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Decorum on the AKC Delegate e-List

Every AKC Delegate has been invited to communicate on the new Google Group platform email list. The development of this forum is the result of the need for a secure and efficient way for Delegates to collaborate and share resources. It was determined by the AKC ATS Staff, that using Google groups provides the strongest spam filters and easier functionality than any other free mailing list.

This platform will be controlled by the Delegates with the exception of one administrator from the AKC staff, who is responsible for adding/removing Delegates to ensure the list remains current.

A Delegate Moderator will review posts, admonish inappropriate contributors and remove those posts that are deemed improper.

In order for the constituency to successfully utilize this medium for the purpose of free, open discussion and exchange of ideas, the following guidelines must be met:

1. Posts are to be written in the same good taste as one would have in a face-to-face conversation with another Delegate
2. It is highly recommended that there be no posts which personally or negatively pertain to another Delegate
3. If a Delegate prepares a post requesting information from fellow Delegates, it must be clear if the requested information is to answer a question circulated by the Delegate, or if the information is required for a project (in which case the project and supervising Delegate Committee must be identified)
4. Post should be substantive and contain more information than "yes/no," "I agree/I disagree," "great job," etc.
5. Participation assumes trust of the validity of the information distributed within posts
6. All posts should be signed by their author, with identification of the club they represent as Delegate
7. No campaigning for any position amongst the Delegates (including AKC Board elections)
8. No promotion of any Delegates' personal agenda
9. No "trashing" of the American Kennel Club®

Consequently:

- Delegates who do not adhere to these guidelines may find any offending post removed
- Delegates who repeatedly write posts which require removal from the e-list may be dismissed from the group at the discretion of the moderator