

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
May 9 - 10, 2011

The Board convened on Monday May 9, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. All Directors were present, as were the Executive Secretary, the Chief Operating Officer, and the Assistant Executive Secretary. Copies of the April 2011 minutes were made available to all Directors. The Board reviewed the minutes of the April 11 & 12, 2011 meeting. Upon a motion by Ms. Scully, seconded by Mr. Ashby, the April 2011 Board minutes were unanimously adopted.

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 quarter of 2011 aggregate Entries were up by 4.84% and Events were up by 1.71% compared to the same period in the previous year.

There was an EXECUTIVE SESSION to discuss personnel matters.

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 month of April 2011.

Fees Charged by Judges

There was a discussion on expanding the online Judges Directory to include the fee charged by a judge, so that the information would be available to dog clubs. There was a motion by Dr. Battaglia, seconded by Mr. Gladstone, to provide judges with the opportunity to include their judging fee in the AKC online Judges Directory, on an optional basis. This motion was not adopted, with the VOTE (affirmative: Dr. Battaglia, Mr. Gladstone, Dr. Smith, Mr. Ashby, opposed: Mr. Menaker, Mr. Goodman, Dr. Davies, Ms. Scully, Mr. Amen, Dr. Garvin, Dr. Newman, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Kalter). This subject is to be considered further in July, with additional staff input.

Cost of Events

There was a discussion on the increasing operating loss of AKC events, as well as the gap between revenue and cost for each of the different events. It was noted that last year was the first time in AKC's history that the net profit from registrations did not fully subsidize the loss from events. Staff was directed to prepare an analysis of the costs relating to the various processes and systems for each of the different event areas. This will be discussed further at the July 2011 meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Jim Stevens, Chief Financial Officer, participated in this portion of the meeting.

Total revenues of \$4.4 million in the month of April 2011 were 8% lower than the prior year.

Total monthly operating expenses of \$4.7 million were 1% below 2010. This resulted in an operating deficit of \$236,000 for the month.

A favorable performance of the stock market during the month produced an investment gain of \$1.1 million.

CONSENT AGENDA

Following discussion, there was a motion by Ms. Scully, seconded by Mr. Arnold, and it was VOTED (unanimously) to approve the following Consent Agenda Items.

Delegates

The following Delegates were approved:

Ranae Hanson, LeRoy, NY
to represent Tonawanda Valley Kennel Club

Jenni Toebben, Omaha, NE
to represent Nebraska Kennel Club

AKC Bylaws –Article VI, Section 5

ARTICLE VI, SECTION 5 of the *Charter and Bylaws of The American Kennel Club, Inc.*, makes an individual who misappropriates funds from an AKC club ineligible to serve as a Delegate for a period of ten years. The Board voted to amend Article VI, Section 5 of the *Charter and Bylaws of The American Kennel Club, Inc.*, to place the identical restriction on individuals who misappropriate funds from the AKC, or from an AKC subsidiary or affiliated organization. The section as amended (underlines) reads:

Section 5. No person may become or remain a Delegate if convicted of a misdemeanor or felony involving the theft, embezzlement, or misappropriation of funds or property from The American Kennel Club, any AKC subsidiary, or affiliated organization, or an AKC-sanctioned, licensed, or member club within the previous ten (10) years. The same would apply to a person found liable for the theft, embezzlement, or misappropriation of funds or property from The American Kennel Club, any AKC subsidiary, or affiliated organization, or an AKC-sanctioned, licensed, or member club in a civil court action within the previous ten years.

A conviction or admission of guilt or finding of a liability in a court of competent jurisdiction involving theft, embezzlement or misappropriation of funds or property from The American Kennel Club, any AKC subsidiary, or affiliated organization, or an AKC-sanctioned, licensed, or member club within the last ten years, shall be deemed conclusive proof and shall be grounds for the disapproval of a Delegate candidate or the removal of a seated Delegate.

This amendment will be read to the Delegates in June, for a VOTE in September

AKC Bylaws –Article VI, Section 7

ARTICLE VI, SECTION 7 of the *Charter and Bylaws of The American Kennel Club, Inc.*, provides for an appeal when a Delegate applicant is found to be ineligible to become or remain a Delegate under the provisions of ARTICLE VI, SECTION 5.

