

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
January 10, 2011

The Board convened on Monday, January 10, 2011 at 8:10 a.m. All Directors were present, as were the Executive Secretary, the Chief Operating Officer, and the Assistant Executive Secretary.

Copies of the November 2010 minutes were made available to all Directors. The Board reviewed the minutes of the November 8–9, 2010 meeting. Upon a motion by Mr. Marden, seconded by Dr. Smith, the November 2010 Board minutes were adopted. Ms. Scully noted that in February, the Companion Events Department will be proposing revisions to the policy regarding seminars and judges for Obedience, Rally, and Tracking, which was adopted in November.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

New Kennel Club Policy

Mr. Menaker reported on a new policy adopted by The Kennel Club in the United Kingdom. Individual dogs from fifteen breeds will be required to have a veterinary examination before being awarded a challenge certificate or a championship. AKC has no plans to impose such a policy.

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 11 months of 2010 Events were lower by (0.91%) from the previous year and entries were down (0.44 %) from the previous year. He predicts the 2010 end-of-year total entries will exceed last year's numbers and also surpass the 3,000,000 mark.

LEGAL REPORT

Margaret Poindexter, General Counsel, participated in this portion of the meeting. She presented a status report on pending litigation and other activities during the months of November and December 2010.

The Four to Six-Month Puppy Class

Mr. Lyons reported on the first two shows offering the Four to Six-Month Puppy Competition (Oakland County Kennel Club and Portland Kennel Club). The latest report he had indicated 78 entries in Oakland County and 69 in Portland, with most of the dogs owned by first-time exhibitors.

Grand Championship

Mr. Lyons reported that while the Grand Championship did not go into effect until May 12, 2010, in 2010 the numbers of Best of Breed entries was up 30,000 over 2009. This is as opposed to a previous projection of a 9,000 decrease.

Delegates

There was a motion by Dr. Davies, seconded by Mr. Marden, and the following Delegates were approved (unanimously).

David S. Bagaley, Gibsonia, PA
to represent Central Beagle Club

Dominic P. DiBalsi, Germansville, PA
to represent Lehigh Valley Kennel Club

John D. French, Miami, FL
to represent County-Wide Dog Training Club

Steven D. Gladstone, Mount Pocono, PA
to represent Greater Naples Dog Club

Julian Prager, Zionsville, PA
to represent Central Florida Kennel Club

Kathryn Taylor, Ogden, UT
to represent Mount Ogden Kennel Club

Michael L. Van Tassell, Salt Lake City, UT
to represent Intermountain Kennel Club

Madelyn B. Yelton, Elkton, MD
to represent Del Bay Retriever Club

Treeing Walker Coonhound

Following a motion by Mr. Ashby, seconded by Dr. Davies, it was VOTED, (unanimously) to accept the Treeing Walker Coonhound into the American Kennel Club Stud Book on December 1, 2011 and to allow the Treeing Walker Coonhound to become eligible to compete in the Hound Group on January 1, 2012. AKC will maintain an open registry for the breed until January 1, 2020.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

David Roberts and Mari-Beth O'Neill, AKC Staff, participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

Opening of the Toy Fox Terrier Stud Book

The Board considered a request from the American Toy Fox Terrier Club to open its stud book to expand its limited gene pool, to encourage new members for the club and participants in the sport, and to accommodate breeders who missed the initial deadline for AKC registration. This will be considered further at the February 2011 meeting.

Danish-Swedish Farmdog

The Board was advised that the AKC's Foundation Stock Service committee recently approved a petition for the Danish-Swedish Farmdog to be accepted into the American Kennel Club's Foundation Stock service program

Parent Club Approval of Miscellaneous Class Breeds

The Board reviewed the Parent Clubs that the AKC staff is recommending to represent the following breeds: the Azawakh, the Belgian Laekenois and the Cirneco Dell'Etna. This will be discussed further at the February meeting.

