Attention Delegates
Notice of Meeting

The next meeting of the Delegates will be held at the Sheraton Newark Airport Hotel on Tuesday, September 13, 2011. It will begin no later than 10:00 a.m., and will follow the 9:00 a.m. Delegate Forum.

Membership Application
Elmira Kennel Club

Delegates Credentials
Juxi Burr, Albuquerque, NM, Rio Grande Kennel Club
Kimberly Demchak, Mayer, AZ, Giant Schnauzer Club of America
Joseph B. Franklin, Raleigh, NC, Pekingese Club of America
Raymond P. Harrington, Veneta, PA, South Hills Kennel Club
Stephen Owens, Cumberland, RI, Providence County Kennel Club
Shirley Ray, Corpus Christi, TX, Corpus Christi Kennel Club
Cathleen Rubens, Apex, NC, Fayetteville Kennel Club

Notice

The judging privileges of Kristina J. Sherling were suspended for two months and she was fined $500 at the May 2011 meeting of The American Kennel Club Board of Directors for infractions of The American Kennel Club’s Rules, Policies, and Guidelines for Conformation Dog Show Judges, specifically as they apply to exhibiting improprieties. Ms. Sherling appealed this decision, and the Appeals Committee of The American Kennel Club Board of Directors denied the appeal. The suspension is effective July 22, 2011.

Notice

As a result of an Event Committee determination the following individuals stand suspended of AKC privileges. It should be noted that these determinations 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:

Stephen Campbell (Castlewood, VA)
Stan Chiras (Waynesboro, TN)
Judy Diekman (Northwood, OH)
Donna Smith (Grafton, IL)

Notice

Mr. Doug Cross (Westminster, MD) Action was taken by the Harrisburg Kennel Club for conduct in connection with its April 16, 2011 event. Mr. Cross was charged with disruptive behavior at an event. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the committee’s report, found it in order, and set the penalty at a reprimand and a $100 fine.

Notice

Mr. Kurt Garmaker (Marietta, GA) Action was taken by the Anniston Kennel Club for conduct in connection with its April 22, 2011 event. Mr. Garmaker was charged with inappropriate public criticism of a judge, not disruptive, but demonstrating a lack of sportsmanship and improper treatment in connection with an event. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the committee’s report, found it in order, and set the penalty at a two-month event suspension and a $200 fine, effective April 22, 2011.

Notice

Mr. Justin Kalina (Table Rock, NE) Action was taken by the Missouri Valley Brittany Club for conduct in connection with its April 22-28, 2011 event. Mr. Kalina was charged with abusive or foul language/verbal alteration, physical abuse at or in connection with an event by an individual and physical altercation. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the committee’s report, found it in order, and set the penalty at a six-month suspension from all privileges, one-year suspension from event privileges, and $1000 fine, effective April 27, 2011.

Notice

Mr. Walter Bloom (Pittsburgh, PA) Action was taken by the New Castle Kennel Club for conduct in connection with its June 1, 2011
event. Mr. Bloom was charged with abusive or foul language/verbal altercation. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the committee’s report, found it in order, and set the penalty at a reprimand and a $500 fine.

Notice
Mr. Keith Ferrin (Wurtsboro, NY) Action was taken by the Kennel Club of Northern New Jersey for conduct in connection with its May 26, 2011, event. Mr. Ferrin was charged with inappropriate public criticism of a judge, not disruptive, but demonstrating a lack of sportsmanship. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the committee’s report, found it in order, and set the penalty at a three-month event suspension and a $300 fine, effective May 26, 2011.

Notice
Mr. Richard Terry (Arlington, TX) Action was taken by the Denton Kennel Club for conduct in connection with its May 29, 2011 event. Mr. Terry was charged with abusive or foul language/verbal altercation in connection with an event and disruptive behavior at an event. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the committee’s report, found it in order, and set the penalty at a three-month event suspension and a $500 fine, effective May 24, 2011.

Notice
Ms. Marguerite Stetson (Oakland, CA) Action was taken by the Hangtown Kennel Club for conduct in connection with its May 29, 2011 event. Ms. Stetson was charged with abusive or foul language/verbal altercation in connection with an event. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the committee’s report, set the penalty at a reprimand and a $100 fine.

Notice
The AKC’s Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended the following individuals from all AKC privileges for six months and imposed a $500 fine, for refusal to make their dogs and records available for inspection when requested:

Effective June 13, 2011
Ms. Elizabeth Lilly (Tazewell, TN) Multiple Breeds
Ms. Brenda Knight (Blanchard, OK) Miniature Pincher and Yorkshire Terrier
Ms. Mary Knight (Blanchard, OK) Miniature Pincher and Yorkshire Terrier

Notice
The AKC’s Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended the following individuals from all AKC privileges for ten years and imposed a $2000 fine for conduct prejudicial to purebred dogs, purebred dog events, or to the best interests of The American Kennel Club based on their violation of the AKC’s Judicial or Administrative Determination of Inappropriate Treatment:

Effective July 11, 2011
Ms Patricia Cohan-Kinlaw (Ivor, PA) Great Dane
Mr. Billy Ray Jones, A.K.A Bill Jones, A. K. A. Billie Jones (Tucson, AZ) Multiple Breeds
Mr. Robert Landreth (Pleasant Garden, NC) Multiple Breeds

Notice
The AKC’s Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Mrs. Sheila Savage, A.K.A Mrs. Sheila Rush (Pleasant Garden, NC) from all AKC privileges for fifteen years and imposed a $3000 fine, effective July 11, 2011, for conduct prejudicial to purebred dogs, purebred dog events, or to the best interests of The American Kennel Club based on her violation of the AKC’s Judicial or Administrative Determination of Inappropriate Treatment:

Proposed Amendment to Charter and Bylaws of The American Kennel Club

The Board of Directors has approved the following amendment to ARTICLE VI, SECTION 7, of the Charter and Bylaws of The American Kennel Club, to be voted on at the September 13, 2011, Delegates Meeting.

