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### NOTICE OF MEETING

The next meeting of the Delegates scheduled for Tuesday, June 9, 2020, at the Doubletree Newark Airport Hotel **has been cancelled** in response to the global pandemic health crisis.

All business that was to be conducted at the June 2020 Delegate Meeting will move forward to the next Delegate Meeting.

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## NOTICE

As a result of an Event Committee determination the following individual stands suspended of AKC privileges. It should be noted that this determination may still be appealed and may be reversed. Upon expiration of the appeal process, an appropriate notice describing the status of the individual's suspension, if any, will appear in this column:

Ms. Brittany Beach (Auburn, AL)

Mr. Clifford Dupree (Oroville, CA)

Mr. Michael Rice (Galatia, IL)

## NOTICE

Mr. Greg Hubbell (Belmont, CA) Action was taken by the Monterey Bay Hunting Retriever Club for conduct at its February 16, 2020 event. Mr. Hubbell was charged with inappropriate, abusive, or foul language directed personally to a judge. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the Event Committee's report and set the penalty at a two-month event suspension and a \$100 fine. (Labrador Retriever)

## NOTICE

Ms. StarLee Rownd (Bay Point, CA) Action was taken by the Silver Bay Kennel Club of San Diego for conduct at its February 22, 2020 event. Ms. Rownd was charged with inappropriate, abusive or foul language. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the Event Committee's report and set the penalty at a one-month event suspension and a \$500 fine.

(American Staffordshire Terrier, Staffordshire Bull Terrier)

## NOTICE

Ms. Rebecca Smith (Somers, CT) Action was taken by the Worcester County Kennel Club for conduct at its December 1, 2019 event. Ms. Smith was charged with improper treatment in connection with the event. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the Event Committee's report and set the penalty as a reprimand and \$100 fine. (Borzoi, Poodle)

## NOTICE

Mr. Dennis Witzke (Sherman, CT) Action was taken by the Manatee Kennel Club for conduct at its January 19, 2020 event. Mr. Witzke was charged with inappropriate, abusive, or foul language. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the Event Committee's report and set the penalty at a one-month event suspension and a \$500 fine. (Multiple Breeds)

## NOTICE

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Ms. Linda Johns (Wellington, NV) from registration privileges for one year and imposed a \$1,000 fine, effective April 15, 2020, for the submission of an online registration of a litter on behalf of the co-owner without written permission. (Chihuahuas)

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## NOTICE

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Ms. Tiffany Wiseman (Bloomfield, KY & Clarksville, IN) from all AKC privileges for five-years and imposed a \$1,000 fine, effective April 15, 2020, for refusal to make her dogs and records available for inspection when requested. (Great Danes)

## PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE RULES APPLYING TO DOG SHOWS

### CHAPTER 3, Section 8-A – Dog Show Classifications

The AKC Board has endorsed the following amendment to **CHAPTER 3, Section 8-A**, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*, initiated by a member of the Board of Directors and presented by Staff to the Board based their request.

This was to be voted on at the June 9, 2020 Delegates Meeting, which has been cancelled. All business that was to be conducted at the June 2020 Delegate Meeting will move forward to the next Delegate Meeting.

### CHAPTER 3

**SECTION 8-A.** Clubs, at their option, may offer the Bred-by-Exhibitor Puppy Class, which shall be for dogs that are:

- Six months of age and over, but under twelve months as of the first day of the show;
- Not champions on the date of closing of entries for the show;
- Individually registered with The American

Kennel Club as the date of the show;

- Owned or co-owned by any of the breeders of record as of the date of the show.

The person handling the dog in this class must be a breeder of record and an owner of record of this dog. In any subsequent classes for which a dog from the Bred-by-Exhibitor Puppy class becomes eligible, there are no restrictions as to who may handle. Clubs may at their option, further divide the Bred by-Exhibitor Puppy class into two age groups consisting of six months of age and under nine months, and nine months of age but under twelve months.

## PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE RULES APPLYING TO DOG SHOWS

### CHAPTER 3, Section 3 – Dog Show Classifications

The AKC Board has endorsed the following amendment to **CHAPTER 3, Section 3**, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*, proposed by the Board of Directors.

This amendment was inadvertently omitted from the March 2020 Delegate Meeting and was to be read at the June 2020 Meeting, which has been cancelled. All business that was to be conducted at the June 2020 Delegate Meeting will move forward to the next Delegate Meeting.

### CHAPTER 3

**SECTION 3.** The regular classes of The American Kennel Club shall be as follows: Puppy (may be divided 6-9 & 9-12 months)

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Twelve-to-Eighteen Month (may be divided 12-15 & 15-18 months)

Novice

Amateur-Owner-Handler

Bred-by-Exhibitor Puppy (may be divided 6-9 & 9-12 months)

Bred-by-Exhibitor

American-Bred

Open

Winners

These classes shall be divided by sex.

The balance of this section is unchanged.

## **PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE RULES APPLYING TO DOG SHOWS**

### **CHAPTER 3, Section 11 – Dog Show Classifications**

The AKC Board has endorsed the following amendment to **CHAPTER 3, Section 11**, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*, proposed by the Board of Directors. This was to be voted on at the June 9, 2020 Delegates Meeting, which has been cancelled. All business that was to be conducted at the June 2020 Delegate Meeting will move forward to the next Delegate Meeting.

#### **CHAPTER 3**

**SECTION 11.** The Winners Class shall be divided by sex and each division shall be open only to undefeated dogs of the same sex which have won first prizes in either the Puppy (may be divided by age), Twelve-to-Eighteen Month (may be divided by age), Novice, Amateur-Owner-Handler, Bred-by-Exhibitor Puppy (may be divided by age), Bred-by-Exhibitor,

American bred or Open Classes. There shall be no entry fee for competition in the Winners Class.

After the Winners prize has been awarded in one of the sex divisions, the second prize winning dog, if undefeated except by the dog awarded Winners, shall compete with the other eligible dogs for Reserve Winners. No eligible dog may be withheld from competition.

Winners Class shall be allowed only at shows where American-bred and Open Classes shall be given. All other regular classes are optional. A member club holding a show with restricted entries may include Winners Classes, provided the necessary regular classes are included in the classification.

## **PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE RULES APPLYING TO DOG SHOWS**

### **CHAPTER 11, Section 9 – Dog Show Entries, Conditions of Dogs Affecting Eligibility**

The AKC Board has endorsed the following amendment to **CHAPTER 11, Section 9**, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*, proposed by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee. This was to be voted on at the June 9, 2020 Delegates Meeting, which has been cancelled. All business that was to be conducted at the June 2020 Delegate Meeting will move forward to the next Delegate Meeting.

#### **CHAPTER 11**

**SECTION 9.** No dog with a communicable disease shall be on the show grounds or premises. Exhibitors should follow their veterinarian's

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recommendations to ensure that their dogs are free of internal and external parasites, any communicable disease, and have appropriate vaccinations.

## **PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE RULES APPLYING TO DOG SHOWS**

### **CHAPTER 14, Section 3 – Measuring, Weighing and Color Determinations When Factors of Disqualification in Breed Standards or Eligibility Under the Conditions of a Class or Division of a Class Cancellation of Awards**

The AKC Board has endorsed the following amendment to **CHAPTER 14, Section 3**, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*, proposed by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee. This was to be voted on at the June 9, 2020 Delegates Meeting, which has been cancelled. All business that was to be conducted at the June 2020 Delegate Meeting will move forward to the next Delegate Meeting.

#### **CHAPTER 14**

**SECTION 3.** In those breeds where certain heights are specified in the breed standard as disqualifications, or in any class specifying height limits, the judge has the authority to determine whether any dog measures within those limits, provided the dog has not been previously measured during any competition at that show, excluding sweepstakes, futurities, and other special attractions.

If, in the opinion of a competing exhibitor in the ring, the height of a dog in that ring appears to be outside the limits of the breed

standard or the conditions of that class, such exhibitor may, before every dog has been individually examined and individually gaited, request that the judge measure the dog and the judge shall comply provided the dog has not been previously measured during any competition at that show, excluding sweepstakes, futurities, and other special attractions.

If the judge finds that the dog's height is within the breed standard or the conditions of the class, s/he shall mark and initial the judge's book "Measured in." If the judge finds that the dog's height is outside the allowable limits of the breed standard, s/he shall disqualify the dog and mark and initial the judge's book "Measured out - disqualified."

A dog that has thus been disqualified by three different judges may not again be shown. If the judge finds that the dog's height is not in accordance with the conditions of the class, s/he shall mark and initial the judge's book "Measured out - ineligible." A dog thus declared ineligible for its class shall be considered entered incorrectly and cannot be transferred to any other class at that show. A dog thus found ineligible by three different judges may not again be shown in that class. In subsequent shows, this dog may be entered in another class for which the dog meets the height limit or transferred to an eligible Open Class per Chapter 11, Section 6.

In all cases, the judge shall use a wicket that meets American Kennel Club requirements.

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## **PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE *RULES APPLYING TO DOG SHOWS***

### **CHAPTER 14, Section 4 – Measuring, Weighing and Color Determinations When Factors of Disqualification in Breed Standards or Eligibility Under the Conditions of a Class or Division of a Class Cancellation of Awards**

The AKC Board has endorsed the following amendment to **CHAPTER 14, Section 4**, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*, proposed by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee. This was to be voted on at the June 9, 2020 Delegates Meeting, which has been cancelled. All business that was to be conducted at the June 2020 Delegate Meeting will move forward to the next Delegate Meeting.

#### **CHAPTER 14**

**SECTION 4.** In those breeds where certain weights are specified in the breed standard as disqualifications, or in any class specifying weight limits, the judge has the authority to determine whether any dog weighs within those limits, provided the dog has not been previously weighed during any competition at that show, excluding sweepstakes, futurities and other special attractions.

If, in the opinion of a competing exhibitor in the ring, the weight of a dog in that ring appears to be outside the limits of the breed standard or the conditions of that class, such exhibitor may, before every dog has been individually examined and individually gaited, request that the judge weigh the dog, and the judge shall comply provided the dog has not

been previously weighed during any competition at that show, excluding sweepstakes, futurities and other special attractions.

If the judge finds that the dog's weight is within the breed standard or the conditions of the class, s/he shall mark and initial the judge's book "Weighed in." If the judge finds that the dog's weight is outside the allowable limits of the breed standard, s/he shall disqualify the dog and mark and initial the judge's book "Weighed out - disqualified."

A dog that has thus been disqualified by three different judges may not again be shown.

If the judge finds that the dog's weight is not in accordance with the conditions of the class, s/he shall mark and initial the judge's book, "Weighed out - ineligible." A dog thus declared ineligible for its class or division shall be considered entered incorrectly and cannot be transferred to any other class at that show. A dog thus found ineligible by three different judges may not again be shown in that class. In subsequent shows, this dog may be entered in another class for which the dog meets the weight limit or transferred to an eligible Open Class per Chapter 11, Section 6.

In all cases, the judge shall use a scale that meets AKC requirements including a platform of sufficient size as determined by the American Kennel Club to safely accommodate all applicable breeds.

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## **PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE RULES APPLYING TO DOG SHOWS**

### **CHAPTER 14, Section 6 – Measuring, Weighing and Color Determinations When Factors of Disqualification in Breed Standards or Eligibility Under the Conditions of a Class or Division of a Class Cancellation of Awards**

The AKC Board has endorsed the following amendment to **CHAPTER 14, Section 6**, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*, proposed by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee. This was to be voted on at the June 9, 2020 Delegates Meeting, which has been cancelled. All business that was to be conducted at the June 2020 Delegate Meeting will move forward to the next Delegate Meeting.

#### **CHAPTER 14**

**SECTION 6.** In those breeds where certain color(s), pattern or markings are specified in the breed standard as disqualifications, or in any class or division of a class where certain color(s), pattern or markings are required, the judge shall determine if a dog is to be disqualified or declared to be ineligible for the class provided that such determination has not been previously made during competition at that show, excluding sweepstakes, futurities, and other special attractions.

If, in the opinion of the judge, the dog's color(s), pattern or markings require disqualification, the judge shall disqualify the dog, and mark and initial the judge's book "Disqualified - Color (or Pattern or Markings)".

If, in the opinion of the judge, the dog's

color(s) pattern or markings do not meet the requirements of the class or division of a class in which the dog is competing, the judge shall declare the dog ineligible to compete in that class or division of class, and, s/he shall mark and initial the judge's book, "Ineligible - Color (or Pattern or Markings)".

If, in the opinion of any competing exhibitor then in the ring, the color(s), pattern or markings of a dog in the ring are disqualifications under the breed standard or do not meet the requirements of the class or division of a class, such exhibitor may, before every dog in the ring has been individually examined and individually gaited, request that the judge render an opinion of the dog's color(s), pattern or markings, and the judge shall comply provided that such determination has not been previously made during competition at that show. If the judge finds that the dog's color(s), pattern or markings are disqualifications under the breed standard, the judge shall disqualify the dog and mark and initial the judge's book "Disqualified - Color (or Pattern or Markings)".

A dog that has thus been disqualified by three different judges may not again be shown.

If the judge finds that the color(s), pattern or markings of the dog do not meet the requirements of the class or division specified by the breed standard, s/he shall mark and initial the judge's book, "Ineligible - Color (or Pattern or Markings)".

