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NOTICE OF MEETING

The next meeting of the Delegates will be held at the Doubletree Newark Airport Hotel on **Tuesday, June 14**, beginning no earlier than 10:00 a.m. It will follow the Delegate Forum which will begin at 9:00 a.m.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Baytown Kennel Club

DELEGATE CREDENTIALS

Karen Byrd, Cumming, GA,
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Miniature American Shepherd Club of the USA
Dan Sayers, Merchantville, NJ,
Irish Water Spaniel Club of America
Dr. Donald Sturz, Brooklyn, NY,
Westminster Kennel 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 appro-



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priate notice describing the status of the individual's suspension, if any, will appear in this column:

- Ms. Kathy Doehler (Pueblo, CO)
- Mr. John Pace (Norco, CA)
- Ms. Debbie Reed (Seguin, TX)
- Ms. Melanie Rock (Clarkston, MI)
- Mr. Fredric Zipser (Sarasota, FL)

NOTICE

Ms. Liz Couzin (Albany, OR) Action was taken by the Linn County Kennel Club for conduct at its February 26, 2022 event. Ms. Couzin was charged with inappropriate abusive, or foul language. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the Event Committee's report and set the penalty as a one-month event suspension and a \$500 fine, effective February 26, 2022. (Labrador Retrievers)

NOTICE

REPRIMANDS AND FINES

Notification of fine imposed on a club for cancelling entries for Conformation shows after the entry was closed, *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*, Chapter 11, Section 6
 German Shepherd Dog Club of Southern New Hampshire\$500

Notification of fines imposed on performance clubs for late submission of results, *Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedure for Pointing Breeds*, Chapter 13
 Vizsla Club of Southern California\$150
 GSP of San Diego\$130

Las Vegas Bird Dog Club.....\$75
 GSP of Southern California.....\$60
 Notification of fines imposed on performance clubs for late submission of results, *Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedure for Retrievers*, Chapter 13
 Jacksonville Retriever Club\$100
 Maryland Retriever Club.....\$50

OFFICIAL STANDARD OF THE AKITA

General Appearance: Large, powerful, alert, with much substance and heavy bone. The broad head, forming a blunt triangle, with deep muzzle, small eyes and erect ears carried forward in line with back of neck, is characteristic of the breed. The large, curled tail, balancing the broad head, is also characteristic of the breed.

Head: Massive but in balance with body; free of wrinkle when at ease. *Skull* flat between ears and broad; jaws square and powerful with minimal dewlap. *Head* forms a blunt triangle when viewed from above. Fault – Narrow or snipy head. *Muzzle* – Broad and full. Distance from nose to stop is to distance from stop to occiput as 2 is to 3. Stop – Well defined, but not too abrupt. A shallow furrow extends well up forehead. Nose – Broad and black. Black noses on white Akitas preferred, but a lighter colored nose with or without shading of black or gray tone is acceptable. Disqualification – partial or total lack of pigmentation on the nose surface. Any nose color other than black, except on white Akitas. *Ears* – The ears of the Akita are characteristic of the breed. They are strongly erect

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and small in relation to rest of head. If ear is folded forward for measuring length, tip will touch upper eye rim. Ears are triangular, slightly rounded at tip, wide at base, set wide on head but not too low, and carried slightly forward over eyes in line with back of neck. Disqualification – Drop or broken ears. *Eyes* – Dark brown, small, deep-set and triangular in shape. Eye rims black and tight. Lips and Tongue – Lips black and pendulous; tongue pink. Teeth – Strong with scissors *bite* preferred, but level bite acceptable. Disqualification – undershot or overshot.

Neck and Body: *Neck* – Thick and muscular; comparatively short, widening gradually toward shoulders. A pronounced crest blends in with base of skull. *Body* – Longer than high, as 10 is to 9 in males; 11 to 9 in bitches. Chest wide and deep; depth of chest is one-half height of dog at shoulder. Ribs well sprung, brisket well developed. Level back with firmly-muscled loin and moderate tuck-up. Skin pliant but not loose. Serious Faults – Light bone, rangy body. *Tail* – Large and full, set high and carried over back or against flank in a three-quarter, full, or double curl, always dipping to or below level of back. On a three-quarter curl, tip drops well down flank. Root large and strong. Tail bone reaches hock when let down. Hair coarse, straight and full, with no appearance of a plume. Disqualification – Sickie or uncurled tail.

Forequarters and Hindquarters: *Forequarters* – Shoulders strong and powerful with moderate lay-back. Forelegs heavy-boned and straight as viewed

from front. Angle of pastern 15 degrees forward from vertical. Faults – Elbows in or out, loose shoulders. *Hindquarters* – Width, muscular development and bone comparable to forequarters. Upper thighs well developed. Stifle moderately bent and hocks well let down, turning neither in nor out. Dewclaws – On front legs generally not removed; dewclaws on hind legs generally removed. Feet – Cat feet, well knuckled up with thick pads. Feet straight ahead.

Coat: Double-coated. Undercoat thick, soft, dense and shorter than outer coat. Outer coat straight, harsh and standing somewhat off body. Hair on head, legs and ears short. Length of hair at withers and rump approximately two inches, which is slightly longer than on rest of body, except tail, where coat is longest and most profuse. Fault – Any indication of ruff or feathering.

Color and Marking Patterns: Any coloring including white; brindle; or pinto. Exceptions: Merle marking pattern. Liver color. Colors are rich, brilliant and clear and markings are well balanced, with or without mask or blaze. White Akitas have no mask. Pinto has a white background with large, evenly placed patches covering head and more than one-third of body. Undercoat may be a different color from outer coat. Disqualification – Merle marking pattern. Liver color.

