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## ATTENTION DELEGATES
## NOTICE OF MEETING

The next meeting of the Delegates will be held at the Doubletree Newark Airport Hotel on **Tuesday,** June 12, 2018, beginning no earlier than 10:00 a.m. It will follow the 9:00 a.m. Delegates Forum.

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Lawton Dog Fanciers Association

## DELEGATES CREDENTIALS

**Jack Cadalso,** Wilton Manors, FL, Washington State Obedience Training Club

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**Robert Rynkiewicz,** Douglassville, PA, Eastern German Shorthaired Pointer Club

**NOTICE**

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

Mr. Daniel Amorine (Arnold, MO)
Mr. John Malone (Bolton, CT)

**NOTICE**

Ms. Nancy Atkins (Plantation, FL) Action was taken by the Palm Bay Agility Club for conduct at its January 14, 2018 event. Ms. Atkins was charged with inappropriate, abusive or foul language. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the Event Committee's report and set the penalty at a reprimand and a $100 fine. (Papillon, Australian Shepherd)

**NOTICE**

Ms. Elizabeth Boedeker (Saint Louis, MO) Action was taken by the Greater St. Louis Agility Club for conduct at its February 3, 2018 event. Ms. Boedeker was charged with failure to properly control a dog at an event. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the Event Committee's report and set the penalty at a reprimand and a $200 fine. (All American Dog)

**NOTICE**

Ms. Barbara Warren (Moline, IL) Action was taken by the German Shepherd Dog Club of America for conduct at its October 13, 2017 event. Ms. Warren was charged with inappropriate, abusive or foul language. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the Event Committee's report and set the penalty at a reprimand and a $100 fine. (Belgian Sheepdog, German Shepherd Dog)

**NOTICE**

Ms. Shannon Drake (Rogersville, MO) Action was taken by the Tri State Kennel Club for conduct at its November 17, 2017 event. Ms. Drake was charged with inappropriate, abusive or foul language. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the Event Committee's report and set the penalty at a reprimand and a $100 fine. (Multiple Breeds)

**NOTICE**

Ms. Mary Sullivan Smith (Torrington, WY) Action was taken by the Scottsbluff Kennel Club for conduct at its March 30, 2018 event. Ms. Sullivan Smith was charged with inappropriate, abusive or foul language. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the Event Committee's report and set the penalty at a reprimand and a $100 fine. (Beagle)

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**NOTICE**

Ms. Sally Shaw (Citra, FL) Action was taken by the Greater Ocala Dog Club for conduct at its March 16, 2018 event. Ms. Shaw was charged with improper treatment in connection with an event. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the Event Committee's report and set the penalty at a three month suspension from all AKC privileges and a $300 fine. (Australian Shepherd)

**NOTICE**

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Mr. Kyle Cabral (Powder Springs, GA) from AKC event privileges for one year and imposed a $1000 fine, effective April 9, 2018, for unauthorized removal of property at or in connection with an event. (Basenji)

**NOTICE**

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Ms. Margaret "Molly" Graf (Newville, PA) from all AKC privileges for three months and imposed a $500 fine, effective November 13, 2017, for unacceptable conditions, dogs and/or facility. (German Shepherd Dog, Chihuahua)

**NOTICE**

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended the following individuals from all AKC privileges for one year and imposed a $1000 fine, for non-compliance with AKC's record keeping and dog identification requirements, and the AKC's Care and Conditions Policy:

Effective April 9, 2018

Ms. Bridggette Fink (Oxford, MA) Multiple Breeds

Mr. Robert Fink (Oxford, MA) Multiple Breeds

**NOTICE**

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has reprimanded Ms. Miki Alexander (Grandview, TX) for her submission of an online litter registration application on behalf of the sire owner without written permission. (Multiple Breeds)

**NOTICE**

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has reprimanded Ms. Christine Keller (Shoreacres, TX) for her submission, or causing to be submitted, four online dog registration applications without written permission of the co-litter owner. (Mastiff)

**NOTICE**

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has reprimanded Ms. Nancy Klenke (Racine, MN) for her submission of four online dog registration applications without written permission of the co-litter owner. (Multiple Breeds)

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## NOTICE
## REPRIMANDS AND FINES

Notification of reprimands and/or fines imposed on clubs for late submission of applications. Chapter 2, Section 4 & 9.

Chinese Shar-Pei Club of America, Inc. .....$60
Crawford County Kennel Club .....$60

Notification of reprimands and fines imposed on clubs for late submission of judges panel. Chapter 4, Section 1.

American Sloughi Association .....$60
City of Angels Pomeranian Club .....$60
Five Valley Kennel Club .....$100
Garden State Saluki Club.....$70
Glens Falls Kennel Club, Inc. .....$60
Greater Cincinnati Great Dane Club, Inc. .....$60
Mattaponi Kennel Club .....$60
Middlesex County Kennel Club .....$90
Norwegian Elkhound Association of Northern California .....$80

Notification of reprimands and fines imposed on clubs for accepting an entry after the closing date and time, Rules Applying to Dog Shows Chapter 11, Section 4.

Pacific Coast Bulldog Club (4 events) .....$250

Notification of reprimands and/or fines imposed on individuals for failure to comply with Benching Rules, Westminster Kennel Club, 2018, Chapter 13, Sections 1 & 3.

Celia Weatherhead, Jeffrey Arch, & Rebecca Arch.....$250

## PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE RULES APPLYING TO DOG SHOWS

**CHAPTER 6, Section 2 – Premium Lists and Closing of Entries**

**CHAPTER 16, Section 1 – Championships**

The AKC Board has endorsed the following amendment to **CHAPTER 6, Section 2 and CHAPTER 16, Section 1,** of the ***Rules Applying to Dog Shows*,** based on a proposal by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee. This will be voted on at the June 12, 2018 Delegates Meeting.

**CHAPTER 6**

**SECTION 2**: The premium list shall contain the following: a list of the officers of the show-giving club with the address of the secretary, a list of the members of the Event Committee (there must be at least five) together with the designation of "Chairman" and the Chairman's address (and "Obedience Trial Chairman" if an obedience trial is being held by a club in connection with its dog show), the names of the veterinarians (or name of local Veterinary Association) and, for an unbenched show, whether the veterinarian will be in attendance throughout the show hours or "on call," the names and addresses of the judges, together with their assignments, and the name and address of the superintendent or show secretary

who has been approved by The American Kennel Club. The premium list shall also specify whether the show is benched or unbenched, and shall give the exact location of the show, the date or dates on which it is to be held, and the times of opening and closing of the show.

Notification must be printed in the Premium List only if the club is not offering the three point major to the Reserve Winners at the National Specialty.

**CHAPTER 16**

**SECTION 1:** Championship points will be recorded for Winners Dog and Winners Bitch, for each breed or variety listed in Chapter 3, Section 1, at licensed or member dog shows approved by The American Kennel Club, provided the certification of the Secretary as described in Chapter 6, Section 1, has been printed in the premium list for the show.

Championship points will be recorded according to the number of eligible dogs competing in the regular classes of each sex in each breed or variety, and according to the Schedule of Points established by the Board of Directors.

If the dog designated Winners Dog or Winners Bitch is also awarded Best of Breed or Variety, the dogs of both sexes that have been entered for Best of Breed or Variety competition and that have been defeated in such competition, shall be counted in addition to the dogs that competed in the regular classes for its sex in calculating championship points.

If the dog designated Winners Dog or Winners Bitch is also awarded Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed or Variety, the dogs of its own sex that have been entered for Best of Breed or Variety competition and that have been defeated in competition for Best of Opposite Sex shall be counted in addition to the dogs that competed in the regular classes for its sex in calculating championship points.

The dog awarded the Best of Winners shall be credited with the number of points calculated for Winners Dog or Winners Bitch, whichever is greater.

Each AKC Breed Parent Specialty Club shall have one designated Parent Club National Specialty show per year. All others shall be termed a Parent Club Specialty show.

Unless the Parent Club, in its Application to the AKC to hold its National Specialty, chooses to exclude the following award: At the National Specialty the dog designated Reserve Winners Dog and the bitch designated Reserve Winners Bitch will be awarded a three-point major, provided that the number of dogs competing in the regular classes of the Reserve Winner's sex totals at least twice the number required for a five point major, in the region in which the event is held.

No major for Reserve Winners shall be given based upon an award of Best of Winners. In counting the number of eligible dogs in competition, a dog that is disqualified, or that is dismissed, excused or ordered from the ring by the judge, or from which all awards are withheld, shall not be

included.

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## PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE RULES APPLYING TO DOG SHOWS

**CHAPTER 7, Section 2 – Judges**

The AKC Board has endorsed the following amendment to **CHAPTER 7, Section 2** of the ***Rules Applying to Dog Shows,*** based on a proposal by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee. This will be voted on at the June 12, 2018 Delegates Meeting.

**CHAPTER 7**

**SECTION 2:** The application for approval to judge must be made on a form which will be supplied by The American Kennel Club upon request and when received by said club will be placed before the Board of Directors of The American Kennel Club who shall determine in each instance whether an approval shall be issued.

## PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE RULES APPLYING TO DOG SHOWS

**CHAPTER 7, Section 12 – Judges**

The AKC Board has endorsed the following amendment to **CHAPTER 7, Section 12** of the ***Rules Applying to Dog Shows,*** based on a proposal by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee. This will be voted on at the June 12, 2018 Delegates Meeting.

**CHAPTER 7**

**SECTION 12:** Any club or association that holds a dog show must prepare, after the entries have closed and not before, a judging program showing the time scheduled for the judging of each breed and each variety for which entries have been accepted. If a substitute or additional judge has been approved Chapter 7, Section 8 or Chapter 7, Section 13, as appropriate, will be quoted listing the changes. The judging program shall indicate the number of dogs entered and state the time for the start of group judging, if any. The program shall be based on the judging of about 25 dogs per hour by each judge. Each judge's breed and variety assignments shall be divided into periods of about one hour, except in those cases where the entry in a breed or variety exceeds 30. The total number of dogs assigned each judge will be indicated. Forty-five minutes to one hour must be allowed for rest or meals if a judge's assignment exceeds five hours. A copy of the program and identification slip for each dog entered shall be mailed, published or made available to the owner no later than one week before the date of the event. Two copies of the program shall be sent to the Show Plans Department at the same time they are published or made available to exhibitors.

Printed documents may be utilized at the exhibitor's request.

The judging program shall be published in the catalog. No judging shall occur at any show prior

to the time specified in the judging program.

## OFFICIAL STANDARD OF THE FRENCH BULLDOG

**General Appearance:** The French Bulldog has the appearance of an active, intelligent, muscular dog of heavy bone, smooth coat, compactly built, and of medium or small structure. The hallmarks of the breed are the square head with bat ears and the roach back. Expression alert, curious, and interested. *Proportion and Symmetry* - All points are well distributed and bear good relation one to the other; no feature being in such prominence from either excess or lack of quality that the animal appears poorly proportioned. *Influence of Sex* - In comparing specimens of different sex, due allowance is to be made in favor of bitches, which do not bear the characteristics of the breed to the same marked degree as do the dogs.

**Size, Proportion, Substance:** *Weight* not to exceed 28 pounds; over 28 pounds is a disqualification. *Proportion* - Distance from withers to ground in good relation to distance from withers to onset of tail, so that animal appears compact, well balanced and in good proportion. *Substance* - Muscular, heavy bone.

**Head:** *Head* large and square. *Eyes* dark, brown or approaching black in color, wide apart, set low down in the skull, as far from the ears as possible, round in form, of moderate size, neither sunken nor bulging. Lighter brown colored eyes are acceptable, but not desirable. Blue or green eye(s) or any traces of blue or green are a disqualification. No haw and no white of the eye showing when looking forward. *Ears* - Known as the bat ear, broad at the base, elongated, with round top, set high on the head but not too close together, and carried erect with the orifice to the front. The leather of the ear fine and soft. Other than bat ears is a disqualification. The top of the *skull* flat between the ears; the forehead is not flat but slightly rounded. The *muzzle* broad, deep and well laid back; the muscles of the cheeks well developed. The stop well defined, causing a hollow groove between the eyes with heavy wrinkles forming a soft roll over the extremely short nose; nostrils broad with a well-defined line between them. Nose black. Nose other than black is a disqualification, except in the case of creams or fawns without black masks, where a lighter colored nose is acceptable but not desirable. Flews black, thick and broad, hanging over the lower jaw at the sides, meeting the underlip in front and covering the teeth and tongue, which are not seen when the mouth is closed. The underjaw is deep, square, broad, undershot and well turned up. Wry mouths and any *bites* other than undershot are serious faults.

**Neck, Topline, Body:** The *neck* is thick and well arched with loose skin at the

throat. The back is a roach back with a slight fall close behind the shoulders, gradually rising to the loin which is higher than the shoulder, and rounding at the croup. The back is strong and short, broader at the shoulders, and tapering to the rear. The *body* is short and well rounded. The chest is broad, deep, and full; well ribbed with the belly tucked up. The *tail* is either straight or screwed (but not curly), short, hung low, thick root and fine tip; carried low in repose.

**Forequarters:** Forelegs are short, stout, straight, muscular and set wide apart. Dewclaws may be removed. Feet are moderate in size, compact and firmly set. Toes compact, well split up, with high knuckles and short stubby nails.

**Hindquarters:** Hind legs are strong and muscular, longer than the forelegs, so as to elevate the loins above the shoulders. Hocks well let down. Feet are moderate in size, compact and firmly set. Toes compact, well split up, with high knuckles and short stubby nails; hind feet slightly longer than forefeet.

**Coat:** Coat is brilliant, short and smooth. Skin is soft and loose, especially at the head and shoulders, forming wrinkles. Coats other than short and smooth are a disqualification.

**Color:** Acceptable colors: white, cream, fawn (ranging from light fawn to a red fawn), or any combinations of the foregoing. Markings and patterns are: brindle, piebald, black masks, black shadings, and white markings. Ticking is acceptable but not desired. Brindle ranges from sparse but clearly defined black stripes on a fawn background to such heavy concentration of black striping that the essential fawn background color barely shows through ("black brindle"). Only a trace of the background color is necessary; in a brindle piebald, a trace of the brindle patterning in any patch is sufficient. All other colors, markings or patterns are a disqualification. Disqualifying colors and patterns include, but are not limited to, solid black, black and tan, black and white, white with black, blue, blue fawn, liver, and merle. Black means black without a trace of brindle.

**Gait:** Correct gait is a "four tracking" foot pattern with the front track wider than the rear track. The movement should have reach and drive and is unrestrained, free and vigorous.

**Temperament:** Well behaved, adaptable, and comfortable companions with an affectionate nature and even disposition; generally active, alert, and playful, but not unduly boisterous.

**Disqualifications:**

- *Over 28 pounds in weight.*
- *Blue or green eye(s) or any traces of blue or green.*
- *Other than bat ears.*

- *Nose other than black, except in the case of cream or fawn colored dogs without black masks, where a lighter colored nose is acceptable.*
- *Coats other than short and smooth.*
- *All coat colors other than those specifically described (e.g.,Solid black, black and tan, black and white, white and black, blue, blue fawn, liver, and merle). Black means black without a trace of brindle. All other patterns and markings other than specifically described.*

**Approved April 10, 2018**
**Effective June 5, 2018**

## CONFORMATION JUDGES

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

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

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

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

## APPLICANTS

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

## NEW BREED JUDGING APPLICANTS

**Mr. Joseph A. Buchanan (104137) PA**
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Pharaoh Hounds, Whippets

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Whippets

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Afghan Hounds

**Mr. Richard Truong (104149) CA**
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Bulldogs

## APPROVED BREED JUDGING APPLICANTS

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Australian Shepherds, Canaan Dogs, Miniature American Shepherds

**Ms. Dawn Danner (93357) OR**
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Bernese Mountain Dogs, German Pinschers, Giant Schnauzers, Great Danes, Tibetan Mastiffs, Pugs, JS-Limited

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English Toy Spaniels, Manchester Terriers, Yorkshire Terriers

**Mrs. Ellen Hardin (93991) WI**
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Weimaraners

**Mr. Mark Francis Jaeger (6583) MI**
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Poodles

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(920) 901-1651
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**Mr. Ken J. Murray (44568) IL**
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Balance of Terrier Group (American Hairless Terriers, Cesky Terriers, Dandie Dinmont Terriers, Glen of Imaal Terriers, Irish Terriers, Lakeland Terriers, Sealyham Terriers, Skye Terriers)

**Mrs. Keiko Shimizu (101335) CA**
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**Mrs. Carol Sommerfelt (7007) TN**
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**Ms. Jan A. Sutherland (97231) CA**
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Nederlandse Kooikerhondjes, Pointers, Wirehaired Pointing Griffons

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Anatolian Shepherds, Black Russian Terri-

ers, Boerboels, Dogues de Bordeaux, Kuvaszok, Leonbergers, Portuguese Water Dogs

### JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP JUDGING APPLICANTS

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**Dr. David Waterhouse (104152) OH**
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### 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.

### NEW BREED JUDGES

**Mr. William Anderson (103943) WI**
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Boxers
**Ms. Joy DeGruccio (103861) CA**
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**Mrs. Dawn L. Gabig (103897) NC**
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**Ms. Carol Preble (102691) IL**
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Siberian Huskies
**Ms. Margaret "Peggy" E. Rogan (99057) NY**
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Dalmatian
**Mrs. Christine M. Walker (100261) NY**
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Brittanys
**Mrs. Vicki White (103753) OH**
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Golden Retrievers, JS-Limited

### APPROVED BREED JUDGES

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American Eskimo Dogs, Xoloitzcuintli

**Mrs. Sharon Dykes (100581) OR**
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Pekingese, American Eskimo Dogs, Xoloitzcuintli
**Mr. Rick Gschwender (6740) ID**
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Bichons Frises, Chinese Shar-Pei, Keeshonden, Poodles
**Ms. Kathryn Leonardt (23180) FL**
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## JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP JUDGE

**Ms. Cheryl Burns (103979) PA**
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## REINSTATED JUDGES

The Judging eligibility of the following persons have been reinstated.