Conformation Clubs at Sanctioned Level

Based on a request from the Board of Directors, Staff provided a list of all conformation all-breed and group clubs currently at the sanctioned level which are working towards becoming AKC Licensed clubs. Currently there are 33 all breed or group clubs at match level. A freeze

has been placed on the licensing of any additional all breed or group clubs other than the 33 clubs currently at the B or A match level.

MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS

Lisa Gonzalez, AKC Staff, participated in this portion of the meeting. David Roberts, Mark Dunn, Curt Curtis, Michelle Baker and Linda Duncklee, participated via video conference. There was an update on the various initiatives and programs instituted to reduce the rate of decline in registrations. There was also an update on the Canine Partners program. To date, over 20,000 dogs have been enrolled.

COMPLIANCE

Margaret Poindexter, AKC staff, participated in this portion of the meeting, and Jack Norton, AKC Staff, participated via video conference.

Discipline Guidelines

There was a discussion on the *Discipline Guidelines* regarding the violation, "mistreatment of dogs in connection with an event". This will be considered further at the February 2011 meeting.

The following AKC Management actions were reported:

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

During the month of November the DNA program resulted in the correction of 91 litter registrations, affecting 145 registered dogs. Additionally, the registrations of 127 litters, including 203 registered dogs, were converted to conditional registration and the registrations of 5 litters were canceled, affecting 9 registered dogs. 4 litters were canceled as a result of impure breeding affecting 5 registered dogs and 1 litter was canceled affecting 2 registered dogs as a result of an inquiry.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

Sheila Goffe, AKC Staff, participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference. Staff reported that in 2010 AKC's Government Relations (GR) department monitored and responded to a vast increase in legislation, tracking over 1,200 bills, as compared to 875 in 2009 and over 600 in 2008. Throughout the year, AKC GR worked with state federations, local clubs, fanciers, professional breeders and also developed other key alliances such as sportsmen's and agricultural groups to help stem the tide of restrictive canine legislation.

Key legislative victories (several of which ended a two-year legislative battle) were achieved in California, North Carolina, Florida, New Hampshire, Ohio and Wisconsin.

PENSION COMMITTEE

Mr. Marden gave the report of the Pension Committee. He indicated that the plan is currently well funded. Based on recommendation by our investment advisor, AKC was changing both the plan's current asset allocation and methodology for choosing investment managers, using a liability driven investing approach.

COMPANION EVENTS

Curt Curtis and Pamela Manaton, AKC Staff, participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

Companion Events Juniors' National Competition

Staff presented a plan to introduce a juniors-only competition to be held in conjunction with the 2011 Agility Invitational and National Obedience Invitational competitions. The goal of these

events is to recognize juniors' participation in AKC Companion Event sports and promote future growth in Companion Events by younger competitors. A second goal is to encourage experienced exhibitors and clubs to participate in mentoring young handlers. In the initial year, the two events will be open to all competitors with an AKC Junior Handler number. Future competitions will become invitation-only events.

Time 2 Beat Agility Class

A new effective date and editorial changes were reported for the previously approved Time 2 Beat Agility Class.

The Companion Events department will be moving up the implementation of the agility Time 2 Beat class from January 1, 2012 to July 1, 2011. The new class and applicable regulation changes were approved by the Board of Directors at the May, 2010 Board Meeting. The Time 2 Beat class language will be added to the Chapter 2, Classes section as an editorial change. The following sentence will be added to the third paragraph of this section:

Clubs are eligible to offer the Time 2 Beat class on the day preceding, or the day after a minimum of a two-day trial.

The fourth paragraph will also be amended to include Time 2 Beat as follows:

The licensed or member agility trial may also offer the FAST Excellent classes, Time 2 Beat class and/or the non-regular International Sweepstakes (ISC) class in conjunction with the Regular and Preferred classes on the Excellent trial day. Additional unrecognized non-regular classes may not be held at a licensed or sanctioned trial.

Additionally, the Time 2 Beat class description currently in Appendix B of the Regulations for Agility Trials will be copied over to the list of classes in Chapter 2.