Gait: Brisk and powerful with strides of moderate length. Back remains strong, firm and level. Rear legs move in line with front legs.

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Size: Males 26 to 28 inches at the withers; bitches 24 to 26 inches. Disqualification – dogs under 25 inches; bitches under 23 inches.

Temperament: Alert and responsive, dignified and courageous. Akitas may be intolerant of other dogs, particularly of the same sex.

Disqualifications:

Partial or total lack of pigmentation on nose.

Any nose color other than black, except on white Akitas.

Drop or broken ears.

Undershot or overshot.

Sickle or uncurled tail.

Dogs under 25 inches; bitches under 23 inches.

Merle marking pattern.

Liver Color.

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OFFICIAL STANDARD OF THE GERMAN PINSCHER

General Appearance: The German Pinscher is a medium size, short coated dog, elegant in appearance with a strong square build and moderate body structure, muscular and powerful for endurance and agility. Energetic, watchful, alert, agile, fearless, determined, intelligent and loyal, the German Pinscher has the prerequisites to be an excellent watchdog and companion.

Size, Proportion, Substance: *Size* – the ideal height at the highest point of the withers for a

dog or bitch is 17 to 20 inches. Size should be penalized in accordance with the degree it deviates from the ideal. Quality should always take precedence over size. Faults – under 17 inches or over 20 inches. *Proportion* – squarely built in proportion of body length to height. The height at the highest point of the withers equals the length of the body from the prosternum to the rump. *Substance* – muscular with moderate bone.

Head and Skull: Powerful, elongated without the occiput being too pronounced and resembles a blunt wedge in both frontal and profile views. The total length of the *head* from the tip of the nose to the occiput is one half the length from the withers to the base of the tail resulting in a ratio of approximately 1:2. *Expression* – sharp, alert and responsive. *Eyes* – medium size, dark, oval in shape without appearance of bulging. The eyelid should be tight and the eyeball nonprotruding. *Ears* – set high, symmetrical, and carried erect when cropped. If uncropped, they are V-shaped with a folding pleat, or small standing ears carried evenly upright. *Skull* – flat, unwrinkled from occiput to stop when in repose. The stop is slight but distinct. *Muzzle* – parallel and equal in length to the top skull and ends in a blunt wedge. The cheeks are muscled and flat. *Nose* – full, and black. *Lips* – black, close fitting. *Bite* – strong, scissors bite with complete dentition and white teeth. Faults – overshot or undershot bites, absence of primary molars.

Neck, Topline, Body: *Neck* – elegant and strong, of moderate thickness and length, nape elegantly

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arched. The skin is tight, closely fitting to the dry throat without wrinkles, sagging, or dewlaps.

Topline – the withers form the highest point of the topline, which slopes slightly toward the rear, extending in a straight line from behind the withers, through the well-muscled loin to the faintly curved croup. Back – short, firm, and level, muscular at the loins. Faults – long back, not giving the appearance of squarely built, roach back, sway back. *Body* – compact and strong, so as to permit greater flexibility and agility, with the length of leg being equal to the depth of body. Loin – is well muscled. The distance from the last rib to the hip is short. Chest – moderately wide with well-sprung ribs, and when viewed from the front, appears to be oval. The forechest is distinctly marked by the prosternum. The brisket descends to the elbows and ascends gradually to the rear with the belly moderately drawn up. Fault – excessive tuck up. *Tail* – moderately set and carried above the horizontal. Customarily docked between the second and third joints.

Forequarters: The sloping shoulder blades are strongly muscled, yet flat and well laid back, forming an angle of approximately 45 degrees to the horizontal. They are well angled and slope forward, forming an approximately 90 degree angle to the upper arm, which is equal in length to the shoulder blade. Such angulation permits the maximum forward extension of the forelegs without binding or effort. Forelegs – straight and well boned, perfectly vertical when viewed from all sides, set moderately apart with elbows set close to

the body. Dewclaws on the forelegs may be removed. Pasterns – firm and almost perpendicular to the ground. Feet – short, round, compact with firm dark pads and dark nails. The toes are well closed and arched like cat feet.

Hindquarters: The thighs are strongly muscled and in balance with the forequarters. The stifles are well bent and well boned, with good angulation. When viewed from the rear, the hocks are parallel to each other.

Coat: Short and dense, smooth and close lying. Shiny and covers the body without bald spots. A hard coat should not be penalized.

Color: Isabella (fawn), to red in various shades to stag red (red with intermingling of black hairs), black and blues with red/tan markings. In the reds, a rich vibrant medium to dark shade is preferred. In bi-colored dogs, sharply marked dark and rich red/tan markings are desirable. Markings distributed as follows: at cheeks, lips, lower jaw, above eyes, at throat, on forechest as two triangles distinctly separated from each other, at metatarsus or pasterns, forelegs, feet, inner side of hind legs and below tail. Pencil marks on the toes are acceptable. Any white markings on the dog are undesirable. A few white hairs do not constitute a marking. Disqualification – Dogs not of an allowable color.

Gait: The ground covering trot is relaxed, well balanced, powerful and uninhibited with good

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length of stride, strong drive and free front extension. At the trot the back remains firm and level, without swaying, rolling or roaching. When viewed from the front and rear, the feet must not cross or strike each other. Fault- hackney gait.