Any dog thus declared ineligible for its class shall be considered entered incorrectly and

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cannot be transferred to any other class or division at that show. In subsequent shows, this dog may be entered in another class for which the dog meets the requirements or transferred to an eligible Open Class per Chapter 11, Section 6.

## **PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE RULES APPLYING TO DOG SHOWS**

### **CHAPTER 14, Section 6-A – Measuring, Weighing and Color Determinations When Factors of Disqualification in Breed Standards or Eligibility Under the Conditions of a Class or Division of a Class Cancellation of Awards**

The AKC Board has endorsed the following amendment to **CHAPTER 14, Section 6-A**, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*, proposed by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee. This was to be voted on at the June 9, 2020

Delegates Meeting, which has been cancelled. All business that was to be conducted at the June 2020 Delegate Meeting will move forward to the next Delegate Meeting.

### **CHAPTER 14**

**SECTION 6-A.** In those breeds where certain physical traits (ear carriage, coat length, etc.) are specified as a condition of a class or a division of a class, the judge has the authority to make a determination as to whether a dog meets those requirements. If the judge finds that the dog does not meet the requirements of the class, s/he shall mark and initial the judge's book, "Excused, ineligible for class." Any dog thus declared ineligible for a class or

division of a class shall be considered to have been incorrectly entered and cannot be transferred to any other class or division at that show. In subsequent shows, this dog may be entered in or transferred to another class for which the dog meets the requirements or transferred to an eligible Open Class per Chapter 11, Section 6.

## **PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE RULES APPLYING TO DOG SHOWS**

### **CHAPTER 15, Section 2 – Protests Against Dogs**

The AKC Board has endorsed the following amendment to **CHAPTER 15, Section 2**, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*, proposed by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee. This was to be voted on at the June 9, 2020 Delegates Meeting, which has been cancelled. All business that was to be conducted at the June 2020 Delegate Meeting will move forward to the next Delegate Meeting.

### **CHAPTER 15**

**SECTION 2.** Any person who is handling a competing dog in the ring in any conformation competition may verbally protest to the judge before every dog in the class has been individually examined and individually gaited, alleging that a dog being shown in the competition has a condition which makes it ineligible to compete under Chapter 11, Section 8, or Chapter 11, Section 8-C, of these rules or a condition requiring disqualification under the standard for the breed; except that a verbal



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protest alleging that the height or weight or natural color and markings of a dog requiring its disqualification under the breed standard or a determination of its ineligibility under the conditions of its class must be made under Chapter 14, Sections 3, 4, 6 or 6-A.

The balance of this section is unchanged.

## OFFICIAL STANDARD OF THE FIELD SPANIEL

**General Appearance:** The Field Spaniel is a combination of beauty and utility. It is a well balanced, substantial hunter-companion of medium size, built for activity and endurance in a heavy cover and water. It has a noble carriage; a proud but docile attitude; is sound and free moving. Symmetry, gait, attitude and purpose are more important than any one part.

**Size, Proportion, Substance:** Balance between these three components is essential. *Size* – Ideal height for mature adults at the withers is 18 inches for dogs and 17 inches for bitches. A one inch deviation either way is acceptable.

*Proportion* – A well balanced dog, somewhat longer than tall. The ratio of length to height is approximately 7:6. (Length is measured on a level from the foremost point of the shoulder to the rearmost point of the buttocks.)

*Substance* – Solidly built, with moderate bone, and firm smooth muscles.

**Head:** Conveys the impression of high breeding, character and nobility, and must be in proportion to the size of the dog. *Expression* –

Grave, gentle and intelligent. *Eyes* – Almond in shape, open and of medium size; set moderately wide and deep. Color: dark hazel to dark brown. The lids are tight and show no haw; rims comparable to nose in color. *Ears* – Moderately long (reaching the end of the muzzle) and wide. Set on slightly below eye level: pendulous, hanging close to the head; rolled and well feathered. Leather is moderately heavy, supple, and rounded at the tip. *Skull* – The crown is slightly wider at the back than at the brow and lightly arched laterally; sides and cheeks are straight and clean. The occiput is distinct and rounded. Brows are slightly raised. The stop is moderate, but well defined by the brows. The face is chiseled beneath the eyes. *Muzzle* – Strong, long and lean, neither snipy nor squarely cut. The nasal bone is straight and slightly divergent from parallel, sloping downward toward the nose from the plane of the top skull. In profile, the lower plane curves gradually from the nose to the throat. Jaws are level. Nose-Large, flesh and well developed with open nostrils. Set on as an extension of the muzzle. Color: solid: light to dark brown or black as befits the color of the coat. Lips-Close fitting, clean, and sufficiently deep to cover the lower jaw without being pendulous. *Bite* – Scissors or level, with complete dentition. Scissors preferred.

**Neck, Topline, Body:** *Neck* – Long, strong, muscular, slightly arched, clean, and well set into shoulders. *Topline* – The neck slopes

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smoothly into the withers; the back is level, well muscled, firm and strong; the croup is short and gently rounded. *Body* – The prosternum is prominent and well fleshed. The depth of chest is roughly equal to the length of the front leg from elbow to ground. The rib cage is long and extending into a short loin. Ribs are oval, well sprung and curve gently into a firm loin. Loin-Short, strong, and deep, with little or no tuck up. *Tail* – Set on low, in line with the croup, just below the level of the back with a natural downward inclination. Docked tails preferred, natural tails are allowed. The tail whether docked or natural length should be in balance with the overall dog.

**Forequarters:** Shoulders blades are oblique and sloping. The upper arm is closed-set; elbows are directly below the withers, and turn neither in nor out. Bone is flat. Forelegs are straight and well boned to the feet. Pasterns are moderately sloping but strong. Dewclaws may be removed. Feet face forward and are large, rounded, and webbed, with strong, well arched relatively tight toes and thick pads.

**Hindquarters:** Strong and driving; stifles and hocks only moderately bent. Hocks well let down; pasterns relatively short, strong and parallel when viewed from the rear. Hips moderately broad and muscular; upper thigh broad and powerful; second thigh well muscled. Bone corresponds to that of the forelegs. No dewclaws.

**Coat:** Single; moderately long; flat or slightly wavy; silky; and glossy; dense and water repellent. Moderate setter-like feathering adorns the chest, underbody, backs of the legs, buttocks, and may also be present on the second thigh and underside of the tail. Pasterns have clean outlines to the ground. There is short, soft hair between the toes. Overabundance of coat, or cottony texture, impractical for field work should be penalized. Trimming is limited to that which enhances the natural appearance of the dog. Amount of coat or absence of coat should not be faulted as much as structural faults.

**Color:** Black, liver, golden liver or shades thereof, in any intensity (dark or light); either self-colored or bi-colored. Bi-colored dogs must be roaned and/or ticked in white areas. Tan points are acceptable on the aforementioned colors and are the same as any normally tan pointed breed. White is allowed on the throat, chest, and/or brisket, and may be clear, ticked, or roaned on a self-color dog. The sable pattern, a lighter undercoat with darker shading as tipping or dark overlay, with or without a mask present, is a disqualification.

**Disqualifications:** The sable pattern, a lighter undercoat with darker shading as tipping or dark overlay, with or without a mask present.

**Gait:** The head is carried alertly, neither so high nor so low as to impede motion or stride. There is good forward reach that begins in the

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shoulder, coupled with strong drive from the rear, giving the characteristic effortless, long, low majestic stride. When viewed from front and/or rear elbows and hocks move parallel. The legs move straight, with slight convergence at increased speed. When moving, the tail is carried inclined slightly downward or level with the back, and with a wagging motion. Tail carried above the back is incorrect. Side movement is straight and clean, without energy wasting motions. Overreaching and single tracking are incorrect. The Field Spaniel should be shown at its own natural speed in an endurance trot, preferably on a loose lead, in order to evaluate its movement.

**Temperament:** Unusually docile, sensitive, fun-loving, independent and intelligent, with a great affinity for human companionship. They may be somewhat reserved in initial meetings. Any display of shyness, fear, or aggression is to be severely penalized.

**Disqualifications:** *The sable pattern, a lighter undercoat with darker shading as tipping or dark overlay, with or without a mask present.*

*Approved April 6, 2020*

*Effective June 30, 2020*

## **PROPOSED LÖWCHEN 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:

Mari-Beth O'Neill

VP Sport Services

[mbo@akc.org](mailto:mbo@akc.org)

**General Appearance:** A small, bright, and lively dog that originated as a companion breed in pre-Renaissance Europe where ladies of the court groomed it in the likeness of a little lion. Breed characteristics are a compact, balanced body; a relatively short, broad top skull and muzzle; and a proud, lively gait that accentuates the lion cut with a long flowing mane. These quintessential features, combined with an outgoing and positive attitude, result in a dog of great style.

**Size, Proportion, Substance:** *Size* – Ideally mature dogs and bitches are between 11-13 inches at the withers. Height may vary 1 inch above or below this ideal. Only where the comparative superiority of a specimen outside this range clearly justifies it should greater latitude be taken. Absolute height at the withers should not take precedence over correct proportion and substance. *Proportion* – The body is just off-square when properly balanced. The distance from the prosternum to the point of buttocks is slightly greater than the distance from the withers to the ground in an 11 to 10 ratio. The distance from the ground to the elbow is slightly greater than the distance from the

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elbow to the withers. The Löwchen should never be low stationed. *Substance* – The mature Löwchen is sturdily built with strong bone and muscular hindquarters, but never coarse.

**Head:** The *head* is a hallmark breed characteristic. The *expression* is bright, alert, and lively. The *eyes* are set well into the skull, round in shape, large, set well apart, and forward looking. Eyes are dark brown in color; lighter colored dogs may have lighter brown eyes but darker eyes are preferred. The *ears* are pendant, moderate in length, well fringed, and set on slightly above the level of the eye. The backskull is broad and relatively flat from ear to ear on an adult. The stop is moderately well defined. The length from nose to base of stop is two-thirds of the length from base of stop to occiput. The *muzzle* is well filled and relatively broad with moderate depth of underjaw resulting in a slightly rounded finish to the muzzle. The jaw is wide enough to accommodate all incisors in a straight row. Coloration of pigment is in accordance with coat color. Nose and eye rims are completely pigmented. The lips are tight with color the same as the nose. A scissor *bite* is ideal with large and well spaced *teeth*, and a full complement of incisors is preferred.

**Neck, Topline, Body:** The *neck* is of good length with a slight arch, fitting smoothly into the shoulders and topline. The head is carried high when the dog is moving. The *topline* is

level from withers to tailset. The *body* is slightly off-square when properly balanced. The loin is short and strong. The ribs are well sprung. The brisket is moderate in width and extends approximately to the elbows. The underline has a slight tuck-up at the loin. The tail is set high and carried in a well-arched cup-handle fashion with the plume touching the back when the dog is moving. A dropped tail while standing is not to be penalized.

**Forequarters:** The shoulders are strong and well laid back with smooth musculature. The upper arm is of equal length to the shoulder blade and the two meet in a near 90 degree angle. The elbows are held close to the body. Forearms are of good length and the distance from the withers to the elbow is slightly less than the distance from the elbow to the ground. From the front the legs are perfectly parallel from the elbows to the feet. The bone is more round than oval and of medium size with only a slight decrease in size at the pasterns. The pasterns are short, parallel from the front, and very slightly bent when viewed from the side. The forefeet point straight ahead and are tight and well arched with deep pads, and the two center toes are slightly in advance of the two outer toes. Dewclaws may be removed. The nails are relatively short.

**Hindquarters:** The pelvic bone projects beyond the set of the tail and is at an approximate 30 degree angle from a perfectly horizon-

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tal line. The upper and lower thighs are well muscled and of approximately equal length with medium bone. The stifles are well bent. The hocks are well let down and perpendicular to the ground from any angle. The hindfeet point straight ahead, are slightly smaller than the forefeet, and are well arched with deep pads.

**Coat:** The Löwchen must be shown in the traditional Lion Clip. The unclipped areas of the coat are long, rather dense and moderately soft in texture. The unique Löwchen coat consists of hairs of varying diameters with a more noticeable collection of denser hair around the neck and withers. The coat may fall to either side but must never be artificially parted. It has a slightly to moderately wavy appearance. Wiry, woolly, curly, and flat coat textures are not correct and are to be penalized to the degree of severity. Puppies typically have a softer coat. Lion Clip: the coat is clipped from the last rib back to and including the hindquarters; the hindquarters to the hock joints; the front legs from the elbows to a point on the legs which is equal to the same distance from the ground to the hock joints leaving cuffs of hair on all four legs; the tail from the base to approximately one-half way to the tip leaving a plume at the end of the tail; and the feet are entirely clipped. The unclipped areas must appear natural and untrimmed. No other trimming or sculpting of the coat is warranted and is to be severely penalized as to preclude placement.

**Color:** All colors and color combinations are acceptable with no preference given to any.

**Gait:** Movement at a trot is effortless with good reach in front and full extension in the rear. From the front the forelegs move in almost parallel lines converging slightly as the speed increases. From the rear the legs move in almost parallel lines and in the same line of motion as the forelegs, converging slightly as the speed increases. From the side movement is efficient and ground covering. The forelegs reach well out in front and the rear legs come well under the body and extend behind to maximize propulsion. The body remains nearly square in outline and the topline is held firm and level, with the tail being carried curved over the back and the head held above the level of the back.

**Temperament:** The Löwchen is alert, intelligent, and affectionate with the overall qualities of a loving companion dog. It has a lively, outgoing, and inquisitive personality.

