping series based on interviews with and information drawn from articles provided by Autumn Davidson, DVM, MS, Dipl. ACVIM, VMTH SAC, School of Veterinary Medicine, University of California, Davis.

What Is a Septate Vaginal Stricture?

I would suspect many breeders are not familiar with vaginal strictures and therefore do not know the importance of checking for this condition prior to breeding. What is a vaginal stricture?

A digital vaginal examination of the breeding female is an essential part of any complete pre-breeding evaluation. This exam can be done painlessly, without need for sedation in most bitches. (Sometimes the vulva is too small to allow a digital exam unless the bitch is in season.) It involves the veterinarian placing a gloved, lubricated finger into the female's vaginal vault and palpating for anatomic abnormalities that may prevent normal breeding and/or whelping.

One abnormality is a type of vaginal stricture called a "septate band." This is a band of vaginal tissue stretching from the top of the vagina to the floor. It can be a narrow strand, or actually divide the vagina into two parts.

Another type is a "circumferential stricture," a remnant of where the vagina and vestibule fused together during embryonic development. Normally, this tissue disappears during the female's normal growth process. Small, undiagnosed strictures can occasionally break down on their own during breeding, but if they fail to do so, they can prevent a tie or cause reluctance to breed, by both the female and the male. Even if the breeding is successful, a persistent, untreated septate band can ultimately lead to problems during whelping.

How can a breeder or owner of the female tell when a stricture is present?

Signs may include crying or sitting

behavior by the female when the male attempts to breed her. However, sometimes there are no signs. The stricture presents an actual physical barrier to breeding and therefore can be painful. The sitting or crying behavior can be misinterpreted that the female is not in "standing heat." The male can also experience pain when attempting to breed and subsequently refuse to breed the female. (This may even leave the male not wanting to breed another female.)

Even though a breeding may be successful and the female conceives, if left uncorrected a stricture can act as a physical barrier within the birth canal during whelping and be dangerous to both the female and the puppies. If severe enough, this blockage of the birth canal may necessitate delivery of the pups by C-section. (In nonbreeding females, a septate band can cause signs of vaginal discomfort, sometimes associated with urination.)

Is there treatment for septate strictures?

Yes. When septate bands are found prior to breeding, they can often be corrected easily, with minor surgery. For thin, easily palpable bands of tissue, local sedation may be adequate to facilitate manual breakdown of the stricture by your veterinarian.

For more extensive, thicker or broader strictures not capable of manual breakdown, your veterinarian may need to use general anesthesia, accompanied by an endoscope and long surgical instruments, to facilitate access to and visualization of the affected area. Because anesthesia may be necessary, the breeder should arrange to do the pre-breeding evaluation well ahead of the time the female comes into season.

Circumferential strictures are more difficult to correct, require more extensive surgery, and often reform. Artificial insemination and a planned C-section are usually indicated in this case.

It is unknown if either septate bands or circumferential strictures are inherited.

If a female has strictures, what is the prognosis after treatment?

Depending on the type, vaginal stric-

tures are neither life threatening nor do they mean a female cannot be bred.

They illustrates the importance of planning a breeding well ahead of the time the female comes in heat, so that a complete pre-breeding evaluation can be performed by your veterinarian. — A.D.

Thank you for providing this important information, Dr. Davidson.

Want to know about breeding management of the female? Then you will want to read my next column!

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Irish Red and White Setters

Important Stud Dogs of the Past PART ONE

Several months ago I received an envelope in the mail from the IRWSAA awards chair, and to my surprise it contained a lovely medallion, along with a certificate, for one of my boys—Robilee Sky Walker, JH—who won the Stud Dog of the Year Producers Award. This reminded me of an article that was sent to me from the United Kingdom many years ago featuring some of the all-time greatest Irish Red and White Setters. Many of these dogs can be found back in our pedigrees. I thought the following information might be as interesting to you as it was to me.

A number of U.K. breeder-judges when asked to select the most important IRWS named Harlequin of Knockalla, born on April 4, 1977, as having the greatest influence on the breed at that time. Some outstanding attributions listed were his wonderful temperament and that he was a strong, powerful well constructed dog who could move with style and ease. He was trained to the gun and ran in field trials, often making it into the second round. He sired several Best Rare Breed winners at Crufts, along with several outstanding working IRWS.

Others chosen in this elite list of

important stud dogs were Ch. Coolfin Commachie, born in 1982, also having an outstanding temperament, good movement, and sound construction, and Irish Ch. Sheebhin Bairre, born in 1986, a strong-moving dog with outstanding color of pure white and deep chestnut, with a beautiful head. He was also regularly worked. Another was Gameshot of Autumnwood, born on May 3, 1981, having great color, type, and temperament. He sired 14 litters, passing on his attributes to many of his offspring.

Also were Sh. Ch. Clehurst Billy Budd, born March 14, 1988, also known for his type, strength, and color, and Irish Ch. Meuden Blaze, a perfectly balanced dog with a clear, white coat gleaming with chestnut markings, and plenty of substance required for a day's work in the field. Sh. Ch. Majestic Flame at Copperdale was another outstanding dog and was the breed's first Show Champion. Sh.Ch. Spearpoint Sambooka Flambe was unsurpassed for conformation, balance, and color, with a good temperament. Meuden Amber Glow, born June 15, 1979, was 9 years old when the breed first was eligible for CCs and was considered "the champion who never was but should have been." He was a great showman, with outstanding movement and ring presence. Another was Sh. Ch. Woodwater Flynn O'Grady, a well-balanced dog of impeccable movement. Sadly this lovely dog was killed at age 6, leaving a limited number of offspring behind him.

It has been said that every great stud dog has a great bitch behind him. In my next column I will highlight the outstanding bitches listed in this article.

(Reference: KENNEL GAZETTE, July 1996.)

Note: The IRWSAA Stud Dog of the Year Producer Award is based on the achievements of the get during the calendar year.

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Clumber Spaniels 1-13 What's in a Name?

The names of the AKC's some 175 recognized breeds typically incorporate one or more of three main elements—(1) the breed's country or general area of supposed origin; (2) the breed's coat type; (3) breed function—neatly summed up, such as in the name German Wirehaired Pointer. A few breeds are named for a person, such as the Boykin Spaniel, the Gordon Setter, the Parson Russell Terrier, and the Plott. To my knowledge, only two are named for a very specific piece of private property: the Sealyham Terrier and the Clumber Spaniel.

The Clumber takes his name from his almost certain place of origin in the 1700s: Clumber Park, the 3,800-acre private estate of the Second Duke of Newcastle, in Robin Hood's famed Sherwood Forest, of the English Midlands. The word *Clumber*, spelled *Clunbre*, was first written in William the Conqueror's famous *Doomsday Book* of 1086 (the better to collect taxes, of course!). Supposedly the name comes from the main stream of the Poulter River, the Clun, which flows through the estate.

How does the public handle the name of our breed? We all have had the same experience: "Oh, a Cocker Spaniel!" In a friendly fashion I ask, "Have you ever seen a 75-pound, almost all white Cocker?" Invariably the person answers, "Well no, come to think of it!" And then I explain that there are 10 breeds of sporting spaniels, the smallest the Cocker, and that the largest is the Clumber, which rhymes with "lumber" and "slumber."

The more dog-knowledgeable exclaim, "Oh, a Cumberland Spaniel!" I congratulate them on their dog savvy and try to gently correct their pronunciation. After all, Cumberland is a well-known geographic name, and Clumber is certainly not.

But there is—or was—another problem with the name of our breed. At an AKC conference in the early 1970s, I was approached by no less than the

AKC president, the Hon. John A. Lafore Jr. He had read my badge and asked me the correct pronunciation of Clumber. There was long a belief in doggy circles that Clumber rhymed with “plumber,” “dumber,” and “climber”—that is, with a silent “B.” To her dying day, the distinguished all-rounder judge Anne Rogers Clark pronounced it this way. As a teenager she had worked as a groomer-handler for the du Ponts in their huge Squirrel Run Kennel, and apparently this was their way. In the July–August 1976 issue of the *CSCA Bulletin*, Elizabeth Yakin reports (page 6) finding in an old issue of England’s Clumber journal that it was pronounced with a silent “B.” A March 1971 article in *Popular Dogs* says that the “B” is silent. Frank Ruckstuhl, one of the CSCA’s first presidents, for some years pronounced it this way.

What answered the question once and for all for me, however, was a chance encounter at Clumber Park itself. An elderly gentleman was fishing at Clumber Lake for its famous pike. I sat down next to him and, playing dumb, I asked him the name of the lake. Somewhat surprised, he answered, “Clumber Lake, of course,” with a very English accent and a very distinctly pronounced “B.” I asked him if he was from the area. He said, “Man and boy, I have spent my whole life here.” Furthermore, several years later, when serving as president of the CSCA, I made a little tour of England, staying with Clumber people from Kent up to the border of Scotland. Not one pronounced Clumber with a silent “B.” Case closed!

Reminder: To keep a true perspective of one’s importance, we need a dog to worship us, and a cat to ignore us.

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Cocker Spaniels Treat Your Pupils Well

A mentor—what a prized person to have! This columnist has been

fortunate to have three mentors, each one a valued teacher and outstanding human being.

My first mentor entered in connection with my acquisition (at age 7) of my first purebred Cocker Spaniel as I learned about showing him. Mentors later served me well for over 48 years of my participation in a Cocker breeding and exhibition program.

Mentors are the main hope for encouraging those new to the Cocker breed and the sport. We know the breed is complex in terms of the process of producing outstanding specimens. We know the breed is complex in its preparation for competition events. We know the breed is complex in show-ring presentation. There is much to be learned regarding Cocker genetics, Cocker maintenance, and Cocker grooming. It really takes a mentor, with one-on-one attention for the newcomer, to impart breed knowledge in the above areas, to watch the direction the pupil is going, and to provide ongoing guidance and encouragement.

Especially in today’s worlds of things being “instant,” a mentor must slow the world down to devote time and observation to the pupil. There is just no instant substitute for demonstration, experience, hands-on learning of grooming, bloodlines and genetics, nutrition, presentation skills, puppy evaluation, and knowledge of health-testing procedures.

These are the details: the passing along of knowledge and skills from one generation of the Cocker fancy to another. But what of the bigger mission for a mentor—keeping the pupil encouraged and strong in the face of disappointment, problems, or criticism from within the Cocker world, or blatant and unfounded attacks from without?

When I marveled that one of my mentors gracefully weathered attacks on her bloodlines from envious competitors, she told me, her pupil: “When you are in this hobby for a length of time, you learn to grow something over yourself.”

She was telling me that you must develop a protective “mental coating” in order to continue with this hobby and your plans without becoming unduly disturbed and distracted.

What about the attacks from “outside”? How does a mentor steel the pupil to deal with all the times a groomer, a veterinarian, or member of the public says something like, “Oh, Cockers have so many problems, and it is because they are inbred,” or “Cockers are snappy,” and so forth? How does the mentor equip the pupil with knowledge and tact to confront the damaging misconceptions that affect the pupil’s morale?

All the pupils know is that they are working overtime to learn, care for dogs, do health-testing, pay a lot of expenses, only to hear comments, such as the above, when they are trying to place a puppy or showcase the breed to the public. The mentor must give the pupil strength and information as well as the skills to present correct information effectively in public outreach. The mentor should model strength and a calm presence under fire.

Mentors, treat your pupils well, for they are carrying the breed banner and all your work into the next generation.

—Kristi L. Tukua

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English Cocker Spaniels

Evaluating a litter of young pups is one of the delights of breeding, but it’s not an easy task. This month we revisit the valuable advice of esteemed all-breed judge and longtime English Cocker breeder Miss Virginia Lyne, whose comments follow.

Selecting the Show Puppy

In our evaluation, we focus on the following criteria: overall balance and eye appeal, structure and soundness, and attitude. In the following I will offer a few practical suggestions as to what we look for in choosing puppies. Much of this is common sense and regularly

practiced by experienced breeders.

Balance and eye appeal. There is no question that some puppies “fill the eye” with an indefinable quality that is a result of the pleasing combination of all their parts. Rather than notice overpowering traits I want to be able to put my pup on the table and say, “My, that’s an even, balanced puppy.” The selection of a pup that shows balance is often difficult after about 8 weeks up until about 8 months. The upper limit varies for different lines, but we have found that our own dogs are best evaluated around 8 to 9 weeks. We then stop worrying during the rapid growth periods, and during teething.

At this point, a good selection of photographs of profiles, fronts, and rears is most helpful. We have found that the most balanced pups usually look on the small side, especially at 5 to 7 months. They are “compact packages,” and as puppies strike one as diminutive, but as adults prove to be correct size.

Structure and soundness. It is important to differentiate those parts of the structure which might change from those which will remain fairly constant. We feel that the following are some things that will remain fairly constant. With these, what you see in the young pup is likely what you will get:

- *Low on leg.* We have found that rarely does the short-legged, low-to-the-ground pup become square and correct. In most cases, these pups are too long in the loin and should not be retained in a breeding program.

- *Loose shoulder assemblies, pin toes, and loaded or heavily muscled shoulders.* I’ve combined rather a number of problems in the shoulder assembly, but this is a serious problem and rarely improves or corrects. Shoulder layback is hard to predict, but my rule is that if it is poor it is unlikely to improve. (And if it is good, it may not stay good in the adult.) Minor looseness in the front will tighten with good exercise.

- *Low tail-set and falling-away croup.* These are fairly set at 8 to 9 weeks and should be avoided. Because these are difficult to breed out, we are fairly

ruthless in eliminating them.

- *Serious rear-end weaknesses, narrow quarters, and long or cow hocks.* Don’t be tempted here; this is a serious fault, and they never move right as adults.

- *Lack of forechest or depth of brisket.* Keep reminding yourself that you can’t create something that wasn’t there to begin with.

- *Eye color and size.* The small, round, or light eye will be there only worse in the adult.

- *Roached loin.* Any tendency to a roach or excessive arch over the loin is not going to go away.

- *Fine or excess bone.* The shelly, slab-sided pup that is lacking in bone quality usually matures into a fine-boned adult. Equally I avoid the extremely heavy-boned pup that shows excessive coarseness. —V.L.

Thank you, Miss Lyne, for your knowledgeable comments.

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English Springer Spaniels

Helping Paws—At Your Service

Tanner is a 5-year-old rescue Springer owned by military veteran Douglas Maugan.

Tanner is Maugan’s service dog. Beth Anne Heesen, in her article for *The Patriot-News* (found at pennlive.com/midstate/index.ssf/2011/07/service_dog_save_d_life_of_mech.html), describes the work and emotional support that Tanner provides, explaining, “When Douglas Maugan is plagued by nightmares of war, he can always count on Tanner to wake him up. The 5-year-old English springer spaniel presses the touch pad on Maugan’s nightstand with his nose to turn the light on, gets up on his master’s chest, and lies there for as long as he’s needed.”

Devoted, hardworking dogs make lives safer, happier, and less difficult for humans with myriad physical, mental, emotional, health, and social needs and

difficulties.

Most of us know dogs who train to pass the AKC Canine Good Citizen test on the way to becoming certified therapy dogs.

When we think of “service dogs,” we may envision a strong, calm dog leading a visually impaired or blind owner, or sharing his keen sense of hearing to keep his hearing-impaired person safe. Service dogs often clear a path for their human, pulling wheel chairs, offering their steadiness to an owner who uses them to bolster an unsteady gait, or providing emotional support for people who battle various emotional stresses in public and in fear-inducing situations.

For the epileptic who lives with continual dread of never knowing when they will have their next seizure, a *seizure-alert* service dog provides life-changing support. A *seizure-response* dog performs a very different task, by giving support during a seizure, such as using his body to break the seizing person’s fall, or by responding to the seizure with incessant barking to draw attention to the human’s need for assistance.

Dogs are natural choices to share their drive to fetch. Picking up dropped canes, crutches, work objects, or pushing or pulling a walker toward the owner are great work skills for a trained assistance dog. Dogs can be trained to push buttons or triggers with their noses and paws, making it possible for physically challenged workers to perform their work duties.

A Springer is happiest when his nose is at work. Dogs are involved with many near-miraculous efforts sniffing out medical problems and providing health alerts. Diabetic assistance dogs alert owners to dangerously low blood sugar. Ongoing medical studies investigate how some dogs become alert to the distinctive odors that accompany volatile organic compounds (VOCs). This exciting research explores sniffer dogs’ responses to scent changes that occur with some tumors, especially, skin, colon, and lung tumors.

Organizations that provide service and assistance dogs often seek out

breeders to donate promising dogs to their programs. On their website, 4

Paws for Ability Service Dogs (4pawsforability.org) describe their Donate a Puppy Program, explaining:

“Health is important, so testing for breed-specific health issues before you breed is important to us, and we will want to know what testing you have done with your dogs before breeding.”

Jean Froling, with the International Association of Assistance Dog Partners (iaadp.org/breed.html), cites Springers as one of the breeds frequently employed as hearing assistance dogs. She emphasizes the need to understand the traits and talents that a particular breed will likely possess, saying, “Each breed was developed for a purpose. If considering a breed developed for hunting, herding, or guarding work, realize that the traits that made a dog of that particular breed an excellent hunting dog, an effective sheepdog, or a successful guard dog do not disappear just because the traits are no longer highly desired by most dog owners. ... Hereditary breed traits should always be considered part of the package when making a breed choice.”

Good advice indeed.

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Irish Water Spaniels

Our guest columnist for this issue is Patrice Dodd.

All for Love

How do we get new people into our breeds? Here’s an answer to consider: All we need is love. Well, perhaps we need a bit more than just love, but it can start there. Love is what hooked me, and I’m sure I’m not alone.

It all started when my beloved old mutt died. I wanted another dog, one who would love the water. I did my research and made appointments with several breeders of water-loving breeds at the next big dog show.

At the show, I met with several breeders, but the Irish Water Spaniel

people stood out—they grabbed on to me and my husband, passing us from breeder to exhibitor to hanger-on, telling us everything about IWS. Those people loved their breed.

Some of those folks then helped us get our first IWS puppy. Every step of the way, with pictures, phone calls, and almost-daily e-mails, both the breeder and the sire’s owner did everything they could to help us with health care, coat care, and puppy training. We fell in love with our puppy—and, not at all incidentally, with his breeders.

After studying the many puppy pictures we sent, the breeder e-mailed that perhaps she’d made a mistake. “I think we sent you a show dog,” she said.

Showing was a terrifying idea, but once again, the breeder, the sire’s owner, and lots of other IWS people jumped in to demonstrate how to groom a show dog, gait and stack a show dog, what clothes to wear, what kind of leash to use, and so on. They even said they’d groom and show him for us.

After a bit, I became brave enough to show him myself. And even when he didn’t place (which was often), I kept going, because by this time I loved all the new friends who loved me and stood ringside so they could remind me to breathe.

Then my husband got sick. One of my IWS friends drove many hours to pick up my dog. Another one took him in and trained him for six weeks while my husband recovered. That is love I never forget.

Love of the dog and our IWS friends has gotten us into hunt tests, as well as obedience and rally trials. When we succeed, they congratulate us. When we fail, they let me cry on their shoulders and give us training tips. So much love and support kept me going — enough that my dog earned the Irish Water Spaniel Club of America’s coveted All-Around IWS medal, awarded to dogs who have earned a retriever hunt test title, a show championship, and a CD obedience title.

And then love brought me a chance

to be a co-breeder. Because my dog was away with a professional field trainer, I was crying about how much I missed him. An IWS friend offered to lend me one of her bitches, and when I fell in love with the girl, allowed us to keep and co-own her. And so we started all over again with showing, hunt testing, obedience training, and then ventured into new territory with breeding, whelping, and raising puppies. I fell in love with those puppies, especially Mr. Orange, who is now, like his brothers and sisters, loved by new people ... and the cycle starts all over again. —P.D.

Thank you, Patrice.

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Sussex Spaniels

Hand-Raising Sussex Puppies

People are always asking why Sussex are so rare. One of the main reasons is that they are hard to get pregnant and hard to whelp.

Recently I had a lovely young bitch who was pregnant with her first litter. The sire of the litter was a male I dearly love, and I was very excited about this breeding. Her pregnancy had gone beautifully, and the “week before” X-ray showed eight puppies crowded in there. My anxiety level went up a notch.

Her due date came and went: nothing. No labor, little nesting. She stopped eating, and after two days (and sleepless nights) I took her to the emergency vet. Having done a C-section for me before, they agreed I was right that we had to get those puppies out.

(They told me later that there would have been no way for her uterus to contract; she was just too full of puppies. She would never have gone into labor, and I would have had dead puppies and possibly a dead mom.)

The C-section went well, and we got the puppies all breathing. After only an hour they were good enough to go

home. Not so with the mom, however. She needed blood and fluids, so I made the mistake of leaving her. Looking back, I should have insisted that they put us all in a room, and I should have stayed there so that the puppies were there when she woke up.

As it was, I took the puppies home as they suggested, fed them, and went back to get the mom three hours later. She was wide awake when I got there and feeling pretty good. The problem was, however, when I got her home she would have nothing to do with the puppies. No matter what I did, then and in the following weeks, she would have nothing to do with them.

I had supplement-fed many puppies over the years, but I'd never totally fed a whole litter before. Now I have some tips that may help someone else.

My main, first suggestion is to have a tube of colostrum with your whelping supplies. I have used this with every litter in the last three years to give pups a little boost right after they are born. It was essential with this litter, because they never got the colostrum from their mother's milk.

I fed these puppies with a baby bottle. I know that some people swear by tube-feeding, but I have never been comfortable doing it, and if the puppy can nurse at all I feel that it is important for him to do so. For one reason especially—the fact that these puppies needed to suck to keep them from sucking on each other, which they would still try occasionally, but not if I kept them full.

For the first 10 days I fed them every two to three hours, and then I went to every four hours, and finally every six, until they were old enough to start with a dish. At 10 days I gave them raw hamburger—tiny balls of it—which they loved, and this allowed them to go longer between feedings.

For the first five days I had to stimulate them to get them to potty, but after that it was just a matter of cleaning them up many times a day.