Temperament: The German Pinscher has highly developed senses, intelligence, aptitude for training, fearlessness, and endurance. He is alert, vigilant, deliberate and watchful of strangers. He has fearless courage and tenacity if threatened. A very vivacious dog, but not an excessive barker. He should not show viciousness by unwarranted or unprovoked attacks. *Note – Great consideration should be given to a dog giving the desired alert, highly intelligent, vivacious character of the German Pinscher. Aggressive behavior towards another dog is not deemed viciousness. Fault – shy. The foregoing description is that of the ideal German Pinscher. Any deviation from this is to be penalized to the extent of deviation.

Disqualification:

Dogs not of an allowable color.

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OFFICIAL STANDARD OF THE ROTTWEILER

General Appearance: The ideal Rottweiler is a medium large, robust and powerful dog, black with clearly defined rust markings. His compact and substantial build denotes great strength, agility and endurance. Dogs are characteristically

more massive throughout with larger frame and heavier bone than bitches. Bitches are distinctly feminine, but without weakness of substance or structure.

Size, Proportion, Substance: Dogs – 24 inches to 27 inches. Bitches – 22 inches to 25 inches, with preferred size being mid-range of each sex. Correct *proportion* is of primary importance, as long as size is within the standard's range. The length of body, from prosternum to the rearmost projection of the rump, is slightly longer than the height of the dog at the withers, the most desirable proportion of the height to length being 9 to 10. The Rottweiler is neither coarse nor shelly. Depth of chest is approximately fifty percent (50%) of the height of the dog. His bone and muscle mass must be sufficient to balance his frame, giving a compact and very powerful appearance. Serious Faults – Lack of proportion, undersized, oversized, reversal of sex characteristics (bitchy dogs, doggy bitches).

Head: Of medium length, broad between the ears; forehead line seen in profile is moderately arched; zygomatic arch and stop well developed with strong broad upper and lower jaws. The desired ratio of backskull to muzzle is 3 to 2. Forehead is preferred dry, however some wrinkling may occur when dog is alert. *Expression* is noble, alert, and self-assured. *Eyes* of medium size, almond shaped with well fitting lids, moderately deep-set, neither protruding nor receding. The desired color is a uniform dark brown. Serious

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Faults – Yellow (bird of prey) eyes, eyes of different color or size, hairless eye rim. Disqualification – Entropion. Ectropion. *Ears* of medium size, pendant, triangular in shape; when carried alertly the ears are level with the top of the skull and appear to broaden it. Ears are to be set well apart, hanging forward with the inner edge lying tightly against the head and terminating at approximately mid-cheek. Serious Faults – Improper carriage (creased, folded or held away from cheek/head). *Muzzle* – Bridge is straight, broad at base with slight tapering towards tip. The end of the muzzle is broad with well developed chin. Nose is broad rather than round and always black. Lips – Always black; corners closed; inner mouth pigment is preferred dark. Serious Faults – Total lack of mouth pigment (pink mouth). Bite and Dentition – Teeth 42 in number (20 upper, 22 lower), strong, correctly placed, meeting in a scissors *bite* – lower incisors touching inside of upper incisors. Serious Faults – Level bite; any missing tooth. Disqualifications – Overshot, undershot (when incisors do not touch or mesh); wry mouth; two or more missing teeth.

Neck, Topline, Body: *Neck* – Powerful, well muscled, moderately long, slightly arched and without loose skin. *Topline* – The back is firm and level, extending in a straight line from behind the withers to the croup. The back remains horizontal to the ground while the dog is moving or standing. *Body* – The chest is roomy, broad and deep, reaching to elbow, with well pronounced forechest and well sprung, oval ribs. Back is straight and strong. Loin

is short, deep and well muscled. Croup is broad, of medium length and only slightly sloping. Underline of a mature Rottweiler has a slight tuck-up. Males must have two normal testicles properly descended into the scrotum. Disqualification – Unilateral cryptorchid or cryptorchid males. *Tail* – The set of the tail is more important than its length. Properly set, it gives an impression of elongation of the topline; carried slightly above horizontal when the dog is excited or moving. Docked, the tail is short, close to the body leaving one or two tail vertebrae. Undocked, the tail is carried straight or upward curved and may hang at rest. Faults – Tails with kinks, strong lateral deviation, or ringtails.

Forequarters: Shoulder blade is long and well laid back. Upper arm equal in length to shoulder blade, set so elbows are well under body. Distance from withers to elbow and elbow to ground is equal. Legs are strongly developed with straight, heavy bone, not set close together. Pasterns are strong, springy and almost perpendicular to the ground. Feet are round, compact with well arched toes, turning neither in nor out. Pads are thick and hard. Nails short, strong and black. Dewclaws may be removed.

Hindquarters: Angulation of hindquarters balances that of forequarters. Upper thigh is fairly long, very broad and well muscled. Stifle joint is well turned. Lower thigh is long, broad and powerful, with extensive muscling leading into a strong hock joint. Rear pasterns are nearly per-

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pendicular to the ground. Viewed from the rear, hind legs are straight, strong and wide enough apart to fit with a properly built body. Feet are somewhat longer than the front feet, turning neither in nor out, equally compact with well arched toes. Pads are thick and hard. Nails short, strong, and black. Dewclaws must be removed.

Coat: Outer coat is straight, coarse, dense, of medium length and lying flat. Undercoat should be present on neck and thighs, but the amount is influenced by climatic conditions. Undercoat should not show through outer coat. The coat is shortest on head, ears and legs, longest on breeching. The Rottweiler is to be exhibited in the natural condition with no trimming. Fault – Wavy coat. Serious Faults – Open, excessively short, or curly coat; total lack of undercoat; any trimming that alters the length of the natural coat. Disqualification – Long coat.

