Attention Delegates
Notice of Meeting

The next meeting of the Delegates will be held at the Sheraton Newark Airport Hotel on Tuesday, March 13, 2012, beginning at 9:00 am.

Delegates Credentials

William I. Christensen, Palm Springs, CA, Australian Terrier Club of America
Marilyn E. Currey, Reddick, FL, American Chinese Crested Club
Frank Holloway, Foxfire Village, NC, Chow Chow Club
Graafin Ginger Leeuwenburg, Sterling, CT, South County Kennel Club
Vivian Andre Moran, Waddy, KY, Cardigan Welsh Corgi Club of America
Laurie Morris, North Augusta, SC, Augusta Kennel Club
Anne Palmer, Dexter, MI, Ann Arbor Kennel Club
Diane Pearson, Honey Brook, PA, Bedlington Terrier Club of America
Bonnie Pike, Durham, NH, Cocker Spaniel Breeders Club of New England
Rebecca P. Poole, Hixson, TN, Bull Terrier Club of America
James W. Smith, North Collins, NY, Washington State Obedience Training Club

Notice

Mrs. Dannielle Romeo (Radford, VA) Action was taken by the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship for conduct in connection with its December 17, 2011 event. Mrs. Romeo 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 public reprimand and a $100 fine.

Notice

Mr. William Keith Hacker (Acampo, CA) Action was taken by the Green Valley Spaniel Club for conduct in connection with its January 15, 2012 event. Specifically, Mr. Hacker was charged with verbal abuse (inappropriate, abusive or foul language) directed personally to a judge, and inappropriate public criticism of a judge, not disruptive, but demonstrating a lack of sportsmanship. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the committee’s report and set the penalty at a two month event suspension and a $100 fine, effective January 15, 2012.

Notice

The AKC’s Management Disciplinary Committee has reprimanded Mrs. Elizabeth “Betty” Brown (Plantersville, TX) for certifying an AKC document on behalf of another without filing a properly completed Power of Attorney form.

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 refusing to make their dogs and records available for inspection when requested:

Effective February 10, 2012

Mr. Micki Jacquot (De Soto, IL) Multiple Breeds
Mrs. Vanessa Jacquot (De Soto, IL) Multiple Breeds

NOTICE

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

Timber Ridge Obedience Club of Wisconsin (4 events X $50.00/event) $200.00
Trinity Valley Shetland Sheepdog Club (2 events X $50.00/event)..............$100.00

Terre Haute Kennel Club (3 events X $100.00/event).........................$300.00

Bloomington Indiana Kennel Club (3 events X $90.00/event).................$270.00

Notification of reprimands and fines imposed on individuals for failure to comply with Benching Rules, Rules Applying to Dog Shows Chapter 4, Section 1.

Timber Ridge Obedience Club of Wisconsin (4 events X $50.00/event) .............$200.00

Notification of reprimands and/or fines imposed on clubs for late submission of judges’ panel, Rules Applying to Dog Shows Chapter 13, Sections 1 & 3, Kennel Club of Philadelphia, Inc., November 2011.

Evan M Threlfall (3 dogs) ..............................................................................$750.00

Approved Tibetan Mastiff Breed Standard

GENERAL APPEARANCE

Noble and impressive: a large, but not a giant breed. An athletic and substantial dog, of solemn but kindly appearance. The Tibetan Mastiff stands well up on the pasterns, with strong, tight, cat feet, giving an alert appearance. The body is slightly longer than tall. The hallmark of the breed are the head and the tail. The head is broad and impressive, with substantial back skull, the eyes deep-set and almond shaped, slightly slanted, the muzzle broad and well-padded, giving a square appearance. The typical expression of the breed is one of watchfulness. The tail and briches are well feathered and the tail is carried over the back in a single curl falling over the loin, balancing the head. The coat and heavy mane is thick, with coarse guard hair and a wooly undercoat.

The Tibetan Mastiff has been used primarily as a family and property guardian for many millennia. The Tibetan Mastiff is aloof and watchful of strangers, and highly protective of its people and property.

SIZE, PROPORTION, SUBSTANCE

Size: Dogs – preferred range of 26 inches - 29 inches at the withers. Bitches - preferred range of 24 inches - 27 inches at the withers. Dogs and bitches that are 18 months or older and that are less than 25 inches at the withers in the case of dogs or 23 inches at the withers in the case of bitches to be disqualified. All dogs and bitches within the preferred range for height are to be judged equally, with no preference to be given to the taller dog. Proportion: Slightly longer than tall (10-9), (i.e., the length to height, measured from sternum to ischium should be slightly greater than the distance from withers to ground). Substance: The Tibetan Mastiff should have impressive substance for its size, both in bone, body and muscle.