There are many formulas out there, but I find the powdered ones do not

dissolve well and clog up the bottle's nipple. What I used with this litter, with great success, was canned goat's milk—one can to 8 ounces of bottled water. I mixed it up well, and they loved it and thrived on it. The only good thing about bottle-feeding is that it allows you to know exactly how much they are getting. When they nurse on their mom, you never know exactly how much each one is getting.

Note: If you need to raise puppies this way, they do need to be burped, just like a baby.

This turned out to be a very healthy and happy litter. It is the most uniform litter I have had in 42 years, perhaps because every puppy got every ounce of food that they could possibly want.

It all turned out well, and for that I am grateful, but I hope I never have to do it again!

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Welsh Springer Spaniels

Girls Rule!

When looking for my first Welsh, I was very firm that I wanted to buy a bitch. It perplexed me that the breeders all wanted to know *why* I wanted a bitch. I had no interest in breeding, was only buying a family pet—so why did I want a bitch?

The simple answer was that most dogs I had owned up until that time were bitches. The breeder who eventually sold me my first Welsh was kind enough not to tell me that was a dumb answer. Beth told me that in her experience, the boys were sweeter, more biddable. “The bitches want to take over your house,” she said. I was undeterred.

After being on a waiting list for two years(!), the litter was whelped. Bad news: There were only two bitches. Beth was keeping one, and a longtime friend had dibs on the other. It was take a dog, or wait until her next litter. I took the dog.

Ike was sweet and biddable, as promised. He was a happy show dog, believing all the applause was for him. He was the perfect first Welsh and show dog for me. (More on how long it took this novice to finish that first championship will have to wait for another column.)

Like most Welshie owners, I found that one was not enough; in the course of five years, I had three male champions living in my house and (mostly) co-existing peacefully.

Being firmly bitten by the dog-showing, Welshie-loving bug, I decided I wanted a bitch to finish and potentially breed. The breeders I went to, Carla and Keith, hesitantly brought up the issue of personality differences.

“You know the girls are bossier, right?” asked Carla. My friend Shelley said, “I can't wait to hear how you like having a girl in the house.” By this time I had spent countless hours with bitches owned by my friends, and I thought all this stuff about gender differences was a bit overblown.

Mamie came to live with us almost three years ago, and I have this to say to my Welsh Springer friends: You were so right! Mamie effortlessly runs the boys in the house. Mamie wants the toy, she gets the toy. The boys seem almost befuddled when Mamie streaks past them in the yard and snatches the toy from their jaws. (“Hey! Didn't I just have that?”) Mamie wants to be closest to me on the couch, the boys move down the cushions without a grumble. Mamie jockeys to be the first out the door, the boys make room. Mamie wants me to stop reading and look at her ... well, this is where she runs into resistance. She will actually swat a book from my hands and crawl into my lap to stare adoringly in my face. I dump her on the floor and return to reading. It is clear she can scarcely believe it. “Someone defies my wishes! What to do?” She swats again, crawls up my front, cocks her head and licks my nose. Who can resist that? I can. She finally takes the hint and settles down next to me with a martyred sigh. If there is

anything I have learned in three years, it is this: She is only resting and planning her next attack.

Girls rule!

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Spinoni Italiani

Key Points of Breed Type

As chair of the judges' education committee for the Spinone Club of America, I am happy to have this opportunity to discuss the Spinone Italiano.

The Spinone Club of America is working hard to educate both provisional and approved judges about our breed. We have a lot of materials available, hold judges' education seminars throughout the year, and have written articles for the AKC judges' newsletter. We are grateful for the efforts and interest of so many judges (both provisional and approved judges) who have taken the time to attend our (new as of 2011) judges' education seminar.

Those of you who have attended our seminars or read our materials know that the Spinone is a dog with a great deal of substance and bone. He is a strongly built dog. Divergent head-planes are a hallmark of the breed, and parallel head planes are highly undesirable; this is a head breed. A refined, elegant and flashy dog is antithetical to the essence of the Spinone, a rustic dog. We stress that the underline has *minimal* tuck-up. A dog with more than minimal tuck-up is not acceptable.

The Spinoni who should stand out in the show ring have strong bone and bodies with great substance; they have divergent head planes and the correct headpiece (an oval skull and long, dolicocephalic head), correct toplines, and the typical *relaxed*, easy trot that is the stamp of the breed. The Spinone Italiano is an endurance trotter who works in rough, uneven ground and thick cover. The Spinone should not fly around the ring like a dog who works in the wide-open fields. While most

pointers and setters are built for fields, the Spinone is considered more an "all-terrain" dog. He works in the rugged mountainous regions in Italy as well as in the marshes, thus his construction and movement are very different from those of breeds who are built for galloping. A Spinone is an endurance trotter. When he is gaitting in the group ring, he should not be compared to the galloping breeds (such as the German Wirehaired Pointer).

The Spinone Italiano:

- Is a robust dog with powerful bone. He is *not* a refined, elegant dog.

- Has divergent head planes on a long and narrow head. The head should be 40 percent of the height at the withers.

- Has *minimal* tuck-up.

- Should move in a relaxed, purposeful gait with the head carried just above the backline. He does *not* fly around the ring with a lot of reach and drive like the other sporting dogs do. Yes, he is a strong mover, but not in the fashion typical of other sporting dogs.

- Has a slightly broken topline (not a swayed back), and he moves with his croup at the same height as his withers, retaining his unique topline. Moving downhill (loin above withers) or uphill is not typical of the Spinone Italiano, and this type of construction should not be rewarded.

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Vizslas

Vizslas in Words and Pictures

If we want to maintain the Vizsla's qualities as a dual dog—an excellent bird dog and family companion—the breed standard matters.

In authorizing and funding a project to provide illustrations to go with the standard, the Vizsla Club of America intends to enhance the usefulness of the standard as a guide for breeders, judges and owners. The VCA board of direc-

tors has created an ad hoc Illustrated Breed Standard Committee to work on this task.

Using a combination of drawings and photos, the committee's goal is to provide pictures to go with the words, giving a more comprehensive description of the ideal Vizsla. Illustrations will be chosen with this goal in mind.

Most breeders and judges honestly do their best to understand and interpret the standard. Their individual experiences and education will inevitably be part of this interpretation. The written standard is a crucial tool—but words are subject to interpretation, and even the most carefully written standard has limits when it comes to understanding a living creature. Good illustrations can clarify the intent of the words and phrases.

For example, the words *moderate* or *moderately* occur nine times in the standard. It's an important concept, but if you've been to more than a couple of shows, you know it isn't always clear to the judge what is meant by "moderately wide" or "moderately angulated." Then there's *proportionately*, as in "proportionately long" (ears), and *fairly*, as in shoulder blades that are "fairly close at the top." Pictures may be especially helpful in pinning down the meaning of these terms.

Illustrations will also be useful in showing the virtues that make a dog a good representative of the breed: the correct parts *and* the necessary balance and proportion of the total dog.

Without a clear understanding of these qualities, it is easy for breeders, judges, and exhibitors to fall back on fault-judging—unable to see the forest for the trees, we risk rewarding and perpetuating mediocrity.

Illustrations of correct anatomy and proportions can help people recognize what excellence looks like. For example, the topline and croup are places where a correct Vizsla looks different from other sporting breeds; the standard provides a good description of what is correct, and pictures will highlight what the words mean.

Within the standard there is room for some variation, as shown by three different VCA national-specialty winners: Glory, in 2010 (GCh. Jakra's Vivid Morning Glory, RN, JH); Mason, in 2011 (GCh. Regal Point Pinnacle of Kilauea); and Kato, in 2012 (GCh. Artisan Grouse Point Pink Panther, JH). Each of these dogs represents the standard very well, yet each has its own distinct look. Another function of illustrations could be to show the range of acceptable variation.

Illustrations are no substitute for the written standard. In a sense, the pictures are already there in the words.

If we care about Vizslas, we have a responsibility to spend time reading the standard, learning definitions of unfamiliar terms, and looking at as many good Vizslas as possible. Additionally, observing other breeds and reading other standards can give us a clearer understanding of the Vizsla standard.

Our breed is an honest dog, with a short coat that doesn't hide his structure. Words and pictures can both play a role in understanding the qualities of a good Vizsla.

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Weimaraners Stack the Deck—in Your Favor

As part of an AKC judge's education, we are encouraged to attend sanctioned seminars and workshops. The American Kennel Club considers such attendance to be a vital part of a judge's development. The seminars are highly structured and have stringent requirements for the content.

Seminars on individual breeds are conducted by parent-club representatives and cover everything from the history of the breed and its standard to the nuances of judging the breed. Practical experience is provided by having a number of examples of the breed available to the students.

Student-judges get to examine and rank the assembled dogs and then dis-

cuss why they placed the dogs in that order. Having a mix of theory and "hands-on" experience prepares them for future judging of that breed.

Last summer I had a chance to attend such training, and without exception, each presenter included a snapshot of the overall quality of their breed and current "problems" in the breed. Repeatedly, the same areas were listed as needing improvement: "We'd like to see better shoulders," "Heads could be improved," and "We need to improve front and rear balance."

As I was typing up my notes from the seminars, it struck me that it seemed that the same recurrent structural woes showed up for many breeds.

The long-range solutions to these problems need to be dealt with by breeders, but what effect do these seemingly universal problems have on the exhibitor presenting their dog in the show ring? The flippant answer and quick fix is "Get yourself a better dog without the problems," but for the typical owner-handler this is rarely an option. We all tend to show what we have, not what we'd necessarily like to have.

Faced with this conundrum, how can you improve your chances of winning in the show ring with the dog you have? First, recognize that what you've got is what you've got. In our breed there are no magical grooming tricks—we show "naked" dogs with everything out there for the world to see. The hard, cold fact is: You can't change structure.

However, although you can't change the physical realities of less-than-desirable shoulders, heads, and balance, you *can* improve your chances of success by having a well-behaved dog. Never underestimate how important good behavior is in the show ring.

One of the most frustrating situations for judges is to have a good dog in the ring that is not properly prepared to be judged. It is impossible to evaluate gait when the dog is flaying about, dragging its handler, or moving at an inappropriate speed.

Judges are not detectives. They are

not expected to ferret out hidden qualities, nor does time permit for such analysis. When you enter a dog in a show, your dog is called an "exhibit." You as the handler are expected to *exhibit* him in a manner that is advantageous and that showcases him.

My personal advice to handlers is very simple: First, teach the dog to gait with you—no dragging or being dragged. Second, train the dog to move in a straight line. It's the only way gait can be properly evaluated. Third, remember that baiting is *not* feeding the dog; baiting is training the dog to stand alertly, waiting to be given the treat. Finally, since the stand for exam is very difficult for our friendly, curious dogs, teach it slowly and carefully. A few wiggles and wagging themselves out of place is fine, but a wrestling match is not.

One last thing: Be forgiving but firm. Weimaraners know when you're serious or when a behavior is optional.

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Wirehaired Pointing Griffons

Proper Grooming of the Griffon

Last summer I was showing my young class male to a judge who, when checking his coat said, "This should be mussed up" and proceeded to tousle his coat with her hand. I was baffled by her comment, wondering where she got the idea that a Griffon's coat should look messy.

A very misunderstood word in our standard is "unkempt." Unkempt does not mean "mussed up" or ungroomed! It refers to a dog having a natural look that is not overly sculpted or trimmed. I've seen many Griffon exhibits in recent years that would suggest that judges, breeders, owners and handlers alike do not understand the correct grooming of the Griffon. Grooming should ultimately reflect what is practical and functional in the field, as well as highlight features in the breed standard.

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A griffon coat is not “mussed up.” A correct coat is around two to three inches long, harsh in texture, and lies fairly flat. It is not wavy or curly. By comparison, it is not as short or flat as that of a German Wirehaired Pointer’s coat. A long, shaggy coat reminiscent of the extinct woolly mammoth is completely incorrect. It is likely to have a drab, faded, orange color because it is an old, dead coat that should have been stripped out long ago. A coat of that length is very impractical in the field, particularly in heavy cover.

“Bedroom slipper” feet, acceptable in the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel ring, have no place among Griffons. Untrimmed, shaggy feet with long hair hanging off the rear pasterns are not only unsuitable in the field where they would easily gather burrs, foxtails and other debris, but they also hide the

shape of the foot. A Griffon should have neatly trimmed feet allowing a judge to see the firm, tight, round shape of the foot designated in the standard. A foot that is hidden by excess hair may be hiding sickle-hocks or a splayed foot—both faulty and highly undesirable in a working dog. A plume on the tail is prohibited and should be removed to enhance the topline and overall profile of the dog.

The most glaring misunderstanding of “unkempt” is in the grooming of the head. The head should not look like a lion’s mane. As our breed’s founder intended, the hair on top of the head should be fairly short, so as to beautifully display the squared profile referenced in our standard. While the Griffon must have a prominent mustache and eyebrows, the brows should not be of such a length as to com-

pletely cover the eyes, prohibiting a judge from seeing the expressive, round eyes. Excessive hair on the head may also hide a correct high ear-set. Untrimmed ears covered in long, stringy hair may give the false impression of a long, hound ear—incorrect for a Griffon. Furthermore, excess hair on the ear is unhygienic, since it hampers air circulation in a drop ear susceptible to fungal infections.

Grooming of the Griffon should enhance and accentuate the breed standard features, not hide them. Poor grooming, or no grooming at all, may hide what is correct about a given dog or even conceal what isn’t correct, not allowing a judge an accurate assessment of a Griffon’s qualities.

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Akitas

Spirit: A Definition

My grandmother once said that she would want to be remembered for her spirituality. She proceeded to define her definition of spirituality as something besides a religious connotation; she was referring to her *spirit*, the essence that drives one, the ability to inspire and create, to love and learn.

I began thinking about this when I recently found myself in the position of having to “make the decision” to let one of our Akitas cross the bridge after a long illness.

Layla was a product of a much-anticipated breeding, and as all breeders, I was looking for something specific, and I thought I found it when she was born. She was a typey, beautiful red with white socks who moved soundly and showed much promise. Then she had pyometra at 1½ years old, and we almost lost her; she breezed through her recovery from her spay, but her showing and breeding career ended before it began. She was part of our family, and we delighted in all her silly antics and pure joy in being with us.

Around age 7, we noticed that she was losing weight. After a vet-check, he determined that she had pancreatic cancer. He said she had maybe six months.

We were devastated. Layla did not notice or seem to care, even though she was ravenous most of the time, as sadly the cancer did not let her absorb nutrients from her food. Determined to give her quality of life, I concocted a mixture of supplements. She was good with that, and we began a journey of *spirit* together.

A year passed, and Layla carried her toys happily around the house, greeted all with her “alarm bark,” ran in the yard, and jumped on the bed for cuddles and tummy-rubs. The vet visited and remarked that while she looked emaciated from the cancer, he couldn’t believe how well she was doing and how comfortable she was. She had outlived his prognosis!

Six months later, she attempted to get on the bed and, due to muscle wasting from her disease, she simply body-slammed it. I watched as she made two more attempts with determination, and then with a dignified

Akita huff, she simply laid her toy on the bed and nudged me until I sat on the floor and rubbed her tummy. Problem solved—joy in the little things! In her eyes was acceptance, with no sign that she was ready to give up.

There were many instances where she simply adapted to her limitations with dignity and a tail-wag. We marveled at her ability to communicate her needs and happily carry on!

Layla’s last day was difficult, as she was uncomfortable, and she let me know it was time. With dignity intact, she lay by my side and enjoyed having her head stroked, and we silently communicated as only a dog and owner can as we said our goodbyes. When the vet arrived, she struggled to her feet and greeted him with a tail-wag.

She went to the bridge with love, and having left love and memories that no ribbons or progeny ever could have. Her *spirit* will not be forgotten.

And so, I think I can add to Grandma’s definition and say that we navigate the path that we may not have planned but ends up being the one that defines our *spirit* and our very being.

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Alaskan Malamutes Just for the Fun of It

There are shows where you wish that you had stayed home. Then there are others that make you feel “this is fun,” and you don’t think about the God-knows-how-much it costs to get there.

These days the cost of entering shows is soaring. I have chaired nationals, regionals, specialties, and all-breed shows and am still mystified at rising costs of entries. I don’t expect entry fees to return to \$3 for puppy classes and \$5 for everything else, as they were when I started showing in Detroit in 1970. I do know, however, that knocking off a few bucks on the cost of entering will yield more entries. Here on the West Coast, it can boil down to “Do I enter the upcoming shows, or do I fill up my gas tank for the week to get to work?”

The shows that make you feel welcome can make the difference. Last May we went to the three-day show weekend in Logan, Utah, located in Cache Valley, simply because the weekend started with two Mal specialties on Friday, and anywhere would be better than being in the Los Angeles area every weekend. We didn’t know the shows, we didn’t know the location—we just knew it wasn’t where we were.

First, let me say that Utah is a gorgeous state. It’s a 12-hour drive from the L.A. suburb where I live, and on the way you can detour through the awesome wind-carved, brilliantly colored canyons of Zion and Bryce Canyon National Parks if you choose.

A word of warning: Bring your own coffee. Utah is Mormon country, and although Mormons are friendly and welcoming, they don’t welcome you with a cup of coffee. They don’t drink it, and the concoction they offer instead is just plain vile. When we arrived in Logan and asked where the

nearest Starbuck’s was, we could have asked, “Where’s Mars?” and gotten the same reaction. (“What’s that?” was the answer.)

The show is held at the area fairgrounds. It’s green, leafy, covered everywhere with grass, and complete with a running stream (we Southern Californians are impressed with water that doesn’t come out of a faucet). It offers whole pizzas for \$6 from an actual pizza oven on wheels, as well as the usual array of hot dogs and hamburgers. Contrast that with the Long Beach show weekend, where pizza is \$9 a slice.

There are two AMCA Rocky Mountain Area specialties on Friday—one in the morning, the other in the afternoon—before the weekend’s all-breed Mount Ogden KC shows. It features a potluck put on by club members that evening for all Mal owners. Mormons know how to cook. The pulled pork was delicious.

Since Logan is the site of Utah State University, there are several gourmet restaurants in town. Hamilton’s Steak House is one, a bit pricey but awfully good, and Le Nonne is another, this one with a continental flair. Oh, and there is a Starbuck’s. One.

One caution: After the locals telling me that it never rains on this show weekend, may I say why Utah is green? *Because it rains.* And so it did, on Friday, for the first two shows—the Mal specialties. My special needed a bath, so I hiked myself down to the horse-bathing racks, where the only hoses could be found (they leaked more than they gave), and started washing amidst the “horse hockey”—which was plentiful and close to its original condition due to the wonderful, fresh Utah air.

And if you want to show your Mal a real tree, the planet’s oldest juniper tree, age 1,500 years, is an easy 4.4-mile walk up Logan Canyon. Go for it!

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Anatolian Shepherd Dogs

False Pregnancies Can Be Very Real

In the late 1990s, I kept a male puppy from one of my litters who turned out to be my “dream dog.” We named him Kibar Dev, which means “gentle giant” in Turkish. Dev was a handsome, correct “gentle giant” with outstanding temperament, great guardian abilities, and he was an accomplished show dog, going BIS at ARBA prior to AKC recognition of our breed, at the tender age of 14 months. Dev was my best friend and close companion. I collected and froze his semen for future breedings.

Eventually I found a little girl puppy, whom I named Sarina (“Princess” in Turkish). Sarina is a beautiful, correct female with a sweet, even temperament and good guardian abilities.

In July 2012, when Sarina came into season, I took her to a reproductive specialist veterinarian a hundred miles from home to begin the process of preparing for the breeding.

During the second week of her season, we began having her blood drawn locally every second day, with the progesterone results being e-mailed to the reproductive veterinarian overnight. In the third week, we drew her blood daily and e-mailed the results. Finally her progesterone spiked, so Sarina and I headed for the office of the reproductive veterinarian. Sarina was inseminated surgically the first day and transcervically the second day. All went well. The deed was done! All that remained was the waiting.

Sarina quickly began to have swollen mammary glands and a little bulge where her tiny “tuck” had been. After two weeks, Sarina began to have morning sickness. She gained some weight. We were thrilled with the signs of pregnancy. Two weeks before her due date, Sarina dug a “hole to China” close to a huge rock in my garden under a small Japanese maple tree. It was a perfect, safe and secluded “puppy nest.”

A week before Sarina’s due date, the big day came for her X-ray. To our surprise, the vet said, “No puppies ...

false pregnancy!”

We were all stunned—except Sarina, who continued to act as if she were about to have puppies.

Since Anatolians have a large, deep chest cavity, the veterinarians thought Sarina might have at least a singleton hiding up high in her chest, so I continued to treat her as if she were about to whelp. I began to monitor her temperature twice a day, and we slept together each night.

On Sarina’s due date, her temperature dropped to the optimum 97-degree mark. She began to cry in the night with what seemed to be labor pains. No puppies came. The next day, her temperature remained at 97 degrees, so we waited.

The veterinarians called to see if Sarina had fooled them. Not yet.

Three more nights went by with Sarina maintaining her lower body temperature and having pains, but no puppies were born.

Finally, four days after her due date, Sarina’s temperature began to rise toward normal. It was over. No whelping would occur! Sarina had just experienced the most convincing false pregnancy that any of us had ever heard of or witnessed.

Sarina is a healthy, young dog who has plenty of opportunity to have the special puppies we had hoped for, so we will try again, and maybe the next pregnancy will be real.

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Bernese Mountain Dogs

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Judging the Bernese Mountain Dog

Many judges find the Bernese a diffi-

cult breed to judge, so I am going to attempt to explain how to sort them out.

If you come from a short-coated breed, it can make things easier if you feel for points on the dog’s body and save these in your mind as outline markers. To establish the outline, find the point of shoulder, forechest, elbow, and rear point of angulation. Now push the front coat out of the way with your hands, and see how many inches you are taking off the front. Next, lift the coat at the elbow. How much leg does this dog have as compared to body? Next, push the rear hair aside. How many inches does doing this shorten him by? Now examine the topline. Is his topline an inch further down than it looked? Is his neck perhaps an inch longer?

