DELEGATES FORUM

SYNOPSIS OF THE SEPTEMBER 10, 2013 DELEGATES FORUM

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

Lure Coursing
Nick Pisias, Delegate for the Chintimini Kennel Club covered Lure Coursing. He reviewed the history, the twenty breeds eligible to participate, and discussed the purpose and requirements for AKC Coursing Events.

Earthdogs
Thomas Barrie, Delegate for the West Highland White Terrier Club of America, covered Earthdogs, including the history, training techniques and the purpose and requirements for AKC Earthdog Events.

Herding
Carol Clark, Delegate for the Border Collie Society of America, covered Herding, including the history of this activity and all facets of the AKC program. She also discussed the specific administrative and performance requirements.

Delegate Committees
as of September 10, 2013

COORDINATING COMMITTEE:
Gretchen Bernardi – Mississippi Valley Kennel Club
Ruth W. Crumb, Secretary (Pro Tem) – Mount Vernon Dog Training Club
Susan LaCroix Hamil – Shoreline Dog Fanciers Association of Orange County
David H. Hopkins, Chair (Pro-Tem) – English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Club of Illinois
Robert Neff LaBerge – Lawrenceville Kennel Club
Patricia W. Laurans – German Wirehaired Pointer Club of America
Cynthia (Cindy) A. Miller – Harrisburg Kennel Club
Daniel J. Smyth, Esq., – Burlington County Kennel Club
Ann Wallin – Atlanta Kennel Club

ALL-BREED:
ONE-YEAR TERM
Nancy B. Fisk – Hockamock Kennel Club
Margarette (Peggy) L. Wampold – South Windsor Kennel Club
Carol A. Williamson – Houston Kennel Club

TWO-YEAR TERM
Margaret DiCorleto – Greater Murfreesboro Kennel Club
Margaret Doster – Kennel Club of Buffalo
Lawrence J. Libeu – Santa Maria Kennel Club
Cathleen (Cathy) Rubens – Fayetteville Kennel Club

THREE-YEAR TERM
Robert D. Black, Secretary – Harboro Dog Club
Sandra Frei – Seattle Kennel Club
John L. Ronald – Samoyed Club of America
Ann Wallin, Chair – Atlanta Kennel Club

BYLAWS:
ONE-YEAR TERM
Gretchen Bernardi, Chair – Mississippi Valley Kennel Club
Harry G. Ottmann, Fort Worth Kennel Club
Pamela Stacey Rosman – Canaan Dog Club of America
Burton J. Yamada – Orange Empire Kennel Club

TWO-YEAR TERM
Sylvia Arrowwood – Charleston Kennel Club
Dr. Gregory J. Paveza – Elm City Kennel Club
Diane F. Taylor – Newtown Kennel Club

THREE-YEAR TERM
Rita J. Biddle, Esq. – Ingham Country Kennel Club
Judy A. Hart – Tennessee Valley Kennel Club
Dr. John V. Ioia, M.D., Ph.D. Secretary – Southern Adirondack Dog Club
Jan M. Ritchie, Esq. – Richmond Dog Fanciers Club

CANINE HEALTH:
ONE-YEAR TERM
Eddie Dziuk – National Beagle Club
James Efron – Nashville Kennel Club
Dr. Joellen Gregory – Otterhound Club of America
Margaret B. Pough – Finger Lakes Kennel Club

TWO-YEAR TERM
Susan LaCroix Hamil, Chair – Shoreline Dog Fanciers Association of Orange County
Joan Savage – Portland Kennel Club
Sherry E. Wallis, Secretary – Akita Club of America

THREE-YEAR TERM
Dr. Sophia Kaluzniacki – Canada Del Oro Kennel Club
Dr. Harvey Morhrenweiser – Standard Schnauzer Club of America
Holly E. Sheltry – Staffordshire Terrier Club of America
Marcy Zingler – Sun Maid Kennel Club of Fresno

DELEGATE ADVOCACY AND ADVANCEMENT:
ONE-YEAR TERM
Dr. Gerry Meisels – St. Petersburg Dog Fanciers Association
Harold E. Perry – Monmouth County Kennel Club
Marjorie A. Tuff – American Shetland Sheepdog Association

TWO-YEAR TERM
Dick Blair – Huntingdon Valley Kennel Club
Whitney Coombs – Catocin Kennel Club
Mary Lou Olszewski – American Bloodhound Club
Carole Pleur – Italian Greyhound Club of America

THREE-YEAR TERM
James R. Dok – Gig Harbor Kennel Club
Jane F. Rathford, Secretary, – Havanese Club of America
Daniel J. Smyth, Esq., Chair, Burlington County Kennel Club
Dan T. Stolz – Clearwater Kennel Club
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DOG SHOW RULES:
ONE-YEAR TERM
Dr. Duane A. Buterhus – Delaware Water Gap Kennel Club
Harold Miller – American Foxhound Club
Blackie H. Nygood – Mispillion Kennel Club

TWO-YEAR TERM
Cynthia (Cindy) A. Miller, Chair – Harrisburg Kennel Club
Charles H. Schaef er – Kennel Club of Philadelphia
Robert A. Schroll – Clarksville Kennel Club
John Shoemaker – Toy Dog Breeders Association of Southern California

THREE-YEAR TERM
Linda C. Flynn, Secretary - South Shore Kennel Club
Sue Goldberg – Lewistown-Auburn Kennel Club
Nancy J. Perrell – Scottsdale Dog Fanciers Association
Cindy Stansell – Finnish Spitz Club of America

FIELD TRIAL AND HUNTING TEST EVENTS:
ONE-YEAR TERM
James S. Corbett – Tualatin Kennel Club
Kenneth A. Marden – German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America
Robert H. McKowen – Mississippi Valley Retriever Club
Judith H. Tighe – American Brittany Club

TWO-YEAR TERM
Florence Duggan – Sussex Hills Kennel Club
Colleen McDani el – Whidbey Island Kennel Club
Christopher L. Sweetwood – Trapp Falls Kennel Club

THREE-YEAR TERM
David H. Hopkins, Chair – English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Club of Illinois
Fred T. Kampo – Labrador Retriever Club
Karolynne McAteer, Irish Setter Club of America
Lynn Worth-Smith, Secretary - Vizsla Club of America

HERDING, EARTHDOG, AND COURSING EVENTS:
ONE-YEAR TERM
Don H. Adams – Cudahy Kennel Club
Dr. John S. Fitzpatrick – Mensona Kennel Club
Robert Neff LaBerge, Chair – Lawrenceville Kennel Club

TWO-YEAR TERM
Dominic Carota – Pharaoh Hound Club of America
Carol Fisher – Valley Forge Kennel Club
Gwen McCullagh – Huntington Kennel Club

THREE-YEAR TERM
Thomas H. Barrie – West Highland White Terrier Club of America
Carol Clark – Border Collie Society of America
Bonnie Lapham, Secretary – Glens Falls Kennel Club
Nicklas G. Piasias – Chintiminni Kennel Club

OBEEDIENCE, TRACKING AND AGILITY:
ONE-YEAR TERM
Ruth W. Crumb, Chair – Mount Vernon Dog Training Club
James J. Primmer – Portland Dog Obedience Club
Larry Wilson – Philadelphia Dog Training Club

TWO-YEAR TERM
James M. Ashton – Obedience Training Club of Rhode Island
John J. Cadalso, Jr. – Troy Kennel Club
Gail LaBerge, Secretary – Atlanta Obedience Club
Kathrynann N. Sarvinas – Dog Owners’ Training Club of Maryland

THREE-YEAR TERM
Dr. Joyce Dandridge – Capital Dog Training Club of Washington D.C.
Barbara L. Mann – Dayton Dog Training Club
Patricia A. Sample – Anderson Obedience Training Club
Maureen R. Setter – Cleveland All-Breed Training Club

PARENT CLUBS:
ONE-YEAR TERM
William H. Blair – Progressive Dog Club
Karen Burgess – Greater Clark County Kennel Club
Karen R. Spey – American Pointer Club