When the Board has determined that a seated Delegate is ineligible to serve under ARTICLE VI, SECTION 5, the Delegate's club has also been permitted to appeal that decision under SECTION 7, even though this is not specifically provided for in this section.

The Board voted to amend the wording of the Bylaw to bring this section of the Bylaws into line with actual practice. The section as amended (underlines) reads:

SECTION 7. Candidates disapproved or Delegates removed by the Board of Directors shall be notified in writing of said disapproval or removal. The candidate's sponsoring Club or Delegate's Club may, within thirty days of notice of disapproval or removal appeal the disapproval or Delegates removal in writing to the Executive Secretary of the AKC, stating the reasons why the candidate is eligible under **Section 5** of this article. Such

appeal shall be presented to the Delegates at their next regular meeting. An affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Delegates present and voting that the candidate is eligible (under **Section 5** of this article) shall be required to seat or to retain the seat of a disapproved candidate or removed Delegate.

This amendment will be read to the Delegates in June, for a VOTE in September.

AKC PAC

Dr. Newman gave a report on the AKC PAC. He summarized how the limited funds available had been used to make contributions to legislators in key states, but was concerned with the low level of contributions. While AKC clubs may not contribute to the AKC PAC, the individual members of these clubs may do so. Dr. Newman indicated that a communication would soon be sent to over thirty thousand club members concerning this.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

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

2012 Delegate Meeting Dates and Locations

As a two-year notice is required, it was determined that the December 2012 Delegate meeting will be held on December 17-18. The Board discussed the dates and locations for the other 2012 Delegates meetings. This will be discussed further at the July meeting.

Lhasa Apso Stud Book

The Board reviewed a request from the American Lhasa Apso Club to expand the Lhasa Apso gene pool by opening the stud book to a limited number of Lhasa Apsos from native Tibetan Stock. The Parent Club has balloted its membership on this issue, and submitted the results to AKC. The Vote results were 71% in favor in of opening the Stud Book. This will be discussed further in July.

Coton de Tulear

The Board reviewed a request, from the United States of America Coton de Tulear Club, to move the Coton de Tulear breed into the Miscellaneous Class. This will be discussed further in July.

United States Australian Shepherd Association

The Board reviewed the results of ballots by the United States Australian Shepherd Association (USASA) and the Miniature American Shepherd Club of the United States of America (MASCUSA). The ballots asked the membership for approval to open the AKC Stud Book to allow individuals to voluntarily remove dogs from the USASA Stud Book registered from the NSD pedigrees or are the descendents to create a new breed to be named the Miniature American Shepherd. Both ballots were overwhelmingly in favor of this proposal. There was a motion by Mr. Arnold, seconded by Ms. Scully, and it was VOTED (unanimously) to consider the matter at this meeting, waiving the usual prior requirement.

There was a motion by Dr. Battaglia, seconded by Dr. Smith, and it was VOTED (unanimously) to open the Stud Book for the Miniature American Shepherd for inclusion in the Foundation Stock Service with the Herding Group designation. The decision to change a registered Australian Shepherd to Miniature American Shepherd will rest with each individual owner. Additionally, the AKC Board approved the Miniature American Shepherd of the United States of America, (MASCUSA) as the Parent Club to represent the breed.

Spanish Water Dog

The Board reviewed a request, from the Spanish Water Dog Club, Inc., to move the Spanish Water Dog breed into the Miscellaneous Class. This will be discussed further in July.

Braque du Bourbonnais and Hamiltonstovare

Staff advised the Board that the Foundation Stock Service (FSS) Committee approved a petition for the Braque du Bourbonnais and Hamiltonstovare to be accepted into the FSS program.

American Tibetan Mastiff Association

Based on a request from the Board, staff reviewed some issues regarding the governance of the American Tibetan Mastiff Association (ATMA). Specifically reviewed, were the handling of requests for membership lists and membership applications. These issues fall under the law of the state where the club is incorporated. The ATMA is incorporated in the State of California. There are very specific procedures by which members of the club may require a club to provide a membership list. There is also no provision to preclude a club from providing a list or that would preclude AKC from establishing requirements for AKC-Sanctioned, Licensed, and Member Clubs. The position taken by the AKC Board in April that it will not approve the balloting for a breed standard revision until any member requesting it is provided with a complete membership list still stands.