CONFORMATION

Robin Stansell, Bobby Birdsong, Mari-Beth O'Neill, and Bri Tesarz, AKC Staff, participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

American Foxhound Breed Standard

The Board reviewed the results of the American Foxhound Club's ballot of its membership on proposed revisions to its breed standard. Following a motion by Dr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Arnold, it was VOTED (unanimously) to approve the proposed American Foxhound Standard with an effective date of March 1, 2011.

Great Dane Breed Standard

The Board reviewed the results of the Great Dane Club of America's ballot of its membership on proposed revisions to the Forequarter and Color, Marking and Patterns sections of its breed standard. Following a motion by Mr. Goodman, seconded by Ms. Scully, it was VOTED (unanimously) to approve the proposed Great Dane Standard with an effective date of March 1, 2011.

Havanese Breed Standard

Following a motion by Dr. Davies, seconded by Mr. Marden, it was VOTED (unanimously) to permit the Havanese Club of America to ballot its membership on proposed revisions to the breed standard in accordance with the club's Constitution and Bylaws. The club was to be asked to make one modification related to a disqualification for pigmentation.

Scottish Terrier Breed Standard

Following a motion by Mr. Goodman, seconded by Ms. Scully, it was VOTED (unanimously) to permit the Scottish Terrier Club of America to ballot its membership on proposed revisions to the Size and Proportion, Substance and Color sections of the breed standard in accordance with the club's Constitution and Bylaws. The Board did request a clarification with regards to color.

Rules Applying to Dog Shows – Chapter 5, Section 1

The Board reviewed proposed rule changes to add a fifth and sixth placement at all-breed and group shows.

The original proposal contained a nullification provision if the number of groups was expanded beyond seven. Following a motion by Mr. Menaker, seconded by Dr. Davies, it was VOTED (affirmative: Mr. Menaker, Dr. Davies, Ms. Scully, Dr. Newman, Mr. Kalter, Mr. Ashby, Mr. Marden, Mrs. Strand, Dr. Garvin, Mr. Goodman, Mr. Arnold, Dr. Smith; opposed: Dr. Haines) to remove the provision.

A Proviso, to make this a two year trial, with continuation beyond that contingent on a second Delegate vote was considered. Following a motion by Mr. Menaker, seconded by Dr. Davies, it was VOTED (affirmative: Mr. Menaker, Dr. Davies, Ms. Scully, Dr. Newman, Mr. Kalter, Mr. Ashby, Mr. Marden, Mrs. Strand, Dr. Garvin, Mr. Goodman, Mr. Arnold, Dr. Smith; opposed: Dr. Haines) to not include such a Proviso.

Following a motion by Dr. Davies, seconded by Dr. Smith, it was VOTED (affirmative: Dr. Davies, Dr. Smith, Mr. Goodman, Mr. Ashby, Mrs. Strand, Ms. Scully, Mr. Kalter, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Menaker, Dr. Newman; opposed Dr. Haines, Mr. Marden, Dr. Garvin) to approve the following amendment to Chapter 5, Section 1, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows (line in) :

CHAPTER 5

SECTION 1. All clubs or associations holding dog shows under the rules of The American Kennel Club, except sanctioned matches, shall use the following colors for their prize ribbons or rosettes, in the regular classes of The American Kennel Club

First prize—Blue.

Second prize—Red.

Third prize—Yellow.

Fourth prize—White.

Winners—Purple.

Reserve Winners—Purple and White.

Best of Winners—Blue and White.

Special prize—Dark Green.

Best of Breed and Best of Variety of Breed—Purple and Gold.

Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed and Best of Opposite Sex to

Best of Variety of Breed—Red and White.

Select—Light Blue and White

The Regular Group classes shall use the following colors for their prize ribbons or rosettes:

First Prize—Blue

Second Prize—Red

Third Prize—Yellow

Fourth Prize—White

Fifth Prize—Blue and Yellow

Sixth Prize—Red and Yellow

Fifth and sixth placements may only be awarded if there are 12 or more breeds/varieties in the group ring that day.