**Mr. Robert A. Mason (6572) OK**
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**Mrs. Shari L. Mason (1474) OK**
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## RESIGNED JUDGES

Ms. Deborah Brooks
Mrs. Terry A. Pierce

## EMERITUS JUDGE

Ms. Susan Nikkel

## DECEASED JUDGES

Mr. Bob Candland
Mr. LeRoy "Lee" J. Pickles
Mr. Richard Ralph Robshaw
Mrs. Mary Margaret Rotkowski
Mrs. Francine Schwartz
Mrs. Patricia Wiggins

## 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.

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## 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.

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## DECEASED OBEDIENCE/RALLY JUDGES

William Oxandale

## DECEASED OBEDIENCE JUDGES

Donald Larsen

## EMERITUS OBEDIENCE JUDGES

Frank Washabaugh
Brian Cleveland

## REGISTERED HANDLERS

Letters concerning registered handers and handler applicants should be addressed to the Handlers Department at 8051 Arco Corporate Drive, Raleigh, NC 27617.

The American Kennel Club will at the request of a registered handler applicant, provide that individual with copies of letters received regarding their handling qualifications. As a result, it should be understood that any such correspondence will be made available upon request, to the registered handler or handler applicant.

It is the responsibility of all registered handlers to notify the Handlers Department of any changes or corrections to their address, phone, fax or emails. These changes are very important because they affect your handlers record, the Web site and the Handlers Directory.

Please notify the Handlers Department at (919) 816 - 3884 or Email *handlers@akc.org*

## NEW REGISTERED HANDLER APPLICANTS

The following persons have submitted an application for the Registered Handler Program.

**Ms. Lydia Hovanski**
39 Summer Place
Saratoga Springs, UT 84045

## 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 Gina DiNardo, Executive Secretary:
ABSOLUTELY – Smooth Fox Terriers – J.W. Smith & Dana Gabel
BZANG – Tibetan Terriers – Byron G. Davenport
CADDO MEADOW – Labrador Retrievers – Claire M. Kelly
CASTLE HILLS – Labrador Retrievers – Brenda Shukla
CELESTIAL FBD – French Bulldogs – Debi Okonek & Tim Okonek
CELTIC CROSS – Australian Shepherds – Bethany L. McClure
CHABEAU – Whippets – Andrea Kea & Trish A. Dews
HAPPY PAWS – Havanese – Shannon M. Clouse & Mary R. Koehler
K2 – Rat Terriers – Tracey A. Kallas & Devan R. Kallas
LEYLINE – Australian Shepherds – Cara H. Jensen
MACHT HAUS – Rottweilers – Quentin L. Simmons
POLARGOLD – Siberian Huskies – Cecile B. Toth & Lisa R. Toth
PRISSY P – Poodles – Cheryl R. Allen
RANCHO-SNOWFALL – Australian Shepherds – James H.E. Haught
REDROX – Scottish Terriers – Jill L. Mashburn
RENEGADE – Bullmastiffs – Kristen L. Burgoyne
RISINGSTAR – Australian Shepherds – Sarah A. Bowdish & Linda M. Bowdish
VOODOO MOON – Cane Corsos – Heather M. Paasch & Keith A. Paasch

## REGISTERED NAME PREFIXES GRANTED

The following applications for a breed-specific Registered Name Prefix have been granted:
BACKPORCH – Dogues de Bordeaux –Jim F. Riddle
BELMARK – Shetland Sheepdogs – Bella Thompson
BIG COUNTRY – Cane Corsos – Jennifer R. Thomason
CAILIN ISLE – Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers – Barbara A. Ostrom & Marshall F. Ostrom
CORAZ'ON – Havanese – Pamela Rolla
COLDSPRINGS – Labrador Retrievers – Melissa Saari
CREEKSIDE – Shetland Sheepdogs – Tricia L. Watters
FAITHFUL ACRES – Newfoundlands – Sasha Sindt
GOLD CREST – Pembroke Welsh Corgis – Robert I. Haug & Susanne M. Haug
HEAVENSCENT – Golden Retrievers – Dawn R. Clausen
HERITAGE – Kerry Blue Terriers – William A Kearney & Carol A. Kearney
NINKASI – Siberian Huskies – Laura J. Anderson & Romil R. Limson
OC'S – Dachshunds – Robin D. LaFrance
SANDSTONE – Bull Terriers – Melanie S. Whitehair & Tyrone T. Whitehair

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SNOWFIRE – Siberian Huskies – Linda A. Lehman & Melinda A. Lehman
STARRDOG – Bullmastiffs & German Shepherd Dogs – Kathryn A. Roberts
STOLI'S – Siberian Huskies – Patricia D. Tetrault
TIP' N CHIP – Great Pyrenees – Judith G. Cooper
TRIFECTA – Miniature American Shepherds – Lenny Ann Schudar
TRILOGY – Rottweilers – Lauren E. Warshaw

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS
## APRIL 9-10, 2018

The Board convened on Monday, April 9, 2018 at 8:19 a.m. All Directors were present except for Mr. Wooding. Also present was the Executive Secretary.
The February 2018 Board minutes, copies of which had been provided to all Directors, were discussed. Upon a motion by Dr. Battaglia, seconded by Dr. Davies, the February 2018 minutes were approved (unanimously; absent: Mr. Wooding).

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was an EXECUTIVE SESSION at the beginning of the meeting to discuss sensitive business matters.
It was reported that the following Executive Officers were re-elected:

Dennis B. Sprung, President/CEO

Joseph V. Baffuto, Jr., Chief Financial Officer

Gina M. DiNardo, Executive Secretary

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

#### Board Action Items

Mr. Sprung reviewed Action Items, and

reported on Staff initiatives.

**Legal Status Report**

Jay Waks, Senior Executive Vice President and General Counsel, and Heather McManus, Vice President and Deputy General Counsel, presented a status report on pending litigation and other Legal activities for the months of January and February 2018.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was an EXECUTIVE SESSION at the beginning of the meeting to discuss sensitive business matters. There was nothing reported out of this session.

**Amazon Smiles & SurveyMonkey Charitable Programs**

Information was provided on the AmazonSmile and SurveyMonkey charitable programs. In 2014 all four of AKC's affiliated nonprofits were enrolled in AmazonSmile. However, the financial impact since then has been minimal. Staff will recommend to all four AKC affiliated nonprofits that they promote AmazonSmile at least once a year via social media and email.

SurveyMonkey has a philanthropic program called SurveyMonkey Contribute. Through this program online survey takers may select a pre-registered charitable program – i.e. The AKC Humane Fund – and, for each survey that the user completes, $.50 is donated to the selected charity. The AKC Humane Fund registered with SurveyMonkey Contribute in 2017 and is the only one of our four affiliated nonprofits currently registered. In one year, the Humane Fund has received $25,829, making this most definitely a worthwhile partnership. Staff recommends that the other three nonprofits submit applications to become a preferred charity and promote the program several times throughout the year if they are accepted to be one of the featured charitable organizations.

**FINANCE**

Joseph Baffuto, CFO, presented AKC's unaudited financial results through the period ending March 31, 2018. Total revenues of $18.6 million were 4% below budget, but 4% greater than 2017. Dog Registrations' volume of 160,138 was 2% below budget, but 4% higher than 2017, along with Total Litters processed of 62,677 being 1% above budget and 7% higher than last year as well. Total operating expenses of $17.3 million were 5% below budget, but 13% higher than 2017. YTD Operating income of $1.3 million is exceeding the budget by 6.6%, but is below 2017's operating income of $2.5 million. Additionally, our investment portfolio reflects unrealized losses on investments totaling $352,000 year to date.

**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**

Sheila Goffe, Vice President, Government Relations and Mari-Beth O'Neill, Vice President, Sport Services, participated in this portion of the meeting by videoconference.

# Secretary's Pages

**Boykin Spaniel Breed Standard Revisions**

The Boykin Spaniel Club & Breeders Association of America (BSCBAA) submitted proposed revisions to the breed standard for publication for comment in November 2017. Upon receipt of comments, the Board of the BSCBAA made additional revisions. Following a motion by Dr. Battaglia, seconded by Dr. Davies the Board VOTED (unanimously, absent Mr. Wooding) to permit the BSCBAA to ballot their membership on the proposed standard revisions in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of the club.

**Canine Legislation Position Statement on Dog Training**

The Board reviewed a newly proposed Canine Legislation Position Statement on Dog Training. The proposed position statement provides a basis for AKC to provide legislative comment on the value of dog training for dogs, their owners, and the communities in which they live. It notes that there are numerous accepted perspectives and approaches to dog training, and no one preferred protocol for training all dogs. Finally, it states that AKC opposes arbitrary government restrictions on accepted standard training practices.