**Disqualifications:** Any cut/trim/pattern other than what is listed in this standard.

**Fault:** The forgoing description is that of the ideal Lowchen. Any deviation from the above described dog must be penalized to the extent of the deviation.

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## CONFORMATION JUDGES

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

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

It is the responsibility of all Conformation and Junior Showmanship 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 by email at [judgingops@akc.org](mailto:judgingops@akc.org).

## APPLICANTS

The following persons applications have been submitted for the breed(s) specified *but they are NOT eligible to accept assignments.*

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**BEST IN SHOW**

The following person, having successfully **completed** the required Group Assignments in the first Variety Group for which they were **approved**, have been added to the list of judges eligible for approval to judge Best In Show.

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**REGISTERED HANDLERS**

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**NEW REGISTERED HANDLER APPLICANTS**

The following persons have submitted an application for the Registered Handler Program.

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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 Gina DiNardo, Executive Secretary:

AGRA – Australian Shepherds – Jenna M. Crans

ARNAULT – Great Pyrenees – Linda M. Whisenhunt

BEGOLD- Golden Retrievers- Sandra Nordstrom

BELLE SHAIN – Labrador Retrievers & Spini Italiani – Frank L. Leatherbury

CRESCENTMOON – Labrador Retrievers – Joe Ricupero

ELEVE – Boxers – Bryce Bonet

ELOQUENT – Papillons – Wendy D. Queiros

FREEDOM PAWS – Golden Retrievers & Shetland Sheepdogs – Tera T. Jurrens

KENTFIELD ANNUAL – Labrador Retrievers – Laurie M. Soloski

MIBRE – BASENJIS – Michelle Smith-Barbour & Orestos Rios

NACHES RIVER – Labrador Retrievers – Brandon D. Orser

ONTHEBALL – Australian Shepherds – Lene Whitt

RONARA – Labrador Retrievers – Roni Lao

TRIAD – Pembroke Welsh Corgis – Patty Gai-ley

VANIER – Pekingese – Laurie L. Lindeman

XINGFU – Chinese Shar-Pei – Jeffrey D. Holton

## **REGISTERED NAME PREFIXES GRANTED**

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

AVANT-GARDE – German Shepherd Dogs – David C. Malacon

BLACK POWDER – Black Russian Terriers – Tessa M. Moore

BRIMSTONE – Irish Wolfhounds – Laurie F. Morris

BROKEN-ARROW – Australian Shepherds – Penny L. Allen & Michael S. Allen

CEDAR LANE- Bulldogs – James R. Armstrong

CROTON PINES – Poodles – Rebecca A. Laing-Austin & Donald E. Austin

CUSHLA MCCREE – Irish Wolfhounds – Sheryl A. England DVM

DUBLINN – Labrador Retrievers – April F. Allison

MOX MOX – Cavalier King Charles Spaniels – Connie McCormach

PA DALE – Shetland Sheepdogs – Patricia F. Gilbert

SET-A-PART – Basset Hounds – Darcy H. Chase

SKYTRY – Papillons – Joanne Glawson

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**AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB, INC.  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
AKC OFFICES AT 101 PARK AVENUE, NEW YORK,  
NY AND VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE  
APRIL 6, 2020**

The Board convened via Video Conference on Monday, April 6, 2020 at 11:05 a.m.

Mr. Sprung was present in the NY Office. All other Directors participated in the meeting by telephone or video conference. Also present in the NY Office was the Executive Secretary.

There was a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Ms. Biddle and the Board VOTED (unanimously) to suspend the Board Policy on Phone Participation established in 1996 which prohibits Board members from voting if they are participating in the meeting by phone.

The February 2020 Board minutes, copies of which had been provided to all Directors, were reviewed.

Upon a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Ms. Biddle, the February 2020 Board meeting

minutes were approved unanimously.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was an EXECUTIVE SESSION at the beginning of the meeting to discuss sensitive business matters. It was reported that the following Executive Officers were re-elected:

Dennis B. Sprung, President/Chief Executive Officer

Gina M. DiNardo, Executive Secretary

## **Board Appointment of AKC PAC Member**

Following a motion by Ms. McAteer, seconded by Mr. Sweetwood the Board VOTED (unanimously) to appoint Dr. Michael Knight to the AKC PAC Board.

## **Board Appointment of AKC CHF Member**

Following a motion by Mrs. Wallin, seconded by Ms. McAteer the Board VOTED (unanimously) to appoint Steven Hamblin to the AKC Canine Health Foundation Board.

## **PRESIDENTS REPORT**

Mr. Sprung provided the Board with a report on actions that Staff had taken in the last month in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The complete report is included as Addendum A to these minutes.

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## **Legal Status Report**

The Board reviewed a legal status report on Legal activities for the month of March 2020.

## **FINANCE**

Peter Rohslau, Controller, summarized AKC's unaudited financial results for the two months ended February 29, 2020. Revenue was down \$98 thousand, or 1% below budget, mainly due to weakness in fees related to events and sponsorships. This weakness was offset by strong results in registration and admission sales to the Meet the Breeds® event in NYC. Controllable expenses were down \$433 thousand, or 4% below budget, as a result of reduced payroll related costs (14 headcount below budget) and a delay of some marketing related costs. These savings were partially offset by increased spending to secure the Meet the Breeds® rental space. Non-controllable expenses were down \$185 thousand, or 8% below budget, as savings in depreciation were realized from reduced capital spending since Q4 2019 along with other expense savings. Net Operating Income exceeded budget by \$520 thousand, mostly as a result of cost savings identified above. These results were prior to the effects of the pandemic. Other non-operating losses were almost \$5 million with a majority of the loss coming from investments.

## **EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**

Mari-Beth O'Neill, Vice President, Sport

Services participated in this portion of the meeting via videoconference.

## **Lowchen Proposed Breed Standard Revision**

The Board reviewed proposed revisions to the Lowchen breed standard, submitted by the Lowchen Club of America (LCA). The current standard was approved May 11, 2010. Following a motion by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Mrs. Wallin, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to approve the proposed revisions to the Lowchen standard for publication for comment in the Secretary's page of the AKC Gazette.

## **Biewer Terrier Eligibility to Compete in Toy Group**

The Board reviewed a petition submitted by the Biewer Terrier Club of America seeking acceptance into the AKC Stud Book and for the Biewer to be eligible to compete in the Toy Group.

The Board of Directors, at the July 2018 Board Meeting, approved the Biewer as eligible to compete in the Miscellaneous Class effective July 3, 2019. Per the approved policy, breeds will remain in Miscellaneous Class one to three years and be evaluated at the end of the first year.

Following a motion by Mr. Smyth, seconded by Dr. Knight, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to accept the Biewer Terrier into the AKC Stud book effective January 1, 2021 with

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eligibility to compete in the Toy Group. The Board also approved the breed standard as the official AKC Standard for the breed.

## **Standard of the Biewer Terrier**

**GENERAL APPEARANCE:** The Biewer Terrier is an elegant, longhaired, uniquely colored toy terrier with a breed signature ponytail. The coat parts down the middle, hanging straight and evenly on both sides of the body as though a comb has been used to part it. The back is level, with height at shoulders being equal to height at the croup. Although the outline of the dog gives the appearance of a square, the body length is slightly longer than the overall height. The tail is set high and carried well arched over the body, covered with a long luxurious plume. The Biewer Terrier has a lighthearted whimsical, childlike attitude. Although mischievous at times, they are obedient and make a loyal companion.

**SIZE PROPORTION, SUBSTANCE:** Size- Height at the shoulders is the same as the height at the croup, measuring 7 to 11 inches, with weight being 4 to 8 lbs. Proportion- Length of body from prosternum to ischium is longer than over all height, making the dog off square although square is acceptable. Substance- Body is fine to medium boned with a level top line. Serious Fault- Over 8 lbs.

**HEAD:** Expression- Is more human than that of a dog, being bright and intelligent. Eyes-

Are medium sized and may be round or almond shaped with a crisp, clear countenance. Iris- as dark as possible. Ears- Are small, upright, V shaped, moderately wide set and covered with hair except the tips being shaved. They are set to the back of the skull and the base is level with the eyes. Skull- Slightly rounded. Stop- Moderate. Muzzle- One-third the length of the head. Eye rims, Nose, and Lips- Completely black. Bite- Level or scissor bite. Teeth- Straight and even. Serious Fault- Incomplete pigment on the eye rims, nose, and lip; Ears not standing erect. Disqualification- Blue eye(s).

**NECK, TOPLINE, BODY:** Neck- Moderate in length, free from throatiness. Topline- Level. Body- length is slightly longer than the overall height although square is acceptable. Chest- Comes to the elbows with a good width. Ribs- Moderately sprung. Underline- Slightly tucked up. Back- Level topline. Loin- Well developed and strong. Tail- Set high, when in movement carried well arched over the body in a graceful sickle curve, covered with a long luxurious plume. Plume lies to either side of the body. Length of tailbone must go to the stifles or longer. When reposed, the tail may be relaxed. A kink in the tail is not to be faulted. Serious Faults- Roach or rounded back; high in the front or rear.

**FOREQUARTERS:** Forelegs should be straight, elbows neither in nor out.



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Angulation- Moderate. Shoulders are nicely laid back to allow for good reach and freedom of movement. Elbows- set close to the body. Legs- Straight when viewed from the front are muscular and covered with hair. Pasterns- Up and straight. Dewclaws- May be removed but not required. Feet- Round. Toes- Well arched covered with hair which may be trimmed not to impede movement or trimmed to show the shape of the foot. Pads- Black and/or flesh. Nails- Black and/or white.

**HINDQUARTERS:** In balance with the forequarters. Angulation- Rear to match front. Legs- Hind legs are straight when viewed from behind, muscular and covered with hair. Stifle- Slightly bent when viewed from the side. Hocks- Straight when viewed from behind, pointing neither in nor out. Dewclaws- May be removed but not required. Feet- Round. Toes- Well arched covered with hair which may be trimmed not to impede movement or trimmed to show the shape of the foot. Pads- Black and/or flesh. Nails- Black and/or white.

**COAT:** Long and flowing with a soft silky texture. Hair is straight without an undercoat, hanging close to the ground if not touching. Coat maybe trimmed to floor length for ease of movement. Head fall is tied up into a single ponytail on top of the head, hanging loose. Puppy ponytails may be placed a little lower on the head as to gather the short hairs. A bow is used for adornment; no topknots or

rollovers. Feet are trimmed for a neat, clean appearance. Trim around anus. Head falls that have been altered by teasing, curling, topknots, or roll overs shall be so severely penalized as to be eliminated from competition.

**COLOR:** The Biewer Terrier is a uniquely colored toy terrier. Head Coloring- Blue/Black, Gold/Tan and White in good symmetry. Any combination of the following two colors, (Blue/Black and Gold/ Tan); (Gold/ Tan and White) in good symmetry is acceptable. Body Coloring- Hair on back is blue/black and white. Amounts of each color are of personal preference with no dominating patterns. No amount of tan hair may be found on the back, belly, chest, legs or feet. A small amount of tan hair may be found around the anus. Chest, Stomach, Legs and Tip of the Tail- White. The white from the chest should come up the neck to cover the chin. Legs are to be white from the elbows and stifles to the feet. Disqualification- any tan hair on back, belly, chest, legs or feet.

**GAIT:** The Biewer Terrier moves with confidence and pride. Movement should be graceful, smooth and straightforward without being stilted or hackneyed. When viewed from the side the top line remains level, he gives an impression of rapid movement, size considered. Hind legs should track in line with the front legs, going neither inside nor outside. Tail must be up when in movement. Serious

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Fault- Hackneyed gait in adults.

**TEMPERAMENT:** Intelligent, loyal and very devoted to their human family. They have a fun loving, childlike attitude that makes them a great companion for all ages. They quickly make friends with animals of any origin.

The foregoing description is of the ideal Biewer Terrier. Any deviation from the above described dog must be penalized to the extent of the deviation.

**SERIOUS FAULTS:** Roach or rounded back; Hackneyed gait in adults; Incomplete pigment on the eye rims, nose, and lips; ears not standing erect; over 8 lbs.

**ELIMINATING FAULTS:** Head falls that have been altered by teasing, curling, topknots, or roll overs.

**DISQUALIFICATIONS:** Blue eye(s); Any tan on back, belly, Chest, legs or feet.

## **CONFORMATION**

Doug Ljungren, Executive Vice President, Sports & Events; Mari-Beth O'Neill, Vice President, Sport Services; Tim Thomas, Vice President of Dog Show Judges; Glenn Lycan, Director, Event Operations Support; and Alan Slay, Director, Event Programs participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

## **Limited Number of Events Policy**

Starting in January 2019, the Limited Number of Events Policy was changed to provide flexibility across the country. The goal was to assist clubs that might want to hold a third show and provide additional opportunities for local exhibitors without negatively impacting other clubs in the region.

Given one year of experience under the new policy, the staff presented a memo at the January 2020 meeting to explore possible additions to the policy that could further assist clubs without negatively impacting other clubs in the area.

Following their discussion in January, the Board requested a modification to the Limited Number of Events Policy to allow clubs the option of holding a third show provided they meet specific criteria. The staff recommendation is, in addition to the current policy, a club would qualify for a third show provided there are no other shows within 500 miles on the day of the show or any day of the cluster.

