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The next meeting of the Delegates will be held via Zoom Webinar on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 beginning at 12:00 p.m. Eastern Time. There will not be a Delegates Forum.

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NOTICE

Pursuant to Article VIII of the Charter and Bylaws of The American Kennel Club, the following Delegates have either been nominated by the Nominating Committee appointed by the Board of Directors on July 14, 2020, or have been endorsed in writing by the required number of Delegates as additional candidates for such vacancies on the Board of Directors as are to be filled at the next annual meeting of the Club on March 9, 2021.

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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. Mallery Ross (Vancouver, WA)

NOTICE

Ms. Tabatha Buckley-Bettis (Milaca, MN). Action was taken by the Ozarks Kennel Club for conduct at its November 8, 2020 event. Ms. Buckley-Bettis was charged with physical contact of an insulting or provoking nature. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the committee's report and set the penalty at a three-month event suspension and a \$300 fine, effective November 8, 2020.

Ms. Buckley-Bettis appealed the decision to an AKC Trial Board. The Trial Board denied her appeal. (Multiple Breeds)

NOTICE

Mr. Tony Roderick (Dighton, MA) Action was taken by the New England Beagle Club for conduct at its August 29, 2020 event, effective November 9, 2020. Mr. Roderick was charged inappropriate, abusive, or foul language directed personally at a judge. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the Event Committee's report and set the penalty as a two-month

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event suspension and \$200 fine. (Beagles)

NOTICE

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended the following individuals from all AKC privileges for life and imposed a \$10,000 fine, for conduct prejudicial to purebred dogs, purebred dog events, or the best interests of the American Kennel Club based on their violation of the AKC's *Judicial or Administrative Determination of Inappropriate Treatment Policy*:

Effective December 22, 2020:

- Ms. Debra Ritter (Curryville, MO) Multiple Breeds
- Mr. John Roberts (Hagerstown, MD) Multiple Breeds

NOTICE

Reprimands and Fines

Notification of reprimands and fines imposed on superintendents for late publication of a premium list, Rules Applying to Dog Shows Chapter 4, Section 2.

Onofrio Dog Shows, LLC.....\$1,400

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE RULES APPLYING TO DOG SHOWS CHAPTER 6, SECTION 2 – Premium Lists and Closing of Entries

The AKC Board has endorsed the following amendment to **CHAPTER 6, Section 2, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows**, proposed by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee. This will be voted on at the March 9, 2021 Dele-

gates Meeting.

CHAPTER 6

SECTION 2. The premium list shall contain the following:

- a list of the officers of the show-giving club and the club address
- a list of the members of the Event Committee (there must be at least five) together with the designation of “Chair” and the Chair’s address (and “Obedience Trial Chair” if an obedience trial is being held by a club in connection with its dog show)
- the name (s) of the veterinarian(s) or name of local Veterinary Clinic and whether the veterinarian(s) will be in attendance throughout the show hours or “on call,”
- the names, city and state of the judges, together with their assignments
- the name and address of the superintendent or show secretary who has been approved by The American Kennel Club
- Entry fee(s)
- whether the show is benched or unbenched
- the exact location of the show
- the date or dates on which it is to be held
- the times of opening and closing of the show

Notification must be printed in the Premium List only if the club is not offering the three-point major to the Reserve Winners at the Na-

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tional Specialty.

OFFICIAL STANDARD OF THE AUSTRALIAN TERRIER

General Appearance: A small, sturdy, medium-boned working terrier, rather long in proportion to height with pricked ears and docked tail or undocked tail. Blue and tan, solid sandy or solid red in color, with harsh-textured outer coat, a distinctive ruff and apron, and a soft, silky topknot. As befits their heritage as versatile workers, Australian Terriers are sound and free moving with good reach and drive. Their expression keen and intelligent; their manner spirited and self-assured. The following description is that of the ideal Australian Terrier. Any deviation from this description must be penalized to the extent of the deviation.

Size, Proportion, Substance: *Size* - Height 10 to 11 inches at the withers. Deviation in either direction is to be discouraged. *Proportion* - The body is long in proportion to the height of the dog. The length of back from withers to the front of the tail is approximately 1 to 1½ inches longer than from withers to the ground. *Substance* - Good working condition, medium bone, correct body proportions, symmetry and balance determine proper weight.

Head: The *head* is long and strong. The length of the muzzle is equal to the length of the skull. *Expression* - Keen and intelligent. *Eyes* - Small, dark brown to black (the darker the

better), keen in expression, set well apart. Rims are black, oval in shape. *Faults* - Light-colored or protruding eyes. *Ears* - Small, erect and pointed; set high on the skull yet well apart, carried erect without any tendency to flare obliquely off the skull. *Skull* - Viewed from the front or side is long and flat, slightly longer than it is wide and full between the eyes, with slight but definite stop. *Muzzle* - Strong and powerful with slight fill under the eyes. The jaws are powerful. *Nose* - Black. A desirable breed characteristic is an inverted V-shaped area free of hair extending from the nose up the bridge of the muzzle, varying in length in the mature dog. *Lips* - Tight and dark brown or black-rimmed. *Bite* - Scissors with teeth of good size.

Neck, Topline, Body: *Neck* - Long, slightly arched and strong, blending smoothly into well laid back shoulders. *Topline* - Level and firm. *Body* - The body is of sturdy structure with ribs well sprung but not rounded, forming a chest reaching slightly below the elbows with a distinct keel. The loin is strong and fairly short with slight tuck-up. *Faults* - Cobbliness, too long in loin. *Tail* - Set on high and carried erect at a twelve to one o'clock position, in balance with the overall dog, a good hand-hold when mature, docked leaving slightly less than one half, or undocked from straight to curved forward. The tail set is of primary importance.

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Forequarters: Shoulders - Long blades, well laid back with only slight space between the shoulder blades at the withers. The length of the upper arm is comparable to the length of the shoulder blade. The angle between the shoulder and the upper arm is 90 degrees. Faults - Straight, loose and loaded shoulders. Elbows - Close to the chest. Forelegs - Straight, parallel when viewed from the front; the bone is round and medium in size. They should be set well under the body, with definite body overhang (keel) before them when viewed from the side. Pasterns - Strong, with only slight slope. Fault - Down on pasterns. Dew-claws - May be removed. Feet - Small, clean, catlike; toes arched and compact, nicely padded turning neither inward nor outward. Nails - Short, black and strong.

Hindquarters: Strong; legs well angulated at the stifles and hocks, short and perpendicular from the hocks to the ground. Upper and lower thighs are well muscled. Viewed from behind the rear legs are straight from the hip joints to the ground and in the same plane as the forelegs. Faults - Lack of muscular development or excessive muscularity. Feet - (See under Forequarters.)

Coat: Outer Coat - Harsh and straight; 2½ inches all over the body except the tail, pasterns, rear legs from the hocks down, and the feet which are kept free of long hair. Hair on the ears is kept very short. Undercoat - Short

and soft. Furnishings - Softer than body coat. The neck is well furnished with hair, which forms a protective ruff blending into the apron. The forelegs are slightly feathered to the pasterns. Topknot - Covering only the top of the skull; of finer and softer texture than the rest of the coat.

Color and Markings: Colors: Blue and tan, solid sandy and solid red. Blue and tan - Blue: dark blue, steel-blue, dark gray-blue, or silver-blue. In silver-blues, each hair carries blue and silver alternating with the darker color at the tips. Tan markings (not sandy or red), as rich as possible, on face, ears, underbody, lower legs and feet, and around vent. The richer the color and more clearly defined the better. Topknot - Silver or a lighter shade than head color. Sandy or Red - Any shade of solid sandy or solid red, the clearer the better. Topknot - Silver or a lighter shade of body coat. Faults - All black body coat in the adult dog. Tan smut in the blue portion of the coat, or dark smut in sandy/red coated dogs. In any color, white markings on chest or feet are to be penalized.