Color: Always black with rust to mahogany markings. The demarcation between black and rust is to be clearly defined. The markings should be located as follows: a spot over each eye; on cheeks; as a strip around each side of muzzle, but not on the bridge of the nose; on throat; triangular mark on both sides of prosternum; on forelegs from carpus downward to the toes; on inside of rear legs showing down the front of the stifle and broadening out to front of rear legs from hock to toes, but not completely eliminating black from rear of pasterns; under tail; black penciling on toes. The undercoat is gray, tan, or black. Quantity

and location of rust markings is important and should not exceed ten percent of body color. Serious Faults – Straw-colored, excessive, insufficient or sooty markings; rust marking other than described above; white marking any place on dog (a few rust or white hairs do not constitute a marking). Disqualifications – Any base color other than black; absence of all markings.

Gait: The Rottweiler is a trotter. His movement should be balanced, harmonious, sure, powerful and unhindered, with strong forereach and a powerful rear drive. The motion is effortless, efficient, and ground-covering. Front and rear legs are thrown neither in nor out, as the imprint of hind feet should touch that of forefeet. In a trot the forequarters and hindquarters are mutually coordinated while the back remains level, firm and relatively motionless. As speed increases the legs will converge under body towards a center line.

Temperament: The Rottweiler is basically a calm, confident and courageous dog with a self-assured aloofness that does not lend itself to immediate and indiscriminate friendships. A Rottweiler is self-confident and responds quietly and with a wait-and-see attitude to influences in his environment. He has an inherent desire to protect home and family, and is an intelligent dog of extreme hardness and adaptability with a strong willingness to work, making him especially suited as a companion, guardian and general all-purpose dog. The behavior of the Rottweiler in the show ring

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should be controlled, willing and adaptable, trained to submit to examination of mouth, testicles, etc. An aloof or reserved dog should not be penalized, as this reflects the accepted character of the breed. An aggressive or belligerent attitude towards other dogs should not be faulted. A judge shall excuse from the ring any shy Rottweiler. A dog shall be judged fundamentally shy if, refusing to stand for examination, it shrinks away from the judge. A dog that in the opinion of the judge menaces or threatens him/her, or exhibits any sign that it may not be safely approached or examined by the judge in the normal manner, shall be excused from the ring. A dog that in the opinion of the judge attacks any person in the ring shall be disqualified.

Summary: Faults – The foregoing is a description of the ideal Rottweiler. Any structural fault that detracts from the above described working dog must be penalized to the extent of the deviation.

Disqualifications:

Entropion, ectropion.

Overshot, undershot (when incisors do not touch or mesh); wry mouth; two or more missing teeth.

Unilateral cryptorchid or cryptorchid males

Long coat.

Any base color other than black; absence of all markings.

A dog that in the opinion of the judge attacks any person in the ring.

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OFFICIAL STANDARD OF THE SLOUGHI

General Appearance: The Sloughi is a powerful and elegant, medium-large, short-haired, smooth-coated, athletic sighthound developed in North Africa (in the region including Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, and Libya) to hunt game such as hare, fox, jackal, gazelle, and wild pigs. It is an ancient breed, treasured in North Africa for its hunting skills, speed, agility, and endurance over long distances. It is a robust, but elegant and racy, pursuit dog with no exaggeration of length of body or limbs, muscle development, angulation, nor curve of loin. The Sloughi is not a fragile dog; it is a dog with class and grace. The attitude is noble and somewhat aloof, and the expression of the dark eyes is gentle and melancholy. The Sloughi's head has a sturdy character and is long and elegant with drop ears and a black nose. The body and legs show defined bony structure and strong, lean muscles and black or pigmented nails. The skeletal structure is sturdy. The topline is essentially horizontal blending into a bony, gently sloping croup. The tail is long and carried at or below the topline at its insertion with a small ring or an upward curve at the end.

Size, Proportion, Substance: A male Sloughi is very slightly taller, measured from the top of the withers to the ground, than it is long, measured from the point of the shoulder to the point of the buttocks. Ideally, a Sloughi's length from point of shoulder to point of buttock is 96 percent of its height. Height at the withers for males is normally 26 to 29 inches (66 to 74 centimeters). For fe-

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males it is normally 24 to 27 inches (61 to 68 centimeters). Somewhat taller Sloughis are allowed.

Head: In profile, the *head* is long and refined with a deep and sturdy character. From above, it has the shape of a long wedge, tapering from the cranial area to the tip of the nose. *Expression* – The expression is gentle, slightly sad, and melancholy. *Eyes* – The eyes are large, dark, well set in their sockets, and oval to the almond-shaped. The eye color is shades of dark brown to dark amber. The eye rims are pigmented. *Ears* – The ears are of set slightly above the eye line, drooping, close to the head, medium in size, triangular and slightly rounded at the tips. Disqualifications are ears erect, raised with tips drooping, or rose ears that cannot drop close to the head. *Skull* – Viewed from above, the cranial area is rather broad, measuring approximately 4.75 to 5.5 inches (12 to 14 centimeters) between the ears, and is rounded at the back and curves harmoniously on the sides. In profile, the top part of the cranial area is flat, the brows are scarcely projecting, the frontal groove is hardly marked, and the occipital crest and protuberance are barely visible. *Stop* – The stop is barely pronounced. *Muzzle* – The muzzle has the shape of an elongated wedge and forms about half the total length of the head. The jaws are strong and regular. *Planes* – The profile is straight, with the lines of the muzzle and skull approximately parallel. *Nose* – The nose is black and strong, not pinched. Any nose color other than black is a disqualification. The planes of the nose

and the muzzle are almost the same. The nose leather, not being supported by the skeletal structure, is slightly inclined down towards the tip. *Lips* – The lips are thin and supple, black or dark brown, and completely pigmented. *Flews* – The lips just cover the lower jaw. The corner of the mouth is very slightly visible. *Bite* – A scissor bite is preferable; a level bite is allowed. An overshot or undershot jaw is a disqualification. *Teeth* – Full Dentition; the teeth are healthy and strong.