ARTICLE VI
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.
Proposed Amendment to Rules Applying to Dog Shows

The Board of Directors has approved the following amendments to Chapter 3, Section 17, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Dog Show Classification; Chapter 4, Section 1, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Approval of Judging Panels and Premium Lists; Chapter 5, Sections 1 & 7, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Ribbons, Prizes and Trophies; Chapter 6, Section 2A, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Premium Lists and Closing Entries; Chapter 7, Sections 13 & 19, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Judges, to be voted on at the September 13, 2011, Delegates Meeting.

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”. No entry fee shall be charged but the group winners must compete. The club or association giving group classes must also give a Reserve Best in Show, the winner to be chosen by the Best in Show judge from among those group class winners remaining in the ring, the winner to be entitled “Reserve Best in Show.” No entry fee shall be charged but the remaining group winners must compete.

Chapter 4

Section 1. After a club or association has been granted permission by The American Kennel Club to hold a show, it must send for approval by and in time to reach The American Kennel Club at least EIGHTEEN weeks before the closing date for entries of the show, a list of the names and addresses of the judges whom it has selected to judge its show, giving in each instance the particular breed or breeds of dogs and group class if any, which it is desired that each judge shall pass upon, and the name and address of the judge selected to pass upon Best in Show and Reserve Best in Show. No judge’s name shall be submitted to pass upon any assignment unless the judge has agreed in writing to accept that assignment.

The show-giving club must not advertise or publish the name or names of any of the judges which it has selected until the complete list has been approved by The American Kennel Club.

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 — any unassigned color or combination of colors, 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.

Chapter 7

Section 1. Prizes may be offered for outright award at a show for the following placings:
First, Second, Third, Fourth in the Puppy, Twelve-to-Eighteen Month, Novice, Amateur Owner Handler, Bred-by-Exhibitor, American-bred or Open Classes, or in any division of these designated in the Classification.

First, Second, Third, Fourth in any additional class which the show-giving club may offer in accord with the provisions of Chapter 3, Section 13, and in the Miscellaneous Class (at all-breed shows only).

Winners, Reserve Winners, Best of Winners, Select, Best of Breed or Variety, Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed or Variety.

At all-breed shows only: First, Second, Third, Fourth in a Group Class and for Best in Show, Reserve Best in Show, Best Brace in Show and Best Team in Show.

Chapter 6

Section 2A. A show-giving club may, at its option, use a condensed form of premium list which shall be identical with the content and format of a regular premium list, and comply with all the pertinent rules except that the listing of breed prizes and trophies offered is omitted as well as the listing of all prizes and trophies offered for an obedience trial if held by the show-giving club with its show. Such prizes and trophies as are offered for Best in Show, Reserve Best in Show, and group placements are to be included in a condensed premium list as well as any schedule of class cash prizes that a club proposes to offer.

The conditions of all prizes and trophies offered must conform to the provisions of Chapter 5 of these rules and Chapter 1, Sections 19, 20, 21 and 30 of the Obedience Regulations. A club using a condensed form of premium list is obligated to prepare lists of the breed and obedience prizes and trophies for distribution to prospective entrants and exhibitors on request. Such lists can be printed, multithithed, multigraphed, mimeographed or typed (and photostated) on paper of any suitable size with both sides of the paper being used if the club wishes. In each condensed form of premium list there must be the notation: “A list of breed and obedience prizes and trophies offered can be obtained by writing to (name and address of club secretary and/or superintendent and address).”

A club which chooses to use a condensed form of premium list may also prepare for printing a regular premium list for other than mail distribution. The regular premium list can then be used to fill requests for a listing of breed and obedience prizes and trophies offered and no separate list of breed and obedience prizes and trophies need be prepared.

An obedience trial-giving club may, at its option, use a condensed form of premium list which shall be identical with the content and format of a regular premium list, and comply with all the pertinent rules and regulations except that the listing of prizes and trophies offered is omitted. When a condensed form of premium list is used, the same procedure is
to be followed with respect to the prize and trophy list as is required of show-giving clubs and as is set forth in this section.

Chapter 7
Section 13. The maximum number of conformation entries assigned in the breed judging to any judge, in one day, shall never exceed 175 except that a judge of a specialty show may be assigned a maximum of 200 entries. If the specialty is held as part of an all-breed show, the increased limit will only apply if the judge is not assigned any other breed, a Group or Best in Show and Reserve Best in Show.

If a show-giving club so elects, it may place a limit of its own choosing lower than any of the limits provided for in the rule notifying The American Kennel Club of its intention at the time the judging panel is submitted for approval. This limit will then govern the need for additional judges if, when the entries for the show have closed, any judge on the panel has drawn more dogs than the limit set by the club.

When the entries have closed, if the entry under any judge exceeds the above limits, the Event Committee must select some other judge or judges to whom sufficient breeds can be assigned, to bring the total assignment of every judge within and as close as possible to the limit without removing provisional breeds listed in the judge’s contract without the judge’s agreement. The removal of any breeds is to be discussed with the assigned judge. If a judge is assigned four or fewer breeds, the assignment shall be reduced first by reassigning to other judge sufficient classes from one breed to eliminate the overload, with any non-regular classes in that breed being the first removed. The same procedure shall then be followed for as many breeds as necessary until the overload is eliminated. This will apply whether or not the breed in question involves varieties.

Notice must be sent to the owner of each dog affected by such a change in judges at least five days before the opening of the show, and the owner has the right to withdraw his entry and have his entry fee refunded provided notification of his withdrawal is received no later than one half-hour prior to the start of any regular conformation judging at the show, by the Superintendent or Show Secretary named in the premium list to receive entries.

Chapter 7
Section 19. Only one judge shall officiate in each Group Class and only one judge shall select the Best in Show and Reserve Best in Show.

The Board of Directors suggests that whenever possible the Best in Show and Reserve Best in Show be determined by one who has not already judged any breed or group class of said show.