Step back and visualize this dog perhaps four inches shorter front to rear, two inches taller, and with an inch longer neck! Is he now only slightly longer than tall, with a medium neck? Most often, yes!

Heavy coats can make a dog look stuffy, long in the body, and short legged. This is a heavily coated breed, and you must use your hands. Feel for the topline; it should be level. Dogs who appear high in the rear may have more coat there, so you’ve got to feel. Run a hand run down the tail to confirm that it reaches the hock and is free of faulty kinks.

You may find all this difficult, but after a while you will be comfortable with it.

Do not reward the dog who is trimmed down so you can see everything. This is faulty. If the hair feels trimmed, send the entry to the end of the line.

Take the head in your hands. You should feel a deep muzzle with good underjaw and good width. The teeth should meet in a scissors bite, with complete dentition. The stop should be moderate; there is not a total lack of stop, as with the head of a Great Pyrenees, nor a defined stop, like that of a Saint Bernard—but a stop! The eyes

should be dark brown and oval in shape. The ear is medium sized and triangular, and when raised at the base it creates a broad, flat, backskull.

Our standard has a huge paragraph devoted to markings, therefore many judges feel marking are very important! Well, they are just icing on the cake. If the cake is not good, no amount of fancy icing will improve it.

Movement should be a slow, working trot. Can you imagine a Bernese pulling a cart at a flying trot? No. Slow your ring down to the proper speed, and the correct movement will jump out at you!

What is “sturdy” bone? It is the kind of bone that can stop a heavily loaded cart coming down a mountain to the cheesery.

In summary, don’t ignore the heavily coated, big-boned dog for a few faults and reward the small, fine boned, perfectly marked dog who is moved at Mach I speed, for he is the truly faulty one! —S.C.S.

Thank you, Sharon, for sharing these “how-to” points in assessing Berners.

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Boxers

The Strange Notion of “Entitlement”

Recently on one of the Boxer e-mail lists a controversy was described involving the following: Someone won a major on his dog, and the judge, for whatever reason, chose not to cross the major points over to the bitch side of the equation, therefore limiting her to minor points. The bitch owner was allegedly upset with the owner and/or handler of the dog. Some at ringside felt that the sportsmanly thing to do was for the dog’s handler to “lie down” in the Best of Breed class, so that the bitch would shine and possibly walk away with that coveted major. Others said, in effect, “Nonsense.”

In my region of the country, Boxer bitches require nine more entries than

dogs to reach the three-point pinnacle. So it is no small feat to achieve that major win. But it should never justify a judge doing anything but what he is supposed to do on the day—judge dogs, and make the Best of Winners award exactly what it implies. To do anything less, much less bestow favors, corrupts the entire judging process.

The idea of showing any dog to anything less than full advantage is insulting to the judge who made him Winners, as well as to the dog's breeder and his owner, who should be so disappointed to see his beloved winning "star" suddenly looking like dog-show road kill. Likewise, the notion of showing a dog who finished on Saturday in the classes on Sunday to "hold the major" is spurious at best. While we can all sympathize, and we have all pursued those elusive majors for seemingly endless weekends, winning one while worthy competition is made to look horrid is a hollow victory—or should be. Shouldn't we have more respect for the judging process and for the merits of our dogs?

And while we're at it—discussing these supposed "entitlements"—whoever said that entering a dog show and paying our \$30 "entitles" us to anything other than a fair examination by the judge? And what of the rare animal who wins four majors on a circuit and only needs a couple of minor points to finish as Sunday looms—should the owner pull him on Sunday so as to be generous to the competition? After all, he doesn't "need" the major. I say he should show for all he is worth—if he is that good, he will be out of the competition's way in no time. Even an outstanding dog should not be expected to forego the chance to win points. I personally know of a dog who died of accidental injury before winning the single point he needed to finish—it can happen. Or what if the dog goes home on Saturday and ruptures a cruciate ligament running around the yard? He may never gait perfectly again. When you are winning, the time to finish the job is *now*.

When the dog is in fact finished (it is easy to look up your current tally of points on the AKC website), he should go home or be moved up. Piling on unneeded points makes no sense and in that case is truly worthy of condemnation within the fancy. And piling on major points after finishing one's title? That might cause multiple meltdowns, to put it mildly. Believe it or not, some people enjoy doing this, though happily not many Boxer people.

So the next time you gnash your teeth because the judge did not award Bruno or Brunhilda that crossover major, at least be glad that you did not try to damage the judging process in the mistaken belief that the judge "should" have made your day. When you went to the show and you or your handler made an honest effort to show your exhibit to the best of your ability, and you won or you lost on merit—that should have been "major" enough.

There is always another dog show, where the next more "learned and respected" judge may see things your way.

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Bullmastiffs Safety First

Anticipating a great judging assignment in Spain, I had high expectations for great travel, great sights, and great dogs. Lost luggage, a two-hour wait for a driver, and broken-down transportation to the host hotel were minor inconveniences remedied by a shopping spree to replace some necessary items, and a wonderful tapas and wine dinner at a typical Spanish restaurant that evening with the president of the Molosser Club of Spain and other judges.

What I was not anticipating was tragedy. Upon leaving the parking garage of the hotel, we witnessed an unnecessary and senseless loss of three Bullmastiffs who were trapped in an inappropriate method of transportation

possibly used for small hunting dogs with long muzzles, and not for short-muzzled large breeds like Bullmastiffs. Not only were they in a "box" with no air circulation, but they were doubled up and left for more than four hours trapped without sufficient air to breathe.

When we came upon the scene, the three Bullmastiffs were already deceased. The owners and the person responsible for the transport had just found the dogs and were panicked and didn't what to do with the two surviving bitches—an adult and an 8-month old puppy.

The adult female was obviously in critical condition, and the pup was left for dead and put aside from the small compartment. The adult was left in the "box" with the door open, but nothing was being done to treat the dogs, the people involved apparently lacking the necessary tools or knowledge to help in this critical situation. If it were not for our fortuitous passing by and a quick-thinking passenger in our vehicle who had the experience and cool head to prevail, these two Bullmastiffs would not have survived.

Critical care began in first getting the adult out of the "box" and onto the cool cement floor of the parking garage. The bitch was nonreactive and barely breathing, but alive. We began by calling out for blankets, towels, water, ice and alcohol. These individuals were ill equipped and had only a small jug of water—not enough water to travel with five Bullmastiffs.

While working on the adult bitch I noticed that the pup began to move and was obviously alive. We then began treatment on her as well. It was obvious that these dogs also desperately needed to get IV fluids into them for a chance to survive. It took entirely too long to get the necessary critical care supplies to start treatment and a veterinary caregiver to administer the necessary fluids, with the vet tech arriving more than an hour after the call.

I'm not writing this in criticism of the owners and transporters but of the

ignorance of safety for the canine passengers and the lack of knowing what to do and of having the necessary tools/equipment and supplies in case of an emergency. Safety is the most important thing when traveling with our beloved pets, and these individuals were not prepared to know what to do in an emergency situation, nor did they bring the necessary supplies for cases of emergency.

I urge everyone who reads this to educate themselves on critical care in emergency situations and when traveling with your dogs to have with you the appropriate equipment, supplies, water, ice, alcohol, and even IV fluids in cases of emergency. Learn canine CPR and acquire a bloat kit.

I urge you to set up seminars with your all-breed and regional specialty clubs for education on safety in traveling with your dogs and on how to treat them in the event of an emergency, but most of all to keep safety as the top priority for our canine traveling companions.

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Doberman Pinschers Judging the Doberman

The Doberman was bred as a personal companion and protection dog. These qualities require certain mental and physical attributes. The dog must be stable, confident, energetic, and driven, and still be sociable and biddable.

The DPCA Judges' Education Committee would like to emphasize the following:

The Doberman Pinscher is a *medium*-sized dog with a body that is *square*. The Doberman is *not* tall or rectangular. Dogs are 26–28 inches, and bitches are 24–26 inches. Either sex will look imposing if it possesses the correct broad chest and heavy bone required.

Although the Doberman may seem bigger than his inches, any deviation

from the correct size should be faulted.

The square, compact Doberman is measured from the forechest to the rear projection of the upper thigh. The topline will appear level when gaitting if the dog is balanced with equal angles at both ends. The withers are the highest point of the body. The depth of the body is one-half the height of the dog at the withers. The underline is well tucked, but not overstated. The loin is wide and muscled. The coat is smooth, short, hard, thick, and close lying.

The head should appear long and dry, resembling a blunt *wedge* from both frontal and profile views. The planes are parallel, with a slight stop. The eyes are dark and *almond-shaped*.

The jaw is strong, with under-jaw visible from the front or side. The mouth has 42 correctly placed teeth. Poor occlusion is a problem, and the mouth should be thoroughly evaluated, both closed and opened. Four or more missing teeth are a disqualification, as is overshot by more than three-sixteenth inches or undershot more than one-eighth inches.

The Doberman is elegant in appearance, of proud carriage, reflecting great nobility. The elegant appearance is a result of the smooth transition of the neck into the well-laid-back shoulder blades, the smooth, straight topline blending into a slightly rounded, well-filled-out croup. The tail is carried only slightly above the horizontal. The Doberman looks like he was poured into his tight-fitting skin.

The dog must hold his silhouette when moving. His head comes forward to lead the way. His body maintains balance and square appearance, and the topline remains firm. The Doberman is a balanced, agile, quick, powerful mover, with fully extended reach and drive.

Like a fine oil painting, the profile must first be appreciated from a distance. Then a closer view from front, rear, and above will give a true assessment of correct structure.

The Doberman is a breed of *balance*. To quote the standard: "Length of head, neck and legs in proportion to length

and depth of body." Height to length is equal, depth of body to length of leg is equal, front and rear angulation are equal, shoulder and upper arms are equal, and upper and lower thighs are equal. Everything is in proportion, and *nothing is exaggerated*.

Good temperament is a *must*. The standard says, "of proud carriage, reflecting great nobility and temperament. Energetic, watchful, determined, alert, fearless, loyal and obedient." All this in a confident dog who is aware of everything and in control. The Doberman was bred as a personal companion and guard, therefore good temperament is *essential*.

Additional information is available on the DPCA website at dpca.org under the heading "Education." Click on the "Judges' Education" link. There are many articles used in the DPCA judges' education program that are included in this section.

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German Pinschers The First 10 Years

The German Pinscher was accepted into the AKC Working Group on January 1, 2003. The road to recognition was not easy, and neither was the transition from being a rare breed to an AKC breed. One day the breed was a big fish in a small pond, and the next day it becomes the new kid on the block, a virtual unknown.

Even though the parent club had spent many years providing seminars and educational materials to judges' groups, and some AKC-licensed judges had judged the breed at rare-breed events, many were unprepared to pass judgment on a breed that looked like a knee-high Doberman and acted more like a Standard Schnauzer.

It takes time to learn the finer points of new breeds. Therefore, it is not surprising that some judges have a preference for German Pinschers who look and act more like Dobermans, while others prefer dogs who are more of the

working Schnauzer type.

There have been many firsts since the breed was AKC recognized. While some dogs excelled beyond all expectations, others were seemingly just “along for the ride.” Overall, the breed and the parent club suffered the expected growing pains.

Even now, the German Pinscher is considered a low-entry breed, and it is still very hard to find major entries. Newer breeds tend to be spread throughout the country, with pockets of concentration in certain areas that are often remote from each other. Because of this, fanciers of a new breed sometimes get together and plan to enter as many dogs as they can in particular shows to help make majors at those shows. Doing this, however, can result in those entries including dogs of lesser than desired quality.

To date, there have been 301 champions finished.

Might some of these dogs have become champions if the availability of well-entered shows had been more widespread?

Another consequence of low breed numbers is that dogs of a similar “look” predominate in various parts of the country. Judges who frequently judge in that area become used to seeing a certain look and can ignore a dog who appears out of place, even though he may be the best dog in the ring that day.

The “odd man out” phenomenon appears more frequently in the newer breeds, and judges should not discount these dogs just because they look different from everything else in the ring. The parent club relies on judges to select dogs who most closely conform to the standard, and it is disconcerting when this does not happen. It is expected that judges will withhold ribbons from dogs who do not meet the requirements of the written standard.

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Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs

Our guest contributor is Chris Lero, of Lees Summit, Missouri. Her dog Whisper was the breed’s first Champion Tracker.

The Breed’s First Champion Tracker

Cathy and Anna asked me to write about my and Whisper’s Champion Tracker title. It’s been more of a journey than merely a title. I’m still amazed that my dog did this.

I became addicted to tracking with my first Swissy, Axel, who earned the first TD in our breed. Soon I wanted another Swissy, and Whisper joined our household. I wanted to do as much as possible with her, as I felt she had the ability and energy to “do it all,” so while working in tracking she also trained in conformation, obedience, and draft work.

Only having weekends to train tracking meant progression was slow, but we certified and started entering tests in the fall of 2002.

We failed our first test, and more. My nerves went down the tracking line, and Whisper “moused” at tests—she would find a mouse condo, stick her nose in it, and not come up for air. I worked hard to solve this over the next year, and she earned her TD at a local test in November 2003.

I had a new goal now: to earn the first Swissy TDX. This test is much harder. The tracks are older by hours, with various scenting obstacles throughout, and the track is over a half-mile long.

We entered and failed quite a few tests, but we both learned as we tracked, and it came together in the spring of 2007. She earned her TDX, and subsequently her VGSX (as well as her DD, CDX, and conformation championship).

Whisper seemed to get better as things got harder. So what the heck, we started VST training. I really didn’t think she’d live long enough to earn

this title, as tests are notoriously hard to get into, and the pass rate is only four to six percent. The entire test is a scenting obstacle, covering at least three surfaces, such as rock, mulch, concrete, blacktop, and grass, with a minimum of one-third the total yards non-vegetation surface.

The training was fun, though, at schools, churches, and parking lots, and it was perfect with both of us getting older. Sometimes during training she would make a corner on a parking lot and it would just give me goosebumps.

I started entering tests when she was 8. We got into and failed quite a few. It is truly a hard test. But in October of 2011, she passed! She was 10½ years old, and I remember it like it was yesterday. Her track was 607 yards long, with 305 yards of vegetation and 307 yards of non-vegetation. It took her 36 minutes to finish, and it took me a ton of patience to allow her to figure it out. We started on grass, and then made a turn by a building; we crossed a parking lot and a street, then we turned the second corner on a sidewalk beside a building; then we did a long leg of 197 yards—125 of that blacktop—to the corner in the lot at the end of that leg. We left the parking lot and followed grass along a building to the last corner, and we went around that to the last article.

I would never have been able to accomplish this without a good dog, great judges who plotted nice tracks over the years, or the encouragement of my tracking pals. It really does take a village! —C.L.

Thank you, Chris!

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Kuvaszok

Our guest columnist is Ann Arnold, whose Kuvasz Pilot has earned a special level of recognition: He is the 2012 AKC Humane Fund Award for Canine Excellence (ACE) Service Dog.

The Making of a Kuvasz Service Dog

Mauna Kea's Time to Fly, CGC, "Pilot," is the AKC Service Dog of the Year for 2012, as a mobility service dog. A mobility service dog performs tasks such as balance, carrying, and/or carting.

Statistically, only 1 percent of all dogs have the mental and physical qualities to be a service dog. Making Pilot a top service dog is the perfect combination of factors.

I needed a dog who was big enough to carry at least 10–15 pounds. To balance me when I get dizzy, I needed a dog tall enough so that his back would be under my hand, so he wouldn't have to be in a balance harness 24/7. I needed a breed that would be focused on me and not distracted by a rabbit. I needed a breed with a long life span. The Kuvasz fit that description perfectly.

In choosing a performance dog, the abilities and achievements of the dogs behind him must be considered. Individuals in the dog's family had to demonstrate excellent conformation and stability of temperament under stress (such as by excelling in conformation or performance) and trainability. Pilot's pedigree fit this admirably.

I had shown in top-level obedience for 40 years and had even handled high-prey-drive German Shepherds and half-wolf hybrids as a kid. I've always handled dogs that are 80–180 percent of my size, which is 5 feet 2 inches and 100 pounds.

The only unusual thing I had to anticipate in training was the tendency of Kuvasz to guard their charges. I socialized him to the nth degree, starting at 16 weeks by exposing him to people and places.

He went everywhere in brace with my 12-year-old service dog. Living in a place where there are 1.5 million summer tourists—most of whom petted that pup, it seems—and his sunny, outgoing personality made socialization easy.

I taught him all his commands by

clearly indicating correct and incorrect behavior via tone of voice (praise or sharpness) and physical interactions (petting him, getting in his space, and positioning him). I didn't use treats in training because I didn't want to have him in a grocery store or restaurant thinking that food was a reward.

My old service dog was critical to his education and bossed him unmercifully. When in brace with her, if he got "puppy-silly" she would knock him down, roar at him, and pinch him with her teeth, telling him to get back to work. As she was the alpha, he imitated her laconic behavior in public and in assessing situations.

His job requires performance around the level of Graduate Open obedience (except the jumping.) Being very clever, by 5-plus months he knew hand signals for about a dozen commands. He did his first restaurant trip at 6 months and his first solo grocery trip at 7 months. By 11 months he had taken over for the old dog, and at 18-plus months, he learned to cart and do more demanding balance-assistance, such as on stairs.

Pilot's breed traits and inherited family characteristics, plus an experienced handler, resulted in a combination of factors that spell success in the most demanding of jobs. —A.A.

Congratulations to Ann and Pilot!
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Neapolitan Mastiffs Traditional Small-Club Magazines—Extinction or Revival?

Ever since the Internet became a part of our everyday lives, the traditional printed materials of small national parent clubs such as club yearbooks or magazines have been in danger of extinction because of today's high costs today of printing and mailing.

Instead of competing with the Internet, can we make it work for our small national parent clubs?

I propose that the careful balance and

coordination of web and e-publishing, and of paid subscriptions and advertising, may be the modern and practical answer for the small parent club to provide free printed magazines to its membership.

How do we compete for the average breeder's yearly ad money? One answer may be by publishing electronic versions of our club's magazines to the public through paid subscription. This could pay for the printing and mailing of the same publications to club members for free as a traditional perk of the club.

Another perk might be to allow club members the exclusive right to advertise in the club's publications including the coordination of tasteful banner ads on club websites and/or club Facebook pages in conjunction with their ads in the club's electronic (and printed) publications.

A beautiful printed dog magazine still has a place on our coffee tables, bedside tables, and bookshelves. With the popularity of the e-book readers that allow one to download books and magazines, why not charge the public a modest paid subscription price, so that the club members can benefit by receiving a printed version for free? More subscriptions mean more information getting to the public, and this may influence more people to become new members. This in turn will influence who will buy the ads. With both subscriptions and ad money, the club could afford to print and mail printed versions of the publications to its members.

The national parent clubs are the guardians of their breed. They have the enormous responsibility for the education of the public and of the breed's owners, breeders, judges, and would-be buyers. The potential non-member buyers need to learn if the breed is right for them, and we'd rather have them come to the AKC parent club first for all the correct information. So why not make the information available to the public for the price of a subscription, so that the breed and the

club members can benefit at the same time?

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Portuguese Water Dogs

A Tribute to *The Courier*

Wow! I have just had the pleasure of reading and rereading a wonderful edition of the Portuguese Water Dog Club of America's *Courier* magazine. The July/August 2012 edition, appropriately subtitled *Heritage From the Sea*, is a historical perspective in celebration of the 40th anniversary of the PWDCA—1972 to 2012.

The research involved in this issue presents the club's history in much greater depth than the 30th-anniversary edition, which first summarized the PWDCA's history in August 2002. By detailing the club's progress and breed advances over the last 10 years, while adding to the rich history from the early days, it provides wonderful information for both old and new members.

The Courier, the official publication of the PWDCA, began as a newsletter sent by Deyanne Miller to PWDCA members soon after the club was established in 1972. Deyanne, often referred to as "the mother of our breed," would write the publication, then called *The Lifeline*, and then mail it at her own expense to anyone interested in the Portuguese Water Dog.

Commencing with the Fall/Winter 1979 issue, *The Courier* became the publication's official name, with its goal "communication with all members across the USA."

The 40th-anniversary issue is, in my opinion, over the top, incredibly fabulous. It covers everything about the breed and has interesting articles and comments from many longtime members, and photos from the early days of the club to the present.

In consideration of the newer members of the PWDCA, the wonderful

article by PWDCA founding recording secretary (1972) James M. White, titled "Ancient Fisherman's Dog Almost Extinct," was reprinted from a circa-1976 PWDCA newsletter.

Also included are articles on Leao, the dog on which the standard is based; the history of the breed standard; and Deyanne and Herb Miller, whom we should all remember and be thankful to for their unending love and devotion to the breed. Without them the breed would not be where it is today.

More articles cover the history of the PWDCA from 1972 to 2012; health and temperament; the Lion Clip and the Working Retriever Clip; water-trial history; PWDCA rescue; PWDCA national specialties; therapy dogs, breed winners, obedience, agility, tracking, and Super Dogs; versatile companion dogs; and show statistics of the AKC all-breed Best in Show winners.

The Courier would not be complete without a column about Ch. Charlie De Alvalade, aka Charlie Brown, the breed's most famous goodwill ambassador.

These named articles are only a few of the very special items covered in this unique and educational issue.

The Courier has had eight trusted and dedicated, very hardworking editors since 1972, the longest service being by Terry Cardillino (August 1999–December 2012). Each editor has made significant contributions to the educational aspect and success of our magazine.

I am proud to share that *The Courier* has received the following prestigious awards, all indicating a high standard of excellence:

- Winner of the Maxwell Award from the Dog Writer's Association of America for Best National Club Publication (1991, 1992, 1994, and 2001, 2002, 2003, 2007, 2008, and 2009)

- AKC Club Publication Award of Excellence (2001)

- Eukanuba Canine Health Award (2005)

- AKC Club Publication Award of Excellence (2009)

To Terry Cardillino, the PWDCA extends a huge gratitude of thanks. Under her expertise and leadership *The Courier* won nine of the above honors. The club has been fortunate to have such a committed editor, who dedicated this issue "to all the people, past and present who have made a positive contribution to the preservation of the Portuguese Water Dog, and to our dogs, who have enriched our lives."