Neck, Topline, Body: *Neck* – The *neck* is long and springs well up from the shoulders. It is slightly arched at the crest. Its length is similar to that of the head. It should be elegant and powerful. The skin is fine, tight, with no dewlap and the hair is very smooth. *Topline* – The topline of a Sloughi is level (horizontal) or essentially level between the withers and the hip bones; the hip bones may be slightly higher than the withers. The withers are apparent. *Body* – *Chest* – The chest is not too wide and almost, but not quite, reaches the level of the elbow. The ratio between depth of chest and height at withers should be ideally 4:10. *Ribs* – The ribs are flat, long, and slightly curved in the posterior third of the chest. *Underline* – The underline starts as a straight line at the sternum and rises up in a smooth curve to the belly. *Tuck-up* – The belly is well tucked up. *Back* – The back is short, almost level (horizontal) between the withers and the hip bones. *Loin* – The loin is short, lean, wide, and slightly arched. *Croup* – The croup is bony and oblique with apparent hip

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bones that project above the line of the back to the same height as, or slightly higher than, the withers.

Tail – The tail is long enough to reach the point of the hocks, thin, set in line with the croup, and has a small ring or an upward curve at the tip. The tail is carried low (at or below the line of the back at its insertion), though when excited the end portion of the tail may rise above the topline.

Forequarters: Angulation – Well open. Shoulders – Shoulder Blades – The shoulder blades are long and oblique. The upper arm is strong. Legs – the forelegs are straight, bony, and muscular. The forelegs appear long. Pasterns – The pasterns are slightly sloping, supple, and strong. Dewclaws – Dewclaws are present, but may be removed. Feet – The feet are lean and have the shape of elongated oval. In many lightly-built Sloughis, the foot is shaped like a hare-foot. Toes – The toes are pointed forward with the middle two toes distinctly longer than the others. Nails – The nails are black or pigmented. White or depigmented nails on toes with small white markings are faults. Sloughis with a majority of depigmented or white nails disqualify.

Hindquarters: Angulation – Open angulation, stifle and hock well open. Legs – When showing, the hind legs should be left in their natural, upright position so that the level (horizontal) line of back remains apparent. Upper Thigh – The second thigh is long and well muscled. Hocks (Rear Pastern) – Hocks are strong and well bent without closed angles. The rear pasterns are also strong.

The tendons are well chiseled. Dewclaws – No rear dewclaws. Feet – The feet are lean and have the shape of an elongated oval. Toes – The toes are pointed forward with the middle two toes distinctly longer than the others. Nails – The nails are black or pigmented.

Coat: The coat of the Sloughi is always smooth. The hair is short, tight, and fine all over the body. The Sloughi is presented in natural condition. Disqualifications are feathering on the ears, tail, and/or legs, or coat that is not short, tight, and smooth.

Color: The coat colors are all shades of light sand (cream) to mahogany red fawn, with or without brindling or with or without black markings such as black mask, black ears, dark overlay, and black mantle (black and sand or black and brindle). A small white mark on the chest or small white marks on the toes are faults. White, anywhere on the body, due to aging or scars is allowed. Disqualifications are color not in accordance with the standard, larger white markings, solid white extending above the toes or white anywhere else on the dog except the forechest.

Gait: The Sloughi has a supple, smooth, and effortless gait with long strides, covering plenty of ground and reaching from the shoulders in front. The tail is held low, or at below the topline at its insertion. The ring or upward curve at the end may rise above the topline when the dog is excited. The head is held at a moderate angle to the body.

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Temperament: The Sloughi is a dog with class and grace. The attitude is noble and somewhat aloof.

Summary of Disqualifications:

Ears erect, raised with tips drooping, or rose ears that cannot drop close to the head.

Nose pigment any color other than black.

An overshot or undershot jaw.

Coat too long and/or feathering on the ears, tail, and/or legs.

Dogs with a majority of white or depigmented nails.

Color not in accordance with the standard, larger white markings, solid white extending above the toes or white anywhere else on the dog except the forechest.

Approved May 10, 2022

Effective August 8, 2022

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.**

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Labrador Retrievers

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Azawakhs, Black and Tan Coonhounds,

Bluetick Coonhounds, Grand Bassets Grif-

fons Vendeens, Greyhounds, Ibizan Hounds,

Otterhounds, Petits Bassets Griffons

Vendeens, Pharaoh Hounds, Portuguese Po-

dengo Pequenos, Rhodesian Ridgebacks,

Whippets

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Ridgebacks, Salukis, Whippets)

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Barbets, Brittanys, Lagotti Romagnoli, Ger-

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haired Pointers, Irish Red and White Setters,

Clumber Spaniels, Cocker Spaniels, Field

Spaniels, Sussex Spaniels, Vizslas, Weimaran-

ers

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Azawakhs, Cirneco dell'Etna, Portuguese Po-

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Sloughi

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Fox Terriers, Kerry Blue Terriers, Miniature Schnauzers, Norwich Terriers, West Highland White Terriers)

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Balance of Working Group (Doberman Pinschers, German Pinschers, Komondorok, Rottweilers), Berger Picards, Old English Sheepdogs, Pumik, Shetland Sheepdogs