TWO-YEAR TERM
Patricia W. Laurans, Chair – German Wirehaired Pointer Club of America
Karen Mays, Secretary – Windward Hawaiian Dog Fanciers Association
Betty Jo Patrick, Schipperke Club of America
Peter G. Piusz – American Rottweiler Club

THREE-YEAR TERM
Anne H. Bowes – Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club of America
Constance Butherus – Afghan Hound Club of America
John P. Nielsen – English Setter Association of America
Larry Sonson – Dachshund Club of America

PERSPECTIVES EDITORIAL STAFF:
ONE-YEAR TERM
Dr. Gerry Meisels – St. Petersburg Dog Fanciers Association
Dr. Geno Sisneros – American Pomeranian Club
Monica Henderson Stoner – Saluki Club of America
Sylvia Thomas, Secretary – Kennel Club of Riverside
Carol A. Williamson, Chair – Houston Kennel Club
Lynn Worth-Smith – Vizsla Club of America

TWO-YEAR TERM
Sylvia Arrowwood – Charleston Kennel Club
Dick Blair – Huntingdon Valley Kennel Club
Daniel J. Smyth, Esq., – Burlington County Kennel Club
Sherry E. Wallis – Akita Club of America
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QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE DELEGATES
OF
THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB
SEPTEMBER 10, 2013

Dennis B. Sprung, President
PRESENT 337

Affenpinscher Club of America—Letisha Wubbels
Afghan Hound Club of America, Inc.—Ms. Constance Buthers
Airedale Terrier Club of America—Aletta L. Moore
Akita Club of America—Sherry E. Wallis
Alaskan Malamute Club of America, Inc.—Patricia A. Peel
Albany Kennel Club, Inc.—Mary M. MacCollum
American Basset Hound Association, Inc.—Ms. Janina K. Laurin
American Black & Tan Coonhound Club, Inc.—Robert Urban
American Bloodhound Club—Mary L. Olszewski
American Bouvier des Flandres Club, Inc.—Patte Klecan
American Boxer Club, Inc.—Bruce E. Voran
American Bullmastiff Association, Inc.—Alan Kalter
American Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club, Inc.—Carol Williams
American Fox Terrier Club—Connie Clark
American Foxhound Club, Inc.—Harold Miller
American Lhasa Apso Club, Inc.—Don Hatson
American Maltese Association, Inc.—John R. Barnes
American Manchester Terrier Club—Roberta Berman
American Pointer Club, Inc.—Mrs. Karen R. Spey
American Rottweiler Club—Mr. Peter G. Fiusz
American Sealyham Terrier Club—Kenneth W. Mader
American Shetland Sheepdog Association—Margorie Tuff
American Shih Tzu Club, Inc.—Mrs. Sally L. Vilas
American Spaniel Club, Inc.—Julie Virotstock
American Tibetan Mastiff Association—Martha Feltenstein
American Whippet Club, Inc.—Bo Bengston
Anderson Kennel Club—Phillip D. Sample
Anderson Obedience Training Club, Inc.—Ms. Patricia A. Sample
Antelope Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—William Daniels
Atlanta Kennel Club, Inc.—Ann Wallin
Atlanta Obedience Club, Inc.—Gail A. LeBerge
Augusta Kennel Club, Inc.—Laurie F. Morris
Australian Terrier Club of America, Inc.—William L. Christensen
Back Mountain Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Nina Schaefter
Basenji Club of America, Inc.—Katie Campbell
Bayou Kennel Club, Inc.—Wayne Boyd
Bayshore Companion Dog Club, Inc.—Gloria Marshall
Bearded Collie Club of America, Inc.—Kathy Coxwell
Beaumont Kennel Club, Inc.—Carl Holder
Beaver County Kennel Club, Inc.—Phyllis Belcastro
Bedlington Terrier Club of America—Diane Pearson
Belgian Shepherd Club of America, Inc.—Barbara Swisher
Belle-City Kennel Club, Inc.—Carole A. Wilson
Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, Inc.—Sara Karl
Bexar County Kennel Club, Inc.—Mr. Gerald H. Yarbrough
Birmingham Kennel Club, Inc.—Martha Griffin
Border Collie Society of America—Ms. Carol Clark
Border Terrier Club of America, Inc.—Mrs. Ruth A. Naun
Borzoi Club of America, Inc.—Barbara O’Neill
Briard Club of America, Inc.—Michael Gibson
Bronx County Kennel Club—Ms. Alexa Samarotto
Brookhaven Kennel Club, Inc.—Marie A. Fiore
Bull Terrier Club of America—Rebecca Poole
Bulldog Club of America—Robert L. Newcomb
Burlington County Kennel Club, Inc.—Daniel J. Smyth, Esq.
Cairn Terrier Club of America—Pam Davis
Canaan Dog Club of America—Pamela S. Rosman
Canada Del Oro Kennel Club—Dr. Sophia Kaluzniak
Capital Dog Training Club of Washington, D.C., Inc.—Dr. Joyce A. Dandridge
Cardigan Welsh Corgi Club of America, Inc.—Vivian A. Moran
Carolina Kennel Club, Inc.—Jaimie Ashby
Catoctin Kennel Club—Whitney Coombs
Catahoula Kennel Club—Beverly A. Drake
Central Florida Kennel Club, Inc.—Julian Prager
Central New York Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Diane D. Almy
Central Ohio Kennel Club—Jon M. Green
Channel City Kennel Club, Inc.—Claire K. Steidel
Chaparral Kennel Club, Inc.—Pam Goldman
Charleston Kennel Club—Sylvia Arrowood
Charlottesville-Albemarle Kennel Club, Inc.—Ms. Linda King
Chattanooga Kennel Club—David Gilstrap
Chihuahua Club of America, Inc.—Kenneth Saenz
Chinese Shar-Pei Club of America, Inc.—Marge B. Caltharp
Chintimini Kennel Club, Inc.—Nick Pisas
Chow Chow Club, Inc.—Frank Holloway
Clarksville Kennel Club—Robert A. Schroll
Clearwater Kennel Club—Daniel T. Stolz
Clermont County Kennel Club, Inc.—Marjorie Underwood
Cleveland All-Breed Training Club, Inc.—Mrs. Maureen R. Setter
Collie Club of America, Inc.—Mr. Harold W. Sundstrom
Colorado Kennel Club—Mrs. Louise Leone
Colorado Springs Kennel Club—Sidney L. Marx
Columbia Missouri Kennel Club—Robert E. Ekle
Columbia Terrier Association of Maryland—Norma J. Ryan
Connecticut River Working Group Association—Fred G. Ferris
Conyers Kennel Club of Georgia—Michael Houchard
Cudahy Kennel Club—Don H. Adams
Dachshund Club of America, Inc.—Larry Sorenson
Dalmatian Club of America, Inc.—Dr. Charles Garvin
Dandie Dinmont Terrier Club of America, Inc.—Karen Dorn
Dayton Dog Training Club, Inc.—Barbara L. Mann
Del Monte Kennel Club, Inc.—Merlyn A. Green, D.C.
Del Sur Kennel Club, Inc.—Andrew G. Mills
Delaware County Kennel Club, Inc.—Brenda A. Algar
Delaware Water Gap Kennel Club—Dr. A. D. Butterus
Des Moines Kennel Club, Inc.—John D. Hughes
Devon Dog Show Association, Inc.—Meg Wetzel
Dog Fanciers Association of Oregon, Inc.—Mrs. Patti L. Strand
Dog Owners Training Club of
Maryland—Kathrynnn Sarvinas
Eastern Dog Club—Mr. Theodore C. Hollander, Jr.
Eastern German Shorthaired Pointer Club, Inc.—Jeffrey Drogin
Edina City Kennel Club—Dr. Gregory J. Paveza
English Cocker Spaniel Club of America, Inc.—Sharon P. Collins
English Setter Association of America, Inc.—Mr. John P. Nielsen
English Springer Spaniel Club of Michigan, Inc.—Barbara J. Gates
English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Club of Illinois—David H. Hopkins
Farmingdale Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—Terrie Brien
Fayetteville Kennel Club, Inc.—Catherine Rubens
Field Spaniel Society of America—Katherine Sullivan
Finger Lakes Kennel Club, Inc.—Margaret B. Pough
Finnish Spitz Club of America—Mrs. Cindy Stansell
Forysth Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Almira B. Dallas
Fort Lauderdale Dog Club—Charles Arnold
French Bulldog Club of America—Mrs. Ann M. Hubbard
German Pinscher Club of America—Deidre E. Gannon
German Shepherd Dog Club of America—Dr. Carmen L. Battaglia
German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America—Mr. Kenneth A. Marden
German Wirehaired Pointer Club of America, Inc.—Ms. Patricia W. Laurans
Giant Schnauzer Club of America, Inc.—Kimberly Demschak
Glens Falls Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Bonnie Lapham
Golden Retriever Club of America—Ellen Hardin
Gordon Setter Club of America, Inc.—Nance O. Skoglund
Grand River Kennel Club, Inc.—Ann Lettis
Great Dane Club of America, Inc.—Thomas Sandenaw
Great Pyrenees Club of America, Inc.—Dr. Robert M. Brown
Greater Clark County Kennel Club Inc.—Ms. Karen J. Burgess
Greater Lowell Kennel Club, Inc.—Virginia M. O’Connell
Greater Murfreesboro Kennel Club, Inc.—Margaret DiCorleto
Greater Naples Dog Club—Steven D. Gladstone
Greater Ocala Dog Club, Inc.—Linda L. LaFrance
Greater Philadelphia Dog Fanciers Association—Marlene Steinberg
Greenville Kennel Club—Linda A. Knorr
Greenwich Kennel Club—Margaret K. Curtis
Greyhound Club of America—Melanie S. Steele
Harrisburg Kennel Club, Inc.—Cindy Miller
Hobart Dog Club, Inc.—Mr. Robert D. Black
Havanese Club of America—Jane F. Ruthford
Heart of the Plains Kennel Club—Patricia M. Cruz
Hockamock Kennel Club, Inc.—Nancy Fisk
Holyoke Kennel Club, Inc.—Jane Wilkinson
Houston Kennel Club, Inc.—Ms. Carol A. Williamson
Huntingdon Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—Dick Blair
Huntington Kennel Club, Inc.—Gwen McCullagh
Hutchinson Kennel Club, Inc.—David Helming
Ibizen Hound Club of the United States—Luanne V. Williams
Illinois Capitol Kennel Club, Inc.—Ann L. Cookson
Ingham County Kennel Club, Inc.—Rita J. Bidle
Irish Setter Club of America, Inc.—Karolyne McAteer
Irish Terrier Club of America—Douglas L. Rapport
Irish Water Spaniel Club of America—Jack McDaniel
Irish Wolfhound Club of America—Eugenia Hunter
Italian Greyhound Club of America, Inc.—Carole Plesar
James River Kennel Club, Inc.—Mallory C. Driskill
Japanese Chin Club of America—Carla J. Ryan
K-9 Obedience Training Club of Essex County, NJ, Inc.—Dave Morgan
Kanadasa Kennel Club—Mrs. Beverly M. Nosiglia
Keeshond Club of America, Inc.—Mr. John D. Sawicki
Kensington Kennel Club of Connecticut, Inc.—Mrs. Gwen Wexler
Kennel Club of Beverly Hills—Thomas Powers
Kennel Club of Northern New Jersey, Inc.—Dr. Suzanne H. Hampton
Charlottesville Kennel Club, Inc.—Charles H. Shaeter
Kensington Kennel Club of Riverside—Sylvia A. Thomas
Kensington Kennel Club—James F. Gibson
Kettle Moraine Kennel Club, Inc.—Jacquelyn J. Fogel
Kommondor Club of America, Inc.—Michael Harman
Labrador Retriever Club, Inc.—Fred T. Campo
Lackawanna Kennel Club, Inc.—Ms. Virginia Van Doren
Ladies’ Dog Club, Inc.—Kathi Brown
Ladies’ Kennel Association of America—Ruth Winston
Lakeland Winter Haven Kennel Club—Mary McDaniel, D.V.M.
Lakes Region Kennel Club, Inc.—Ms. Crecia C. Closson
Lancaster Kennel Club, Inc.—Carolyn M. Vack
Land O’Lakes Kennel Club, Inc.—Jan Croft
Lawrenceville Kennel Club, Inc.—Robert N. LaBerge
Leonberger Club of America—Don James
lewiston-Auburn Kennel Club, Inc.—Sue Goldberg
Lexington Kennel Club Inc—Scott E. Holmes
Lima Kennel Club—Dr. Anne Midgarden
Long Island Kennel Club—Mr. William B. Tabler, Jr.
Longshore-Southport Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Joan L. Fisher
Los Encinos Kennel Club, Inc.—David M. Powers
Mad River Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Betty J. Miller
Manatee Kennel Club—Pat Edgington
Marion Ohio Kennel Club, Inc.—Lynn Garvin
Maryland Kennel Club—Gary Sarvinas
Mensona Kennel Club, Inc.—John S. Fitzpatrick, D.V.M.
Merrimack Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—Jeanette Nieder
Michiana Kennel Club—Cheryl Crossett
Middle Tennessee Amateur Retriever Club—John Russell
Middleburg Kennel Club—Shelley C. Roos
Middlesex County Kennel Club—Nicky Patterson
Miniature Bull Terrier Club of America—Giselle Simonds
Minneapolis Kennel Club, Inc.—Ralph Hogancamp
Mississippi Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Blackie H. Nygograd
Mississippi Valley Retriever Club—Robert H. McKowen
Mohawk Valley Kennel Club—Sandra Haber
Montgomery County Kennel Club—Ms. Ida E. Weinstock
Monticello New York Kennel Club, Inc.—Barry A. Hoovis
Mount Vernon Dog Training Club—Mrs. Ruth W. Crumb
Mountaineer Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Rebecca S. Stanovich
Mt. Baker Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Judith V. Daniels
Nashville Kennel Club—James Efron
National Beagle Club—Eddie Dziuk
National Capital Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Catherine B. Nelson
Naugatuck Valley Kennel Club—Viola
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Burgos
Newtown Kennel Club—Catherine H. Murch