HEAD

Broad, strong with heavy brow ridges. Heavy wrinkling to be severely faulted; however a single fold extending from above the eyes down to the corner of the mouth acceptable at maturity. A correct head and expression is essential to the breed. Expression: Noble, intelligent, watchful and aloof. Eyes: Very expressive, medium size, any shade of brown. Rims to be black except in blue/grey and blue/grey and tan dogs, the darkest possible shade of grey. Eyes deep-set, well apart, almond-shaped, and slightly slanting, with tightly fitting eye rims at maturity. Any other color or shape to be severely faulted since it detracts from the typical expression. Ears: Medium size, V-shaped, pendant, set-on high, dropping forward and hanging close to head. Raised when alert, level with the top of the skull. The ear leather is thick, covered with soft short hair, and when measured, should reach the inner corner of the eye. Low-set and/or hound-like ears to be severely faulted. Skull: Broad and large, with strongly defined occiput. Broad, flat back skull. Prominent, bony brow ridges. Stop: Moderately defined, made to appear well defined by presence of prominent brow ridges. Muzzle: Broad, well filled and square when viewed from all sides. Proportions: Measurement from stop to end of nose to be between one-half to one-third the length of the measurement from the occiput to stop. Longer muzzle is a severe fault. Width of skull measured from ear set to opposite ear set, to be slightly greater than length of skull measured from occiput to stop (i.e., just off square). Nose: Broad, well pigmented, with open nostrils. Black, except with blue/grey or blue/grey and tan dogs, the darkest shade of grey and brown dogs, the darkest shade of brown. Any other color to be severely faulted. Lips: Well developed, thick, with moderate flies and slightly pendulous lower lips. Bite: Scissor bite, complete dentition, level bite acceptable. Teeth: Canine teeth large, strong, broken teeth not to be faulted. Disqualifications: Undershot or overshot bite.

NECK, TOPLINE, BODY

Neck: The neck is well muscled, moderately arched, sufficient in length to be in balance with the body, and may have moderate dewlap around the throat. The neck, especially in mature dogs, is shrouded by a thick upstanding mane. Topline: Topline level and firm between withers and croup. Body: The chest is well developed, with reasonable spring of rib. Brisket reaching to just below elbows. Underline with pronounced (but not exaggerated) tuck-up. The back is muscular with firmly muscled loin. There is no slope or angle to the croup. Tail: Well feathered, medium to long, not reaching below the hock, set high on line with the back. When alert or in motion, the tail is always carried curled over the back, may be carried down when dog is relaxed. Faults: Double curl, incomplete curl, uncurled or straight tail. Severe faults: Tail not carried in the proper position as set forth above.

FOREQUARTERS

Shoulders: Well laid back, muscular,
strongly boned, with moderate angulation to match the rear angulation. 
Legs: Straight, with substantial bone and muscle, well covered with short, coarse hair, feathering on the back, and with strong pasterns that have a slight slope. 
Feet: Cat feet. Fairly large, strong, compact, may have feathering between toes. Nails may be either black and/or white, regardless of coat color. A single dewclaw may be present on the front feet.

HINDQUARTERS
Hindquarters: Powerful, muscular, with all parts being moderately angulated. Seen from behind, the hind legs and stifle are parallel. The hocks are strong, approximately one-third the overall length of the leg, and perpendicular. Feet: A single or double dewclaw may be present on the rear feet. Removal of rear dewclaws, if present, optional.

COAT
In general, dogs carry noticeably more coat than bitches. The quality of the coat is of greater importance than length. Double-coated, with fairly long, thick coarse guard hair, with heavy soft undercoat in cold weather which becomes rather sparse in warmer months. Hair is fine but hard, straight and stand-off; never silky, curly or wavy. Heavy undercoat, when present, rather woolly. Neck and shoulders heavily coated, especially in dogs, giving mane-like appearance. Tail and breeches densely coated and heavily feathered. The Tibetan Mastiff is shown naturally. Trimming is not acceptable except to provide a clean cut appearance of feet and hocks. Dogs are not to be penalized if shown with a summer coat.

COLOR
Black, brown, and blue/grey, all with or without tan markings ranging from a light silver to a rich mahogany; also gold, with shades ranging from a pure golden to a rich red gold. White markings on chest and feet acceptable. Tan markings may appear at any or all of the following areas: above eyes as spots, around eyes (including spectacle markings), on each side of the muzzle, on throat, on lower part of front forelegs and extending up the inside of the forelegs, on inside of rear legs showing down the front of the stifle and broadening out to the front of the rear legs from hock to toes, on breeches, and underside of tail.

Undercoat, as well as furnishings on breeches and underside of tail, may be lighter shades of the dominant color. The undercoat on black and tan dogs also may be grey or tan. Sabling, other than wolf sable and sabling in a saddle marked color pattern, is acceptable on gold dogs. Large white markings, to be faulted. Disqualification: All other coat colors (e.g., white, cream, wolf sable, brindle and particolors) and markings other than those specifically described.

