Attention Delegates

Notice of Meeting

The next meeting of the Delegates will be held at the Rosen Center Hotel, Orlando, FL, on Friday December 13, 2013, immediately following the 9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Delegates Forum.

Delegates Credentials

Deborah Baker, DDS, Westminster, CA, Santa Ana Valley Kennel Club
Rebecca Campbell, Dublin, OH, Mastiff Club of America
Barbara Steinbacher Dalane, Sussex, NJ, Garden State All Terrier Club
James Duane Ellis, Sr, Cement City, Darlene Kelley, Swauanee, GA Sawnee Mountain Kennel Club of Georgia
Sue McClure, Pensacola, FL, Pensacola Dog Fanciers Association
Geraldine M. Shastid, Amarillo, TX, Panhandle Kennel Club of Texas
Joan S. Tabor, Upper Montclair, NJ, Vacationland Dog Club
Bruce Van Deman, Balboa Island, CA, English Toy Spaniel Club of America
Janet B. Van Wormer, Sierra Vista, AZ, Dobberman Pinscher Club of America

Notice

Ms. Amy Jenkins (Grovetown, GA) Action was taken by the Central Carolina Poodle Club for conduct at its June 23, 2013, event. Ms. Jenkins was charged with improper treatment in connection with an event. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the Event Committee report and set the penalty at a reprimand and $100 fine.

Notice

Ms. Alice Lawrence (Stafford Springs, CT) Action was taken by the Holyoke Kennel Club for conduct at its July 4, 2013, event. Ms. Lawrence was charged with abusive or foul language/verbal alteration. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the Event Committee report and set the penalty at a reprimand and $100 fine.

Notice

Ms. Peri Norman (Camarillo, CA) Action was taken by the Ventura County Dog Fanciers Association for conduct at its July 7, 2013, event. Ms. Norman was charged with abusive or foul language/verbal alteration. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the Event Committee report and set the penalty at a reprimand and $100 fine.
Notice
The AKC’s Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Mr. Vincent Philpot (Mary Esther, FL) from AKC registration privileges for six months and imposed a $500 fine, effective September 11, 2013, for his submission of an online litter registration application and six dog registration applications, without written permission of the co-owner of the dam. (Bichon Frise)

Notice
The AKC’s Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Ms. Alyssa Schneider (Chester, WV) from AKC registration privileges for one year and imposed a $1000 fine, effective September 11, 2013, for her submission of a registration certificate of transfer containing a false certification as to the signature of the owner, and for her submission of an online litter registration application, without written permission of the co-owner of the dam. (Golden Retriever)

Notice
The AKC’s Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Ms. Kathleen Sweeney (Spring Lake, NJ) from all AKC privileges for three years and imposed a $500 fine, effective September 11, 2013, for her submission of three litter registration applications that she knew contained the incorrect sire, which affected the stud book; and for submitting three litter registration applications that contained a false certification as to the signature of the sire owner. (Maltese)

Notice
The AKC’s Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended the following individuals from all AKC privileges for ten years and imposed a $2000 fine, for conduct prejudicial to purebred dogs, purebred dog events, or to the best interests of the American Kennel Club based on their violation of the AKC’s Judicial or Administrative Determination of Inappropriate Treatment Policy. Effective September 11, 2013
Ms. Joyce Daley (Rougemont, NC) Multiple Breeds
Ms. Sharon Marushak (Rougemont, NC) Multiple Breeds

Proposed Amendment to Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Dog Show Classifications
AKC Staff has proposed the following amendment to Chapter 3, Section 22, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows, to be voted on at the December 13, 2013 Delegates Meeting.

CHAPTER 3
Section 22
The Miscellaneous Class shall be for purebred dogs of such breed as may be designated by the AKC Board of Directors. No dog shall be eligible for entry in the Miscellaneous Class unless the owner has been granted an AKC identification number, and unless the AKC identification number is given on the entry form. Application for an AKC identification number shall be made on a form provided by the AKC and when submitted must be accompanied by a fee set by the Board of Directors.

The regular Miscellaneous Classes for each breed shall be Puppy, Bred-by-Exhibitor and Open, with the same eligibility requirements in Sections 4, 8 and 10 of this Chapter respectively. These classes shall be divided by sex. All class winners within a breed shall compete for Best of Breed and Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed.

Each of the Miscellaneous Class Best of Breed winners shall be eligible to compete for Best in Miscellaneous Class.

All entries for Best in Miscellaneous Class shall be made after judging of the individual Miscellaneous breed classes and no entry fee shall be charged. In the event that the owner of a dog designated Best of Breed shall not exhibit the dog in the Best of Miscellaneous Class Competition, no other dog of the same breed shall be allowed to compete. There shall be no further competition for dogs entered in the Miscellaneous Class.

Winners of the Best of Breed in each of the individual miscellaneous breeds will be awarded points towards the Certificate of Merit (CM) based on the total number of dogs competing. The winner of the Best in Miscellaneous Class will be awarded points towards a Certificate of Merit based upon the total number of dogs that competed in all of the Miscellaneous Class Breeds.

The CM suffix title is an introductory title to AKC conformation events and will be superseded by the CH title when earned. The Certificate of Merit requires 15 points awarded in accordance with the following point structure

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The CM title initials will be followed by a numeric designation indicating the quantity of times the dog has met the requirements of the CM tile as defined above, e.g., 30 CM points = CM2.