Newton Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Drake E. Taylor

Nisqually Kennel Club—R. H. Hachtel

Nortwest Kennel Club—Robert Lachman

North Shore Kennel Club—Richard F. Coletti

Northwestern Connecticut Dog Club, Inc.—Billie Ponton

Norwegian Elkhound Association of America, Inc.—Margaret K. Mott

Norwich Terrier Club of America—Betty McDonnell

Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club (USA)—Ms. Marie A. Waterstraat

Oakland Dog Training Club, Inc.—Lynette J. Salzman

Obedience Training Club of Hawaii, Inc.—Ms. Patricia C. Scully

Obedience Training Club of Rhode Island—James M. Ashton

Okalaska Kennel Club—Mrs. Gayle G. Stillwell

Old Dominion Kennel Club of Northern Virginia, Inc.—Martha Nazak

Old English Sheepdog Club of America, Inc.—Christiana Gaburri

Olympic Kennel Club, Inc.—Harvey A. Mueller

Orange Empire Dog Club, Inc.—Burton J. Yamada

Otterhound Club of America—Joellen Gregory, D.V.M.

Pacific Coast Boston Terrier Club—Mr. Carl E. Gomes

Pacific Coast Bulldog Club, Inc.—Link Newcomb

Pasanita Obedience Club Inc.—Sheila Miller

Pasco Florida Kennel Club—Helen Ingher

Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club of America—Anne Gallant, Ph.D.