Gait: As seen from the front and from the rear, the legs are straight from the shoulder and hip joints to the pads, and move in planes parallel to the centerline of travel. The rear legs move in the same planes as the front legs. As the dog moves at a faster trot, the front and rear legs and feet may tend to converge toward the centerline of travel, but the legs re-

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main straight even as they flex or extend. Viewed from the side, the legs move in a ground-covering stride. The rear feet should meet the ground in the same prints as left by the front feet, with no gap between them. Topline remains firm and level, without bounce.

Temperament: The Australian Terrier is spirited, alert, courageous, and self-confident, with the natural aggressiveness of a ratter and hedge hunter; as a companion, friendly and affectionate.

Faults - Shyness or aggressiveness toward people.

Approved January 12, 2021

Effective April 7, 2021

PROPOSED LOWCHEN 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

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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 lit-

tle 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 to 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 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

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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. The *bite* is scissors and the teeth are large and well spaced, with ideally complete dentition.

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 horizontal 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

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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 to approximately $\frac{1}{8}$ inch on the following parts of the body: 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 be natural and untrimmed. Appearance should not be sculpted or scissored. No other trimming or sculpting of the coat is warranted and is to be severely penalized as to preclude placement. **Disqualification:** Any cut/trim/pattern other than what is listed in this standard.

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 al-

most 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.

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

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

PROPOSED STANDARD SCHNAUZER STANDARD FOR COMMENT:

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General Appearance: The Standard Schnauzer is a robust, heavy-set dog, sturdily built with good muscle and plenty of bone; square-built in proportion of body length to height. His rugged build and dense harsh coat are accentuated by the hallmark of the breed, the arched eyebrows and the bristly mustache and whiskers. **Faults** - Any deviation that detracts from the Standard Schnauzer's desired general appearance of a robust, active, square-built, wire-coated dog. Any deviation from the specifications in the Standard is to be considered a fault and should be penalized in proportion to the extent of the deviation.

Size, Proportion, Substance: Ideal height at the highest point of the shoulder blades, 18½ to 19½ inches for males and 17½ inches to 18½ inches for females. Dogs measuring over or under these limits must be faulted in proportion to the extent of the deviation. Dogs measuring more than one half inch over or under these limits must be disqualified. The height at the highest point of the withers equals the length from breastbone to point of rump.

Head: *Head* strong, rectangular, and elongated; narrowing slightly from the ears to the eyes and again to the tip of the nose. The total

length of the head is about one half the length of the back measured from the withers to the set-on of the tail. The head matches the sex and substance of the dog. *Expression* alert, highly intelligent, spirited. *Eyes* medium size; dark brown; oval in shape and turned forward; neither round nor protruding. The brow is arched and wiry, but vision is not impaired nor eyes hidden by too long an eyebrow. *Ears* set high, evenly shaped with moderate thickness of leather and carried erect when cropped. If uncropped, they are of medium size, V-shaped and mobile so that they break at skull level and are carried forward with the inner edge close to the cheek. **Faults** - Prick, or hound ears. **Skull** (Occiput to Stop) moderately broad between the ears with the width of the skull not exceeding two thirds the length of the skull. The *skull* must be flat; neither domed nor bumpy; skin unwrinkled. There is a slight stop which is accentuated by the wiry brows. *Muzzle* strong, and both parallel and equal in length to the top skull; it ends in a moderately blunt wedge with wiry whiskers accenting the rectangular shape of the head. The topline of the muzzle is parallel with the topline of the skull. **Nose** is large, black and full. The lips should be black, tight and not overlapping. **Cheeks** - Well developed chewing muscles, but not so much that "cheekiness" disturbs the rectangular head form. *Bite* - A full complement of white teeth, with a strong, sound scissors bite. The canine teeth are strong and well developed with the upper inci-

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sors slightly overlapping and engaging the lower. The upper and lower jaws are powerful and neither overshot nor undershot. Faults - A level bite is considered undesirable but a lesser fault than an overshot or undershot mouth.

Neck, Topline, Body: *Neck* strong, of moderate thickness and length, elegantly arched and blending cleanly into the shoulders. The skin is tight, fitting closely to the dry throat with no wrinkles or dewlaps. The *topline* of the back should not be absolutely horizontal, but should have a slightly descending slope from the first vertebra of the withers to the faintly curved croup and set-on of the tail. Back strong, firm, straight and short. Loin well developed, with the distance from the last rib to the hips as short as possible. *Body* compact, strong, short-coupled and substantial so as to permit great flexibility and agility. Faults - Too slender or shelly; too bulky or coarse. Chest of medium width with well sprung ribs, and if it could be seen in cross section would be oval. The breastbone is plainly discernible. The brisket must descend at least to the elbows and ascend gradually to the rear with the belly moderately drawn up. Fault - Excessive tuck-up. Croup full and slightly rounded. *Tail* is set moderately high and carried erect. When docked, tail should not be less than one inch nor more than two inches in length. When undocked, a Saber or Sickle tail is preferred. In a relaxed pose, the base of the tail is held in the 1:00 position. While it may be raised in excite-

ment, the base should not incline towards the head. Fault - Squirrel tail.

Forequarters: Shoulders - The sloping shoulder blades are strongly muscled, yet flat and well laid back so that the rounded upper ends are in a nearly vertical line above the elbows. They slope well forward to the point where they join the upper arm, forming as nearly as possible a right angle when seen from the side. Such an angulation permits the maximum forward extension of the forelegs without binding or effort. Forelegs straight, vertical, and without any curvature when seen from all sides; set moderately far apart; with heavy bone; elbows set close to the body and pointing directly to the rear. Dewclaws on the forelegs may be removed. Feet small and compact, round with thick pads and strong black nails. The toes are well closed and arched (cat's paws) and pointing straight ahead.

Hindquarters: Strongly muscled, in balance with the forequarters, never appearing higher than the shoulders. Thighs broad with well bent stifles. The second thigh, from knee to hock, is approximately parallel with an extension of the upper neck line. The legs, from the clearly defined hock joint to the feet, are short and perpendicular to the ground and, when viewed from the rear, are parallel to each other. Dewclaws, if any, on the hind legs are generally removed. Feet as in front.

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Coat: Tight, hard, wiry and as thick as possible, composed of a soft, close undercoat and a harsh outer coat which, when seen against the grain, stands up off the back, lying neither smooth nor flat. The outer coat (body coat) is trimmed (by plucking) only to accent the body outline. As coat texture is of the greatest importance, a dog may be considered in show coat with back hair measuring from $\frac{3}{4}$ to 2 inches in length. Coat on the ears, head, neck, chest, belly and under the tail may be closely trimmed to give the desired typical appearance of the breed. On the muzzle and over the eyes the coat lengthens to form the beard and eyebrows; the hair on the legs is longer than that on the body. These "furnishings" should be of harsh texture and should not be so profuse as to detract from the neat appearance or working capabilities of the dog. **Faults -** Soft, smooth, curly, wavy or shaggy; too long or too short; too sparse or lacking undercoat; excessive furnishings; lack of furnishings.

