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ATTENTION DELEGATES

NOTICE OF MEETING

The next meeting of the Delegates will be held at the Rosen Centre Hotel, Orlando FL on **Friday**, December 17, 2021, beginning no earlier than 10:00 a.m. It will follow the Delegates Forum which will begin at 9:00 a.m.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Dogue de Bordeaux Society of America

DELEGATE CREDENTIALS

Kelly E. Lease, Woodbridge, VA,
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NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The AKC Board of Directors, at its July 2021 meeting, elected the Nominating Committee that is to select candidates for vacancies on the Board of Directors that are to be filled at the March 2022 Delegates Meeting. There are three



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vacancies for the Class of 2026. The Nominating Committee members are:

Melanie Steele, Chair, Abilene Kennel Club
Pamela Stacey Rosman, Canaan Dog Club of
America

Patti Strand, Dog Fanciers Association
of Oregon

Maggi Strouse, National Shiba Club
of America

Marilyn Vinson, Southeastern Iowa
Kennel Club

Alternates:

Marge Calltharp, Chinese Shar-Pei Club
of America

Connie Clark, American Fox Terrier Club

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:

Mr. Phillip Moore (Dunnellon, FL)

Mr. Luiz Ortiz (Clermont, FL)

Mr. Carlos Puig (Round Lake, IL)

NOTICE

Ms. Jennifer Clare (Kileen, TX) Action was taken by Kennel Club of Greater Victoria for

conduct at its July 18, 2021 event. Ms. Clare was charged with neglect of a dog at or in connection with an event. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the Event Committee's report and set the penalty as a three-month suspension of all AKC privileges and \$500 fine, effective July 18, 2021. (Shiba Inus)

NOTICE

Ms. Linda Cunningham (Palmer, AK) Action was taken by Kenai Kennel Club for conduct at its July 11, 2021 event. Ms. Cunningham was charged with physical contact of an insulting or provoking nature. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the Event Committee's report and set the penalty at a reprimand and \$100 fine. (Boston Terriers, French Bulldogs)

NOTICE

Ms. Jana Gibson (Bolivar, MO) Action was taken by St. Joseph Kennel Club for conduct at its July 24, 2021 event. Ms. Gibson was charged with inappropriate, abusive, or foul language. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the Event Committee's report and set the penalty as a six-month event suspension and \$750 fine. (Multiple Breeds)

NOTICE

Ms. Anne Hier (North Branch, MI) Action was taken by the Ann Arbor Kennel Club for conduct at its July 10, 2021 event. Ms. Hier was charged with public criticism of a judge, not disruptive, but demonstrating lack of sportsman-

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ship. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the Event Committee's report and set the penalty as a one-month event suspension and \$200 fine. (Bulldogs)

NOTICE

Mr. Noel Hirsch (Port Jervis, NY) Action was taken by the Kenilworth Kennel Club of Connecticut for conduct at its July 9, 2021 event. Mr. Hirsch was charged with failure to properly control a dog at an event. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the Event Committee's report and set the penalty for as a three-month event suspension and \$500 fine. (Rhodesian Ridgebacks)

NOTICE

Ms. Kathleen McCoubrey (Lubbock, TX) Action was taken by the Abilene Kennel Club for conduct at its May 22, 2021 event. Ms. McCoubrey was charged with failure to properly control a dog at an event. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the Event Committee's report and set the penalty as a one-year event suspension and \$1,000 fine. (Dalmatians)

NOTICE

Ms. Tiffany Vallejo (Nolanville, TX) Action was taken by the Kennel Club of Greater Victoria for conduct at its July 18, 2021 event. Ms. Vallejo was charged with neglect of a dog at or in connection with an event. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the Event Committee's report and set the penalty as a three-month

suspension of all AKC privileges and \$500 fine, effective July 18, 2021. (Bullmastiffs, Yorkshire Terriers)

NOTICE

Ms. Heide Winings (Tower Lakes, IL) Action was taken by the Starved Rock Kennel Club for conduct at its June 16, 2021 event. Ms. Winings was charged with failure to properly control a dog at an event. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the Event Committee's report and set the penalty at a reprimand and \$200 fine. (Dachshunds, Leonberger)

NOTICE

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Mr. Joseph Ensor (Eden, NC) from all AKC privileges for two years and imposed a \$5,000 fine for non-compliance with AKC's Care and Conditions policy (unacceptable conditions, dogs, and/or facility) and AKC's record keeping and dog identification requirements, effective July 12, 2021. (Multiple Breeds)

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

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Treatment Policy:

Effective August 18, 2021:

Mr. Patrick Darcy (Lafayette, LA) Labrador Retrievers

NOTICE

REPRIMANDS AND FINES

Notification of fine imposed on superintendents for late publication of a premium list, *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* Chapter 4, Section 2 Onofrio Dog Shows, LLC.....\$2000
Jim Rau Dog Shows\$250

Notification of reprimand imposed on clubs for advertising and publishing judges prior to approval, *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* Chapter 4, Section 1
Cascade English Cocker Spaniel Fanciers Reprimand

Notification of fine imposed on secretaries for failure to include all entered dogs in the submitted results, *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* Chapter 17, Section 2
Nina Fetter.....\$300
Deborah Cooper\$100

Notification of fine imposed on secretaries for late submission of results, *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* Chapter 17, Section 2
Nina Fetter.....\$285
Michael Work.....\$80
Nancy Fetter\$80

Notification of fine imposed on secretaries for failure to include all entered dogs in the catalog, *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* Chapter 12, Section 4
Michael Work.....\$50
Nancy Fetter\$50

Notification of fine imposed on secretaries for failure to include all entered juniors in the catalog, *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* Chapter 12, Section 1
Michael Work.....\$50
Nancy Fetter\$50

Notification of fine imposed on secretaries for failure to include the correct points schedule in the catalog, *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* Chapter 12, Section 5
Michael Work.....\$50
Nancy Fetter\$50

Notification of fine imposed on performance clubs for late submission of results, *Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedure for Beagle Field Trials* Chapter 10
Clay County Beagle\$170
Delaware Beagle\$195
Southeastern MO Beagle Club.....\$130
Atwood Beagle Club.....\$170

Notification of fine imposed on performance clubs for late submission of results, *Regulations for Lure Coursing Tests and Trials, Coursing Ability, and Fast CAT* Chapter 10

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Cudahy Kennel Club (CAT)	\$205
Cudahy Kennel Club (Fast CAT)	\$110
Seward County Kennel Club.....	\$200
Waukesha Kennel Club.....	\$135
Berkshire Belgian Tervuren Club	\$135
Greater Chicago Whippet Club.....	\$110
Sighthound Organization of Tidewater	\$130

Notification of fine imposed on performance clubs for late submission of results, <u>Regulations for Herding Chapter 1 and Farm Dog Certified Test Regulations</u> Chapter 9	
Northeast Stockdog Assoc of CT	\$140
County-Wide Dog Training Club	\$180

Notification of fine imposed on performance clubs for late submission of results, <u>Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedure for Pointing Breeds</u> Chapter 13	
Northern CO Brittany Club.....	\$110
Four Lakes GSP Club	\$130

Notification of fine imposed on performance clubs for late submission of results, <u>Regulations for Hunting Tests and Pointing Breeds</u> Chapter 1	
Buckeye Brittany Club.....	\$130

Notification of fine imposed on performance clubs for late submission of results, <u>Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedure for Retrievers</u> Chapter 13	
Lumber River Retriever Club	\$160

Notification of fine imposed on performance clubs for late submission of results, <u>Regulations for Earthdog Tests for Small Terriers and Dachshunds</u>	
Chapter 1	
Greater Twin Cities Earthdog Club.....	\$110

Notification of fine imposed on tracking clubs for late submission of results, <u>Rules Applying to Dog Shows</u> Chapter 17	
Burlington Obedience Training Club	\$50

PROPOSED RHODESIAN RIDGEBACK 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
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General Appearance: The Ridgeback represents a strong, muscular and active hound, symmetrical and balanced in outline. A mature Ridgeback is a handsome, upstanding and athletic dog, capable of great endurance with a fair (good) amount of speed. Of even, dignified temperament, the Ridgeback is devoted and affectionate to his master, reserved with strangers. The peculiarity of this breed is the ridge on the back. The ridge must be regarded as the characteristic feature

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of the breed.

Size, Proportion, Substance: A mature Ridgeback should be symmetrical in outline, slightly longer than tall but well balanced. Dogs - 25 to 27 inches in height; Bitches - 24 to 26 inches in height. Desirable weight – Dogs - 85 pounds; Bitches - 70 pounds.

Head: Should be of fair length, the skull flat and rather broad between the ears and should be free from wrinkles when in repose. The stop should be reasonably well defined. *Eyes* - should be moderately well apart and should be round, bright and sparkling with intelligent expression, their color harmonizing with the pigment of the dog. *Ears* - should be set rather high, of medium size, rather wide at the base and tapering to a rounded point. They should be carried close to the head. *Muzzle* - should be long, deep and powerful. The lips clean, closely fitting the jaws. Clear faced or masked dogs are equally correct and neither is preferred. A clear face with black or brown/liver pigmentation only on nose, lips, and around the eyes, or a masked face with black or brown/liver pigmentation is correct as long as the color is not continuing with a solid mask over the eyes. A darker ear often accompanies the darker masked dog. *Nose* - should be black or brown, also known as liver. No other colored nose is permissible. A black nose should be accompanied by dark eyes, a brown or liver nose with amber eyes. *Bite* - jaws level and

strong with well-developed teeth, especially the canines or holders. Scissors bite preferred.