Best in Show – Red, white, and blue is the traditional color combination but any color or combination of colors is permitted.

and shall use the following colors for their prize ribbons in all additional classes:

First prize—Rose.

Second prize—Brown.

Third prize—Light Green.

Fourth prize—Gray

This amendment will be read at the March 2011 Delegate meeting for a vote in June 2011.

Rules Applying to Dog Shows, Chapter 3, Section 1, and Chapter 5, Section 1

The Board considered a proposal to create a Reserve Best in Show Placement. Following a motion by Dr. Davies, seconded by Dr. Smith, it was VOTED (affirmative: Dr. Davies, Dr. Smith, Mr. Menaker, Mr. Kalter, Mrs. Strand, Mr. Ashby, Dr. Newman, Mr. Arnold, Ms. Scully, opposed: Dr. Haines, Dr. Garvin, Mr. Marden; abstaining: Mr. Goodman) to adopt the following amendments:

CHAPTER 3

SECTION 17. A club giving group classes must also give a Best in Show, the winner to be entitled “Best Dog in Show” and a “Reserve Best in Show.” No entry fee shall be charged but the seven group winners must compete.

CHAPTER 5

SECTION 1. All clubs or associations holding dog shows under the rules of The American Kennel Club, except sanctioned matches, shall use the following colors for their prize ribbons or rosettes, in the regular classes of The American Kennel Club and the regular group classes:

First prize—Blue.

Second prize—Red.

Third prize—Yellow.

Fourth prize—White.

Winners—Purple.

Reserve Winners—Purple and White.

Best of Winners—Blue and White.

Special prize—Dark Green.

Best of Breed and Best of Variety of Breed—Purple and Gold.

Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed and Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Variety of Breed—Red and White.

Select—Light Blue and White

Best in Show – Red, white, and blue is the traditional color combination but any color or combination of colors is permitted.

Reserve Best in Show – Yellow and White

and shall use the following colors for their prize ribbons in all additional classes:

First prize—Rose.

Second prize—Brown.

Third prize—Light Green.

Fourth prize—Gray.

Conformation Junior Showmanship Regulations – Master Class

The Board reviewed a staff proposal to add a Master Class to Section 5. Classes and Divisions of the Conformation Junior Showmanship Regulations. This will be discussed further at the February meeting.

Best in Miscellaneous Class Point Schedule

The Board reviewed a staff proposal to award dogs defeated points to the Best in Miscellaneous Class winner. The winner of the Best in Miscellaneous Class would be awarded points towards

a Certificate of Merit based upon the total number of dogs that competed in all of the Miscellaneous Class Breeds. This will be discussed further at the February meeting.

Compliance Requirements

The Board reviewed a request from the Middleburg Kennel Club. The Club is asking the Board to add "the holding of an Obedience Trial" to the list of components that would fulfill a compliance requirement to hold future conformation events.

Following a motion by Mr. Arnold, seconded by Ms. Scully, it was VOTED (unanimously) to consider the matter at this meeting, waiving the usual advance notice requirement.

Following a motion by Dr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Marden, it was VOTED (unanimously) to consider an Obedience Trial, provided entries are accepted for Canine Partners, as a Major activity component for Compliance to hold a future show.

Four to Six Month Puppy Competition

Based on a request from the Board, staff presented the criteria it will use to determine the success of the 4-6 Month Beginner Puppy competition during the 2011 pilot program. The 4-6 Month Beginner Puppy competition may be offered by all-breed clubs or parent specialty clubs as a special attraction. Event Operations plans to approve two to four all-breed events per month and any parent specialties that choose to offer the competition. Local specialty clubs may also be approved including FSS breeds.