Color: Pepper and salt or pure black. **Pepper and Salt -** The typical pepper and salt color of the topcoat results from the combination of black and white hairs, and white hairs banded with black. Acceptable are all shades of pepper and salt and dark iron gray to silver gray. Ideally, pepper and salt Standard Schnauzers have a gray undercoat, but a tan or fawn undercoat is not to be penalized. It is desirable to have a darker facial mask that harmonizes with the particular shade of coat color. Also, in pepper

and salt dogs, the pepper and salt mixture may fade out to light gray or silver white in the eyebrows, whiskers, cheeks, under throat, across chest, under tail, leg furnishings, under body, and inside legs. **Black -** Ideally the black Standard Schnauzer should be a true rich color, free from any fading or discoloration or any admixture of gray or tan hairs. The undercoat should also be solid black. However, increased age or continued exposure to the sun may cause a certain amount of fading and burning. A small white smudge on the chest is not a fault. Loss of color as a result of scars from cuts and bites is not a fault. **Faults -** Any colors other than specified, and any shadings or mixtures thereof in the topcoat such as rust, brown, red, yellow or tan; absence of peppering; spotting or striping; a black streak down the back; or a black saddle without typical salt and pepper coloring - and gray hairs in the coat of a black; in blacks, any undercoat color other than black.

Gait: Sound, strong, quick, free, true and level gait with powerful, well angulated hindquarters that reach out and cover ground. The forelegs reach out in a stride balancing that of the hindquarters. At a trot, the back remains firm and level, without swaying, rolling or roaching. When viewed from the rear, the feet, though they may appear to travel close when trotting, must not cross or strike. Increased speed causes feet to converge toward the center line of gravity. **Faults -** Crabbing or weav-

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ing; paddling, rolling, swaying; short, choppy, stiff, stilted rear action; front legs that throw out or in (East and West movers); hackney gait, crossing over, or striking in front or rear.

Temperament: The Standard Schnauzer has highly developed senses, intelligence, aptitude for training, fearlessness, endurance and resistance against weather and illness. His nature combines high-spirited temperament with extreme reliability.

Faults: Any deviation from the specifications in the Standard is to be considered a fault and should be penalized in proportion to the extent of the deviation. In weighing the seriousness of a fault, greatest consideration should be given to deviation from the desired alert, highly intelligent, spirited, reliable character of the Standard Schnauzer, and secondly to any deviation that detracts from the Standard Schnauzer's desired general appearance of a robust, active, square-built, wire coated dog. Dogs that are shy or appear to be highly nervous should be seriously faulted and dismissed from the ring. Vicious dogs shall be disqualified.

Disqualifications: Males under 18 inches or over 20 inches in height. Females under 17 inches or over 19 inches in height.

Vicious dogs.

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.

APPLICANTS

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Mr. Julian Prager

Mrs. Lenore Riddle

Mr. Thomas R. Squicciarini

Mr. Don Sutton

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:

AMBER WAVES- Great Pyrenees-Debbie Hosley
BINGO'S- Pembroke Welsh Corgis-Sherry D Hardman

BRIAR ROSE- Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers- Carolyn Garrett

CASTLERIGG- Pekingese- Susan Speranza

CRESTVIEW-Dachshunds-Sarah I. Holland

FOWLPLAY- Labrador Retriever- Nathan A. Atkinson

INTUITION FARM-Great Pyrenees-Kathryn E. Meier

ISLAND BOUND-Old English Sheepdogs-Marcia A. Stedman

KENMARE- Cardigan Welsh Corgis-Lark A. Schwartz & Fred H. Harnishfeger

LAST FRONTIER-Chesapeake Bay Retrievers- Marynell E. Lee & Daniel M. Lee

MAPLEWOOD ACRES- Labrador Retrievers - Nancy H. Schaetzke

MEDLIN HILLS-Cavalier King Charles Spaniels-Lisa Payne

PREMIERE- Golden Retrievers- Christine C. Texter & Lauren M. Texter

PRUDEN'S- Pomeranians- Darlene Pruden

ROYAL GIANTS- Giant Schnauzers- Melanie McDowell & Jeral Davis

SHADY OAKS- Cavalier King Charles Spaniels- Marion Schuessler & Stephen D. Schuessler

SUNDERHUND- Dachshunds – Jennifer M. Sunderman

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TIMBERLAND FARM-Labrador Retrievers-
Sharon G. Smith

VERDE MONT-Labrador Retrievers- Gayle S.
Erdman

VOM BESCHUTZER-German Shepherd Dogs-
Lori B. Morton & Dawnetta Calhoun

REGISTERED NAME PREFIXES GRANTED

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

BUZZARDS-Australian Cattle Dogs- Theresa Buz-
zard Couch & Colsten Couch

CHIMO- Great Danes- Sharon G Fulford-Flint
DELPHI- Boston Terriers- Delores J. Ferrero &
John W. Flora

DESERT SKY- Cane Corso- Shannon D Smith &
Leila H.

GOLD STAR- Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retrie-
vers-Vicki L. Wagner & Barry Wagner

HALO- Pomeranians- Haley M Pursell

INFINITY'S- German Shorthaired Pointers- Os-
valdo Miranda & Griselda A. Gonzalez

KASHMIR'S- Golden Retrievers- Christine A.
Brandt

MONARCH'S- Rhodesian Ridgebacks- Laurie A.
Hynes & Susan A. Hynes

NEVERLAMD -Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retrie-
vers- Wendy J. Hooke & Peter J. Hooke

RANSOMSHIRE'S- German Shepherd Dogs-
Ellen R. Ransom



AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB, INC.
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AKC OFFICES AT 101 PARK AVENUE,
NEW YORK, NY
AND VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE
JANUARY 12, 2021

The Board convened via Zoom Video Confer-
ence on Tuesday January 12, 2021 at 11:00
a.m.

Mr. Sprung was present in the NY Office. All
other Directors participated in the meeting by
video conference. The Executive Secretary was
present in the NY Office and participated by
video conference.

The November 10, 2020 Board meeting min-
utes, copies of which had been provided to all
Directors, were reviewed.

Upon a motion by Mr. Sweetwood, seconded
by Ms. McAteer, the November 10, 2020 Board
meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Mr. Sprung reported on the December events
in Orlando as follows: As Show Chair he stated

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that the extensive planning and execution worked. Our knowledgeable staff did well. The positive comments from the Board were shared and appreciated by our employees.

He praised the streaming of each event including agility, obedience and the group judging on AKC.tv. It was very successful, although for the record the pay-per view breed judging offer for Saturday and Sunday did not meet subscriber expectations.

Registration and Customer Service have had outstanding results with appreciation to Mark Dunn, Linda Duncklee, Jill Zapadinsky and staff; as their customer service has these proven results:

- Every area in Registration is up and the queues are short.
- 288,500+ litters and 702,000 individual registrations
- Best full year since 2009 & 2008, respectively.

He reported of making a decision which he ran by Tom and Dominic to not charge the 2021 annual fee for our Registered Handler's Program (RHP) members; as their livelihoods have been very negatively affected.

Tim Thomas sent me this RHP feedback: "Comments included that this act not only relieves the members of their financial obligation after a very difficult year but made them

feel appreciated as well for their Individual contributions to the RHP and the sport on the whole." Patti Proctor stated the appreciation from our RHP members is tremendous and they believe we care and it is a two-way street. Also, Patti suggested a document for Clubs if there is a COVID-19 issue at an event; Doug Ljungren and Glenn Lycan have addressed that request.

Processing of Conformation and Obedience results are completed for 2020; Performance is scheduled to be done next week and Companion this week.

Along with this work, BI and ICG are analyzing Sports & Events processes for 2018, 2019 and 2020 (pre and post COVID) to understand historical and year over year changes, dashboards including time to process events, time to receive results, event changes, event cancellations, revenue by event types, time allocation by processing activity and costs by processing activity.

Working with LB Dean in Human Resources, we are making a training video on active shooter preparedness available to every staff member. It is provided by the Department of Homeland Security. The Board is welcome to participate.

Delegate Meeting attendance: Research was conducted for the Delegate Zoom meetings in comparison to the past 5 years of Delegates Meetings. The September (376) and Decem-

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ber (377) 2020 meetings were the highest attended in 5 years; only March of 2016 is on par with them at (374). Another interesting statistic was that a comparison of June, September and December 2020 to 2019 meetings are, respectively, for 2020 +55, +61 and +65. These figures were shared with Mary Lou Olzewski for the DAAC at her request.