Neck, Topline, Body - The *neck* should be fairly long. It should be strong, free from throatiness and in balance with the dog. The chest should not be too wide, but very deep and capacious, ribs moderately well sprung, never rounded like barrel hoops (which would indicate want of speed). The back is powerful and firm with strong loins which are muscular and slightly arched. The *tail* should be strong at the insertion and generally tapering towards the end, free from coarseness. It should not be inserted too high or too low and should be carried with a slight curve upwards, never curled or gay.

Forequarters: The shoulders should be sloping, clean and muscular, denoting speed. Elbows close to the body. The forelegs should be perfectly straight, strong and heavy in bone. The feet should be compact with well-arched toes, round, tough, elastic pads, protected by hair between the toes and pads. Dewclaws may be removed.

Hindquarters: In the hind legs the muscles should be clean, well defined and hocks well down. Feet as in front.

Coat: Should be short and dense, sleek and glossy in appearance but neither woolly nor silky.

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Color: The color ranges from light wheaten to red wheaten; all shades are equally acceptable. The hair is banded, lighter at the base, darker at the tip. A little white on the chest and toes permissible but excessive white there, on the belly, or above the toes is undesirable.

Clear-faced dogs or masked dogs are equally correct and neither is preferred. Black-nosed dogs may have black muzzles with or without dark colored ears; brown-nosed dogs may have brown muzzles with or without dark colored ears. Dark hairs (black in black-nosed dogs, dark brown in brown-nosed dogs) on the top-skull (widow's peak), throat and tail are acceptable; however, dark hairs should never be so profuse throughout the coat/body as to detract from the overall wheaten impression of the dog. Disqualification: Any color or pattern other than the wheaten shades previously described, including but not limited to black and tan, brown and tan, solid black, sable, brindle, blue dilute, and tricolor.

Ridge: The hallmark of this breed is the ridge on the back which is formed by the hair growing in the opposite direction to the rest of the coat. The ridge must be regarded as the characteristic feature of the breed. The ridge should be clearly defined, tapering and symmetrical. It should start immediately behind the shoulders and continue to a point between the prominence of the hips and should contain two identical crowns (whorls) directly opposite each other. The lower edge

of the crowns (whorls) should not extend further down the ridge than one third of the ridge. Disqualification - Ridgelessness. Serious Fault - One crown (whorl) or more than two crowns (whorls).

Gait: At the trot, the back is held level and the stride is efficient, long, free and unrestricted. Reach and drive expressing a perfect balance between power and elegance. At the chase, the Ridgeback demonstrates great coursing ability and endurance.

Temperament: Dignified and even tempered. Reserved with strangers.

Scale of Points

General appearance, size, symmetry and balance	15
Ridge	20
Head	15
Legs and Feet	15
Neck and Shoulders	10
Body, Back, Chest and Loin	10
Gait	10
Coat and Color	3
Tail	<u>2</u>
Total	100

Disqualification:

Ridgelessness.

Any color or pattern other than the wheaten shades previously described, including but not limited to black and tan, brown and tan, solid black, sable,

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brindle, blue dilute, and tricolor.

PROPOSED TREEING WALKER COONHOUND STANDARD FOR COMMENT:

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General Appearance: The Treeing Walker is perfectly suited for the task for which it was bred - locating, tracking and treeing wild raccoons in their natural habitat. The breed's competitive spirit makes it the ideal choice for competitive coonhound events where the breed excels. The Treeing Walker Coonhound is alert, intelligent, active, courteous, and courageous with extreme endurance and the desire to perform. These traits along with dominant success in competitive Nite Hunts, have made the Treeing Walker the most popular of all coonhound breeds and earned it the nickname "The People's Choice". An athletic hound, known to range widely, the Treeing Walker should be muscular and well balanced. Carrying its head up it moves effortlessly with its tail carried saber-like.

Size, Weight, Proportion, Substance: *Height* - Slightly more at shoulders than at hips.

Shoulders should measure: Males, 22 to 27 inches, Females, 20 to 25 inches. Puppies up to 12 months are exempt from minimum height standards. Disqualification: Males under 22 inches or over 27 inches and females under 20 inches or over 25 inches. *Proportion* - Measured from point of shoulder to the buttocks and withers to ground. The length of the body is slightly greater than the height at the withers. Balance is key with all of the parts coming together to form the whole. *Substance* - the individual should have moderate bone with good muscle tone as this breed is bred to hunt. *Weight* - Should be in proportion to the dog's height. Working dogs are not to be penalized when shown, if slightly underweight.

Head: *Skull* - Should be medium length with the occipital bone prominent; cranium is to be broad and full. Fault - very flat narrow skull; having excess of bone; not in proportion to the body. *Ears* - Should be set at eye level, slightly above or below is acceptable, and of medium length, reaching to or almost to the nose leather. Oval or round at the tip, hanging gracefully towards the muzzle. Fault - short ears set high on the head. *Eyes* - large and almond shape, set well apart with soft hound-like expression, pleading and gentle; dark in color, brown or black. Fault - yellow or light eyes, protruding or small or droopy eyelids. *Muzzle* - Medium length and rather square-cut, well-proportioned in width with the skull, flews

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should cover lower jaw; medium stop, neither Roman-nosed nor dish faced. Nostrils - Well-opened and always black. Fault - any other color than black. *Bite* - Teeth should fit evenly with a scissors bite. A level bite is acceptable. Disqualification: Undershot, overshot or wry bite.

Neck, Topline, Body: *Neck* and *Throat* - clean with no excess of skin, neck of medium length, rising from the shoulders cleanly; strong but not loaded, smooth. Fault - short, thick neck carried in line with the shoulders; throatiness, excessive dewlap. *Shoulder* - blade sloping forward and downward at a 45-degree angle to the ground; presenting a laid-back appearance, neither loaded nor heavy, providing freedom of movement and strength. Length of shoulder blade and upper arm to be equal. Straight, upright shoulders, short and/or straight upper arms should be severely penalized. *Chest and Ribs* - Depth of chest is more important than width; descending approximately to the point of elbow. Ribs well sprung, never flat or slab-sided with a moderate tuck-up. Serious Fault: disproportionately wide or with lack of depth or wasp-waisted. *Back and Loins* - Strong, muscular back of moderate length; *topline* nearly level or sloping slightly from shoulder to rear with a slightly rounded croup. Fault - higher in the rear (hips) than at the withers, roached or sway-back. *Tail* - Set moderately high, coming right nearly off the topline, carried well up and saber-like, strong

at root, and moderately long and tapered without flag or excessive brush. Fault - having an excess of curve in the tail; rat tail; excessive brush.

Forequarters: *Forelegs* - Straight and parallel to each other, from elbow to pastern. Pastern, from the joint to the top of the foot is strong and distinct, slightly slanting but standing almost perpendicular to the ground. Length of leg from elbow to ground is approximately one-half the height at the withers. Faults - out at the elbow, crooked forelegs, weak pasterns, knuckling over.

Feet - thick pads, well-arched toes with strong nails, giving a 'cat foot' appearance, tight. No rear dewclaws. Front dewclaws may be removed. Nails should be of moderate length. Major Fault -flat, splayed feet.

Hindquarters: *Hind Legs* - Muscular and powerful with great propelling leverage. Well muscled thighs of considerable length, with a well-defined second thigh. Stifles are well bent. Clean hocks. Legs viewed from the rear are parallel. Defined angulation denotes endurance and power.

Coat: Smooth hair that is glossy and short, yet dense enough for protection while being a close and hard hound coat. Fault - too short or long, too thin.

Color: Tri-colored is preferred, white, black

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and tan. White may be the predominant color with black marking and tan trim; or black may be the predominant color with white marking and tan trim, such as a saddleback or blanket back. White with tan spots or white with black spots.

Disqualification: Any color other than listed. i.e. blue, liver, chocolate.

Gait: Gait is smooth and effortless, free and balanced, showing good reach in the front with a powerful drive in the rear quarters, producing efficient movement, covering ground effortlessly. The top line should be carried firmly with the head just above and tail up. Hackney in front or bicycling in the rear, or excessive extension should be severely penalized.

Temperament: Even-tempered. May be reserved but never shy or aggressive.

Note - Dogs will not be penalized for scars or blemishes due to hunting injuries or freeze brands used for identification.

Disqualifications:

Males under 22 inches or over 27 inches and females under 20 inches or over 25 inches.

Undershot, overshot or wry bite.

Any color other than listed. i.e. blue, liver, chocolate.

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

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

NEW BREED JUDGING APPLICANT

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Balance of Non-Sporting Group (Bichons Frises, Chow Chows, Cotons du Tulear, Finnish Spitz, Keeshonden, Schipperkes), Clumber Spaniels, Belgian Sheepdogs

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PERMIT JUDGES

The following persons have been approved

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on a **Permit** basis for the designated breeds in accordance with the current judging approval process. *They may now accept assignments* and the fancy may still offer comments to Judging Operations.