GAIT
The gait of a Tibetan Mastiff is athletic, powerful, steady and balanced, yet at the same time, light-footed and agile. When viewed from the side, reach and drive should indicate maximum use of the dog's moderate angulation. At increased speed, the dog will tend to single-track. Back remains level and firm. Sound and powerful movement more important than speed.

TEMPERAMENT
The Tibetan Mastiff is a highly intelligent, independent, strong willed and rather reserved dog. He is aloof with strangers and highly protective of his charges and his property. In the ring he may exhibit reserve or lack of enthusiasm, but any sign of shyness is unacceptable and must be severely faulted as inappropriate for a guardian breed.

FAULTS
The foregoing description is that of the ideal Tibetan Mastiff. Any deviation from the above described dog must be penalized to the extent of the deviation. Disqualifications

Dogs under 25 inches (and 18 months or older). Bitches under 23 inches (and 18 months or older).

Undershot or overshot bite. All other coat colors (e.g., white, cream, wolf sable, brindle and particolors) and markings other than those specifically described.

Approved February 10, 2012
Effective February 29, 2012

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 90062, 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 web site 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.
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BEST IN SHOW
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REINSTATED JUDGE
The Judging eligibility of the following person has been reinstated.

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RESIGNED JUDGES
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DECEASED JUDGES
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PROVISIONAL OBEDIENCE/RALLY/TRACKING JUDGES
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Tracking Dog Excellent  
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DECEASED JUDGE  
Robert T Self Sr.  
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:  
SPICEWOOD – Mastiffs – Gina M. Moore  
HIGHTIDE – Australian Shepherds – Jillayne C. Karras  
RYBA – Australian Terriers – Susan B. Bachman & Teresa A. Schreeder  
BUCK MOUNTAIN – Australian Shepherds – Holly I & Bob M. VanDuys  
IMAGINE – French Bulldogs – Carol S. Johnson  
SOKOLDALU – Vizslas – Carla M. Slabaugh  
DREAMLAND – Australian Shepherds – Kasey J. Mora  
LITTLE HUNTER’S – German Shorthaired Pointers – Jami Moore  
DAMARHOF – Staffordshire Bull Terriers & Rottweilers – Mark Darwish  
HEAVENLY ANGELS - Shih Tzu – Tresa L. Horrocks  
TEMPLE GATE – Pugs – Sarah Woodworth  
TILER – Miniature Pinschers – Jonathan DeBelen  
KOBYS – Bulldogs – Wendy M. & Steven J. Kobrazych  
LUNAVALLEY – Australian Shepherds – Laura S. Richardson  
DUCKFLAT – Labrador Retrievers – Chris J. Hoffman  
LIBERTY RUN – Entlebucher Mountain Dogs – Anna Wallace  
WILLOWOOD – Cavalier King Charles – Susan J. Tomisch  
HEAVENSENT – Bullmastiffs – Cheryl & Paul Peavey  
Registered Name Prefixes Granted  
The following applications for a breed-specific Registered Name Prefix have been granted:  
SHAMBHALA-TM – Tibetan Mastiffs – Efrain Torres & Susan Abrams  
CAVIAR – Shetland Sheepdogs – Elicia Stevens  
SEAMONKEY – Affenpinschers – Debra & Danielle Nelson  
STILLBROOK – Labrador Retrievers – Donna Kenny  
SUN JOY – Portuguese Water Dogs – Beverly Jorgensen  
MOVIN RIGHT – Poodles – Kasey Cowan  
SNOWBORN – Siberian Huskies – James Holt  
DOUBLEHEADER – Labrador Retrievers – Betsy McCracken  
ICHTACA – Xoloitzcuintli – Marilynn Keith  
LOOKOUT – Great Danes – Robin MacFarlane  
FOXWUDZ – Pomeranians – Laura Jennings & Bonnie Stetson  
WEYBRIDGE – Cavalier King Charles Spans – Sherry Burton  
BEARHOLLOW – Newfoundland – Joyce Taylor  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
February 10, 2012  
The Board convened on Friday, February 10, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. All Directors were present, as were the Executive Secretary, the Chief Operating Officer and the Assistant Executive Secretary. Copies of the January 2012 minutes were made available to all Directors. The Board reviewed the minutes of the January 9 – 10, 2012 meeting. Upon a motion by Dr. Smith, seconded by Dr. Garvin, the January 2012 Board minutes were unanimously adopted.  
CHAIRMAN’S REPORT  
There was an EXECUTIVE SESSION to discuss personnel matters.  
AKC Staff Participation in Delegate Committee Meetings  
There was a discussion on the subject of staff participation in Delegate Committee meetings. Following a
motion by Mr. Kalter, seconded by Dr. Newman, it was VOTED (unanimously) to have the Chairman designate four individuals from the Board and AKC Staff to meet with the representatives designated by the Delegates Coordinating Committee to discuss future Staff participation with Delegate Committees that is efficient, effective, and in the best interest of AKC. The Chairman designated Mr. Kalter and Mr. Amen from the AKC Board and Mr. Sprung and Mr. Lyons from the AKC Staff.