Budget: In the letter that was composed to the Delegates on the 2021 budget, there were a few proactive steps of reinvesting funds back into the company. The only item necessary in North Carolina at the time of the writing was a replacement of the backup generator. Keith Frazier, managing the N.C. facility, is overseeing this initiative and the installation is scheduled for tomorrow. This install is two years ahead of the current generator's remaining lifespan. Natural gas will be more efficient and provides AKC, AKC Reunite and AKC CHF with an uninterrupted supply of fuel in the case of disaster.

Lastly, the inaugural "AKC on ESPN" had excellent results. Gina will update us.

Gina DiNardo, Executive Secretary, participated in this portion of the meeting to share with the Board details about the new Disney / ESPN agreement which began with the 2-hour Fastest Dogs USA on ESPN2 Sunday, December 13, 2020. The show used the finals of the AKC Fast CAT Invitational to highlight com-

petitors: it was the number one show on ESPN2 for the entire day.

Legal Update:

The Board reviewed a legal update as of December 2020.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Dr. Davies discussed his desire to separate the Board Pension and Investment Committee into two (2) separate committees. Following a motion by Dr. Battaglia, seconded by Ms. Bidle, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to approve the new structure; there will be a Board Pension Committee and a Board Investments Committee.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

FINANCE

Ted Phillips, Chief Financial Officer, provided a financial update for the eleven months ending November 30, 2020.

Despite the ongoing challenges due to COVID-19, a positive report of AKC's operations was conveyed.

YTD Net Operating Income is \$13.1 million primarily due to higher registration revenues and cost containment, offset by lower record-

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ing and service fees.

Registrations Statistics: 2020 YTD Litter Reg. was 6.5% ahead of budget, 8.2% better than 2019 YTD. 2020 YTD Dog Reg. was 15% ahead of budget, 17% better than 2019 YTD.

Registration Fees exceed the prior year by 19.5% or \$5.8 million. This increase is led by Dog Registration ahead of 2019 by 24.4% or \$5 million.

Pedigree & Other Litter Fees exceed budget by 24% or \$1.6 mil primarily due to 3-Generation Pedigree Sales.

Events & Entries continue to reflect the impact of COVID-19 cancellations. Compared to the same period in 2019, Events & Entries were down by 53.5% & 57%, respectively.

Events & Other Fees trail budget and 2019 Actual by 42% and 39% respectively. This is primarily due to Recording & Service Fees which trail prior year by 44.3% or \$4.7 million.

Product & Service Sales exceed budget by 11.6% or \$1.1 million led by Merchandise Sales due to increases in e-commerce sales ahead of prior year by 65% or \$621k.

Advertising, Sponsor/Royalties trail budget by 8% or \$892k due to a combination of lower income across all lines due to lower activity due to the pandemic.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Mari-Beth O'Neill, Vice President, Sport Services participated in this portion of the meeting

via videoconference.

Löwchen Proposed Breed Standard Revision

The Board reviewed the proposed revisions to the Löwchen breed standard as submitted by the Löwchen Club of America, Inc. (LCA). The current standard was approved May 11, 2010.

Following publication of the proposed standard changes in the May 2020 Secretary's page of the Gazette there was extensive discussion from the club. The LCA Breed Standard Committee made further revisions to the proposed standard, and as a result Staff recommends that the revised standard be published for comment again.

Following a motion by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Mr. Powers, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to approve the revised standard for publication for comment in the Secretary's Page of the Gazette.

Standard Schnauzer Proposed Breed Standard Revision

The Board reviewed the proposed revisions to the Tail section of the Standard Schnauzer breed standard as submitted by the Standard Schnauzer Club of America, Inc. (SSCA). The standard was last revised and approved by the AKC Board February 9, 1991.

Following a motion by Mr. Tatro, seconded by Ms. Biddle, the Board VOTED (unanimously)

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to approve the standard revision for publication for comment in the Secretary's Page of the Gazette.

Acceptance of Pedigrees from the Azerbaijan Kennel Club

The Board reviewed a request from the Azerbaijan Kennel Club to be added to the list of registries with pedigrees acceptable for AKC registration. Kennel Union of the Republic of Azerbaijan (hereinafter referred as KURA) is a national non-profitable canine organization in Azerbaijan, which was established in 2001 and a member of FCI (Fédération Cynologique Internationale) since 2006, and FCI full member since 2015. KURA is the only all breed registry authority in the country. KURA issues Pedigrees and records registration records of all pure breed dogs in Azerbaijan.

In 2019, KURA registered approximately 2500 dogs. Since 2015, KURA organizes Crufts® Qualification shows 2 times per year and International Dog Shows inviting FCI international judges; and KURA conduct and participate in education programs, seminars.

Following a motion by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Mr. Tatro, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to add the Kennel Union of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the list of registries with pedigrees acceptable for AKC registration.

Sloughi Stud Book

The Board reviewed a request from the American Sloughi Association to keep the Stud Book Open for the Breed. The Sloughi Book is scheduled to close January 1, 2021. Currently AKC will accept dogs registered with American Sloughi Association and United Kennel Club. Staff recommends the Sloughi Stud Book remain open until January 1, 2026.

This will be discussed further at the February meeting.

Danish-Swedish Farmdog Club of America – Advance to Miscellaneous

The parent club of the Danish Swedish Farmdog, the Danish-Swedish Farmdog Club of America (DSFCA), has requested approval for the breed to move into the Miscellaneous Class.

The Danish-Swedish Farmdog Club of America has met the requirements of the Recognition of New Breeds Board Policy approved in February 2017. Requirements include an active parent club, with serious and expanding breeding activity over a wide geographic area, and documented club activity. The Danish-Swedish Farmdog Club of America has an active membership participating in Companion Events and FSS Open Shows when available.

Following a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Sweetwood, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to consider the matter at this meet-

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ing, waiving the normal notice procedures. Following a motion by Mr. Carota, seconded by Mr. Sweetwood, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to advance the Danish-Swedish Farmdog to the Miscellaneous Class effective June 30, 2021

New Breed for Foundation Stock Service ® – Barbado da Terceira Parent Club

The Board was advised that the Foundation Stock Service (FSS) Committee recently approved a petition for the Barbado da Terceira to be accepted into the FSS program. The Barbado da Terceira (meaning “bearded”) is thought to have evolved from the dogs that were brought to the island of Terceira in the Azores around the 15th century for the purpose of herding cattle and livestock.

COMPANION and PERFORMANCE

Doug Ljungren, Executive Vice President, Sports & Events and Pamela Manaton, Director, Obedience, Rally, Tracking participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

Managing Waitlists on Limited Entry Obedience and Rally Trials

With increased COVID restrictions, clubs are experiencing a reduction in the number of people they may have in a facility for their events. This means that more clubs are hosting limited entry obedience and rally trials and with so few events being offered, it has re-

sulted in more entries being received than can be accommodated. The Board reviewed a recommendation on how to manage waitlists at limited events to allow the most participation in events by modifying the existing waitlist requirements. The recommendation would allow a club to set a waitlist closing date beyond the event closing date; however, it must be a minimum of three days prior to the first trial date in a set of trials.

This will be discussed further at the February meeting.

Random Draw Method for Accepting Entries in Obedience & Rally Trials

The Board reviewed a Staff recommendation to establish a Random Draw method of entries to be used at a club’s option for limited entry obedience and rally trials that have their own standalone event number. The Random Draw method would provide the club with a fair way to accept entries for trials if the club anticipates the entries will overload beyond their limits, and to create equity between all exhibitors.

This will be discussed further at the February meeting.