NEW BREED PERMIT JUDGE

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Cavalier King Charles Spaniels

ADDITIONAL BREED PERMIT JUDGES

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Miss Camille Lynne Bakker (105195) CA

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huahuas, English Toy Spaniels, Manchester Terriers, Papillons

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Bernese Mountain Dogs, Kuvaszok, Icelandic Sheepdogs

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Balance of Working Group (Boerboels, Chinnooks, Dogo Argentinos, Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs, Kuvaszok), Beagles, Australian Cattle Dogs, Australian Shepherds, Collies

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Setters, Clumber Spaniels, English Springer
Spaniels, Sussex Spaniels, Spinoni Italiani

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Dandie Dinmont Terriers, Glen of
Imaal Terriers, Irish Terriers, Kerry Blue
Terriers, Sealyham Terriers, Skye Terriers,
Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers

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Bernese Mountain Dogs

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Dogs, Polish Lowland Sheepdogs

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Dalmatians, Keeshonden, Lhasa Apsos

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Dogo Argentinos

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Norfolk Terriers, Norwich Terriers,
Cardigan Welsh Corgis

ADJUNCT PERMIT JUDGE

The following person has been approved on a
Permit basis for the designated breed in accordance with the current judging approval system.

They may now accept assignments.

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Mudik

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JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP JUDGES

The following persons' have been approved on a **Permit** basis in accordance with the current approval system.

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JS

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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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RESIGNED CONFORMATION JUDGE

Mr. Richard Bohannon

EMERITUS CONFORMATION JUDGE

Mr. Roy W. Keiser, Jr.

DECEASED CONFORMATION JUDGES

Mrs. Gloria Geringer

Mr. Sherwood (Woody) Harris

Mrs. Peggy J. Hauck

Dr. Thomas Lee Hossfeld

Mrs. Audrey Lycan

Mr. Donavon Thompson

PROVISIONAL OBEDIENCE/RALLY/TRACKING JUDGES COMPLETED

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

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Obedience – Utility

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Obedience – Novice

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Tracking – VST

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Tracking – VST

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Tracking – VST

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Tracking – VST

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Obedience – Utility

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Rally – All

PROVISIONAL OBEDIENCE/RALLY/TRACKING JUDGES

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

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Rally – All

Mrs. Sally Sherman (105923) FL

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Obedience – Novice

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:

ADARA-Doberman Pinschers- Judy L. Dobler

ANCHOR UP-Miniature Bull Terriers-

Elizebeth A. Spain

BEL CANTO-English Setters- Eric J. Radcliffe

BLYTHMOOR- Harriers-Margie Dykstra

BUCKSTONE-Labrador Retrievers-Faith V.

Hyndman

BUJO-Basset Hounds and Beagles Ann H.

Chaffin and Mari A. Jones

BUTTERFLY-Biewer Terriers-Teresa M.

Harrison

DOMUS AUREA-Doberman Pinschers-

Kathleen A. Padilla

GLENAYR-Airedale Terriers- Peggy F. Frye and

Timothy M. Maher

GOLD CUP-Newfoundlands-Erin K. Murphy

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and John R. O'Neill
HEOROT-Bouviere des Flandres- Catherine L. Campbell
HOWLIN'-Irish Wolfhounds- David W. Berzins and Risha Cupit-Berzins
KEEPSAKE-Cavalier King Charles Spaniels- Lori C. McCann
KLOFRON-Norfolk Terriers-Joshua D. McCutcheon
LEATHER & LACE- Doberman Pinschers- Savannah Lewis and Kathy Twaddle
MON AMIE-Briards-Gina M. Klang and KayCee N. Klang
NEMESIS-Dogo Argentinos-Kristin Winter
OGEECHEE-Chesapeake Bay Retrievers- William A. Snider and Teresa C. Snider
POLAIRE-Siberian Huskies – Kristen M. Neufelder and Nathaniel W. Adams
PRESTIGE's Chihuahuas – Stephanie N. VanGilder
RUFA- Dachshunds- Jonell E. Frantz and Karl A. Frantz
RENASCENT- Welsh Springer Spaniels- Meghan Riese-Bassel
SOLEIL-American Eskimo Dogs-Leslie K. Floyd
TE AMO- Australian Shepherds-Kathryn M. Ross-Nash

AMERICA'S DREAM- American Staffordshire Terriers-Luis Y. Morales
DOCKSIDE-French Bulldogs- Kevin Peppers
DOUBLE G'S-Pembroke Welsh Corgis and Danish Swedish Farmdogs-Marthina L. Greer & Daniel W. Griffiths
ENROUTE-Australian Shepherds- Taylor R. Justice
FOXTAIL-Russell Terriers- Karen & Stanley Kman
HEAVENLYSCOTS- Scottish Terriers-Kristi M & Matthew L. DuPont
LAGNIAPPE- Giant Schnauzers-Holly W. & Chris J. Reed
MOON VALLEY-Vizslas- Valorie L. Bordon
NIOTA- German Shepherd Dogs-Kimberly A. McGrew
OMEGAMTN-Border Collies-Gail M. Hollon
PAZ AMOR-Havanese- Diane Moshe
PEACEMAKERS- French Bulldogs- Lindsey Ponder
RCKBOTTOM- Beagles- Nathan C. Taylor
REVEROF- Pumi-Heather M. Phillips
SOUTHERN STAR- German Shorthaired Pointer- Robbie D. & Kevin S. Jones
WHISKEY CREEK-Chesapeake Bay Retrievers- Katherine E. Case
WINDSWEPT-Bouviere des Flandres- Tracy M. Zumwalt

REGISTERED NAME PREFIXES GRANTED

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

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**AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB, INC.
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AKC OFFICES AT
101 PARK AVENUE, NEW YORK, NY
AUGUST 9-10, 2021**

The Board convened on Monday, August 9, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. Eastern Time.

All Directors were present; also present was the Executive Secretary.

The July 13, 2021 Board Meeting minutes, copies of which had been provided to all Directors, were reviewed.

Upon a motion by Dr. Battaglia, seconded by Mr. Sweetwood, the July 13, 2021 Board Meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Mr. Sprung reviewed with the Board the status of the action items emanating from the July Board meeting.

Mr. Sprung also reported the following updates:

- Due to aging and ongoing maintenance

of our printers, as well as service contract issues Staff will replace both printers which are used by every department; but primarily Registration and Sports & Events. This is an unbudgeted but necessary expense of approximately but not more than \$350k to be capitalized over 5 years based upon the bidding process; this is similar to the action staff took last year by replacing the generator.

- Mr. Sprung is planning to resume the Marketing and Educational meetings with The Kennel Club (UK) to exchange ideas, explore new opportunities and share successes.
- We approved another 3 positions for the Sports & Events Department, since last month's report. For a total of 27 unbudgeted positions hired based upon business needs as outlined in his 2021 budget letter. This includes twelve (12) in Sports & Events, twelve (12) Part-time Customer Service representatives, 1 position each in Government Relations, the Library and Finance department.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Expanded Training for Field Staff

Mr. Sprung explained his plan to expand the training Staff receives beginning in the 4th

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quarter. Current required annual training includes 14 courses. This year we added a 15th required course, "Safe Sport" training for the entire company, both at a comprehensive level for those attending events and an abbreviated version for every other employee in a dedicated effort to protect youngsters in the AKC Universe. We make available approximately 300 other optional trainings, as well as presentations at our in-house Business Roundtables.

Additionally, an enhanced training program will be provided to Field Representatives, Inspectors, Directors, and key Managers. This program will provide training in numerous areas of communication, soft skills, and dispute resolution. Some classes will be required and there will be many additional elective courses offered.

AKC Board Policy "Event Committee Legal Expenses"

Heather McManus, Vice President and Deputy General Counsel; Glenn Lycan, Director, Event Operations Support; and Lisa Cecin, Director, Club Relations participated in this portion of the meeting.

Based on a Board request, Staff presented suggested revisions to the Board Policy, "Event Committee Legal Expenses" which was approved in 1985.

Following a motion by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Mr. Powers, the Board VOTED (unanimously)

to approve the proposed revisions to the Board Policy, "Event Committee Legal Expenses".

Event Committee Legal Expenses Board Policy (August 9, 2021)

Clubs are encouraged to obtain insurance coverage that covers all of the club's activities including the holding of AKC event committee disciplinary hearings. Given the American Kennel Club's interest in protecting the integrity of its disciplinary process, a club who receives a claim against it, its event committee or its event committee members with respect to the club's or event committee's handling of an AKC disciplinary matter ("Claim"), whose insurance carrier has denied coverage for the Claim or a club that does not have insurance coverage for the Claim can submit a written request to the AKC requesting the AKC to pay the defense costs associated with the Claim. The written request should include the following information: 1) the Claim; 2) all applicable insurance policies; 3) proof that the Claim was submitted to the club's insurance carriers; 4) all responses from each insurance company to whom the Claim was submitted; 5) a statement as to the club's finances and 6) proof of the subsequent acquisition of insurance coverage for event committee actions. A club that receives a Claim against it while acting as a service provider to another club does not qualify for AKC's financial assistance under this policy.

Club Insurance Recommendation

Heather McManus, Vice President and Deputy General Counsel; Danielle Weitzman, Attorney, Doug Ljungren, Executive Vice President,

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Sports & Events; Glenn Lycan, Director, Event Operations Support; and Guy Fisher, Manager, Club Development participated in this portion of the meeting.