The purpose of the proposed position statement is to encourage dog training for all dog owners and to recognize the value of preserving a range of training options so that the training needs of all dogs, their owners and their particular circumstances can be met. AKC is concerned by a disturbing new class of legislative proposals at the state and local level that are aimed at arbitrarily restricting standard accepted training methodologies and approaches, and placing regulatory oversight of trainers and their professional practices in the hands of animal control or non-professional animal protection boards that may have little experience or expertise in dog training. Following a motion by Dr. Battaglia, seconded by Ms. McAteer, the Board VOTED (unanimously, absent Mr. Wooding) to approve the following position statement:

***Dog Training:*** *Training in appropriate behavior is an important part of responsible dog ownership and enables a dog to be a respected and cherished part of family and community life. Appropriate training can help prevent dogs from being relinquished for behavioral issues and can deepen the bond between owners and their dogs. Individual dogs respond differently to a variety of approaches. AKC recognizes that there are numerous effective approaches to training that produce desirable results such as obedience, field trials, hunting tests and Canine Good Citizen® designations. Government entities should not arbitrarily restrict accepted, appropriate and effective dog training practices.*

**Canine Legislation Position Statement on Tethering**

The Board reviewed recommendations for a new canine legislation position statement regarding the tethering of dogs. This position statement provides a basis for AKC to comment, where appropriate, on proposed bans that have the potential for unintended harm-

ful consequence for responsible dog owners. In recent years the AKC Government Relations Department (GR) has tracked numerous legislative proposals that arbitrarily equate tethering to animal cruelty and establish bans or severe arbitrary restrictions on tethering. Such measures fail to recognize that responsible tethering may provide an option for restraining a dog in cases where other methods of restraint are inappropriate or ineffective. Arbitrary anti-tethering laws may also undermine positive canine activities such as field trials, conformation dog shows, dog training, grooming and other examinations that are part of responsible dog ownership and AKC events.

Following a motion by Dr. Battaglia, seconded by Mr. Sweetwood, the Board VOTED (unanimously, absent Mr. Wooding) to approve the following position statement:

***Tethering:*** *The American Kennel Club recognizes that tethering is a practical and humane method for training and restraining dogs in a variety of circumstances. Dogs should never be tethered in a manner that could cause harm to them. Tethering is a common and responsible way to restrain dogs that do not respond well to other restraints (such as escape artists), or participate in activities that require acclimatization such as hunting, sledding and/or other obedience and performance events. Tethering may also be a responsible and appropriate option for handling dogs that are service dogs such as seeing eye dogs, dogs in training, and dogs that are being groomed or examined on a table. AKC opposes arbitrary restrictions on tethering, which can undermine the wellbeing of dogs, responsible dog ownership, and safe training and recreational activities.*

**Canine Legislation Position Statement on Pet Imports**

The Board reviewed a newly proposed Canine Legislation Position Statement on Pet Imports. The proposed statement provides recommendations for a new canine legislation position statement regarding the importation of unhealthy dogs from overseas, and expresses specific concern regarding those obtained from random sources and imported for the purpose of sale/transfer in U.S. retail or "rescue" markets.

The proposed position statement affirms AKC's concerns about the potential public health consequences of importing dogs with inadequate information about their health status. It supports strengthening government requirements for certifying the health of imported dogs to better protect public and pet health in the United States. Increasing requirements for health checks and valid certifications should at minimum bring U.S. standards for imports up to those of other developed countries.

The proposed statement also expresses support for legislation or regulation seeking more research and documentation on the number of foreign dogs imported into the United States each year and details about the sources of such dogs, the methods by which they are

transported (e.g. private versus commercial flights, etc.) and where they go after they are imported. It advocates that no dog should be imported without a valid veterinary certificate demonstrating that the dog is fully immunized; and free of infection, parasites and contagious disease. It also states that dogs should be individually examined prior to entry and have documentation regarding the source of the dog and the party responsible for it upon arrival in the United States.

Following a motion by Dr. Battaglia, seconded by Ms. Wallin, the Board VOTED (unanimously, absent Mr. Wooding) to consider the matter at this meeting waiving its normal notice procedures.

Following a motion by Dr. Battaglia, seconded by Ms. Biddle the Board VOTED (unanimously, absent Mr. Wooding) to approve the following position statement:

***Pet Imports:*** *Protecting Pet and Public Health: The American Kennel Club recognizes the value of importing breeding stock from overseas, and ensuring that people may travel with their pets with a minimum of disruption. The AKC is also greatly concerned about increasing documented incidences of the importation of unhealthy, random-source pets into the United States, particularly for transfer, where public and pet health may be inadequately protected. AKC supports efforts to better understand the impact of large quantities of dogs being imported into the United States. AKC further supports strengthening efforts to ensure that all dogs imported into the United States are fully immunized, free of infection, parasites and contagious diseases, and are individually certified as such by a qualified veterinarian. No pet should be imported without an individual examination, valid veterinary certificate, and documentation regarding the source of the dog and the party responsible for it upon arrival into the United States.*

**Issues in Government Relations**

Sheila Goffe, Vice President, Government Relations presented an update on strategic trends in the public policy environment. She outlined public policy-related challenges and opportunities that could impact the American Kennel Club. She also discussed the harmful impact that fraudulent ("fake") service dogs and poorly trained emotional support animals are having on: the disabled community; the reputation of legitimate working/service dogs; and the industries (airline, hotels etc.) that dog owners rely on. She provided an outline for developing a voluntary, authoritative and efficient listing program that could be used to verify that individual dog/handler teams have passed baseline behavioral standards and tests.

**Proposed Amendment to Article VIII, Section 1 of the AKC Bylaws**

Jay Waks, Senior Executive Vice President and General Counsel participated in this portion of the meeting.

The Board reviewed a proposal submitted by the English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Club of Illinois, through its Delegate David

Hopkins. The proposal seeks to amend ARTICLE VIII, Section 1 of the AKC Bylaws - Board of Directors Nominating Committee and offers a subsequent Standing Rule amendment effective only if the Bylaws amendment is adopted.

This proposed Bylaws amendment would change the procedures for the appointment of the Nominating Committee. If adopted, the AKC Board's responsibility for choosing the members of the Nominating Committee would be shared with a segment of the Delegate Committees.

It was the sense of the Board that the proposal should be reviewed by the Chairman's Committee on the Board Election Process for appropriate consideration along with other suggestions. The Executive Secretary was directed to share the report with the Committee and request their feedback which will then be shared with the AKC Board.

## COMPLIANCE

Jay Waks, Senior Executive Vice President and General Counsel and Heather McManus, Vice President and Deputy General Counsel, participated in this portion of the meeting. Wanda Forlines, Director of Compliance, participated by videoconference.

The following AKC Management actions were reported:

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

## COMPANION AND PERFORMANCE

Doug Ljungren, Executive Vice President Sport and Events, participated in this portion of the meeting. Stephanie Kennerley, Sports Development Manager and Caroline Murphy, Director of Performance Events, participated in this portion of the meeting by videoconference. Pamela Manaton, Director of Obedience, participated in this portion of the meeting via telephone conference.

### Tracking Lifetime Achievement Titles

The Board reviewed a Staff recommendation to create Tracking Lifetime Achievement titles to recognize the number of times a dog has passed an AKC Tracking test (example – TD5). The purpose is to provide an incentive for participants to remain engaged with the sport, to recognize the accomplishments of dogs that continue to pass the requirements of a test level, and to assist clubs to fill their event limits. The title application along with a processing fee is submitted to the Companion Events Department at the discretion of the owner. Passing performances will be grandfathered in back to January 1, 2000.

Following a motion by Ms. Cruz, seconded by Mr. Carota, the Board VOTED (unanimously, absent Mr. Wooding) to consider the matter at this meeting waiving its normal notice procedures.

Following a motion by Ms. Cruz, seconded by Mr. Powers the Board VOTED (unanimously, absent Mr. Wooding) to approve the changes to

the Tracking Regulations (underlined below) effective August 1, 2018.

**Chapter 9**

**Section 1. Tracking Lifetime Achievement Titles.** To recognize consistency and longevity in AKC Tracking, the AKC will record Lifetime Achievement titles on a dog's record to reflect the number of times a dog has passed that test level (TD, TDU, TDX, VST). There is no limit to this achievement and owners may apply for title recognition as often as they like for any test level, at any time during their dog's lifetime.

The lifetime Achievement recognition does not apply to the Champion Tracker title, only to the individual test levels.

**Section 2. When to Apply.** After a dog earns a tracking title at any level, if the dog passes at subsequent tracking tests at the same level, an owner my request a Lifetime Achievement title to be added to the dog's record by applying for, and paying a title processing fee.

**Section 3. How to Apply.** Owners may download the Tracking Lifetime Achievement Title Application from the AKC downloadable forms page on the website. When applying for the title, the test level must be stated on the application.

Once applied for by the owner, and verified on the dog's individual record, a Tracking Lifetime Achievement title would be processed and AKC will permit the use of the title letters, followed by a numeric designation for the number of times the dog has passed at that test level. (For example, a dog with a TD title that has earned a total of four passing performances at TD tests, would qualify for a TD4 Lifetime Achievement title.)

Requests for recognition would be available back dated to January 1, 2000.

Once the title has been applied for and processed, the AKC will identify dogs qualifying for Lifetime Achievement titles by the appropriate title designations following their name in all official AKC records.

**Section 4. Recognized Achievement.** Future requests for additional title recognition at the same test level will have the numeric designation superseded by the highest numeric designation at the time of the application.

### Rally Intermediate Class Eligibility

The Board reviewed a recommendation to change the eligibility requirements for the Rally Intermediate class to allow dogs that have earned a qualifying score in the Advanced class to enter the Intermediate class. Once a dog has earned the Advanced level title, it is no longer eligible to participate in the Intermediate class unless entries have closed. The purpose is to remove eligibility barriers to exhibitors competing in the optional Rally Intermediate class.