Except in hardship cases, when an exception may be approved for a specific show, a judge will not be approved to judge a breed and, at the same show, the Variety Group of which the breed is a part and Best in Show and Reserve Best in Show.

Proposed Amendment to Rules
Applying to Dog Shows

The Board of Directors has approved the following amendments to Chapter 1, Section 5, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Dog Shows Defined; Chapter 1, New Section 8, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Dog Shows Defined; Chapter 2, Sections 11-15, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Making Application to Hold a Dog Show; Chapter 3, Sections 12-23 of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Dog Show Classifications; Chapter 6, Section 8, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Premium Lists and Closing of Entries, to be voted on at the September 13, 2011, Delegates Meeting.

Chapter 1
Section 5. A member or licensed show with a limited entry, at which championship points may be awarded may be given by a club or association in the event said club or association considers it necessary to LIMIT the TOTAL ENTRY at its show due to the limitations of space. The total number of entries to be accepted together with the reason therefore, must be indicated on the cover or title page of the PREMIUM LIST. A specified closing date, in accordance with Chapter 6, Section 9, must be indicated in the premium list together with a statement that entries will close on said date or when the limit has been reached, if prior thereto. No entries can be accepted, canceled or substituted after the entry is closed.

Chapter 1
New Section 8. Section 9 becomes Section 8.

Chapter 2

Chapter 3

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.

Notice
Reprimands and Fines

Notification of reprimands and/or fines imposed on clubs for late submission of applications.

Chapter 2, Section 4 & 9.
secretary's page

Valley.................................................$100.00
Northeast Florida Boxer Club ......................................................reprimand
Nutmeg German Shorthaired Pointer Club ......................................................reprimand

Notification of reprimands and fines imposed on clubs for late submission of judges’ panel, Rules Applying to Dog Shows Chapter 4, Section 1.

Northeast Florida Boxer Club ......................................................reprimand

Notification of fines imposed on Secretary and/or superintendents for failure to comply with Rules Applying to Dog Shows Chapter 7, Section 12, failure to comply with the requirements as set forth for the scheduling of judging for conformation competition for two (2) events

Mrs. Sue Striebich (Event Secretary) (2 events @ $250.00 per event) .............$500.00

Notification of fines imposed on Secretary and/or superintendents for failure to comply with Obedience and Rally Regulations Chapter 1, Section 26, failure to comply with the requirements as set forth for the scheduling of judging for Obedience and Rally trials/classes for four (4) trials

Mrs. Sue Striebich (Trial Secretary) (4 events @ $125.00 per event) .............$500.00

Notification of fines imposed on Club and/or superintendents for failure to comply with Rules Applying to Dog Shows Chapter 3, Section 11, failure to offer American bred classes as set forth in the rule in order to offer point towards earning a championship two (2) events

Tree Top Boxers (2 events @ $500.00 per event) ..............................................$1000.00

Proposed Japanese Chin Standard

GENERAL APPEARANCE
The Japanese Chin is a small, well balanced, lively, aristocratic toy dog with a distinctive Oriental expression. It is light and stylish in action. The plumed tail is carried over the back, curving to either side. The coat is profuse, silky, soft and straight. The dog’s outline presents a square appearance.

SIZE, PROPORTION, SUBSTANCE
Size – Ideal size is 8 inches to 11 inches at the highest point of the withers. Proportion – Length between the sternum and the buttock is equal to the height at the withers. Substance – Solidly built, compact, yet refined. Carrying good weight in proportion to height and body build.

HEAD
Expression – bright, inquisitive, alert, and intelligent. The distinctive Oriental expression is characterized by the large broad head, large wide-set eyes, short broad muzzle, ear feathering, and the evenly patterned facial markings. Eyes – set wide apart, large, round, dark in color, and lustrous. A small amount of white showing in the inner corners of the eyes is a breed characteristic that gives the dog a look of astonishment. Ears – hanging, small, V-shaped, wide apart, set slightly below the crowns of the skull. When alert, the ears are carried forward and downward. The ears are well feathered and fit into the rounded contour of the head. Skull – large, broad, slightly rounded between the ears but not domed. Forehead is prominent, rounding toward the nose. Wide across the level of the eyes. In profile, the forehead and muzzle touch on the same vertical plane of a right angle whose horizontal plane is the top of the skull. Stop – deep. Muzzle – short and broad with well-cushioned cheeks and rounded upper lips that cover the teeth. Nose – very short with wide, open nostrils. Set on a level with the middle of the eyes and upturned. Nose leather is black in the black and white and the black and white with tan points, and is self-colored or black in the red and white. Bite – The jaw is wide and slightly undershot. A dog with one or two missing or slightly misaligned teeth should not be severely penalized. The Japanese Chin is very sensitive to oral examination. If the dog displays any hesitation, judges are asked to defer to the handler for presentation of the bite.

NECK, TOPLINE, BODY
Neck – moderate in length and thickness. Well set on the shoulders enabling the dog to carry its head up proudly. Topline – level. Body – square, moderately wide in the chest with rounded ribs. Depth of rib extends to the elbow. Tail – set on high, carried arched up over the back and flowing to either side of the body.

FOREQUARTERS
Legs – straight, and fine boned, with the elbows set close to the body. Removal of dewclaws is optional. Feet – hare-shaped with feathering on the ends of the toes in the mature dog. Point straight ahead or very slightly outward.

HINDQUARTERS
Legs – straight as viewed from the rear and fine boned. Moderate bend of stifle. Removal of dewclaws is optional. Feet – hare-shaped with feathering on the ends of the toes in the mature dog. Point straight ahead.

COAT
Abundant, straight, single, and silky. Has a resilient texture and a tendency to stand out from the body, especially on neck, shoulders, and chest areas where the hair forms a thin mane or ruff. The tail is profusely coated and forms a plume. The rump area is heavily coated and forms culottes or pants. The head and muzzle are covered with short hair except for the heavily feathered ears. The forelegs have short hair blending into profuse feathering on the backs of the legs. The rear legs have the previously described culottes, and in mature dogs, light feathering from hock joint to the foot.