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Cirneco dell'Etna, Dachshunds

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Balance of Terrier Group (Smooth Fox Terriers)

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Australian Cattle Dogs, Belgian Laekenois, German Shepherd Dogs, Shetland Sheepdogs

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Balance of Non-Sporting Group (American

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Eskimo Dogs, Cotons du Tulear, Lhasa Apsos, Lowchen, Tibetan Spaniels)

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PERMIT JUDGES

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

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ADDITIONAL BREED PERMIT JUDGES

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Bearded Collies, Berger Picards, Cardigan Welsh Corgis, Entlebucher Mountain Dogs, Old English Sheepdogs, Pembroke Welsh Corgis, Swedish Vallhunds

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Black and Tan Coonhounds, Pekingese, Pugs, Poodles, Pembroke Welsh Corgis

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Bearded Collies, Berger Picards, Bouviers des Flandres, Briards, Icelandic Sheepdogs, Norwegian Buhunds, Old English Sheepdogs, Swedish Vallhunds

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Labrador Retrievers, Dachshunds, Boxers,
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English Toy Spaniels

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American Staffordshire Terriers

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American Eskimo Dogs, Bulldogs, Cotons du
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Boxers, Doberman Pinschers, Great Pyre-
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Collies

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Pointers, German Shorthaired Pointers, Ger-
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trievers, Golden Retrievers, Labrador
Retrievers, English Setters, Irish Setters, Vizs-
las, Wirehaired Pointing Griffons, Dachs-
hunds, Giant Schnauzers

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Barbets, Irish Red and White Setters, Biewer

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Black Russian Terriers, Boerboels, Cane Cor-
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Chinese Shar-Pei

BEST IN SHOW

The following person, having successfully
completed the required Group Assignments
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judges eligible for approval to judge Best In
Show.

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RESIGNED CONFORMATION JUDGES

Mr. Houston Clark

Mrs. Houston (Toddie) Clark

EMERITUS CONFORMATION JUDGES

Mr. Roland L. Pelland

Mrs. Ruth H. Zimmerman

DECEASED CONFORMATION JUDGES

Mr. David L. Hiltz

Mrs. Carmen Leonard

Mrs. Joan Schurr Kefeli

Mrs. Cathie A. Turner

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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 – Novice

EMERITUS OBEDIENCE & RALLY JUDGES

Carol Harris – FL
Rally
Minta “Mike” Williquette – SC
Obedience

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:

ADVENT-Bernese Mountain Dogs- Daryl Ann Larsen
ARMORY-Labrador Retrievers-Katie D. Moore
BEACON HILL- Australian Shepherds- Bobby Jo Steeke
BELLATOR-Basenjis-Lizabeth C. McCargo

CYON- Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retrievers- Alyson D. Casper
DREAM CHASERS'S- Labrador Retrievers- Judy Berthold
GOLDEN LION- Chow Chows- Lai Wing Yiu and Chester Chan
KERACIK- Golden Retrievers- Monica Keracik
KNOXCORSO- Cane Corso-Turon M. Patrick
LEGENDS-Bearded Collies- Audrey J. Woods and Megan C. Woods
MAJESTIC'S- Pugs- Lois K. Rogers and Honesty H. Easter
MIMRIC-Cavalier King Charles Spaniels- Amelia L. Hodges and Glen R. Perkins Jr.
NORTH STAR- Cane Corso – Juan C. Calderon
RELENTLESS BD's- German Shorthaired Pointers- Ryan R. Miller
SPICEWOOD-French Bulldogs- Gina M. Moore
STARBOARD- Portuguese Water Dogs-Rick F. Jones and Kelly L. Jones
TIMBERLANE- Cavalier King Charles Spaniels- Helena Ruffin
TRUBLU- Vizslas- Laurel S. Medley and Janice Granda
WWK-Labrador Retrievers- Jeremy J. Criscoe
WILDWOOD- Belgian Sheepdogs- Laurel Ann Corson
WILLOW RANCH- Miniature American Shepherds- Hilary T. Kerr

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REGISTERED NAME PREFIXES GRANTED

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

C-ME- Miniature American Shepherds-Cynthia

J. Weight-Carter and Tobin K. Weight-Carter

CREEK- Great Danes-Kenneth L. Cregg and

David A. Beek

HAULIN- Australian Shepherds-Chelsie Pendo
and Suzette Pendo-Peira

HOLLY BLUFF- Shetland Sheepdogs-James L.
Hudson and Angela A. Hudson

IMAGINEER- Australian Shepherds- Gemi

Sasson-Brickson and Eric Brickson

IRRESISTIBULL- Staffordshire Bull Terriers
and American Staffordshire Terriers- Linda E.
Lavender

LEDENFER CBR- Chesapeake Bay Retrievers-
Dennis L. Ferderer

MAGNUMS-Beagles-Demetrius Nionakis

MAJESTIC'S – Mastiff – Julie Wade

MISSAL- Belgian Malinois-Jill C. Missal

MARLOWIN- Miniature American Shepherds-
Tina L. Winston

MYSTIC BLUES- Black Russian Terriers- John
R. Ayers & Linda H. Ayers

NUFOREST-Dachshunds- Susan A. Buck and
William F. Buck

RAGTYME- Bearded Collies- Lynn A. Zagarella
& Vince B. Zagarella

SHOW GUN- Boxers- Beth A. Collis & Robert
C. Collis

SOLARIS- Vizslas- Beth T. Kirven

TRAVELDA- Nova Scotia Duck Tolling
Retrievers- William Burland & Lisa Burland



**AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB, INC.
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AKC OFFICES AT 101 PARK AVENUE,
NEW YORK, NY
MAY 9-10, 2022**

The Board convened on Monday, May 9, 2022, at 8:30 a.m. Eastern Time.