New Parent Clubs

Following a motion by Dr. Davies, seconded by Dr. Battaglia, it was VOTED (unanimously) to designate the Hungarian Pumi Club the Parent Club for the Pumi; American Boerboel Club as the Parent Club for the Boerboel; the Wirehaired Vizsla Club of America as the Parent Club for the Wirehaired Vizsla; and the American Sloughi Association as the Parent Club for the Sloughi.

MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS

Lisa Gonzalez, David Roberts, Mark Dunn, and Michelle Baker, AKC staff, participated via video conference. There was an update on the various initiatives and programs instituted to reduce the rate of decline in registrations.

Dog Registration and Transfer Fees

Based on a request from the Board, staff conducted research and review of the pricing of dog registrations and certificate transfers. The last price increases occurred in January 2007, at that time the fee was increased from \$15 to \$20.

CLUBS**Delegates for Publication**

Maria Arechaederra
to represent Kuvasz Club of America
Currently represented by R. Karen Barnes

Esther Cassatt, Grand Island, NY
to represent Kennel Club of Niagara Falls
Currently represented by Florence Prawl

Sharon Sakson, Pennington, NJ
to represent Upper Snake River Valley Dog Training Club
Currently represent by Alan King

Robert Urban, Rome, OH
to represent American Black and Tan Coonhound Club
No current Delegate

Suzanne Warfield, Auburn, PA
to represent Japanese Chin Club of America
Currently represented by Vincent Adams

JUDGING OPERATIONS

Darrell Hayes, and John Wade, AKC Staff, participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

There was an Executive Session to discuss discipline.

CONFORMATION

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

Rules Applying to Dog Shows

There was a motion by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Dr. Battaglia, and it was VOTED (unanimously) to follow the recommendations of the Dog Show Rules Committee and update *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* Chapter 1, Sections 5 and 8; Chapter 2, Section 11; Chapter 3, Section 12; and Chapter 6, Section 8, and any subsequent section that require renumbering of the sections in those chapters in order to update or remove sections that are no longer applicable.

Changes follow:

- Deletes references to "closing date" being used to determine eligibility for the Novice Class in Chapter 1, Section 5.
- Delete Chapter 1, Section 8 and Chapter 2, Section 11 that permit American Bred Specialty Shows.
- Delete Chapter 3, Section 12 which is addressed by the Match Regulations.
- Renumber Chapters 1, 2, and 3 as required by these deleted sections.
- Change Chapter 6, Section 8 to make it consistent with Chapter 5, Section 6. (added wording underlined)

Chapter 6, Section 8. No prizes may be accepted or offered by a show-giving club unless they are published in the premium list of the show or in the separate list of prizes if the condensed form of premium list is used; nor may any be withdrawn or the conditions thereof changed after they have been published in the premium list or in the separate list of prizes.

If the donor of a prize that has been published in the premium list of a show or in the separate list of prizes shall fail to furnish the prize, the show-giving club shall promptly supply a prize of the same description and of no less value.

The show-giving club shall be responsible for all errors made in publishing offers of prizes and shall, in the event of error, award prizes of equal value; except that if an error has been made in the premium list or in the separate list of prizes in publishing the conditions of a specialty club's Regular Specials (as described in Chapter 5, Section 12) prizes shall be awarded according to the current terms of the specialty club's Regular Specials. All prizes offered in a premium list of a show must be offered to be awarded in a regular procedure of judging for outright award to the owner and/or breeder of the dog, but any prizes or trophies not listed in the premium list may be awarded with the permission of the Event Committee and the reason for the exception included in the show report.

These rules changes will be read to the Delegates in June for a VOTE in September.

Open Show

There was a motion by Mr. Arnold, seconded by Ms. Scully, and it was VOTED (affirmative: Mr. Arnold, Ms. Scully, Mr. Gladstone, Mr. Ashby, Mr. Amen, Mr. Menaker, Dr. Battaglia, Mr. Goodman, Dr. Newman, Mr. Kalter, Dr. Davies, Dr. Garvin; opposed: Dr. Smith) to approve the AKC Open Show Regulations (Attachment A) and to permit a club to offer an Open Show as a "pilot program" according to these regulations. This pilot will allow staff to review regulations.

Havanese Breed Standard

The Board reviewed the results of the ballot, submitted by the Havanese Club of America, Inc., regarding changes in the breed standard of the Havanese. The proposed standard will be published in the Secretary's Page of the AKC Gazette.