Based on a Board request, Staff provided information on insurance coverage and recommended levels and types of insurance coverage for clubs to have. Staff thinks that the AKC should strongly encourage clubs to have the following insurance coverage and limits:

- 1) General Commercial Liability Coverage not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 in the aggregate.
- 2) Workers Compensation Coverage in statutory amounts and for volunteers if volunteers are not covered under another policy with \$500,000 Employers Liability coverage.
- 3) Automobile Liability Coverage for owned, non-owned and hired vehicles not less than \$1,000,000.
- 4) Crime Policy in an amount to cover the assets of the club. This will be discussed further at the October Board meeting.

Legal Update

Heather McManus, Vice President and Deputy General Counsel, participated in this portion of the meeting. The Board reviewed a Legal Department update as of July 2021.

FINANCE

Ted Phillips, Chief Financial Officer, presented

interim financial statements (unaudited) through June 30, 2021. Ed Michelson, Founding Partner, Atlanta Consulting Group, participated in this portion of the meeting and gave a detailed review of AKC's Investment Portfolio.

Financial Results:

Net Operating Income is \$17.4 million primarily due to higher registration and event service revenues, along with lower operating expenses. Total Revenues of \$52 million exceed budget by 36% led by Registration Fees of \$23.7 million, Pedigree and Registration Related Fees of \$7.5 million.

Recording & Event Service fees, Title Recognition and Event Applications fees total \$6.3 million and exceed budget and prior year by 40% and 67% respectively.

Product & Service Sales total \$6.1 million and exceed budget by 31%.

Advertising, Sponsorship and Royalties total \$7.8 million and exceed budget by 31%.

Controllable Expenses are lower than budget by 5% or \$1.4 million due to careful management of operating expenses. Non-Controllable expenses were lower than budget by \$739k due to timing of software development projects.

Compared to YTD 2020 we see the continued positive trend of Registration Fees and cost containment.

Non-Financial Results:

Registration Statistics: 2021 YTD Litter Registra-

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tion was 23.4% ahead of budget, 19.6% better than 2020 YTD. 2021 YTD Dog Registration was 31.9% ahead of budget, 21.6% better than 2020 YTD.

Events and Entries reflect the impact of COVID-19 cancellations. Compared to the same period in 2020, Events were up by 110%.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Mari-Beth O'Neill, Vice President, Sport Services; Sheila Goffe, Vice President, Government Relations and Ashley Jacot, Director, Education participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

Rhodesian Ridgeback Breed Standard Revision

The Board reviewed the proposed revisions to the Rhodesian Ridgeback breed standard, specifically head and color, submitted by the Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of the United States. (RRCUS). The current standard was approved August 9, 1988.

Following a motion by Mr. Carota, seconded by Dr. Battaglia, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to approve the proposed revisions for publication in the Secretary's Page of the September *AKC Gazette* for comment.

Treeing Walker Coonhound Breed Standard Revision

The Board reviewed the proposed revisions to the Treeing Walker Coonhound Breed Standard submitted by the National Treeing Walker

Coonhound Association, (NTWCA). The current standard was approved July 8, 2008.

Following a motion by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Mr. Sweetwood, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to approve the proposed revisions for publication in the Secretary's Page of the September *AKC Gazette* for comment.

Kai Ken – Recommendation to Advance to Miscellaneous

The Board reviewed a request for the Kai Ken to advance to the Miscellaneous Class. The request was submitted by the Kai Ken Society of America. The Board of Directors approved the Kai Ken to be eligible for recording in the Foundation Stock Service® (FSS®) program with a Working designation in 1997. The Kai Ken Society 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. This will be discussed further at the October Board meeting.

Proposed Bylaw Amendments from Delegate Bylaws Committee

The Board reviewed three (3) proposed Bylaw Amendments from the Delegate Bylaws Committee.

The amendments for consideration are:

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- 1) Move Article VIII, Section 6 to Article VII, New Section 3
- 2) Delete unnecessary language from Article VII Section 8
- 3) Delete unnecessary language from Article X, Section 7

Following a motion by Mr. Hamblin, seconded by Ms. Biddle, the Board VOTED (In favor: Battaglia, Biddle, Davies, Garvin, Hamblin, Knight, McAteer, Powers, Smyth, Sweetwood, Tatro, Wallin, Abstained: Carota) to consider the matter at this meeting, waiving the normal notice procedures.

Following a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mrs. Wallin, the Board VOTED (In favor: Battaglia, Biddle, Carota, Davies, Garvin, Hamblin, Knight, McAteer, Sweetwood, Tatro, Wallin, Opposed: Powers, Smyth) to approve the recommended changes.

These amendments will be read at the September Delegate meeting for a Vote at the December Delegate meeting.

ARTICLE VIII

~~SECTION 6. All elections shall be by ballot; except, if no valid additional nominations are received by the Executive Secretary by November 15; the Nominating Committee's slate shall be declared elected at the annual meeting and no balloting will be required. If no valid additional nomination(s) are received by the Executive~~

~~Secretary by November 15; for any partial term up for election, the partial term candidate shall be declared elected at the annual meeting and no balloting will be required.~~

ARTICLE VII

New SECTION 3. All elections shall be by ballot; except, if no valid additional nominations are received by the Executive Secretary by November 15; the Nominating Committee's slate shall be declared elected at the annual meeting and no balloting will be required. If no valid additional nomination(s) are received by the Executive Secretary by November 15; for any partial term up for election, the partial term candidate shall be declared elected at the annual meeting and no balloting will be required.

ARTICLE VII

SECTION 8. The unexplained and by the Directors unexcused absence of a Director from three (3) consecutive regular meetings of the Board shall operate as the accepted resignation of that Director from the Board.

ARTICLE X

SECTION 7. The Board shall have supervision and control of the official kennel gazette now called the *AKC GAZETTE* and shall determine the manner and form in which it shall be published.

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AKC Communications Q2 2021 Report

Brandi Hunter Munden, Vice President, Communications and Public Relations participated in this portion of the meeting.

The Board reviewed the AKC Communications department's media coverage totals and activity highlights for the second quarter of 2021.

- **TOTALS:** Clips Evaluated in Q2: 8,449 (+95% from 4,329 in 2020)
- **Q2 Estimated Audience Reached:** 9,862,945,081 (+89% from 5,211,042,070 in 2020)
- **Publicity Value for Q2:** \$13,610,273.11 (+18% from \$11,510,343.29 in 2020)

Select Media Coverage:

- 4/16/21 - Money.com Puppy scams
- 5/18/21 - Newsday Sheila Goffe's op-ed on pet store ban
- 6/2/21 - Newsweek.com Smartest small dog breeds
- 6/9/21 - BeChewy.com Dr. Klein expertise/pet safe paints
- 6/17/21 - DailyPaws.com Unique-looking dog breeds
- 6/21/21 - TheHealthy.com Dr. Klein expertise/can dogs eat strawberries

Mrs. Munden gave a presentation on the successes and new outreach initiatives that began in Q2.

The Board was advised that press releases will now be distributed in Spanish and Chinese in

addition to English to reach more dog lovers.

AKC Education Q2 2021 Report

Ashley Jacot, Director, Education gave a presentation on new Public Education resources for teachers and young learners.

Canine College develops and manages over 600 courses and exams available for Conformation and Performance Judges, Breeders, Groomers, the fancy, and the general public.

Breed and Breeder Courses: A total of 54 breeds are now available on Canine College.

Public Education New Resources: In an effort to continue to provide new and exciting resources for teachers, Public Education created three "Compare the Breeds" passages that are targeted for students in grades 3-6 and could also be used as an enrichment resource for 2nd grade students. In addition to teaching students about different dog breeds, students are learning to compare/contrast, identify author's purpose and main idea, use text features, and identify text structure. Each activity also includes a follow up activity with an answer key for the teacher.

To further educate the general public about breed specific history and culture, Public Education created a resource series that features breeds from different regions of the world. This series is meant to promote more diversity and education for both children and adults, while

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educating about these breeds. It can be used both digitally and in printed form.

The Public Education team launched a new program intended for high school students seeking service hours for college applications. The AKC Leader of the Pack program is designed to get high school students involved in their communities through dogs. The mission of AKC Public Education is to foster and continue to find ways to ever strengthen the human-canine bond. By participating in this program, students will have an opportunity to give back to their own dog communities by volunteering in a series of activities of their choosing. Activity options include cleaning up your local dog park, completing several of the free courses on AKC's Canine College, participating in the AKC Canine and Me program, and becoming involved with your local dog club, among others. Students will be required to submit to Public Education a project proposal and complete 20 hours of volunteer service. Upon completion, students will receive a written letter of recommendation to use in their college application process.

AKC Education hosted several webinars during Q2, including:

- “Virtual Canine Breeder Excellence Track” hosted by The Theriogenology Foundation for 44 participants.
- “Canine Medical Problem or an Emergency? When to call the vet” hosted by Dr.

Jerry Klein for 17 participants.