COLOR
Either black and white, red and white, or black and white with tan points. The term tan points shall include tan or red spots over each eye, inside the ears, on both cheeks, and at the anal vent area if displaying any black. The term red shall include all shades of red, orange, and lemon, and sable, which includes any aforementioned shade intermingled or overlaid with black. Among the allowed colors there shall be no preference when judging. A clearly defined white muzzle and blaze are preferable to a solidly marked head. Symmetry of facial markings is preferable. The size, shape, placement or number of body patches is not of great importance. The
white is clear of excessive ticking.  
Disqualification - any color not listed.

GAIT  
Stylish and lively in movement. Moves straight with front and rear legs following in the same plane.

TEMPERAMENT  
A sensitive and intelligent dog whose only purpose is to serve man as a companion. Responsive and affectionate with those it knows and loves but reserved with strangers or in new situations.

DISQUALIFICATIONS  
Any color not listed.

Pomeranian Approved Standard Revision

GENERAL APPEARANCE  
The Pomeranian is a compact, short-backed, active toy dog of Nordic descent. The double coat consists of a short dense undercoat with a profuse harsh-textured longer outer coat. The heavily plumed tail is one of the characteristics of the breed. It is set high and lies flat on the back. He is alert in character, exhibits intelligence in expression, is buoyant in deportment, and inquisitive by nature. The Pomeranian is cocky, commanding, and animated as he gait. He is sound in composition and action.

SIZE, PROPORTION, SUBSTANCE  
Weight – is from 3 to 7 pounds with the ideal weight for show specimens being 4 to 6 pounds. Any dog over or under the limits is objectionable; however, overall quality should be favored over size. Proportion – The Pomeranian is a square breed with a short back. The ratio of body length to height at the withers being 1 to 1. These proportions are measured from the prognosternum to the point of buttocks, and from the highest point of the withers to the ground. Substance – Sturdy, medium-boned.

HEAD  
Head – in balance with the body, when viewed from above, broad at the back tapering to the nose to form a wedge. Expression – may be referred to as fox-like, denoting his alert and intelligent nature. Eyes – dark, bright, medium sized, and almond shaped; set well into the skull with the width between the eyes balancing the other facial features. Eye rims are black, except self-colored in chocolate, beaver and blue. Ears – small, mounted high and carried erect. Proper ear set should be favored over size. Skull – closed, slightly round but not domed. Stop – well pronounced. Muzzle – rather short, straight, free of lippiness, neither coarse nor snipey. Ratio of length of muzzle to skull is 1/3 to 2/3. Nose – pigment is black except self-colored in chocolate, beaver and blue. Bite – scissors, one tooth out of alignment is acceptable. Major Faults – Round, domed skull. Undershot, overshot or wry bite. Disqualification – Eye(s) light blue, blue marbled, blue flecked.

NECK, TOPLINE, BODY  

FOREQUARTERS  
Shoulders – well laid back. Shoulder blade and upper arm length are equal. Elbows – held close to the body and turn neither in nor out. Legs – when viewed from the front are moderately spaced, straight and parallel to each other, set well behind the forechest. Height from withers to elbows approximately equals height from ground to elbow. Shoulders and legs are moderately muscled. Pasterns –straight and strong. Feet – round, tight, appearing cat-like, well-arched, compact, and turn neither in nor out, standing well up on toes. Dewclaws – may be removed. Major Fault – Down in pasterns.

HINDQUARTERS  
Hindquarters – angulation balances that of the forequarters. Buttocks are well behind the set of the tail. Thighs – moderately muscled. Upper thigh and lower leg length are equal. Stifles – strong, moderately bent and clearly defined. Legs – when viewed from the rear straight and parallel to each other. Hocks – when viewed from the side are perpendicular to the ground and strong. Feet – same as forequarters. Dewclaws – may be removed. Major Fault – Cowhocks, knees turning in or out or lack of soundness in legs or stifles.

COAT  
The Pomeranian is a double-coated breed. The body should be well covered with a short, dense undercoat with long harsh-textured guard hair growing through, forming the longer abundant outer coat which stands off from the body. The coat should form a ruff around the neck, framing the head, extending over the shoulders and chest. Head and leg coat is tightly packed and shorter in length than that of the body. Forelegs are well-feathered. Thighs and hind legs are heavily coated to the hock forming a skirt. Tail is profusely covered with long, harsh spreading straight hair forming a plume. Females may not carry as thick or long a coat as a male. Puppy coat may be dense and shorter overall and may or may not show guard hair. A cotton type coat is undesirable in an adult. Coat should be in good and healthy condition especially the skirt, tail, and undercarriage. Trimming for neatness and a clean outline is permissible. Major Fault – soft, flat or open coat.

COLOR  
All colors, patterns, and variations there-of are allowed and must be judged on an equal basis.

Brindle – Dark cross stripes on any solid color or allowed pattern. Parti – White base with any solid color or allowed pattern. A white blaze is preferred on the head. Ticking is undesirable. Extreme Piebald: White with patches of color on head and base of tail. Piebald: White with patches of color on head, body, and base of tail. Irish: Color on the head and body with white legs, chest and collar. Tan Points – Any solid color or allowed pattern with markings sharply defined above each eye, inside the ears, muzzle, throat, forechest, all lower legs and feet, the underside of the tail and skirt. The richer the tan the more desirable. Tan markings should be readily visible.
Major Fault – Distinct white on whole foot or on one or more whole feet (except white or part) on any acceptable color or pattern.

Classifications – The Open Classes at specialty shows may be divided by color as follows: Open Red, Orange, Cream, and Sable; Open Black, Brown, and Blue; Open Any Other Color, Pattern, or Variation

GAIT
The Pomeranian’s movement has good reach in the forequarters and strong drive with the hindquarters, displaying efficient, ground covering movement that should never be viewed as ineffective or busy. Head carriage should remain high and proud with the overall outline maintained. Gait is smooth, free, balanced and brisk. When viewed from the front and rear while moving at a walk or slow trot the Pomeranian should double track, but as the speed increases the legs converge slightly towards a center line. The forelegs and hind legs are carried straight forward, with neither elbows nor stifles turned in nor out. The topline should remain firm and level with the overall balance maintained.