Obedience Fix ‘n Go Concept

The Board reviewed a Staff recommendation to allow obedience handlers to use the “Fix ‘n Go” option while performing in the ring at

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obedience trials when a dog's performance does not meet their expectation. The "Fix 'n Go" concept allows the team to reattempt one individual exercise, and then leave the ring. Using the "Fix n' Go" option will result in a non-qualifying score (NQ). "Fix 'n Go" would be offered on a one-year pilot basis in order to give the staff time to evaluate its impact.

This will be discussed further at the February meeting.

CONFORMATION

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

Rules Applying to Dog Shows-Chapter 16, Section 2 - Grand Championship Points

The Board reviewed a recommendation from the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee (DSRC) to modify Chapter 16 Section 6 of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*, which addresses the requirements for a dog to achieve the Grand Championship title at AKC Conformation dog shows.

The Delegate body at its September 2020 meeting approved a proposal to modify Chapter 16 Section 6 of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*. During discussion at the September meeting, a motion to amend the proposal was

made and approved, modifying the first sentence of the proposed insertion from, "At independently held specialty shows for breeds divided into recognized varieties,..." to "At independently held specialty shows and concurrent specialty shows for breeds divided into recognized varieties,..." The amended proposal was subsequently approved by the delegate body to be effective January 1, 2021.

At the DSRC's November 19, 2020 meeting, the DSRC voted, unanimously, to recommend the removal of "...and concurrent specialty shows..." from the last paragraph of Chapter 16 Section 6 of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*. Their reasoning includes:

1. Concurrent specialties are by definition independent specialties. Stand-alone, concurrent, and evening are all types of independent specialties.
2. The amendment to the proposal, which was eventually approved, resulted in inconsistent language within the section.

This will be discussed further at the February meeting.

Calculating Distance for Conflict Checks

Based on a request from the Board, Staff presented a memo outlining how the AKC currently calculates distance between events and judging assignments and has done so over the past fifty-plus years (50+), discussing the ad-

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vantages and disadvantages of the current process and possible alternatives.

Staff will present options for consideration on ways to modify the current Board Policy for the Board to review.

Preserving Corresponding Dates for Clubs

Staff provided information on the preservation of corresponding dates for clubs when they have events cancelled or rescheduled due to COVID.

When a club notifies the AKC that they are cancelling an event due to COVID, AKC creates a new event for them on the corresponding date in the following year. If a club desires to reschedule later in the year, AKC will still create next year's event based on their corresponding date and note the rescheduled event as a one-time occurrence.

AKC will continue to follow this procedure during the COVID pandemic to support clubs and preserve their corresponding dates, including the situations where a club has cancelled or rescheduled their events in both 2020 and 2021.

New and Low Entry Breeds – Talking Paper by Carmen Battaglia

The Board discussed a paper written by Dr. Battaglia looking at dog registrations and entries for Low Entry breeds and new breeds admitted to the AKC stud book in the past 10

years. Dr. Davies suggested that he would like to create an Ad Hoc Committee to work through the issues presented in the paper. The Committee would be chaired by Mari-Beth O'Neill, Vice President, Special Serviced Chair; other members are Mark Dunn, Executive Vice President; Dr. Carmen Battaglia, AKC Board member; Chris Sweetwood, AKC Board member and an additional AKC Staff member from the Sport & Events department.

Following a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Ms. Biddle, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to approve the committee as suggested.

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. *Mr. Tatro was not present for this portion of the meeting.*

Recertification Requirements for Conformation Judges

The Board reviewed a Staff memo which provided additional information concerning the planned structure of the newly approved requirement for Conformation Judges to complete a recertification course/exam on current AKC procedures and policies every five years.

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CLUBS

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

Mr. Tatro was not present for this portion of the meeting.

Club Relations 2020 Activity Report

The Board reviewed a status report meant to communicate to the Board key information and trends 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. In total, Club Relations receives approximately 375-400 emails received per month. It is an objective of Club Relations to make it as easy as possible for clubs to associate with the AKC within the rules and policies established by the Board.

Number of clubs as of December 3, 2020.

Member clubs	638
Licensed clubs	4,140
Sanctioned Plan A clubs	90
Sanctioned Plan B clubs	112
Total	4,980

(The total number of clubs in 2019 was 4969)

In 2020, AKC approved 32 new clubs and 10 clubs reported as dissolved. Over the past four years there have been no new Rally or Earth-dog clubs.

New Parent Clubs in 2020: Small Munsterlander Club of America

New All-Breed Clubs in 2020: Dubuque Kennel Club; Kennel Club of North Mississippi and Wisconsin Kennel Club

New Group Clubs in 2020: Carolina Sporting Dog Association and Rocky Mountain Non-Sporting Club

New Member Clubs in 2020: Arrowhead Kennel Club and Sherwood Dog Training Club

Number of Specialty Clubs approved under the Reduced Sanctioned Match Program: 7

Number of Group Clubs approved/advanced under the Reduced Sanctioned Match Program: 4

Bylaw review requests handled by staff: 136

Delegates and Member Clubs

The Board reviewed a report on the prospective Delegate credentials to be published in two issues of the AKC Gazette, requests for AKC membership applications, and a report on Member Club Bylaws approved and newly licensed clubs.

Report on Member Clubs Bylaws Approved in October and November 2020

Del Monte Kennel Club, Monterey, CA (1938)

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Del-Otse-Nango Kennel Club, Otsego and Delaware Counties, NY (1998)

Salisbury Maryland Kennel Club, Salisbury, MD, including Wicomico, Worcester and Somerset Counties (1967)

Report on Newly Licensed Clubs approved in October and November 2020

American Belgian Laekenois Association, 160 total households (57 households in 17 states west of the Mississippi River; 103 households in 21 states east of the Mississippi River.)

Mr. Tatro was present for the remainder of the meeting.

COMPLIANCE

Bri Tesarz, Director, Compliance participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

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.

Following a motion by Mr. Sweetwood, seconded by Mr. Hamblin, 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. Powers, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to keep the deposit amounts the same for 2021. A complaint pursuant to Article XII, Section 1 is \$500. The fee to file an Appeal to an Appeal Trial Board is \$200.

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

REGISTRATION

Mark Dunn, Executive Vice President; participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

Parent Club Sponsored Frozen Semen Program

The Board reviewed a request from The Akita Club of America, Inc (ACA). The ACA requests that the AKC Board allow the registration of frozen semen litters wherein the frozen semen owner is a canine reproductive bank established by the ACA. This request is in keeping with AKC Board Policy established in February 2017. ACA requests AKC Board approval to move forward with their plan to establish a breed specific frozen semen bank.

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Following a motion by Mr. Hamblin, seconded by Dr. Garvin, 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. Powers, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to approve the request of the Akita Club of America to establish a breed specific frozen semen bank and allow the registration of frozen semen litters wherein the frozen semen owner is a canine reproductive bank established by the ACA.

Following discussion, Mr. Sprung recommended that AKC explore establishing a frozen semen program which would increase gene pools, ensure saving of quality producers and eliminate the challenge for each Parent Club of taking this step for their breed or not, ultimately assisting breeders of today and in the future.

CONSENT

Following a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by DR. Battaglia it was VOTED (unanimously) to approve the following Consent item:

- Australian Terrier Proposed Breed Standard Revision
- Parent Club Designation for Kia Ken
- Mudi Eligibility to Compete in the Herding Group
- Russian Toy Eligibility to Compete in the Toy Group

- Assistance to Member Club Applicants
- Conformation Junior Showmanship, Canine Partners
- Delegate and Club Approvals
- Resolution – Honorable David C. Merriam

Australian Terrier Proposed Breed Standard Revision

The Australian Terrier Club of America has balloted its membership in accordance with the club's Constitution and By-laws on a proposed revision to the General Appearance, Tail and Forequarters sections of the breed standard. The Board reviewed the results of the ballot submitted by the Australian Terrier Club of America.