With heartfelt thanks to all, Terry asks us to remember the purpose of our club as written in the PWDCA'S Certificate of Incorporation:

"To recognize the Portuguese as a working water dog that possesses the appearance, soundness, temperament, natural ability, and personality as described in the breed standard, and to do all possible to advance and promote the perfection of these qualities in responsible breeding of purebred Portuguese Water Dogs," and:

"To protect and maintain the good health of the breed by establishing and encouraging ethical breeding practices, by supporting PWDCA health policies, and by promoting participation in PWDCA health programs."

From the PWDCA and from me personally, as editor of the breed's AKC GAZETTE column for the past 24 years, to Terry we say, *Obrigada*. It has been a wonderful journey reading and enjoying each and every issue of the *Lifeline/Courier* for 40 years.

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Rottweilers

Our guest columnist is Frank Nelson, longtime owner, trainer, exhibitor, and supporter of the breed.

Presenting the Rottweiler in a Positive Light PART ONE

I train dogs in classes in the evenings. My day job occasionally has me in a

civil courtroom representing my company interests. While sitting in a civil courtroom waiting one day, the judge looked down from the bench and asked what happened to my hand. While working with a problem Rottweiler the night before, the dog had spun suddenly and bit my hand, injuring it to the bone. The hand was bandaged and my arm in a straight board with a sling. Without thinking I replied, "A Rottweiler bit me."

The judge and three attorneys present asked in unison if the dog had ever bitten before. They laughed and then nervously explained it was simply their training to ask the question. I am sure that comment wouldn't have been made if the dog were a Golden or a Lab.

As a proud Rottweiler owner, I look for ways to present the breed in a positive light. My current Rottweilers get along very well and love people. We take them anywhere with complete confidence. They are well bred, socialized, and attend training classes weekly.

As a dog obedience instructor, I have the opportunity to educate my students using my personal Rottweilers as demo dogs. My training assistants also have the breed and the public is introduced to well trained Rottweilers.

If a student has an ill dog or just getting over surgery, I offer one of my Rottweilers as a loaner for the class. If students bring children, I offer them an opportunity to work with the breed. Again, all of my present dogs are very safe and well mannered.

We have received so many positive comments from my students at the end of their eight-week class about how sweet and gentle the breed can be. We often hear that they were afraid of the breed and worried about our Rottweilers in class as demo dogs. Even the most tentative student warms up to the breed after a few weeks.

One class night will always stand out in my memory. I had my Quigley, who was working on his Utility Dog title and a former High in Trial competitor. A mother was working her mixed-

breed dog in class, and her son always accompanied her. I caught him watching Quigley, and vice versa. The young man was 8 years old, and Quigs adores kids, so I introduced them.

The boy was extremely cautious, and I offered that he could work with Quigley in class. He reluctantly accepted the offer.

They literally stole the show. This newly formed team worked with precision. Every time they came to halt while heeling, Quigley would lean over and kiss the boy. The class was so impressed, and the boy and Rottweiler were beaming with happiness.

During the class the mother told us that this was huge and would explain after class. After the training students left, she sat down and told us that when her son was 5, he had been attacked and mauled by a loose Rottweiler. The surgery had put his body back together, but emotionally he was still scarred by the incident.

During the week I received a call from the boy's therapist, who asked if I could make the dog available to the child for the duration of the class session. He said that his patient could only talk about Quigley and how well the dog had responded to him. —F.N.

Thank you, Frank. I look forward to Part Two.

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Saint Bernards Education Session at the National Specialty

At the breed's 2012 national, held in Midway, Utah, we had a really great educational seminar. Educational chair Vic Dingus had decided to try something new: a hands-on session where groups of participants would meet with mentors to go over the standard line by line.

There were over 25 participants, of which I was one. We examined 15 dogs and bitches of various ages, including seniors who were there with their owner-handlers. Specialty judges were

doing the facilitation and sharing sessions.

Each session was to last 15 minutes, and then the facilitators would move to a different group. The sessions were divided into five groups—Head, Front-End Assembly, Movement, Rear-End Assembly, and Overall Appearance. Each group had no more than six people.

The facilitators, each assigned a section of the standard relating to one of the above-mentioned groups, would read a line from that section of the standard and ask anyone in the group to point out on one of the dogs what area was being discussed.

It was very interesting to see how different people interpret the standard. Lively discussion took place for the next 15 minutes. Having specialty judges, most who have been in our breed for 30 years or more, do this and hearing them express their views on the standard was educational in itself.

I found the Movement group discussion particularly insightful, since our standard doesn't really specify anything about movement. The facilitators enjoyed the discussion that followed, trying to get people to express what they were seeing when the different dogs were gaited. One dog had a popping hock, and not everyone noticed it. Seeing things from a judge's perspective opened a lot of eyes.

Everyone got through only three sessions before we had to call it quits due to a downpour. The classes were continued the next afternoon, with the sessions being extended to 20 minutes.

Everyone who attended really felt it was worthwhile and had very positive feedback. I felt this was a wonderful and innovative way of going over the standard.

I think most parent clubs could benefit from having this sort of educational session at their national. It promotes dialog and discussion among old, new, and intermediate breeders and exhibitors—and it proves that no one knows everything, and that you're never too old to learn.

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Siberian Huskies Form, Function, and the Breed Standard

To many of his casual admirers, the Siberian Husky is an exotic-looking show dog with a variety of eye and coat colors. They may be completely unaware, however, of the breed's rich heritage as a working dog. While the story of Balto is familiar to generations of youngsters, the connection between the dogs who gained worldwide acclaim following the 1925 Serum Run and today's Siberian Huskies is not widely known outside of the dog world.

The breed's AKC standard describes the Siberian Husky as performing "his original function in harness most capably, carrying a light load at a moderate speed over great distances. His body proportions and form reflect this basic balance of power, speed, and endurance." The standard provides a blueprint for the ideal Siberian Husky in terms of type, soundness, and temperament—a dog who can both successfully work in harness and win in the show ring. It defines the breed's desired characteristics, guides conformation judges in their selections, and emphasizes the importance of the Siberian's ability to perform his original function.

The Siberian Husky is neither a draft animal nor, based on his structure, a sprinter; he is a distance runner, capable of reaching a high-end speed of 20 miles per hour for short distances and, on a good trail, 10–12 miles per hour for as much as 100 miles a day.

Old-time dog drivers preferred to run their Siberian teams in races of at least 15 miles, regarding the first 10 miles as a warm-up for the dogs. Today, race conditions, especially in sprints, tend to encourage the breeding of non-standard dogs, where a focus is on breeding for a particular race category rather than the breed standard. Those of

us who work our Siberians in harness and exhibit in conformation feel a special sense of achievement in breeding Siberians who fit the standard and perform their original function.

Since the arrival of Siberian Huskies in Alaska in the early 1900s, their athletic versatility has remained one of the breed's most outstanding virtues. After the Siberian Husky received AKC recognition in 1930, the breed extended its versatility into the conformation ring. To ensure that owners of Siberians would continue to work their dogs in the breed's original function and retain the necessary breed traits, Lorna Demidoff (of Monadnock Kennels), the first world-famous breeder of show Siberians, and a dog driver herself, proposed the Siberian Husky Club of America Racing Trophy in 1959 to acknowledge the accomplishments of Siberians that worked in harness. In 1973, the trophy was renamed the SHCA Working/Showing Trophy and the requirements revised to better reflect the Siberian's versatility and accomplishments on the trail and in the show ring. Today, the Working/Showing Trophy remains one of the SHCA's most honored awards and provides a strong incentive for owners to work their dogs, keeping the tradition of the working Siberian alive and well.

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Standard Schnauzers "We'll Tak a Cup o' Kindness Yet ..."

(Robert Burns, "Auld Lang Syne")
Recently a Standard Schnauzer owner asked about dog-related charities he and his wife, childless except for their SS, could remember in their wills. That got me thinking about service dogs and our incredible Standard Schnauzers.

Many years ago, news stories featured dogs who sniffed out illnesses, including a Standard Schnauzer whose nose

could detect cancer. Back then, I thought, "How interesting," but I didn't connect it to Murphy (who went to the "Rainbow Bridge" in 1999, at 14), Emma, and Clancy sniffing and nosenudding my left breast. Then in 2005, a phone call after a routine mammogram informed me I had left-breast cancer. Surgery turned up five small, slow-growing malignancies; my surgeon thought they had begun growing at least 20 years before detection. (The morals of the story: Get your mammograms, and pay attention to your dogs' alerts!)

In the United States, the Code of Federal Regulations for the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ada.gov/pubs/ada.htm) defines a service animal as "any guide dog, signal dog, or other animal individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including, but not limited to, guiding individuals with impaired vision, alerting individuals with impaired hearing to intruders or sounds, providing minimal protection or rescue work, pulling a wheelchair, or fetching dropped items."

The Act gives people the right to be accompanied by their service animal anywhere the general public is allowed. Additional federal laws protect people with disabilities who are partnered with service animals from discrimination in housing (the Fair Housing Amendments Act, ada.gov/cguide.htm) and on aircraft (the Air Carrier Access Act, disabilitytravel.com/airlines/air_carrier_act_details.htm).

Service dogs help those with visual or hearing impairment live near-normal lives. The late Nancy Aronstam, of Stone Pine Standard Schnauzers, worked tirelessly for Guide Dogs for the Blind, in San Rafael, California (guidedogs.com). Assistance Dogs International is a coalition of organizations that provide trained service dogs (assistancedogsinternational.org). Their website says, "Service Dogs ... can be trained to work with people who use power or manual wheelchairs, have bal-

ance issues, have ... autism, need seizure alert or response, need to be alerted to other medical issues ... or have psychiatric disabilities.”

These dogs can retrieve objects out of their person's reach, pull wheelchairs, open and close doors, turn light switches off and on, bark to indicate help is needed, find and lead another individual to their person, provide balance and counterbalance to assist ambulatory persons in walking, provide deep pressure, and perform many other individual tasks needed by a disabled person.

Seizure dogs assist persons with epilepsy (*4pawsforability.org*). Hairless or short-coated dogs provide soothing heat for people with chronic pain like fibromyalgia or arthritis (*pawsforcomfort.com*).

Autism service dogs are trained to help calm their owners, minimize emotional outbursts, and help advance social skills (*autismservicedogsofamerica.com*).

Diabetic alert dogs (*dogs4diabetes.com*) sense chemical changes in persons when blood sugar gets low. Trained service or therapeutic companion dogs (*soldiersbestfriend.org*) help our military veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) or traumatic brain injury (TBI).

At *akc.org/dogowner/training/therapy/index.fim* is a summary of the AKC's new Therapy Dog program that clarifies the difference between service and therapy dogs and explains the requirements for the ThD title. Also on the site is contact information for national and regional therapy-dog organizations.

Our furry friends strengthen immune systems, lower blood pressure, soothe emotional distress, elevate mood, relieve depression, increase serotonin and dopamine levels, reduce anxiety, combat stress, listen without judgment, absorb tears, provide fun and companionship—and most important, give unconditional love.

Doesn't that sound exactly like a Standard Schnauzer?

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Tibetan Mastiffs American Presidential Politics, Courage, and the Tibetan Mastiff

The definition of *courage* differs from place to place, which is why this trait plays out differently in dog breeds, reflecting the variety of cultures that produced them.

Tibetan Mastiffs are very brave, but their courage isn't of the same sort that got the White House into trouble in 1972. Writing in the *Washington Post*, Stewart Alsop identified two problem personalities among the actors that triggered scandal and added the suffix “gate” to our political landscape: The “phony-tough,” who loudly advocated murder, mayhem, violent retribution, and the like but were actually cowardly; and the “crazy brave,” who were genuinely capable of violence but had poor judgment for times when violence might be legitimately warranted. These two personalities goading each other created the disaster.

Tibetan Mastiffs have a specialized understanding of the use of force. They are never “crazy brave,” but they will prudently leave when a threat is one that they are not equipped to deal with. This is one of the things that make them such interesting and useful companions.

They are very aware when they are outclassed, and then they just want to get themselves and those they love out of harm's way. In this they are closer to the mentality of wild canines, which is entirely different from that of more domesticated breeds, such as the Airedale, which is bred to be courageous to the point of risking life and limb.

I saw this aspect of the breed's character some years ago, during lunch at a favorite restaurant. We went there often, since they accommodated our two beloved lady TMs in their beautiful piazza.

One day, Deuce noticed the lifelike inlaid eyes on two enormous bronze statues of Greek warriors at the back of the seating area. Then she realized, for the first time, that they were shaped like giant human beings.

What followed almost resembled a Dokhyi nervous breakdown.

Deuce was unable to cope with what she thought she'd seen. She kept trying to pull me away, issuing warning barks at the statues, which of course did nothing. When I refused to leave, she became frantic, attempting to pull me away, chair and all.

No matter what I did, I could not reassure her. She was convinced that I was oblivious to the threat revealed by the telltale gleam from the eyes of a giant animal standing motionless, waiting to strike. She was as brave as an animal can be, but she was certain that a nine-foot-tall human being was too dangerous for her to deal with single-handedly. Since I live to make my dogs happy, I finally had to leave for her sake.

A Tibetan Mastiff is likely to carefully assess a threat, only to fight if a fight is both necessary and likely to be successful. If, however, the dog's intelligence determines that a fight is a bad choice, a TM will try to get himself and everyone he loves, away from danger.

In this, they reflect the same prudence that one sees in Tibetan Buddhist culture, and expressed by H.H. The Dalai Lama:

“Of course people have the right to defend themselves. But to defend yourself against an overwhelming enemy who has no scruples about killing you is simply suicide, and that is foolishness.”

Well, that is the way our dogs feel about the world, too. That's what I call the “wisdom of the East.”

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G7 DELEGATES' QUARTERLY MEETING

DELEGATES FORUM

SYNOPSIS OF THE DECEMBER 14, 2012 DELEGATES FORUM

The Delegates Forum is an informal meeting of Delegates that provides an opportunity for open discussion and the expression of ideas. No official business is transacted, a quorum is not required and no attendance record is kept.

Meeting the Board of Directors Candidates

The December 2012 Forum consisted of questions directed to candidates for the AKC Board of Directors who are to be elected in March 2013. The candidates fielded questions on topics including but not limited to: their breeding experience; the advisability of electing the entire AKC Board once every four years; ways of gaining public support and recognition of AKC; challenges facing AKC; and how they intend to actually implement their ideas if elected.

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Quarterly Meeting Of The Delegates of The American Kennel Club December 14, 2012

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AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB Delegates Meeting December 14, 2012

The Chair introduced the persons seated with him on the dais: Alan Kalter, the Chairman; Dr. Robert Smith, the Vice Chairman; Doris Abbate, Professional Registered Parliamentarian; Jim Crowley the Executive Secretary; and Nancy Wingo, the court reporter.

Mr. Sprung introduced a guest who was the author, director, producer, writer, film maker, et cetera of a video about her dog, Zephyr. Her name is Diana Chan and she is an assistant to one of AKC's registered handlers, Tuni Claflin, and she is a Junior.

Ms. Chan spoke as follows: Good morning, everyone. My name is Dian Chan, and applying to college has been part of the process of my senior year of high school. There is a university in California, Chapman University, and as a perspective film major, I had an assignment to create an under two minute video essay about myself without including myself in the video. So that was quite a challenge. I did a lot of thinking and I finally put together this video about my best friend (Video is shown) (Standing ovation)

The Executive Secretary read the report of the Nominating Committee as follows: Pursuant to Article VIII of the Bylaws of the American Kennel Club, the Nominating Committee, Gretchen Bernardi, Chair, Mississippi Valley Kennel Club; Karolynne McAteer, Irish Setter Club of America; Patricia A. Sample, Anderson Obedience Training Club; Patti L. Strand, Dog Fanciers Association of Oregon; Meg Weitz, Devon Dog Show Association, appointed by the Board of Directors at its July 2012 meeting, has nominated the following Delegates as candidates for such vacancies on the Board of Directors as are to be filled at the next annual meeting of the Club on March 12, 2013. There are four vacancies for the Class of 2017.

Class of 2017, Carl C. Ashby, III; United States Kerry Blue Terrier Club; Alan Kalter; American Bullmastiff Association; Gail LaBerge, Atlanta Obedience Club;

Harvey M. Wooding, Westminster Kennel Club.

Pursuant to Article VIII of the Bylaws of the American Kennel Club, the following Delegates have been endorsed in writing by the required number of Delegates as candidates for the vacancies on the Board of Directors for the Class of 2017 to be filled at the next annual meeting of the Club on March 12, 2013: Lee Arnold, Southern Colorado Kennel Club; Judith V. Daniels, Mt. Baker Kennel Club; and Dr. Thomas Davies, Springfield Kennel Club.

The candidates for the class of 2017 spoke in alphabetical order. No questions from the floor were permitted.

Lee Arnold spoke as follows: Thank you, Mr. President, and good morning fellow Delegates.

As someone who's entire professional career has been in broadcasting, I'm well aware that communications is the heart of the matter. I know it's not what you say but it's how you say it. We need to drive home our message. We need to educate the public and all the great things that AKC does for dogs.

Last year, I was able to secure Willie Nelson for a PSA, highlighting our Parent Club Rescue Programs. This year, I've enlisted another celebrity who we'll hear from later in the meeting. Over the next 12 months, I will have others participating as well.

Another one of my passions is the health and welfare of our dogs. In the past, I've chaired the Chinese Shar Pei Charitable Trust and I'm pleased to say I led the fundraising efforts, which resulted in a quarter of a million dollars being raised for health and welfare purposes for our breed.

I've served on the AKC Canine Health Foundation Board for the past 15 years; the last two being its Chair, during which time the CHF funded \$3 million in research grants and another quarter of a million dollars for our ACORN Grants. I personally produced and voiced the first 30 minute video telling the CHF story. I've given countless presentations to AKC clubs, many at the National Specialties and hosted the Parent Club Health Conference for the past 12 years. I hope all of you had an opportunity to listen to the CHF

podcast, in which I have conducted in depth interviews with assert scientists, clinicians who are recipients of our CHF grants.

I am thrilled that at this Delegates Meeting today, Bylaw amendments will be introduced recognizing canine health as part of AKC's Mission Statement. Today, more than ever, we must raise the bar on the communications and we must be vigorous in our support of the health and welfare of our beloved dogs. I'm energized and I'm excited to continue to represent you on the Board and I hope you will provide me with that opportunity to do so. I promise you I will not disappoint you in helping to move the AKC forward.

Thank you for your support. And my best wishes to you and yours for a wonderful holiday and a very happy and healthy new year. Thank you.

Carl C. Ashby, III, spoke as follows: Good Morning Fellow Delegates!

The last four years have been challenging for AKC and the Board but we can point to many accomplishments. I have had an impact on many of those, especially Conformation Events and Information Technology. Working with Tom Davies and staff we have made significant progress including the new Competition Management System, stabilization of Conformation entries, and the Owner Handler Series to name just a few. As Chair of the AKC PAC and with your help this year alone we raised a record \$91,000 - money we have put to work to protect our right to breed and own dogs.

As a member of the AKC CAR Board I have been part of leading CAR from a loss in 2009 to a significant profit this year while contributing over \$750,000 annually to AKC's operating budget. Looking forward I see a future filled with opportunity. I envision an American Kennel Club that is caring in tone, entrepreneurial in spirit, customer driven, and whose brand is recognized as the advocate for dogs in America; an AKC that creates new income sources beyond litters, registrations, and fees to aggressively protect dogs, continue our good works, and provide the services our customers expect; an AKC that is the "voice of dogs in America" - the group who actively advocates for dogs placing



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their welfare as a top priority; an AKC that protects the right to breed dogs to assure the availability of healthy, purebred puppies and actively supports those breeders who "do it right"; an AKC that recognizes and reacts to the changes in demographics, attitudes, and life styles adapting to meet the needs and expectations of new generations of dog owners; an AKC that offers events second to none and enhances those events through continued innovation and partnerships; and finally, an AKC that embraces the fact it is a "volunteer driven" organization. Our 5000 Clubs provide a voice no other organization can rival. You and our Clubs are truly the voice of dogs in America and you are the face of the American Kennel Club. Over the next 2 months I will address these opportunities in more detail and hope to engage each of you in a conversation about our future.

I promise to serve with the same energy, accessibility, and passion I have in the past seeking consensus where ever possible. I will be untiring in sharing the message of the American Kennel Club and putting my skills and experience to good use in achieving our goals. My objective as a Director has been to make a difference and I believe I have. I am honored the Nominating Committee agreed and recommended me to you for a second term.

Our future is filled with opportunities. By listening to one another and working as one we can chart a course that will be brighter than our past. Let's take this journey together. I ask for your vote in March!

Judith V. Daniels spoke as follows: Thank you, Dennis. And good morning. Many of us have known each other for a long time, but if we haven't met, I'm Judi Daniels and I hope to meet you soon. I first joined the AKC Delegate body in 1981, and I've been immersed in AKC clubs and activities ever since then. That's 31 years. I'm here because I love dogs, and always have. I am proud to be a dog person.

Growing up, I had a Fox Terrier, a Scottie and a Boxer (AKC registered, by the way), and my fondest childhood memories are of times spent with dogs. There was never a doubt that when I grew up I'd have dogs of my own. So in

the late 60s, when I finally got the chance, I bought my first Staffordshire Bull Terrier. My husband and I helped form the breed club and our goal was to get our breed recognized and accepted into the Miscellaneous Class, and eventually, full recognition. Although popular in England and known for its gentleness to children, in this country, we learned very quickly that we had to fight just to keep our breed. We found ourselves embroiled in canine legislation immediately...and that influenced my decision 31 years ago to become a Delegate.