TEMPERAMENT
The Pomeranian is an extrovert, exhibiting great intelligence and a vivacious spirit, making him a great companion dog as well as a competitive show dog.

Even though a Toy dog, the Pomeranian must be subject to the same requirements of soundness and structure prescribed for all breeds, and any deviation from the ideal described in the standard should be penalized to the extent of the deviation.

Disqualifications
Eye(s) light blue, blue marbled, blue flecked.

Approved July 12, 2011
Effective August 31, 2011

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

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

It is the responsibility of all Conformation and JS judges to notify the Judging Operations Department of any changes or corrections to their address, phone, fax or emails. These changes are very important because they affect your judges’ record, the website and the Judges Directory. Please notify Judging Operations at (919) 816-3593 or email judgingops@akc.org.

Provisional Judges
The following persons have been approved on a Provisional 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
Mrs. Barbara Steinbacher Dalane
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Bulldogs

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Shiba Inu, Tibetan Spaniels, Tibetan
Terriers, Xoloitzcuintli), Junior
Showmanship
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Best In Show
The following persons, having successfully completed the required Group Assignments in the first Variety Group for which they were approved, have been added to the list of judges eligible for approval to judge Best In Show.

Mr. Edward H. Haas (0877) IL
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Afghan Hounds, Basenjis, Basset Hounds, Bloodhounds, Borzois, Dachshunds, Greyhounds, Scottish Deerhounds

Provisional Obedience/Rally/Tracking Judges
The following persons have been approved as judges 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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Variable Surface Tracking

Russell Hornfisher (65706) MI
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Hornfisher@aol.com
Obedience - Utility

Kim Jacobs (42219) AZ
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Obedience - Novice

Jean Nocilly (75179) DE
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Obedience - Open

Cynthia Simonsen (45422) WI
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Obedience Utility

Michelle Swiat (90531) IL
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Obedience - Novice

Obedience/Rally/Tracking Judging Applicants
The following persons are applying for Provisional Judging status for the class/test as specified but are NOT eligible to accept assignments.

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Obedience - Open

Stephanie Crawford (66279) NY
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Variable Surface Tracking

Anthony Ginter (94111) KY
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Dawn Martin (22672) PA
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Tracking Dog

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Obedience - Novice

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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Rally - All

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Rally-All

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Obedience - Open

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Rally All

Sara Steele (22520) NJ
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Rally-All

Application for Breed-Specific Registered Name Prefix
The following applications for a breed-specific Registered Name Prefix have been submitted to The American Kennel Club. Letters in regard to these applications should be addressed to James P. Crowley, Executive Secretary:

COCCOLARE – Italian Greyhounds - Linda S. Kennedy

GARDEN COURT – Dachshunds - M’Liss Rae Hawley

CADNOCLUN – Cardigan Welsh Corgis - Elizabeth Hillebrand
D & D – Weimaraners - Daniel J. & Doreen R. Cleary

CARAWAY – Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers - Beth Verner & Betty Chapman

RENEFIELD – Pembroke Welsh Corgis - Linda Canfield

SAKARI – Norwegian Lundehunds & Italian Greyhounds - Tracy L. & Peter L. Rousseau

SUNGOLD – Chihuahuas - Leah A. Zacher

HARBOR – Greyhounds - Connie K. Field

BON IDEE – Bouvier des Flandres - Angela
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
July 11 -12, 2011

The Board convened on Monday July 11, 2011 at 8:01 a.m. All Directors were present, as were the Executive Secretary, and the Assistant Executive Secretary. The Board reviewed the minutes of the May 9 - 10, 2011 meeting. Upon a motion by Ms. Scully, seconded by Mr. Amen, the May 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 five months of 2011 aggregate Entries were up by 2.48% and Events were up by less than one percent compared to the same period in the previous year.

LEGAL REPORT
Margaret Poindexter, General Counsel, participated in this portion of the meeting. She presented a status report on pending litigation and other activities during the months of May and June 2011.

AKC Use of Volunteers
Vicki Rees, AKC Staff, was present during this portion of the meeting via video conference. Staff presented its findings after conducting a review into AKC’s ability to utilize volunteers in terms of working for AKC. The Board raised a number of questions, which Staff will research and report on at the August meeting.

AKC Events Departments’ Cost Analysis
Keith Frazier and Jasey Day, AKC Staff, participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference. Based on a request from the Board of Directors, Staff presented an analysis and evaluation of departmental costs, services, processes and systems for Event Operations, Judging Operations, Performance Events and Companion Events. There was in-depth discussion of this analysis and opportunities.

AKC Government Relations Update
Sheila Goffe, AKC Staff, participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference. Staff provided an update on canine legislation and the Government Relations Department’s (GR) activity pursuant to the department’s mission of education and informing responsible dog owners and breeders about legislative issues that impact them. As of June 20, AKC GR is tracking approximately 1,100 bills at the state and federal levels and approximately 90 bills at the local level. GR gave an update on the Federal PUPS Legislation. Staff reported on two major new outreach/educational initiatives for 2011, downloadable narrated educational PowerPoint programs for AKC club meetings and other groups seeking educational programs about canine legislation, and the AKC Legislative Conference to be held August 27 – 28 in Raleigh, NC.

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.

Judging Fees
There was a discussion on providing judges with the opportunity to list their fees on the AKC Online Directory as a service to clubs. A poll was taken and a majority of the Board were in favor of having judging fees included in the directory. The August letter to judges will provide them an opportunity to list their fee if they choose.

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

Total revenues in the first half of 2011 were
6% lower than the prior year. Total operating expenses during this period were less than 1% higher than 2010. Our investments produced a substantial gain during the first half of this year. This was a significant improvement from last year’s much smaller gain due to the improved performance of the stock markets.