The following results were submitted:

RESULTS

Total number of Members Balloted	150
Ballots Returned	125
Yes Ballots	89 71.2%
No Ballots	36 28.8%

The Board VOTED to approve the proposed standard revision to the Australian Terrier Breed Standard with an effective date of April 7, 2021

GENERAL APPEARANCE

A small, sturdy, medium-boned working terrier, rather long in proportion to height with pricked ears and docked tail or undocked tail.

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Blue and tan, solid sandy or solid red in color, with harsh-textured outer coat, a distinctive ruff and apron, and a soft, silky topknot. As befits their heritage as versatile workers, Australian Terriers are sound and free moving with good reach and drive. Their expression keen and intelligent; their manner spirited and self-assured.

The following description is that of the ideal Australian Terrier. Any deviation from this description must be penalized to the extent of the deviation.

TAIL

Set on high and carried erect at a twelve to one o'clock position, in balance with the overall dog, a good hand-hold when mature, docked leaving slightly less than one half, or undocked from straight to curved forward. The tail set is of primary importance.

FOREQUARTERS

Shoulders – Long blades, well laid back with only slight space between the shoulder blades at the withers. The length of the upper arm is comparable to the length of the shoulder blade. The angle between the shoulder and the upper arm is 90 degrees. Faults – Straight, loose and loaded shoulders. Elbows – Close to the chest. Forelegs – Straight, parallel when viewed from the front; the bone is round and medium in size. They should be set well under the body, with definite body overhang (keel)

before them when viewed from the side. Pasterns – Strong, with only slight slope. Fault – Down on pasterns. Dewclaws - May be removed.

Parent Club Designation for Kia Ken

The Board VOTED to designate the Kai Ken Society of America as the Parent Club representing the Kai Ken with the AKC.

Mudi Eligibility to Compete in the Herding Group

The Board VOTED to approve the request from The Mudi Club of America (MCA) and will accept the breed into the Stud Book of the American Kennel Club. The Board also VOTED to approve the breed standard as submitted. The breed will be moved from the Foundation Stock Service into the Stud Book of the American Kennel Club on December 29, 2021. The Stud Book will remain open until January 1, 2027. The Mudi will be eligible to compete in the Herding Group as of January 1, 2022.

STANDARD OF THE MUDI

GENERAL APPEARANCE

The Mudi is medium in size and moderate in conformation. The Mudi has courage, a trait useful for working the most stubborn livestock, a loyal protector of property and family members, sometimes used for hunting wild boar. The wedge-shaped head, erect ears and almost square body typifies

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this extremely versatile, intelligent, alert, agile, all-purpose Hungarian farm dog. Withers pronounced and forming the highest point of the body sloping towards the croup. The coat is short and straight on the face and front of the legs. The rest of the body is covered by a coat that is very wavy to curly, growing to a length of up to approximately 3 inches.

SIZE PROPORTION, SUBSTANCE

The Mudi is medium boned. The height from the withers to the ground is almost equal to the body length from the point of the shoulder to the point of buttocks. The Mudi should stand squarely on all fours and when viewed from the side the topline, front legs and back legs should closely approximate a square. Size – Dogs are from 16 inches to 18½ inches, ideal 17½ inches, bitches from 15 inches to 17½ inches, ideal 16½ inches. Fault - Height at the withers below 15 inches or over 18½ inches for either sex is a very serious fault. Weight – Ideal weight in dogs is 24 pounds to 29 pounds and in bitches 18 pounds to 24 pounds.

HEAD

The head is wedge shaped when viewed from the top and from the side with the length of the muzzle slightly less than half of the total length of the head. The stop is defined but not obvious.

Expression – The Mudi is alert, lively and intelligent. Eyes – The eyes are almond shaped and set slightly oblique thus giving the Mudi a "dare devil" expression. Dark brown eyes are preferred however the following variations are permitted: Merle patterned dogs may have solid brown, blue, or brown speckled with blue eye(s). Brown, gray and gray-brown dogs may have lighter brown eyes. Yellow and white colored dogs may have dark brown, lighter brown, blue, or brown speckled with blue eye(s). Rims of lids are tight, close-fitting to the eyeball and completely pigmented. Brown and gray – brown dogs have brown pigmentation and grey dogs have gray pigmentation. Yellow and white dogs may have black, brown or gray pigmentation. Disqualification – Yellow eyes in black dogs. Pink eyes. Ears – The Mudi ears are high set, fully erect and covered with abundant hair reaching beyond the edges of the ear leather. The ears are triangular and only slightly taller than the width at the base. The ears are very mobile and alert, able to move independently in reaction to any stimulation. Disqualification - Drop or semi-pricked ears. Skull – The skull and forehead are slightly domed. The occiput and brows are only slightly apparent. Muzzle – The muzzle is strong with the bridge of the nose straight and tapering to a blunt end at the nose. The lips are tight, and the lip pigment corresponds with the pigment

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of the nose and eye rims. Whiskers shall be present. Nose – The nose is narrow, rounded in front with moderately wide nostrils. The bridge is straight. The nose color is black with the following exceptions: Brown and gray-brown dogs have brown noses. Gray dogs have gray noses. Yellow and white colored dogs may have black, brown or gray noses. The nose pigmentation is solid. Fault – Discolored areas. Disqualification – Pink or spotted nose. Bite – A full complement of teeth of medium size that meet in a scissors bite. Fault – Level bite. One or more missing teeth are a serious fault. Disqualification – Over or undershot mouth, wry mouth.

NECK, TOPLINE, BODY

Neck - Neck is of medium length, placed high on the shoulders, slightly arched and is well-muscled. The skin at the throat is tight, dry, and without a dewlap. Topline - Withers are pronounced and forming the highest point of the body with the backline sloping towards the croup.

Body - The body is smooth and tight with hard, but not bulging muscles. The back is short, straight, and taut. The loin is short, straight, and firmly coupled. The croup is slightly sloped, and of medium breadth. The tail follows the natural line of the croup. *Chest* - Forechest is slightly curved, the point of the sternum only slightly protruding. The chest is moderate in depth

with ribs that are slightly sprung that extends back to a slight tuck-up. Tail – When relaxed a full-length tail will hang with the lower third raised almost to horizontal but when alert and during active movement the full-length tail is carried in sickle shape higher than the topline. The tail is abundantly coated; the hair on the underside can be 4 inches to 5 inches long. Tails come in all-natural lengths including a natural bob. No tail length is preferred over any other length. Docking of tail is undesirable but is not regarded as a fault. Fault – Tightly curled “pig-tail.”

FOREQUARTERS

The shoulders are moderately angulated, with long, well-knit shoulder blades and an upper arm matching in length. The angle formed between the shoulder blade and upper arm should be 100 to 110 degrees. The elbows are tucked firmly against the brisket. The legs are long and straight, with medium bone. The pastern is very slightly sloped. Feet are compact, oval in shape; pads deep and strong, toes moderately arched and close. The nails are strong and preferably black or slate gray. Front dewclaws are desirable.

HINDQUARTERS

The hindquarters are well-developed and muscular, and in balance with the forequarters having moderate angulation. The

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upper thigh is thick and strong, with a long, strong lower thigh. The hocks are short, vertical, and parallel to each other. A vertical line drawn from the point of buttocks down to the ground almost touches the front of the rear toes when viewed from the side. Rear dewclaws are not desirable. Hind feet same as the forefeet.