A lot has changed at AKC during my time here, and I'm honored to have been a part of those changes: as a Delegate helping to establish our newsletter Perspectives, as an AKC Board member helping to establish the Delegate Standing Committees and later chairing one of those committees and also being able to vote to establish the AKC Canine Health Foundation; and as AKC president, being able to support major expansion and improvements in our performance events, welcoming Agility to the AKC family and being able to appoint the first vice president for canine legislation. Mostly, what my 31 years have taught me is that AKC, truly, is the last best hope for our dogs...but it's in trouble.

I'm running for the Board because I care about AKC, am worried about its future and I want to help turn things around.

I'm concerned because more dogs were being registered with AKC in the late 60s, when I got my first Staffy Bull, than are being registered with AKC today.

And I'm concerned because many Americans don't even know who we are, while groups that do nothing to help dogs have more legislative clout and get far better media coverage than us. I see this situation as a threat to our very existence that must be dealt with effectively. That's why I decided to run, to make this my priority.

As we've learned with bully breeds, we can easily lose what we're not willing to fight for. I'm willing to fight for our dogs, and I ask for your support and your vote. Thank you.

Dr. Thomas Davies spoke as follows: Good morning. Business as usual is not an option. We have arrived at a point in

our history that demands change. We must innovate in order to survive and prosper. I think it was Ross Perot who said, "Whoever tries the most stuff wins." It has been and will continue to require casting aside some of our traditions. I dislike this as much as any of us. I would love to return to the AKC of the 1960s, when I first began my involvement. That, however, isn't possible, nor will it ever be. We must adapt ourselves and our organization to today's environment. I believe I have demonstrated my ability to think outside the nine dots. Many of the recent innovations we have instituted were, at least in some small part, my ideas. Some were initially met with skepticism but have become successful parts of our sport. Some were embraced from the outset and some not so much. Wayne Gretzky said, "You miss 100% of the shots you never take."

Everything we try will not necessarily be a resounding success, but I'm not afraid to fail. Einstein said "If you've never failed, you've never done anything". We can't fear to try anything that may have potential for us.

If we look at our organization as a sandwich, the Board of Directors has an interesting spot. It is the bologna between two slices of bread. The Delegate body on one side, and the AKC staff on the other. Perhaps that wasn't the best analogy, but you get the drift. I believe I understand the position and responsibilities of a director. I respect the Delegate body... after all, I have been part of us for 40 years... and I respect the AKC staff.

If you give me a place on the Board of Directors, I will seek to put a new item on every new board meeting agenda. I will ask us to ask ourselves, "What's the dumbest thing we've done lately?" And then try to fix it.

To paraphrase an old adage, there may be some snow on the roof...at least a little bit, but I swear to you, there's a hell of a fire in my furnace for our organization and for our sport. I ask for your support in March. I won't disappoint. Thank you for listening.

Maggie Strouse handed me a piece of paper just as I stepped up here. She said, "Let's change our name from American Kennel Club to America's Kennel Club." What a good idea.

This is my vision and my plan. You will



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hear about my past and stuff that I have done in subsequent communications. In conclusion, I would like to thank Albert Einstein, Ross Perot, Wayne Gretzky, Tom Peters, and my mom, who made the best bologna sandwiches ever.

Alan Kalter spoke as follows: Four years ago, when the Nominating Committee slate was announced, many of you saw my name and wondered, "Who's that guy?" This year when the Nominating Committee slate was announced, I don't think I suffered that same lack of recognition. Knowing my name is just the beginning. I want you to know me. And the best way to get to know me is to get to know what I believe. I believe our breeders are at the core of everything we do. They preserve their breeds for future generations and strive to approve their breed's health and well being. We must unequivocally protect their rights to responsibly own and breed their dogs. We must help them in their normal endeavor and we must work to change the public image of our breeders.

I believe the sustainability of our 5,000 clubs is critically important to our future. Our clubs represent a grassroots outreach, not just for their events but also for their community involvement. Every club and every club member is the face of the AKC (inaudible). This Army of volunteers provides participation, education and communication in their communities on all matters affecting dogs. We must continue to work to help build their membership, assure venue availability, build entries and support their local efforts and public outreach and legislation.

I believe we have a dual objective to increasing participation in events and increasing the duration of that participation. To accomplish both, we introduced a number of initiatives. Three years ago, I presented the Grand Champion Program to the Delegate body. It was specifically created to give people a goal for continuing competition beyond the Champion title. It has succeeded in increasing entries and retaining interest in the sport.

This year, we introduced Four to Six Beginner Puppy, My Dog Can Do That, the Owner Handlers Series, Coursing Ability Tests, Open Stakes and more. Next year, there must be even more. I

believe we have the best judges in the world. But it takes longer to get three groups than it does to become a veterinarian. That is neither rational nor beneficial and it must be addressed next year. I believe you can stem the loss in registration, but we can no longer depend on them for our financial future. Instead, we must build on the success in generating alternative revenues and commit to increasing them significantly. I believe there is enormous opportunity for the AKC to create relationships with everyone who has a dog, based on what is important to them. Whatever a dog owners interest, the AKC must provide the expertise, experiences and example of how best to enjoy and care for those dogs that are so important to each of us in our lives. I believe innovation and communication to change our destiny. I believe we have expertise in both. But most importantly, I believe in the future of the American Kennel Club. Thank you.

Gail LaBerge spoke as follows: Good morning. The AKC of the future will look far different than that of 10 or even 15 years ago. While continuing to be the champion of purebred dogs, we must look at what our place will be in tomorrow's society and develop new programs that will allow us to survive and grow. While developing new programs and enhancing current programs, we should increase our focus on programs for young people, to encourage them to become involved in all AKC events. In particular, I believe we should expand our veterinary outreach program to include pre veterinary students. We should emphasize what a great sport AKC has to offer the young people and families of today.

One of the most serious challenges facing AKC and those who breed, show, and work their dogs is the radical agenda being put forth by the animal rights groups. As a registered lobbyist representing a nonprofit canine organization, I have the ability to communicate and work with a wide range of individuals representing organizations with a variety of viewpoints. I work closely with Georgia State, federal and local officials and their staffs on all types of animal legislation, but particularly on canine legislation. I understand how to

build a coalition with those who represent other animal groups, such as our hunters and our farmers. In addition, as chairman of the legislative committees of both of my Parent Clubs, I work with our members across the nation on all legislation affecting Canines.

I believe the AKC Board can be enhanced by a member who has the ability to analyze, write and promote legislation to the benefit of those in the dog fancy. And who understands how to successfully oppose legislation that is harmful to those who breed, show, work and just plain enjoy owning dogs. As a lobbyist who works in canine legislation every day and who lobbies on the issues affecting those in the sport of purebred dogs, I believe I can bring those skills to the AKC Board.

As a member of both of our Parent Clubs, two all breed clubs, a local specialty club, a group Club and an obedience club, I have served and I am still serving, in numerous positions, both as an officer and a committee chair. My husband and I breed Cardigan Welsh Corgis and Standard Wirehaired Dachshunds. We're active in Conformation, Obedience, Field Trials, Earthdog and Tracking. Our dogs are owner handled in all the AKC events in which they participate. I am an AKC Earthdog Judge. I understand the challenges facing our clubs, and I understand the challenges facing Companion and Performance events, as well as those facing the Conformation community.

I believe I have the ability to make a meaningful contribution to the AKC Board for all of us involved in the Sport of Dogs. I am committed to seeing AKC survive and grow and look forward to an opportunity to serve on the AKC Board. Thank you.

Harvey Wooding spoke as follows: Thanks, Dennis. Good morning. Eastman Kodak was founded in 1889, just five years after AKC was formed. It was a company whose products have become synonymous with photography. In 1975, it invented the core technology used in digital cameras, but it was slow to enter the field. They overlooked its value. In 1976, Kodak held an incredible 90 percent market share of film sales in the U.S. In January of this year, it filed for



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Chapter 11 Bankruptcy protection.

Let me tell you another story.

Established in 1976, Apple's 2012 revenues will top \$156 billion as it markets a huge range of consumer products. It has thrived by developing new solutions, by understanding its customer and by being willing to change and take risk. Without its innovative approach, just like other high tech wonders, it would be just another Kodak. So where are you asking am I headed with all this? Well, we can be Kodak, a company which had the key to its future in hand and failed to recognize it. Or we can be Apple, a company that uses change as a strategy for success and is never far away from its next great leap forward.

I've heard a statement over and over again in our various meetings, and it worries me. It goes like this: If it ain't broke, don't fix it. Kodak used that approach. Turns out it was broke after all. For a long time, it wasn't broke at AKC. In terms of our brand recognition, we go to the head of the class, just like Kodak and Apple. But during the recent past, registrations have plummeted. Our adversaries are constantly on the attack. The average dog show owner feels that AKC provides no value. And guess what? Dog shows aren't fun anymore. I think we need to look very, very carefully at what works and what doesn't. Let's not be content with the appearance that it ain't broke. We need to be willing to break it, make it better, more efficient, more responsive to our customers' needs. We need to be willing to change. Dick Blair recently quoted a rule of nature on the Delegate's L list: Adapt or die. I agree. So let's be Apple, not Kodak.

In 2001, I was managing \$1.2 billion division of a two plus billion dollar company. But I was frustrated. I had to develop a 2002 business plan to fit an outdated and fatally flawed business model and I knew the plan would fail. Rather than accept failure, I decided to change. I resigned, left the company and started my own business. So I know a little about change.

Change is not always comfortable, and change for change's sake is worthless. However, used properly, change is an incredible strategic weapon. I would like to help AKC through the continuing transformation that it must pursue in

order to re establish itself, without rival, as the advocate for the dog. The world is not standing still and we can't either. I hope you will support me and that goal. I'm looking forward to the challenge.

The Chair reported on the passing of Edmund R. Sledzik on October 8th. He was the Delegate for the American Lhasa Apso Club since March of 1983.

The Executive Secretary read the names of the Delegates seated since the last meeting:

Roger Arbuthnot, to represent Superstition Kennel Club

Jeffrey David Ball, to represent Ramapo Kennel Club

John Barnes, to represent American Maltese Association

Tarianne Gallegos, to represent Silky Terrier Club of America

Barbara Jane Gates, to represent English Springer Spaniel Club of Michigan

Richard Rohrbacher, to represent Welsh Springer Spaniel Club of America

Carla Jo Ryan, to represent Japanese Chin Club of America

Kenneth M. Saenz, to represent Chihuahua Club of America

Zane Smith, to represent Hawaiian Kennel Club

Michael Sosne, to represent Oakland County Kennel Club

Cindy Stansell, to represent Finnish Spitz Club of America

Connie Townsend, to represent Kuvasz Club of America

Letisha Wubbel, to represent Affenpinscher Club of America

The following Delegates, who were attending their first meeting since approval, were introduced from the floor:

Roger Arbuthnot, to represent Superstition Kennel Club

Jeffrey David Ball, to represent Ramapo Kennel Club

John Barnes, to represent American Maltese Association

Roxanne M Hilsman, to represent Mississippi Kennel Club

Tarianne Gallegos, to represent Silky Terrier Club of America

Barbara Jane Gates, to represent English Springer Spaniel Club of Michigan

Anne Palmer, to represent Ann Arbor Kennel Club

Richard Rohrbacher, to represent Welsh Springer Spaniel Club of America

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The minutes of the September 11, 2012, Delegates meeting were published in the October 2012 online AKC Gazette. The complete transcript was posted on the Delegates Portal on the AKC's website.

The Salisbury North Carolina Kennel Club was elected as a member of The American Kennel Club.

The Chairman gave his report as follows: Thank you, Dennis, and good morning fellow Delegates.

Eleven years ago, Ron Menaker, Dennis Sprung and the good folks at Eukanuba created the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship and made celebrating our breeders an integral part of that event. In 2003, they added the Best Bred By Exhibitor competition. And every year since then, many of our sport's top breeders compete in the Best Bred By Exhibitor competition

In fact, 30 percent of the more than 4,000 dogs entered in conformation this weekend are entered in the Bred By Exhibitor competition. And they aren't here just to compete; they take the time to educate the public about their breed at the AKC Meet the Breeds over the of course of the weekend.

In addition, the Breeder of the Year Award recognizes one prominent AKC breeder from each group who has made a big impact on a specific breed. At the end of the presentation Sunday night honoring those seven breeders, one will be chosen as 2012 AKC Breeder of the Year.

Certainly, this emphasis on the role of breeders is a clear statement: There is no doubt that the American Kennel Club respects and supports our breeders. That commitment will grow even stronger next year. I have been working with Dennis, AKC Staff and the Parent

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Club and Health Delegate Committees, and I am pleased to announce the initiation of our first Breeders Workshop at next year's AKC/Eukanuba Championship show. This free workshop will be by breeders and for breeders, and will feature what I call "news you can use."

There's also no doubt that the public loves what our breeders bring into the world—puppies, bred for type and to be sound in body, mind and spirit. Look at any social sharing site and puppies are always a big part of that conversation. On YouTube alone, there are over 729,000 videos, and the one you saw this morning is there also, garnering billions of views.

There are many reasons to look forward to the holiday season, but anyone who has bred a litter knows there's something extra special that arrives each year—the holiday cards and notes updating you on the puppies you bred that are now part of other families. Both the photos and messages are heartfelt expressions of how lives were made better by the addition of that dog. The arrival of those cards serves as a powerful reminder of the important role responsible AKC breeders play in bringing the joy of a dog into people's lives. There is also no doubt that while the public loves puppies, not all of the public loves breeders. Unfortunately, many see our responsible breeders in a very different light than reality, a misconception that is as incorrect as it is offensive. A misconception promoted by a few and accepted by too many. And because of this extraordinary disconnect between perception and reality, there is a continuous onslaught of restrictive laws with the sole purpose of eliminating all breeders, including our responsible breeders.

All of us will continue to fight anti breeder legislation, but we must do more. There is also no doubt we must change the conversation about our responsible breeders from unabashed lies to the truth, from a cloud of doubt to clarity of trust, from rumors and innuendo to factual reality, from expediency in law making to right judgment.

To accomplish this, we must have unity and dedication of purpose. In addition to all that AKC does know what to add to the conversation, we will do more, especially by engaging the general public.

We have powerful communication resources with our newly reimagined website, our database of millions of people, our robust Facebook and Twitter following, and our professional and passionate public relations team, led by Lisa Peterson, herself a proud AKC Breeder of Merit. We will utilize those resources to reach out to the public consistently, frequently and convincingly about the true essence of our responsible and dedicated breeders.

But that is only part of the job. We need your support to take the message into your communities, where the voters are who can impact our future. You are the force that brings together, and then unleashes, the true power of the American Kennel Club. Our breeders represent everything we are now today and everything we will be tomorrow. This weekend we will celebrate them and know that our destiny is in good hands. (Applause)

The President gave his report as follows: In 2004, we had the good fortune to hire a new Chief Operating Officer who assumed my former position in the Raleigh Operations Center, John Lyons, with 29 years of business experience and decades of dog knowledge, including his presidency of the Dalmatian Club of America. He was a judge for 20 years, a Delegate and show chairman of the Monticello Kennel Club for a quarter of a century.

While I knew him from shows in the tri state area, naturally, I had little firsthand information about his work experience outside of our world. As I began observing his management skills, it became obvious to everyone we had the right person for the job. More importantly, John brought a work ethic and a passion which allowed him to implement his "dog person" expertise. In our positions, 24/7 is the norm. There was never a time over an eight year period in his capacity as COO that he wasn't available or willing to face a situation at any hour of the day or night. When one approaches retirement, I have learned they normally coast through the last few months of their career. In his own way, John broke that mold. His dedication and performance, plus a fabulous sense of humor has never

waned. It has rather intensified to benefit our organization. That is a special and lasting gift that he has bestowed upon the American Kennel Club and, personally, I am grateful to call him my friend. I cannot thank you, enough, John, for giving back to the sport as masterfully as you have done.

We wish John and Kristin the very best as he retires and she resumes her successful career as a professional handler. John. (Applause)

The Chair called on Daphna Straus, Assistant Vice President of Business Development, for an update on the AKC Humane Fund.

Ms. Straus spoke as follows: Hi, everybody. Thank you for affording me the time to give you a short update about the AKC Humane Fund. I should say that initially this presentation was intended to be strictly about the AKC Humane Fund, but due to last month's devastating super storm, Sandy, we felt you would appreciate an update about the new "Sandy Fund" as well. Let me start with the AKC Humane Fund itself. In November of 2007, Dennis recommended, and the Board of Directors approved the concept, of a new not for profit organization which officially became known as the AKC Humane Fund, Inc. The organization filed for 501 (c)(3) status, which the IRS granted on January 29, 2008. Donations to the Fund were tax deductible from that point on.

The Humane Fund began communicating its mission, which focuses on responsible ownership education and began building a portfolio of grant programs and scholarships. All of these programs are in effect today and are described in our two major fundraising appeals, which are sent in the spring and the commencement of the holiday season.

We currently limit our mailings to these two seasons, but also send customized letters and grant requests throughout the year. An ongoing goal is not to compete with AKC's fundraising efforts or with AKC's other affiliates.

The AKC Humane Fund functions as an independent organization, and its leadership consists of a streamlined board. Dennis Sprung is the Chairman and



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President and Peter Farnsworth is the Treasurer. Gina DiNardo is Director and I am Secretary. There are no employees of the fund.

We researched how to manage this affiliate effectively without any full time employees, and have been successful with a small and efficient team.

It is important to note that the AKC Humane Fund pays for its fundraising expenses and is a totally self sustaining organization. It does not rely on a single cent from AKC. We have also taken on costs such as the Awards for Canine Excellence, which you know as the ACE Awards.

The mission of AKC Humane Fund is to promote responsible pet ownership and celebrate the human animal bond through education, outreach and grant making.

I'd like to fill you in about some of our activities relating to grants. In spite of the fact that we're not a foundation, the AKC Humane Fund has disbursed over \$200,000 in grants, awards and programming to date. The Fund's Breed Rescue Grants provide funding for Parent Clubs and not for profit designees to cover their expenses pertaining to rescue. We encourage all Parent Clubs to apply for this funding.

This effort is important not only because we want to support Parent Clubs in every way possible, but also because the public and the media do not know enough about the true role of AKC, our clubs and the AKC Humane Fund when it comes to rescue.

Also, notably, we provide grants to women's shelters that accept victims of domestic violence and their pets, because research has shown that victims of domestic violence often will remain with their abuser because they fear for the safety of a pet that would have to be left behind.

One recipient of our grant recently told us that through our support their shelter was able to provide 2,312 nights of safety to 59 pets in their on site kennel. This initiative has received overwhelmingly positive feedback from the fancy and the public.

The Fund created a new scholarship program called the AKC Humane Fund Sir John Spurling Scholarships Celebrating the Human Canine Bond. This program awards five scholarships per

year, totaling \$10,000 annually, payable as tuition assistance to institutions where students are enrolled in courses of study focusing on the care of pets. By helping to make education in these fields attainable for more students, we hope the result will be better educated owners and an improvement in the lives of pets in the long run.

These scholarships join the George Ward Scholarship program which benefits handlers in training who assist AKC registered handlers.

To date, the AKC Humane Fund has raised more than \$1 million in cash, with the largest concentration of donations, 54%, coming from individuals. This category includes the public, Canine Partners enrollees, judges, Delegates and other constituents. Thirty eight percent of donations come from clubs and eight percent come from corporations.

In addition to contributions of cash, the Fund has also received donations of assets such as fine art and rare books. Our holiday drive, coupled with our Sandy Fund relief efforts, has been a great success.

I would like to take a moment to acknowledge all the clubs, individuals and other supporters who were so generous in donating to the Sandy Fund. The Sandy Fund is a sub Fund of the AKC Humane Fund that was begun with a \$10,000 donation from the Westminster Kennel Club. The Sandy Fund is supporting organizations that are actively involved in hurricane relief. The Sandy Fund will also be able to support relief; for future disasters.

As a point of distinction, the AKC CAR Canine Support and Relief Fund still supports professional and volunteer canine search and rescue organizations through the United States, which was established with the DOGNY fundraising success. To be clear, CAR helps lost dogs and the Sandy Fund helps people with their dogs.

The AKC worked together with Jason Taylor of Eukanuba and the New York Yankees to help pet owners affected in the region by arranging the donation of 44 tons of dog and cat food to be delivered to Yankee Stadium to assist in relief efforts. Thus far, the Sandy Fund has raised more than \$90,000 from clubs, individuals and organizations. All organizations that have applied for Sandy Fund

assistance have been awarded or recommended for a grant.

In spite of the difficult economic times, we have seen that people very much want to support what we do. To all of our donors in this room thank you again.

For those who have been to the AKC headquarters in New York recently, you may know that the Fund has a Founding Members Wall with over 350 donated plaques. Each one represents a donation of \$1,000, \$2,500, \$5,000 or more.

The Fund is also the beneficiary of three annual events. The Barkfest at Bonhams occurs every February, the Sunday before Westminster, as a preview and charity fundraiser for the venerable auction house's annual sale of sporting art.

The February Theater Benefit treats dog lovers to an evening of Broadway entertainment while supporting our cause. This event is chaired by Ron Menaker and is totally underwritten by Sir John Spurling of Pet Partners, the AKC's pet insurance sponsor.

And, as many of you know, the fancy pays tribute to the memory of Michael Sauve with the terrific benefit that took place just last night the Michael J. Sauve Memorial Benefit, organized by Peggy Hauck.

I hope you will be able to join us at some, if not all, of these terrific events each year.

While still a young organization, the AKC Humane Fund has been able to accomplish quite a lot of good.

I would like to remind the Parent Club Delegates to advise their Parent Club Presidents to consider applying for our Breed Rescue grant. And those clubs who are actively involved in relief efforts, please visit the AKC Humane Fund website to apply for a grant from the Sandy Fund. That web address is www.akchumanefund.org/grants. Since its inception, the AKC Humane Fund has carefully grown into an effective public charity with a conservative and efficient approach for fundraising.

In addition to achieving its exempt purposes; to educate the public about responsible pet ownership, the Fund strives to help other not for profits serve dogs as well. Chief among these is the American Kennel Club, as was planned, and all without the AKC's carrying a



single expense.