Following a motion by Mr. Sweetwood, seconded by Mr. Hamblin the Board VOTED (In favor: Ms. Biddle, Mr. Carota, Dr. Davies, Dr. Garvin, Mr. Hamblin, Dr. Knight, Ms. McAteer, Mr. Powers, Mr. Sweetwood, Mr. Tatro, Mrs. Wallin; against: Mr. Smyth;

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abstained Dr. Battaglia) to approve an addition to the Limited Number of Events Board policy which will allow clubs the option of holding a third show provided there are no other shows within 500 miles on the day of the show or any day of the cluster.

This addition to the policy is effective immediately.

Limited Number of Events Policy (April 2009 Board meeting; amended March 2015, July 2016, January 2017, January 2018, August 2018 & April 2020)

- All-breed or limited-breed clubs have the option to hold two shows in a calendar year.
- Local specialty clubs have the option to hold shows on two days per year or two shows per year, at their option. Local specialty clubs have the option to hold one additional show in conjunction with their breed's national specialty. There is no limit on national clubs.
- All-breed and limited-breed clubs in Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico have the option to hold up to four shows in a calendar year.
- Show or obedience clubs have the option to hold any number of obedience or rally trials.
- No conformation events will be approved to be held on or between December 24th and December 31st.
- Clubs in the continental U.S. granted

isolated status prior to January 1, 2019 will retain their isolated status and will be allowed to hold up to 4 shows per year.

- An all-breed or limited-breed club may, at their option, hold a third show provided the following criteria are met:

1. All of a club's shows must be held within 50 miles of the club's territory.
2. All-breed clubs must have 20 or more open weekends in a calendar year (no all-breed show) within 400 miles from the club's show site, and there are no all-breed shows within 400 miles on the day of the third show or any day of the cluster.

Or

All-breed clubs may hold a third all-breed event in a calendar year if there are no all-breed shows within 500 miles on the day of the third show or any day of the cluster.

3. Limited-breed clubs must have 20 or more open weekends in a calendar year (no all-breed/limited-breed of the same group shows) within 400 miles from the club's show site, and there are no limited-breed shows within 400 miles on the day of the third show or any day of the cluster.

Or

Limited-breed clubs may have a third limited-

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breed event in a calendar year if there are no all-breed shows or limited-breed shows of the same group within 500 miles on the day of their third show or any day of the cluster.

When multiple all-breed clubs are clustering together only the club whose territory the event weekend is being held in may be granted a third show. If the multi-club weekend is being held outside of any of the club's territories no third show will be granted.

## **Entry Limitations for Two AB Shows in One Day Policy**

The current policy regarding Two Shows in One Day was implemented in January 2019. At the January 2020 Board meeting, it was requested that the staff examine the 500-entry per show limitation considering clubs actual 2019 experience.

Based on the actual experience of clubs that held two shows in one day in 2019, the recommendation is to modify the limit on the number of entries to 600 entries per show.

Currently the limit is 500 entries per show.

The other provisions to this policy will remain unchanged. These are – (1) clubs must provide at least one ring per 100 entries, (2) limit judging assignments to 100 dogs per event, with a maximum of 175 dogs per day, and (3) limit to no more than one special attraction with group competition between the two shows. These provisions ensure that events are completed in a reasonable time. The two

shows in one day policy is meant to assist clubs holding small shows.

This will be discussed further at the May meeting.

## **Isolated Small Clubs-Allow Four (4) Shows in Three (3) Days**

The Board reviewed a recommendation to allow clubs that qualify for three shows (isolated clubs) that also qualify to hold two shows in one day (small shows) the option of holding four shows over a maximum of three days. This will be discussed further at the May meeting.

## **Reinstatement for Dogs Disqualified for Attack by a Judge**

The Board reviewed a recommendation to modify the procedures associated with reinstatement of a dog disqualified for aggression to include an appeal option in situations where the judge has denied a dog the opportunity to apply for reinstatement.

This will be discussed further at the May meeting.

## **Application for Futurity or Sweepstakes – Chapter 2, Section 10**

The Board reviewed a recommendation from the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee (DSRC) to modify Chapter 2, Section 10 of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows, which

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addresses the requirements for a specialty club who wishes to hold a futurity or sweepstakes.

The recommended changes generalize the language by removing the reference to a form and whether or not the futurity or sweepstakes will be open to nonmembers; providing flexibility to remain consistent with any modification to the application procedures without further amendment to the rule.

This will be discussed further at the May meeting.

## **Grand Champion Points – Rules Applying to Dog Shows – Chapter 16, Section 6**

The Board reviewed a recommendation to modify Chapter 16, Section 6 of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows, to award at independent specialties for breeds with varieties the highest number of Grand Champion points awarded in any variety at that specialty to the entry awarded Best of Breed in the inter-variety competition and the highest number of Grand Champion points awarded in its sex in any variety at that specialty to the entry awarded Best of Opposite Sex to Breed of Breed in the inter-variety competition.

This will be discussed further at the May meeting.

## **JUDGING OPERATIONS**

Doug Ljungren, Executive Vice President, Sports & Events; and Tim Thomas, Vice President, Dog Show Judges, participated in

this portion of the meeting via video conference.

## **Mandatory Ramp Examination – Clumber Spaniels**

The Board reviewed a request from the Clumber Spaniel Club of America that the Board of Directors mandate the use of a ramp for all examinations of the breed including during group and Best in Show judging. Currently, Clumber Spaniels may be judged either on the ground or on the ramp at the discretion of the judge.

This will be discussed further at the May meeting.

## **CLUBS**

Doug Ljungren, Executive Vice President, Sports & Events; and Lisa Cecin, Director, Club Relations, participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

## **Group Clubs – Expediting the Sanctioning Process**

The Board reviewed a Staff recommendation to make several changes to the current policy regarding the membership requirements and the sanctioning process for Group clubs.

These changes are meant to reduce the administrative burden of forming a Group club and to shorten the time required for a club to become licensed to hold a show.

The specific recommendations are:

1. Reduce membership requirements to 20 household / 12 local. (Currently 30 house-

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hold / 25 local)

2. Reduce breed representation to 25% of the breeds in the group. (Currently 50%)

3. Reduce the sanctioning process to be dependent upon the amount of experience in the club. (Currently two B-matches and two A-matches are required)

This will be discussed further at the May meeting.

## **Delegates and Member Clubs**

The Board reviewed a report on the prospective Delegate credentials to be published in two issues of the *AKC GAZETTE*, a report on Requests for AKC Membership and a report on Member Club Bylaws approved and newly licensed clubs.

## **Report on Member Clubs Bylaws Approved in February and March 2020**

Basset Hound Club of America (1937)

Eastern German Shorthaired Pointer Club, Lebanon, NJ (1940)

## **Report on Newly Licensed Clubs Approved in February and March 2020**

Chihuahua Club of Hawaii, Island of Oahu, HI, 43 total households, 43 local.

Pacific Northwest Greyhound Club, greater Tacoma, WA (including communities north to SedroWoolley, south to Woodburn, OR), 20 total households, 13 local.

Toy Dog Club of Alaska, greater Anchorage, AK (including communities south of Denali National Park, east to St. Wrangle National Park and west to Lake Clark National Park), 30 total households, 27 local.

Willacoochee River Beagle Club, Willacoochee, OK (including communities of Enigma, Alapaha and northeast to Baxley), 20 total households, 8 local.

## **COMPLIANCE**

### **Approval of Annual Fees**

The Charter and Bylaws of the American Kennel Club, Inc. "Charter and Bylaws" require that the Board of Directors set deposits annually for the submission of complaints pursuant to Article XII, Section 1; as well as deposits for appeals to an Appeal Trial Board pursuant to Article XIII, Section 7.

The current deposit to file a complaint pursuant to Article XII, Section 1 is \$500. The current deposit to file an Appeal to an Appeal Trial Board is \$200. Staff requests that these deposits remain the same for 2020.

This will be discussed further at the May meeting.

*(Final Board Disciplinary actions are reported on the Secretary's Page)*

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## **CONSENT**

Following a motion by Mr. Sweetwood, seconded by Mr. Carota it was VOTED (unanimously) to approve the following Consent items:

- Delegate Approvals
- Dogue de Bordeaux Proposed Breed Standard Revisions
- Field Spaniel Breed Standard Revision
- Appointment of AKC PAC Board Members
- Patricia M. Cruz Resolution
- William J. Feeney Resolution

## **Delegates Approved**

James F. Barron, Redwood City, CA  
To represent Contra Costa Kennel Club

Joann B. Beavers, St. Michaels, MD  
To represent Talbot Kennel Club

Stephanie A. Crawford, Binghamton, NY  
To represent Del-Otse-Nango Kennel Club

Andrea C. Hesser, Flower Mound, TX  
To represent Mid-Continent Club of Tulsa

Tracy J. Pancost, Louisville, KY  
To represent West Highland White Terrier Club of America

## **Dogue de Bordeaux Proposed Breed Standard Revisions**

The Board VOTED to approve the proposed

revisions to the Dogue de Bordeaux breed standard to be balloted by the membership of the Dogue de Bordeaux Society of America in accordance with the club's Constitution and Bylaws.

## **Field Spaniel Proposed Breed Standard Revisions**

The Field Spaniel Society of America, Inc (FSSA) has submitted proposed revisions to the Field Spaniel standard, specifically to add a disqualification for the sable color pattern. The current standard was approved September 14, 1998. The Board approved the FSSA to ballot the membership at the January 2020 meeting.

The ballot results have been received from the FSSA:

Total number of Members Balloted	251
Ballots Returned	203
Valid Ballots	196
Invalid Ballots	7
Yes Ballots	146 74%
No Ballots	50 26%

The Board VOTED to approve the revisions to the Color section of the breed standard with an effective date of June 30, 2020.

Color: Black, liver, golden liver or shades thereof, in any intensity (dark or light); either self-colored or bicolored. Bi-colored dogs must be roaned and/or ticked in white areas. Tan points are acceptable on the aforementioned colors and are the same as any nor-

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mally tan pointed breed. White is allowed on the throat, chest, and/or brisket, and may be clear, ticked, or roaned on a self-color dog. The sable pattern, a lighter undercoat with darker shading as tipping or dark overlay, with or without a mask present, is a disqualification. Disqualifications: The sable pattern, a lighter undercoat with darker shading as tipping or dark overlay, with or without a mask present, is a disqualification.

## **Appointment of AKC PAC Board Members**

The Board VOTED to reappoint Mr. Christopher Sweetwood, Ms. Wendy Jordan and Dr. Carmen Battaglia for new two-year terms.

## **Patricia M. Cruz Resolution**

### **AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB**

Held on **April 6th**, two thousand and twenty, the following Resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS,

**Patricia M. Cruz**

First joined the Delegate body as Delegate from the Santa Cruz Kennel Club in March nineteen eighty-nine, and has served as Delegate from the Heart of Plains Kennel Club since June two thousand and six; and,

WHEREAS, she was first elected to the American Kennel Club Board of Directors in two thousand and twelve, was reelected to the Board in two thousand and sixteen, and was elected Vice Chairman of the Board in two thousand and nineteen; and,

WHEREAS, during her Board tenure, her experience as an Executive Field Representative, an AKC judge, an officer and Director of the Ladies Kennel Association of America and Riverhead Kennel Club, and a founding member of the Owner Handler Association were invaluable assets in her role as Board Liaison to the Delegate All-Breed Club Committee and in the deliberations of the Board of Directors; and,

WHEREAS, her professional background as a union secretary and president, a journalist, and a sales and marketing consultant uniquely qualified her for leadership during an unprecedented period of growth and diversification for the American Kennel Club; and, WHEREAS, we are ever mindful of the contributions she has made to the organization and our sport during her lifetime in dogs, and will always recall fondly the enthusiasm, intelligence, and with that endeared her to her colleagues; and,

WHEREAS, we will ever cherish our association with this distinguished sportswoman and friend;

NOW THEREFORE, be it  
RESOLVED, that the Directors of The American Kennel Club extend to her their



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most sincere best wishes for the years ahead and their deep appreciation for her past and continuing dedicated service to The American Kennel Club.

## **William J. Feeney Resolution**

### **AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF**

### **THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB**

Held on **April 6th**, two thousand and twenty, the following Resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS,

**William J. Feeney**

First joined the Delegate body as the representative of the Sir Francis Drake Kennel Club in June two thousand and four, serving several terms on the Delegate Bylaws Committee, where he worked to protect the prerogatives of the Delegate Body;

WHEREAS, he was first elected to The American Kennel Club Board of Directors in March, two thousand and twelve, and was reelected in March two thousand and sixteen; and,

WHEREAS, he was elected Chairman of The American Kennel Club Board of Directors in March two thousand and nineteen, and served as Chairman until March two thousand

and twenty; and,

WHEREAS, the experience he gained as President, Director, and Bylaws Committee Chairman for the Golden Retriever Club of America was an asset in his role as Board Liaison to the Parent Club Committee; and,

WHEREAS, beginning in nineteen seventy-eight he distinguished himself as a breeder-exhibitor of quality Golden Retrievers; and,

WHEREAS, as a committed advocate for canine health, he is a recipient of the Golden Retriever Foundation Award of Merit and a past Vice President of the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals; and,

WHEREAS, his professional expertise as a lawyer was invaluable in his role as a member of the Legal Outreach Committee formed to find means to improve the image of, and find additional advocates for, purebred dogs and the AKC among the legal and legislative communities;

WHEREAS, his tenure on the Board of Directors and as Chairman of the Board coincided with an era of unprecedented growth for The American Kennel Club in the advancement of our sport and responsible ownership among pet owners; and,

WHEREAS, we are ever mindful of the great

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contributions he has made and continues to make to The American Kennel Club and the Sport of Purebred Dogs; and,

WHEREAS, we are will ever cherish our association with this distinguished lawyer, sportsman, and friend; and,

NOW THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, the Board of Directors of The American Kennel Club extend their most sincere best wishes for the years ahead and their deep appreciation for his dedicated service to the American Kennel Club.