COAT

Head and front of legs are covered by short, straight and smooth hair. On other parts of the body, the coat is uniformly very wavy to curly. It is dense and always shiny, about 1 inch to 3 inches long. At some spots, cowlicks and ridges are formed. The coat is longer on the back of the forearms and the upper thighs, where it forms pronounced featherings. The tail is abundantly coated; the hair on the underside may be as much as 4 inches to 5 inches long. The distinctive coat naturally repels much of the dirt and debris encountered while working. The Mudi is presented in a natural coat, never appearing sculpted, woolly, fluffed nor blown dry so as to obscure the natural curls and texture of the coat. Disqualification – Short, smooth, flat coat on the whole body; long hair on the face.

COLOR

Allowed colors are: Black – all over with no shading. Brown – color can range from a light brown to chocolate with lighter shades

of brown on the breeches and underbelly. Gray – all over with no shading. Gray-brown – color is a dilute of brown (Isabella) with lighter shades on the breeches and underbelly. Yellow and white – color can range from white to a near-white cream to a darker shade approaching golden with lighter shades on the breeches and underbelly. The merle pattern may appear with any color. No color is preferred over any other color and there is no preference of the solid vs. merle pattern. Minimal white markings are tolerated but not desired on any color or pattern; this includes a white patch on the chest less than 2 inches in diameter and small white markings on the toes. Fault – Any white markings more extensive than the foregoing are a serious fault. Allowable light shadings are not to be confused with white markings. Disqualification – Wolf gray (agouti – alternating bands of color along each hair shaft), black and tan, albino (pure white with pale pink skin and pink eyes) or any other non-allowed color or markings.

GAIT

Action is true, free, supple and tireless, exhibiting facility of movement rather than hard driving action. The trot is not long striding yet covers the ground with a minimum of effort. The capability of quick and sudden movement is essential.

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TEMPERAMENT

Alert, always energetic, cheerful and intelligent the Mudi is an animal without any trace of timidity or aggressiveness. Extremely able to learn, adaptable, courageous and always enthusiastic about any job that needs to be done are typical Mudi traits.

FAULTS

Any deviation from the foregoing should be considered a fault, the seriousness of the fault depending upon the extent of the deviation.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

Yellow eyes in black dogs. Pink eyes. Drop or semi-pricked ears. Pink or spotted nose. Over or undershot mouth, wry mouth. Short, smooth, flat coat on the whole body; long hair on the face. Wolf gray (agouti - alternating bands of color along each hair shaft), black and tan, albino (pure white with pale pink skin and pink eyes) or any other non-allowed color or markings.

Approved October 9, 2017

Effective July 1, 2018

Russian Toy Eligibility to Compete in the Toy Group

The Board VOTED to approve the request from The Russian Toy Club of America (RTCA). The Russian Toy will be accepted

into the AKC Stud Book and will be eligible to compete in the Toy Group on January 1, 2022. The breed will be moved from the Foundation Stock Service into the Stud Book of the American Kennel Club on December 29, 2021. The Stud Book will remain open until January 1, 2027. The Board also VOTED to approve the breed standard as submitted.

STANDARD OF THE RUSSIAN TOY

GENERAL APPEARANCE

A small elegant dog, lively, long-legged, with fine bone and lean muscles. Sexual dimorphism only slightly defined. Active, cheerful, possessing keen intelligence, slightly aloof to strangers but neither cowardly nor aggressive.

SIZE PROPORTION, SUBSTANCE

The Russian toy has a square build; the height, when measured vertically from the ground to the highest point of the withers, is equal to the length, when measured horizontally from the prosternum to the point of the buttocks. The height at the elbows is only slightly more than half of the height at withers. The chest is sufficiently deep reaching to the elbow. Height at withers for both dogs and bitches: 8 inches to 11 inches. Weight for both dogs and bitches: up to 6½ pounds. Disqualifications - Height at withers over 12 inches or under 7 inches. Weight less than 2 pounds.

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HEAD

The head is small compared to the body.

Expression – The expression is bright, attentive with attitude. Eyes are quite large, rounded, dark, slightly prominent, set well apart and looking straight ahead. Eyelids are tightly fitting. Black and Tan dogs have eyes that are darkest brown to black with black eye rims. Chocolate and Tan dogs have eyes that are brown to light brown and eye rims that are brown to light brown (darker color preferred). Blue and Tan dogs have eyes and eye rims that are slate grey. Red coated dogs have eyes that are darkest brown to black with black eye rims. Red Sable dogs have eyes that are darkest brown to black with black eye rims. Red Brown dogs have eyes and eye rims that are brown (darker color preferred). *Ears* – Ears are big, thin, set high, erect and wider at the base tapering to a triangular shape. Semi-pricked ears in longhaired dogs with heavy fringes is permissible but not desirable. Disqualification – Hanging (completely down) ears. *Skull* – The skull is high but not too wide (width at the level of zygomatic arches does not exceed the depth of the skull). *Stop* – The stop is clearly pronounced. *Muzzle* – The muzzle is lean and tapered and is slightly shorter than the skull. *Cheekbones* – The cheekbones are only slightly pronounced. *Nose* – Black and Tan dogs have black noses. Chocolate and Tan dogs have noses that are brown to

light brown (darker color preferred). Blue and Tan dogs have slate grey noses. Red coated dogs have black noses. Red Sable dogs have black noses. Red Brown dogs have brown noses (darker color preferred). *Lips* – Lips are thin, lean, tight-fitting. Black and Tan dogs have black lips. Chocolate and Tan dogs have lips that are brown to light brown (darker color preferred). Blue and Tan dogs have slate grey lips. Red coated dogs have black lips. Red Sable dogs have black lips. Red Brown dogs have brown lips (darker color preferred). *Bite* – The teeth should meet in a scissor bite. Russian Toy teeth are small, white. Absence of two incisors is permitted in each jaw. Faults – Level bite or incisors sloping forward. The absence of more than two incisors in either jaw is a serious fault. Disqualifications – Overshot, undershot. Absence of one canine.

NECK, TOPLINE, BODY

Neck – The neck is long, lean, carried high, slightly arched. *Topline* – The topline gradually slopes from the withers to the root of the tail. *Withers* – The withers are slightly pronounced. *Body* – The chest is oval, sufficiently deep and not too wide. *Underline* – The underline has a tucked-up belly and drawn up flanks, forming a nicely curved line from the chest to the flanks. *Back* – The back is strong and straight. *Loin* – The loin is short and slightly arched. *Croup* –

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The croup is somewhat rounded and slightly sloping. *Tail* – Tails may be natural or docked (only two or three vertebrae are left) and is carried high. The undocked (natural) tail is a sickle tail. The tail should not be carried lower than back level when moving. Fault – Low set tail.

FOREQUARTERS

Shoulders – The shoulder blades are moderately long and not too sloping.

Upper Arm – The upper arm forms an angle of 105 degrees with the shoulder blade. The length of upper arm is approximately equal to the length of shoulder.

Elbow – The elbow is in line with the body.

Legs – Forequarters legs are thin and lean. Seen from the front, the front legs are straight and parallel. The forearm is long, straight. The carpus (wrist) is lean.

Pasterns are almost vertical. Dewclaws may be removed or left natural. Feet and Toes – Forefeet are small, oval, turning neither in nor out with pads that are cushioned.

Toes are well knit and arched. Hind feet are a little bit narrower than forefeet with pads that are cushioned, and toes are well knit and arched.

Pads and Nails – Black and Tan dogs have black nails and pads. Chocolate and Tan dogs have nails and pads that are brown to light brown (darker color preferred). Blue and Tan dogs have slate grey nails and pads. Red coated dogs have black nails and pads. Red Sable dogs

have black nails and pads. Red Brown dogs have brown nails and pads (darker color preferred).

HINDQUARTERS

Seen from the rear, the hind legs are straight and parallel, but standing a little bit wider than the forelegs. Stifles and hocks are sufficiently bent. Angulation – Hindquarters should be sufficiently angulated. The upper thigh muscles are lean and developed. The upper and lower thighs are of the same length. Hocks should be vertical. There should be no rear dewclaws. Serious fault – Short legs.