Newly Approved Specialty Clubs

The AKC Board appointed Clubs and Events Committees presented a proposal to lift the current hold on the licensing of Conformation Specialty clubs provided they meet the following territorial and event criteria:

- 1) Local specialty clubs will not be approved within a 100 miles of the territory of an existing specialty club of the same breed.
- 2) Local specialty clubs will only be licensed to hold specialties in conjunction with another specialty, Group or All-Breed show or cluster.
- 3) Any newly forming or club ready for licensing will only be approved with the proviso they agree any future events must meet the adjacency and/or integrated specialty requirement as stated in (2).
- 4) Any local specialty clubs licensed or formed during this period will be subject to any final policies that result from the moratorium study period.

This will be discussed further in July.

Statistics on 2010 Annual Fines

Based on a request from the Board of Directors, Staff was requested to categorize the breakdown of fines imposed on clubs and individuals along with the payments received in 2010. In 2010, Event Operations received 100% of the fines assessed, while Compliance received 14%.

Grand Champion Entries

Based on a request from the Board of Directors, Staff reviewed the increase in All-Breed entries to determine if the increase is being driven by the Grand Champion program. Since the start of the Grand Champion in May 2010 through February 17, 2011, entries in the Best of Breed class were nearly 51,000 greater than anticipated. This had contributed to total entries in Conformation events being nearly 50,000 higher than predicted based on 2008 to 2009 trends.

LEGISLATION

Sheila Goffe, AKC Staff, participated via video conference, and gave an update on pending legislation at the State and National level.

Meeting adjourned on Monday May 9, 2011 at 5:30 pm

Meeting reconvened on Tuesday May 10, 2011 at 8:00 am. All Directors were present, as were the Chief Operating Officer, the Executive Secretary, and the Assistant Executive Secretary.

CONFORMATION EVENTS

Charles Kneifel, Robin Stansell, Bobby Birdsong, and Bri Tezarz, AKC Staff, participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference. In July and August 2011, the Board plans to devote the second day of its meeting to a review of the growth in the number of Conformation events. There was a lengthy discussion of the questions the Board wished to address and the statistical information it would need in order to make informed decisions.

AKC PUBLICATIONS

John Woods, AKC Consulting Publisher, participated in this portion of the meeting.

He reported on proposed changes to the AKC magazines.

Starting with the July/August 2011 issue, *AKC Family Dog* will launch an exciting new digital version as a companion to the print edition. Digital *Family Dog* will have the same content as the print edition, but it will also be enhanced with interactive features including slide shows, videos, and live links to web sites. Each issue will also display a link to the online breeder classifieds. As part of AKC's ongoing outreach to the general dog-owning public, every issue of the digital Family Dog will be emailed on a complimentary basis to over 600,000 dog owners. For even more exposure, digital Family Dog will also be available through the AKC website and Facebook page. With this hybrid print and digital strategy, Family Dog should achieve between 5,000,000 - 6,000,000 consumer impressions per year for the AKC, and become the most widely read dog magazine in the world!

Delegates will continue to receive a complimentary subscription to the print edition.

It was proposed that *AKC Gazette & Events* be reformatted, transitioning from a print magazine to a PDF document posted monthly to the AKC web site. Effective with the October, 2011 issue, this new incarnation of the *AKC Gazette* would include the Chairman's and President's letters, AKC Updates, the Parent Club breed columns (these columns will be enhanced with links to the Parent Clubs' web sites), and the Secretary's Pages. This electronic version of the *AKC Gazette* would be available for free with access to all and be posted on the Delegates Portal. All club members, fanciers and dog lovers will have regular free access to the very popular breed columns. Subscribers who currently pay for the print edition will have the subscription converted to *Family Dog* or the option of a pro-rata refund. This change will be a highly cost effective way to perpetuate the most vital Gazette content and make it available to a significantly wider audience. Other content in the current print magazine, e.g. AKC Delegate and Board meeting minutes, will continue to be posted and archived on the AKC web site.

The Show Awards CD will be replaced by equivalent online reports that will be available through the web site. This transition will be effective in January 2012.

All of these changes are designed to best leverage AKC content, serve a broader constituency and bring AKC publications into the digital age.

Following a motion by Dr Davies, seconded by Mr. Amen, it was VOTED (unanimously) to adopt the above proposal.