## **REQUEST FOR AKC MEMBERSHIP**

Following a motion by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Ms. Biddle the Board VOTED (In favor: Dr. Battaglia, Ms. Biddle, Mr. Carota, Dr. Davies, Dr. Garvin, Dr. Knight, Ms. McAteer, Mr. Powers, Mr. Sweetwood, Mr. Tatro, Mrs. Wallin; abstained Mr. Hamblin and Mr. Smyth) to disapprove the application for AKC Membership submitted by the Mid-Atlantic Leonberger Club of Virginia.

## **ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE BOARD TO HELP CLUBS**

In order to provide the sport greater flexibility during this time of uncertainty, the AKC Board discussed and VOTED unanimously the following standard procedures/policies. These modifications will be in effect for 2020, unless specific dates are noted.

1. Event Application Fees – For events cancelled in 2020, Event Application fees will be applied to the club's next event of the same type provided the club has notified the AKC of the cancellation.
2. Modification to Limited Events Policy – Clubs previously not eligible may hold a third show in connection with their show/cluster if they meet the following provisions:
  - Must hold all of their shows within 50 miles of the club's territory, and
  - No other shows are held within 500 miles of the show site on the day of the show or any day of the cluster.
3. Distance Restrictions for Conformation
  - Extend the distance conformation clubs may hold a show outside their territory from 125 miles to **200 miles**. This applies to all types of conformation clubs – Specialty clubs, Group clubs and All-Breed clubs.
  - Extend the distance specialty clubs may join another specialty club of the same breed outside their territory from 200 miles to **300 miles**.
  - There is no change to the conflict policy – 200 miles between shows.
4. Breed Specialties – Increase the number of specialties a local specialty club may hold from two specialties or two days of

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specialties per year to **two independent or concurrent specialties or two days of independent or concurrent specialties, plus up to four designated specialties.**

## 5. Assignment Conflicts for Conformation Judges

- Waive the policy restricting judges from being assigned the same breed, Group or Best in Show at events held within 30 days and 200 miles. This applies to conflicting weekends and does not apply to events on the same weekend, circuit or cluster.
- Waive the same day exhibiting restriction for judges assigned only NOHS Groups and/or NOHS BIS. This will provide clubs greater flexibility and options in panel assignments. Judge assigned NOHS group or NOHS BIS show only may exhibit the same day, but MAYNOT compete in NOHS the same day they judge.

## 6. Junior Qualifications

- Allow Juniors that turned 18 on or after March 1 to compete until Oct 31. This will encompass the qualifying period for both the AKC National Championship (ANC) and Westminster.
- 2020 ANC Junior criteria revised to 3 wins in Open with Competition (usually 5 wins).

7. Clubs – Information regarding the Government Stimulus Package has been posted on the Club Development Facebook page and the Government Relations website.

*([www.akc.org/legislative-alerts/summary-of-federal-cares-act/](http://www.akc.org/legislative-alerts/summary-of-federal-cares-act/))*

8. Event Applications – Waive all fines for the late submittal of event applications and judges panels through the end of October. This provides clubs more time to reschedule and plan their events.

9. Conformation Judges Education – Free online breed education webinars presented by Parent Club Judges Education Coordinators/Presenters provide additional educational resources which may be submitted on future application for the breed.

10. Conformation Judges Education – All Canine College breed courses are being offered at half price thru May 31.

11. Clubs – Waive the Public Education requirements. Clubs are encouraged to do their best to increase their social media presence, interact and educate their local communities.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was an EXECUTIVE SESSION to discuss sensitive business matters. There was nothing reported out of this session.

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It was VOTED to adjourn Monday, April at  
4:30 p.m.

Adjourned

Attest:

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Gina M. DiNardo, Executive Secretary

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## Addendum A COVID-19 AKC Efforts

### COVID-19 EFFORTS RECAP

- Created a COVID-19 information page: <https://www.akc.org/press-center/covid-19-updates-from-the-american-kennel-club/> (updated regularly)
  - Content includes:
    - Information from the CHC and WHO
    - Frequently asked questions
    - Event cancellations (updated daily)
    - Links to additional AKC resources (Government Relations, Marketing, Canine College)
- Created a resource page for dog owners coping with COVID-19 crisis: <https://www.akc.org/dog-owners/coronavirus-covid19-outbreak-resources-dog-lovers/>
  - Topics include (but are not limited to):
    - Key articles – “Can Dogs Get Coronavirus”, “FAQ on AKC Event Impacts” and “AKC Event Cancellations”
    - Indoor Fun and Games for Dogs
    - Train Your Dog at Home (video series)
    - Daily Dose of Puppies (videos)
    - Fun dog related articles and quizzes (e.g. “20 books for dog lovers of all ages”, “Can you guess the breed by the nose”)
- Developed AKC’s Woof from Home Challenge”
  - Daily activity for dog owners that encourages them to spend time with their dog doing something constructive, fun AND comforting
  - Each activity falls under one of the following themes: DIY, Trick, Health or Bond/Love
  - Each activity can be done from the comfort of one’s home with things found around the house
  - Graphic detailing the activity is posted every morning on Facebook, Twitter, IG stories
  - On Instagram Stories, we are sharing related UGC
  - AKC Dog Stars influencers are participating
  - Highlights: <https://www.instagram.com/stories/highlights/18090266131152298/>
  - Sent to over 2 million recipients a Special Edition of The AKC Nibble Newsletter that included several key articles and linked to our new resource page
- Regular communication with clubs to assist with cancelling and rescheduling events (Events and Club Development).
- New “AKC Friends & Family” Facebook Group established to support fanciers/exhibitors/owners who want to connect and engage with each other
- Continued social sharing of 5-6 COVID-adjacent articles per week; COVID-19 related content ideation/refresh/creation/edit/publish for various audiences: puppy seekers, dog owners, breeders; 30+ stories
- Weekly AKC.TV interviews with Dr. Klein to bring accurate CV-19
- President’s Gazette Letter focused on AKC efforts to help clubs
- Email/information sent to Delegates and club officers:
  - AKC position on COVID-19

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- AKC Noteworthy News (President's letter)
- AKC PupPals participation
- AKC office closures
- AKC staff changes
- Theo's Letter (A letter to our community)
- Dr. Klein COVID-19 interview
- Hosting weekly webinars for our AKC Canine Ambassadors and Public Education Coordinators with useful tips and information they can use during this time
- Canine College is hosting a Judges Education Webinar daily (began 3/30) provide Parent Clubs the opportunity for Judges Education (1 CEU). Over 900 judges have participated
- Expanded the AKC PupPals program to medical professionals, nursing and hospital patients; over 400 requests received

## **Emails to Core Constituency and Dog Lovers**

- March Nibble Newsletters: All Nibble newsletters listed integrated more COVID-19 articles/resources:
  - 3/26 Breeder Special Edition COVID-19 (Breeders)
  - 3/26 Senior Dog (target senior dog owners)
  - 3/24 Health (target AKC Actives dog owner health opt-ins) 680K SENT | 29% OPENS | 6% CTO
  - AKC Communicates 3/16, 3/27 & 4/3 - COVID-19 resources
- Included announcement of PupPals expansion to all above newsletters
- 3/25 – PupPals to Delegates
- 3/25 – Inviting Therapy title holders to participate in PupPals

## **Government Relations**

Developed an information for legislative COVID-19 issues: <https://akcgr.org/covid19?0>

- Content includes:
  - [Status of Legislatures Impacted by COVID-19](#) -UPDATED DAILY
  - [MA Update: Governor Orders Closure of Non-Essential Businesses](#)
  - [Letter From Dennis Sprung/Summary of Federal CARES Act](#)
  - [Georgia: Shelter-In-Place Order Pending, Ask Governor to Designate Pet Care Businesses as Essential](#)
  - [Impact of COVID-19 on Legislative Activity](#)
  - [Update: State Exemptions Protecting Pet Care, Supplies and Services During Shutdown](#)
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  - [Update: New York Declares Pet Services "Essential Businesses"](#)
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## COVID-19 Coronavirus: Updates from the American Kennel Club

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### American Kennel Club Updates on COVID-19 Pandemic

The American Kennel Club is closely monitoring the situation surrounding the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. We encourage all staff, judges and exhibitors to follow the World Health Organization and Center for Disease Control's recommendations to maintain proper hand...



#### Recommended For You

- Lifestyle: The Top 100 Best Dog Names
- News: Can Dogs Get Coronavirus?
- Lifestyle: 75 Unique Dog Names for Girls and Boys
- Lifestyle: The Top 100 Dog Names

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## Coping With Coronavirus COVID-19

Resources, ideas, advice, and fun to help dog owners deal with the crisis

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**American Kennel Club**  
Published by Cody Barr [?] · 25 mins · 🌐

Stay vigilant and don't let your cleaning products cause more harm than good!

5,593 People Reached    74 Engagements    [Boost Post](#)

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**Author**  
American Kennel Club We have added information on AKC office closures in New York and North Carolina, with a list of contacts you may need to communicate with our staff at this time. Our staff is working remotely to assist you as seamlessly as possible. <https://www.akc.org/press.../akc-office-closure-information/>

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**AKC Office Closure and Contact Information – American Kennel...**

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**Author**  
American Kennel Club We have added a Q&A on AKC Events and COVID-19 to AKC.org. You may find it here: <https://www.akc.org/.../frequently-asked-questions.../>

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Published by Sprout Social [?] · Yesterday at 9:00 AM · 🌐

Don't worry, there are no time limits here.  
👉 Which skills are you working on? 👈

**WOOF from HOME**

three sign AKC Rally course

Pick your three favorite Rally skills and set up a small course with quickly drawn signs. Navigate the course and give lots of praise. Rally around your dog as you rally around your living room!

**American Kennel Club**  
Published by Sprout Social [?] · 2 hrs · 🌐

A manicure isn't just for show – good nail care is a sign of good health!  
👉 Show off those toes! 👈

**WOOF from HOME**

nail care

Gently grasp your dog's paw and push your thumb on the pad to extend the nail. Using trimmers or a grinder, remove just the tip. Nail polish not required!

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## AKC Registered Handlers Posts

**AKC Registered Handlers Program**  
March 19 at 3:46 PM

These ideas are geared towards the horse industry but are equally applicable to the dog show world! We're going to have to get creative to get through our "Corona-cation!"



HORSEANDHOUND.CO.UK  
**10 ways you can support small equestrian businesses and freelancers right now - Horse & Hound**

Larry Cornelius, Patricia Proctor and 2 others · 5 Shares

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Write a comment...

**Tim Thomas** shared a link  
Founding Member · 19 hrs

In reference to the attached message sent from AKC Communications this weekend, Judging Operations staff will be working remotely and is making every effort to uphold the level of service that our judges have become accustomed to expect. We have every expectation to maintain our normal schedule of dates for review of regular status requests and permit status approvals.

However, please know that there may be some delays in responding to or processing items delivered via UP Mail or courier services. If possible, we encourage you to send your communications and/or documents via email to [judgingops@akc.org](mailto:judgingops@akc.org) or fax to 919-816-4225.

For those submitted applications, do not forget that your forms and verification documents can also be shared through the e-portfolio in the AKC Canine College.

We do appreciate your patience and understanding. Please stay safe and stay home!

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**link.akc.org**

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Corinne Miklos, Vicki Seller-Cushman and 37 others · 6 Comments

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**Tim Thomas**  
Founding Member · March 16 at 4:39 PM

To all judging applicants:

Please know that Judging Operations is currently filing through all of the scheduled interviews that have been impacted by event cancellations or due to the applicant cancelling for precautionary measures.

The department will be in contact with all affected judges in the upcoming days as we are exploring alternative options where feasible including scheduling via teleconference. Priority in scheduling will be given to (1) cancelled interviews (chronologically), (2) applications currently in processing, and (3) applications yet to be received.

If you are yet to apply, please expect that no interviews will be scheduled until the pending interviews for all applications currently in-house that can be rectified, have been.


While this is not priority #1 in the grand scheme of things, we have fielded many questions and understand to concern from those directly impacted.

Larry Cornelius, Bonnie Linnell Clarke and 72 others · 33 Comments

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**Tim Thomas** shared a link  
Founding Member · March 21 at 12:22 PM

Great factual information from Dr. Jerry Klein  
<https://akc.tv/watch/19/4629/video-3/coronavirus-update-march-18th-2020?cbx=watch/4/2037/series/ask-the-expert>



AKC TV  
**Ask The Expert - Coronavirus Update March 18th, 2020 - Can Dogs Get Coronavirus? | AKC.TV**

Larry Cornelius, David Kikkand and 14 others · 1 Comment

Like Comment

Sulle Greendale-Paveza Yes it is !!!  
Like Reply · 2d

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## **Club Development Page:**

**Fisher H Guy** shared a [link](#).

Hello we are working remotely from home please know we are doing everything we can to help clubs and your events.