SKIN

The skin should be dry and tight-fitting.

COAT

Hair – There exists two types for the breed: smooth-coated and long-coated. Smooth coat dogs have short, close-lying, shiny hair, without undercoat or bald patches. Long coat dogs have bodies covered with moderately long (one inch to three inches) straight or slightly wavy hair, close-lying, which does not hide the natural outline of the body. Hair on the head and on the front part of limbs is short and close-lying. There are distinct feathers on rear side of limbs. The feet have long, silky hair which completely hides the nails. Long coated dogs have ears that are covered

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with thick, long hair forming a fringe. Dogs of more than three years have such a fringe which should completely hide the outer edges and tips of the ears. Body hair should not look tousled nor be too short (less than ½ inch). Disqualification – Long coat dogs: absence of any fringes on ears and presence of curly hair. (Dogs younger than 18 months may have sparse or few fringes).

COLOR

Russian Toy coats may be Black and Tan, Chocolate and Tan, Blue and Tan, Red, Red Sable, or Red Brown. Black and Tan coats are jet black with rich, bright tan markings over eyes, on cheeks, inside ears, on chest, legs, and on underside of tail. Chocolate and Tan coats are rich chocolate brown with tan markings over eyes, on cheeks, inside ears, on chest, legs, and on underside of tail. Blue and Tan coats are blue based grey coloring with tan markings over eyes, on cheeks, inside ears, on chest, legs, and on underside of tail. Red coats are whole-colored red that may range from rich ruby to lighter hues, but deeper saturated color is preferred. Red Sable coats are red with black-tipped hair on body and ears. Red Brown coats are red with brown-tipped hair on body and ears. Faults – Presence of bald patches in smooth coat dogs. Too long or too short hair on body of long coat dogs. Small white spots under

½ inch on chest and toes. Solid black, brown and blue colors. Tan markings too large or with dark shadings. Any white spots on the head, abdomen and above metacarpus. Severe fault – Large white patches over ½ inch on chest and throat. Disqualification – Presence of brindle markings.

GAIT

Easy, straightforward, fast. No noticeable change in the topline when moving.

TEMPERAMENT

Active, cheerful, possessing keen intelligence, slightly aloof to strangers but neither cowardly nor aggressive. Fault – Timid behavior.

FAULTS

Any departure from the foregoing points should be considered a fault and the seriousness with which the fault should be regarded should be in exact proportion to its degree and its effect upon the health and welfare of the dog.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

Height at withers over 12 inches or under 7 inches.

Weight less than 2 pounds.

Hanging (completely down) ears.

Overshot, undershot.

Absence of one canine.

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Long coat dogs: absence of any fringes on ears and presence of curly hair. (Dogs younger than 18 months may have sparse or few fringes).

Presence of brindle markings.

Approved July 14, 2017

Effective July 1, 2018

Assistance to Member Club Applicants

Board policy for processing Member club requests includes a minimum household within their local territory requirement. Some licensed clubs eligible to submit a membership request are not able to meet the local household requirement despite possessing extensive experience in holding successful AKC events.

The Board **VOTED** to amend the policy to waive the local household requirement for member clubs based on event experience and history so they may be approved under Board policy. The new policy changes the local household requirement for member club applicants which have the experience.

The local household requirements for all clubs remain the same. However, if a club eligible for member status applies without the minimum local household requirements, and the club instead has event history that is extensive, they may qualify for approval under the new policy.

AKC Household Requirements

(August 1, 2017; amended May 2020 and Janu-

ary 2021 Board meeting)

Clubs applying for member, licensed or sanctioned status shall meet the following minimum household membership requirements:

All-Breed Clubs: 30 households / 25 local

Specialty Clubs and Group (Limited Breed): 20 households / 12 local

Agility, Obedience and Rally Clubs: 20 households / 12 local

Field Trial, Hunting, Lure Coursing, Herding and Earthdog Clubs: 20 households / 12 local

Scent Work Clubs: 20 households / 12 local

Tracking Clubs: 12 local households

Coonhound Clubs: 15 households / 8 local

Conformation Junior Showmanship, Canine Partners

The Board **VOTED** to modify the Junior Showmanship Regulations to permit an 18-month pilot program to allow Juniors with AKC Canine Partners-listed dogs to be eligible to compete in Conformation Junior Showmanship. The implementation of allowing Juniors to handle AKC Canine Partners will allow new young people and their families into the AKC, which will support the future of clubs and events. The effective date is July 1, 2021. The impact of the pilot program will be assessed prior to the end of 2022.

Delegate and Club Approvals

The Board **VOTED** to approve the following individuals to serve as Delegates:

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Timothy Carrion, DDS, Owings Mills, MD
To represent Swamp Dog Club

Mary Lou Cuddy, Granville, NY
To represent Saratoga New York Kennel Club

Daniele Ledoux-Starzyk, Henderson, NV
To represent Silver State Kennel Club

Carey L. Moreschini, Pueblo West, CO
To represent Southern Colorado Kennel Club

Cecilia Resnick, Leander, TX
To represent Japanese Chin Club of America

Susan Schneider, Blairstown, NJ
To represent Norfolk Terrier Club

The Board VOTED to approve the following
Clubs for Membership:

American Boerboel Club

American Cesky Terrier Fanciers Association

Miniature American Shepherd Club of the
USA

**The Hon. David C. Merriam Resolution
AT A MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

OF

THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB

Held on January twelfth, two thousand and
twenty-one,
the following Resolution was unanimously
adopted:

WHEREAS,

THE HON. DAVID C. MERRIAM

was first appointed to The American Kennel
Club Board of Directors on August fourteenth,
nineteen hundred and seventy-nine, serving
until his resignation on July twenty-ninth,
nineteen hundred and eighty-five; and,

WHEREAS, he again became a Delegate on
March eighth, nineteen hundred and ninety-
four, serving until nineteen hundred and
ninety-six; after which he was elected Ameri-
can Kennel Club Executive Vice
President/CEO on March twelfth, nineteen
hundred and ninety-six; and,

WHEREAS, on September ninth, nineteen
hundred and ninety-six, he resigned as Execu-
tive Vice President/CEO, and was appointed
to the Board of Directors and elected Chair-
man; and,

WHEREAS, he served on the Board as Chair-
man from September ninth, nineteen hun-
dred and ninety-six, and Vice-Chairman from
March thirteenth, two thousand and one until
March tenth, two thousand and nine; and,

WHEREAS, he received AKC approval to
judge his beloved Bull Terrier breed in nine-
teen hundred and sixty-seven and judged ter-
rier breeds at prestigious venues in the United
States and the United Kingdom until his re-
irement from judging in two thousand and

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twenty; and,

WHEREAS, his lifelong dedication to the Bull Terrier in the roles of breed club officer, Delegate, exhibitor, judge, and tireless advocate has moved his fellow breed fanciers to bestow upon him the nickname “Mr. Bull Terrier,” and his years as a trial-court judge in the State of California gave him the rare distinction of being an esteemed judge inside and outside of the ring;

WHEREAS, we will ever cherish our association with this distinguished sportsman, jurist, gentleman, and friend; and,

NOW THEREFORE, be it,

RESOLVED, that the Directors of The American Kennel Club extend to him their most sincere best wishes upon his retirement from dog show judging, and their deep appreciation for his past and continuing dedicated service to the sport of purebred dogs, his breed, and
The American Kennel Club.

Dr. Thomas M. Davies
AKC Board Chairman

It was VOTED to adjourn Tuesday, January 12,
2021 at 3:16 p.m.

Adjourned

Attest:

Gina M. DiNardo, Executive Secretary