Philadelphia Dog Training Club, Inc.—Larry Wilson

Pioneer Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Margaret Voehr

Pocono Mountain Kennel Club, Inc.—Sandra Krieger

Poodle Club of America, Inc.—Mary Ellen Fishler

Port Chester Obedience Training Club, Inc.—Robert A. Amen

Portland Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Joan Savage

Providence County Kennel Club, Inc.—Richard E. Grant

Puli Club of America, Inc.—Maggie Wittwer

Putnam Kennel Club, Inc.—Florence R. Laicher

Puyallup Valley Dog Fanciers, Inc.—Frances Stephens

Queen City Dog Training Club, Inc.—Sandra M. Schmidt

Rampone Kennel Club—Jeffrey D. Ball

Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of the United States, Inc.—Michael J. Teeling

Richmond Dog Fanciers Club, Inc.—Jan M. Ritchie

Rio Grande Kennel Club—Nancy O’Neal

Riverhead Kennel Club, Inc.—Bonnie Lane

Rockford-Freeport Illinois Kennel Club—Ronald H. Menaker

Rogue Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—Paul Bodleyn

Rubber City Kennel Club—Cathy Gaidos

Sagehen’s Retriever Club—Katharine B. Simonds

Sahuar State Kennel Club—Rita L. Mather

Salisbury Maryland Kennel Club—Mrs. Barbara Furbush

Saluki Club of America—Monica H. Stoner

Sammamish Kennel Club—Dr. Robert C. Groster, M.D.

Samoyed Club of America, Inc.—Mr. John L. Ronald

San Antonio Kennel Club, Inc.—Nancy J. Shaw

San Francisco Dog Training Club, Inc.—Stanley S. Salzman

San Gabriel Valley Kennel Club—Anthony Vasquez

Santa Barbara Kennel Club, Inc.—Abbe R. Shaw

Santa Clara Valley Kennel Club, INC.—Audrey Sutton

Santa Maria Kennel Club, Inc.—Laurence J. Libeu

Saratoga New York Kennel Club—Wanda H. Allen

Savannah Mountain Kennel Club of Georgia—Kay Allred

Schipperke Club of America, Inc.—Betty Jo Patrick

Scottish Terrier Club of America—Helen A. Prince

Scottsdale Dog Fanciers Association, Inc.—Nancy Perrell

Seattle Kennel Club, Inc.—Sandra Frei

Shenandoah Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—Sharyn Y. Hutchens

Shoreline Dog Fanciers Association of Orange County—Susan L. Hamil

Shreveport Kennel Club, Inc.—LuAnn More

Sioux Valley Siberian Husky Club of America, Inc.—Ann M. Cook

Silk Terrier Club of America, Inc.—Tarianne Terrazas

Sir Francis Drake Kennel Club, Inc.—William J. Feeney

Skokie Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—Pat Grossmann

Skye Terrier Club of America—Karen G. J’Anthony

Skyline Kennel Club, Inc.—Gloria Shaver

Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of America—Robert Bergman

Somerset Hills Kennel Club—Billie McFadden

South Jersey Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Linda B. Williams

South Shore Kennel Club, Inc.—Linda C. Flynn

South Texas Obedience Club, Inc.—Mrs. Gerry Dalakian

South Windsor Kennel Club—Margarette (Peggy) Wampold

Southeast Arkansas Kennel Club—Ricky Blackman

Southern Adirondack Dog Club, Inc.—John V. Ioia

Southern Colorado Kennel Club, Inc.—Lee Arnold

Space Coast Kennel Club of Palm Bay—Glenda Stephenson

Spinone Club of America—Karen Luckey

Springfield Kennel Club, Inc.—Dr. Thomas M. Davies

St. Bernard Club of America, Inc.—Kit A. Bostrom

St. Croix Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—Deborah J. Wilkins

Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club of America—Jenny Merritt

Staffordshire Terrier Club of America—Holly E. Shetly

Standard Schnauzer Club of America—Dr. Harvey Mohrenweiser

Suffolk County Kennel Club, Inc.—Mr. Robert Eisele

Sun Maid Kennel Club of Fresno, Inc.—Marcy L. Zingler

Superstition Kennel Club, Inc.—Roger Arbuthnot

Susque-Nango Kennel Club, Inc.—Laura Trainor

Sussex Hills Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Florence Duggan

Taconic Hills Kennel Club, Inc.—Marylyn DeGregorio

Tampa Bay Kennel Club—Mary Manning-Stolz

Tennessee Valley Kennel Club—Judy Hart

Terry-All Kennel Club, Inc.—Kelly Yarish

Tibetan Spaniel Club of America—Mr. Herbert H. Rosen

Tibetan Terrier Club of America, Inc.—Stacey La Forge

Tonawanda Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—Ranae Hanson

Topeka Kennel Club, Inc.—Robert E. Bostrom

Town and Country Kennel Club, Inc.—Toni Doake

Toy Dog Breeders Association of Southern California—John Shoemaker

Trap Falls Kennel Club, Inc.—Christopher L. Sweetwood
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Trenton Kennel Club, Inc.—Joseph Martyn
Troy Kennel Club, Inc.—John J. Cadalso, Jr.
Tualatin Kennel Club, Inc.—James S. Corbett
Tucson Kennel Club—Dian Albright
Twin Brooks Kennel Club, Inc.—Patricia C. Sarles
United States Kerry Blue Terrier Club, Inc.—Mr. Carl C. Ashby, III
United States Lakeland Terrier Club—Alfred J. Ferruggiaro
Upper Suncoast Dog Training Club—Josephine De Menna
Valley Forge Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Carol Fisher
Ventura County Dog Fanciers Association—Mr. William F. Dumas
Vizsla Club of America, Inc.—Lynn Worth-Smith
Wampanoag Kennel Club, Inc.—Ms. Naida L. Parker
Washington State Obedience Training Club, Inc.—James W. Smith
Waukesha Kennel Club, Inc.—Mary A. Eschweiler
Welsh Springer Spaniel Club of America, Inc.—Richard Rohrbacher
Welsh Terrier Club of America, Inc.—Peter J. See
West Highland White Terrier Club of America—Thomas H. Barrie
Westbury Kennel Association, Inc.—Geraldine Jaitin
Westchester Kennel Club—Ronald W. Readmond
Western Fox Terrier Breeders Association—Torie Steele
Westminster Kennel Club—Harvey M. Wooding
Whidbey Island Kennel Club Inc.—Colleen McDaniel
Wilmington Kennel Club, Inc.—Candace Mogavero
Windham County Kennel Club, Inc.—Frederick R. Vogel
Windward Hawaiian Dog Fanciers Association—Mrs. Karen Mays
Yakima Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—Adele Keyfel
Yorkshire Terrier Club of America, Inc.—Patricia D. Reynolds
attending their first meeting since approval, were introduced from the floor:  
Dick Albright, to represent Tucson Kennel Club  
Paul Bodeving, to represent Rogue Valley Kennel Club  
Jack McDaniel, to represent Irish Water Spaniel Club of America  
Jon M. Green, to represent Central Ohio Kennel Club  
Eugenia Hunter, to represent Irish Wolfhound Club of America  
Helen Ingher, to represent, Pasco Florida Kennel Club  
Karen J’Anthony, to represent, Skye Terrier Club of America  
Mary A. McDaniel, to represent, Lakeland Winter Haven Kennel Club  
Nancy O’Neal, to represent, Rio Grande Kennel Club  
Nicky Patterson, to represent, Middlesex County Kennel Club  
Ronald W. Readmond, to represent Westchester Kennel Club  

The minutes of the June 11, 2013, were approved.

Alan Kalter, gave the Chairman’s report as follows:

Last Thursday we posted a charming photograph of three Golden Retriever puppies on the American Kennel Club Facebook page. The caption was “I love my breeder” with a request to “share your love for your dog’s breeder.” The image was shared 2,500 times, received 11,000 likes and almost 500 comments. We posted this because we love responsible breeders, but also because we wanted to see the reaction it would elicit.  

The post sparked a lengthy conversation about the merits of finding your new dog at a breeder vs. adopting a dog. That passionate debate proved two important issues. There are ardent, articulate, and knowledgeable supporters of responsible breeding who possess facts and are capable of persuasively educating the public about the truth of responsible breeding. 

However, it also proved that there is a great deal of misinformation about responsible breeding that result in significant prejudice against breeders. There is no doubt that prejudice against breeders has impacted our breeders, our sport, and the public’s ability to enjoy the unique experience of a purebred dog in their lives.

Just 20 years ago, a purebred dog was the dog to have in your life. Twenty years ago, a responsible breeder was viewed as a respected resource. Twenty years ago there were virtually no important legislative efforts aimed at eradicating all dog breeding.