<https://link.akc.org/view/5b58b95424c17c17c657h172hs78r.a7ms/a1909c19>

### **About this website**

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## AKC Noteworthy News

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Tel. © Krista Hangle

Monday, March 30, 2020 at 4:14 PM



These are unprecedented times for the world and our sport. The AKC is aware that the recent COVID-19 virus outbreak has greatly impacted our clubs nationwide. Though this is a difficult time, we remain encouraged that we will all get through this together.

Our staff has been working diligently to create informative content on AKC.org and AKC.TV to help you through this time. An example of this is a wonderful interview done by our Chief Veterinary Officer Dr. Jerry Klein that provides helpful information regarding COVID-19 and our dogs, [which can be viewed here](#). We have also created an [informational hub](#) that advises on latest actions and event cancellations.

And for those looking for information or fun content to pass the time we have created a resource page that can help. Activities include in-home training tips, a #Woolfromhome daily social media challenge, a free "Conformation for Beginners" video from AKC Canine College, and much more.

I am also delighted to inform you that we have expanded our AKC PupPals

## AKC Gazette Letter

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The AKC is continuing to help each club by providing our services 24 hours per day, 7 days a week. A list of direct contacts is below for any assistance you desire. To report a cancellation, call 919-816-3379 and on the weekend or outside of business hours 919-816-3953, or call upon staff directly:

Dennis Sprang	DBS@akc.org	212-696-8327, cell 516-637-6567
Doug Langgren	Doug.Langgren@akc.org	919-816-3903
Alan Slay	Alan.Slay@akc.org	919-816-3806
Glen Lycin	Glen.Lycin@akc.org	919-816-3360
Guy Fisher	Guy.Fisher@akc.org	919-816-3303
Patric Proctor	Patric.Proctor@akc.org	
Carrie DeYoung	Carrie.DeYoung@akc.org	818-886-8212

We advise each club to make their informed decision based upon local, state, and federal law and to heed the advice of the CDC. A number of events were postponed or cancelled as well as held. Our constituency has responded with different opinions. Many at events passed along positive comments about being able to do something they enjoyed with their dogs; others are of the opinion such events regardless of size should be cancelled by the respective club. As you know, among our 5,000 independent clubs, there are 26 different sports. Some are very small and are spread over large venues. Of course, after the club makes a decision it is up to the exhibitor to participate or not. When a club contacts us to make a change, staff is providing a host of ideas as well as assisting with opportunities for a future time, checking corresponding dates, mileage, judges com-

mits, the 30-day/200 mile policy, etcetera. No matter what decision a club makes, the AKC is here to assist in this difficult time. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We continually update information on AKC.org and Facebook as well as e-mail updates to our constituency.

For more information on COVID-19 and event cancellations, please visit <https://www.akc.org/president/2020/covid-19-updates-from-the-american-kennel-club/>. A sticky bar was implemented last week on our home page to direct people to the latest updates. Clicking it will take you to the Press Centre. As a further proactive measure, we already began overtime in the Sports/Events Department to ensure we operate without any backlog for our clubs. We also are adding the capability of more than 30 additional Sports/Events Department employees to work from home. Currently Registration, Customer Service, and CGC work remotely so these departments will continue assisting our customers without interruption.

As this unfortunate situation remains very fluid, we will continue to meet with office staff and Field Representatives so that they may provide you with up-to-date information as it develops.

  
Dennis B. Sprang  
President and CEO

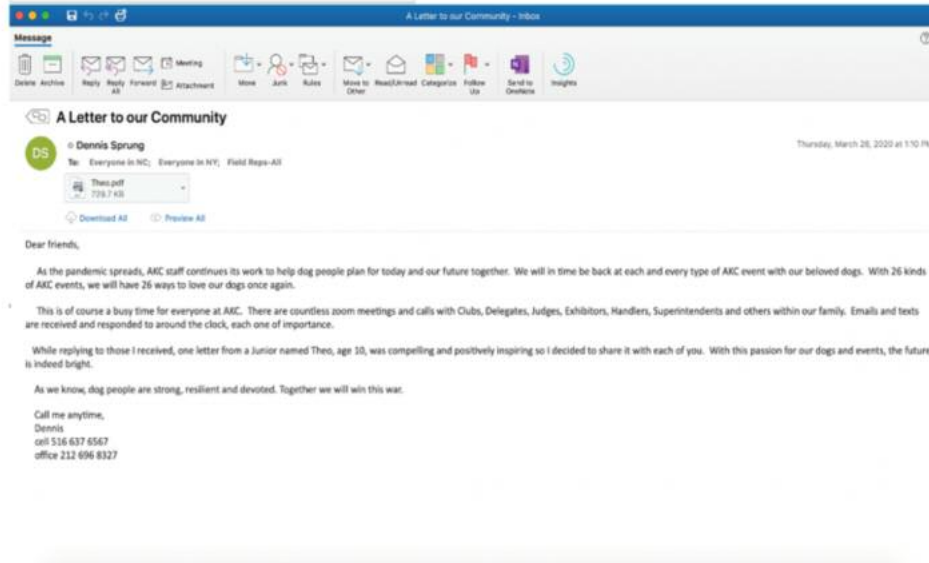


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## Theo's Letter

Dear Theo Sprung,  
If you are reading this, please know that I read you in my own way. I'm sorry in this article, it is because it is tough time for me to be without dog shows for so long. I was really excited for Edison and Harold's and it broke my heart when COVID-19 ended up affecting that show as well. I know that everybody has lost a lot whether you're the owner of a dog or a handler who paid many city fees, but I believe by practicing and working with dogs, we can bring our shows back with a bang like no pandemic's end. By continuing to be safe and supporting our clubs and our shows, we can make the dog show community once again great.  
Our sport will continue with the next generation. All we need to do is, make this happen to be kind with others and for the sport of our beloved dogs and the love of dogs in their hearts. Let's keep going and let's keep going as the most beautiful sport of all sports of the community. Nobody and nothing will ever replace dogs.  
When you stay at home, I ask you to look out for your dog and interact with them. There is your best friend waiting for you, to be with them you can take a nap together or go on a long walk together. I go to Central Park with my dog at least once a day. I always make sure to note my dog's tail training progress. Please practice our sport at home if you can. I hope you stay safe and occupy yourself to your dog. Remember, there are many people who love dogs. The time to wait for dogs is over.  
Alexis Whistmaster 2020, Theo D., J.H.



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## Thank you to staff

### THANK YOU STAFF



o Dennis Sprung

Friday, March 20, 2020 at 12:43 PM

To: Field Reps-All; Everyone in NC; +3 more v

You replied to this message on 3/20/20, 12:49 PM.

Dear friends,

Everyone on **staff** is serving our constituency, particularly the fancy, in the most admirable way.

The dedication of each department serves our clubs, breeders, exhibitors, Delegates and judges. In the 26 sports facing postponements or cancellations the assistance provided to clubs is appreciated. Including the Sports&Events **staff** on line at the loading dock in North Carolina this very moment to pick up new computers which expands our servicing clubs and exhibitors.

This terrible virus has us on the ropes but not down. We will keep acting collectively, making sacrifices that help insure our dogs and fanciers future will return to the competitive enjoyment experienced over the past 135 years.

I congratulate everyone for **your** many accomplishments working remotely. From Registration and Customer Service who have long term expertise in doing this to the departments now learning to do so and already accomplishing successfully in social media, PR, Club Relations, Communications, Club Development and many more. I consider every department in the corporation to be a strong link in our care for dogs and customers.

We as **staff** are in this together and along with the core constituency will succeed for their sake and that of the dogs we love.


Once again **thank you** to everyone and our dedicated Board of Directors.

Be well. Together we will win this war.

Dennis  
516 637 6567

## Email to Constituency regarding office closure

March 20, 2020 | [View Online](#)

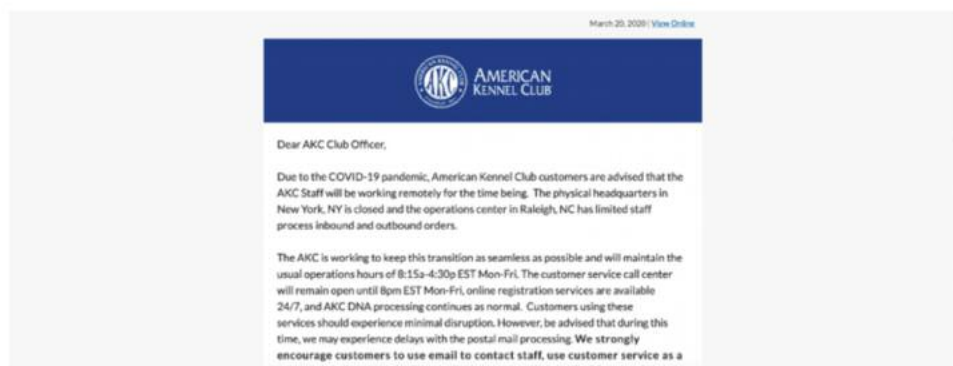


Dear AKC Club Officer,

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, American Kennel Club customers are advised that the AKC Staff will be working remotely for the time being. The physical headquarters in New York, NY is closed and the operations center in Raleigh, NC has limited staff process inbound and outbound orders.

The AKC is working to keep this transition as seamless as possible and will maintain the usual operations hours of 8:15a-4:30p EST Mon-Fri. The customer service call center will remain open until 8pm EST Mon-Fri, online registration services are available 24/7, and AKC DNA processing continues as normal. Customers using these services should experience minimal disruption. However, be advised that during this time, we may experience delays with the postal mail processing. We strongly encourage customers to use email to contact staff, use customer service as a resource, and make use of our online services when available.

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**AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB, INC.  
SPECIAL MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
AKC OFFICES AT 101 PARK AVENUE, NEW YORK,  
NY AND VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE  
APRIL 23, 2020**

The Board convened via Video Conference on Thursday, April 23, 2020 at 12:00 p.m.

Mr. Sprung was present in the NY Office. All other Directors participated in the meeting by telephone or video conference. The Executive Secretary also participated by video conference. *Ms. McAteer was absent for the beginning of the meeting.*

The April 6, 2020 Special Board meeting minutes, copies of which had been provided to all Directors, were reviewed.

Upon a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Ms. Biddle, the April 6, 2020 Board meeting minutes were approved (unanimously, absent Ms. McAteer).

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman reported on his appointment

of two committees:

### **The Judges' Approval Process (JAP) Committee**

The Committee will be charged with examining the existing judges' approval process. As questions and recommendations arise, the committee will consider changes (or not) and present their thinking to the Board for consideration.

The committee will consist of Tim Thomas, VP of Judging Operations (Chair), Red Tatro, AKC Board of Directors, Robert Ennis, Director of Education, American Dog Show Judges and Sam McDonald, President, Dog Judges Association of America.

### **The AKC Sample Constitution & Bylaws Committee**

The Committee will be charged with examining the current by-law template document, and to "generate a product which is more suitable and flexible for handling situations faced by our club's and fancier's in today's times." The Committee also will examine the process and timelines for making changes to a club's existing constitution and bylaws as well as how quickly issues get resolved along the way.

The committee will consist of:

Lisa Cecin, AKC Director of Club Relations (Chair), Rita Biddle, AKC Board of Directors, Carl Holder, the Delegate from Beaumont Kennel Club, Gretchen Bernardi, the Delegate from Mississippi Valley Kennel Club and Heather McManus, AKC VP & Deputy

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General Counsel.

The Chair and Vice Chair will also sit on each committee as ex officio members.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was an EXECUTIVE SESSION to discuss sensitive business matters. Nothing was reported out of this session.

## **PRESIDENTS REPORT**

### **Board Action Items**

Mr. Sprung addressed the remaining action item and updated the Board on recent developments with the landlord of AKC headquarters and the AKC Museum of the Dog.

He reported that the Sports & Events department is assisting clubs daily with postponements, cancellations and rescheduling. As of today, 6,741 events are cancelled. The rate is tracked each day and has fluctuated from an average of 100, then to a high of 175 and now 60.

We are experiencing a spike in registration due to Covid-19 compelling people to remain at home resulting in many obtaining puppies. Customer Service and Marketplace are playing a significant role in the increase of registration which we consider to be temporary. Our April projection is litters + 14% and individual dogs + 19%.

Lastly Mr. Sprung reported to the Board his observations of employees:

“The extraordinary work of staff, longer hours than normal and producing results that assist our 5,000 clubs, breeders and the public. I thank our Executive Committee meeting with the key employee group seven days a week to ensure every department is accomplishing well beyond their responsibilities while engaging and communicating with each constituency, as well as those working from the NC facility and remotely.”

## **FINANCE**

Peter Rohslau, Controller, summarized AKC's unaudited financial results for the period ended March 31, 2020. Revenue was reported as \$6.5 million for the month of March and \$20.7 million year-to-date. Operating income was reported as \$397 thousand for March and \$1.5 million year-to-date. Non-operating losses were \$7.1 million in March and \$10.5 million year-to-date, which occurred primarily as a result of losses in our investment portfolio from widespread losses in most financial markets.

## **EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**

Doug Ljungren, Executive Vice President, Sports & Events, and Sheila Goffe, Vice President, Government Relations, participated in this portion of the meeting via videoconference.