PERFORMANCE EVENTS

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

Hunting Retriever Club (HRC) Hunting Tests

Following a motion by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Mr. Arnold, it was VOTED (unanimously) to add Hunting Retriever Club (HRC) hunting tests to the list of non-AKC performance activities that an AKC club may hold. The organization will be added to the list of performance events that appear as part of the existing Board policy on Non-AKC Events.

Single Stakes in Lure Coursing Trials

The Board reviewed a request from the Herding, Earthdog and Coursing Delegate Committee to add a new stake to Lure Coursing Trials called a Singles Stake. Hounds are run by themselves, scored and placements are determined on the basis of the score. All dogs that enter the Singles Stake compete against each other regardless of breed. Results are recorded to a dog's record but no title is earned. Offering the stake is at the discretion of the host club. This will be discussed further at the July meeting.

American Water Spaniels – Eliminate Water Retrieving Certificate

The Board reviewed a request from the American Water Spaniel Club to eliminate the Retrieving Certificate Test (RCT) requirement for Spaniel Hunt Test titling. Currently, for an American Water Spaniel to earn an AKC Spaniel Hunt Test title, it must pass not only the AKC Hunt Test requirements but also a Parent Club water retrieving certificate test, referred to as the RCT test. This requirement was added in 2005 at the request of the Parent Club. Now that the AWS is allowed to enter Retriever Hunting tests (effective April 1, 2011) the Parent Club is requesting that the RTC requirement for Spaniel Hunt Test titling be eliminated. This will be discussed further at the July meeting.

Therapy Dog Program

Mary Burch, AKC Staff, participated in this portion of the meeting via phone conference. The Board reviewed a staff proposal for an AKC Therapy Dog title (THD). There was no Board objection and AKC will implement the following programs: AKC will issue a Therapy Dog title (THD) to purebred and mixed-breed dogs that are registered/listed with the AKC and meet the following criteria: (1) have been certified by a participating therapy dog certification organizations and, (2) have performed a minimum of 50 community service visits as a therapy dog. This would be a suffix title. The title would be issued at the request of the owner who would fill out a title application form and submit documentation that the dog has met the criteria. There would be a fee of \$20 for the issuance of the title. The AKC Therapy Dog title will also function as an advanced level of Canine Good Citizen, by providing an activity in which the dog will perform the skills on the CGC test in a therapy setting. The program will be launched June 27, 2011.

Wirehaired Pointing Griffons and Spinoni Italiani– Eligibility for Retriever Hunting Tests.

The Board reviewed a recommendation to allow the Wirehaired Pointing Griffon (WPG) and the Spinone Italiano to enter the Retriever Hunting Test. Both these breeds are currently eligible to participate in the Pointing Breed Hunting Test. These breeds were developed as all-around hunting dogs, hunting both upland birds and waterfowl. The inclusion in a second test will allow for a much more complete testing of their versatile hunting abilities. They will be the third and fourth breeds to “cross-over” into a second hunting test program, following the precedent first set by the Irish Water Spaniel in January 2011. Titles earned by these breeds in Retriever Hunting Tests will be designated with an “R” to differentiate the title from those earned in Pointing Breed Hunting Tests (example: JHR). There was no objection and Performance Events will implement the proposal starting July 1, 2011.

German Wirehaired Pointer Club of America – National Championship Stake

The Board reviewed a request from the German Wirehaired Pointer Club of America (GWPCA). The GWPCA is requesting a change to the format of their National Championship stake. The National Championship stake has been run 45 minutes. The requested change is to lengthen the stake to 60 minutes. There was no objection. Performance Events will immediately implement the change.

COMPLIANCE

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

Cruelty Convictions Policy

Based on a request from the Board, Staff presented a review of its Cruelty Convictions policy to determine whether the policy appropriately addressed all circumstances of conduct prejudicial to the sport of purebred dogs within the context of cruelty or inhumane treatment of dogs. There was a motion by Dr. Battaglia, seconded by Mr. Arnold, and it was VOTED (affirmative: Dr. Battaglia, Mr. Menaker, Dr. Smith, Dr. Garvin, Mr. Goodman, Mr. Kalter, Ms. Scully, Dr. Newman, Dr. Davies; opposed: Mr. Gladstone; abstaining: Mr. Arnold, Mr. Ashby, Mr. Amen) to approve a change in the name of the *Cruelty Convictions* policy to *Judicial or Administrative Determination of Inappropriate Treatment of Dogs* policy.