What changed in those 20 years? The noble quest to give every dog a “forever” home was co-opted by the animal rights organizations as a method to raise funds for their mission to completely eliminate pet ownership.

Under the guise of supporting adoption, they have been raising a significant war chest – over $200 million last year alone – to fuel a campaign aimed squarely at destroying our ability to preserve breeds for future generations. As told by AR groups, responsible breeders have been dishonestly accused of being the sole cause of dogs in shelters – not irresponsible owners.

As told by AR groups, purebred dog breeders have been maliciously portrayed as evil people only interested in money and winning at events, at the expense of their dogs’ health and well-being. As told by AR groups, purebred dogs have been wrongly defined as being plagued with genetic health and temperament problems caused by breeders. After 20 years of this propaganda – mostly unchallenged by those who know better – a portion of the public has accepted this fiction as reality.

No more.

AKC Staff led by Chris Walker along with Bob Amen and I have been working with Edelman, our new public outreach partner, on the plan that will change the current conversation, as demonstrated in that Facebook post, by confronting the prejudice and telling the truth about purebred dogs and their responsible breeders. We will focus our efforts on two key audiences – families with kids 8-12 and empty nesters. These groups represent the critical inflection points for dog ownership and hold our best opportunities to correctly educate the public about purebred dogs and responsible dog breeding. An additional audience will be federal and local legislators. Our experience makes it clear that once legislators know the truth, the legislative outcome is positive.
We will expand our voice to include breeders, dog owners, AKC thought leaders, veterinarians, and AKC’s over 700,000 grassroots followers.

We will relentlessly focus on these foundational story themes: the unique qualities of purebred dogs, the desirability of purebred dogs as family pets, the truth about the health of purebred dogs, and the truth about responsible breeders.

We will use every outreach channel to relentlessly tell our story in a shareable and searchable way, including national and local media, hybrid media, AKC’s own media, and social media.

By focusing on these key audiences with expanded, credible voices centered on our core narratives we will get better stories in the media, more often.

In addition, we will immediately and aggressively respond to any attack utilizing our partners, our supporters, and our full media assets.

There are three things you can do to help regain control of our destiny.

Tell us what you are hearing from your community, what the toughest questions are that you face.

We’ll compile the answers and get you a toolkit to respond from a position of knowledge, strength, and pride.

Tell us your story - how you picked your breed, why you became a breeder and what has changed about the health of your breed due to the efforts of your Parent Club.

Tell us who you know who can help tell the truth – supportive officials in parent, children’s, or seniors’ organizations either locally or nationally; a veterinarian who is actively involved in a professional organization either locally or nationally; or an informed and outspoken government official.

You can share all of this information with Chris Walker at cxw2@akc.org or 212-696-8232.

As an avid Bullmastiff breeder, I am reminded of the description of that great protector of the family and property – fearless and confident, yet docile. I believe the AKC is a great protector of our rights to responsibly breed dogs. We too are fearless and confident, but it is time to stop being docile regarding the lies and propaganda that defile purebred dogs and responsible breeders.

We will communicate the truth about purebred dogs and their responsible breeders, emotionally and memorably.

We will increase the desire to own a purebred dog.

We will de-stigmatize responsible breeders.

We will change the conversation.

We will change the future.

Mr. Sprung gave the President’s Report as follows.

First and foremost, it is gratifying to report that as we encounter weather concerns at events, our field staff is out each week, assessing the well-being of our dogs in compliance with board policy and using common sense to ensure safe conditions.

Next, I want to thank you and your clubs for the continued success of the AKC Humane Fund. Since December 2012, the Fund has increased total giving by 50 percent, providing more to Parent Club Rescues and also increasing grants to women’s shelters by 93 percent. A recent change to the women’s shelter guidelines allows those taking in abused women and their pets to receive an annual grant over three years as opposed to applying annually. This success will expand to Parent Club Rescue organizations, reducing the bureaucracy of annual requests and cultivating long term relationships.

Scholarship disbursement has reached $50,000 in addition to the annual awards to ACE recipients. The Sandy Fund, a sub-fund, started with a $10,000 donation from Westminster Kennel Club in the wake of Hurricane Sandy, is poised to provide relief in future natural disasters. Donors of $1,000 or more receive a permanent plaque on the wall of honor. We have surpassed 440 plaques with the majority of those donations originating from clubs, delegates, breeders, exhibitors and judges. Your participation is a powerful reminder of the unshakable commitment to dogs.

The Humane Fund is the beneficiary of three annual events. The Michael J. Saueve Benefit, honoring the lifetime compassion of this former Executive Field Representative, is held in conjunction with our show. Generously organized by Peggy Hauck, the event includes entertainment, an auction, raffle and dinner.

On the Friday before the Garden, the annual theater and dinner benefit, under-written by the Chairman of Pet Partners Healthcare, Sir John Spurling, will feature the Tony Award-winning Best New Musical, Kinky Boots. One hundred percent of the proceeds go to charity.

On the Sunday before Westminster, Bonhams Auction House will once again offer Barkfest at Bonhams, featuring notable breed paintings and sculptures. Again, 100 percent of the proceeds go to the Humane Fund. Of course, everyone is invited.

I would like to encourage Parent Club delegates and presidents to advise their clubs to consider applying for a Humane Fund Breed Rescue grant. We are here to help you.

As the new show chair for the 2013 AKC/Eukanuba National Championship, I will review some of our plans for an enhanced event including expanded online coverage. Free coverage of the event via streaming video will be available online. Approximately 25 cameras will deliver more than 300 hours of video featuring a number of specialties and attractions on Friday plus weekend coverage of Breed, Group, Best in Show, Agility and Obedience. Very importantly, to address our core constituency’s desire for more breed coverage, we will be streaming the judging for all 190 breeds and varieties in their entirety. There will be a live airing of Group and Best in Show judging and a full broadcast of the show will live online following the event.

Last year’s online streaming garnered higher viewership than the televised event. P&G Pet Care anticipates this year’s viewership to increase even more, allowing for greater awareness of the AKC.

A very special debt of gratitude is due to our former show chairman, Ron Menaker, whose creativity, knowledge and dedication contributed to the show’s growth in numerous ways. Ron, thank you, from everybody. Ron, please stand. (Applause)

This year, we introduce a complimentary AKC Breeder 2 Breeder seminar which you are all invited to attend. There will be two sessions; if you cannot attend the session in the morning, the afternoon is available to you. You are welcome.

The Board and Staff look forward to hosting you, working alongside you, and
spending our days together celebrating dogs.

(Appplause)

Peter Farnsworth gave the Financial Report as follows:

Mr. Farnsworth: We are up $2 million in revenues, and I am going to go over some of the influencing factors individually, in a second. Expenses, on the other hand, have been controlled and were down $2.2 million. The result is that Net Operating Income is $4.2 million up versus this time last year. And this goes to the end of August. Investment gains were $5 million last year this time, and are $6.5 million this year. That is a gain of really about $10 million during those two periods of time. You can see, later on, that has affected positively our balance sheet and our investment statements. We don’t budget for investment gains, because you don’t know how those are going to come in. But overall, it is worthy to note that net income is up nearly $6 million from this time last year, nearly double.

So as to the bright revenue numbers: What happened? The surf is up in revenues. The revenue tide rose gradually last year, as we introduced the $30 registration fee during the first few months of the year. And we introduced it gradually from January until about June, and by then it was pretty well 100 percent at $30 each, versus this year, when it’s been $30 since the beginning of the year. So you can imagine, that alone has had an impact of letting 2013 be better.

The waves of registration numbers themselves, while they are still below last year, they are better than we expected. Now, you can forget budgets for a second, but we expected (budgeted) them to be about seven percent down and they are only about four percent down. So the combination of the two has helped revenues boost. So registration-related revenues (and by that, I mean pedigrees, certificates, Canine Partners, etc.: everything that is related to the registration of dogs and litters), are about $1.1 million above last year. So that is about half of that $2 million revenue increase that I had on the previous slide.

Other revenue sources are ebbing and flowing. In some sponsorships we received money we didn’t expect early in the year. For example, we had collection of a bad debt. On the other hand, some sponsorships have gone down. So it is ebbing and flowing.