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 entries have increased over the last ten years by 20%. Total entries for 2011 were 3,130,561, which is an increase of 3.8% from the previous year. Agility topped the one million entry plateau for the year. This is the first time that any sport other than Conformation has achieved this level. Miscellaneous Class was up 55% in 2011.

My Dog Can Do That

There was a discussion of the “My Dog Can Do That” concept of spectators bringing their dogs to AKC shows and being able to go through Companion Event exercises. The discussion focused on how to expand this popular activity, designed to bring new participants into the Sport, without greatly increasing AKC Staff travel expenses. Ideas like instructing training clubs or trainers to put on these events, which would benefit from enrolees in their classes, or of paying local club members, were considered.

FINANCIAL REPORT

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

Annual revenues for 2011 totaled $54.7 million, which were $1.6 million (3%) less than the prior year. 2011’s total operating expenses of $54.8 million were reduced by $2 million (3.4%) from 2010. This resulted in an operating deficit of $94,000 for last year, which was an improvement from the previous year’s deficit of $413,000.

Our investments incurred a loss of $2.1 million (2.4%) in 2011 due to adverse stock market conditions.

LEGAL REPORT

Margaret Poindexter, General Counsel, participated in this portion of the meeting. She presented a status report on pending litigation and other activities during the month of January 2012.

CONSENT AGENDA

Following discussion, there was a motion by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Mr. Ashby, and it was VOTED (unanimously) to approve the following Consent Agenda Items:

Delegates

The following Delegates were approved:

- Bo N. Bengtson, Ojai, CA
  To represent American Whippet Club
- Sally Birgl, Kempton, PA
  To represent Berks County Kennel Club
- Ann Mariah Cook, Jefferson, NH
  To represent Siberian Husky Club of America
- Daniel Cunningham, Minoa, NY
  To represent Onondaga Kennel Association
- Deidre Gannon, Oaklyn, NJ
  To represent German Pinscher Club of America
- Ann Lettis, Staten Island, NY
  To represent Grand River Kennel Club
- Patricia Peel, Lennon, MI
  To represent Alaskan Malamute Club of America
- Gary Sarvinos, Catonsville, MD
  To represent Maryland Kennel Club
- Nora Sprung and Mr. Lyons
  To represent Northeastern Maryland Kennel Club

Clubs

The following Club’s application for AKC Membership was approved:

  Northeastern Maryland Kennel Club

Berger Picard

The Board VOTED to approve a request, from the Berger Picard Club of America, to advance the breed to the Miscellaneous Class effective January 1, 2013.

Chinook

The Board VOTED to approve a request, from the Chinook Club of America, to approve the breed’s acceptance into the AKC Stud Book effective December 1, 2012. AKC will maintain an open registry for the breed until January 1, 2018. The breed will be eligible to compete in the Working Group on January 1, 2013.

Lagotto Romagnolo

The Board VOTED to approve a request, from the Lagotto Club of America, to advance the breed to the Miscellaneous Class effective January 1, 2013.

Portuguese Podengo Pequeno

The Board VOTED to move the Portuguese Podengo Pequeno from the Foundation Stock Service to the Stud Book of the American Kennel Club on December 1, 2012. AKC will maintain an open registry for the breed until January 1, 2018. The breed is eligible to compete in the Hound Group on January 1, 2013.

Rules Applying to Dog Shows, Chapter 11, Section 6, Entry Changes

The Board VOTED to approve a staff recommendation to amend Rules Applying to Dog Shows, Chapter 11, Section 6, to allow superintendents and show secretaries using AKC entry verification to correct entries as appropriate. These corrections to the exhibitor’s entry data would be limited to data fields that concern breed, birth date, breeder, registration number, name, sex and color. This will be read at the March 2012 Delegate meeting for a vote at the June 2012 Delegate meeting.

Associated Breeds to Hold Herding Event

The Board VOTED to approve a Staff
recommendation to allow specialty clubs to hold Herding events that are open to their breed as well as “associated breeds” on a special request basis. Associated breeds for this purpose would be those breeds with a common heritage. The special request must be approved by the Performance Events Department.