PERFORMANCE EVENTS

Doug Ljungren, and Lisa Carroll, AKC Staff, participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

Spaniel Hunting Tests for Irish Water Spaniels

The Board viewed a request from the Irish Water Spaniel Club of America to allow the Irish Water Spaniel to participate in Spaniel Hunting tests.

There was a motion by Ms. Scully, seconded by Mrs. Strand, and it was VOTED (unanimously) to consider the matter at this meeting, waiving the usual prior notice requirement.

Following a motion by Ms. Scully, seconded by Mr. Goodman, it was VOTED (unanimously) to allow Irish Water Spaniels to enter Spaniel Hunt Tests and to earn Spaniel Hunt test Titles, effective March 1, 2011. To differentiate between Retriever and Spaniel Hunt Test Titles, the letter "U" (for Upland) will be added to the latter, e.g. JH and JHU.

Coursing Ability Test

Staff presented its plans for a new AKC event called a Coursing Ability Test. This will be an introductory level coursing event open to all AKC registered dogs and dogs enrolled in the AKC Canine Partners program.

Following a motion by Mrs. Strand, seconded by Mrs. Scully, it was VOTED (affirmative: Mrs. Strand, Ms. Scully, Mr. Ashby, Mr. Kalter, Mr. Arnold, Dr. Haines, Mr. Goodman, Dr. Newman, Dr. Davies, Mr. Menaker, Mr. Marden, (opposed: Dr. Smith, Dr. Garvin) to consider the matter at this meeting, waiving the usual prior notice requirement.

Following a motion by Mr. Marden, seconded by Ms. Scully, it was VOTED (affirmative: Mrs. Strand, Ms. Scully, Mr. Ashby, Mr. Kalter, Mr. Arnold, Dr. Haines, Mr. Goodman, Dr. Newman, Dr. Davies, Mr. Menaker, Mr. Marden, Dr. Garvin; abstaining: Dr. Smith) to approve a new event, the Coursing Ability Test, effective February 15, 2011. The overview and the Regulations for the event are Attachments A and B.

Coonhound Event Limitations

The Board discussed a staff recommendation to change the number of events a licensed Coonhound Club may hold. Currently clubs are limited to two events per month. The recommendation is to allow, on a case-by-case basis, clubs to hold up to four events per month provided the additional events (event #3 and #4) are approved by the Coonhound Department. This will be discussed further at the February meeting

Norrbottenspets – Participation in AKC Lure Coursing Events

The Board discussed a request from the President of the American Norrbottenspets Association requesting that the Norrbottenspets be allowed to compete in AKC Lure Coursing Events. There was no objection to this request. The Norrbottenspet will be added to the list of breeds eligible to participate in Lure Coursing Test and Trials effective July 1, 2011.

Judging Operations

There was an Executive Session to discuss judging approval. Mr. Hayes and Mr. Wade, staff, were present for this discussion.

CLUBS**Delegates**

It was reported that the Delegate credentials of the following people are to be published in the January and February issues of the *AKC GAZETTE*:

John R. Adams, Lexington, MA
Concord Dog Training Club

Dennis J. Gallant, Springfield, TN
to represent Penn Ridge Kennel Club

Pat Grossmann, Wilmette, IL
to represent Skokie Valley Kennel Club

Ellen Hardin, Custer, WI
to represent Golden Retriever Club of America

Michael A. Jackson, Salem, NY
to represent Westchester Kennel Club

Patricia C. Sarles, Whippany, NJ
to represent Twin Brooks Kennel Club

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Kalter gave an update on the work of the Board/Staff Committee considering possible changes to the AKC Business Model. The eventual recommendation will impact all facets of the organization and how it does business.

As the Board had completed the scheduled agenda, and as it was anticipated that there would be travel disruptions as a result of an impending snow storm, it was agreed that it would not be necessary to meet on Tuesday.

It was VOTED to adjourn Monday, January 10, 2011 at 5:25 p.m.