The ribbons shall conform to Chapter 5, Section 2 of these rules and shall be the following colors:

- First Prize - Rose
- Second Prize - Brown
- Third Prize - Light Green
- Fourth Prize - Gray
- Best of Breed - Orange
- Best of Opposite - Lavender
- Best in Miscellaneous - Pink and Green

At present, the Miscellaneous Class is open to the following breeds:

- American Hairless Terrier (eligible as of 01/01/2014)
- Azawakh
- Belgian Laekenois
- Bergamasco
- Berger Picard
- Boerboel
- Cirneco dell’Etna
- Coton de Tulear
- Dogo Argentino
- Grand Basset Griffon Vendeen (eligible as of 01/01/2014)
- Lagotto Romagnolo
- Miniature American Shepherd

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Norrbottenspets (eligible as of 01/01/2014)
Peruvian Inca Orchid
Portuguese Podengo (eligible as of 01/01/2014)
Pumi
Sloughi
Spanish Water Dog
Wirhaired Vizsla (move to Sporting Group as of 07/02/2014)

PROPOSED CHOW CHOW STANDARD FOR COMMENT:

In accordance with the Guidelines for Breed Standard Revisions this is being published to receive any comments prior to the balloting of the club membership. Any comments may be forwarded directly to:

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GENERAL APPEARANCE

Characteristics - An ancient breed of northern Chinese origin, this all-purpose dog of China was used for hunting, herding, pulling and protection of the home. While primarily a companion today, its working origin must always be remembered when assessing true Chow type. A powerful, sturdy, squarely built, upstanding dog of Arctic type, medium in size with strong muscular development and heavy bone. The body is compact, short coupled, broad and deep, the tail set high and carried closely to the back, the whole supported by four straight, strong, sound legs. Viewed from the side, the hind legs have little apparent angulation and the hock joint and metatarsals are directly beneath the hip joint. It is this structure which produces the characteristic shorter, stilted gait unique to the breed. The large head with broad, flat skull and short, broad and deep muzzle is proudly carried and accentuated by a ruff. Elegance and substance must be combined into a well balanced whole, never so massive as to outweigh his ability to be active, alert and agile. Clothed in a smooth or an offstanding rough double coat, the Chow is a masterpiece of beauty, dignity and naturalness. Essential to true Chow type are his unique blue-black tongue, scowling expression and stilted gait.

SIZE, PROPORTIONS, SUBSTANCE

Size - The average height of adult specimens is 17 to 20 inches at the withers but in every case consideration of overall proportions and type should take precedence over size. Proportions - Square in profile and close coupled. Distance from forechest to point of buttocks equals height at the highest points of the withers. Serious Fault - Profile other than square. Distance from tip of elbow to ground is half the height at the withers. Floor of chest level with tips of elbows. Width viewed from the front and rear is the same and must be broad. It is these proportions that are essential to true Chow type. In judging puppies, no allowance should be made for their failure to conform to these proportions.

Substance - Medium in size with strong muscular development and heavy bone. Equally objectionable are snipy, fine boned specimens and overdone, ponderous, cloddy specimens. In comparing specimens of different sex, due allowance must be made in favor of the bitches who may not have as much head or substance as do the males. There is an impression of femininity in bitches as compared to an impression of masculinity in dogs.

HEAD

Proudly carried, large in proportion to the size of the dog but never so exaggerated as to make the dog seem top-heavy or to result in a low carriage. Expression essentially scowling, dignified, lordly, discerning, sober and snobbish, one of independence. The scowl is achieved by a marked brow with a padded button of skin just above the inner, upper corner of each eye; by sufficient play of skin to form frowning brows and a distinct furrow between the eyes beginning at the base of the muzzle and extending up the forehead; by the correct eye shape and placement and by the correct ear shape, carriage and placement. Excessive loose skin is not desirable. Wrinkles on the muzzle do not contribute to expression and are not required. Eyes - dark brown, deep set and placed wide apart and obliquely, of moderate size, almond in shape. The correct placement and shape should create an Oriental appearance. The eye rims solid black with lids which neither turn in nor droop and the pupils of the eyes clearly visible.

Disqualification - incomplete pigmentation of the eye rims. Serious Faults - Entropion or ectropion, or pupils wholly or partially obscured by loose skin. Ears - small, moderately thick, triangular in shape with a slight rounding at the tip, carried stiffly erect but with a slight forward tilt. Placed wide apart with the inner corner on top of the skull. An ear which flops as the dog moves is very undesirable. Disqualification - Drop ear or ears. A drop ear is one which breaks at any point from its base to its tip or which is not carried stiffly erect but lies parallel to the top of the skull. Skull - The top skull is broad and flat from side to side and front to back. Coat and loose skin cannot substitute for the correct bone structure. Stop - Viewed in profile, the toplines of the muzzle and skull are approximately parallel, joined by a moderate stop. The padding of the brows may make the stop appear steeper than it is. Muzzle - The muzzle is short in comparison to the length of the top skull but never less than one-third of the head length. The muzzle is broad and well filled out under the eyes, its width and depth are equal and both dimensions should appear to be the same from its base to its tip. This square appearance is achieved by correct bone structure plus padding of the muzzle and full cushioned lips. The muzzle should never be so padded or cushioned as to make it appear other than square in shape. The upper lips completely cover the lower lips when the mouth is closed but should not be pendulous. Nose large, broad with well opened nostrils, solid black in all colors except blues may have a solid blue or solid slate nose and creams may have a nose lacking black pigment provided the nose must be surrounded partially or completely by black skin. The skin around the nose to the lip line must be black except in blue colors this skin may be blue or slate. Disqualification - In red, black, and cinnamon colors, a nose distinctly spotted or any other color other than black. In blue colors a nose distinctly spotted or any other color than black, blue, or slate. In cream colors, the skin surrounding the nose completely lacking any black pigment. Mouth and Tongue - Edges of the lips black, tissues of the mouth mostly black, gums preferably black. A solid black mouth is ideal. The top surface and edges of the tongue a
solid blue-black, the darker the better. Disqualification – The top surface or edges of the tongue red or pink or with one or more spots of red or pink. Teeth – strong and even with a scissors bite.

NECK, TOPLINE, BODY

Neck - strong, full, well muscled, nicely arched and of sufficient length to carry the head proudly above the topline when standing at attention. Topline - straight, strong and level from the withers to the root of the tail. Body - short, compact, close coupled, strongly muscled, broad, deep and well let down in the flank. The body, back, coupling and croup must all be short to give the required square build. Chest – broad, deep and muscular, never narrow or slab-sided. The ribs close together and well sprung, not barrel. The spring of the front ribs is somewhat narrowed at their lower ends to permit the shoulder and upper arm to fit smoothly against the chest wall. The floor of the chest is broad and deep extending down to the tips of the elbows. The point of sternum slightly in front of the shoulder points. Serious Faults – Labored or abdominal breathing (not to include normal panting), narrow or slab-sided chest. Loin - well muscled, strong, short, broad and deep. Croup - short and broad with powerful rump and thigh muscles giving a level croup. Tail - set high and carried closely to the back at all times, following the line of the spine at the start.