Effective date: April 1, 2012

**Petit Basset Griffon Vendéen Club of America Hunt Tests**

The Board VOTED to approve a request from the Petit Basset Griffon Vendéen Club of America (PBGVCA). Titles earned in the Petit Basset Griffon Vendéen Club of America’s Hunting Test program will be acknowledged and recorded by the AKC. Three of the club’s working certificate titles will be recorded – PCJH, PCSVH, and PCMH. Titles earned back to January 2007 will be acknowledged by AKC. This is effective March 1, 2012.

**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY’S REPORT**

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

**Progressive Dog Club Amendment**

The Board reviewed a letter from the Progressive Dog Club which stated that the club is withdrawing its proposed Amendment to Rules Applying to Dog Shows at this time. As the amendment has previously been noticed, it will be withdrawn at the March 2012 Delegates meeting, without objection. In the event there is objection, it may be withdrawn by majority vote.

**Proposed Tibetan Mastiff Breed Standard Revision**

The Board considered the results of the American Tibetan Mastiff Association’s membership ballot received subsequent to the publication of the proposed changes. The matter had been tabled at the January 2012 meeting. There was a motion made by Mr. Gladstone to direct the President to investigate the American Tibetan Mastiff Association, or any other Parent Club, where there might be restrictive membership policies. There was no second to the motion.

Following a motion by Dr. Battaglia, seconded by Mr. Kalter, it was VOTED (affirmative: Dr. Battaglia, Mr. Kalter, Mr. Menaker, Mr. Goodman, Ms. Scully, Mr. Ashby, Dr. Newman, Mr. Amen, Mr. Arnold; opposed: Dr. Smith, Mr. Gladstone, Dr. Garvin, Dr. Davies) to remove the matter from the table to consider it at this meeting.

There was discussion on the specific changes to the Tibetan Mastiff standard, the procedure for approving standard changes, and public comment received on the proposed changes after publication.

There was a motion by Mr. Gladstone, seconded by Dr. Davies, to table the matter of the Tibetan Mastiff breed standard changes. The motion failed (affirmative: Mr. Gladstone, Dr. Davies, Dr. Garvin, Mr. Arnold; opposed: Dr. Battaglia, Mr. Ashby, Mr. Kalter, Mr. Amen, Mr. Menaker, Mr. Goodman, Dr. Newman, Ms. Scully, Dr. Smith). After a motion by Dr. Battaglia, seconded by Mr. Kalter, it was VOTED (affirmative: Dr. Battaglia, Mr. Kalter, Mr. Menaker, Mr. Goodman, Mr. Ashby, Dr. Newman, Mr. Amen; opposed: Mr. Gladstone, Dr. Garvin, Ms. Scully, Mr. Arnold, Dr. Smith, Dr. Davies) to approve the changes to the Tibetan Mastiff breed standard as published, effective, February 29, 2012.

**Delegate Occupational Eligibility**

Staff presented a review of the current criteria for Delegate Eligibility and recommended the removal of certain occupations from the list of occupational exclusions to become or remain a Delegate. Any such changes would require a Bylaws amendment. This will be discussed further at the April meeting.

**Breed Standard Revision Guidelines**

Based on a request from the Board, Staff presented a revised procedure for the consideration and approval of breed standard changes. Proposed revisions to the standard will now be published for comment prior to the AKC Board granting approval to the Parent Club to ballot its membership. In doing so, the Board will be provided with any concerns that may exist within the fancy regarding the proposed changes prior to its vote. This will be discussed further at the April meeting.

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

Following a motion by Dr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Scully, it was VOTED (unanimously) to adopt the Breed Standard Guidelines in Attachment A, effective immediately.

**FSS Guidelines**

The Board reviewed suggested revisions to the Guidelines for the Approval of a Breed for Regular Status. This will be discussed further at the April meeting.

**MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Mark Dunn, AKC Staff participated in this portion of the meeting, while Lisa Gonzalez, and David Roberts, AKC Staff, participated via video conference.

David Roberts gave an update on Registration initiatives. Mark Dunn gave an update on the AKC Canine Partners Program. Lisa Gonzalez gave a presentation on the focus of AKC’s marketing program.

**CONFORMATION**

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

**AKC Owner-Handler Series Eligibility**

The Staff presented the feedback it has received from the first few AKC Owner-Handler Series events. Mr. Stansell reported that without objection, staff will amend the AKC Owner-Handler eligibility as follows:

Professional handlers, their assistants and household members of a current professional handler are ineligible to enter this class. Professional handler is defined as any person who belongs or has belonged to a professional handlers’ organization, distributed rate cards, or otherwise advertised or represented themselves as handling dogs for pay or received payment for handling dogs.
There was also discussion on confusion and delays when the Owner-Handler Series special attractions are held concurrently with other Group-related special attractions. Staff indicated that it would monitor such situations to ensure that there was sufficient space and that scheduling was handled properly.