The support we have received has been extremely gratifying and proves just how much the public and the fancy care about responsible ownership and the human animal bond.

Thank you again for all your support. (Applause)

The Chair called on Lee Arnold, AKC Board member and the Chairman of the American Kennel Club Canine Health Foundation to address the body concerning the Humane Fund.

Mr. Arnold spoke as follows: I need some help from our Chairman. Alan, please. Alan and I collaborated last year with the idea. He came up with the concept for the rescue program for all Parent Clubs. He said we needed a new voice. And the voice, as you know, is Willie Nelson. This year we decided to do something else. Alan, please explain.

Mr. Kalter: I'm sure you heard about the AKC Humane Fund's donation to shelters where women can take their pets so they can leave abusive situations without leaving their pets behind. 70 percent of the time, when the pet is left behind, the pet is either killed or maimed as the abuser takes it out on the dog or the cat. We were funding shelters that would allow the pet to enter that shelter along with the woman or the family. And I thought we should communicate that as a way to generate some additional funding, so we could grow that program even more. It's another demonstration of the important work that the American Kennel Club does for people and their pets that the world should know about to help people think a little differently about the American Kennel Club. After I wrote the script, Lee took it from there.

Mr. Arnold: Then the answer is who do you get to voice it? Who will make it believable? Who will they relate to, the audience it's supposed to be given to? Well, in the first instance it was Willie Nelson.

And in the second, when I heard and read Alan's script, I said there's only one person that can really do this and do it justice with passion, believability and emotion. She's also a dog owner and a good friend of mine and she agreed to

do it. The problem was getting her into the studio to do it. She's been on Christmas tour and nonstop since the first of the year on other tours.

I don't know if you ever heard the song called Don't It Make My Brown Eyes Blue? Well, I'm always interested in the stories behind the songs. It comes with being a disc jockey, I guess. That song was written by a gentleman called Richard Lee, and he happened to own a Siberian Husky. And the inspiration for the song came when Crystal Gayle came to his house one day, and she had never seen a Siberian Husky before. And she asked, "What is that?" "That's a Siberian Husky." "What an unusual, beautiful dog," she said. "But why is one eye brown and one eye blue?" And he just looked at her and went into the other room. And a half hour later, the song was written.

Crystal agreed to do this spot and I think it's going to be very important for AKC, and the impact will be great for us when it's heard on, hopefully, 15,000 radio stations. Here's Crystal Gayle.

Ms. Gayle (via audio): Finding the courage to leave an abusive situation is tough. Having to leave behind a beloved pet, that's even tougher. But thanks to the American Kennel Club Humane Fund, abused women can save themselves and their pet.

This is Crystal Gayle. Nearly half of battered women with pets delay entering a shelter because of an animal left behind. They worry about their abuser hurting the pet. In an effort to end domestic violence and keep pets safe, the AKC Humane Fund is giving grants to women's shelters that will take in pets. Contribute to the AKC Humane Fund and help these special shelters for abused women. Sometimes their pet is their only friend. Please be a friend, too. Give to the AKC Humane Fund. Visit AKChumanefund.org and help throw a little life into the darkness. (Applause)

The Chair called on the Assistant Vice President Gina DiNardo to present a report to the Delegates on the Meet the Breeds outreach.

Ms. DiNardo spoke as follows: Good morning.

This October 20th and 21st, AKC Meet

the Breeds returned to New York City for a fourth year at the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center. Presented by Pet Partners Healthcare Plan, AKC's Pet Healthcare provider, the event welcomed over 35,000 dog lovers to the Javits Center. Along with our presenting sponsor, more than 100 vendor booths and 18 supporting sponsors participated in this family fun event that offers what we like to call edutainment. 163 AKC dog breeds and 51 TICA Cat Breeds were featured in 160,000 sq. ft. of space. Parent Clubs offered a broad scope of educational opportunities at their lavishly decorated booths which were constantly packed with eager spectators who could not wait to get up close to "Meet" their breeds.

Tens of thousands of dog lovers of all sizes and shapes were educated in numerous ways about the American Kennel Club, AKC CAR, The American Kennel Club Canine Health Foundation, and the AKC Humane Fund. There were equal opportunities presented by The International Cat Association for the cat lovers in the group.

The event showcased two days of ongoing demonstrations, including Earthdog, Obedience, Agility, US Customs And Border Protection, United States Police Canine Association, the AKC's Humane Fund ACE Awards. The Best Booth Award which was sponsored by Show Site Magazine was awarded to The Norfolk Terrier Club of America. AKC Meet the Breeds is one of our largest public outreach opportunities of the year. Thanks to the communication department's Jessica Rice and Lisa Peterson, and also to Christina Carey, our advertising and PR campaign reached over 630 million media impressions. That is the equivalent of 7,648 sold-out Giants Games or 98 days of being mentioned on the TODAY Show.

Meet the Breeds and our responsible ownership messages were covered by more than 50 media outlets. Print and online outlets included, The New York Times, AOL & the Associated Press. Pre-event television appearances were made by AKC spokespersons Lisa Peterson and myself on Fox News, Good Day New York, Fox & Friends, New York One, and CBS News2, achieving more than 12 Million Broadcast Impressions.

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Through Social media we reached nearly 4 million on Facebook, Twitter and the AKC Meet the Breeds blog – the equivalent of 200 sold out concerts at Madison Square Garden.

A highlight of our prevent publicity included the participation in the 68th Annual Columbus Day Parade. AKC staff and dog owners marched down Fifth Avenue with canine representatives of the Italian breeds including the Spinone Italiano the Neapolitan Mastiff and the Lagotto Romagnolo. The parade attracts nearly one million spectators, and was televised live on WABC-TV, New York's #1 television station.

During the telecast Meet the Breeds marchers and their dogs received some positive commentary from the broadcasters about AKC and Meet the Breeds. Live streaming coverage of the parade was also aired on 7online. Independent consultants report our total public relations effort for Meet the Breeds as a media value of \$4.7 million dollars to AKC.

AKC's Government Relations Department welcomed more than 100 federal, state, and local lawmakers from the tri-state area, including three United States Senators who signed on to be Honorary Chairs. In serving as Honorary Chairs, these lawmakers demonstrated their support for AKC responsible pet ownership.

Many signed the AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Pet Promise, posted the promise on their social media pages and web sites, and forwarded it to their constituents to ask them to join in promoting responsible pet ownership in their communities. AKC Government Relations staff was on hand to provide tours and public policy materials about canine legislation issues and the positive economic impact of purebred dog ownership.

Area AKC federations also attended to meet the lawmakers and to educate the public about the importance of community involvement and working together to support and protect responsible dog ownership and breeding. More than 1,000 children completed AKC's Meet the Breeds bingo card which was a fun way to share responsible pet ownership messaging with our youngest spectators. Each child who completed the game received a free

goody bag with prizes.

Hundreds of Girl Scouts with their troop leaders enjoyed the event while earning their Girl Scout Responsible Pet Ownership patch.

Every year I am humbled by the dedication and enthusiasm of our amazing parent club volunteers. These events do not happen without our breed experts. Every year volunteers go out of their way to make a trip to the Javits Center to help us educate the Public and our lawmakers about the value of AKC, the importance of responsible dog ownership and the joys and predictability of purebred dog ownership.

On behalf of the American Kennel Club staff, I extend our thanks to each and every volunteer who has helped to make our Meet the Breeds event in NY and the one this weekend at the National Championship a great success. We hope you can find time to visit your parent club booth this weekend.
(Applause)

Mr. Sprung spoke as follows: Thank you to all the volunteers that make Meet the Breeds the success that it is and to Gina DiNardo and Michael Canalizo for executing this positive public relations and educational program.

The Board of Directors elected Daryl Hendricks as Chief Operating Officer, effective January 6, 2013. Daryl brings a broad business management background with extensive experience, managing large teams in operational settings and handling budgetary responsibilities. He comes from the Iron Mountain Corporation, an information management services company, where he most recently served as senior vice president. He and his wife Michelle own English Cocker Spaniels. Daryl, please stand up. Welcome.
(Applause)

During my career at AKC, I have been fortunate to be able to establish ways of recognizing individuals in our Sport, such as the Medallion Program for delegates, judges, show chairs and breeders, the Lifetime Achievement Awards in Performance, Companion and Conformation events, and the Outstanding Sportsmanship Award. I initiated these programs because of a belief that we have an obligation to

honor our own.

In 2008, we added staff to the list of recipients. As many of you are aware, at a cluster last month in North Carolina, a professional handler had a heart attack while exhibiting. Various people were attending to him. One individual called 911 and provided accurate information until the medics arrived.

I began receiving calls, e mails and texts that day and for many days thereafter. The person on the phone with 911 has been credited with helping to save the handler's life. The following was contained in one of the e mails to me: "All too often, we hear of things our employees do wrong and I wanted to let you know about someone who does right. We are lucky to have her at the AKC and the sport is lucky to have her as a field rep." The next sentence sums everything up. "She is a great ambassador for the AKC." Signed, Ronald H. Menaker.

So I replied: "Ron, thanks. You're right. I sent her an e mail "thank you" and received a lovely reply. Since that day, I have been contemplating what more to do. Your note inspires me to stop thinking about it and do something, and I will."

Well I am delighted to keep my word to our former Chairman of the Board, and on behalf of a grateful American Kennel Club, Mary Dukes, we are honored to call you a colleague, friend and a true hero. Mary.
(Applause and medallion presented.)

Ms. Dukes spoke as follows: I'm totally unprepared for this. But I said to Dennis, I was just doing my job. I mean, that's how I see it. We're there. The job of the AKC field rep is to assist everybody at the dog show. We're the conduit between the Fancy that's out there and the office. We let them know in the office what's happening out there, and, conversely, we let the exhibitors and fancy know what's happening in the office. And a big part of our job is to just be of assistance to anyone there who needs us. And, unfortunately, that day, we had an incident, and I just happened to be the first one that got on the call to the 911 dispatch. Fortunately, Bert is doing well. As many of you know, Bert Halsey was the handler in our area that collapsed in the ring, had a cardiac event, and is still



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here to live and tell the tale, and is, in fact, going to club meetings. So anybody who witnessed it wouldn't have believed it, because you weren't sure I didn't think he would get out of it alive. But anyway, it's just part of the job. I'm honored to receive this medallion. It was a totally sneaky trick. As I said to Patty [Proctor], what are we doing here? Thank you.
(Applause)

The Chair called on the Executive Secretary to read the proposed amendment to Article III, Objects of the Club, of the Charter and Bylaws of the American Kennel Club.

Mr. Crowley spoke as follows: This amendment to Article III of the Charter and Bylaws of the American Kennel Club, would add an object which AKC has, in effect, espoused for decades with support of canine health research areas. This amendment was brought forth by the Delegate Bylaws Committee and is approved by the AKC Board of Directors. It will be published in two issues of the on line AKC Gazette, and you will be asked to vote on it at the March 2013 meeting.

The Chair recognized Gretchen Bernardi, Delegate for the Mississippi Valley Kennel Club, who spoke as follows:
I heartily need to urge our Delegates to vote for this. I'm sure it's obvious, but it came from the Bylaws Committee. We're proud to say it came under the chairmanship of Judi Daniels. We urge you to vote for this, please.

The Chair called on the Executive Secretary to read the proposed amendment to Article IV, Sections 1 and 3, of the Charter and Bylaws of the American Kennel Club.

Mr. Crowley spoke as follows: This amendment to Article IV, Sections 1 and 3, of the Charter and Bylaws of the American Kennel Club would expand the eligibility requirements for AKC membership to permit licensed Agility Clubs that meet the criteria to apply to become AKC member Clubs. This amendment was brought forward by the AKC Board of Directors. It will be

published in two issues of the on line AKC Gazette, and will be asked to vote on it at the March 2013 meeting.

The Chair called on the Executive Secretary to read the proposed amendment to Article XVIII, Section 1, of the Charter and Bylaws of the American Kennel Club Meetings and Quorum.

Mr. Crowley spoke as follows: This amendment to Article XVIII, Section 1, of the Charter and Bylaws of the American Kennel Club Meetings and Quorum, would reduce the number of yearly Delegate meetings from four to three, and suggests that two meetings be expanded from two days to three days, in order to enable increased attendance at the various Delegate Committee meetings.

This amendment was brought forward by the Delegate Advocacy and Advancement Committee. It is brought forward now with no AKC Board recommendation. It will be published in two issues of the on line AKC Gazette and you will be asked to vote on it at the March 2013 meeting.

The Chair recognized Jim Dok, Delegate for the Gig Harbor Kennel Club, who spoke as follows:

Yesterday, at our regularly scheduled DAC committee meeting, the committee adopted a proviso which will affect or have an effect on this very specific amendment. I'll share this with you. Should the amendment brought forward by the DAC Committee be approved and accepted by the Delegate Body on the regularly scheduled meeting, March 12, 2013, the amendment stipulated changes will be remain in effect for two years. Where upon, continuance of the reduction of number of meetings shall stand for reaffirmation by the Delegate Body. A simple majority vote will be required for continuation. That's the proviso.

Just as a point of reference timing wise, if this amendment is approved by two thirds of the majority, the first year that the amendment will be effective will be 2015. So in 2017, if we all agreed that this was not a good idea and we need to revert back to what we had before, the simple majority will prevail.

Ms. Bernardi: I am now speaking as the chairman of the Bylaws Committee. We discussed this thoroughly yesterday. Of course, we did not know about this proviso. But I don't think it changes the basic philosophy of the amendment. We unanimously opposed this amendment because we think we need more communication, not less, and that we feel this would lessen the communication, not only among the Delegates but from the Board to the Delegates and back to our clubs. So we oppose this amendment.

The Chair recognized Sherry Wallis, Delegate for the Akita Club of America, who spoke as follows:
Can I ask a question about the previous proposed amendment?

Mr. Sprung: Why don't we finish this one and then we'll go right back to that one, if that's all right.

Ms. Wallis: Okay.

The Chair recognized Patricia Laurans, Delegate for the German Wirehaired Pointer Club of America, who spoke as follows:

I am speaking as Chairman of the Parent Clubs Committee. When this was brought forth for discussion to the Committee, I would say six to eight months ago, the Parent Clubs Committee spent a great deal of time talking about it. At that point in time, the Parent Clubs Committee unanimously decided that they would not support this amendment.

At our meeting yesterday, one of the members brought forth the motion that we reaffirm that we do not support this amendment, and we reaffirmed it unanimously. The Parent Club Committee does not support this amendment.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you for that update. Since there seems to be no other comments on this item, we will go back to the first proposed amendment. Go ahead, please.

Ms. Wallis: Thank you. How many licensed Agility Clubs do we have?



Mr. Sprung: We have approximately 80.

Mr. Crowley: There are about 80 licensed Agility Clubs. Don't forget, the bulk of the agility events are held by All Breed, Obedience, and Specialty Clubs. But there are 80 strictly licensed Agility Clubs, which would be subject to the same time criteria, number of events criteria, as any other club. So it would be staggered. It wouldn't be 80 clubs eligible the first year.

Mr. Sprung: I believe the number would be 55.

The Chair recognized Ruth Ann Naun, Border Terrier Club of America, who spoke as follows:
Since you allowed someone to go back to one of the previous proposals being read, could we go back to the first one for a comment?

Mr. Sprung: Certainly.

Ms. Naun: I don't know who to ask the question of before we vote on this.

Mr. Sprung: If it's easy, ask me. If it's difficult, ask Jim.

Ms. Naun: Personally, I'm quite confused by the placement of the new addition in the first motion that was read. And, personally, as I understand the objective of the American Kennel Club, I would prefer that, one that we consider the question as to whether or not that might be one of the very first mentioned objectives of the American Kennel Club. That's all.

Mr. Sprung: That could be proposed as an amendment to the amendment at the next meeting before the vote.

The Chair recognized Rebecca Stanevich, Delegate for the Mountaineer Kennel Club, who spoke as follows:
In order to talk to my Club about the agility thing, I need to ask a question about territory. One of the discussions yesterday made me think about something I hadn't thought about before. Hopefully, I can explain this because I think I'm confusing myself. But I have, as an All Breed Club, a territory that somebody cannot come into to offer a

show.

Can they come into that territory another AKC licensed club can they come into our territory to provide classes?

Mr. Crowley: You mean to hold a trial or

Ms. Stanevich: No. Just to provide classes, like agility classes or obedience classes. Can another AKC Club come from 100 miles down into our town and offer obedience classes? Or is my territory protected in that way as well?

Mr. Crowley: As an All Breed Club, your territory would be protected from any other All Breed Club coming in and holding an event. But it would not prevent us from approving an Obedience Club, or Agility Club or an Earth Dog Club or a club holding other types of events, even though your club may hold some of those same types of events. So it's by type of club. You're an All Breed Club, your territory is protected from other All Breed Clubs coming in, but not from other Specialty Clubs, any other Obedience Clubs, Agility Clubs.

Ms. Stanevich: Right. So I think my question was, can an All Breed Club come in and offer Agility classes in my area? But the ultimate answer is going to be an Agility Club could be licensed in our area or could be

Mr. Crowley: Correct. But if another All Breed Club is going to hold any event in your area, it would have to be with your club's permission.

The Chair called on Peter Farnsworth, the CFO, to give the current financial report.

Mr. Farnsworth gave the Financial Report. A summary follows:
For the month of November, total revenues of \$4.5 million were \$100,000 below budget. Total monthly operating expenses of \$4.3 million were \$300,000 below budget. This resulted in an operating profit of \$200,000 for the month.
For the Year to Date, total revenues of \$51.9 million through November 2012 were \$1.8 million below budget. Total year to date operating expenses of \$49.7

million were \$2.7 million below budget. This resulted in an operating profit of \$2.2 million for the 11 months year to date.

Our investments, year to date, are up \$6.6 million versus last year when we had a \$1.7 million loss at this point in the year. We recognize these year to date gains could change at any time.

Investments: We have varied investments, but non-profits only hold investments for a purpose, which is to support obligations they already have and for emergencies. There are no "idle" or unsupported investments in our portfolio, in that they are there to support

1. Unfunded pension liabilities
2. Unfunded future medical and related benefit liabilities
3. Operating reserves as set by the Board.

The Chair introduced AKC Board member Carl Ashby to give an update on the AKC PAC.

Mr. Ashby spoke as follows: Good afternoon. And I know I'm between you and dinner, so we're going to move very quickly. What I want to do today is just give you a very brief wrap up on how successful you have made the Presidents Challenge. Just to recall, the whole notion was for us to engage all our clubs in supporting that challenge. The Presidents Challenge was made in June and today I will give you a wrap up of what we accomplished.
Over \$91,000....an incredible amount of money. More money than we have ever raised. (Applause)

And it's still coming in. I get an e mail almost once a day from Sheila on another donation. And this weekend, I've also heard of additional ones. The PAC total is \$38,848. That's a substantial amount of money and I will share how it was used it in just a moment. The Canine Legislative Support Fund accepted \$52,000. Those of you that were at the Legislative Caucus this morning learned about how that money is being put to work as well.
The number of candidates receiving awards were 80. \$46,000 was awarded. The total raised for the PAC was \$42,000 and we donated \$46,000. That is the purpose of the PAC to put resources together to work on behalf of the dogs.



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Seventy percent of the candidates we supported won, which is an excellent percentage.

25 states benefited from the PAC. 1 in 2 states received AKC PAC support. These donations are a direct result of your recommendations so you see this money benefiting your state directly. Be sure you bring candidates to the attention of Government Relations. They, in turn, will vet the candidate and propose the candidate to the PAC Board. The PAC Board moves fast in order to get money into the hands of candidates when it is most needed.

I thought this chart just tells the whole story about how you got behind the PAC this year. We started the AKC PAC in 2007 in Long Beach. Many of us wrote checks at that meeting. Then we've gone up and down in our support. The Presidents Challenge focused the needs and benefits of the AKC PAC and \$42,000 has been earned on behalf of dogs.

So what's going to happen next? We expect a very active legislative activity. As you know, any time you have an odd year, you also have a lot of legislative activity with new sessions being called to order. Government Relations anticipates being extremely busy. I know you're going to be busy in your communities and all the other Clubs are as well.

We'd like for the Clubs, as they go through their budgeting, to consider the Canine Legislative Support Fund, along with all their other worthy donations. Clubs can donate and its much appreciated.

Club members are asked to renew their commitment to the PAC. We're not going to kick off the official drive until the beginning of the third quarter – actually at the September meeting. The reason is the anticipated high level of legislative activity. You're going to be involved in it as well as Government Relations. We want to stay focused to make sure we have an effective presence in state legislatures. Although the official Presidents Challenge will be in the Fall any donation given in 2014 by an individual, associate your name with your Club and you and your Club will get credit when the official challenge kicks off. Don't hold back simply because of the timing of the campaign. Likewise any donations to the Canine Legislative

Support Fund will be credited to your Club.

Again, we can't thank you all enough for what you did. It's been extremely gratifying. And enjoy the rest of the weekend. Thank you.
(Applause)

The Chair reported that the Annual Meeting will be held on March 12, 2013, at the Doubletree Newark Airport Hotel. The March meeting will be the annual election of officers for the Class of 2017.

The following exchange took place during New Business:

Ms. Bernardi: First of all, I wanted to say that at the last meeting I asked you, I pleaded with you, to bring back our field reps. You've heard us and you're starting to do that. I want to say thank you to the AKC for doing that for us.

Secondly, I was going to ask a question of our candidates, but we ran out of time. And I just wanted to say that I don't think I've ever seen seven such good candidates for the Board. I think we should all be grateful that those people have put themselves forward in what cannot be an easy task. So I hope we all appreciate that.
(Applause)

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

The Chair recognized Nancy Perrell, Delegate for the Scottsdale Dog Fanciers Association, who spoke as follows: My Club brought this up at the Board meeting. Talking antiquated things, as member clubs, we only pay \$25 a year, and we think it should be raised to at least \$100.

Mr. Sprung: That's fee is from the 1930's, correct, Jim?