FOREQUARTERS

Shoulders strong, well muscled, the tips of the shoulder blades moderately close together; the spine of the shoulder forms an angle approximately 55 degrees with the horizontal and forms an angle with the upper arm approximately 110 degrees. Length of upper arm never less than length of shoulder blade. Elbow joints set well back alongside the chest wall, elbows turning neither in nor out. Forelegs perfectly straight from elbow to foot with heavy bone which must be in proportion to the rest of the dog. Viewed from the front, the forelegs are parallel and widely spaced commensurate with the broad chest. Paterns short and upright. Wrist shall not knuckle over. The dewclaws may be removed. Feet round, compact, catlike, standing well up on thick black pads.

HINDQUARTERS

The rear assembly broad, powerful, and well muscled in the hips and thighs, heavy in bone with rear and front bone approximately equal. Viewed from the rear, the legs are straight, parallel and widely spaced commensurate with the broad pelvis. Stifle joint shows little angulation, is well knit and stable, points straight forward and the bones of the joint should be clean and sharp. Hock joint well let down and appears almost straight. The hock joint must be strong, well knit and firm, never bowing or breaking forward or to either side. The hock joint and metatarsals lie in a straight line below the hip joint. Serious Faults – Unsound stifle or hock joints. Metatarsals short and perpendicular to the ground. The dewclaws may be removed. Feet same as front.

Coat

There are two types of coat; rough and smooth. Both are double coated. Rough - In the rough coat, the outer coat is abundant, dense, straight and offstanding, rather coarse in texture; the undercoat soft, thick and woolly. Puppy coat soft, thick and woolly overall. The coat forms a profuse ruff around the head and neck, framing the head. The coat and ruff generally longer in dogs than in bitches. Tail well feathered. The coat length varies markedly on different Chows and thickness, texture and condition should be given greater emphasis than length. Obvious trimming or shaping is undesirable. Trimming of the whiskers, feet and metatarsals optional. Smooth - The smooth coated Chow is judged by the same standard as the rough coated Chow except that references to the quantity and distribution of the outer coat are not applicable to the smooth coated Chow, which has a hard, dense, smooth outer coat with a definite undercoat. There should be no obvious ruff or feathering on the legs or tail.

COLOR

Clear colored, solid or solid with lighter shadings in the ruff, tail and featherings. There are five colors in the Chow: red (light golden to deep mahogany); black; blue; cinnamon (light fawn to deep cinnamon); and cream (almost white to biscuit, often with biscuit or apricot on the ears). Acceptable colors to be judged on an equal basis.

GAIT

Proper movement is the crucial test of proper conformation and soundness. It must be sound, straight moving, agile, brief, quick, and powerful, never lumbering. The rear gait shorter and stilted because of the straighter rear assembly. It is from the side that the unique stilted action is most easily assessed. The rear leg moves up and forward from the hip in a straight, stilted pendulum-like line with a slight bounce in the rump, the legs extend neither far forward nor far backward. The hind foot has a strong thrust which transfers power to the body in an almost straight line due to the minimal rear leg angulation. To transmit this power efficiently to the front assembly, the coupling must be short and there should be no roll through the midsection. Viewed from the rear, the line of bone from hip joint to pad remains straight as the dog moves. As the speed increases the hind legs incline slightly inward. The stifles joints must point in the line of travel, not outward resulting in a bowlegged appearance nor hitching in under the dog. Viewed from the front, the line of bone from shoulder joint to pad remains straight as the dog moves. As the speed increases, the forelegs do not move in exact parallel planes, rather, incline slightly inward. The front legs must not swing out in semicircles nor mince or show any evidence of hackney action. The front and rear assemblies must be in dynamic equilibrium. Somewhat lacking in speed, the Chow has excellent endurance because the sound, straight rear leg provides direct, usable power efficiently.

TEMPERAMENT

Keen intelligence, an independent spirit and innate dignity give the Chow an aura of aloofness. It is a Chow's nature to be reserved and discerning with strangers. Displays of aggression or timidity are unacceptable. Because of its deep set eyes the Chow has limited peripheral vision and is best approached from the front.

SUMMARY

Faults shall be penalized in proportion to their deviation from the standard. In judging the Chow, the overall picture is
of primary consideration. Exaggeration of any characteristic at the expense of balance or soundness shall be severely penalized. Type should include general appearance, temperament, the harmony of all parts, and soundness especially as seen when the dog is in motion. There should be proper emphasis on movement which is the final test of the Chow's conformation, balance and soundness.

SERIOUS FAULTS
Profile other than square; Entropion or ectropion or pupils wholly or partially obscured by loose skin; Labored or abdominal breathing (not to include normal panting), narrow or slab-sided chest; Unsound stifle or hock joints.

DISQUALIFICATIONS
Eye Rims - Incomplete pigmentation of the eye rims.
Drop ear or ears. A drop ear is one which breaks at any point from its base to its tip or which is not carried stiffly erect but lies parallel to the top of the skull.
Nose - In red, black, and cinnamon colors, a nose distinctly spotted or any other color than black. In blue colors, a nose distinctly spotted or any other color other than black; blue or slate. In cream colors, the skin surrounding the nose completely lacking black pigment.
Tongue - The top surface or edges of the tongue red or pink or with one or more spots of red or pink.

PROPOSED GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG STANDARD FOR COMMENT
In accordance with the Guidelines for Breed Standard Revisions this is being published to receive any comments prior to the balloting of the club membership. Any comments may be forwarded directly to:

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GENERAL APPEARANCE
The first impression of a good German Shepherd Dog is that of a strong, agile, well-muscled animal, alert and full of life. It is well balanced, with harmonious development of the forequarter and hindquarter. The dog is longer than tall, deep-bodied, and presents an outline of smooth curves rather than angles. It looks substantial and not spindly, giving the impression, both at rest and in motion, of muscular fitness and nimbleness without any look of clumsiness or soft living. The ideal dog is stamped with a look of quality and nobility—difficult to define, but unmistakable when present. Secondary sex characteristics are strongly marked, and every animal gives a definite impression of masculinity or femininity, according to its sex.