**CLUBS**

**Delegates for Publication**

- William Christensen, Palm Springs, CA
  To represent Australian Terrier Club of America
  Current Delegate Kim Occhiuti

- Marilyn Currey, Reddick, FL
  To represent American Chinese Crested Club
  Current Delegate Simon Dickerson

- Anne Palmer, Dexter, MI
  To represent Ann Arbor Kennel Club
  Current Delegate Mary Ann Brocious

- Rebecca Poole, Hixson, TN
  To represent Bull Terrier Club of America
  Current Delegate Dale Schuur

**JUDGING OPERATIONS**

Darrell Hayes, Lee Herr, and Tim Thomas, AKC Staff, participated in this portion of the meeting by video conference.

**Adjunct Breed Applications**

The Board reviewed an amendment to the Judging Approval process for Adjunct breeds for approved judges. Following a motion by Dr. Battaglia, seconded by Mr. Kalter, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to approve the following in regard to the Adjunct judging application process:

**Revised Adjunct Application**

**Procedure:**

- An Adjunct application does not affect any other application.
- New Applicants, (non-AKC judges) must have 10–12 years of breeding experience, judged at AKC or Non-AKC events with sufficient entry and acted as an assigned steward at 6 AKC member or licensed shows (Applicant must pass Procedural and Anatomy exams before continuing with the application process).
- Approved Breed Applicants must have several years of owning/breeding/exhibiting/judging or handling experience for each adjunct breed.
- Application must be submitted with a $25 non-refundable processing fee per breed.
- All applicants must have a final interview.
- Following the interview, the Staff Committee reviews the application. Upon assessment by the Judges Review Committee, the number of breeds to be approved will be determined by evaluation of the complete application process and the result of the interview with the Executive Field Representative. Adjunct breeds will be approved either as permit or regular status. Judges will be informed by mail or email of their status. Passing the breed interview is mandatory in order to be considered by the Judges Review Committee. Failure of any breed interview will result in that breed being pulled from consideration. Failure of wicket or scales during the breed interview will result in a second wicket or scales demonstration needed before application is reviewed by Judges Review Committee. Judges may not accept assignments until they have received official notification of their status. The judge’s file and AKC’s Website will be updated and the judge’s name, number and the breeds granted on a regular or permit basis will be published in the next available issue of the GAZETTE. Judges of applicant to be determined by the following:
  - Regular Status is granted to Adjunct applicants currently have regular status for one complete group or more. They are not subject to the permit status assignment requirements. Their names will be published as regular status for the applied Adjunct breed and they may now accept assignments.
  - Permit Status is granted to Adjunct applicants currently approved for less than one complete group. Their names will be published and they may now accept assignments. Adjunct applicants granted permit status must meet the criteria defined in the Judging Approval Process in order to request regular status. Regular judging status will be accorded to only those permit judges who adequately demonstrate their competence as a judge to the satisfaction of the American Kennel Club through their permit judging assignments.
- In order to facilitate the processing of judging panels for events judges approved for the complete group in which breeds are entering will be forwarded the breed standard exam and requested to complete the exam. Judges will be granted regular status pending the completion of the exam, receipt of a passing grade and the submission of a $25 processing fee per breed. The breed(s) will be automatically added to the records of those group judges five to six months prior to the breed entering the group (Groups in which the breeds are entering). Failure to complete the exam and/or submit the $25 processing fee prior to the acceptance date of the breed will result in the loss of group approval status.
- Additional breed applicants that have applied for a balance of a group in which an Adjunct breed would automatically be added upon approval of the balance of that group by the Judges Review Committee will be required to be submit a non-refundable $25 processing fee per applicable adjunct breed(s) prior to being scheduled by staff for their interview on all applied breeds with an AKC Executive Field Representative. Failure of the interview on any applied breed, including Adjunct, will result in that breed being pulled from consideration by the Judges Review Committee.
COMPANION EVENTS
Curt Curtis, and Doug Ljungren, AKC Staff, participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

Lifet ime Agility Title
Mr. Curtis reported that without objection, the new Lifetime Achievement title (July 1, 2012 implementation date) would be applied retroactively to dogs earning the title requirements after January 1, 1999, and prior to July 1, 2012. A fee of ten-dollars ($10.00) will be charged for owners that want an actual grandfathered title certificate to be printed and sent to them. Dogs earning the title after implementation will have the title certificate print automatically similar to other agility titles. There was no objection.

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

Deficiencies in Care and Conditions of Dogs Policy
The Board reviewed Staff recommendations for revision to the current Deficiencies in Care and Condition of Dogs policy. There was discussion on the guidelines to be included in the policy. This will be considered further at the April 2012 meeting.