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## **National Police Dog Competition**

The Board reviewed a memo proposing the concept of a National Police Dog Competition hosted by the AKC to take place in the fall of 2021. This event is a component of the Detection Dog Task Force (DDTF) initiative. The AKC Detection Dog Task Force, an AKC Board-directed initiative, works to address the shortage of quality detection dogs needed for U.S. public and national security.

Consistent with the mission of the DDTF, the purpose of the National Police Dog Competition is to:

- Promote AKC's mission by publicly demonstrating the relevance of purpose-bred dogs and the value of breeding for type and function. Police/military working dogs are among the most recognizable purpose-bred working dogs today.
- Provide significant benefits to AKC's government relations (public policy) and public relations efforts by building relationships with law enforcement and related government agencies that will be beneficial for advancing canine policies that recognize and protect the rights of all dog owners, and the ideals of the AKC to the general public.
- Improve public safety by promoting

and improving the training and standardization of testing for police/military working dogs.

The proposed event would take place in lieu of an AKC Detection Dog Task Force Conference in 2021.

In order to study the feasibility of the National Police Dog Competition, and to place a deposit on a suitable facility, the memo requested that the Board approve an expenditure of up to \$2,500. This expenditure was not included in the original 2020 Budget.

Following a motion by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Dr. Battaglia, the Board VOTED (unanimously; absent Ms. McAteer) to consider the matter at this meeting, waiving the normal notice procedures.

Following a motion by Mr. Sweetwood, seconded by Ms. Biddle, the Board VOTED (unanimously; absent Ms. McAteer) to approve an unbudgeted expenditure of up to \$2,500 for a deposit on a suitable venue to hold a National Police Dog Competition in 2021.

## **AKC Communications Year End**

The Board reviewed the Communications department's Year End coverage report.

2019 YEAR-END MEDIA COVERAGE ANALYSIS:

- Total media placements (print,

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broadcast and internet) qualitatively evaluated in 2019:

Q1- 12,154 Q2- 4,375 Q3- 5,207 Q4- 5,436

- Total number of clips evaluated for 2019 was 27,172. Clips increased 18% year over year.
- Total audience reached with all clips (including print, online, TV, and syndicated stories):
- Total audience reached for 2019 was 52,060,150,949. Audience increased 19% year over year.
- Total publicity value achieved through media placements (print, broadcast and internet) qualitatively evaluated in 2019: Q1- \$20,894,449.46 Q2- \$6,935,261.59 Q3- \$10,029,789.52 Q4- \$10,699,194.33
- Total publicity value for 2019 was \$48,558,694.90. Publicity value increased 16% year over year.

## **Detection Dog Task Force Update**

The Board reviewed a memo from the Detection Dog Task Force. The memo provided updates on the status, accomplishments and future of the AKC Detection Dog Task

Force (DDTF).

The Detection Dog Task Force appreciates the AKC Board's continued support of the program and the opportunity to make a difference for our country and our breeders.

The DDTF intends for the program to demonstrate the crucial roles that purebred dogs, produced by thoughtful, purpose-driven American breeders, can play in protecting our country. Highly trained explosives detection dogs are the single most effective means by which to identify the presence of hidden explosives. Explosives detection dogs play a crucial role in protecting U.S. national security and public safety. Rapidly increasing worldwide demand for quality explosives detection dogs has resulted in skyrocketing costs for dogs and a reduction in the quality of available trained and qualified candidate dogs. Approximately 80-90 percent of explosives detection dogs used by U.S. military, law enforcement and contractors are obtained from overseas sources. Reliance on overseas sources means that the U.S. has less access to the best dogs, may pay more per capita for deployable dogs, and is reliant on a source of dogs potentially subject to interruption due to overseas geopolitical events, disease outbreaks and other factors. An obvious solution is for U.S. breeders to produce more high-quality purebred working dogs that can be deployed to meet American needs.

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The DDTF focuses on a range of activities designed to establish AKC as a respected authority, industry facilitator, and center of information and resources for explosives detection dogs. Objectives include building awareness of obstacles to U.S. bred-and-trained dogs, exploring multiple solutions to the shortage, educating key stakeholders, providing resources and assistance to breeders and puppy raisers, and fostering collaboration for continuous improvement.

The new/tentative National Police Dog Competition Hosted by AKC is the newest proposed initiative for this program.

## **UPDATES AND INITIATIVES**

The 2019 AKC US Detection Dog Conference was held Aug. 27-29, 2019. The 2020 conference scheduled for August 25-27 has been cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Instead, the task force is developing plans to host a series of webinars by speakers who had been scheduled to present at the 2020 conference.

The AKC Government Relations Department continues to focus on three major items: Obtaining accurate information about sourcing by Department of defense/Homeland security, and other users/purchasers of explosive detection dogs including the total full cost per capita of a deployable explosives canine; Building issue awareness and support for U.S.-

sourced dogs and the value of high-quality local breeders/trainers to help meet these needs; Working with policy makers and industry experts to improve transparency and availability of standards to aid in preparation and procurement of dogs.

## **Highlights of the GR effort:**

HR 2810: This bill passed with language that AKC Government Relations provided to increase accountability regarding the purchase of European dogs by the U.S. Government. This means the Department of Defense is directed by Congress to provide regular reporting on numerous questions related to the sourcing of military working dogs, including the number of dogs purchased from domestic vs. non-domestic breeders, the costs associated with each, information on the difference in accounting for domestic vs. European dog purchases; and how they determine which dogs to get. The report on this information is more than a year overdue. AKC GR understands the report has been written and is working through congressional staff and federal contacts to obtain its release.

Issue-awareness: AKC has highlighted detection dogs in two capitol hill gatherings and plans to do the same at its gathering in 2020. (An April gathering has been postponed to later in the year, due to the pandemic.) GR

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has published articles, blogs, op-eds, and provided informational and in person presentations and other information to a wide variety of public officials at policymaker conferences, through breeder advocate outreach, and other resources.

The Domestic Explosives Detection Canine Capacity Building Act: AKC Government Relations worked with House Homeland Security staff to develop legislation that would establish a public-private working group to develop a blueprint for decentralized, non-governmental domestic canine breeding network. The purpose of the network would be to assist in the production of high-quality explosives detection canines and modernization of canine training standards; and to establish baseline behavioral, medical and technical standards for explosives detection dogs and require TSA to incorporate those standards. The measure originally introduced as HR 4577 passed the House in 2018 but stalled in the Senate. At the 2018 DDTF conference, AKC GR launched a campaign to advance the measure as part of the 2019 Federal Aviation Reauthorization Act. The measure was passed in this manner, and Carmen Battaglia was selected to serve as a member of the working group. The working group's report was published by the TSA in January 2020. In March 2020, the Department of Homeland Security/TSA published baseline behavioral, medical and technical standards in

the federal Register.

## "Patriotic Puppy" program

Established in 2018, the purpose of the Patriotic Puppy (PP) pilot program is to help breeder/trainers interested in preparing a puppy for a possible future as an explosive detection dog learn the fundamentals important to puppy development and training. The PP program manager and his assistant continue to guide the daily development of some 20 participant puppies from puppyhood through placement in a working role, ideally with a law enforcement handler. Participants are located throughout the country and utilize online resources for training and development. The program requires owners to monitor, measure, record and submit participant progress in several key developmental areas.

## Confident Puppy Course: Education for All Breeders & Puppy Owners

The AKC Education Department is in the process of formalizing the content produced by and for the Patriotic Puppy program. This will result in the development of a series of AKC Canine College courses for all breeders and puppy owners who are interested in raising dogs with the qualities necessary for success as detection dogs, even if their destiny lies in other service work, in sports or simply as resilient, confident pets.

The new AKC Canine College courses focus

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on the crucial developmental and social stages that puppies go through in the first year of life. The courses leverage published canine science and emerging best practices regarding puppy development stages, discuss behavior to expect during these stages, and provide information about specific exercises and social outings that should occur – or not occur – during each stage of development.

## **COMPANION AND PERFORMANCE**

Doug Ljungren, Executive Vice President, Sports & Events; Caroline Murphy, Director, Performance Events; Carrie DeYoung, Director, Agility; Pamela Manaton, Director, Obedience, Rally, Tracking; and Dr. Mary Burch, Director, AKC Family Dog Programs participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

### AKC Title Recognition of French Herding Titles Earned at Parent Club Events

The Board reviewed a recommendation for the AKC to recognize titles earned in French Herding events administered by the American Belgian Tervurens Club (ABTC) and the Belgian Sheepdog Club of America (BSCA). These titles will be recognized as part of the Parent Club Performance Events Title Recognition Program.

This will be discussed further at the May Board meeting.

### Match Regulations – Option to Hold Fun Matches Open to the Public

The Board reviewed a recommendation to modify the Match Regulations to allow and encourage AKC clubs to hold fun matches to introduce the public to the sports.

The current Match Regulations state that once an AKC club becomes eligible to hold licensed events or sanctioned matches, it may not hold fun matches open to the public. This Regulation applies to clubs licensed for conformation, obedience, rally, tracking and agility.

This will be discussed further at the May Board meeting.

### Allow Special Event Obedience & Rally Trials

The Board reviewed a recommendation to allow clubs licensed for obedience and/or rally to hold two Special Event Obedience Trials and two Special Event Rally Trials per year. A Special Event Trial is defined as one where the club proposes a unique mix of AKC classes and/or a unique eligibility criterion. The purpose of a Special Event Trial is to keep the sports fresh and fun. A club holding a Special Event Trial may not change the other Regulations pertaining to a titling class; the event must be open to all breeds including Canine Partners; and the classes held at a Special Event Trials will count toward titles, except for non-regular classes. A Special Event Trial must be approved by the Companion Events Department.

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This will be discussed further at the May Board meeting.

## Pointing Breed Field Trials – A Dog That is “Walked to the Line” Does Not Count as a Starter

The Board reviewed a recommendation to clarify that a dog that is “walked to the line” in a Pointing Breed field trial does not count as a starter and to assign responsibility for preventing this practice.

The recommendation is to clarify that a dog that is walked to the line without being released or that is released and then quickly picked up in a Pointing Breed field trial does not count as a starter. Handlers that do this plus judges and event committees that allow this to occur may be disciplined.

This will be discussed further at the May Board meeting.

*Ms. McAteer joined the meeting via videoconference.*

## Pointing Breed Field Trials – 45 Minute Derby Stakes

The Board reviewed a recommendation to allow licensed derby stakes to be run up to 45-minutes at AKC Pointing Breed Field Trials. The recommendation is to allow licensed derby stakes to be run up to 45-minutes at AKC Pointing Breed Field Trials. Currently derby stakes are limited to no more than 30-minutes. These longer derby stakes are occur-

ring at some AKC trials; Staff recommends that AKC should acknowledge the accomplishments of these dogs. The length of a derby stake shall be stated in the event premium list. This recommended change to the Standard Procedures for Pointing Breeds may be approved by a vote of the Board. If approved, the change will become effective June 1, 2020.

This will be discussed further at the May Board meeting.

## Pointing Breed Hunting Tests – Providing for Special Events

The Board reviewed a recommendation to allow clubs licensed to hold Pointing Breed Hunting Tests the ability to apply for Special Event hunting tests that are unique in order to keep the sport fresh and exciting or to celebrate special occasions.

The recommendation is to allow clubs licensed to hold Pointing Breed Hunting Tests the ability to apply for Special Event hunting tests that are unique in order to celebrate special occasions. A Special Event test is where the host club proposes a unique mix of classes or unique eligibility requirements. The AKC Performance Events Department may grant permission to modify the regulations provided it is consistent with the purpose of the Special Event. Permission to hold a Special Event hunting test is granted on a one-time basis. The Special Event shall count as one of the club's annual events.



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This recommended change to the Pointing Breed Hunting Test Regulations may be approved by a vote of the Board. If approved, the change will become effective July 1, 2020.

This will be discussed further at the May Board meeting.

## Hunting Tests – Judges Address in Premium

The Board reviewed a recommendation to clarify that the address of the judges shown in the Premium for Pointing Breed, Retriever and Spaniel Hunting Tests need only show the Judge's city and state. This is consistent with the change approved at the March Delegates meeting for the field trial sports.

This recommendation is a clarification to the Regulations for Pointing Breed, Retriever and Spaniel Hunting Tests and may be approved by a vote of the Board.

Following a motion by Mr. Hamblin, seconded by Mr. Sweetwood, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to consider the matter at this meeting, waiving the normal notice procedures.

Following a motion by Mr. Sweetwood, seconded by Mr. Hamblin, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to approve the recommended clarification effective immediately.

## AKC FIT DOG Phase 2: AKC Approved FIT DOG Instructors

The Board reviewed a recommendation to

implement Phase 2 of the AKC FIT DOG program to establish AKC Approved FIT DOG Instructors. There has been strong interest expressed by CGC Evaluators to have instructor training in the area of canine fitness. Phase 2 of the AKC FIT DOG program will provide classes through the Canine College for CGC Evaluators who are holding basic canine fitness classes. If CGC Evaluators complete the AKC FIT DOG Instructor classes and pass the tests, they will be designated as AKC Approved FIT DOG Instructors.

The AKC FIT DOG will consist of six modules. Each module will include an instructional video demonstrating how to teach the skills to owners and dogs, written materials, and an online test.

Following a motion by Mrs. Wallin, seconded by Ms. McAteer, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to consider the matter at this meeting, waiving the normal notice procedures.