- “Marketing Tips for Clubs” hosted by Aurora Greenberg and Cody Barr for 111 participants.
- “Whelping and Post-Whelping Care for Mothers and Pups” hosted by Dr. Marty Greer for 389 participants.
- “AKC DDTF Webinar Series: Getting Puppies Started Right for Detection: Experts Compare and Contrast Successful Approaches-Part 2” hosted by Tim Baird and Bart Rogers, in conjunction with Government Relations, for 51 participants.
- “Puppy Training During COVID-19: Advice and Best Practices” hosted by Penny Leigh for 761 participants. Since March 2020, AKC reached more than 41,243 constituents using these educational webinars.

Information was provided on AKC Canine Corner, a new newsletter from Public Education which provides teachers with resources and activities for use in their classroom. In the first month of launch, AKC Canine Corner went to more than 1,000 subscribers. In Q3, AKC Public Education will begin offering classes for children via Outschool. Outschool provides children a place to learn about topics of interest. AKC Public Education will offer lessons on responsible dog ownership, dog breeds and groups, and dog sports.

Government Relations Legislation Monthly Update

The Board was provided with Staff's monthly

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highlight report of active, priority legislative issues that AKC Government Relations (GR) is currently and actively working on as of June 19, 2021. To date, AKC GR is monitoring more than 2,100 pieces of legislation at the state, local and federal level that could impact dog ownership, the wellbeing of dogs or AKC events and operations. This includes positive as well as negative legislation. The most up-to-date information on legislative issues are available via AKC GR's Legislative Action Center, www.akcgr.org.

The most common legislative issues monitored year to date and in Q2 were:

1. Animal Cruelty
2. Working Dogs
3. Animal Control
4. Rescues/Shelters
5. Veterinary.

Legislative Alerts, & Testimony

In the Q2, GR published 103 legislative alerts and provided written comment and/or oral testimony and legislator outreach on nearly as many measures.

Federal Legislation HR 4239

The bipartisan Healthy Dog Importation Act of 2021 in the U.S. House of Representatives by Congressmen Kurt Schrader and Dusty Johnson. AKC is working with NAIA and AVMA, and other likeminded groups to advance this measure, which was developed by NAIA and AKC. HR 4239 requires owners/importers of all dogs imported into the United States to submit a

valid health certificate from a veterinary agency accredited by the USDA. Certificates would demonstrate that dogs being imported are microchipped and fully vaccinated/protected against diseases (and parasites) of concern, including rabies. Dogs and records would also be subject to inspection/verification upon entry. Unlike the current CDC temporary rule, HDIA focuses specifically on individual health status rather than by country of origin.

AKC Detection Dog Task Force and Patriotic Puppy Program Update

The Board reviewed a memo presented by Sheila Goffe that provided a brief update on the AKC Detection Dog Task Force (DDTF), with an additional focus on the progress of the DDTF's Patriotic Puppy Pilot Program.

The purpose of the AKC Detection Dog Task Force is "to study specific areas in which the AKC could help address the crisis of a shortage of high-quality explosives detection dogs for US national and public security while also advancing recognition of AKC as preeminent authority on canines".

A large portion of the DDTF's focus over the last six months has been on the Patriotic Puppy Program (PPP). The purpose of this pilot program is to study whether AKC breeders can provide a suitable and reliable source of future "green" dogs that could then be purchased by law enforcement or government agencies for

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advanced training and successful deployment, primarily as explosives detection dogs (EDDs). If it is determined that the concept of AKC breeders providing high quality dogs detection dogs is viable, the program should also establish a path for breeders to achieve this goal that is scalable and efficient so that they can continue successfully in this endeavor after AKC tutelage is no longer necessary.

In September 2020, Phase 2 of the PPP commenced. The primary goal of PPP Phase 2 is to establish training protocols, assist breeders and puppy raisers/trainers and place graduate puppies with local, state and federal law enforcement. The restructured program emphasizes the following:

- Increase the number of breeders/trainers participating in the PPP
- Increase the number of puppies enrolled in the PPP
- Increase awareness of the PPP among all stakeholders
- Develop a replicable and scalable training program that prepares pups for testing and placement with a variety of law enforcement agencies or related work.

For the remainder of 2021 and 2022, the DDTF will focus on the following deliverables:

- 2022 AKC National Detection Dog Conference, August 2022, Durham, NC
- Ongoing outreach with elected and

administrative policymakers to improve contracting policies, increase transparency and increase funding and attention provided to U.S-bred explosives detection dogs

- Providing additional input for the Department of Defense US-bred detection dog pilot project outlined in the proposed FY 2022 National Defense Authorization Act
- Expand Patriotic Puppy Program to increase active participation, bring on new mentors, and increase canine placement by 250% or more
- Completion of AKC Canine College Confident Puppy Courses 1 & 2.

COMPANION AND PERFORMANCE

Doug Ljungren, Executive Vice President, Sports & Events; Mary Burch, Director, Family Dog Program; and Caroline Murphy, Director, Performance Events participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

Fast CAT®: Limiting Participation for Timers, Lure Operators and Paid Event Secretaries

The Board reviewed a recommendation to add eligibility restrictions on dogs owned or co-owned by individuals performing key activities at Fast CAT® events. Specifically, 1. Individuals involved with timing - Currently an individual cannot operate a timer or record the time for their own dog or a dog owned by a family or

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household member. This is being extended to include that an individual cannot operate a timer or record the time for the same breed they, or any member of their immediate family or household, own or co-own, if their dog is entered in the event. 2. Lure Operators - Currently an individual cannot operate the lure for their own dog or a dog owned by family or household member. This is being extended to include that an individual cannot operate the lure for the same breed they, or any member of their immediate family or household, own or co-own, if their dog is entered in the event. 3. Paid Event Secretaries - Dogs owned or co-owned by a paid event secretary, or any member of their immediate family or household, are not eligible to enter an event where the individual is the event secretary. Paid means the person is compensated in any manner, whether directly from the host club or as part of a service provider team.

These changes are being made to ensure participants remain confident that everyone is being treated equally and fairly. These are changes to the Fast CAT® Regulations.

Following a motion by Mr. Tatro, seconded by Mr. Carota, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to approve changes to Chapter 16 of the *Regulations for Fast CAT®*. These changes are effective September 1, 2021.

Chapter 16. Section 10. Course/Equipment.

D. Timing Devices: *New second paragraph.*

An individual shall not operate a timing device or record the time for any run in which they or a member of their immediate family or household own or co-own the running dog. In addition, an individual may not be involved in timing or recording the time for the same breed they, or any member of their immediate family or household, owns or co-owns, if their dog is entered in the event. For the purposes of this restriction, All-American dogs are considered one breed.

E. Lure Equipment: *New second paragraph.*

An individual shall not operate the lure for a dog they, or any member of their immediate family or household, owns or co-owns. In addition, an individual cannot operate the lure for the same breed they, or any member of their immediate family or household, owns or co-owns, if their dog is entered in the event. For the purpose of this restriction, All-American dogs are considered one breed.

Chapter 16. Section 3. Eligibility to Enter.

New second paragraph.

Dogs owned or co-owned by a paid event secretary, or any member of their immediate family or household, are not eligible to enter an event where the individual is the event secretary. Paid means the person is compensated in any manner, whether directly from the host club or as part of a service provider team.

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Novice Earthdog Class

The Board reviewed a recommendation from the Delegate HEC Committee to add a beginning level Novice class to the Earthdog program.

The Earthdog program offers 4 classes – Intro to Quarry (non-titling), Junior (JE title), Senior (SE title), Master (ME title). The recommendation is to add a new Novice class that is positioned between the Intro to Quarry and Junior classes. This new class would offer a NE title after having earned two passes. The Novice class is an instinct test requiring very little previous exposure to earthwork. It is very similar to the Introduction to Quarry class except the handler and judge may not provide encouragement once the dog is released. This will be discussed at the October Board meeting.

Earthdog Excellent Title

The Board reviewed a recommendation from the Delegate HEC Committee to create an Earthdog Excellent title for dogs that pass the Junior, Senior or Master level test on six occasions after earning the initial title at that level. The purpose is to encourage dogs and owners to continue to participate in the sport. Approximately 50% of the dogs that earn a title at a given level go on to participate at the next level. The purpose of the Excellent title is to encourage those dogs and owners who would otherwise dropout, to continue to participate in the sport. This will be discussed at the October

Board meeting.

Non-AKC Events Policy – Add Three Racing Organizations

The Board reviewed a recommendation to add three racing organizations to the list of acceptable events an AKC club may hold, provided the events are held separate and apart from an AKC event, as written in the current Board Policy under Club Policies for Non-AKC Events. The three racing organizations are the Continental Whippet Alliance (CWA), the Whippet Racing Association (WRA) and the National Oval Track Racing Association (NOTRA).

All three organizations hold racing events that are not offered by the AKC. These organizations are national, independent racing organizations that operate on a small scale. Each one offers a program different from AKC's lure coursing program that focuses on racing not coursing. The CWA and WRA offer straight track racing at distances of 150 to 200 yards in heats of five to six. These events are open to whippets only. NOTRA specializes in oval track racing for sighthounds at distances of 270 to 440 yards on a rounded u-shaped or oval shaped track in heats of three to five. This will be discussed further at the October Board meeting.

Amendments to the Regulations for AKC Coonhound Nite Hunts

The Board reviewed a recommendation to

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amend the Regulations for AKC Coonhound Nite Hunts.