The following AKC Management actions were reported:
(\textit{Final Board Disciplinary actions are reported on the Secretary’s Page.})

NEW BUSINESS
New Specialty Clubs
Mr. Kalter reported on a concern expressed at the Parent Club Committee that new regional specialty clubs approved after the removal of the new club moratorium could only hold shows that were held in conjunction with All-Breed and Group shows. This precluded them from being able to host a National Specialty and to hold its own independent show in conjunction with it. This issue was referred to the Events Operations Department for consideration.

Last Meeting
Mr. Gladstone expressed his appreciation to Mr. Menaker, Mr. Goodman, and Dr. Davies who were attending their last Board meeting. This sentiment was echoed by the entire Board.

AKC Meet the Breeds
The Board discussed recommendations that a stand-alone Meet the Breeds be held at a location other than New York. Staff indicated that they are open to and welcome any specific proposal that included sponsorship commitments to cover the cost.

It was VOTED to adjourn Friday, February 10, 2012 at 3:45 p.m. Adjourned

Attest:
James P. Crowley, Executive Secretary

ATTACHMENT A

Guidelines for Writing Breed Standards

*Excerpt from The American Kennel Club By-Laws, Article IV, Section 4:

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It shall be the duty and privilege of each parent member Specialty Club to define precisely the true type of the breed of pure-bred dogs which it was organized to promote and improve and its definition when approved by the Board of Directors of the American Kennel Club, shall and will be recognized by the American Kennel Club as the sole standard of excellence for which such breed of pure-bred dogs shall be bred and by which specimens of such breed must be judged in the awarding of prizes of merit.
\end{quote}

The standards of excellence of all breeds of pure-bred dogs now adopted by parent member Specialty Clubs and approved by the Board of Directors of The American Kennel Club shall not be changed in any respect until the wording of any proposed change or changes first has been submitted to the Board of Directors of The American Kennel Club and its approval of the same has been obtained.

Breed Standard Revision Procedures

A revision consists of any change, deletion, interpretation, or clarification to a standard. Once the Board of Directors has approved a standard there is a five year moratorium on revisions.

Parent Club

A. Breed Standard Committee is formed to review and formulate revisions.

B. Notify staff of the American Kennel Club that the club is in the process of reviewing the standard.

C. Submit revisions to AKC staff for input while being developed. Staff will present final revisions to The Board of Directors for their comment. At this time the proposed revisions will be published on the Secretary’s page of the AKC Gazette, allowing 60 days for comment.

D. Following publication, comments received and response to such comments from the club will be presented to the AKC Board for approval to ballot the membership.

E. The membership will be balloted in accordance with Club’s Constitution and By-Laws. The sample letter and ballot will be submitted to staff for review prior to balloting the membership and must inform the membership of the five year moratorium.

F. Submit results of balloting, copy of the ballot, cover letter, and standard to the AKC. If the proposed revisions do not receive the sufficient numbers of votes to be approved notify AKC Staff with the tabulated results.

G. Ballot results that support a revision to the standard will be scheduled for inclusion on the agenda of the AKC Board for approval. The approved
The purpose of a standard is to be a guide for breeders and judges. As such, it is important to keep in mind those features that make the breed unique, those qualities the breed must possess to do the job for which it was created. A standard should emphasize what is important in the breed. Conversely those qualities that are of little or no importance are mentioned only in passing or not at all.

The text of the standard must be as clear and concise as possible. Sentence structure should be simple and straightforward. When verbs are used they should to the extent possible indicate the present tense: “is” or “are” rather than “should be”.

The Complete Dog Book Glossary is the reference source for terminology. Every word used must have the same definition as in the glossary in the AKC’s Complete Dog Book. Because of the encyclopedic nature of these references, some words cited may not be acceptable for use in standards. For example, words like forechest, breastbone and prosternum all describe the same thing. A concerted effort is being made to use the same word, with the same definition, from standard to standard. The concern with terminology is to be certain that what needs to be communicated is actually being communicated. There is no desire to limit language or the special flavor standards communicate about their breeds.

Points to Consider in Writing Breed Standards

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4. Any fault to be cited should be included under the appropriate descriptive section of the standard. Care ought to be taken to list only faults that are of special concern to the breed. In general, there is no need to list faults which are obvious from the positive description of the dog. For instance, if the positive description reads, “topline straight and level”, it would be unnecessary to state that, “a roach or sway back is a fault.” Standards listing many of the more common faults can be misleading because any omission from the listing could be interpreted that this particular problem is not considered a fault.

5. Disqualifying faults should be listed in the appropriate sections in the body of the standard. (AKC summarizes all disqualifications in italics at the end of the standard in our standard booklets for judges and in The Complete Dog Book.) Thorough consideration should be given before a specific fault is made a disqualification. A disqualification must be clearly stated, defined, or measurable with no room for interpretation.