Following a motion by Mr. Sweetwood, seconded by Ms. Wallin, the Board VOTED (unanimously, absent Mr. Wooding) to consider the matter at this meeting waiving its normal notice procedures.

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Following a motion by Mr. Sweetwood, seconded by Mr. Powers the Board VOTED (unanimously, absent Mr. Wooding) to approve the changes to the Rally Regulations (underlined below) effective August 1, 2018.

CHAPTER 1, Section 16. Entry Eligibility, Change of Entry.
(5th bullet changed and new bullet added. The remainder of this section is unchanged)
• After a dog earns a qualifying score in Advanced, they are no longer eligible for the Novice class.
Once a dog earns a qualifying score in Advanced, the dog may be shown in the Novice class at trials for which entries have closed; if entries have not closed they must be changed.
• After a dog earns the Rally Advanced (RA) title it is no longer eligible for the Rally Intermediate class except, the dog may be shown in the Rally Intermediate class at trials for which entries have closed; if entries have not closed they must be changed.

CHAPTER 3, Section 5. Rally Intermediate Class. To be eligible for entry in this class dogs must have won the Rally Novice (RN) title but may not have won the Rally Advanced (RA) title prior to the close of entries.
All dogs are judged on leash. Rally Intermediate must have 12 to 17 signs (Start and Finish not included) with a minimum of three and a maximum of seven stationary signs. Intermediate courses will have a minimum of three advanced level signs. There are no jumps in this class.

**Giant Schnauzers & Staffordshire Bull Terriers – Temperament Test Title**
The Board reviewed a recommendation for AKC to acknowledge the Temperament Test title (TT) awarded to Giant Schnauzers and Staffordshire Bull Terriers by the American Temperament Testing society. Dogs having earned this title in the past can apply if the proper documentation can be provided. Additions to the Parent Club Performance Events Titling Program may be made by the Board.
Following a motion by Dr. Davies, seconded by Ms. Biddle, the Board VOTED (unanimously, absent Mr. Wooding) to consider the matter at this meeting waiving its normal notice procedures.
Following a motion by Ms. Wallin, seconded by Mr. Sweetwood the Board VOTED (unanimously, absent Mr. Wooding) to add the Temperament Test Title for Giant Schnauzers and Staffordshire Bull Terriers. AKC will begin to process title applications for Giant Schnauzers and Staffordshire Bull Terriers on June 3, 2018.
Additionally, since multiple breeds have been approved to earn this title, staff requested permission to handle additional requests without bringing each one to the Board for approval. There was no objection to this request.

**American Brittany Club Request for National Walking Gun Dog Championship Stakes**

The Board reviewed a request from the American Brittany Club to establish a National Open Walking Gun Dog Championship and a National Amateur Walking Gun Dog Championship to be held by the American Brittany Club open to Brittanys only to be held no more than once per calendar year. The winner of these stakes shall be awarded the prefix title of NWGDC (National Open Walking Gun Dog Champion) and NAWGDC (National Amateur Walking Gun Dog Champion).

The Brittany request to hold National Champion Gun Dog stakes limited to walking handlers is consistent with trends in the sport. Several other breeds have previously been approved for National Walking Gun Dog Championship stakes.

Following a motion by Mr. Sweetwood, seconded by Ms. Wallin, the Board VOTED (unanimously, absent Mr. Wooding) to consider the matter at this meeting waiving its normal notice procedures.

Following a motion by Mr. Sweetwood, seconded by Dr. Battaglia, the Board VOTED (unanimously, absent Mr. Wooding) to approve changes to *Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Pointing Breeds* Chapter 14, Sections 11A, 12, 12A, 13 and 13A. (changes underlined below)

This is an addition to the Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Pointing Breeds which must be approved by a vote of the Delegates. It will be read at the June 2018 Delegate meeting and voted on at the September 2018 Delegate meeting. If approved, it would become effective January 1, 2019.

**Chapter 14. National Championship Events**

Section 12. A National Open Gun Dog Championship stake for Brittanys shall be for dogs over 6 months of age, which by reason of wins previously made in Gun Dog stakes qualify under special rules approved by the Board of Directors. This stake shall be run not more than once in any calendar year by the Parent Club of the Breed and shall be designated a horseback stake. The winner of such stake shall become a Field Champion of Record if registered in The American Kennel Club *Stud Book*, and shall be entitled to be designated "National Brittany Open Gun Dog Field Champion of 20__." (NGDC)

Section 12A. A National Amateur Gun Dog Championship stake for Brittanys shall be for dogs over 6 months of age, which by reason of wins previously made in Gun Dog stakes qualify under special rules approved by the Board of Directors. This stake shall be run not more than once in any calendar year by the Parent Club of the Breed and shall be designated a horseback stake. The winner of such stake shall become an Amateur Field Champion of Record if registered in The American Kennel

Club *Stud Book*, and shall be entitled to be designated "National Brittany Open Gun Dog Field Champion of 20__." (NAGDC)

Section 13. A National Open Walking Gun Dog Championship stake for Brittanys shall be for dogs over 6 months of age, which by reason of wins previously made in Gun Dog stakes qualify under special rules approved by the Board of Directors. This stake shall be run not more than once in any calendar year by the Parent Club of the Breed and shall be designated a walking stake. Dogs placing in this stake shall be credited with championship points in accord with the schedule for Field Championships. The winner shall be entitled to be designated "National Walking Brittany Gun Dog Champion of 20__." (NWGDC)

Section 13A. A National Amateur Walking Gun Dog Championship stake for Brittanys shall be for dogs over 6 months of age, which by reason of wins previously made in Gun Dog stakes qualify under special rules approved by the Board of Directors. This stake shall be run not more than once in any calendar year by the Parent Club of the Breed and shall be designated a walking stake. Dogs placing in this stake shall be credited with championship points in accord with the schedule for Amateur Field Championships. The winner shall be entitled to be designated "National Amateur Walking Brittany Gun Dog Champion of 20__." (NAWGDC)

Section 11A. A National Amateur All-Age Championship stake for Brittanys shall be held not more than once in any calendar year, and shall be for dogs which by reasons of wins previously made qualify under regulations submitted by the Parent Club and approved by the Board of Directors of the American Kennel Club.

*The remaining wording in this Section remains unchanged.*

**Minimum Distance Requirements Between CAT and Fast CAT® Events**

The Board reviewed recommendations from the Performance Events Staff to institute a 100-mile straight-line minimum distance requirement between Coursing Ability Tests, and to institute the same distance requirement between Fast CAT events.

This would require changes to Chapter XV, Section 6 and Chapter XVI, Section 9 of the *Regulations for Lure Coursing Tests and Trials*. If approved, this change would become effective July 2, 2018.

This will be discussed further at the May Board meeting.

**Allowing Head Collars in Lure Coursing Events**

The Board reviewed a recommendation to allow the use of head collars, such as the Gentle Leader or Halti, on the grounds of Lure Coursing, CAT, and Fast CAT events. On the grounds of an event as stimulating as Lure Coursing, large dogs can be very difficult for a handler to control as they are walked to the

starting line.

In July 2001, the AKC Board of Directors created a policy on the use of Training Collars on the grounds of AKC events. Included in the category of Training Collars were "head collars" (such as the Gentle Leader or Halti). That policy stated that head collars may not be used on dogs at AKC events, except as allowed in sport-specific AKC Rules, Regulations, and Policies.

Lure Coursing is an extremely stimulating event for dogs since it simulates the pursuit of live prey. Many dogs on the grounds of Lure Coursing become excited and difficult to manage simply from hearing the sound of the lure machine. A large sighthound who is eager for the chase may become difficult for a handler to control when excited.

Following a motion by Mr. Sweetwood, seconded by Mr. Menaker, the Board VOTED (affirmative; Dr. Battaglia, Dr. Davies, Mr. Carota, Mr. Feeney, Ms. McAteer, Mr. Menaker, Mr. Sweetwood, Mr. Tatro, Ms. Wallin against; Ms. Biddle, Ms. Cruz, Mr. Powers, absent Mr. Wooding) to consider the matter at this meeting waiving its normal notice procedures.

Following a motion by Mr. Carota, seconded by Mr. Sweetwood, the Board VOTED (unanimously, absent Mr. Wooding) to amend Chapter VIII, Section 9, Chapter XV, Section 10 and Chapter XVI, Section 13 of the *Regulations for Lure Coursing Tests and Trials* effective June 1, 2018. (changes underlined below)

CHAPTER VIII, Section 9. Handlers. No collar or paraphernalia shall be on the hound during the running of the course except the blanket. Protective coverings in
colors including yellow, pink and blue are acceptable. Dogs may be muzzled at the owner's discretion. Muzzles must not have sharp, hard edges and must allow the hound to breathe. Special Training devices that are used to control and train dogs, including but not limited to,
collars with prongs, electronic training devices may not be used on dogs at AKC events. Head collars, such as the Gentle Leader or Halti, may be used on the grounds of a Lure Coursing event.

CHAPTER XV COURSING ABILITY TEST REGULATIONS, Section 10. COLLARS/PARAPHERNALIA.