Adjourned

Attest:

James P. Crowley, Executive Secretary

ATTACHMENT A
Coursing Ability Test

The Coursing Ability Test is an introductory event fashioned after the sport lure coursing. It will provide a fun and healthy activity attractive to many dog owners. The following is a summary of how the event is structured:

1. Non-competitive pass / fail event fashioned after the sport of lure coursing.
2. Dogs run singularly.
3. Open to all dogs at least 12 months of age that are individually registered with the AKC, recorded in the FSS program, dogs with PAL numbers or dogs enrolled in the AKC Canine Partners program. Females in season may not enter. A dog may enter only once per event. (An event is defined by an event number.)
4. Course distance / course design:
 - Dogs under 12" at the withers and/or brachycephalic ("flat-faced") dogs = approx. 300 yards
 - Dogs over 12" at the withers that are not brachycephalic dogs = approximately 600 yards
 - If there is a question whether a dog should run 300 or 600 yards, the judge will decide.
 - The course will be basically rectangular in shape with turns no more acute than 90 degrees.
5. Pass: The dog must complete the course with enthusiasm and without interruption within a stated maximum amount of time. Max time: 600 yards - 2 minutes; 300 yards – 1½ minutes. The maximum time is not meant to be difficult to achieve. It is meant to prevent a dog that "walks" the course from passing.
6. To earn a suffix title: Three passes = Coursing Ability (CA); Ten passes = Coursing Ability Advanced (CAA); Twenty five passes = Coursing Ability Excellent (CAX); fifty passes = CAX2; a higher numbered title will be awarded for every additional twenty five passes.
7. All licensed LC clubs will automatically be licensed to hold a Coursing Ability test. Clubs will be limited to holding eight Tests per calendar year. A club may not hold more than two Coursing Ability Tests on the same day. At some point after the initial start-up period, any club licensed to hold companion events may apply to become licensed to hold Coursing Ability Tests.
8. A Coursing Ability Test can be either a stand-alone test or an event with a limited number of entries that follows a LC event. The Coursing Ability Test must be applied for as a separate event with its own event number.
9. Judge eligibility: Any AKC approved LC judge can judge a Coursing Ability Test
10. Event applications: Paper or e-mail event applications will be accepted. Application forms will be downloadable from the AKC website. No on-line event application process will be available.
11. Event kits: No event kits would be mailed to clubs. All necessary forms would be downloadable from the AKC website. Approval and close out correspondence will be done via e-mail. Event forms/booklets that are not easily downloadable can be requested by e-mail to the PE Department. In many cases clubs will have these forms/booklets as a result of holding lure coursing events.
12. Submittal of results: Clubs must mail event secretary reports and results.

ATTACHMENT B
CHAPTER XV
COURSING ABILITY TEST REGULATIONS

Section 1. Purpose. The purpose of the AKC Coursing Ability Test is to provide all dogs and their owners an enjoyable, healthy activity in which they can participate. Dogs run singularly and are required to complete their course with enthusiasm and without interruption within a maximum amount of time. This is a pass – fail event. Based on the sport of lure coursing, Coursing Ability Tests will serve as an introduction to the sport for all eligible dog owners.

Section 2. All applicable administrative regulations governing Lure Coursing Tests shall apply to Coursing Ability Tests unless specifically addressed in this chapter.

Section 3. Eligibility to Enter. Coursing Ability Tests are open to all dogs at least 12 months of age that are individually registered with the AKC, recorded in the Foundation Stock Service (FSS) program, individually registered with a foreign or domestic registry organization whose pedigrees are acceptable for AKC registration, dogs granted a Purebred Alternative Listing (PAL) number, dogs with AKC Limited or Conditional Registration, or dogs enrolled in the AKC Canine Partners program. Dogs with breed disqualifications are eligible to enter. Females in season may not enter. A dog may enter only once per event. (An event is defined by an event number.)

Section 4. Clubs Eligible to Hold Coursing Ability Tests. Any club licensed to hold AKC Lure Coursing events is automatically licensed to hold a Coursing Ability Test. At some point in the future after an initial start-up period, any club licensed to hold companion events may apply to become licensed to hold Coursing Ability Tests. The start-up period will be decided by the Performance Events Department.