All Directors were present in the New York office, except for Ms. McAteer and Mr. Powers who participated via videoconference. The Executive Secretary was also present.

The April 11-12, 2022 Board Meeting minutes, copies provided to all Directors, were reviewed.

Upon a motion by Mr. Sweetwood, seconded by Ms. Biddle, the April 2022 Board Meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Sprung reviewed the status of the action items emanating from the past Board meetings.

Mr. Sprung reported that Events are up over the first quarter of last year by 1,500 to 4,656.

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Entries are up 261,000 (+53%) and on track to once again break 3 million annually this year but are below 2019 record numbers which reached 3,200,000 entries.

Mr. Sprung reported that Jane Myers rejoined the Executive Field Representative Staff and that no shows will lose coverage.

Registration finished Q1 with very strong numbers, April had a few points decline. We see a slowing down compared to 2021. Foreign Registration is up 10% over last year. Most inquiries are handled in under one week. Also, two new Inspectors started at the beginning of May.

Mark Dunn and Mr. Sprung continue regular meetings with The Kennel Club (TKC) to discuss registration items. Jamie Fritz, our Archivist, was introduced to Ciara Farrell of TKC for an exchange of ideas, and also Sheila Goffe, VP GR, is speaking with her counterpart Dr. Ed Hayes.

Mr. Dunn and Mr. Sprung also met in Raleigh with the Canadian Kennel Club's Jeff Cornett, Executive Director, plus 3 other executives (Andrew McCallister, E-business Director, Sherry Weiss, Director of Operations, and Jackie Boychuck, Product Manager). The meeting covered several areas and there were several sessions including IT, Registration, Sports & Events and Customer Service.

One initiative brought forward to the CKC by Mr. Sprung is the possibility to have a check-off box for foreign registration so that a dog in Canada may be registered with both the CKC and AKC using the same form. If successful, Mr. Dunn will look at expanding to other countries,

NFT:

The NFT project has been placed on the back burner due to a number of complex obstacles, not the least of which is applicable NYS laws governing this type of business.

Legal Update

The Board reviewed the Legal Department update as of April 2022.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was an EXECUTIVE SESSION to discuss sensitive business matters.

FINANCE

Ted Phillips, Chief Financial Officer, presented interim financial statements (unaudited) as of March 31, 2022.

Unaudited Financial Results for the three months ended March 31, 2022
Net Operating Income is \$8 million due to higher revenue along with lower controllable expenses.

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REVENUES:

Total Revenues of \$26.9 million exceed budget by 15%, led by online registrations. Registration Fees total \$11.9 million exceeding budget by 18%.

Recording & Event Service fees, Title Recognition and Event Applications fees total \$3.4 million, exceeding budget by 15%.

Product & Service Sales total \$3.3 million are lower than budget by 17%.

Advertising, Sponsorship and Royalties total \$4.3 million exceeding budget by 1%.

EXPENSES:

Controllable Expenses total \$16.3 million are lower than budget by \$1.8 million or 10%.

Non-Controllable expenses were lower than budget by \$254k or 9%.

Non-Financial Statistics as of March 31, 2022 Registrations

YTD Litter Reg. 20% ahead of budget, 3% ahead of prior YTD.

YTD Dog Reg. 18% ahead of budget, 8% lower than prior YTD.

Events and Entries

Events & Entries were up by 50% & 35% respectively vs. prior YTD.

Board Committee Charters

Best Practices of Not-for-Profit Organizations recommend charters for board committees.

Committee charters are founding documents that help the board meet its legal and regulatory commitments. Also, a charter provides basic guidelines to a Committee member.

The Board reviewed recommended charters for the Compensation Committee and the Audit Committee. The Board also reviewed a recommended AKC Philanthropy or 'Giving' Policy.

Following a motion by Mr. Carota, seconded by Mr. Sweetwood, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to approve the recommended Board Committee Charter for the Compensation Committee.

Following a motion by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Mr. Sweetwood, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to approve the recommended Board Audit Committee Charter.

Following a motion by Mr. Smyth, seconded by Ms. Biddle, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to approve the recommended AKC Philanthropy or 'Giving' Policy to define the policy and guidelines for donations and grants made to AKC affiliates and other charitable organizations.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Brandi Hunter Munden, Vice President of Communication and Public Relations

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

AKC Bylaw Amendment – Term Limits

The Board reviewed a recommendation from the Delegate Bylaws Committee to eliminate term limits from the Bylaws by deleting, Paragraph 3 of Article VII, Section 1.

“No person shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms on the Board. A Board member who has served more than half a term on the board has served a full term. This section does not preclude re-election of any Delegate to the Board of Directors after a one-year (or greater) hiatus from Directorship.”

Following a motion by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Mr. Knight, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to approve the recommended Bylaw Amendment to eliminate Term Limits.

The amendment will be read at the June 2022 Delegate Meeting for a VOTE at the September Delegate Meeting.

Proposed AKC Bylaw Amendment to Article IV, Section 1

The Board reviewed a recommendation from

the Delegate Bylaws Committee to approve the addition of “Multi-Breed Clubs” to Article IV, Section 1 of the AKC Bylaws.

Following a motion by Mr. Tatro, seconded by Ms. Biddle, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to approve the recommended amendment to add “Multi-Breed Clubs” back into the list of clubs described in Article IV, Section 1.

The amendment will be read at the June 2022 Delegate Meeting for a VOTE at the September Delegate Meeting.