The Board approved a revision of the policy as follows:

Judicial or Administrative Determination of Inappropriate Treatment

The inappropriate treatment of dogs is recognized to be conduct prejudicial to the best interest of the American Kennel Club and to the best interest of the sport of purebred dogs, pursuant to the Charter and Bylaws of the American Kennel Club. "Inappropriate Treatment" means any offense involving a dog that alleges cruelty, abuse, neglect or improper treatment of a dog as defined by AKC.

Anyone charged or accused of inappropriate treatment of a dog whose charges or accusations are subsequently disposed of in any of the following ways: conviction, admission, finding of inhumane treatment, plea to a lesser included offense, plea of no contest, *nolo contendere*, best interest plea or similar type plea; the acceptance of or into a diversionary program, deferred adjudication, disposition of supervision or similar arrangement; or the releasing or transferring of legal ownership of one or more dogs to federal, state, or local authorities, humane organizations, or rescue groups after having their dogs seized by said federal, state or local authorities ("Disposition") shall have their AKC privileges suspended for the term as set forth in the most current AKC Discipline Guidelines. Court or administrative records evidencing such Disposition shall be deemed conclusive proof of conduct prejudicial to the sport of purebred dogs and to the best interests of the American Kennel Club.

Upon receipt of information that a person has been charged or accused with Inappropriate Treatment of a dog or that a person has had their dogs seized, the AKC will notify the person that they have been placed on temporary referral in accordance with the AKC's *Registration Referral and Cancellation* policy, affecting all dogs owned or co-owned by that person. The temporary referral means that the person should not breed, sell, or transfer dogs with the expectation AKC paperwork will be provided. If AKC determines that no violation has occurred and no action will be taken to cause a suspension of privileges, the temporary referral will be removed and all pending applications processed.

Upon proof that a violation of this policy has occurred, the person shall be notified, in writing, of the AKC's intent to suspend their privileges. The person shall be notified and afforded the opportunity to submit proof that he or she has not violated the policy, or that the disposition of the charges or the conviction has been reversed, dismissed, or vacated. Additionally,

if the Disposition is reversed, dismissed, or vacated, unless such action occurs pursuant to the Disposition, and there is no further prosecution of the charges and the American Kennel Club is presented with proof of same, the person's privileges with the American Kennel Club shall be reinstated.

Additionally, the person shall be notified and afforded the opportunity to submit a written appeal to the Management Disciplinary Committee on the grounds that the conduct was not prejudicial to the sport of purebred dogs. The appeal must be accompanied by a \$500 fee, which shall be returned if the appeal is sustained. If the Management Disciplinary Committee denies the appeal, the accused may appeal to the Appeals Committee of the Board of Directors, whose decision is final.

Discipline Guidelines – Physical Abuse

The staff presented a review of the penalties imposed in the *Discipline Guidelines* for the violation of “physical abuse at or in conjunction with an event by an individual”, which pursuant to the guidelines, is defined as “improper treatment which could cause serious injury to animals.” There was a motion by Dr. Smith, seconded by Dr. Davies, and it was VOTED (unanimously) to approve a new range of penalties for this violation.

Physical abuse at or in connection with an event:

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| Mitigated | Standard | Aggravated |
| 3 mo/\$500 | 6 mo/\$1000 | 5yr/\$2500 |

The following AKC Management actions were reported:

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

AKC MUSEUM OF THE DOG

Dorothy Welsh, President of the AKC Museum of the Dog, gave a presentation covering the history, current activities, and future plans for the Museum.

CANINE PARTNERS

Mark Dunn and Lisa Gonzales, Staff, participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference. Mr. Dunn gave an update on all aspects of the Canine Partners program.

It was VOTED to adjourn Tuesday, May 10, 2011 at 12:30 p.m.

Adjourned

Attest:

James P. Crowley, Executive Secretary

Attachment A
AKC OPEN SHOW REGULATIONS – PILOT PROGRAM
5/10/2011

CHAPTER 1, GENERAL EXPLANATIONS

Section 1, Open Shows

An Open Show is an informal American Kennel Club sanctioned conformation event at which Championship points are not earned. The Open Shows are events at which dog clubs, judges, stewards, and exhibitors and their dogs gain experience needed for licensed events.