CONSENT AGENDA
Following discussion, there was a motion by Dr. Smith, seconded by Dr. Davies, and it was VOTED (unanimously) to approve the following Consent Agenda Items:

Delegates
The following Delegates were approved:

Maria Arechaderra, Orange CA to represent Kuvasz Club of America
Dominic P. Carota, Selkirk, NY to represent Pharaoh Hound Club of America
Esther Casset, Grand Island, NY to represent Kennel Club of Niagara Falls
Yale Goldman, Orange Park, FL to represent Jacksonville Dog Fanciers Association
Linda LaFrance, Weirsdale, FL to represent Greater Ocala Dog Club
Sally McNamara, Onsted, MI to represent Jaxon Kennel Club
Carole Plesur, Zephyrhills, FL to represent Italian Greyhound Club of America
Sharon Sakson, Pennington, NJ to represent Upper Snake River Valley Dog Training Club
Karen Sen, Springfield, OR to represent Anatolian Shepherd Dog Club of America
Kevin Shupenia, Dacula, GA to represent Harrier Club of America

Robert Urban, Rome, OH to represent American Black and Tan Coonhound Club
Suzanne Warfield, Auburn, PA to represent the Japanese Chin Club of America.

Lhasa Apso Stud Book
The Board VOTED to approve a request from the American Lhasa Apso Club (ALAC) to expand the Lhasa Apso gene pool by opening the stud book to a limited number of Lhasa Apsos from native Tibetan Stock. Staff will work with the ALAC to develop the procedures to include the Gomp Lhasa Apso dogs in Open Registration as well as establishing the breed in the AKC Foundation Stock Service for dogs imported from the country of origin lacking complete pedigrees in accordance with the request by ALAC.

Coton de Tulear
The Board VOTED to approve a request, from the United States of America Coton de Tulear Club, to move the Coton de Tulear breed into the Miscellaneous Class. Effective June 27, 2012.

Pomeranian - Proposed Breed Standard Revision
The Board VOTED to approve breed standard changes to the Pomeranian breed standard as proposed and voted on by the membership of the American Pomeranian Club, with an effective date of August 31, 2011.

Russell Terrier
The Board VOTED to accept the Russell Terrier into the AKC Stud Book effective June 1, 2012, and to accept the Standard submitted by the American Russell Terrier Club, Inc., as the official standard for the breed. The breed will be eligible to compete in the Terrier Group effective June 27, 2012. An open registry will be maintained for the breed until July 1, 2017.

Spanish Water Dog
The Board VOTED to move the Spanish Water Dog breed into the Miscellaneous Class effective June 27, 2012.

American Water Spaniels – Eliminate Water Retrieving Certificate
The Board VOTED to approve a request from the American Water Spaniel Club to eliminate the Retrieving Certificate Test (R.C.T) requirement for Spaniel Hunt Test titling. This request was based on the fact that the AWS is now permitted to enter Retriever Hunting Tests (effective August 1, 2011).

Single Stakes in Lure Coursing Trials
Based on a request from the Herding, Earthdog and Coursing Delegate Committee, the Board VOTED to add a new Section 5, to Chapter VIII of the Regulations for Lure Coursing Test and Trials, to create a new stake in Lure Coursing Trials called a Singles Stake. Hounds are run by themselves, scored, and placements are then determined on the basis of the score. All dogs that enter the Singles Stake compete against each other regardless of breed. Results are not recorded to a dog’s record and no title is earned. Offering the stake is at the discretion of the host club.

New Section 5:

New Section 5. Singles Stake. A Singles Stake may be offered at a lure coursing trial at the option of the host club. No points or passes counting toward AKC titles shall be awarded. All regulations pertaining to regular stakes shall apply unless modified by the regulations specific to this stake. Singles Stakes shall be run as follows:

(a) Open to all sighthound breeds approved to participate in AKC Lure Coursing trials.
(b) Hounds with breed disqualifications are eligible to enter.
(c) Hounds entered in the Singles Stake shall not be allowed to enter the regular stakes (open, specials or veteran) at the same event.
(d) Order of running shall be determined by random draw.
(e) Each hound shall run the course alone.
(f) Judges shall score a dog’s performance the same as a regular stake.
(g) Single Stake entries from all breeds shall be combined to determine placements.
(h) Placements shall be awarded based on the combined preliminary and final course scores. The winner of the stake shall not be eligible to compete in Best of Breed and/or Best in Field courses.

(i) The host club shall award ribbons to placing hounds. Ribbon colors applicable to regular stakes shall apply.
(j) The host club may place a limit on the Singles Stake separate from any limit placed on entries at the test/trial.
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY’S REPORT

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

Miniature Schnauzer – Proposed Revisions to Breed Standard

The Board reviewed proposed revisions to the Color and Tail sections of the Miniature Schnauzer breed standard. The Board recommended revisions, which staff was directed to discuss with the Parent Club.

Toy Fox Terrier – Proposed Revisions to Breed Standard

The Board reviewed proposed revisions to Toy Fox Terrier breed standard. There was a motion by Ms. Scully, seconded by Dr. Battaglia, and it was VOTED (unanimously) to permit the American Toy Fox Terrier Club to ballot the membership, in accordance with the parent club’s constitution and bylaws.

2012 Delegate Meeting Dates and Locations

There was a motion by Dr. Smith, seconded by Dr. Davies, and it was VOTED (affirmative: Dr. Smith, Dr. Davies, Dr. Battaglia, Mr. Ashby, Mr. Amen, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Goodman, Mr. Menaker, Ms. Scully, Mr. Gladstone, Dr. Newman, Mr. Kalter; opposed: Dr. Garvin) to set the date and location of the March, June and September 2012 Delegate meetings. 2012 Delegate Meetings are as follows:
• March 12-13, Monday-Tuesday, New York City area
• June 11-12, Monday-Tuesday, Raleigh, North Carolina
• September 10-11, Monday Tuesday, New York City Area
• December 17-18, Monday-Tuesday, Orlando, Florida.