The *Regulations for AKC Coonhound Nite Hunts* were revamped in 2005 with the last amendment approved in 2012. The regulations need maintenance to include various clarifications and additions.

The recommended amendments are based on feedback received in the sport.

The following highlights those areas to be amended:

- Expansion of the hunt times to be at the choice of the host club of 60, 90, or 120 minutes.
- Specific details on how the drawing of the casts should take place.
- Clarifications of the role of the Hunt Director and Hunt Committee.
- Photo requirement of all casts.
- The use of electronic devices – what is allowed / not allowed and when.
- Scoring instructions when using a non-hunting judge, during time-outs.
- Additional scoring clarifications for awarding plus points or deleting points.
- More information on the system of informal and formal questions by cast members.
- Additional detail on conducting youth handled casts.
- Introduction of female only handled casts.

This will be discussed further at the October Board meeting.

New Level AKC Therapy Dog

The Board reviewed a recommendation to expand the AKC Therapy Dog titling program by recognizing a new, higher level therapy dog title.

The American Kennel Club launched the AKC Therapy Dog program on June 27, 2011. The program currently consists of five titles which are:

- AKC Therapy Dog Novice (THDN). Must have completed 10 visits.
- AKC Therapy Dog (THD). Must have completed 50 visits.
- AKC Therapy Dog Advanced (THDA). Must have completed 100 visits.
- AKC Therapy Dog Excellent (THDX). Must have completed 200 visits.
- AKC Therapy Dog Distinguished (THDD). Must have completed 400 visits.

AKC has received requests from dog owners who have exceeded 400 visits for additional titles to recognize their long-time devotion to therapy work and the continuing, significant, contributions of their therapy dogs. Staff is recommending the title of Therapy Dog Supreme to acknowledge dogs that complete 600 visits.

Additionally, some police departments are beginning to own and utilize therapy dogs. The

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AKC Therapy Dog program has been contacted and will recognize these dogs. This will be discussed further at the October Board 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; Alan Slay, Director, Event Programs; Glenn Lycan, Director, Event Operations Support, Pat Lejman, AKC Booth Program Manager and Guy Fisher, Manager, Club Development participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

AKC Banners and Signs

The Board reviewed a memo on the AKC Board Policy regarding Banners and Signs and how it is currently administered by Sports and Events.

The Board Policy, Banners and Signs, directs superintendents to place AKC branded banners and signs at superintended dog shows. The policy also urges clubs to display AKC branded banners and signs at non-superintended events.

The Staff will propose recommended changes to the policy for discussion at the October Board meeting.

SPORTS & EVENTS COVID PROVISIONS

Doug Ljungren, Executive Vice President, Sports & Events; Alan Slay, Director, Event Pro-

grams; Pamela Manaton, Director, Obedience, Rally & Tracking; Mary Burch, Director, AKC Family Dog Program; Caroline Murphy, Director, Performance Events; and Carrie DeYoung, Director, Agility participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

COVID Provisions - Event Application Process Across all Sports

The Board reviewed a recommendation to allow two temporary exceptions to the standard event application process that were implemented due to COVID to expire at the end of 2021. Specifically (1) Event application fees for cancelled events will not be rolled forward to the next event of the same type, and (2) The standard lead time for event applications will be reinstated.

Unless extended, the pre-COVID event application process will apply to all events to be held after January 1, 2022. This will be discussed further at the October Board meeting.

AKC's Virtual Sports & Activities

The Board reviewed a recommendation is to make the pilot programs for Virtual Rally and the Virtual Water Test for Pointing Breeds permanent additions to AKC's sport offerings. Evidence indicates the virtual offerings have been successful in attracting new dog owners to AKC sports. Many of these new exhibitors live in remote areas or have unique lifestyles or challenges at home. The other virtual activities have

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already been approved as permanent programs. Virtual activities will continue to reach new participants and be of lasting value to AKC sports. These two activities were approved by the Board as pilot programs and may be made permanent by a vote of the Board.

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

Following a motion by Dr. Battaglia, seconded by Mrs. Wallin, the Board VOTED (Unanimously) to make the Virtual Rally and the Virtual Water Test for Pointing Breeds permanent additions to AKC's sport offerings.

COVID Provision - Retriever Hunting Tests – Handing Off the Bird

The Board reviewed a recommendation to allow handlers, at the direction of the judges, to place the retrieved bird in a bucket rather than hand it off to the judges.

The Retriever Hunting Test Regulations state that the handlers shall hand the retrieve birds directly to the judges. This is done so the judges may examine the bird to assure it was not damaged by the dog during the retrieve. This practice was modified during COVID to allow the handler to place the bird in a bucket, which provided greater physical separation between the handler and judge. This provision is set to

expire at year-end. The sport desires to make this a permanent change. This will be discussed further at the October Board meeting.

COVID Provisions – Conformation Modifications Due to Expire

Beginning in April 2020, the Board approved several recommended modifications to event policies to provide clubs greater flexibility to hold events. Most modifications will expire during the year or at year end. The Board reviewed recommendations for each of the conformation modifications made during the pandemic:

1. AKC Show Manual Indoor/Outdoor Ring Requirement
2. Additional Events - Allow up to three events offering Championship points at the same site on the same day. At least one of the three competitions must be held by a specialty club. (Expires December 31, 2021)
3. Distance an All-Breed or Group Club May Travel - Allow all-breed clubs to hold their events up to 200 miles from their territory and up to 300 miles when there are extenuating circumstances. (Expires December 31, 2021)
4. Distance a Specialty Club May Travel - Allow specialty clubs to join other specialty clubs of the same breed up to 300 miles from their territory. (Expires December 31, 2021)
5. Assignment Conflicts for Conformation Judges - Waive the 30 days and 200 miles

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judge's restriction policy. Applies only to conflicting weekends not events held on the same weekend, circuit or cluster. (Expires July 31, 2021)

6. Junior Qualifications - Allows for movement on the dates that juniors may qualify for AKC National Championship and Westminster. Flexibility based on event opportunities allows the AKC to adjust to meet special circumstances. (Expires December 31, 2021)
7. Premium List and 72 Hour Opening of Entries for Limited All-Breed Events - In order to provide fair opportunity for all exhibitors to enter All-Breed Conformation events with an entry limit, premium lists for these events are required to be published at least 72 hours prior to the acceptance of entries. All-Breed events with an entry limit must have a defined Date and Time for the opening of entries which is to be prominently displayed in the premium list.
8. Waive same day restriction for NOHS group and BIS judges allowing them to show on the day (not in NOHS). This will be discussed further at the October Board meeting.

COVID Provisions – Obedience, Rally, Tracking and Agility Modifications Due to Expire at Year-End

The Companion Events department temporarily suspended or modified six regulations to offset the impact that COVID-19 caused with

travel restrictions and social distancing requirements. The Board reviewed a memo outlining the Staff's recommendations regarding these modifications. The six modifications were – (1) Waiver of two judges required to earn a title, (2) Waiver of 30 days and 100 miles assignment restrictions on judges, (3) Allow judges to accept assignments to judge the same classes at two Obedience/Rally trials over the course of a cluster (4) Increase the distance between exhibitors in the Obedience Novice group exercises, (5) Increase the Tracking Test Certification expiration dates, and (6) Allow Agility exhibitors to carry their leashes during their Agility runs. This will be discussed further at the October Board meeting.

The Board adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

The Board Meeting reconvened on Tuesday, August 10 at 9:30 a.m. All Directors were present. Also present was the Executive Secretary.

CLUBS

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

Winter Garden Specialties

The Board discussed a request for a one-time exception to the 200-mile Board Conflict Policy for the Winter Garden Specialties (153 miles).

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The cluster of specialties are requesting to co-exist with an event that is in conflict based on the policy. The club is requesting this one-time exception to hold its event on the weekend before Westminster as it traditionally does.

Following a motion by Ms. McAteer, seconded by Dr. Battaglia, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to approve the request on a one-time basis.

Sample Bylaws Study Committee Follow-Up Report and Proposed Revisions to Documents

The Board began discussion of the follow-up report and proposed revisions to four (4) documents: The Local Club Sample Constitution and Bylaws, Parent Club Sample Constitution and Bylaws, Tips and Best Practices for Effective Bylaws, and Sample Constitution and Bylaws Checklist.

In February 2021, the Board reviewed and accepted the Sample Bylaws Study Committee's report including Local Club Sample Constitution and Bylaws; Parent Club Sample Constitution and Bylaws; Sample Constitution and Bylaws Checklist; and Tips and Best Practices for Effective Bylaws. The Board voted affirmatively by majority vote to accept the Sample Bylaws Study Committee's Report at its February 2021 meeting, and the Sample Constitution and Bylaws Checklist was adopted as a new policy.

There were additional changes suggested by the Board.

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

Following a motion by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Ms. Biddle, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to approve the Sample Constitution and Bylaws Checklist with the recommended changes.

Letters of Objection to Delegate appointment

In accordance with Article IV, Section 6 of the AKC Bylaws which states that "Any person, Club or Association which may desire to object to the admission of a candidate for membership may do so by sending a letter to the Board of Directors of the AKC stating the reasons for such objection and such letter will be considered a privileged communication the contents of which must not be disclosed." the Board reviewed a Staff memo outlining letters of objection that were received concerning the approval of a Delegates credentials. The objections were deemed insufficient to prevent approval which occurred in Consent later in the 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*, requests for AKC membership applications, and a report on Member Club Bylaws approved and newly licensed clubs.