Section 2, Rules Applying to Dog Shows

All of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* will apply to sanctioned Open Shows, except where otherwise stated in these Regulations which are subject to amendment by the AKC Board of Directors.

Section 3, Eligibility of Clubs to Hold Open Shows

The Board of Directors of The American Kennel Club may, at its discretion, grant permission to dog clubs to hold sanctioned Open Shows which shall be governed by these Regulations. Any dog club approved to hold a licensed or member dog show is eligible to hold an AKC Sanctioned Open Show. Any inquiries regarding a club's eligibility should be directed to The American Kennel Club, Attention: Club Relations.

Section 4, Conflict Distance

Open Shows will not be approved within 100 miles of a previously approved Open Show on the same date. Sanctioned Open Shows will not be considered to be in distance conflict with championship shows but clubs are urged to consider the impact of shows in their area when scheduling these events.

Section 5, Making Application

An eligible club may hold an Open Show by making application, along with the appropriate application fee, the judging panel and the disaster & emergency plan to The American Kennel Club on a form supplied by AKC. Applications for an Open Show must be submitted to the AKC at least 90 days prior to the date of the event.

CHAPTER 2, GENERAL INFORMATION

Section 1, Open Show Entry Requirements

All-Breed clubs may offer classes for all registerable breeds and varieties and for purebred dogs of any breed eligible for entry in the Miscellaneous Class and all FSS recordable breeds.

- Dogs must be at least 4 months of age on the date of the event
- Group and Specialty clubs must restrict their competition to the breeds they were formed to serve except Miscellaneous Class breeds may also offer classes for all FSS breeds.

Section 2, Classes

The following breed classes will be offered at all Open Shows:

- 4-6 Month Puppy Class
- 6-9 Month Puppy Class
- 9-12 Month Puppy Class
- Open Class

Clubs may elect to divide or combine classes by sex. Division of sexes will be uniformly applied to all breeds and shall be published in the premium list and Open Show invitations or announcements.

- Miscellaneous breeds will be considered equivalent to a Group.
- The Miscellaneous Class winner will compete with the Group winners for Best in Show.
- FSS breeds will be considered equivalent to a Group.
- The Best FSS winner will compete with the Group winners for Best in Show.

Section 3, Open Show Entry Restrictions

- Dogs less than 4 months of age are ineligible to be on the grounds of licensed or member shows during AKC licensed or member events.
- Dogs are required to be vaccinated in accordance with their veterinarian's protocol (including rabies vaccination) in order to avoid inadvertent transmission of illness by/to puppies not yet fully immunized.
- No dog that is an AKC Champion of Record may compete in an Open Show.
- Professional handlers are not permitted to exhibit in Open Shows. *Professional handlers are defined as any person who belongs or has belonged to a professional handlers' organization, distributed rate cards, or otherwise advertised or represented themselves as handling dogs for pay.*
- Any person acting in the capacity of Show Secretary at an Open Show, or any member of his immediate household or immediate family (as defined in Chapter 11, Section 13 of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*), shall not exhibit, act as agent or handler at the match, and dogs owned wholly or in part by the show secretary or by any member of their immediate household or immediate family shall be ineligible to be entered at that show.
- No judge or any person residing in the same household with a judge shall exhibit or act as agent or handler at an Open Show at which they are officiating as judge and dogs owned wholly or in part by such judge or any member of their household shall be ineligible to be entered at the show. Subject to the foregoing, members of a judge's immediate family who no longer reside in the same household may enter or handle a dog at a show if the judge is not officiating over any competition, including a group class or best in show, for which the dog is entered or may become eligible.
- No dog is to be judged if it is brought into the ring bandaged, taped, glued or stitched anywhere including ears or tail. These dogs must be excused from judging but, at the judge's discretion, may return to be judged after the tape or bandage is removed.

Section 4, Show Chair & Event Administration

- Licensed and member clubs may hold two sanctioned Open Shows each year in addition to their two championship shows.

- The show chair is required to be a member of the show-giving club.
- A premium list flier must be published and submitted to AKC Event Operations at least 30 days prior to the event. (Electronic submission is acceptable)
- *Dealing with Misconduct* will be applicable to any person and dog entered in this competition.
- Clubs that hold an Open Show within 10 miles of their club's territory will receive credit for completing a Major Activity for holding the event, as well as credit for an Additional Activity for providing an educational opportunity for AKC judges gaining experience on their unapproved breeds.
- The club must have coordinated veterinarian service to be available throughout the show hours. The services may be provided by an emergency veterinary clinic and written instructions to the veterinary facility must be readily available to exhibitors.