Mr. Crowley: Yes.

Mr. Sprung: Since the 1930's. We'll be happy to address that.

Ms. Laurans: I asked this request of Paula [Spector] earlier in the week and then Michael Canalizo Will there be any transportation to the events, as there was last year, for the Delegates or other people from this hotel?

Mr. Sprung: Paula is shaking her head yes.

Ms. Laurans: What will be the schedule?

Mr. Sprung: There are flyers out front on the registration desk. Thank you.

The Chair recognized Sue Goldberg, Delegate for the Lewiston Auburn Kennel Club, who spoke as follows: The very deserving award that was given to Mary Dukes earlier serves as a segue into a very important issue. I brought this up at the caucus yesterday. For those of you there, I apologize for the repetition. Those of you who weren't there, it's an important message for you to bring back to your clubs.

As you all know, there is a disaster and emergency plan that's required to be part of the application for every event that's being held. I'm proud to say that came from our Dog Show Rules Committee. The idea was to serve as a requirement for clubs to sit down and think about what they would do in the event of whatever emergency might arise. We found that through an issue that happened recently in a dog show that there is a gap that needs to be closed. And this is very important. At a recent show, a spectator felt ill and passed out. Someone ran to get help. There were EMTs on site. This is a large show in a convention hall with many different halls, different rooms.

The person ran to the club desk. There were four club members behind that desk, including one senior member who had been a member of that club for 20 plus years. No one knew how to get in touch with the EMTs that were on site. No one had a phone number. They didn't have a walkie talkie. This person ran over to the superintendent, and same result. They were stared at with this blank stare and nobody knew how to get in touch with the EMTs.

There was a veterinarian at the show that was there and volunteered to go over and help this spectator until the EMTs arrived. Finally, someone located them. But they went down the wrong aisle this was a bench show because they could not find where to go. So here's the last mile that we need to put in place for our disaster and



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emergency plans. And that is that there need to be signs posted at the club desk, at the superintendent's desk, anywhere else you think it might be appropriate, under the tents, near the grooming area and so forth, the gist of which would be: There are EMTs on site. In the event of an emergency, call, and then either a phone number or some way to get a walkie talkie to these people. You need to think about how we can contact these EMTs.

The other thing that needs to be happening is if there is no EMT on site, to say, there are no EMTs on site. In the event of an emergency call 911.

The last thing that needs to be done is that the EMTs need a copy of the show layout. These are not dog people. They don't know their way around a dog show. And as we all know, in the event of an emergency, seconds count.

So the holiday message that you all have a happy Holiday and a New Year and take this back to your clubs and close that very important gap. Thank you. (Applause)

The Chair recognized Barbara Mann, Delegate for the Dayton Dog Training Club, who spoke as follows:

I am speaking on behalf of an Airedale Rescue organization, Starting Over Airedale Rescue, otherwise known as SOAR.

Several weeks ago, I posted on the Delegate L-list, asking people who would be willing to join my e mail list to punch a button once a day and vote for my group to get an award from Pet Finders. I'm happy to report that lots of people did. I want to thank you very much, because this contest ends on Sunday. And if all goes like it looks like it's going to go, the organization is going to get \$1,000 and I really appreciate it. Thank you. (Applause)

The Chair recognized Jeffrey Ball, Delegate for the Ramapo Kennel Club, who spoke as follows:

I am also the president of the New Jersey Federation of Dog Clubs. I would like to thank all the clubs and individuals that reached out to assist in what occurred [Hurricane Sandy], not just in our state but several states. But I especially would like to extend a thank you to the AKC

Humane Fund. When I reached out to the AKC, I didn't get all the response that I would have liked to. But the one group was the AKC Humane Fund that really reached out and worked at assisting both us, as people on the ground, as well as several of our clubs. I mean, it's an on going issue. It will be there are people in this room that can speak to this even better than I can. Right now, it's new to me. I hate to say I'm dealing with it. There are other states who have dealt with such disasters or even worse disasters in the past.

So I just wanted to extend a thank you and a special thank you to the AKC Humane Fund, which really reached out and worked with us. I really wish we had the opportunity to jump in and work with the politicians and do more public relations on the things that do occur here, because we do not we talked about changing, going in different directions. Well one thing we missed out on is educating the public at the time on what we're doing, where we are. And that's one thing that I hope we move towards. But thank you for everything everyone has done. (Applause)

Mr. Sprung: Hearing no further business. The meeting stands adjourned. (Thereupon, the meeting concluded at 12:42 p.m.)

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MISSION STATEMENT:

The American Kennel Club is dedicated to upholding the integrity of its Registry, promoting the sport of purebred dogs and breeding for type and function. Founded in 1884, the AKC and its affiliated organizations advocate for the purebred dog as a family companion, advance canine health and well-being, work to protect the rights of all dog owners and promote responsible dog ownership.

Attention Delegates

Notice of Meeting

The next meeting of the Delegates will be held at the Doubletree Newark Airport Hotel on Tuesday, March 12, 2013, beginning at 9:00 am.

Delegates Credentials

Bob Busby, Mooresville, NC, Salisbury, North Carolina Kennel Club

Annette M. Didier, Fort Wayne, IN, Northeastern Indiana Kennel Club

Don L. Hanson, Anacortes, WA, American Lhasa Apso Club

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Harold Perry, Keyport, NJ, Monmouth County Kennel Club

Nicky Patterson, Wayland, MA, Middlesex County Kennel Club

Virginia Rowland, Templeton, MA, Wachusett Kennel Club

Laura Gilbert Trainor, Vestal, NY, Susque-Nango Kennel Club

Notice

As a result of an Event Committee determination the following individuals stand 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. Diane Miles (Pinellas Park, FL)

Ms. Kandy Robinson (Dayton, OH)

Mr. HA "Rob" Robinson (Dayton, OH)

Notice

Ms. Eva Melton (Bowman, GA) Action was taken by the Baltimore County Kennel Club for conduct during its April 22, 2012, event. Ms. Melton was charged with impairing a club's ability to retain a site. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the committee's report and set the penalty

at a three month event suspension and a \$500 fine, effective June 20, 2012.

Notice

Ms. Mary Baker (Naples, FL) Action was taken by the Calusa Dog Agility Club for conduct during its October 7, 2012, event. Ms. Baker was charged with failure to properly control a dog at an event. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the committee's report and set the penalty at a reprimand and a \$200 fine.

Notice

Mr. Neno Pessoa (Washington, NJ) Action was taken by the Skyline Agility Club of Northern New Jersey for conduct at its October 21, 2012, event. Mr. Pessoa was charged with failure to properly control a dog at an event. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the committee's report and set the penalty at a reprimand and a \$200 fine. (Australian Shepherd)

Notice

On October 17, 2012, the Trial Board of the American Kennel Club heard charges against Mr. William Hahn, Franklinville, NC. The charge was that Mr. Hahn did not comply with AKC's Care and Conditions Policy with respect to his dogs and/or facilities. The Trial Board sustained the charge and set the penalty at a three month suspension from all AKC privileges and a \$500 fine, effective November 13, 2012. (Parson Russell Terrier)

Notice

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Ms. Kathi Ogle (Bothell, WA) from AKC registration privileges for six months and imposed a \$500 fine, effective December 12, 2012, for submission of an online litter registration application containing a false certification as to the signature of the co-owner of the dam. (Cavalier King Charles Spaniel)

Notice

The AKC's Management Disciplinary

Committee has reprimanded Ms. Laura Johnson (New London, MN), for signing an AKC document on behalf of another without filing a properly completed Power of Attorney form. (Multiple Breeds)

Notice

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Ms. Jeanette Bergman LaRocca (Newport, WA) from all AKC privileges for an additional twenty years and imposed a \$1000 fine, effective December 12, 2012, for circumvention of her suspension. (Multiple Breeds)

Notice

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Ms. Margaret Hamilton (Issaquah, WA) from all AKC privileges for ten years and imposed a \$2000 fine, effective November 7, 2011, for conduct prejudicial to purebred dogs, purebred dog events, or to the best interests of The American Kennel Club based on her violation of the AKC's Judicial or Administrative Determination of Inappropriate Treatment Policy. (Multiple Breeds)

Proposed Amendment to Charter and Bylaws of The American Kennel Club, Inc.

The Delegate Bylaws Committee has proposed the following amendment to **ARTICLE III: Objects of the Club**, of the *Charter and Bylaws of The American Kennel Club, Inc.*, to be voted on at the March 12, 2013 Delegates Meeting.

ARTICLE III: OBJECTS OF THE CLUB

The objects of the Club shall be to maintain and publish an official stud book, to adopt and enforce uniform rules regulating and governing purebred dog events, to regulate the conduct of persons interested in breeding, registering, selling, purchasing, exhibiting and running purebred dogs, to prevent, detect, and punish frauds in connection therewith, to advance canine health and well-being, to protect the interests of its members, to publish an official kennel gazette, and generally to do everything to advance the study, breeding, exhibiting, running and maintenance of purebred dogs

Proposed Amendment to Charter and Bylaws of The American Kennel Club, Inc.

The Board of Directors has brought forward the following amendment to **ARTICLE IV, Sections 1 and 3**, of the *Charter and Bylaws of The American Kennel Club, Inc.*, to be voted on at the March 12, 2013, Delegates Meeting.

ARTICLE IV:

Section 1. All Clubs or Associations which have held at least three Dog Shows, Obedience Trials, Field Trials, or Agility Trials in consecutive years under rules of the AKC and all Specialty Clubs which have been or shall be formed for the improvement of any breed of purebred dogs shall be eligible to become members of the AKC.

Section 3. No Club or Association shall be eligible to be admitted to membership in the AKC unless its Constitution and Bylaws shall provide that among the objects for which said Club or Association has been formed are the holding of annual dogs shows, annual obedience trials, or annual field trial, or annual agility trials, or that said Club or Association was formed for the protection or benefit of purebred dogs.

Proposed Amendment to Charter and Bylaws of The American Kennel Club, Inc.

The Delegate Advocacy and Advancement Committee has brought forward the following amendment to **ARTICLE XVIII, Section 1**, of the *Charter and Bylaws of The American Kennel Club, Inc.*, to be voted on at the March 12, 2013, Delegates Meeting.

Proviso to be considered before the vote to **ARTICLE XVIII, Section 1:**

Should the amendment brought forward by the DAAC Committee be approved and accepted by the Delegate body at its Regularly Scheduled Meeting, March 12, 2013, the Amendment's stipulated changes will remain in effect for two (2) years.

Whereupon, the continuance of the reduction of meetings, shall stand for reaffirmation by the Delegate body. A "simple majority" vote will be required

for continuation.

ARTICLE XVIII

Section 1. The annual meeting of the AKC shall be the regular meeting held in April. There shall also be a regular meeting of the AKC in August. There shall be one regular meeting held in December or January announced at least two years in advance. The exact date, time and location of all meetings shall be determined by the Board of Directors. Standing Delegate Committee meetings shall be scheduled on two days immediately preceding each regular meeting in April and August and the day preceding the December or January meeting.

PROPOSED SCOTTISH TERRIER 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:

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GENERAL APPEARANCE

The Scottish Terrier is a small, compact, short-legged, sturdily-built dog of good bone and substance. His head is long in proportion to his size. He has a hard, wiry, weather-resistant coat and a thick-set, cobby body which is hung between short, heavy legs. These characteristics, joined with his very special keen, piercing, "varminty" expression, and his erect ears and tail are salient features of the breed. The Scottish Terrier's bold, confident, dignified aspect exemplifies power in a small package.

SIZE, PROPORTION, SUBSTANCE

The Scottish Terrier should have a thick body and heavy bone. The principal objective must be symmetry and balance without exaggeration. Equal consideration shall be given to height, weight, length of back and length of head. Height at withers for either sex should be about 10 inches. The overall rectangular appearance measured from prosternum to ischium is due to the front with its pronounced forechest and the powerful hindquarters and ischium that protrudes behind the set on of tail. The

measurement from withers to set on of tail should be equal to or slightly greater than the height of the withers to the ground. Generally, a well-balanced Scottish Terrier dog should weigh from 19 to 22 pounds and a bitch from 18 to 21 pounds.

HEAD

The *head* should be long in proportion to the overall length and size of the dog. In profile, the skull and muzzle should give the appearance of two parallel planes. The *skull* should be long and of medium width, slightly domed and covered with short, hard hair. In profile, the skull should appear flat. There should be a slight but definite stop between the skull and muzzle at eye level, allowing the eyes to be set in under the brow, contributing to proper Scottish Terrier expression. The skull should be smooth with no prominences or depressions and the cheeks should be flat and clean. The *muzzle* should be approximately equal to the length of skull with only a slight taper to the nose. The muzzle should be well filled in under the eye, with no evidence of snippiness. A correct Scottish Terrier muzzle should fill an average man's hand. The nose should be black, regardless of coat color, and of good size, projecting somewhat over the mouth and giving the impression that the upper jaw is longer than the lower. The teeth should be large and evenly spaced, having either a scissor or level *bite*, the former preferred. The jaw should be square, level and powerful. Undershot or overshot bites should be penalized. The *eyes* should be set wide apart and well in under the brow. They should be small, bright and piercing, and almond-shaped not round. The color should be dark brown or nearly black, the darker the better. The ears should be small, prick, set well up on the skull and pointed, but never cut. They should be covered with short velvety hair. From the front, the outer edge of the ear should form a straight line up from the side of the skull. The use, size, shape and placement of the ear and its erect carriage are major elements of the keen, alert, intelligent Scottish Terrier *expression*.

NECK, TOPLINE, BODY

The *neck* should be moderately short, strong, thick and muscular, blending

smoothly into well laid back shoulders. The neck must never be so short as to appear clumsy. The *body* should be moderately short with ribs extending well back into a short, strong loin, deep flanks and very muscular hindquarters. The ribs should be well sprung out from the spine, forming a broad, strong back, then curving down and inward to form a deep body that would be nearly heart-shaped if viewed in cross-section. The *topline* of the back should be firm and level. The chest should be broad, very deep and well let down between the forelegs. The forechest should extend well in front of the legs and drop well down into the brisket. The chest should not be flat or concave, and the brisket should nicely fill an average man's slightly-cupped hand. The lowest point of the brisket should be such that an average man's fist would fit under it with little or no overhead clearance. The *tail* should be about seven inches long and never cut. It should be set on high and carried erectly, either vertical or with a slight curve forward, but not over the back. The tail should be thick at the base, tapering gradually to a point and covered with short, hard hair.

FOREQUARTERS

The shoulders should be well laid back and moderately well knit at the withers. The forelegs should be very heavy in bone, straight or slightly bent with elbows close to the body, and set in under the shoulder blade with a definite forechest in front of them. Scottish Terriers should not be out at the elbows. The forefeet should be larger than the hind feet, round, thick and compact with strong nails. The front feet should point straight ahead, but a slight "toeing out" is acceptable. Dew claws may be removed.

HINDQUARTERS

The thighs should be very muscular and powerful for the size of the dog with the stifles well bent and the legs straight from hock to heel. Hocks should be well let down and parallel to each other.

COAT

The Scottish Terrier should have a broken coat. It is a hard, wiry outer coat with a soft, dense undercoat. The coat should be trimmed and blended into the furnishings to give a distinct Scottish

Terrier outline. The dog should be presented with sufficient coat so that the texture and density may be determined. The longer coat on the beard, legs and lower body may be slightly softer than the body coat but should not be or appear fluffy.

COLOR

Steel or iron gray, brindled or grizzled, black, sandy or wheaten. Many black and brindle dogs have occasional white or silver hairs in their coats which are normal and not to be penalized. White can be allowed only on the chest and chin and that to a slight extent only.

GAIT

The gait of the Scottish Terrier is very characteristic of the breed. It is not the square trot or walk desirable in the long-legged breeds. The forelegs do not move in exact parallel planes; rather, in reaching out, the forelegs incline slightly inward because of the deep broad forechest. Movement should be free, agile and coordinated with powerful drive from the rear and good reach in front. The action of the rear legs should be square and true and, at the trot, both the hocks and stifles should be flexed with a vigorous motion. When the dog is in motion, the back should remain firm and level.

TEMPERAMENT

The Scottish Terrier should be alert and spirited but also stable and steady-going. He is a determined and thoughtful dog whose "heads up, tails up" attitude in the ring should convey both fire and control. The Scottish Terrier, while loving and gentle with people, can be aggressive with other dogs. He should exude ruggedness and power, living up to his nickname, the "Diehard."

PENALTIES

Soft coat; curly coat; round, protruding or light eyes; overshot or undershot jaws; obviously oversize or undersize; shyness or timidity; upright shoulders; lack of reach in front or drive in rear; stiff or stilted movement; movement too wide or too close in rear; too narrow in front or rear; out at the elbow; lack of bone and substance; low set tail; lack of pigment in the nose; coarse head; and failure to show with head and tail up are faults

to be penalized.

NO JUDGE SHOULD PUT TO WINNERS OR BEST OF BREED ANY SCOTTISH TERRIER NOT SHOWING REAL TERRIER CHARACTER IN THE RING.

CONFORMATION JUDGES

As a result of the October 2010 Board Meeting, publication notice in the Gazette was combined into one notice, therefore the judging approval process continues to include an opportunity for the fancy to respond to each permit judge.

Letters concerning judges and permit 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 by AKC concerning their qualifications. As a result, it should be understood that any such correspondence will be made available, upon request, to the judge.

It is the responsibility of all Conformation and JS 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 at (919) 816-3593 or email, judgingops@akc.org.

PERMIT JUDGES

The following persons have been approved on a **Permit** basis for the designated breeds in accordance with the current judging approval process. **They may now accept assignments** and the fancy may still offer comments to Judging Operations.

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PERMIT ASSIGNMENTS COMPLETED

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Shepherds, Black Russian Terriers,
Cane Corsos, Chinook, German
Pinschers, Komondorok, Kuvaszok,
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Mountain Dogs, German Pinschers,
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Mastiffs, Portuguese Water Dogs, Saint
Bernards, Tibetan Mastiffs, Australian
Shepherds, Pembroke Welsh Corgis

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Lapphunds, Icelandic Sheepdogs,
Norwegian Buhunds, Polish Lowland
Sheepdogs, Pyrenean Shepherds,
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Pinschers

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Coated Retrievers, Flat Coated

Retrievers, Nova Scotia Duck Tolling
Retrievers, Irish Red and White Setters,
American Water Spaniels, Boykin
Spaniels, Irish Water Spaniels, Sussex
Spaniels, Wirehaired Pointing Griffons)

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Bordeaux, German Pinschers, Giant
Schnauzers, Komondorok,
Leonbergers, Neapolitan Mastiffs,
Portuguese Water Dogs, Tibetan
Mastiffs)

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Manchester Terriers, Miniature Bull
Terriers, Skye Terriers, Soft Coated
Wheaten Terriers, Staffordshire Bull
Terriers

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Balance of Toy Group (Affenpinschers,

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ADJUNCT BREED JUDGE

Mr. Gary L. Andersen (6176) AZ
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Xoloitzcuintli

BEST IN SHOW

The following person, having successfully **completed** the required Group Assignments in the first Variety Group for which they are **approved**, has been added to the list of judges eligible for approval to judge Best In Show.

Mrs. Diane Young McCormack (20415) NV
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spirit@telis.org

Mr. Robert L. Robinson (6039) AZ
(602) 253-6260
brobinson4@cox.net

Mrs. Sherry Swanson (7517) CA
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REINSTATED JUDGE

The Judging eligibility of the following person has been reinstated.

Mrs. Carolyn R. Miller (6560) OR
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Beagles, Borzois, JS

RESIGNED CONFORMATION JUDGES

Mrs. Barbara Ankers Hannum
Mrs. Janelle Holmes

EMERITUS CONFORMATION JUDGE

Mrs. Jean Fournier

DECEASED CONFORMATION JUDGES

Mr. Peter Belmont Jr.
Mrs. Nancy A. Byrd
Mrs. Cynthia P. Schmick

**PROVISIONAL OBEDIENCE/
RALLY/TRACKING JUDGES**

The following persons have been approved as a judge on a *Provisional* basis for the class/test indicated in accordance with the Provisional judging system. They may now accept assignments.

Ms. Mary Simpson (95403) IL
(708) 352-6749
groomyourpet@att.net
Rally – All

Mr. Kenneth Kincaid (91228) FL
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Obedience – Open

**PROVISIONAL OBEDIENCE/
RALLY/TRACKING JUDGES COMPLETED**

The following persons have completed their Provisional Judging assignments and their names have been added to the list of regular approved judges

Mrs. Lynda Moore (38343) CT
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Obedience – Open

Ms. Cynthia Simonsen (45422) WI
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Obedience – Utility

Mr. Donald Rennick (19134) WA
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Obedience – Utility

Mr. Amede DeCruydt Jr (43367) MI
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Rally – All

**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. Letters in regard to these applications should be addressed to James P. Crowley, Executive Secretary:

BOARDWALK – Portuguese Water Dogs – Kendal L. Walters & David D. Walters
DRIFTWOOD – Portuguese Water Dogs – Morgin L. Powell
GEISER GLEN – Irish Setters – Fiona O. Geiser
FENDANESYLCREST – Great Danes – Kathleen J. Fennell & Gloria Batchelor
JET AIRE – Airedale Terriers – Diane M. Turba & John E. Turba
KEEPSAKES – Chihuahuas – Carole M.