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Report on Member Clubs Bylaws approved in June and July 2021

Macon Kennel Club, Macon, GA (1994)

Report on Newly Licensed Clubs approved in June and July 2021

Kennel Club of North Mississippi, greater Olive Branch, MS (including communities to TN/MS state line, south to Sardis, east to I-22 including towns of Holly Springs and Ashland), 39 households, 26 local.

Sarasota Kennel Club, greater Sarasota, FL, 46 total households, 32 local.

COMPLIANCE

Bri Tesarz, Director, Compliance, and Heather McManus, Vice President and Deputy General Counsel participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

Adding New Penalty for the Offense of Knowingly bringing a dog on event grounds that displayed clinical symptoms or had been recently exposed to a communicable disease

Following the amendment to Dog Show Rules passed in September 2020, dogs with communicable diseases are prohibited on show premises. However, the language prohibiting dogs that are a hazard because of being exposed to a communicable disease was deleted. The Delegate Canine Health Committee and Dog Show Rules Committees were consulted and recommended that the Board establish a penalty for

knowingly bringing a dog onto event grounds that has been recently exposed to a communicable disease.

The Board directed Staff to suggest solutions to solve this conflict which will be discussed in October.

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

INTERNAL CONSULTING AND BUSINESS INTELLIGENCE

Mark Dunn, Executive Vice President, participated in this portion of the meeting.

Further Insights into the Demographics of Subsets of AKC Breeders and Demographics for AKC Registrants

Seth Fera-Schanes, Director, Planning; Kassandra McCombe, Business Intelligence Analyst and Chuck Bettini, Sr Business Analyst participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

In previous AKC studies, breeders of certain ethnicity were identified as an under-studied population. At the AKC Board's request, staff provided data to identify the geographic location of breeder subsets and well as to identify and compare dog breed preferences. Department also presented a demographic overview and some key insights into AKC dog registrants.

Insights from this analysis will be used to fur-

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ther personalize outreach, communications, and services to AKC breeders and registrants. Specific action items which may be taken from this analysis can provide services and communications in additional languages or prospecting areas where the AKC can obtain new customers.

Registration Update

2021 will be the 8th consecutive year of increases in Dog Registration, the 7th consecutive year of increases in Litter Registration and the 7th consecutive year of increases in Unique Breeders.

Actual Registration return rates Return Rate analysis reveals that at 6 Months we are consistently seeing a 5 to 6 percentage point improvement over 2019; the best since 2004.

These successes are attributed to data collection and analysis and cross-functional collaboration across departments including Registration, Business Intelligence, IT, Education and Marketing.

Additional Accomplishments 2021 YTD

- Launched Online Foreign Registration: it is now easier to submit and quicker turnaround; 33% online since launch; expect 50% of applications to be online before end of year
- Launched Electronic Litter Kits: 8.5% of online litter registrants use this service to

receive litter kit immediately via digital file, avoiding US Mail delays

- Added Electronic Litter Kit Dupe printing to AKC Breeder Toolkit: any breeder can use AKC Breeder Toolkit to easily reprint (\$15 Fee) instead of calling Customer Service and paying for dupe papers to be mailed
- Updated AKC Puppy Folders
- Using CRM data, we enhanced the online certificate transfer process and clarified the messaging people get when they input incorrect PINs in online dog registration
- Greatly enhanced webpage on AKC.org describing Breeder of Merit and Bred with H.E.A.R.T. health testing requirements

MARKETING

Kirsten Bahlke, Vice President, Consumer Demand participated in this portion of the meeting. Melissa Olund, Director, Digital Marketing participated in this portion of the meeting via videoconference.

Staff present Highlights of the second quarter for each digital platform.

- AKC.org
 - When compared vs. Q2 2019, users grew 61%, sessions grew 54%, and pageviews grew 30%.
 - Organic traffic remains by far the largest traffic acquisition source.

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- It grew 64% vs Q2 2019.
- Key content areas for Q2 included:
 - Breed-specific content (e.g. Breed histories, breed-specific training, etc.)
 - Puppy content (Parvo 101, potty training, feeding schedules, etc.)
 - Health related articles (e.g. Separation anxiety, tick removal, fireworks safety, heat safety, water safety, etc.)
 - Westminster news/coverage
- Marketplace.akc.org
 - Organic remains the largest traffic acquisition source for Marketplace but was down (-57%) in Q2 versus Q2 of 2021
- Shop.akc.org
 - AKC Shop has not held all the “COVID traffic surge” but has grown since 2019
 - Importantly, conversion has been steadily climbing and AKC Shop Q2 revenue beat budget
- AKC Email/Newsletters
 - The Email marketing group sent 29% more emails in Q2 of 2021 vs Q2 of 2020 with a minor decrease in open and click-to-open rates.
 - AKC Pupdate subscribers increased dramatically due to registration performance and the launch of social and paid search promotions; list size is now up to 660,000.
 - Weekly email series launched for Retrievist subscribers with good engagement (18% open/8% CTO)
 - Testing of the new Nibble newsletter templates began in June. Engagement metrics

remain similar for both templates but will be monitored and reviewed month over month as the new designs are finalized.

- AKC Shop email open rate and CTO remain healthy and in line with industry benchmarks, despite massive growth in the number of emails sent.

CONSENT

Following a motion by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Dr. Battaglia it was VOTED (unanimously) to approve the following Consent items:

- Fast CAT® – Electronic Timers and Hot Starts
- Bred by Exhibitor Class – Rules Applying to Dog Shows, Chapter 3, Section 8
- Calculation of Age – Rules Applying to Dog Shows, Chapter 3, Sections 2, 4 & 5
- Winners Class – Rules Applying to Dog Shows, Chapter 3, Section 11
- Bracco Italiano Eligibility to Compete in the Sporting Group
- Delegate and Club Approvals

Fast CAT® – Electronic Timers and Hot Starts

The Board VOTED to approve a recommendation from the Delegate HEC Committee to make two changes to the Fast CAT® regulations. The first (1) recommendation will require clubs to use electronic timers with hand-timing to be used only in situations of equipment failure. The second (2) is to clarify that “hot starts” will not be allowed.

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Both of these changes will improve consistency and accuracy of run times. With the growth of Fast CAT® and completion of the first AKC Fast CAT® Invitational, there is an increasing desire among participants to measure each dog's run exactly the same way. This includes using the same timing devices and start methods.

Chapter 16. Section 10. Course/Equipment.

D. Timing Devices: The time to complete the 100-yard dash is recorded to the nearest 1/100th of a second (e.g. 9.11). Effective March 1, 2022, the time of the dog must be determined by the use of break-the-beam electronic timers. Two stopwatches must be available as a backup in case the electronic timers do not work. *Through February 28, 2022, the club may use stopwatches or break-the-beam electronic timers to obtain the time. *Clubs must specify in their premium which timing method is to be used. If stopwatches are used, there shall be two timers positioned at the finish line. An individual at the start line shall signal with an arm drop the moment the nose of the dog crosses the start line. The timers shall start their stopwatches at the start of the arm drop. The timers shall stop their watches when the nose of the dog crosses the finish line. The times from the two stopwatches shall be averaged to determine the recorded time.

Chapter 16. Section 10. Course/Equipment.

B. The Start: Dogs may start up to 10 feet be-

hind the starting line. Clubs must clearly mark the 10-foot start box on the ground. A dog may be released from anywhere within the start box, however, at a minimum, a dog's front paws must be inside the start box when it is released. Enough space must be provided behind the back of the start box to accommodate the dog's body to be aligned straight down the course. At the start, the lure must be resting in front of the dog. When the lure starts to move, the dog may be released. Hot starts where the dog is released as the lure passes the dog are not allowed.

Bred by Exhibitor Class – Rules Applying to Dog Shows – Chapter 3, Section 8

The Board VOTED to approve a recommendation from the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee (DSRC) to modify Chapter 3, Section 8 of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows, which if adopted, would allow clubs at their option to divide the Bred-by-Exhibitor class into two age groups; Puppy, for dogs that are six months of age but under twelve months, and Adult, for dogs that are twelve months of age and older. This will be read at the September Delegate meeting for a VOTE at the December Delegate meeting.

Calculation of Age – Rules Applying to Dog Shows – Chapter 3, Sections 2, 4 & 5

The Board VOTED to approve a recommendation from the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee (DSRC) to modify Chapter 3, Sections 2,

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4 and 5 of The Rules Applying to Dog Shows, which defines the minimum age of eligibility (six months) for dogs to compete in AKC sanctioned events, the Puppy class and 12-18 Month class respectively. The proposals remove language from Chapter 3, Sections 4 and 5 related to the calculation of the age of a dog and inserts similar verbiage into Chapter 3, Section 2 as how age is determined is relative to all classes. If approved by the Board, the proposal will be read at the September 2021 Delegate Meeting and voted at the December 2021 Delegate Meeting. If approved by the Delegate Body, the effective date would be March 31, 2022. This will be read at the September Delegate Meeting for a VOTE at the December Delegate Meeting.