“CAR” (Canine Animal Recovery), on the other hand, is doing swimmingly for us this year, producing nearly $400,000 more for us than it did last this time last year.

Costs:

Well, we are not letting costs get too big. We are keeping them down so it doesn’t spoil our view.

• We are basking in some unfilled employee positions. Those are saving year to date about $200,000 and that is great. We expect that to go away as the year comes to a close and some of those positions are filled, but we still are benefitting from that so far this year.

• Government actions have shielded our exposures in pension costs in 2013, saving about $1.2 million. While we’ll mention this in the balance sheet in a second, while we are still ensuring the soundness of our pension plan and the obligations we have to our retirees and our employees, our current employees.

The government actions that I am talking about are interesting. So after stock market crash of 2008, that everyone was, oh my God, pensions need to be, up and so they announced something like a Pension Soundness Act. And then a few weeks later, they asked people to put more money into their pension funding accounts. And a few years later, the government realized it was bankrupting companies all across the United States who couldn’t afford to do it so quickly. It produced a Pension Relief Act, which meant, well, never mind. So it is a very it is a funny kind of world, but not to worry, our pensions are in good shape.

• Then at the same time, in the way of expenses, we are combing the beaches for nickels and dimes, as I say, trying to save money here, cut there, don’t spend too much on fancy bagels for the parties like today and we saved about $400,000 year to date, through what we call the little things.

Balance Sheet:

I am going to talk about the balance sheet next. The balance sheet is where we balance the activity that you want to do and the safety that we are ensuring to make sure we can continue to do it for the next couple of years. So “full activity today, full safety for tomorrow” is what I talk about when I mention the balance sheet.

We have liabilities and reserves as part of our balances. We owe pensioners funds in the future and the board has set aside money for reserves. And I call that “swimming with the sharks”; you have to be in the marketplace swimming, you have to be out there doing things, and when you do that you create liabilities and risks. But at the same time, we’ve created financial assets, which I call “the muscle bound lifeguards on the beach”, which are there to make sure nothing goes wrong. So in fact, if those liabilities become significant, if something happens that we are not counting on, we do have the financial soundness.

A year ago, we weren’t in such a good position: We showed the negative here of $2 million, between the safety and reserves. But because in the part of all the actions we’ve taken, and it is not just the stock market, we are making sure that we are good on a current basis and making money, making sure we are saving expenses where we can, etc. so we have been able to make that now a $9 million positive balance.

Dennis suggested I announce the end of the fiscal year now, because we are doing well “Year To Date” thru August (Laughter).

So summary comments are “good weather year to date” and we celebrate that. We have had a good summer. But things change, so we are keeping our balance sheet strong, we are keeping it current, more action is rolling in, we are scanning the horizon for new activities, new waves of opportunity, new things coming along. And we will be investing in those things over a period of time, reasonably prudently.

So together, with each other, we are scanning for opportunities with which to strengthen the AKC.

We thank you for your support. Thank you very much.

There was a vote on the proposed amendment to Chapter 4, Section 2 Approval of Judges’ Panels and Premium Lists of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows, which eliminates the different time frames for sending out premium lists. The amendment was brought for-
ward by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee and approved by the AKC Board of Directors. There were two thirds in the affirmative and the amendment was adopted.

The Executive Secretary read a proposed amendment is to Chapter 3, Section 22 - Dog Show Classifications of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows. This amendment would provide for a Bred by Exhibitor Class for each sex of each Miscellaneous Class breed, consistent with the requirements as currently defined in Section 8. The amendment was brought forward by Staff and approved by the AKC Board of Directors.

It will be published in two issues of the online AKC Gazette and the Delegates will be asked to vote on it at the December 2013 meeting.

Chief Operating Officer, Daryl Hendricks, recognized AKC Delegates who have served for 25 years as follows:

We will now honor Delegates who have served for 25 years. This is the 15th time that AKC has had the privilege to present Delegates medallions. The medalion is in recognition of meritorious and long term contributions to the Sport. Each individual has served in this body for 25 years and they have joined 88 previously honored Delegates.

This medallion program recognizes our core constituency and allows a grateful American Kennel Club the opportunity to honor our own.

Will the following Delegates please come forward:

Dr. Sandra B. Barker, Magic Valley Kennel Club; Connie S. Clap, Genesee County Kennel Club; Almira B. Dallas, Forsyth Kennel Club; Judith V. Daniels, Mt. Baker Kennel Club; Sue Goldberg, Lewiston Auburn Kennel Club; James C. Ogg, New England Old English Sheepdog Club; John L. Ronald, Samoyed Club of America; Rebecca S. Stanevich, Mountaineer Kennel Club; and Linda B. Wilson, South Jersey Kennel Club.

Please join me in congratulating our honorees.

(Appause)

The Executive Secretary honored five clubs which have been AKC Member Clubs for 100 years as follows:

I would now like to take this opportunity to congratulate the American Sealyham Terrier Club; the Devon County Dog Show Association; the Empire Beagle Club; the German Shepherd Dog Club of America; and the Kennel Club of Philadelphia, which are celebrating 100 years of membership in the American Kennel Club.

The Chairman will present each club with a plaque to commemorate this occasion. If the Delegates of those clubs are present, please come to the front of the room.

(Appause)

Mr. Crowley gave the report on the nominating committee as follows:

The next item is a report on the Nominating Committee. At the July meeting, the Board of Directors selected the following Delegates to the Nominating Committee to select candidates for the Class of 2018:

Dominic P. Carota, Chair, Pharaoh Hound Club of America; James M. Ashton, Obedience-Training Club of Rhode Island; Robert D. Black, Hatboro Dog Club; Constance B. Butherus, Afghan Hound Club of America; Marcy Zingler, Sun Maid Kennel Club of Fresno.

Alternates: Jeffery David Ball, Ramapo Kennel Club, and Steve Schmidt, Texas Kennel Club.

I now call on Dominic Carota to address the Delegates.

Mr. Carota: Good morning, Dominic Carota, Pharaoh Hound Club of America. As chairperson of the AKC Board of Directors Nominating Committee for the Class of 2018, I would like to thank the Committee: Jim Ashton, Bob Black, Connie Butherus, Marcy Zingler and alternates Jeff Ball and Steve Schmidt, as well as the five candidates that we interviewed on Sunday.

At this time, we encourage any of our fellow Delegates interested in pursuing a candidacy for the Class of 2018, to please contact me or any member of our committee before Thursday, October 10th, when the committee will meet again here at the hotel to select our final slate of three candidates to propose to Jim Crowley for the October 15th deadline. Thank you.

The Chair called on Alan Kalter, to give you Delegates news about AKC CAR. Mr. Kalter spoke as follows:

As I am sure all of you are aware, AKC Companion Animal Recovery or AKC CAR, as we know it, has been a terrific contributor to dogs and to the people who cherish those dogs. Our mission is to ensure their safety, protect them and rehome them should they be lost, and from a financial standpoint, also as a contributor to the AKC. We believe that there is a significant upside to AKC CAR and the CAR board and staff are working diligently to leverage every asset we have to assure that that our mission is accomplished – we continue to protect more dogs and cats and other pets. We have the ability to generate the revenue that is going to allow us to do that, and through the fund we can contribute to worthy causes and to support the American Kennel Club.

In the quest to bring to increase the ability of CAR to be successful, there is some news we have to share with you today that we are quite excited about. I want to introduce Tom Sharp, who is the CEO of CAR, to talk to you about that.

Mr. Sharp: Good morning! I have an exciting announcement for you about AKC CAR!

As you know, we were founded by the AKC in 1995 to identify lost pets and return them to their owners. We have been doing a great job of that for 18 years, and have over 5 million pets enrolled in our service! Our microchips are the choice of thousands of vets, shelters, rescues, clubs and breeders throughout the country, and our revenue is up 10% this year over last.

However, we believe we can do even better, especially with products and services offered directly to consumers. To achieve our goals for growth, we need a more compelling name. Let’s face it, American Kennel Club Companion Animal Recovery is a mouthful!