Dr. Garvin specifically voted against the dates of the June meeting, which he proposed be scheduled on a Sunday/Monday.

Nominating Committee

The Executive Secretary informed the Board that the Nominating Committee for the March 2012 election of AKC Directors must be appointed by August 15, and its report must be received no later than October 15, 2011. The Nominating Committee will be appointed at the August 2011 Board meeting.

“In Good Standing”

The Executive Secretary reviewed AKC’s definition of “in good standing” with the American Kennel Club. There are a number of AKC privileges which may be suspended including Registration, participation in events and judging approval. A person may be suspended from any one of these AKC privileges while maintaining other privileges. The question is whether “good standing” should be defined as having any AKC privileges or as having all AKC privileges. This will be considered further at the August 2011 meeting.

Japanese Chin – Proposed Revisions to Breed Standard

The Board reviewed the results of a ballot, to the membership of the Japanese Chin Club of America, on a proposed revision to the Color section of the Japanese Chin breed standard. The membership voted 89% in favor of this change. The proposed standard will be published in the Secretary’s Page of the AKC Gazette.

Spanish Water Dog - Group Designation

The Board reviewed a request from the Spanish Water Dog Club, Inc. The club would like the breed’s group designation to be changed from Sporting to Herding. Staff was directed to get more information from the club as to why the Herding designation was appropriate.

The Registration of Low Uric Acid Dalmatians

The Board reviewed the results of a vote by the membership of the Dalmatian Club of America (DCA). By a 55–45% margin, the membership voted in favor of registering these dogs. Following a motion by Dr. Newman, seconded by Dr. Smith it was VOTED (unanimously) to authorize AKC Staff to develop procedures for the registration of these dogs. The procedures will be developed in consultation with the Board of the DCA. To ensure that the introduction of the Low Uric Acid dogs into the registry is an informed, voluntary decision, the registration numbers for the Low Uric Acid Dalmatians and their descendants will have a letter indicator as part of the registration number.

PERFORMANCE EVENTS

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

German Shorthaired Pointers, German Wirehaired Pointers, Vizslas and Weimaraners — Eligibility for Retriever Hunting Tests

The Board reviewed a request made by the respective parent clubs to allow the German Shorthaired Pointer, German Wirehaired Pointer, Vizsla and Weimaraner to enter the Retriever Hunting Test. 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. If approved, they will be the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth breeds to “cross-over” into a second hunting test program. 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). This will be discussed further at the August meeting.

APPEALS COMMITTEE

Dr. Newman gave the report of the Appeals Committee (Dr. Newman, Chair, Mr. Arnold, and Ms. Scully). The AKC Board of Directors, at its May 2011 meeting, suspended the judging privileges of Ms. Kristina J. Sherling for two months and fined her $500 for infractions of The American Kennel Club’s Rules, Policies and Guidelines for Conformation Dog Show Judges, specifically as they relate to exhibiting improprieties. Ms. Sherling appealed this decision, and the Appeals Committee voted to deny this appeal, with her suspension effective July 22, 2011.

COMPANION EVENTS

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

Revision to Obedience and Tracking Training Regulation

The Board reviewed suggested revisions to Chapter 1, Section 14 of the Obedience Regulations to clarify that showing under a judge is not allowed when a student/teacher training relationship exists (with or without compensation), and to place a responsibility on the judge to report such violations.
(Attachment A). This will be discussed further at the August meeting.

Meeting adjourned on Monday July 11, 2011 at 5:20 pm

Meeting reconvened on Tuesday July 12, 2011 at 8:17 am. All Directors were present, as were the Executive Secretary, and the Assistant Executive Secretary. The Chief Operating Officer participated via video conference.

CONFORMATION
Robin Stansell, Bobby Birdsong, and Bri Tesarz, AKC Staff, participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

There was a report on event-related fines and reprimands, which will be published on the August Secretary’s Page.

There was a review and discussion on the type of situation where the closing date for an event may be extended.

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

Rules Applying to Dog Shows – Chapter 7, Section 1
The Board reviewed a proposal submitted by Colorado Springs Kennel Club to amend Chapter 7, Section 1 of Rules Applying to Dog Shows to permit anyone selling dog food – including full time sales reps – to be eligible to apply for judge’s approval. Following a motion by Mr. Gladstone, seconded by Dr. Davies, it was VOTED (unanimously) to consider the matter at this meeting, waiving prior notice requirement, and to disapprove the proposal.

Printed Judges Directory
The Staff proposed that AKC discontinue printing the annual Judges Directory effective with the 2012 Judges Directory for Conformation, Obedience, Rally and Tracking Judges. Due to the frequency in changes to Judges’ status, the printed Judges Directory is obsolete the day it is printed and delivered to AKC. Conversely the Judges Directory on the AKC Website is always current. The website version of the Judges Directory will replicate the All-Breed and Variety Groups List (Grids) currently found in the printed version as well as contain the same grid for Judges of Companion Events. After discussion, it was the sense of the Board that the printed Judges Directory should be continued.

Regular Status Request & Single Entry Breeds
Staff presented a memo to clarify the requirements for regular status as outlined in the Board-approved Judging Approval Process, effective January 1, 2007. The policy statement and the clarification appear below.

Policy Statement:
Complete five assignments in each provisional breed, demonstrating sufficient competence in the breeds. Unlimited assignments may be accepted. Additional provisional assignments may be required. Must have been observed for a total of three times by different Field Representatives. (Judging Operations staff may reduce this requirement in breeds with consistently small entries.)

Additional provisional assignments may be required. Following a Marginal or Does Not Meet evaluation at least two additional evaluations on that breed will be required.

Clarification:
"An entry of one dog in a breed, not on the Low Entry Breed List, may not count towards the required five provisional assignments. This single entry does not provide you with an opportunity to make a decision based on the merits of at least two dogs for comparison to determine the quality of each exhibit. Under our current policy, you must complete five judging assignments with dogs present. A single entry does not comply with this policy with the exception of those breeds on the current Low Entry Breed List published by the Judging Operations Department.