Dogs may wear any collar except a choker collar, a collar with prongs or an electronic training collar. The collar should be snug to minimize the chances of getting hung up on something during the run. The event committee may, at its discretion, require securing the tags with tape or something similar to ensure the dog's safety. Owners should be aware that there is a chance that tags hanging from the collar could become entangled on something during the run. If owners are concerned, tags may be taped to the collar. Owners may use clips or rubber bands
to hold the dog's hair. The owner assumes responsibility for the safety of the dog with

regard to the dog's collar and paraphernalia on the dog. Head halters, such as the Gentle Leader or Halti, may be used on the grounds of a CAT event.

CHAPTER XVI FAST CAT REGULATIONS, SECTION 13. COLLARS/PARAPHERNALIA. Dogs may wear any collar except a choker collar, a collar with prongs or an electronic training collar. The collar should be snug to minimize the changes of catching on something during the run. Clubs may, at their option, require that tags hanging from the collar be taped up.

Owners may have their dog wear a muzzle if they desire. Owners may use clips or rubber bands to hold the dog's hair. The owner assumes responsibility for the safety of the dog with regard to the dog's collar and paraphernalia on the dog. Head halters, such as the Gentle Leader or Halti, may be used on the grounds of a Fast CAT event.

## Herding – Number of Trials Per Year

The Board reviewed a Staff recommendation to allow licensed herding clubs to hold up to 15 trials per calendar year instead of the current 12. The driving reason for this request is the recent addition of the new trial Course D which measures a dog's ability for ranch work. The increase to 15 trials a year will enable clubs to expand their offerings to include this new course.

Following a motion by Mr. Feeney, seconded by Dr. Battaglia, the Board VOTED (unanimously, absent Mr. Wooding) to consider the matter at this meeting waiving its normal notice procedures.

Following a motion by Dr. Battaglia, seconded by Ms. Cruz the Board VOTED (unanimously, absent Mr. Wooding) to approve the changes to the *AKC Herding Regulations* (changes underlined below). Applications received for up to 15 trials will be accepted starting July 2, 2018.

**Chapter 1. Section 5.** Making Application *Paragraph #5.* Applications for licensed and member club herding tests and/or trials must be received by AKC at least three (3) months prior to the closing date. Herding clubs will be permitted to hold up to 15 licensed trials during a calendar year. A Parent Club may hold as many Herding Tests as it desires.

## AKC Scent Work Status Report

Staff presented a status report on the AKC's new Scent Work program. The AKC Scent Work program was approved by the Board in February 2017. The official launch (the first date that AKC clubs were able to host trials) was October 1, 2017. The AKC itself hosted the first AKC Scent Work trials on September 14-17, 2017 in conjunction with the Eukanuba Performance Games multi-sport event in Wilmington, Ohio.

In the three months from the launch of Scent Work through the end of the year, 142 trials were hosted by 40 different clubs, in 25 different states. There was a total of 12,369 entries

in Scent Work in 2017.
In 2017, the average entry per trial was 87. For 2018 YTD the average entry has been 150. As of the end of February, there are over 200 total clubs licensed to host Scent Work trials, including 11 specially-formed Scent Work Clubs.

**Sports & Events: 2017 Review - 2018 Initiatives**

Mari-Beth O'Neill, Vice President, Sport Services, Tim Thomas, Vice President, Dog Show Judges, Glenn Lycan, Director, Operation Support, Alan Slay, Director, Event Programs, and Bri Tesarz, Manager, Dog Show Rules, and Stephanie Kennerley, Sports Development Manager, participated in this portion of the meeting via videoconference. Doug Ljungren, Executive Vice President, Sports and Events, led a discussion that highlighted a summary of actions by the Sports and Events team in 2017 and 2018 initiatives.

2017 Actions in Conformation

- Puppy of Achievement pilot program (launched Sept 1)
- Promotion of new sports held in conjunction with shows to assist clubs financially and draw new dog owners to the event
- Launch of the Club Development Department to assist clubs in addressing a wide variety of issues
- B Matches

(1) Enhanced email promoting B matches by allowed clubs to customize message,
(2) Allow B matches in conjunction with licensed shows,
(3) Allow BPUP in conjunction with B matches

- Launched Welcome email to owners the first time a dog is shown
- Achiever Dog pilot program (launched Dec 1)
- Developed email blast to promote Specialties (launched Jan 3, 2018)
- Developed educational video entitled "How Does a Dog Show Work"
- Revised judge's approval process
- NOHS – Strengthened judging requirements

2017 Actions in Obedience
Group exercise advisory committee was created. Based on their input, new group exercises were recommended. These new exercises take effect May 1, 2018.

2017 Actions in Rally

- Two new Rally classes were launched November 1.

2017 Actions in Agility

- 2017 Actions: (1) A promotional ACT class video was completed. (2) Judges limits were increased from 330 to 350 runs per day effective Jan 1, 2018. This should help slightly for events that are full.
- (3) Developed ACT brochure to be handed out by private facilities to advertise their ACT classes.

# Secretary's Pages

2017 Actions for Traditional Field Events

- (1) Farm Dog Certified promotional video was completed. FDC test has been well

received,

- (2) Created Beagle Field Trial Grand FC title to extend participation (launched Jan 1, 2018).

2017 Actions for CAT and Fast CAT

- Modified the calculation of a dog's speed to 1/100 MPH to provide separation between dogs in the Top 20 Rankings.

**Scent Work** – Launched on October 1, Scent Work resulted in 12,400 entries in 2017.

**Family Dog Program**

- The trick dog program, launched on May 1, 2017, has exploded in popularity with over 18,000 titles awarded,
- Completed CGC and STAR Puppy introduction videos.

2017 Actions Encompassing All Sports & Events

- Junior Versatility Program – acknowledges Juniors participating across at least three sports
- Breeder of Merit Advanced Recognition Program – provides recognition to long–term successful breeders and encourages mentorship of puppy buyers as titles earned achieve more advanced levels of recognition for the breeder.

Actions taken by Staff to reduce bureaucracy and make it easier participate in AKC events were highlighted as follows:

**Conformation**

**1. Reduced the Sanctioned Match requirements** for local Special clubs. Allow Specialty clubs to become licensed by holding one B-match and one A-match as opposed to two each - essentially cut the requirement in half.

**2. Made it easier to form new Specialty clubs by eliminating the distance required from the territory of an existing Specialty club** of the same breed (previously there had to be 100 miles from an existing Specialty club).

**3. Donation of trophies** in honor of living dogs and people (previously not allowed).

**4. Modified definition of isolated clubs.** Allowed clubs holding shows at locations that are more than 75 driving miles from the nearest show site to be defined as isolated, thereby allowing the club to hold four shows per year (previously 75 straight miles between territory boundaries).

**5. Allow FSS breeds to be shown in Junior Showmanship** (previously not allowed).

**6. Modified entry limit on concurrent Specialties.** Modified limitation to 100 entries per ring per judge (previously it was 100 entries).

**7. Allow 4-6 Month Puppy competition in conjunction with B-matches** (previously not allowed).

**Companion Events**

1. Agility – **Allow a dog to change class on the day** of the show if the dog's measurement on that day does not support the class in which it is entered (previously not allowed).
2. Agility - **Increase in Judging Limits –** Allow a judge to handle 350 runs per day (previously 330).
3. Agility – **Allow geographically isolated clubs** to hold up to 15 trials per year (previously 12).
4. Obedience - **Lowered membership requirement to form a new obedience club** to 20 households (previously 30). This makes obedience the same as most other sport based clubs.
5. Obedience – **Allow exhibitors to wear club clothing**, AKC event clothing and clothing may display the dog's call name (previously not allowed).
6. Obedience and Rally – **Change closing time to midnight** (previously noon). This accommodates day-of-closing mail deliver for club secretaries. Separates Obedience and Rally from Dog Show Rules.
7. Obedience – **Allow clubs to hold trials with Preferred classes only** (previously not allowed).

Change provides clubs the flexibility to hold the classes they want.

**Performance Events**

1. Retriever Hunting Tests – **Limit a club on how many of each testing level they may hold per year as opposed to number of events.** This provides clubs the flexibility to match the testing levels offered at any particular event to stay within the resource constraints of the clubs.
2. Herding – **Allow Juniors to handle a dog at a lower level class** even if the dog has acquired a qualifying score in a higher-level class (previously dogs were not allowed to "go back" regardless of who handled the dog). This change makes herding more inviting for Juniors.

The Board adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

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**Meeting reconvened on Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at 8:10 am**.

All Directors were present except for Harvey Wooding. Also present was the Executive Secretary.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was an EXECUTIVE SESSION at the beginning of the meeting to discuss sensitive business matters. There was nothing reported out of this session.

**Sports & Events: 2017 Review - 2018 Initiatives**

Doug Ljungren, Executive Vice President, Sports and Events participated in this portion of the meeting. Mari-Beth O'Neill, Vice

President, Sport Services, Tim Thomas, Vice President, Dog Show Judges, Glenn Lycan, Director, Operation Support, Alan Slay, Director, Event Programs, and Bri Tesarz, Manager, Dog Show Rules, and Stephanie Kennerley, Sports Development Manager, participated in this portion of the meeting via videoconference.