Paulson
KRISKEE – Keeshonds – JoAnn Lewis-Franklin & Richard Franklin
MIRALABELLA – Yorkshire Terriers – Mirrella L. Green
MONTVIEW – Labrador Retrievers – Julie A. Oghigian
MTNMIST – Welsh Springer Spaniels – Sandy Edwards-Zickrick
NEWPOINT – German Shorthaired Pointers – Nancy E. Ward
REIGNINGSTARZ – Pomeranians – Charlene I. Marsh
VENERIE – Norwich Terriers & Norfolk Terriers – Pamela Beale & John Beale

Registered Name Prefixes Granted

The following applications for a breed-specific Registered Name Prefix have been granted:
KISEKI – Akitas – Linda M. Logan
TRES BEAU – Chihuahuas – Valerie J. Brown
ALL-TIME – English Springer Spaniels – Carol A. Hamilton
FOUR-T – Bernese Mountain Dogs – Karon A. Thomas & Fred D. Thomas
COSTA BEL – Cane Corso – Yvonne A. Aleman Quevedo
HEATHERWOOD – Irish Setters – Sheila F. Smith
TORRID ZONE – Portuguese Water Dogs – Margaret Q. DeFore
FISHERCREEK – Flat Coated Retrievers – Barry A. Harrison & Pauline Harrison
BLUE-CHIP – Maltese – Soon-Mi Jung
BELLALUNA – French Bulldogs – Matthew L. Dover
CAMPCOVO – French Bulldogs – Billy J. Covalucci
RUMMER RUN – Boxers – Ann B. Anderson & Steven G. Anderson
D'TOLEDO – Bulldogs – Lley Toledo & Alberto Toledo
REVELAIRE – Scottish Terriers & Norfolk Terriers – Susan A. Schneider & Bonnie K. Schneider
EZ GOINS – Dachshunds – Robbie Loyd
JURA BMD – Bernese Mountain Dogs – Kim M. McIntyre
VOM HOGNADOTTIR – Rottweilers & German Shepherd Dogs – Betty Burden
TRUPRIDE – Labrador Retrievers – Erica M. Owen
WILDHORSE – Australian Shepherds –

Kay Edwards
BIG-CREEK – Labrador Retrievers –
David A. Oglesby & Teresa S. Oglesby
COUNTRY FOWL – Labrador
Retrievers – Kimberly M. Hood
JETCITY – Manchester Terriers – Lisa
M. Nonog
BIHAR – Lowchen – Greg O. Strong &
Margaret Cropsey
HOLLOWCREEK – Beagles – Joy L.
Secor

BOARD OF DIRECTORS DECEMBER 12, 2012

The Board convened on Wednesday,
December 12, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. All
Directors were present, as were the
Executive Secretary, the Chief Operating
Officer, the Chief Financial Officer, and
the Assistant Executive Secretary.

Upon a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded
by Ms. Scully, the September 2012 Board
minutes, copies of which were made
available to all Directors, were unani-
mously adopted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There were EXECUTIVE SESSIONS
during this meeting, with nothing
reported out at this time.

JUDGING OPERATIONS

Visiting Judge Policy

The Board reviewed a Staff recommen-
dation to modify the Visiting Judge
Policy. There was a motion by Dr. Smith,
seconded by Mr. Gladstone, to modify
the current policy to provide that:

Visiting judges who are invited to judge
(breeds and) groups which contain
breeds not registered in their country of
origin, may apply for, take the test for
and pay a \$25.00 fee for each breed.

Upon successful completion of this
process, such judges will be approved by
the American Kennel Club to judge
those breeds in the future.

Visiting judges who decline to apply
under this process may continue to be
approved such breeds and groups as they
were previously approvable under the
terms, conditions, agreements and under-
standing under previous policy, provided
that they judge breeds constituting at
least 75% of the annual entries in that
group, based on the previous year's count

of entries.

There was a motion by Ms. Cruz, sec-
onded by Mr. Feeney, and it was VOTED
(affirmative: Mr. Kalter, Ms. Cruz, Mr.
Feeney, Dr. Garvin, Mr. Amen, Mr.
Powers, Dr. Battaglia, Dr. Newman;
opposed: Dr. Smith, Mr. Gladstone, Ms.
Scully, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Ashby) to table
the motion.

Staff was directed to provide additional
documentation on the visiting judge pol-
icy including the previous, existing, and
proposed policy side-by-side and the
breeds in each group that would com-
prise 75% of the entries in that Group.

CONSENT

Following discussion, there was a motion
by Mr. Ashby, seconded by Ms. Scully,
and it was VOTED (unanimously) to
approve the following Consent Items:

Delegates For Approval

The following Delegates were approved:

Dian Albright, Tucson, AZ

To represent Tucson Kennel Club

Brenda A. Algar, Landenberg, PA

To represent Delaware county Kennel
Club

Judy Corbett, Columbus, WI

To represent Badger Kennel Club

Theodore C. Hollander, Jr., Sherman,
CT

To represent Eastern Dog Club

Scott E. Holmes, DMD, Lexington,
KY

To represent Lexington Kennel Club

Barry A. Hoovis, Fallsburg, NY

To represent Monticello New York
Kennel Club

Karen J'Anthony, Camden, DE

To represent Skye Terrier Club of
America

Fred T. Kampo, Oshkosh, WI

To represent Labrador Retriever Club
of America

Linda King, Earlysville, VA

To represent Charlottesville-
Albermarle Kennel Club

Robert Lachman, Norwalk, CT

To represent Norfolk Terrier Club

Stephen Skolnik, Abingdon, MD
To represent Northeastern Maryland
Kennel Club

Retriever Hunting Tests - Limiting Entries in Master Level Tests

The Board VOTED to approve a recom-
mendation from the Retriever Hunting
Test Advisory Committee to allow
Retriever Hunting Test clubs, at their
option, to limit the size of entry at the
Master level test to 60, 90 or 120 entries.
The limit must be stated in the premium
list for the event. A club also has the right
to offer an unlimited size Master test if
they choose. Currently clubs may not
limit the size of their entry. They
approved to add a new paragraph to
Chapter 1, Section 3 of the *Regulations &
Guidelines for AKC Hunting Tests for
Retrievers*, effective April 1, 2013. The
new paragraph reads:

Limiting Entries in Master

Hunter Tests: Clubs may at their
option limit the number of entries in
their Master Hunter test to either 60,
90 or 120 entries. Clubs may run
unlimited entry Master level tests if
they choose. If limited, the limit must
be stated on the premium and
announcements for the event. Entries
shall be accepted on a first come, first
served basis. The regulation regarding
days required for testing and the
splitting of test levels remains the same
as explained in Chapter 1.

Event Service Fees for Performance Events

The Board VOTED to assess a single fee,
called a service fee of \$3.50 per entry for
all Performance Events. Previously, some
events were assessed at \$3.50 for the first
entry of a dog in an event plus \$3.00 on
all additional entries of that dog. Other
events pay \$3.50 for every entry. This
recommendation will simplify adminis-
tration and result in a consistent fee
across all Performance Events. Chapter
13, Section 3 of the *Field Trial Rules and
Standard Procedure for Pointing Breeds*
Recording/Event Service Fees will
read:

Recording/Event Service Fee

At every licensed or member club
field trial held under the Rules of The

American Kennel Club, an event service fee of \$3.50 per entry is required. The event service fee is to help defray expenses involved in maintaining the records and administering the events.

The Board of Directors shall determine, from time to time, whether a recording fee/event service fee shall be required and the amount of it.

This will take effect for events held after July 1, 2013.

AKC Rally® - Restructure

The Board VOTED to restructure the Rally Regulations to modify restrictions that were placed on how Rally trials may be held. The changes remove the requirement that clubs licensed for obedience and rally must hold their rally trial concurrently with their obedience trial. Clubs may hold their rally trial within one year of their approved obedience event. Clubs would still be restricted to holding no more than one rally trial per approved obedience trial where all regular classes are offered. In addition, clubs are allowed to format their rally trial in the manner that they feel works best. A club would no longer be required to limit the size of their rally trial to no greater than their obedience trial and to restrict the rally trial to the same breeds as their obedience trial. These changes are effective for Rally Trials held on or after April 1, 2013. The revised Rally Regulations, Chapter 1, Section 1 follow:

Section 1. Application to Hold a Rally Trial.

Clubs meeting the requirements of AKC that wish to hold a rally trial must submit the form provided by AKC with the appropriate application fee. A rally trial is a separate event, with a separate event number, and the rally trial application with appropriate fee must be submitted at least 18 weeks before the closing date for entries to the event.

In order for a club to receive AKC approval to hold a rally trial, the club must have held or been approved to hold an obedience trial with all regular obedience classes offered within one calendar year of the rally trial. One rally trial will be approved for each obedience trial where all

regular classes are offered.

A club may limit the number of entries in their rally trial. No judge will be assigned to judge more than eight hours in one day, including any other judging assignments when the rally trial is held in conjunction with another event. The rally trial need not be limited in the same manner as the club's obedience trial, either in terms of entries or breed allowed.

A licensed or member rally trial need not include all the regular rally classes, but a club will not be approved to hold Advanced classes unless it also holds Novice classes. Nor will it be approved to hold Excellent classes unless it also holds Novice and Advanced classes. Any club that has been approved to hold a licensed or member rally trial may offer additional non-regular classes upon AKC approval. If a non-regular class is one that is not defined in these regulations, a clear and complete description of both the eligibility and performance requirements will appear in the premium list.

Any club eligible to hold all-breed rally trials may open their trial to dogs listed with AKC Canine Partners at their option.

COMPANION/PERFORMANCE

Doug Ljungren, AKC Staff, participated in this portion of the meeting.

Irish Setter Club of America National Gun Dog Championship

The Board reviewed a recommendation to grant the Irish Setter Club of America permission to hold a National Gun Dog Championship field trial. The dog winning this event would be granted the title NGDC. This is a walking trial and is consistent with events currently held by the Brittanys, German Shorthaired Pointers and the Vizslas. This will be discussed further at the February 2013 meeting.

Recognizing Titles Earned in the New Sport of Barn Hunt

The Board reviewed a recommendation for the AKC to recognize titles earned in the new sport of Barn Hunt as offered by the Barn Hunt Association. These would be suffix titles. Barn Hunt is a sport fashioned after the work of "rat catchers" that farmers hired to preserve food grains. Barn Hunt is a pass-fail event open to all breeds and mixed breeds. It is

a test of the dog's nose, speed, agility and surefootedness. The owner of a dog that earns a Barn Hunt title must apply on a form developed by the Performance Events Department, supply a copy of their Barn Hunt Association title certificate and pay a nominal processing fee. The title will be placed on the dog's record and will appear on the dog's AKC pedigree. The dog must be registered or listed with the AKC. This will be discussed further at the February 2013 meeting.

Tracking – Judges Handling Dogs Owned By Others in Non-Tracking Events

The Board reviewed a recommendation to allow tracking judges to handle dogs that they do not own or co-own in non-tracking events. Currently the Tracking Regulations forbid a tracking judge from handling a dog not owned or co-owned by themselves in any AKC event. Tracking judges will still not be allowed to handle dogs other than those owned or co-owned by themselves or a family member in tracking tests. This will be discussed further at the February 2013 meeting.

**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT
Proposed German Shorthaired Pointer Breed Standard Revision**

The Board reviewed proposed revisions to the Head, Color, and Disqualifications sections of the German Shorthaired Pointer breed standard as submitted by the German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America. Following a motion by Mr. Arnold, seconded by Ms. Scully, it was VOTED (unanimously) to permit to the Parent Club to ballot its membership on the proposed breed standard revisions, in accordance with the club's Constitution and Bylaws.

Proposed Scottish Terrier Breed Standard Revision

The Board reviewed proposed revisions to the Size, Proportion, Substance and the Color sections of the Scottish Terrier breed standard as submitted by the Scottish Terrier Club of America. Following a motion by Ms. Scully, seconded by Mr. Powers, it was VOTED (unanimously) that the proposed revisions will be published in the AKC Secretary's Page for comment.

New Breed for Miscellaneous - Norrbottenspets

The Board reviewed a request to designate the American Norrbottenspets

Association as the Parent Club of the breed. Staff recommends that the breed be approved to advance to the Miscellaneous Class effective January 1, 2014. This will be discussed further at the February 2013 meeting.

New Breed for Miscellaneous – American Hairless Terrier

The Board reviewed a request to designate the American Hairless Terrier Club of America as the Parent Club of the Breed. Staff recommends that the breed be approved to advance to the Miscellaneous Class effective January 1, 2014. This will be discussed further at the February 2013 meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT
Board Action Items

Mr. Sprung gave a status report on previous Action items assigned to the Staff.

Events and Entries Update

Mr. Sprung reported that for the first ten months of 2012 aggregate Entries were up by 3.60% and Events were up by 1.66%, compared to the first ten months of the previous year.

LEGAL REPORT

Margaret Poindexter, General Counsel, participated in this portion of the meeting. She presented a status report on pending litigation and other activities.

CONFORMATION

Conformation Junior Showmanship Regulations

The Board reviewed a Staff recommendation to change the eligibility dates for the Junior Showmanship Master Class to be consistent with the eligibility dates of the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship.

Following a motion by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Mr. Ashby, it was VOTED (unanimously) to approve this request, effective immediately. Staff was directed to publicize the exact dates as soon as possible each year.

Judging Eligibility for the Four-to-Six Month Beginner Puppy Competition

The Board considered a Staff recommendation to modify the eligibility criteria for this non-regular competition. Since no dog entered in the Four-to-Six Month Competition is eligible to enter a regular class in the show, AKC Staff recommended that the judge of the Four-

to-Six Month Competition be eligible to compete in the other competition at the show.

Following a motion by Mr. Gladstone, seconded by Mr. Ashby, it was VOTED (unanimously) to adopt and implement this change to the Regulation for the Four-to-Six Month Competition, effective immediately.

COMPLIANCE

Margaret Poindexter and Jack Norton participated in this portion of the meeting.

The following AKC Management actions were reported:
(Final Board Disciplinary actions are reported on the Secretary's Page.)

APPEALS COMMITTEE

Dr. Newman gave the report of the Appeals Committee.

The Appeals Committee of the Board considered Ms. Margaret Hamilton's (Issaquah, Washington) appeal of a suspension that was imposed because she violated the AKC's Inappropriate Treatment Policy.

Ms. Hamilton pled guilty to two counts of cruelty. The Appeals Committee determined that Ms. Hamilton's conduct was prejudicial to the sport of purebred dogs and her suspension was properly imposed. The portions of Ms. Hamilton's appeal that pertain to not imposing a suspension for this violation and modifying the penalty were denied. The committee agreed that the portion of her request to have her suspension be effective November 7, 2011, be granted.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Peter Farnsworth, AKC's Chief Financial Officer, gave the financial report. Total revenues of \$4.5 million in the month of November were \$100,000 below budget. Total monthly operating expenses of \$4.3 million were \$300,000 below budget. This resulted in an operating profit of \$200,000 for the month.

Our Year to date total revenues through November of \$51.9 million were \$1.8 million below budget. Total year to date operating expenses of \$49.7 million were \$2.7 million below budget. This resulted in an operating profit of \$2.2 million for

the 11 months year to date.

NEW BUSINESS

Permit Judges

There was a discussion on the requirements for a judge on permit status for breeds to advance to regular status. Dr. Smith made a motion, seconded by Dr. Battaglia, to amend the requirements so that if a judge is not observed on permit breeds by an AKC Field Representative after three assignments, that judge must do three additional assignments. However, if still not receiving an observation in any of these three additional assignments, the judge, upon request, would be granted regular status in these breeds.

There was a motion by Mr. Gladstone, seconded by Mr. Powers to amend the above motion, to provide that a judge with permit status in breeds would, upon request, be advanced to regular breed status after three permit assignments, even if not receiving an observation by an AKC Field Representative.

There was a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Dr. Newman, and it was VOTED (affirmative: Dr. Garvin, Dr. Newman, Mr. Powers, Mr. Ashby, Mr. Kalter, Ms. Scully, Ms. Cruz, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Feeney, Mr. Gladstone; opposed: Dr. Smith, Dr. Battaglia; Mr. Amen) to postpone consideration of the motion until the February meeting.

Canine Health Foundation

There was a motion by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Dr. Smith, to make a one-time additional donation to the Canine Health Foundation of \$250,000 to be used for additional grants. This would not be a precedent and it would be contingent upon AKC's investment gains at the end of the year being at least five million dollars. It would also not affect the evaluation of Staff's performance in meeting budget goals.

There was a motion by Mr. Gladstone, seconded by Dr. Battaglia, and it was VOTED (affirmative: Mr. Gladstone, Mr. Kalter, Mr. Amen, Ms. Cruz, Mr. Feeney, Mr. Powers, Ms. Scully, Dr. Newman, Dr. Battaglia, Dr. Smith, Mr. Ashby; opposed: Mr. Arnold, Dr. Garvin) to table the motion.

The Use of an Asterisk

There was discussion on the possible use of an asterisk to designate Provisional

judges in premium lists and Delegate judges in the AKC Online Judges Directory.

The Owner-Handler Series

There was discussion on the judging in this class. There was a suggestion that the name of the series be changed from Owner-Handler to Owner Handled. As an alternative it was recommended that an explanation of how this competition should be judged be included in the Judges Newsletter.

Show Rosettes and Ribbons

The Board discussed the potential savings to clubs that could be realized if the date on rosettes and ribbons was made optional, which would require a rule change. The date could be stamped or added with a sticker on the day of the event. This would enable clubs to use rosettes and ribbons not awarded at one event to be used for the next. This would require a rule change, and additional input was sought from Staff regarding possible ramifications.

It was VOTED to adjourn Wednesday, December 12, 2012 at 4:00 pm.

Adjourned

Attest:

James P. Crowley, Executive Secretary



American
Water Spaniel



Boykin Spaniel



Brittany



Chesapeake Bay
Retriever



Clumber
Spaniel



Cocker Spaniel



Curly-Coated
Retriever



English Cocker
Spaniel



English Setter



English Springer
Spaniel



Field Spaniel



Flat-Coated
Retriever



German Shorthaired
Pointer



German
Wirehaired Pointer



Golden
Retriever



Gordon Setter



Irish Red &
White Setter



Irish Setter



Irish Water
Spaniel



Labrador
Retriever



Nova Scotia Duck
Tolling Retriever



Pointer



Spinone
Italiano



Sussex Spaniel



Vizsla



Weimaraner



Welsh Springer
Spaniel



Wirehaired
Pointing Griffon

Parent Club Links

Hound



Afghan Hound



American English
Coonhound



American
Foxhound



Basenji



Basset Hound



Beagle



Black and Tan
Coonhound



Bloodhound



Bluetick
Coonhound



Borzoi



Dachshund



English
Foxhound



Greyhound



Harrier



Ibizan Hound



Irish
Wolfhound



Norwegian
Elkhound



Otterhound



Petit Basset
Griffon Vendéen



Pharaoh Hound



Plott



Redbone
Coonhound



Rhodesian
Ridgeback



Saluki



Scottish
Deerhound



Whippet

Parent Club Links

Working



Akita



Alaskan
Malamute



Anatolian
Shepherd Dog



Bernese
Mountain Dog



Black Russian
Terrier



Boxer



Bullmastiff



Cane Corso



Doberman
Pinscher



Dogue de
Bordeaux



German
Pinscher



Giant
Schnauzer



Great Dane



Great Pyrenees



Greater Swiss
Mountain Dog



Komondor



Leonberger



Kuvasz



Mastiff



Neapolitan
Mastiff



Newfoundland



Portuguese
Water Dog



Rottweiler



Saint Bernard



Samoyed



Siberian Husky



Standard
Schnauzer



Tibetan Mastiff

Parent Club Links



Airedale
Terrier



American
Staffordshire Terrier



Australian
Terrier



Bedlington
Terrier



Border Terrier



Bull Terrier



Cairn Terrier



Cesky Terrier



Dandie
Dinmont Terrier



Fox Terrier
(Smooth)



Glen of Imaal
Terrier



Irish Terrier



Kerry Blue
Terrier



Lakeland Terrier



Manchester Terrier



Miniature Bull
Terrier



Miniature
Schnauzer



Norfolk Terrier



Norwich
Terrier



Parson Russell
Terrier



Scottish Terrier



Sealyham Terrier



Skye Terrier



Soft Coated
Wheaten Terrier



Staffordshire
Bull Terrier



Welsh Terrier



West Highland
White Terrier



Wire Fox
Terrier

Parent Club Links

Toy



Affenpinscher



Brussels
Griffon



Cavalier King
Charles Spaniel



Chihuahua



Chinese
Crested



English Toy
Spaniel



Havanese



Italian
Greyhound



Japanese Chin



Maltese



Manchester
Terrier (Toy)



Miniature
Pinscher



Papillon



Pekingese



Pomeranian



Poodle (Toy)



Pug



Shih Tzu



Silky Terrier



Toy Fox Terrier



Yorkshire Terrier

Parent Club Links

Non-Sporting



American
Eskimo Dog



Bichon Frise



Boston Terrier



Bulldog



Chinese
Shar-Pei



Chow Chow



Dalmatian



Finnish Spitz



French Bulldog



Keeshond



Lhasa Apso



Löwchen



Norwegian
Lundehund



Poodle
(Miniature)



Schipperke



Poodle
(Standard)



Shiba Inu



Tibetan
Spaniel



Tibetan Terrier



Xoloitzcuintli



Australian
Cattle Dog



Australian
Shepherd



Bearded Collie



Beauceron



Belgian
Malinois



Belgian
Sheepdog



Belgian
Tervuren



Border Collie



Bouvier des
Flandres



Briard



Canaan Dog



Cardigan Welsh
Corgi



Collie (Rough)



Collie (Smooth)



Entlebucher
Mountain Dog



Finnish
Lapphund



German
Shepherd Dog



Icelandic
Sheepdog



Norwegian
Buhund



Old English
Sheepdog



Pembroke
Welsh Corgi



Polish Lowland
Sheepdog



Puli



Pyrenean
Shepherd



Shetland
Sheepdog



Swedish
Vallhund



AKC REGISTERED HANDLERS

The American Kennel Club Registered Handlers Program establishes criteria and standards for responsible, knowledgeable professional handlers. All handlers enrolled in the Program have met these criteria and made the commitment to follow the guidelines and Code of Ethics as set forth by the AKC.

For additional information concerning the Registered Handlers Program, click here:

<http://www.akc.org/handlers/>

To view the AKC Registered Handlers Membership list, click here:

www.akc.org/handlers/states/allstates.cfm

For information on upcoming RHP Handling Clinics:

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http://www.akc.org/handlers/adult_clinics.cfm