Section 5, Judges

- Open shows may be judged by judges that have an AKC judges number. (Individuals that have successfully completed the Open show application process including the anatomy exam, procedural exam, wicket and scales test will be issued a judges number.)
- AKC approved judges need not be approved for the breeds they are to judge at the Open Show. Open Show judging assignments may qualify as educational or enriching components for additional breed or initial judging approval.
- The 30 day 200 mile judging conflict criteria will not apply to Open Show judging.
- Judges are expected to comply with *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* and *Rules, Policies, and Guidelines for Conformation Dog Show Judges* except as follows:
 - Male puppies without 2 fully descended testicles need not be disqualified or excused but the judge's book must describe the condition.
 - Breed standard disqualifications (i.e. color, height, full dentition, etc.) need not be considered in the 4-to-6 Month Puppy classes.
 - The speed of judging expectation is reduced to 20 dogs per hour in order to accommodate puppies and inexperienced exhibitors. Judges should interact and encourage exhibitors in order to make their exhibiting a positive experience.
 - Judges may ask exhibitors if they prefer to open their dog's mouth for examination. However judges have the authority to personally open the dog's mouth-
 - A dog with a disqualifying condition or behavior shall not be disqualified but shall simply be excused for the day. The judge may only disqualify dogs for attacking the judge in the ring.

CHAPTER 3, AWARDS

Section 1, Ribbons and Trophies

Each ribbon or rosette shall be at least 2 inches wide, and approximately 8 inches long and bear on its face a facsimile of the seal of The American Kennel Club, the placement, and the name of the show-giving club.

Ribbons for classes, Groups and Best in Show will be as follows:

- First Prize – Rose

- Second Prize – Brown
- Third Prize – Light Green
- Fourth Prize – Gray
- Best of Breed – Orange
- Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed – Lavender
- Best in Show – Pink & Green

All trophies or prizes offered must be awarded for outright award to the owner of the dog.

CHAPTER 4, EMERGENCY PREPERATION

Section 1, Open Show Checklist

There are many small details that go into the conduct of a well-run show. In planning such an event, it is easy to overlook some of these details. Depending on the club's circumstances, particular details, such as grounds or building rental/use, local ordinances, permits, will vary from club to club and it is not possible to list them all here. There are, however, certain things in common to all AKC events. In an attempt to assist clubs with their preparation, this checklist has been prepared. It lists some of the more common, overlooked items. Reviewing the checklist before the day of the club's Show should help prevent overlooking some of the details that are so important for holding a well-organized, well-run event.

PERSONNEL

Traffic directors
Set-up and clean-up personnel
Entry takers to accept entries and to prepare
Judges Books
Stewards

RING EQUIPMENT

___ Ring Dividers
___ Placement Markers
___ Mats, if necessary
___ Judging Tables
___ Chairs
___ Armbands, include extra blanks and a felt tip marker.
___ Rubber Bands
___ Poster boards marking ring assignments
___ Cash box and change
___ Tape Measure
___ Placement Ribbons
___ Judges Books

MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT

___ Potable Water
___ Sanitation Facilities (Animal and Human)
___ Designated Exercise pens
___ Clean-up Equipment
___ Tables and Chairs for entry takers
___ Trash Receptacles
___ Identification Badges for Event/Club Officials

_____ Food Concession (if duration is more than a few hours)

PUBLICATIONS

(Part Numbers for ordering are in parentheses)

- _____ Show/Trial Manual (PBSHW1)
- _____ Rules Applying to Dog Shows (RREGS3)
- _____ Open Show Regulation
- _____ AKC Breed Standards
- _____ FSS Breed Standards
- _____ Dealing with Misconduct (RDMSC4)

All of the above publications may be ordered from the AKC's Website at www.akc.org or you may contact Customer Service at (919) 233-9767.

EMERGENCY PREPARATION

- _____ Closest available veterinarian or 24-hour veterinary clinic
- _____ Closest hospital and telephone numbers for ambulance service, police and fire departments
- _____ First-Aid Kits for animals and humans

For weekend AKC assistance contact the Weekend Club Hotline (800) 252-7894 and leave a message for the appropriate department.