TEMPERAMENT
The breed has a distinct personality marked by direct and fearless, but not hostile, expression, self-confidence and a certain aloofness that does not lend itself to immediate and indiscriminate friendships. The dog must be approachable, quietly standing its ground and showing confidence and willingness to meet obstacles without itself making them. It is poised, but when the occasion demands, eager and alert; both fit and willing to serve in its capacity as companion, watchdog, blind leader, herding dog, or guardian, whichever the circumstances may demand. The dog must not be timid, shrinking behind its master or handler; it should not be nervous, looking about or upward with anxious expression or showing nervous reactions, such as tucking of tail, to strange sounds or sights. Lack of confidence under any surroundings is not typical of good character. Any of the above deficiencies in character which indicate shyness must be penalized as very serious faults and any dog exhibiting pronounced indications of these must be excused from the ring. It must be possible for the judge to observe the teeth and to determine that both testicles are descended. Any dog that attempts to bite the judge must be disqualified. The ideal dog is a working animal with an incorruptible character combined with body and gait suitable for the arduous work that constitutes its primary purpose.

SIZE, PROPORTION, SUBSTANCE
The desired height for males at the top of the highest point of the shoulder blade is 24 to 26 inches; for bitches, 22 to 24 inches. The German Shepherd Dog is longer than tall, with the most desirable proportion as 10 to 8½. The length is measured from the point of the prosternum or breastbone to the rear edge of the pelvis, the ischial tuberosity. The desirable long proportion is not derived from a long back, but from overall length with relation to height, which is achieved by length of forequarter and length of withers and hindquarter, viewed from the side.

HEAD
The head is noble, cleanly chiseled, strong without coarseness, but above all not fine, and in proportion to the body. The head of the male is distinctly masculine, and that of the bitch distinctly feminine. The expression keen, intelligent and composed. Eyes of medium size, almond shaped, set a little obliquely and not protruding. The color is as dark as possible. Ears are moderately pointed, in proportion to the skull, open toward the front, and carried erect when at attention, the ideal carriage being one in which the center lines of the ears, viewed from the front, are parallel to each other and perpendicular to the ground. A dog with cropped or hanging ears must be disqualified. Seen from the front the forehead is only moderately arched, and the skull slopes into the long, wedge-shaped muzzle without abrupt stop. The muzzle is long and strong, and its topline is parallel to the topline of the skull. Nose - black. A dog with a nose that is not predominately black must be disqualified. The lips are firmly fitted. Jaws are strongly developed. Teeth —42 in number—20 upper and 22 lower—are strongly developed and meet in a scissors bite in which part of the inner surface of the upper incisors meet and engage part of the outer surface of the lower incisors. An overshot jaw or a level bite is undesirable. An undershot jaw is a disqualifying fault. Complete dentition is to be preferred. Any missing teeth other than first premolars is a serious fault.

NECK, TOPLINE, BODY
The neck is strong and muscular, clean-cut and relatively long, proportionate in size to the head and without loose folds of skin. When the dog is at attention or excited, the head is raised and the neck carried high; otherwise typical carriage of the head is forward rather than up and but little higher than the top of the shoulders, particularly in motion. Topline - The withers are higher than and sloping into the level back. The back is straight, very strongly developed without
sag or roach, and relatively short. The whole structure of the body gives an impression of depth and solidity without bulkiness. Chest — Commencing at the pro Sternum, it is well filled and carried well down between the legs. It is deep and capacious, never shallow, with ample room for lungs and heart, carried well forward, with the pro Sternum showing ahead of the shoulder in profile. Ribs well sprung and long, neither barrel-shaped nor too flat, and carried down to a sternum which reaches to the elbows. Correct ribbing allows the elbows to move back freely when the dog is at a trot. Too round causes interference and throws the elbows out; too flat or short causes pinched elbows. Ribbing is carried well back so that the loin is relatively short. Abdomen firmly held and not paunchy. The bottom line is only moderately tucked up in the loin. Loin — Viewed from the top, broad and strong. Undue length between the last rib and the thigh, when viewed from the side, is undesirable. Croup long and gradually sloping. Tail — bushy, with the last verte-bra extended at least to the hock joint. It is set smoothly into the croup and low rather than high. At rest, the tail hangs in a slight curve like a saber. A slight hook-sometimes carried to one side—is faulty only to the extent that it mars general appearance. When the dog is excited or in motion, the curve is accentuated and the tail raised, but it should never be curled forward beyond a vertical line. Tails too short, or with clumpy ends due to ankylosis, are serious faults. A dog with a docked tail must be disqualified.

FOREQUARTERS
The shoulder blades are long and obliquely angled, laid on flat and not placed forward. The upper arm joins the shoulder blade at a right angle. Both the upper arm and the shoulder blade are well muscled. The forelegs, viewed from all sides, are straight and the bone oval rather than round. The pasterns are strong and springy and angu-lated at approximately a 25-degree angle from the vertical. Dewclaws on the forelegs may be removed, but are nor-mally left on. The feet are short, compact with toes well arched, pads thick and firm, nails short and dark.

HINDQUARTERS
The whole assembly of the thigh, viewed from the side, is broad, with both upper and lower thigh well-muscled, forming as nearly as possible a right angle. The upper thigh bone parallels the shoulder blade while the lower thigh bone parallels the upper arm. The metatarsus (the unit between the hock joint and the foot) is short, strong and tightly articulated. The dewclaws, if any, should be removed from the hind legs. Feet as in front.

COAT
The ideal dog has a double coat of medium length; a long coat is also permissible. The outer coat should be as dense as possible, hair straight, harsh and lying close to the body. A slightly wavy outer coat, often of wiry texture, is permissible. The head, including the inner ear and foreface, and the legs and paws are covered with short hair, and the neck with longer and thicker hair. The rear of the forelegs and hind legs carries somewhat longer hair extending to the pastern and hock, respectively. Faults in coat: soft, silky, curly, and open coat and lack of undercoat.

COLOR
The German Shepherd Dog varies in color, and most colors are permissible. Strong rich colors are preferred. Liver, blues, whites and dogs without predominately black noses are very serious faults. Dogs exhibiting albino characteristics are to be disqualified.