The Sports and Events Team continued with the presentation they began during the Monday Board meeting and discussed 2018 Initiatives.

The team's goals are to continue to attract new participants to existing AKC sports/activities;

retain participants by "expanding" existing sports and encouraging transition between sports;

attract new participants by developing activities of interest to owners not engaged with AKC; utilize Sports & Events to advocate for the purpose-bred dog and reduce bureaucracy so that it is easy to participate for clubs and dog owners.

## CONFORMATION

### Two Shows in One Day Policy Change

The Board reviewed a memo that recommends a change to the Multiple All-Breed or Limited Breed Shows in One Day Program Board policy to restrict a judge to 100 entries per event not to exceed 175 entries per day according to the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* Chapter 7, Section 13.

If approved, this change would become effective January 1, 2019. This will be discussed further at the May meeting.

### Entry Limits

The Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee is recommending a change to *Rules Applying to Dog Shows Chapter 1, Section 4* to provide clubs the option to limit their event by the total entry (current rule) or by the number of dogs so that sweepstakes and other non-regular class entries (which are often second entries of the same dog) do not count towards the limit of the total entry. Staff agrees that this is a good option to give clubs in addition to the current option to limit by the total entry. This will be discussed further at the May meeting.

Allow Three-Time Win Trophy for RBIS

The Sports & Events Staff is recommending a change to *Rules Applying to Dog Shows Chapter 5, Section 9* to allow clubs to offer a three-time win trophy for Reserve Best in Show.

Clubs occasionally inquire about offering a three-time win trophy for Reserve Best in Show. The way the rules are currently written, this is not allowable. Based on these inquiries, Staff asked the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee to consider an addition to the rules to allow clubs to do this as it was most likely an oversight when Reserve Best in Show was added in 2012. At their December 2017 meeting, the Committee approved this addition agreeing that it was an oversight to not allow this when Reserve Best in Show was cre-

ated several years ago. This will be discussed further at the May meeting.

**Judge Eligibility**

The Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee is recommending modification to *Rules Applying to Dog Shows Chapter 7*, Section 1 which addresses eligibility to judge.

The Committee's recommendation relative to Chapter 7, Section 1 is comprised of two components:

1. Remove the italicized portion stating a judge shall not be granted a license to be a superintendent, and that one who resides in the same household with a professional handler or licensed superintendent may not be approved to judge.
2. Convert the italicized section restricting judges from accepting an assignment *"at any event where a member of his or her household is involved to the extent that there might exist an actual conflict of interest"* to the rule and add to it, a reference to Chapter 11 Section 13 and the Occupational Eligibility Addendum.

This will be discussed further at the May meeting.

**Canine Partner Event Catalog Listing**

The Staff provided a memo to the Board to advise them that they would like to communicate to the superintendents and event secretaries that information regarding the sire, dam and breeder of Canine Partner dogs entered in AKC events should not appear when associated with official AKC documents, such as event catalogs.

This will be discussed further at the May meeting.

## JUDGING OPERATIONS

**Conformation Judging Statistics**

The Judging Operations Department provided a report related to conformation judging applications statistics for the first quarter of 2018.

**FINAL REVIEW ACTION SUMMARY**
**2018 YEAR-TO-DATE**

| | Number of Applicants | Breed Requested | Breeds Accepted | Aps Limited | Aps Fully Approved | Aps Denied | Aps Wthdrn | Aps Held |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| New Applicants | 13 | 19 | 17 | 1 | 11 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Additional Breed Applicants | 127 | 616 | 604 | 4 | 120 | 3 | 0 | 1 |
| **TOTAL** | **141** | **633** | **619** | **5** | **131** | **4** | **0** | **2** |

# SECRETARY'S PAGES

**Impact of the Judging Approval Process**

The Board at its November 2017 meeting approved revisions to the Judging Approval Process to be effective January 1, 2018. The modifications proposed and subsequently approved by the Board were primarily to address what was believed to have been shortcomings of the iteration of the Judging Approval Process approved in 2015 and effective September 1st of that year. At the November 2017 meeting, the Board also imposed a moratorium effective immediately on applications for additional breeds until the January 1, 2018 effective date of the revised Judging Approval Process.

With the moratorium imposed November 16, 2017, all applications for additional breeds submitted under the provisions of the September 1, 2015 policy have completed final review and a complete picture of the policy's impact in terms of advancement can be viewed.

Applications for additional breeds were accepted for approximately 27 months under the parameters of the September 1, 2015 policy. During that span:

- 1838 applications from 704 unique applicants advanced to final review
- 11,162 additional breeds were approved
- 91 judges were approved for 31 (number of breeds in the largest group) or more breeds
- Three (3) judges were approved for 70 or more breeds
- As many as nine (9) unique applications from a judge went to final review
- Seven (7) judges achieve all-breed status

**CLUBS**

The Board reviewed a report on the prospective Delegate credentials to be published in two issues of the AKC Gazette, applications for AKC Membership and newly licensed clubs.

**Report on Newly Licensed Clubs Approved in February and March 2018**

Greater Los Angeles Scent Work Club, Los Angeles County

Mastiff Club of Florida, greater Deland, FL

St. Louis County Coonhunters Association, Robertsville, MO

Yorkshire Terrier Club of the Carolinas, greater Charlotte, NC (including communities east to Raleigh/Durham, west to Statesville, north to the VA/NC state line, south to Columbia, SC).

**Report on Member Clubs Bylaws Approved in February and March 2018**

Abilene Kennel Club, Abilene, TX (1986)

American Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club (2000)

Giant Schnauzer Club of America (1979)

Irish Setter Club of America (1897)

Mt. Baker Kennel Club, Bellingham, WA (1999)

Northeastern Maryland Kennel Club, Bel Air, MD (2012)
Tampa Bay Kennel Club, Tampa Bay, FL (1955)

**Junior Eligibility to Participate in NOHS**

Mr. Feeney requested that this memo be pulled from the Consent section of the Board book for discussion. The Board reviewed a Staff recommendation to change the eligibility of Junior Handlers working for professional handlers to allow them to participate in the National Owner-Handled Series (NOHS). Currently, Junior Handlers are not eligible to participate in the NOHS at shows/weekends/clusters where they are assisting professional handlers. This conflicts with the intent of Junior Showmanship and the learning AKC wishes to encourage.

Staff is recommending that Junior Handlers be eligible to participate in NOHS so long as they maintain their Amateur Status as outlined in the Junior Showmanship Regulations, Section 2.

Following a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Ms. Wallin it was VOTED (unanimously; absent Mr. Wooding) to add the following underlined sentence to the Eligibility section of the NOHS Regulations:

- Professional handlers, household members and current assistants to professional handlers in conformation are not eligible to exhibit in this competition. A current assistant is defined as anyone employed by a professional handler on a full-time basis, or assisting a professional handler at the show or any show during the cluster/weekend.
- Current assistants that are eligible to compete in Junior Showmanship (meet age and amateur status requirements) may participate in NOHS.

This recommendation is effective immediately.

**Ohio Valley Beagle Club - Non-Payment of 2018 Member Club Dues**

Mr. Feeney requested that this memo be pulled from the Consent section of the Board book for discussion.

Pursuant to Article V, Section 2 of the Charter and Bylaws of The American Kennel Club, the officers of all clubs, including the Delegates, were sent three standard email notifications concerning the payment of their 2018 Member Club dues. The Ohio Valley Beagle Club, a member club of The American Kennel Club approved for Member Status in March 1938, has not paid their dues to date. After three notices advising that payment is required, on December 18, 2017, a response was received from David Trauth, OVBC's Secretary, indicating that the club would not be paying member club dues for calendar year 2018.

# SECRETARY'S PAGES

Following a motion by Dr. Battaglia, seconded by Mr. Sweetwood it was VOTED (affirmative; Dr. Battaglia, Ms. Biddle, Mr. Carota, Ms. Cruz, Dr. Davies, Ms. McAteer, Mr. Menaker, Mr. Powers, Mr. Sweetwood, Mr. Tatro, Ms. Wallin, against; Mr. Feeney, absent; Mr. Wooding) to advise the Ohio Valley Beagle Club via certified mail that unless the dues are paid by May 1, 2018, their membership in The American Kennel Club will be revoked and the club will return to licensed status

**CONSENT**

Following a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Dr. Battaglia it was VOTED (unanimously; absent Mr. Wooding) to approve the following Consent Items:

**Delegate and Club Approvals**
**Garvin Resolution**
**Dok Resolution**
**French Bulldog Proposed Breed Standard Revision**
**Addition to Non-AKC Events Policy – New AKC National Championship Events Cannot be Dual-Licensed**
**Fast CAT- Modify Top 20 Dogs by Breed Display**
**American Belgian Malinois Club - Temperment Test Title**
**Catalog Sales at Events**

**Delegate Approvals**

The Board VOTED to approve the following Delegates:

Gloria Askins, Greer, SC
To represent Greenville Kennel Club

Pamela Beale, Peterborough, NH
To represent Westchester Kennel Club

Gale K. Cummings, Norton, MA
To represent Ladies' Dog Club

Kate DeSanto, Voorhees, NJ
To represent American Wirehaired Pointing Griffon Association