Section 5. Making Event Application. Licensed clubs may make application to the American Kennel Club to hold an event on a designated form downloadable from the AKC website at www.akc.org/pdfs/events/lure_coursing/Coursing_Ability_Application.pdf. Paper or e-mail applications will be accepted. No on-line event application process will be available. Approval and close out correspondence would all be done via e-mail.

Events may be either stand-alone tests or may be held at the conclusion of a club's Lure Coursing event. In either case the Coursing Ability Test must be applied for as a separate event. If a club is concerned that entries may be more than can be accommodated, the club may state a numeric limit in the premium. The application fee shown on the form must accompany the application. A club may hold up to eight Coursing Ability Tests per calendar year. A club may hold no more than two Coursing Ability Tests on the same day.

If a Coursing Ability Test is held at the conclusion of a Lure Coursing event, the club may use the same premium however both event numbers must appear on the entry form.

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Section 6. Eligibility to Judge. All AKC approved Lure Coursing event judges are approved to judge a Coursing Ability Test.

Section 7. Course Design. The course shall be basically rectangular in shape with turns no more acute than 90 degrees. The total length of the course shall be no less than 600 yards and should be as close to 600 yards as is possible. The lure will consist of plastic strips. Depending of the size and type of dog, the dog will run either the full course or a 300 yard course. The 300 yard distance shall be clearly marked. Safety is of utmost importance. Many of the dogs running the Coursing Ability Test will not possess the agility of a sight hound and this must be a consideration in the design of a course.

Section 8. Distance and Maximum Time. Dogs run singularly.

300 Yard Course. This distance is for dogs shorter than 12 inches at the withers and / or brachycephalic (“flat-faced”) dogs. A dog must complete this course in less than 1 ½ minutes.

600 Yard Course. This distance is used for all dogs that do not run the 300 yard course. A dog must complete this course in less than 2 minutes.

If there is a question which course a dog should run, the judge will decide.

Section 9. Passing Performance. The Coursing Ability Test is a pass – fail event. In order to pass, the dog must complete the course with enthusiasm and without interruption within the maximum amount of time for the course length. The judge keeps the official time and decides the merits of the dog’s performance.

Section 10. Ribbons or Rosettes. A club holding Coursing Ability Test shall offer a ribbon or rosette to each dog that receives a qualification toward a Coursing Ability title. Each ribbon or rosette shall be at least two inches wide and eight inches long and shall bear on its face a facsimile of the seal of The American Kennel Club, the words “Coursing Ability Test Qualifying”, and the name of the test-giving club. Ribbons or rosettes shall be orange in color.

Section 11. Titles. Three titles will be awarded for dogs that pass the Coursing Ability Test the required number of times. These are suffix titles that will appear on a dog’s pedigree with a higher level title superseding a lower level title.

Coursing Ability (CA) – Awarded to a dog that passes the Coursing Ability Test three times under at least two different judges.

Coursing Ability Advanced (CAA) - Dog passes the Coursing Ability Test ten times.

Coursing Ability Excellent (CAX) – Dog passes the Coursing Ability Test 25 times.

Coursing Ability Excellent 2 (CAX2) – Dog passes the Coursing Ability Test 50 times.

A higher numbered title will be awarded for every additional twenty five passes.

Section 12. Submission of Results. All necessary forms for recording results will be downloadable from the AKC website. (Secretary’s Report = www.akc.org/pdfs/JFSEC2.pdf;

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Coursing Ability Test Results =
www.akc.org/pdfs/events/lure_coursing/Coursing_Ability_Test_Results.pdf) Event forms/booklets that are not easily downloadable can be requested by e-mail to the PE Department (Coursing@akc.org). In many cases clubs will have these forms/booklets as a result of holding lure coursing events. The applicable recording fee shown on the Event Secretaries Report must be submitted at the time results are mailed to the Performance Events Department.