We of course like the AKC association, but this logo makes people think we ARE the AKC. This can confuse veterinarians, breeders, shelters and rescues when we are trying to help them with microchip purchases or recovery services.
The name is too long for use in conversation so we frequently use the acronym AKC CAR. However, customers do not connect AKC CAR or CAR to our products and services. I can’t tell you how many times I have been asked “What does AKC have to do with cars?”

So, we engaged a marketing agency, researched the competition and conducted consumer research, and determined that we need a new name and logo. We learned that we need to:

- Soften our corporate look
- Connect with consumers
- Update our web site
- And improve our tag line

What is the solution? We are very proud to announce a new name which incorporates our connection to AKC and intuitively connects to the heart of what we do, a new tag line that inspires trust and authority, and a new image that is warm, playful, and appealing.

Which gives us our new identity AKC Reunite, the way home for lost pets!

We believe this new name and logo will help us connect more quickly with consumers and will be a great asset as we move forward.

What does this mean to you and our other customers and constituents? We are still incorporated as AKC Companion Animal Recovery in NY State. We are doing business as AKC Reunite with the same phone and same address.

We have a new web site – www.akcreunite.org

We also have new email addresses, using akcreunite.org rather than akccar.org

Our technology folks have done a great job so that if you have old email addresses or bookmarks, they should automatically redirect or forward to the right destination.

A press release will go out today announcing our new brand image. We are sending announcements to our customers and pet owners. We are updating our Facebook page and expanding our social media marketing. We will advertise our new identity and our products and services and look forward to even stronger growth next year. We appreciate your support as we launch this exciting new phase.

(Applause)

Mr. Kalter: Concurrent with the work that was done to develop the new name, the new tag line, and the new logo, we found there was a terrific opportunity that came up for AKC Reunite to be involved with and I’d like to ask Pat Laurans to explain that opportunity to you.

Ms. Laurans: [Patricia Laurans, Delegate for the German Wirehaired Pointer Club of America]. Good morning. On the Sunday before our June meeting in Raleigh, a small group of Delegates and AKC CAR staff came together to discuss the feasibility of working on a project that would establish a pet disaster trailer program. After a four hour gathering, there was an enthusiastic yes, let’s do it. An example of a fully stocked trailer was there for us and the Delegates to view and the resounding reply from all was, wow. This is a great idea. How can we participate?

After that meeting, the AKC CAR board voted to support this project, by earmarking $250,000 over two years to assist our clubs in making this a reality. The presentation that you are about to hear and that you are about to see says it all. So now, please welcome Dallas Harsa, Marketing Director of AKC Reunite, to present the fruits of our labor.

Ms. Harsa: Good morning.

It is unfortunate, but true. There will be Hurricanes. Floods. Fires. Tornadoes. You’ve seen the destruction they leave behind on the news, and maybe even in your own hometown. These disasters impact our homes, our businesses, our families, our pets.

As Community Leaders, Good Samaritans and dog lovers in general, many of you have stepped up to help pets in need after the unthinkable happens. Maybe you were a volunteer, or you made a generous donation, or you helped coordinate much needed pet care resources and supplies. It is truly a wonderful act of kindness and charity.

But, what if there was better preparation for pets before a storm or fire or earthquake? What if there was a more proactive plan in place that could almost immediately help our animal companions after a disaster?

Let’s think about this. If a catastrophic storm or fire is approaching or there is a hazmat emergency, pet owners will be asked to leave their home with little or no notice. Split-second decisions will be made on what is most important to take with them. Maybe they will take their photos or a prized possession? But, without question, they will evacuate WITH their family and pets.

But, if people are not allowed to bring their pets with them at the time of the emergency evacuation, many will refuse to leave. They will knowingly risk their own safety to stay with their pets. In fact, 44% of the people that did not evacuate during Hurricane Katrina cited not wanting to leave their pets as the very reason they would not leave.

Or, what about emergencies of a different kind? Maybe an area is struck by a disaster without warning. It could be a tornado, or an earthquake or an explosion. Among the devastation, there are animals seen wandering and lost. But these animals are not strays and are not abandoned. These are pets. They are lost. They are scared, possibly injured. And they are in need of help.

That is why, regardless of the size or budget of a community, the law now requires our local municipalities to care for its citizens and their pets in the event of a disaster. Local Emergency Management needs a plan and a resource to quickly and safely #1 evacuate people and #2 accommodate displaced pets so people will know authorities are keeping a lookout for and caring for any pets they find and pet owners will not re-enter a dangerous area looking for them.

And I’m here to share with you an exciting way our AKC Community can help.

Let’s donate AKC Pet Disaster Relief trailers to communities in need. As an AKC Community, we can build a network that equips our hometowns with the essential animal sheltering resources that are needed the first critical hours after a disaster.

At the June Delegate Meeting, many of you had the opportunity to tour an AKC Pet Disaster Relief trailer. You saw a 16-foot trailer stocked with the necessary, non-perishable supplies required to temporarily shelter pets in an emergency situation.

You saw wire crates stacked on rolling carts for quick and easy set-up along with administration and maintenance
supplies. You saw pet care essentials like leashes, bowls, and AKC CAR. (now AKC Reunite!) microchips and scanners. There was a generator, emergency lighting, fans and so, so much more.

And, due to our partnership with North Carolina State Animal Response Team, training materials will also be available on the how-to’s of AKC Pet Disaster Relief. Training ranges from how-to set up an emergency pet shelter, to how-to check in pets, to how-to train and mobilize volunteers, to how-to decontaminate and replenish the trailer after it is deployed.

AKC Pet Disaster Relief trailers provide local Emergency Management the immediate capability of providing a safe, temporary home-base animal shelter.

Here, you can see just how easy it is to set up AKC Pet Disaster Relief. Emergency Management drove the trailer to the school, lined the hallways in protective plastic, placed a runner, rolled in the crates, and staged the supplies. In minimal time the pop-up pet shelter was ready to safely shelter pets.

After the shelter is set up, it is equipped to help shelter pets in two different ways. It can be used as Co-location Shelter that can keep animals and their human companions together in a safe place as they literally weather a storm. People are sheltered in a dedicated area, like a school gymnasium, and their pets are crated on-site in a specific area, like a hallway. Pet owners are directly responsible for their pet’s care.

Or, AKC Pet Disaster Relief can be used to create temporary Lost and Found shelters for displaced pets. These temporary shelters become pop-up reunion centers for families to look for, and be reunited with, their lost pets. Here is an actual quote from a pet owner that found her dog at a pop-up Lost and Found shelter after the devastating tornado that ripped through Moore, Oklahoma in May:

“...it’s just relief. I don’t care about the house. I don’t care about anything else now. We’re okay. We’re all alive. We have our family, our dog. We’re going to be okay.”

We can be a part of this. We can lead the way to better sheltering solutions for pets during desperate times. We can keep families together. We can save lives. We can do all of this with your help.

To do this, we are asking all Clubs to help raise a portion of the funds needed to provide these trailers. Donations will be made through the AKC Reunite Canine Support and Relief Fund and are tax deductible.

Each fully stocked and delivered trailer costs $22,000, and to support this program, AKC Reunite has allocated a quarter of a million dollars over the next two years to help with your Club’s fundraising efforts to supply trailers to our nation’s communities in need.

And, with your Club’s financial support of at least $1,000, your Club will be recognized in a big way.

Similar to a NASCAR car sponsorship, your Club’s logo will appear on the side of the trailer you sponsor. The more your Club can contribute, the larger your Club’s logo will be on the trailer to showcase your Club as the champion of all pets for all in the community to see.

All of us on the AKC Pet Disaster Relief project thank you for your early enthusiasm and contributions. It is truly wonderful. Building on this momentum, we are looking into national sponsorships for AKC Pet Disaster Relief, and welcome you to reach out to potential regional sponsors as well.

There is a packet of materials for you to pick up as you leave today that will give you all the particulars of AKC Pet Disaster Relief fundraising.