The issue is whether or not a single dog judged should always or sometimes count as one of the five required Provisional assignments. This will be discussed further at the August meeting.

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

There was an EXECUTIVE SESSION to discuss legal issues.

The following AKC Management actions were reported:

(2011 Board Disciplinary actions are reported on the Secretary’s Page.)

CLUBS
American Whippet Club – Election
Related Disputes
The Board reviewed complaints made against the American Whippet Club’s board of directors over failure to follow its bylaws in conducting its annual election. This will be discussed further at the August meeting.

Delegates for Publication
Joseph B Franklin, Raleigh, NC to represent Pekingese Club of America

Request for AKC Membership
For Publication:
Elmira Kennel Club
Elmira, New York
39 Households, 26 local (Chemung County)
First license show: August 18, 1963
Bylaws are acceptable

NEW BUSINESS
Board Attendance at Events
There was agreement that Board members should be encouraged to attend AKC events in different areas to discuss issues important to AKC with officials of the event-giving club.

AKC Inspections
There was a discussion on AKC’s Investigations and Inspections Program, and how the AKC should promote these positive educational actions. Staff was directed to prepare a report for the Board outlining these opportunities.

Raleigh Facility Space
Mr. Sprung reported that there has been some reallocation of space in the Raleigh, North Carolina Operations Facility. Pet Partners, Inc., provider of the AKC’s Pet Healthcare program, will be moving into and subletting space in the AKC’s Raleigh offices.
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There was an EXECUTIVE SESSION to discuss personnel matters.

**Basset Hound Agility Jump Heights**

Staff distributed a request submitted by the Basset Hound Club of America to lower the jump heights in Agility for the Basset Hound. This will be considered further at the August 2011 meeting.

**PLANNING SESSION**

The Board had a lengthy discussion on the current state of dog shows and show-giving clubs. Charles Kneefel and Michael Liosis participated in this discussion, which will be continued in August, while Robin Stansell, Bobby Birdsong, and Bri Tesarz, participated via video conference.

**Newly Approved Specialty Clubs**

Following a motion by Mr. Ashby, seconded by Dr. Davies, it was VOTED (unanimously) 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 shows or cluster.

3) Any newly forming or club ready for licensing will only be approved with the provision 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.

It was VOTED to adjourn Tuesday, July 12, 2011 at 2:30 p.m.

Adjourned
Attest:

James P. Crowley, Executive Secretary

**ATTACHMENT A**

**Obedience Regulations**

**General Regulations**

**Chapter 1**

**Section 14. Dogs That May Not Compete.**

No dog may be entered or shown under a judge at an obedience trial if the dog has been owned, sold, held under lease, handled in the ring or has been regularly trained or instructed within six months prior to the date of the obedience trial by the judge or by any person residing in the same household as the judge. “Trained or instructed” applies equally to judges who train professionally or as amateurs and to judges who train individual dogs or train or instruct dogs in classes with or through their handlers (see “Glossary of Terms”).

No exhibitor may show a dog under a judge at an obedience or rally trial if he has participated in a training session taught by that judge within thirty (30) days prior to the date of the event.

**Obedience Regulations**

**Obedience Judges Guidelines**

**Chapter 3 – Procedures in the Ring**

**Eligibility.** When the eligibility of a handler or a dog to compete is in question, the matter should be referred to the Event Committee. When the Event Committee determines, from the information available, that a dog or a handler is ineligible to compete in the class, the handler is to be informed of the requirements of the Obedience Regulations that make him or her ineligible to compete. It may be necessary to make such entertainments valid any alternative exists (such as substituting an eligible handler to replace the handler who is ineligible to take the dog into the ring), it should be suggested. If the handler insists on competing, regardless of their or the dog’s eligibility, then it is the duty of the secretary or superintendent to point out to the handler that the judge will be requested to judge the dog “under protest,” and the dog or handler’s eligibility to compete will be reviewed by the AKC. The secretary or superintendent should inform the judge of the situation, requesting that the dog and handler be permitted to compete.

The judge then permits the dog to compete. Judges are required to make a notation in their judges’ book when they encounter a situation where an exhibitor or handler is not eligible to show under them at an event. This report should give identifying information on the exhibitor and dog and a brief statement as to why, in the opinion of the judge, the handler or dog was ineligible.

It is the responsibility of the trial secretary or superintendent to provide a concise, factual statement of the problem in the official AKC show/trial report. The AKC will make a determination based on what has been reported. If it is determined that the dog is not eligible, the dog’s score will be disallowed.

**Glossary of Terms**

**Obedience Regulations**

**Glossary of Terms**

**Training** – as related to where a student-handler/teacher-judge relationship is established, with or without compensation.

**Tracking Regulations**

**General Regulations**

Section 10. Dogs That May Not Compete.

No exhibitor may show a dog under a judge at a tracking test if he has participated in a training session taught by that judge within thirty (30) days prior to the date of the event.

**Tracking Regulations**

**Tracking Test and Judges’ Guidelines**

Tracking Test and Judges’ Guidelines – … These are only examples. The key is to avoid situations that might give the impression of impropriety.

The AKC recognizes you cannot control who enters. This does not diminish the importance of appearances. Everything possible must be done to keep your reputation above reproach.

(New Paragraph)

Judges are required to make a notation in their judges’ book when they encounter a situation where an exhibitor or dog is not eligible to show under them at an event. This report should give identifying information on
the exhibitor and dog and a brief statement as to why, in the opinion of the judge, the handler or dog was ineligible.

As a tracking judge, you should adhere to the certifications made when your application to become an AKC judge. These certifications are restated below:

**GLOSSARY OF TERMS**

**TRACKING REGULATIONS**

**GLOSSARY OF TERMS**

**Training** – as related to where a student-handler/teacher-judge relationship is established, with or without compensation.