Following a motion by Mrs. Wallin, seconded by Mr. Sweetwood, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to approve Phase 2 of the AKC FIT DOG program to establish AKC Approved FIT DOG Instructors. Phase 2 of the AKC FIT DOG program will be launched June 1, 2020.

## AKC Trick Dog – Elite Performer Virtual Competition

The Board reviewed an update on the results

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of the first national AKC Trick Dog Elite Performer Virtual Competition that was held in 2019. Implemented as part of the AKC Family Dog program, Elite Performer is the most advanced level of AKC Trick Dog and requires dog owners to put together a routine for an audience. The virtual competition gave Elite Performers from across the country an opportunity to showcase their trick dog routines.

The virtual Competition was very successful and AKC will hold the virtual competition again in 2020.

## **CONFORMATION**

Doug Ljungren, Executive Vice President, Sports & Events; Mari-Beth O'Neill, Vice President, Sport Services; Tim Thomas, Vice President of Dog Show Judges; Glenn Lycan, Director, Event Operations Support; Alan Slay, Director, Event Programs and Guy Fisher, Manger, Club Development, participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

### Emergency Contact Number in Judging Schedules – Chapter 7 Section 12

The Board reviewed a recommendation submitted by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee requesting that the Board adopt policy requiring clubs to include in judging programs an emergency contact number of a club official at the show. If approved, policy wording would be added in italics to Rules

Applying to Dog Shows Chapter 7 Section 12.

This will be discussed further at the May Board meeting.

### Puppy of Achievement (POA) Program Update

The Board reviewed an update on the status of the Puppy of Achievement program. In September 2017, Sports & Events launched the Puppy of Achievement (POA) certificate program. To earn the POA certificate, a dog must earn ten POA points. These points are earned by winning Best of Breed or Best of Opposite at 4-6 Month Beginner Puppy (BPUP) events or winning a first place in the regular Conformation Puppy, Puppy 6-9, and Puppy 9-12 classes.

An analysis of puppy entries indicates that the introduction of the POA certificate program has had a positive impact on the sport. 2019 was the first year-over-year increase in the number of entries in regular Conformation puppy classes since 2003! In addition, there was a 17% growth in the number of BPUP entries. The number of POA certificates issued were up 9% from 2018.

Indications are that the POA certificate program is a successful component in encouraging exhibitors to enter their puppies in Conformation competition.

### Junior Judging Competition Special Attraction

The Board reviewed a memo which presented

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“Guidelines for an All-Breed club or Group club to host a Judging Competition for Juniors”. One of the recommended prerequisite activities will be to have successfully taken the ABC’s of Canine Anatomy Course, the breed course if available and the breed standard test in the AKC Canine College. Juniors are given a code to take the courses for free in the Canine College. The completion of these tests and participation in the Junior Judging Competition will give the Junior credits towards the Junior Ambassador Program and be a part of their record.

A Specialty Show may offer the Junior Judging Competition for the breed being exhibited. If a Judges Education presentation with workshop is being conducted, Juniors may be included and participate in the hands on, with supervision, as part of the test.

The Sports Services Department will communicate out information about this opportunity to engage young people in the sport.

## Executive Summary – State of the Sports 2019 Sports & Events Highlights

- Total entries in AKC sports grew by 67,000, reaching an all-time high of 3.3 million.
- Conformation entries grew by 5,200, first growth in 16 years.
- Junior Showmanship entries were up 3.5%, third straight year of growth.
- Puppy of Achievement (POA) Program.

Based on the favorable results of a survey of puppy exhibitors following a one-year pilot, it was decided to continue and enhance the POA program. Enhancements included adding POA points to the dog’s record and sending an encouragement email when the dog is half-way to being awarded its Certificate of Achievement. Puppy entries in the regular classes grew for the first time since 2003. In addition, entries in the 4-6 month Puppy classes were up 17%.

- Implemented the 1+1 Initiative. Impact: (1) Increased all-breed shows entries by an average of 3.9 per show, (2) reduced absentee rate for dogs entered in the 1+1 situation by 50%, and (3) greatest impact was experienced by the lowest entry breeds. Lowest 20% of the breeds experienced a 4.7% increase in entries due to the 1+1 Initiative.
- Assistance to All-Breed clubs – implemented third show for clubs that meet the criteria designed to not impact neighboring clubs.
- Assistance to Specialty clubs – implemented larger territories for the less common breed Specialty clubs.
- Scent Work grew rapidly to become AKC’s third largest sport.
- Rally grew by 20% - fastest growth since 2006.
- Implemented modifications to the RACH (Rally) and OTCH (obedience)

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titles.

- Brought focus to temperament – launched the AKC Temperament Test November 1, 2019.
- Launched Fit Dog Club program – 384 clubs have signed up.
- Affiliated with UpDog (disc dog organization) as part of the Title Recognition Program.
- Held AKC's first ever virtual competition for dogs that had earned the Trick Dog Elite Performer title.

## **JUDGING OPERATIONS**

Doug Ljungren, Executive Vice President, Sports & Events; and Tim Thomas, Vice President, Dog Show Judges, participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

## **Oral Exam Key in Judges Books**

The Board reviewed a memorandum which presented a request from the American Dog Show Judges to add information to the judge's book to indicate the appropriate oral exam for the respective breed based on AKC's Oral Exam Chart.

This will be discussed further at the May meeting.

*Dr. Battaglia did not participate in the next portion of the meeting.*

## **Conformation Dog Show Judges Annual Report**

### APPLICATION DATA

New Breed Applications (first time applicants) continue with the variance traditionally seen from year to year. As in the previous year, the number of Additional Breed applications submitted in 2019 displayed a significant decrease in the volume in the two years preceding the January 1, 2018 implementation of the revised Judging Approval Process (9/15-11/17) but an increase when compared to 2018. This was the expected and intended result of specific modifications made to temper the rate at which judges could apply and the maximum number of permit breeds judges could have at one time.

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*The number of applications received in 2019 versus previous years:*

	ADDITIONAL BREED		NEW BREED	
	Aps Received	Breeds Submitted	Aps Received	Breeds Submitted
1/19 thru 12/19	401	2497	91	125
1/18 thru 12/18	351	1808	101	154
9/16 thru 8/17	933	5537	84	119
9/15 thru 8/16	843	6009	93	146
9/14 thru 8/15	246	1938	74	102

	ADDITIONAL BREED				NEW BREED			
	# Aps Reviewed	# Breeds Requested	# Breeds Approved	% Approved	#Aps Reviewed	# Breeds Requested	# Breeds Approved	% Approved
2019	366	2099	2039	97.1%	65	107	107	100.0%
2018*	293	1421	1366	96.1%	66	89	86	96.6%
2017	875	4928	4775	96.9%	73	88	86	97.7%
2016	749	5036	5004	99.4%	86	145	144	99.3%
Previous	237	1875	1491	79.5%	80	115	113	98.3%
2011	300	1945	1782	91.6%	99	155	153	98.7%

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The number of complete groups approved to judge:

	NUMBER OF COMPLETE GROUPS APPROVED TO JUDGE									TOTALS	
	< 1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Judges	Groups	
<b>7/31/2015</b>	2527	351	172	108	43	20	6	17	<b>3244</b>	<b>1446</b>	
<b>8/31/2016</b>	2512	334	182	124	42	26	5	20	<b>3245</b>	<b>1538</b>	
<b>8/31/2017<sup>1</sup></b>	2293	321	185	125	52	30	7	21	<b>3034</b>	<b>1613</b>	
<b>12/31/2017<sup>1</sup></b>	2242	324	184	123	61	30	7	20	<b>2991</b>	<b>1637</b>	
<b>12/31/2018</b>	2262	309	190	116	64	33	7	19	<b>3000</b>	<b>1633</b>	
<b>12/31/2019</b>	2289	303	182	112	66	34	8	17	<b>3011</b>	<b>1604</b>	

Judging assignment distribution:

	7/14-6/15	9/15-8/16	9/16-8/17	1/18-2/18	1/19-12/19
Total events (AB, LB, PS & S)	4092	4178	4,349	4428	4464
Total # of individual breed assignments	303,029	301,049	312,263	317,210	321,309
Total # of dogs in competition (D.I.C.)	1,222,474	1,204,798	1,171,690	1,184,640	1,188,067
Total # Judges w/assignment (AKC + Foreign)	2188	2218	2178	2143	2129
# AKC Judges w/assignment	1872	1873	1856	1801	1793
# Visiting Judges w/assignment	316	345	322	342	336
% of AKC Judges w/o assignment	42.3%	42.3%	43.2%	40.0%	40.5%
% D.I.C. Judged by AKC judges	89.1%	90.1%	89.9%	89.9%	90.7%
% D.I.C. judged by 20% of all judges w/assignment	77.1%	78.6%	77.3%	76.2%	76.9%
% D.I.C. judged by 20% of total # of AKC Judges	80.3%	81.1%	80.3%	80.4%	78.8%
% D.I.C. judged by 20% of AKC Judges w/assignment	71.2%	72.1%	72.3%	71.2%	72.1%

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## Perception of Judges Survey

Prior to implementation of the 2015 policy, per the Board's direction, staff distributed a survey to the fancy to establish a baseline of its perception of judges. This survey was sent to customers who had entered a conformation dog show in the preceding 12 months. The survey consisted of ten questions in total, with the first to establish the experience of the individual completing the survey. The intent was to utilize the results, and those received in subsequent surveys conducted annually as a metric to gauge the effect, if any, the Conformation Judging Approval Process may have on the fancy's perception of judges. Overall, the 2019 results display a net of +.05 across all metrics, when averaged to the 1/100th the results appear flat when compared to the year prior, exceeding the metrics in the 2015 (baseline), 2016 & 2017 surveys.

## Conformation Judging Statistics

Judging Operations provided to the Board, statistics related to conformation judging applications for the months January – March 2020, and the year-to-date summary statistics for 2020.

## SafeSport – AKC Registered Handlers Program

The Board reviewed a memo on SafeSport training, and the plans of the AKC Registered Handlers Program (RHP) to include it as a requirement for acceptance into the RHP.

## CLUBS

Doug Ljungren, Executive Vice President, Sports & Events; and Lisa Cecin, Director, Club Relations, participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

## Club Relations 2019 Activity Report

The Board reviewed a status report on trends

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## FINAL REVIEW ACTION SUMMARY

### 2020 YEAR-TO-DATE

	Number of Applicants	Breed Requested	Breeds Accepted	Aps Limited	Aps Fully Approved	Aps Denied	Aps <u>Wthdrn</u>	Aps Held
<b>NB</b>	18	24	22	1	17	0	0	2
<b>AB</b>	81	520	502	7	73	1	0	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>544</b>	<b>524</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>

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regarding AKC clubs. Club Relations is responsible for the accreditation, advancement, and licensing for AKC's 15 types of clubs, AKC member club status approvals, bylaw approval, territory approvals, sanctioned match program approvals, and informal guidance regarding club dispute resolution. It is the goal of Club Relations to consistently make it as easy as possible for clubs to associate with the AKC within the rules and policies established by the Board. Club Relations carefully listened to the needs of our clubs, taking necessary steps by collaborating with AKC's Board of Directors to effect changes which directly benefit our clubs.

Number of clubs as of January 7, 2020.

Member clubs 636

Licensed clubs 4,129

Sanctioned Plan A clubs 92

Sanctioned Plan B clubs 112

Total Clubs 4,969

## New Clubs in 2019

New Parent Clubs in 2019: (1) American Bolognese Club; (2) Russian Tsvetnaya Bolonka Club of America

New All-Breed Club in 2019: Great Plains Kennel Club of Northwest Iowa (Sioux City)

## New Group Clubs in 2019:

Delaware Valley Hound Association (Pottstown, PA)

Mississippi Gulf Coast Working Group Club (Lumberton, MS)

## New Member Clubs in 2019:

Champlain Valley Kennel Club (Burlington, VT)

Conroe Kennel Club (Conroe, TX)

Two Cities Kennel Club (Yuba City, CA)

Clubs that Dissolved in 2019: 6 local specialty clubs

## 2019 Actions

- Expanded Mentored Conformation Event Option for Local Specialty Clubs which want to return to AKC after not holding events or filling a void of a club which dissolved in the area (effective October 2019) – one club approved under this program: Heart of Ohio St. Bernard Fanciers; and one club pending information for processing: Irish Wolfhound Association of the Mid-South.
- Continued Encouraging the Formation of Local Specialty Clubs to promote the creation of local specialty clubs for low entry breeds (effective August 2018). Two new clubs approved under this program: German Pinscher Club of the Southwest and Heartland Belgian Tervuren Club; and one club pending information for processing: Heartland Kerry Blue Terrier Club.
- Making life easier for Parent Clubs at the



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member and license levels by considering five experienced voting members to qualify to hold performance events.

- Continued to conduct outreach for clubs which have not held an AKC event in 3+ years as a proactive approach to minimizing inactive and dissolving clubs.

## **COMPLIANCE**

The following AKC Management actions were reported:

(Final Board Disciplinary actions are reported on the Secretary's Page)

*Dr. Battaglia rejoined the meeting via video conference.*

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was an EXECUTIVE SESSION to discuss sensitive business matters. There was nothing reported out of this session.

It was VOTED to adjourn Thursday, April 23 at 5:20 p.m.

Adjourned

Attest:

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Gina M. DiNardo, Executive Secretary

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