GAIT
A German Shepherd Dog is a trotting dog, and its structure has been developed to meet the requirements of its work. General Impression — The gait is out-reaching, elastic, seemingly without effort, smooth and rhythmic, covering the maximum amount of ground with the minimum number of steps. At a walk it covers a great deal of ground, with long stride of both hind legs and forelegs. At a trot the dog covers still more ground with even longer stride, and moves powerfully but easily, with coordi-nation and balance so that the gait appears to be the steady motion of a well-lubricated machine. The feet travel close to the ground on both forward reach and backward push. In order to achieve ideal movement of this kind, there must be good muscular develop-ment and ligamentation. The hindquar-

ters deliver, through the back, a powerful forward thrust which slightly lifts the whole animal and drives the body for-ward. Reaching far under, and passing the imprint left by the front foot, the hind foot takes hold of the ground; then hock, stifle and upper thigh come into play and sweep back, the stroke of the hind leg finishing with the foot still close to the ground in a smooth follow-through. The overreach of the hindquar-ter usually necessitates one hind foot passing outside and the other hind foot passing inside the track of the forefoot, and such action is not faulty unless the locomotion is crabwise with the dog’s body sideways out of the normal straight line.

Transmission — The typical smooth, flowing gait is maintained with great strength and firmness of back. The whole effort of the hindquarter is transmitted to the forequarter through the loin, back and withers. At full trot, the back must remain firm and level without sway, roll, whip or roach. Unlevel topline with withers lower than the hip is a fault. To compensate for the forward motion imparted by the hindquarters, the shoulder should open to its full extent. The forelegs should reach out close to the ground in a long stride in harmony with that of the hindquarters. The dog does not track on widely separated parallel lines, but brings the feet inward toward the middle line of the body when trotting, in order to maintain balance. The feet track closely but do not strike or cross over. Viewed from the front, the front legs function from the shoulder joint to the pad in a straight line. Viewed from the rear, the hind legs function from the hip joint to the pad in a straight line. Faults of gait, whether from front, rear or side, are to be considered very serious faults.

DISQUALIFICATIONS
Cropped or hanging ears.
Dogs with noses not predominantly black.
Undershot jaw.
Docked tail.
Dogs exhibiting albino characteristics.
Any dog that attempts to bite the judge.

CONFORMATION 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 permit judge.

Letters concerning judges and permit judges should be addressed to the Judging Operations Department at PO Box 900062, Raleigh, NC 27675-9062. Letters concerning Agility, Obedience, Rally, Tracking, and VST applicants should be addressed to the Companion Events Department in North Carolina.

The American Kennel Club will, at the request of a judge or judge applicant, provide that individual with copies of letters received by AKC concerning their qualifications. As a result, it should be understood that any such correspondence will be made available, upon request, to the judge.

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

PERMIT JUDGES

The following persons have been approved on a Permit 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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The following persons, having successfully completed the required Group Assignments in the first Variety Group for which they are approved, have been added to the list of judges eligible for approval to judge Best In Show.

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**BEST IN SHOW**

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**EMERITUS CONFORMATION JUDGE**

Mrs. Candace M. Kramer

**DECEASED CONFORMATION JUDGES**

Mrs. Joan Frailey
Mrs. Betty Koozer

**PROVISIONAL OBEDIENCE/RALLY/TRACKING JUDGES**

The following persons have been approved as a judge on a Provisional basis for the class/test indicated in accordance with the Provisional judging system. They may now accept assignments.

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Obedience – Novice

**PROVISIONAL OBEEDIENCE/RALLY/TRACKING JUDGES COMPLETED**

The following persons have completed their Provisional Judging assignments and their names have been added to the list of regular approved judges.

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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:

2INFINITY – Rottweilers – David R. Bert & Christina M. Ulberg
AMITZU – Shih Tzu – Therese I. Forman & Michael W. Forman
ANKHU – Italian Greyhounds – Gary M. Galloway & Serena A. Galloway
BANDERA – Boerboels – Teri A. Herrera
BAREWHITE – Samoyed – Karla Kay Barefoot
CARENNA – Labrador Retrievers – Carol A. Quaif
EDGEBROOKE – Cavalier King Charles Spaniels – Debora D. Ellingson
FIRESYDE – Airedale Terriers & Border Terriers – Amy J. Moore
KATZENJAMMER – French Bulldogs – Allan G. Routh & Linda D. Wayne
MARGEM – Chinese Shar-Pei – DeeDee Wells
MEDLEY – Manchester Terriers – Tamara L. Myers
PORTO NOVO – Portuguese Podengo Poquenos – Marilyn J. Piurek
PRIDEROCK – Mastiffs – Raul R. Ramirez & Christina M. Ramirez
PSR – Australian Shepherds – Dawn K. Sims & Megan R. Sims
ROCKSTAR’S – Shetland Sheepdogs – Barbara L. Lombard & Toni V. Doyle
SALTYDAWG – Portuguese Water Dogs – Karen Kirby Ash
SIREN’S – Dachsunds – Rebecca R.L. Rodgers & Lorelei B. Rodgers
SOUTHERNPRIDE – Chihuahuas – Marcia S. Rouillier
STRAWBERRYMTN – Newfoundlands – Barb M. MacKenzie
SUMMITVIEW – Cavalier King Charles Spaniels – Aloha L. Brokopp
TOUCHSTONE – Bulldogs – Brian M. Almojera, MD
VEREINIHEIGHTZL – German Shepherd Dogs – Roxanna Lowery
WYSNOME – English Springer Spaniels – Mary M. Censky & Jonathon P. Censky

Registered Name Prefixes Granted

The following applications for a breed-specific Registered Name Prefix have been granted:

APOLLO’S – Dalmatians – Debbie A. Poole
BIGSHOT – Bulldogs – Christine M. Shedore
CABINHEIR – Cavalier King Charles Spaniels – Laurie H. Justensen
CAMELOT’S – Brittany Spaniels – Jeri K. Conkin
DAMRIE – English Springer Spaniels – Alexander Kerr
DYKUMOS – Rhodesian Ridgebacks – Asta McCormick & Alfred Spears
FORSCOTS – Scottish Terriers – Raymond Formanek, Jr.
FYRESYDE – Airedale Terriers & Border Terriers – Amy J. Moore
GREAT SPIRIT – Australian Shepherds – Linda Lee Reau
KING PEN – Rat Terriers – JoAnn Draper & Raymond Draper
LAUGHING – Cavalier King Charles Spaniels – Barbara Garnett-Wilson & Roy A. Wilson
MOONSMITH – Doberman Pinschers – James E. Moon
MOUNTAIN CREST – Pomeranians – David L. Gilstrap & Carlene B. Gilstrap
O CLEIRIGH – Irish Red and White Setters – Jeanne Clarke
PUREIMAGINATION – Spinone Italiano – Bridget L. Doyle & Michael P. Doyle
RINKYDINK – Beagles – Dennis A. Williams
ROCKHAVEN – Cane Corso – Laura J. Barton
SILVERHAWK – Doberman Pinschers – Beth A. Short & Donnie L. Short
SUGARBUSH – Irish Terriers – Thomas R. Miller & Diana Miller
SYSKIYOU – Borzois – Mavis M. Miner
TEXASTRACE – Boykin Spaniels – Greg Copeland & Ginger Hurley
WILD WEST – Vizslas – Betty Meadows Bresnahan

The Board convened on Tuesday, September 10, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. All Directors were present, except Dr. Newman. Also present were the Executive Secretary, the Chief Operating Officer, and the Assistant Executive Secretary.

Upon a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Ms. Scully, the July 2013 Board minutes, copies of which were made available to all Directors, were unanimously adopted.

President’s Report

Board Action Items

Mr. Sprung gave a status report on previous Action items assigned to the Staff.

Events and Entries Update

Mr. Sprung gave an event status report for July 2013.

Entries were up by 0.52% and Events were up by 1.63% compared to the first seven months of 2012.

Following discussion, a comprehensive report on entries will be presented in October.

Filming and Taping of Delegate Meetings

It was reported that individuals had been observed filming the Delegate Legislative Caucus. There was concern that this could not only impede free and open discussion, but that comments made by Delegates at these meetings could be taken out of context and sent out in numerous formats, aiding those who do not have the best interest of the organization or the Sport in mind.

The filming of meetings is a relatively new phenomenon. Delegates already have access to a Delegate Meeting transcript and minutes of the Delegate Committee meetings. The need for a video or even a tape of the meeting is therefore questionable. The filming of the Legislative Caucus is particularly sensitive, where there may be discussion on such things as strategy and specifics about opponents. This also circumvents the requirement in the Bylaws which restricts these meetings to Delegates, AKC Staff and invited guests.

There was discussion on whether something should be done regarding the taping and videoing of meetings by individual Delegates, either through Board Policy or by a Delegate Standing Rule. The Board will consider the former in October and the issue will also be referred to the Delegate Bylaws Committee.

Legal Report

Margaret Poindexter, General Counsel, participated in this portion of the meeting. She presented a status report on pending litigation and other activities for the month of September 2013.
EXECUTIVE SESSION
There was an Executive Session to discuss sensitive business matters. Nothing was reported out of this session.

SOCIAL MEDIA
Chris Walker, AKC Staff, gave an update on progress and future plans in the Social Media area.

Meeting adjourned on Monday September 10, 2013 at 5:30 pm.

Meeting reconvened on Tuesday September 11, 2013 at 8:00 am.

All Directors were present, except Dr. Newman and Mr. Gladstone. Also present were the Executive Secretary, the Chief Operating Officer, and the Assistant Executive Secretary.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY’S REPORT
Margaret Poindexter was present for this portion of the meeting. Mark Dunn, Mari-Beth O’Neill, Glen Lycan, Linda Dunklee, Alan Slay, Doug Ljungren, and Jack Norton, AKC Staff, participated via telephone conference.

Show-Giving Status of Pekingese Club of America
The Board reviewed a request from the Pekingese Club of America (PCA), asking that AKC reinstate its show-giving privileges so that it may plan for a 2014 show. The Club has done everything that it could to fulfill the conditions imposed by the AKC Board in February 2012 as necessary steps to regain event approval for future Specialty shows. Following discussion, there was a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Ms. Scully, and it was VOTED (unanimously; absent: Dr. Newman, Mr. Gladstone) to immediately reinstate the PCA’s show-giving privileges.

Guidelines for Cancelling an AKC Event
The Board reviewed a report from the Delegate All-Breed Clubs Committee, which outlines guidelines that clubs might use to decide when and under what conditions a show should be canceled. It also offers recommendations on best practices when a club finds it necessary to cancel its event due to an emergency. The Board thanked the Committee for its report. Staff will post the report in its entirety on the AKC website in the Delegate Portal and provide a link to it from the AKC webpage, where the cancellation of events is covered.

Educational Compliance Requirements
Every Specialty, Group and All-Breed dog club that does not hold a benched show must fulfill certain criteria to maintain its eligibility to hold dog shows. The criteria were discussed and possible modifications were considered. While no changes were adopted at this time, the AKC Staff was directed to continue to explore ways to make AKC matches more effective in reaching potential new exhibitors.

Proposed Chow Chow Standard Revision
The Board reviewed proposed revisions to the Head, Feet and Color sections of the Chow Chow breed standard as submitted by The Chow Chow Club, Inc. Following a motion by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Ms. Scully, it was VOTED (unanimously; absent: Dr. Newman, Mr. Gladstone) to publish the revisions in the Secretary’s page for comment.

Coton de Tulear Eligibility to Compete in the Non-Sporting Group
The Board reviewed a petition from the United States of America Coton de Tulear Club, requesting full recognition for the breed into the AKC Stud Book and eligibility to compete in the Non-Sporting Group. Following discussion, there was a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Ms. Scully, and it was VOTED (unanimously; absent: Dr. Newman, Mr. Gladstone) to move the breed from the Foundation Stock Service into the Stud Book of the American Kennel Club on June 2, 2014. The breed will be eligible to compete in the Non-Sporting Group July 2, 2014.

German Shepherd Dog Proposed Breed Standard Revision
The Board reviewed proposed revisions to the Coat, Color and Disqualifications sections of the German Shepherd Dog breed standard as submitted by The German Shepherd Dog Club of America. Following a motion by Dr. Battaglia, seconded by Ms. Scully, it was VOTED (unanimously; absent: Dr. Newman, Mr. Gladstone) to publish the proposed standard revisions on the Secretary’s Page for comment.