Winners Class – Rules Applying to Dog Shows – Chapter 3, Section 11

The Board VOTED to approve a recommendation from the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee (DSRC) to modify Chapter 3, Section 11 of The Rules Applying to Dog Shows, which defines the Winners Class and those entries eligible to compete in the Winners and Reserve Winners classes.

The DSRC's proposal to modify Chapter 3, Section 11 inserts language to specify dogs eligible for Winners include the first-place undefeated dogs from all divisions of the defined classes. In addition, it inserts language to clearly define that American-bred and Open are the only required classes, and all others are at the option

of the club. This will be discussed further at the August Board meeting. This will be read at the September Delegate Meeting for a VOTE at the December Delegate Meeting.

Bracco Italiano Eligibility to Compete in the Sporting Group

The Board Voted that the Bracco Italiano will be eligible to compete in the Sporting Group on June 29, 2022. Further, the Board approved the breed standard as submitted. See Appendix A.

The breed will be moved from the Foundation Stock Service into the Stud Book of the American Kennel Club on June 29, 2022. The Stud Book will remain open until July 1, 2026.

Delegate Approvals

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

Melissa Lembke, Le Sueur, MN
To represent Key City Kennel Club

Brian P. Meindl, M. Ed, Hampton Bays, NY
To represent American Cesky Terrier Fanciers Association

Jennifer Modica, Cape May Court House, NJ
To represent Union County Kennel Club

Betty Winthers, Lynnwood, WA,
To represent Pasanita Obedience Club

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AKC Membership for Approval:

The Board VOTED to approve the following Club for membership:

Jackson Tennessee Dog Fanciers Association

Focal Point: Jackson, TN

First License Trial: May 15, 2004

33 Households/26 Local

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 Tuesday, August 10, 2021 at 12:56 p.m. Eastern Time.

Adjourned

Attest:

Gina M. DiNardo, Executive Secretary

Appendix A – Bracco Italiano Proposed Breed Standard

STANDARD OF THE BRACCO ITALIANO

GENERAL APPEARANCE

Of strong and harmonious construction, powerful appearance. The preferred subjects are smooth coated, with lean limbs, well-developed muscles, well defined lines, and a markedly sculpted head with very obvious chiseling under the eyes. These elements all contribute to give distinction to this breed. The Bracco is tough and adapted to all types

of hunting, reliable, docile, and easy to train.

SIZE PROPORTION, SUBSTANCE

Height at the withers between 21 to 27 inches. Preferred size for males: 23 to 27 inches; preferred size for females: 21 to 25 inches. Weight between 55 to 90 pounds, depending on height. The Bracco is a solidly built dog with powerful bone, but without lumber, and without sacrificing balance and harmonious appearance. A dog in hard and lean field condition is not to be penalized. Important Proportions: The body is square or slightly longer than tall. Length of head is equal to two-fifths (40 percent) of the height at the withers; its width, measured at the level of the zygomatic arches, is less than half its length. Skull and muzzle are of equal length.

HEAD

Head - Angular and narrow at the level of the zygomatic arches, its length corresponds to two-fifths (40 percent) of the height at the withers; the middle of its length is at the level of a line that unites the inner angles of both eyes. The upper planes of the skull and muzzle are divergent, i.e.: if extended, the top line of the muzzle emerges in front of the occiput, ideally at mid-length of the skull (down-faced). Dish face (convergence of the planes of the skull and muzzle) is a disqualification. The head and neck are moderate in skin. The head should have a soft fold of

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skin from the outer corner of the eye, falling down the cheek. When the head is down and relaxed, there is a skin fold across the skull from ear to ear. Eyes - Semi-lateral position, neither deep set nor prominent. Eyes fairly large, eyelids oval-shaped and close-fitting (no entropion or ectropion). The iris is a dark amber to orange or brown color depending on the color of the coat. Wall eye is a disqualification. Expression is soft, gentle and intelligent. Ears - Well developed. In length they should, without being stretched, reach the tip of the nose. Their width is at least equal to half their length; raised only very slightly; base rather narrow, set at level of zygomatic arches. A supple ear with a front rim well-turned inwards to frame the face; the lower extremity of the ear ends in a slightly rounded tip. Skull Region: Seen in profile, the skull shape is a very open arch. Seen from the top, it forms lengthwise an elongated oval. The width of the skull measured at the level of the zygomatic arches should not exceed half the length of the head. Cheeks are lean, the bulge of the forehead and the supra-orbital ridges are perceptible. The stop is not pronounced. The frontal groove is visible and ends at mid-length of the skull. The interparietal crest is short and not very prominent. The occiput is pronounced. Muzzle - Fore-face is either straight or slightly arched. Its length is equal to half of the length of the head and its depth measures four-fifths (80 percent) of its

length. Seen from the front, the lateral sides of the muzzle converge slightly, still presenting a fore-face of good width. The chin is not very apparent. Nose - Voluminous, with large well-opened nostrils, protrudes slightly over the lips with which it forms an angle. Color brown or from pale pink to more or less deep fleshy red depending on the color of the coat. A split nose is a disqualification. Lips - Upper lips well developed, thin and floppy without being flaccid, covering the jaw; seen in profile, they overlap the lower jaw slightly, seen from the front, they form an inverted "V" below the nose; the corner of the lips must be marked without being droopy. Teeth - Dental arches well adapted, with the teeth square to the jaw. Bite - scissor or level. Any deviation (overbite or underbite) should be faulted in accordance to its severity.

NECK, TOPLINE, BODY

Neck - Powerful, in truncated cone shape. Length of the neck is at least two-thirds but not greater than the length of the head. Well detached from the nape. The throat shows a soft double dewlap. Excessive skin with exaggerated wrinkling or single dewlap is faulted. Topline - The upper profile of the back is made up of two lines: one, almost straight, slopes from the withers to the 11th dorsal vertebrae (mid-back); the other is slightly arched, joining with the line of the croup. Body - Chest is broad, deep and well down to

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level of the elbows, without forming a keel. Ribs well sprung, particularly in their lower part, and sloping. Wide lumbar region. Loin is well muscled, short and slightly convex. Croup is long (about one-third of the height at the withers), wide and well-muscled; the pelvic angulation (angle formed by the pelvic girdle with a horizontal line) is 30 degrees. Underline - Lower profile almost horizontal in its rib cage part, rising slightly in its abdominal part. Tail - Thick at the base, straight, with a slight tendency to taper, hair short. When the dog is in action and especially when questing, is carried horizontally or nearly. Docked - Should be docked 6 to 10 inches from the root. Undocked - Carried horizontally; length of the undocked tail is to the hock. May be slightly curved but never held high or carried bent over the back.

FOREQUARTERS

Withers are well defined, with the points of the shoulder blades well separated. Shoulder strong, well-muscled, long, sloping, and well laid back, very free in its movement. The upper arm sloping, fitting to the rib cage. Forearm strong, straight, with well-marked sinews; the point of the elbows should be on a perpendicular line from the rear point of the shoulder blade to the ground. Metacarpus (pastern) well proportioned, lean, of good length and slightly sloping. Feet strong, slightly oval shaped, well arched and closed toes with strong nails well curved to-

wards the ground. Color of nails is white, yellow or brown, of a more or less dark shade depending on the color of the coat. Foot pads elastic and lean.

HINDQUARTERS

In balance with the forequarters. Thigh long, parallel, muscular, with the rear edge almost straight when viewed from the side. Strong limbs; hocks wide, metatarsals (rear pasterns) relatively short and lean. The feet, with all the characteristics of the front feet, have dewclaws, the absence of which is not a fault. Double dewclaws are tolerated.

COAT

Skin - Ample skin, tough but elastic, well separated from the tissues underneath; fine on the head, the throat, inside the elbows, and on lower part of the body. The visible mucous membranes must be a corresponding color with the coat, but never show black spots. The mucous membranes of the mouth are pink; sometimes with light brown spotting. Coat - Short, dense and glossy, fine and shorter on the head, the ears, front part of the legs and feet.

COLOR

The base color is white. The colors acceptable in this breed are: solid white, white with orange markings, or white with brown markings. The markings are of varied sizes (patches, ticking, or roan). A symmetrical

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face mask is preferred, but the absence of a mask is tolerated.

The orange color can range from a dark amber to rich orange. It is not lemon or yellow. The brown color is a warm shade that recalls the color of a monk's frock (Crayola Brown); it is not liver. A metallic sheen is appreciated in brown and white dogs. Disqualifying colors - Tricolor, or with tan markings, fawn, hazel. Any trace of black on coat or mucous membranes. Any solid color other than white. Albinism.

GAIT

Extended and fast trot, with powerful reach and drive. Head raised, nose held high in such a way that, when hunting, the nose is higher than the topline as if the dog is being "pulled along by the nose." The fluid, powerful, and extended trot is hallmark of this breed.

TEMPERAMENT

The Bracco is tough and adapted to all types of hunting, reliable, docile, and intelligent. Friendly, not shy, never aggressive, and readily makes eye contact. Extreme shyness is a fault. Aggressiveness is a disqualification.

FAULTS

Any departure from the foregoing constitutes a fault which when judging must be penalized according to its seriousness and its extension.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

Above or below the height in the standard
Dish face (convergence of the planes of the skull and muzzle)
Wall eye
Split nose
Tricolor, tan markings, fawn or hazel color
Any trace of black on coat or mucous membranes
Any solid color other than white
Albinism
Aggressiveness

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