6. Those faults which AKC rules make disqualifications for all breeds are not necessary to list in a standard.

7. Disqualifying heights, like all disqualifications, should be put in a standard only when a club is completely satisfied that disqualifying a dog over or under the specific limit is the best way to deal with size.

8. In describing the bite, the standard should refer to the position of the teeth rather than of the jaws, since it is the teeth which judges will examine and on which they will make their decision.

9. The standard should specify whether tails may be, or should not be, docked; in the case of any newly recognized breeds, the club will be encouraged to include a description of the natural tail if a docked breed. The standard should specify if dewclaws may be, are generally, should be, or should not be, removed, distinguishing between dewclaws on the forelegs and those on the hind legs in each case.

10. For those breeds of which the ears are usually or sometimes cropped, whether the ears may be cropped; in the case of any newly recognized breed, the club will be encouraged to include a description of the natural ears. This is necessary so that the application of Chapter 14, Section 9 of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows to the particular breed will be clear. This section requires disqualification of any dog that has been changed in appearance by artificial means except as specified in the standard for its breed.

11. In the case of new breeds being accepted into Miscellaneous, the standard must conform with the Guidelines for Writing Breed Standards in the format below. There must be descriptions for all major headings and for the italicized subheadings. Some commonly used subheadings have been listed. These have been included for illustrative purposes only and do not have to be used. Other subheadings appropriate for the specific breed may be used in all sections.

12. Breeds recognized prior to 1989 may make a revision to the breed standard without reformattting.

Standard Format

1. General Appearance. This is the most important paragraph in the standard, in the sense that is should spell out what the breed’s most important qualities are. The General Appearance section should describe the breed’s purpose and emphasize those qualities that are critical to fulfilling its function. In a sense, everything in a standard should relate form to
function. Remember, the General Appearance section is not the standard. It is the place to cite the breed's most important qualities. These features would then be fully described under their appropriate heading in the body of the standard.

II. Size, Proportion, Substance. Height is described in inches measured from the ground to the highest point of the shoulder blades. In those breeds where weight is important it is given in pounds. Proportion is the ratio of height to length. Length is usually expressed as the distance from the point of the shoulder to the rearmost projection of the upper thigh (or point of the buttocks). Practically speaking, breeds are either square or rectangular. Some breeds are just “off” square, while others are extremely rectangular. Some indication of what is appropriate for the breed should be included, even if the indication is that a wide range is acceptable. Substance includes the amount of bone.

III. Head
i. Expression
ii. Eyes (include color and rim pigmentation)
iii. Ears
iv. Skull
v. Stop
vi. Muzzle
vii. Planes (Muzzle and Skull)
viii. Nose (include pigmentation)
ix. Lips
x. Flews
xi. Bite
xii. Teeth

IV. Neck, Topline and Body
i. Neck
ii. Topline
iii. Body
iv. Chest
v. Ribs
vi. Underline
vii. Tuck-up
viii. Back
ix. Loin
x. Croup
xi. Tail

V. Forequarters
i. Angulation
ii. Shoulders
iii. Shoulder Blades
iv. Point of Shoulder
v. Upper Arm
vi. Elbow
vii. Legs
viii. Pasterns
ix. Dewclaws
x. Feet
xi. Toes
xii. Pads
xiii. Nails

VI. Hindquarters
i. Angulation
ii. Legs
iii. Upper Thigh
iv. Stifle
v. Second Thigh
vi. Hock Joint
vii. Hocks (Rear Pastern)
viii. Dewclaws
ix. Feet
x. Toes
xi. Pads
xii. Nails

VII. Coat. Include under this heading the description of the hair on all parts of the dog, and describe any trimming of the coat.

VIII. Color. Include under this heading the color and markings of the coat (and the skin under the coat if skin color description is to be included). In breeds where multiple colors or color combinations are acceptable, but not all colors are permitted, the complete list of all acceptable colors and color combinations must be included in the standard. In such cases, any color or color combination not mentioned are unacceptable, and judges are to pass judgment on this basis. Color of eyes, eye rims, mouth, lips, nose, nails, etc., are to be given under their respective headings.

IX. Gait. A complete, positive description of the breed’s gait should be given. Care should be taken to adequately express the importance of the breed’s overall ability to move, which is usually best evaluated from the side.

X. Temperament. Such temperament description as is appropriate for the breed would not, in any way, bear on the following examination requirements of any dog brought into the show ring. (All dogs in all breeds are expected to stand for examination by a judge, such examination to be as thorough as deemed necessary by the judge, including close inspection of the bite and thorough feeling for muscle tone, testicles and any other factors the judge desires to check. Breeds normally judged on the table are expected to stand for examination on the table. In addition, all dogs must gait for the judge’s examination.)