Electronic Signatures Policy
The Board reviewed a Staff proposal to expand the Board’s 2003 Electronic Signature Policy to permit the processing of all registration applications electronically. Following discussion, there was a motion by Dr. Battaglia, seconded by Mr. Powers, and it was VOTED (unani-
The proposed effective date is January 1, 2015, so that every club would have three years to hold a "local" show to retain its exclusivity in the area assigned to it. This will be discussed further at the October 2013 meeting.

**AKC Outreach to New Participants**

Based on a request of the Board, Staff presented ideas on how to attract new participants to the Sport and how to retain current participants and expand their participation into other venues. Strategies were discussed and Staff will continue research on a few promising initiatives.

**CONSENT**

Following discussion, there was a motion by Mr. Ashby, seconded by Mr. Arnold, and it was VOTED (unanimously; absent: Dr. Newman, Mr. Gladstone) to approve the following Consent Items:

**Delegates Approved**

Timothy Carrion, Owings Mills, MD
To represent American Chesapeake Club

Margie Fedderly, Cusick, WA
To represent Inland Empire Kennel Club

Bryant C. Freeman, Lawrence, KS
To represent Clumber Spaniel Club of America

Steven Hamblin, West Hollywood, CA
To represent Pacific Coast Pekingese Club

Medora Harper, Omaha, NE
To represent Nebraska, Kennel Club

Nancy J. Hodges, Salinas KS
To represent Salina Kennel Club

David Helming, Flemington, NJ
To represent Newfoundland Club of America

Amy Kiell-Green, Flemington, NJ
To represent Plainfield Kennel Club

Barbara A. Penny, Blue Bell PA
To represent Hutchinson Kennel Club

Joan S. Tabor, Upper Montclair, NJ
To represent Vacationland Dog Club

Bruce Van Deman, Balboa Beach, CA
To represent English Toy Spaniel Club of America

Tami D. Worley, Newberg, OR
To represent Clackamas Kennel Club

Ann Yuhasz, Newbury, OH
To represent Western Reserve Kennel Club

**Club Approved for Membership**

North Country Kennel Club
(Published in August & September 2013 Gazettes)

Watertown, New York
31 Households, 27 Local
First licensed show held on September 19, 1954

**Proposed Petit Basset Griffon Vendéen Standard Revision**

The Board VOTED to grant permission to the Petit Basset Griffon Vendéen Club of America, Inc. to ballot its membership on proposed changes to the Size, Coat and Disqualification sections of the Breed Standard.

**Retriever Hunting Test-Master Hunter Lifetime Achievement Title**

The Board VOTED to add a new Section 7 to CHAPTER 2 of Regulations and Guidelines for AKC Hunting Tests for Retrievers to create a new title in the Retriever Hunting Test program called a Master Hunter Lifetime Achievement title. The title will be designated by the letters MH followed by a number indicating the number of times the dog passed the MH test. MH12 will be the minimum level MH Lifetime Achievement title. Owners may request the title at any time. This would most likely occur when the dog is retired or prior to breeding. The title may be updated at the request of the owner. The request will be done on a form developed by the Performance Events Department. A nominal processing fee would be charged. Master level test passes back to January 1, 2000 will count toward the title. This change is effective January 1, 2014.

Section 7. Master Hunter Lifetime Achievement Title.

A dog that has passed the Master Hunter test twelve or more times is eligible to be awarded a Master Hunter Lifetime Achievement Title. The title is designated by the letters MH followed by a number indicating the number of times the dog has passed the MH test.

The title is awarded at the request of the owner. A form provided by the Performance Events Department must be completed and submitted with a processing fee. The owner may request this title at any time and the title can be updated as often as requested. Upon verification, the title will be included on the dog’s records and a title certificate will be issued. The title will appear on the dog’s AKC pedigree.

A MH# title will supersede a MH title or a lower numbered MH# title on the dog’s record. The MH# title will be in addition to the MNH title. A qualifying score at the Master National Hunting Test will count as one pass of the MH test.

The Master Hunter Lifetime Achievement Title application form can be downloaded at www.akc.org.

**PERFORMANCE EVENTS**

Mr. Ljungren, AKC Staff participated in the portion of the meeting by telephone conference.

**Ensuring an Impartial Event Committee When Hearing Protests Over a Dog’s Eligibility to Enter**

AKC Staff proposed an amendment to Chapter 10, Section 2, of the Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Pointing Breeds — Protests Against a Dog, to add specifications regarding the individuals that may serve on an event committee when hearing a protest regarding a dog’s eligibility to enter a stake/class. The specifications are meant to ensure the event committee is impartial.

Section 2 (revisions underlined)
The person who has made the protest must be present, and the Committee shall give all parties concerned an opportunity to be heard and to present witnesses and evidence. The Committee may call for additional evidence from other qualified persons present at the trial. After hearing all the evidence, the Field Trial Committee shall consider the matter and shall, if possible, reach an immediate decision and inform the persons involved.

A report of the meeting, giving all the essential evidence and the Committee’s decision, together with the original written protest, must be mailed to The American Kennel Club within 7 days of the trial.

The same change would be made to the applicable section in all of the Field Trial Rules – Pointing Breeds, Retrievers, Spaniels, Beagles, Dachshunds and Basset Hounds.

Following a motion by Mr. Feeney, seconded by Dr. Garvin, it was VOTED (affirmative: Mr. Feeney, Dr. Garvin, Mr. Kalter, Ms. Scully, Ms. Cruz, Dr. Battaglia, Mr. Ashby, Mr. Wooding, Mr. Amen, Mr. Arnold; opposed: Mr. Powers; absent: Dr. Newman, Mr. Gladstone) to approve these amendments to be read at the December 2013 Delegate Meeting for a vote at the March 2014 meeting. If approved, the Regulations for Herding, Lure Coursing, and Earthdogs will be concurrently amended with the identical wording.

REGISTRATIONS
Mark Dunn, AKC Staff participated in this portion of the meeting via telephone conference. Updates were provided on Registration and Canine Partners.

Following discussion, a comprehensive breeder program for each breeder segment is to be presented at a future meeting.

CONFORMATION
Alan Slay, AKC Staff, participated in this portion of the meeting via telephone conference.

Rules Applying to Dog Shows Chapter 16, Section 1 – Premium List Requirement
The Board reviewed a request from the Delegate Dog Show Committee, for a clarification for Chapter 16, Section 1, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows. This chapter addresses the awarding of a 3-point major to the Reserve Winners at a designated Parent Club National Specialty. The Committee would like the Board to clarify if this information is to be published in the Premium List.