Linda C. Foiles, Louisburg, NC
To represent Tibetan Spaniel Club of America

Jacque E. Glenn, Raymore, MO
To represent Cardigan Welsh Corgi Club of America

Jeffrey M. Margeson, Lovettsville, VA
To represent United States Australian Shepherd Association

Cindy Miller, Annville, PA
To represent Waterloo Kennel Club

Sandra Muer, Bloomington, IL
To represent Corn Belt Kennel Club

Linda R. Pheasant, Sebring, FL
To represent Heartland Dog Club of Florida

Janet Rivers, Richmond, KY
To represent Lexington Kennel Club

Greg Smith, Arnold, MO
To represent Jefferson County Kennel Club of Missouri

Susan Werner, Haymarket, VA
To represent Middleburg Kennel Club

**Garvin Resolution**

AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB

held on April ninth, two thousand and eighteen,
The following Resolution was unanimously adopted

## Whereas,
## J. Charles Garvin, M.D., F.A.C.S.

First became the AKC Delegate from the Marion Ohio Kennel Club on July thirteenth, nineteen hundred and ninety, and first became AKC Delegate from the Dalmatian Club of America on May seventh, two thousand and twelve; and,

**Whereas**, he was elected to the Board of the Directors of The American Kennel Club on March thirteenth, two thousand and one, and was reelected on March eighth, two thousand and five; March ninth, two thousand and ten; and March eleventh, two thousand and fourteen, serving until March fourteenth, two thousand and eighteen; and,

**Whereas**, he was elected Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors on March eleventh, two thousand and fourteen, serving until March tenth, two thousand and fifteen; and,

**Whereas**, he served as Board Liaison to the Delegate Canine Health Committee and the Delegate Advocacy and Advancement Committee; and,

**Whereas**, he served the AKC Canine Health Foundation as Chairman of the Board, Director, Treasurer, and Scientific Review Committee member; and,

**Whereas**, his wealth of knowledge and wisdom gained during a lifetime in the Sport of Purebred Dogs as breeder, handler, exhibitor, judge, club officer, and parent club president was a great asset to the Board of Directors in its deliberations; and,
**Whereas**, we will ever cherish our association

with this distinguished man of medicine, consummate sportsman, gentleman and, most of all, friend;

**Now Therefore**, be it

**Resolved**, that the Directors of The American Kennel Club extend to him their most sincere best wishes for the future and their deep appreciation for everything he has done, and continues to do, for The American Kennel Club and the Sport of Purebred Dogs.

**Dok Resolution**

AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB
held on April ninth, two thousand and eighteen,
The following Resolution was unanimously adopted

## Whereas, James Robert Dok

First became the AKC Delegate from the Santa Clara Valley Kennel Club on August ninth, nineteen ninety-three and served until July two thousand and eight, and was first seated as the Delegate from the Gig Harbor Kennel Club on September ninth, two thousand and eight; and,

**Whereas**, he was elected to the Board of the Directors of The American Kennel Club on March eleventh, two thousand and fourteen, serving until March fourteenth, two thousand and eighteen; and,

**Whereas**, he served on the Board Pension Committee from March two thousand fourteen to March two thousand and eighteen, and served on the Board Judging Review Committee from March two thousand and seventeen to March two thousand and eighteen; and,

**Whereas**, he served as Board Liaison to the Delegate Advocacy and Advancement Committee; the Delegate All-Breed Clubs Committee; the Delegate Herding, Earthdog, and Coursing Committee; and Delegate Bylaws Committee; and,

**Whereas**, he joined the Board of the AKC Political Action Committee in two thousand and fifteen, and served the PAC as Chairman from two thousand and sixteen to two thousand and seventeen; and,

He travelled the United States as a member of the AKC Explosive-Detection Dog Task Force; and,

**Whereas**, the knowledge gained as a respected

member of the American dog fancy and a distinguished businessman was a great asset to the Board of Directors; and,

**Whereas**, we will ever cherish our association with this able executive, consummate sportsman, gentleman and, most of all, friend;

**Now Therefore**, be it

**Resolved**, that the Directors of The American Kennel Club extend to him their most sincere best wishes for the future and their deep appreciation for everything he has done, and continues to do, for The American Kennel Club and the Sport of Purebred Dogs.

**French Bulldog Proposed Breed Standard Revision**

The Board VOTED to approve the French Bulldog Breed Standard Changes with an effective date of June 5, 2018.

**Addition to Non-AKC Events Policy - New AKC National Championship Events Cannot be Dual-Licensed**

The Board VOTED to approve a recommendation from the Performance Events Department to amend the current **Non-AKC Events** policy by specifying that no AKC National Championship event may be dual-licensed with another organization except those that were dual-licensed as of January 1, 2018.

The addition to the Non-AKC Events policy is as underlined below:

**Non-AKC Events** (March 2004 Delegates Meeting, April 2018)

Any Board approval for non-AKC events would be general, covering specific activities sponsored by specific organizations. The list of approved activities would appear on the AKC web site policy manual, so that individual clubs would not be required to seek AKC approval on an event-by-event basis. In considering approval, the Board would apply criteria including, but not limited to:

- AKC has no comparable event in place.
- While AKC has a program in place, AKC clubs had held events under the aegis of the other organization for years before the AKC program was initiated.
- The type of event is not or would not be perceived as being contrary to the best interest of AKC and the sport of purebred dogs.
- The event is a breed or type of breed-specific performance activity.

No AKC approval is required for versatility or performance activities developed by AKC Parent Clubs and sponsored by such clubs, unless they are held as a special attraction at an AKC event.

Any non-AKC events the Board does approve clubs to hold must be held separate and apart from an AKC event and should not be

included in any AKC event documents. This requirement may only be waived if AKC grants written approval for a special attraction in accordance with Chapter 11, Section 10 of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows.
An exception to the event documents policy is granted for those non-AKC performance events where AKC has no comparable events and where the Board has approved AKC's acknowledgement of titles earned. For these events, a separate informational flyer and event application form may be included in the AKC event documents. The organization holding this event must be clearly stated. At this time non-AKC performance events that qualify for this exception are events held by approved Schutzhund organizations, AKC parent club performance events that have been approved by the AKC Board, NADD Dock Diving, Barn Hunt and NAFA Flyball.

AKC clubs that have been holding the following activities that meet the criteria explained in the two paragraphs above may continue to do so:

- American Sighthound Field Association Coursing Events
- American Working Terrier Association Earthdog Events
- American Herding Breed Association Events
- North American Versatility Dog Association Pointing Breed Hunting Tests
- Large Gazehound Racing Association
- American Field Pointing Breed Field Trials
- United Kennel Club Coonhound Events
- Professional Kennel Club Coonhound Events
- American Rabbit Hound Association
- Hunting Retriever Club Hunting Tests

No AKC National Championship events may be dual-licensed with another organization except those that were dual-licensed immediately prior to January 1, 2018. Other activities could be added to the list as they are brought to AKC's attention and evaluated against the criteria.

**Fast CAT - Modify Top 20 Dogs by Breed Display**

The Board VOTED to approve a recommendation from the Performance Events Department to change the "Fast CAT – Top 20 Dogs by Breed" ranking list to display an average of each dog's top three fastest runs. The ranking lists currently display the single fastest run speed for each dog. There have been concerns from the sport that due to variation in Fast CAT courses, the single fastest run speed may not be representative of which dogs are actually fastest. The surface, materials and grade of the courses can vary. These changes are effective June 1, 2018.

**American Belgian Malinois Club - Temperament Test Title**

The Board VOTED to approve a request from

the American Belgian Malinois Club for the AKC acknowledge the Temperament Test title (TT) awarded to the Belgian Malinois by the American Temperament Testing Society. The title will be handled through the Parent Club Performance Events Titling Program. Owners must apply to the AKC on a form developed by the Performance Events Department, submit documentation proving the dog has passed the ATTS test and pay a processing fee. All dogs must be AKC registered or listed in the PAL program.

**Catalog Sales at Events**

The Board VOTED to approve a Staff recommendation to change the Catalog Sales Board policy to allow clubs flexibility in when they may begin selling catalogs. Current Board policy requires that catalogs not go on sale until one hour before the judging of the first event included in the catalog. Many times, exhibitors arrive at the show site and immediately request a catalog.

If it is more than one hour prior to the start of judging, the club must refuse the exhibitor's request and ask that they come back later.

This is a Board policy and may be modified by a vote of the Board. If approved, this would be effective immediately.

The addition to the Catalog Sales policy is as underlined below:

**Catalog Sales** (March 1995, amended October 2011, July 2013 and April 2018 Board meetings)

Event catalogs ~~will not~~ may be made available for sale ~~until one hour prior to~~ at any time on the day of the first AKC event in the catalog for which the catalog is the official catalog of record. *(The remainder of the policy will be unchanged)*

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Feeney asked that AKC consider hosting an International Health Conference in New York City in 2019.The AKC Museum of the Dog will be open in NYC by this time and it would be wonderful to host an international event that could also showcase the new museum space.

It was VOTED to adjourn Tuesday, April 10, at 12:23 p.m.

Adjourned

Attest:

Gina M. DiNardo, Executive Secretary