And as a local Club you have a tremendous opportunity to make a very immediate difference in your community. Your club, or even better - a network of clubs in your area - can meet with your local Emergency Management team and introduce AKC Pet Disaster Relief. You can show how these trailers will help simplify their legally required planning to accommodate pets during disasters and share your goal of donating a trailer to them.

By demonstrating your concern for the people in your community and their pets, your Club will build meaningful grassroots partnerships. Together, you can even plan ways your Club and Emergency Management can showcase AKC Pet Disaster Relief starting with a public presentation of the trailer to your local community. You can also put the trailer on display at events throughout the year, like Responsible Dog Ownership Day, county fairs, parades, festivals and more.

And as local emergency preparedness for pets is enhanced, your Club will garner very positive visibility and support. Also in the packet that you pick up after this session, there is a Tip Sheet on how-to engage with your local Emergency Management and a program brochure to help you present AKC Pet Disaster Relief trailers to your community.

We’ve all seen the destruction disasters leave behind on the news, and maybe even in our own hometowns. It’s true that the need is real. It’s definite that the time is now. And we are asking you to Help Us Roll Out Help.

The first step is to remember to pick up your packets at the AKC Reunite table when you leave today. Tom Sharp and I will be available to answer your questions, too. Then, please go and talk to your Clubs and start raising funds for this very important cause. Let’s do this. Let’s Roll Out Help.

Thank you and I look forward to seeing you at the AKC Reunite table after the meeting. You can also check out the program website at www.akcreunite.org/relief.

(Applause)

Ms. Laurans: It is all pretty amazing. It took 91 days to take the original possibility and expand it to this full fledged opportunity. The passionate committee members who put this together are Alan Kalter, Ann Wallin, Becky Stanevich, Bob Urban, Cindy Miller, Dave Hopkins, Judy Hart, Marilyn Currey, Sue Hamil, Tom Sharp, Ruth Crumb and me.

Special recognition must be given to Tom Sharp and Dallas Harsa. Their work in getting this done, working with us so quickly, was just amazing. And as a committee, we were blown away. Even before this presentation, five clubs have signed on and pledged money to support this project.

I would like to give kudos to the following clubs who have already turned in their pledge. The Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club of America, the Chattanooga Kennel Club, the American Tibetan Mastiff Association, the American Chinese Crested Club and the German Wirehaired Pointer Club of America.

Right now, each and every one of us needs to get involved. Our job is to get our clubs to provide the funding for this
worthwhile program. Right now, with your support and the financial commitment of your clubs, we will roll out help to pets and their people so desperately needed in times of disaster. Right now, it is up to all of us to turn this incredible opportunity into a reality and show the world that the AKC and AKC Reunite really care about all dogs and their people, that we are not just supporters of champion dogs, but indeed we really are supporters and we take care, because we are the dog’s champion. Thank you.

The Chair announced that the December Delegate’s meeting will be held in at the Rosen Centre Hotel, on Friday, December 13th. A block of rooms have been reserved for the Delegates’ use. To reserve, Delegates should call the hotel with the special code that was sent to them. The following subjects were discussed during New Business:

Sue Goldberg, Delegate for the Lewiston-Auburn Kennel Club suggested that there be promotional material and a collection jar for the AKC Pet Disaster Relief Trailer project at each breed booth at the September 28th-29th AKC Meet the Breeds. She also asked for a non-binding resolution to have the Board reconsider the decision to schedule the September Delegate Committee meetings on a Sunday, rather than a Monday.

In September, when polled, a majority of Delegates in attendance favored the Monday date rather than Sunday.

Barbara Mann, Delegate for the Dayton Dog Training Club, requested that the Board reconsider "AKC’s Good Dog Help Line" as she believed it is in competition with AKC Obedience Training Clubs.

Carol Williamson, Delegate for the Houston Kennel Club, and Chair of Perspectives, invited the Delegates to write articles for the December Perspectives (October 15th, deadline). The issue is to be coordinated by Lynn Worth-Smith.

Sylvia Arrowwood, Delegate for the Charleston Kennel Club, suggested that AKC have a fully supplied AKC Pet Disaster Relief Trailer at the Javits Center Meet the Breeds and the show in Orlando.

Glenda Stephenson, Delegate for the Space Coast Kennel Club of Palm Bay, and Marjorie Tuff, Delegate for the American Shetland Sheepdog Club, expressed concern that the AKC/Eukanuba show will only be available on a live stream video and not on television.

Julian Prager, Delegate for the Central Florida Kennel Club requested details on how the live stream was going to be publicized and the projections on viewership.

Sherry Wallis, Delegate for the Akita Club of America expressed the view that the live stream could actually reach a larger audience the telecast.

Gail LaBerge, Delegate for the Atlanta Obedience Club, spoke about AKC Reunite grants given to three Search and Rescue groups in Georgia. The checks are to be presented to the recipients by the Georgia Governor.

Carmen Battaglia, Delegate for the German Shepherd Dog Club of America, outlined plans for the club’s centennial. They included the National October 10th – 12th, at which the club will recognize the military and service organization, which have used the breed. On October 17th-19th, the club will host the World Trial for German Shepherd Dogs.

Patricia Laurans encouraged clubs having Nationals to try to raise funds for a disaster trailer.

Carla Jo Ryan, Delegate for the Japanese Chin club of America indicated that she believes the reference to breeders on AKC’s Facebook page specify show breeders.

Patte Klecac, Delegate for the American Bouviers des Flandres Club, reported that her club is celebrating its 50th anniversary and will be holding its specialty at the South Fork Ranch in Dallas at the end of October.

Kim Johnson of KPMG read the Teller’s report for the Delegate Standing Committees.

Ms. Johnson: For the All-Breed Committee, the following four candidates were elected for three year terms: Robert D. Black; Sandra Frei; John L. Ronald; and Ann Wallin.

For the Bylaws Committee, the following four candidates were elected for three year terms: Rita J. Biddle; Judy A. Hart; Dr. John V. Ioia; and Jan M. Ritchie.

For the Dog Show Rules Committee, the following four candidates were elected for three year terms: Linda C. Flynn; Sue Goldberg; Nancy J. Perrell; and Cindy Stansell.

For the Field Trial and Hunting Events Committee, the following four candidates were elected for three year terms: David H. Hopkins; Fred T Kampo; Karolyne McAteer; and Lynn Worth Smith. Also for the Field Trial and Hunting Events Committee, the following candidate was elected for a two year term: Florence Duggan.

For the Obedience, Tracking and Agility Committee: the following four candidates were elected for three year terms: Dr. Joyce A. Dandridge; Barbara L. Mann; Patricia A. Sample; and Maureen R. Setter.

For the Parents Club Committee, the following four candidates were elected for three year terms: Anne H. Bowes; Constance Butherus; John P. Nielsen; and Larry Sorenson.

There was no election required for the Canine Health Committee; the Delegate Advocacy and Advancement Committee; the Herding, Earth Dog and Coursing Events Committee; and the Perspectives Editorial Committee. The Delegates who self-nominated for these committees are seated.

The Executive Secretary read the names of the Delegates who will serve on these committees: The Delegates who are self-nominated and will serve four, three year terms on the Canine Health Committee are: Dr. Sophia Kaluzniacki; Dr. Harvey Mohrenweiser; Holly E. Sheltry; and Marcy Zingler. Delegates who are self-nominated and will serve four, three year terms and one, one year term on the Delegate Advocacy
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and Advancement Committee are: James R. Dok; Harold E. Perry; Jane F. Ruthford; Daniel J. Smyth, Esq.; and Daniel T. Stolz. The terms are determined by the committee. When there is a tie vote or there are no votes, the committee will decide which one serves the one year term.

Delegates who are self nominated and will serve four, three year terms on the Herding, Earth Dog and Coursing Events Committee are: Thomas H. Barrie; Carol Clark; Bonnie Lapham; and Nicholas G. Pisias. An additional member may be appointed for a one year term, as a seat remains open.

Delegates who are self nominated and will serve six, two year terms on the Perspectives Editorial Committee are Sylvia Arrowwood; Patricia D. Reynolds; Daniel J. Smyth; and Sherri E. Wallis. Two additional members may be appointed for a two year term, as two seats remain open.

(Meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m.)

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