The following clarification is suggested:
Printed notification of the opting in or not opting in for the 3 point major at the National Specialty in the Premium List is recommended but not required.

This will be discussed further at the October Board meeting.

Rules Applying to Dog Shows Chapter 11, Section 8 – Sweepstakes Judges
The Board reviewed a request from the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee, to amend Rules Applying to Dog Shows Chapter 11, Section 8 – Sweepstakes Judges - to make the following paragraph (Ch. 11, Sec 8 - 6th Paragraph) part of the Rules as opposed to a Board policy:

When the judge of a sweepstakes or futurity finds that a dog is ineligible to compete under this section, the dog should be excused. A dog may only be disqualified in a sweepstakes or futurity under the provisions of Chapter 11, Section 8-A.

This will be discussed further at the October Board meeting.

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

The following AKC Management actions were reported:
(Final AKC Management actions are reported on the Secretary’s Page.)

JUDGING OPERATIONS
Tim Thomas, AKC Staff, participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

Judges Review Committee Statistics
The Board asked Staff to provide statistics on the number of Judging applications received vs. number approved in the 12-month period before the Judges Review Committee was re-formatted in June 2013 (May 2012 – April 2013) and since June 2013 (June 2013 – August 2013).

Online Judges Education (Distance Learning)
The Board reviewed information on vendors who have the capability to host online educational services for AKC Conformation Judges Education. Current and aspiring AKC Conformation Judges who attend an AKC Basic Judging Institute and/or breed-specific seminars face considerable expense due to travel and loss of time. The goal is to provide alternative means for individuals to obtain educational experience, specifically to be able to host AKC judging seminars online through the utilization of an outside vendor experienced in education and testing. These services have the potential to be utilized by other areas of AKC such as Breeder Services, Companion Events, Event Operations and Performance Events. Staff will continue to explore this concept, reporting back to the Board as to how this goal may be best met.

Judging Task Force
Dr. Garvin updated the Board on the work of the Judging Task Force. He reviewed the two messages sent out looking for input and indicated that at that point, 115 responses had been received. Task Force was digesting the various suggestions, comments, and complaints as well as the judging applicant survey that had been considered. The goal was to determine measurements that could be used to identify and advance particularly talented judges.
NEW BUSINESS
Policy Regarding All-Breed Show/Specialty Conflicts

Alan Slay, Staff, participated in this portion of the meeting via phone conference.

AKC had received a request from the Weimaraner Club of America for the Board to modify the policy governing conflicts, which was adopted in July 2000. Under this policy an All-Breed show and a Specialty show within 200 miles of each other could both offer the breed on the same day. If the All-Breed club refuses, the breed Parent Club may appeal to AKC for a national specialty show or for a local specialty show held in conjunction with the national Specialty show.

The Weimaraner Club of America holds a specialty show the evening before the start of its National Field Trial each year to promote the dual Conformation and Performance dog. The club requested that the show held with the National Field Trial be included in the policy so that if an All-Breed club refuses to coexist with the show, the Parent club at least had the ability to appeal to AKC.

Following a motion by Ms. Scully, seconded by Ms. Cruz, it was VOTED (affirmative: Ms. Scully, Ms. Cruz, Mr. Kalter, Dr. Battaglia, Mr. Ashby, Mr. Amen, Mr. Powers, Dr. Garvin, Mr. Wooding, Mr. Arnold; opposed: Mr. Feeney; absent: Dr. Newman, Mr. Gladstone) to amend the July 2000 policy, effective immediately, so that it reads:

All-Breed/Specialty Conflicts (September 2013 Board Meeting)
If an All-Breed Club refuses to grant permission to accommodate a Parent Club’s National Specialty, a Parent Club regional specialty show held in conjunction with a Parent Club national performance event, or a local specialty held in conjunction with the National Specialty show, the specialty club may appeal to an Event Review Committee consisting of the Show Events Staff:

• Has the AB club already given up breeds or agreed to coexist with other national specialties on that date?
• What entry does the breed club usually draw (i.e., how many entries might the AB club lose)?
• Exactly how far apart would the events be (e.g., 150 miles would pose less of a problem than 10).
• Has the AB club been forced to coexist with other nationals because of an appeal in the same of the previous year?
• Has the same Parent Club sought to use the date of the same AB club in the past three years?

Canine Health
There was a lengthy discussion on Canine Health, which is specifically listed among the Objects of the American Kennel Club. There was a consensus that the public obviously wanted healthy dogs, and while AKC could never guarantee that, it was agreed that AKC should do everything possible to encourage breeders to take advantage of breed-specific health screening tests that are both available and recommended by veterinarians or Parent Clubs.

It was suggested that AKC develop a program to encourage all breeders who utilize the breed-specific screening tests recommended by the Parent Club for the breed, even though they were not involved in the Sport, and to help connect the public with such breeders. AKC Staff will be reporting its recommendations back to the Board.

Other ideas discussed were including all approved screening tests on registration forms, which would enable breeders to obtain a health pedigree, strengthening the relationship between AKC and the AKC Canine Health Foundation, explaining the vet outreach initiative, suggesting AKC CHF use Social Media to publicize their successes and to encourage Parent Club participation in health data bases. Basically it was agreed that AKC should continue doing everything possible to encourage the breeding of healthy dogs.

Judging Approval
AKC will approve Foreign Judges to do a group, if they are approved in their own countries to do breeds comprising at least 80% of the entries in the AKC group over the previous year. Mr. Kalter suggested that AKC should extend the same privilege to its own judges. An AKC judge who was approved to do breeds comprising 80% of the entries in a group could be approved for the group after passing the breed standard tests for the remaining 20% of the breeds in that group. The group approval would be for no more than three years, after which they must have been approved for all breeds in the group. Staff will be bringing this proposal back to the Board for consideration.

Two Shows in a Day
Ms. Cruz suggested that consideration should be given to permit a club with very small entries at its shows to be approved for two shows on the same day. This will be considered further at a future meeting.

It was VOTED to adjourn Wednesday, September 11, 2013 at 2:00 pm.

Adjourned

Attest:

James P. Crowley, Executive Secretary