Proposed Bylaw Amendment to Article VI, New Section 2

The Board reviewed a recommendation from the Delegate Bylaws Committee to approve the wording of a new Section 2 in Article VI of AKC's Bylaws to prohibit Proxy voting expressly.

“Article VI, Section 2 - The use of proxy voting in any election or vote by the Delegates is prohibited.”

Following a motion by Ms. Biddle, seconded by Mr. Tatro, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to approve the proposed wording for a new section 2 of Article VI.

The amendment will be read at the June 2022 Delegate Meeting for a VOTE at the September

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ber Delegate Meeting.

Proposed Bylaw Amendment to Article XVIII – Section 1

The Board reviewed a recommendation from the Delegate Bylaws Committee to amend Article XVIII, Section 1 of the Bylaws, to remove the two-year notice requirement for the December or January Delegate Meeting.

ARTICLE XVIII

SECTION 1. The annual meeting of the AKC shall be the regular meeting held in March. There shall also be regular meetings of the AKC in June and September. There shall be one regular meeting held in December or January. The exact date, time, and location of all meetings shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

Following a motion by Ms. Biddle, seconded by Mr. Tatro, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to approve the proposed revisions to Article XVIII, Section 1.

The amendment will be read at the June 2022 Delegate Meeting for a VOTE at the September Delegate Meeting.

Proposed Bylaw Amendment to Article XX, Section 6

The Board reviewed a recommendation from the Delegate Bylaws Committee to update the wording of Article XX, Section 6 so that it is

current and will always remain accurate should additional Articles be added in the future.

The Bylaw currently reads:

ARTICLE XX

SECTION 6. Unless otherwise specified in this Article XVIII, all proposed amendments, demands, recommendations and other writings hereunder shall be filed with the Executive Secretary.

Suggested wording is:

ARTICLE XX

SECTION 6. Unless otherwise specified in this Article, all proposed amendments, demands, recommendations and other writings hereunder shall be filed with the Executive Secretary.

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

Following a motion by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Mr. Tatro, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to approve the recommended changes to Article XX, Section 6.

The amendment will be read at the June 2022 Delegate Meeting for a VOTE at the September Delegate Meeting.

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German Shorthaired Pointer Proposed Breed Standard Revision

The Board reviewed the proposed Breed Standard changes submitted by the German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America, Inc. (GSPCA). The proposed revision is to the Color and related sections of the breed standard, eliminating the disqualification for black. The proposed revision was submitted by petition to the Board of the GSPCA. The standard was last revised and approved by the AKC Board on August 11, 1992.

Following a motion by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Mrs. Wallin, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to permit the GSPCA to ballot its members on the proposed standard revision in accordance with the Club's Constitution and Bylaws.

Re-Appointment of AKC PAC Board Members

In April 2022, the two-year terms of three members of the AKC PAC Board expire.

AKC Board approval is required for all AKC PAC Board appointments.

Following a motion by Dr. Battaglia, seconded by Ms. Biddle, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to reappoint Mr. Chris Sweetwood and Ms. Wendy Jordan for new two-year terms. A third AKC PAC Board appointment will be presented for approval later.

Foundation Stock Service Guidelines Revision

The Board reviewed Staff recommended revisions

to the AKC Foundation Stock Service (FSS). Guidelines for recognition of a new breed to include:

- 1) a breed must be recognized by a foreign registry for a minimum of 40 years, with dogs having three-generation pedigrees. If the breed developed within the United States, there must be a minimum documented history of 40 years of registry with dogs having three-generation pedigrees.
- 2) The AKC Parent Club(s) shall approve the breed's acceptance if the breed is in some way associated with a currently recognized AKC Breed.
- 3) The breed's name may not include the name of a currently recognized AKC Breed if the breed has been under development since 2000.

This will be discussed further at the July Board meeting.

New Parent Club Role – Breeder Education Coordinator

The Parent Club Delegate Breeder Subcommittee and Staff recommended the creation of a new Breeder Education role for Parent Clubs. Parent Clubs will submit the contact information for the person in the club identified in this role. This will allow AKC to more readily access and communicate with those who serve in this role.

AKC Public Relations Crisis Plan Outline

Based on a request from the Board, Staff pro-

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vided an example of an already prepared crisis communication action plan that would be used if a crisis communications situation developed and there was a media attack on purebred dogs or the AKC.

AKC Communications Q1 2022

Brandi Hunter Munden presented the first-quarter communications report highlighting the achievements of the Communications department on behalf of the AKC.

TOTALS:

Clips Evaluated in Q1: 8,919 (-0.2% from 8,937 in 2021)

Q1 Estimated Audience Reached: 11,573,861,989 (+10% from 10,481,192,432 in 2021)

Publicity Value for Q1: \$15,999,247.51 (+69% from \$9,444,035.22 in 2021)

Media Coverage Highlights Resulting from Proactive Pitches:

Date	Media Outlet	Subject
1/3	Good Morning America	AKC National Championship winner
1/4	NPR	Two new breeds
2/22	The New York Times	Fad diets for dogs
3/13	Newsweek.com	How to introduce a puppy to your older dog
3/15	NBC News	Most Popular Breeds
3/21	CNN	Most Popular Breeds

Other highlights include:

Announced two new breeds with an online exclusive with the *Associated Press*, resulting in coverage on *NPR*, *CNN*, and *USA Today*, among others.

- Estimated reach for each outlet:
 - Associated Press: 6,257,000
 - NPR: 84,700,000
 - CNN: 35,900,000
 - USA Today: 20,613,846

Planned and executed the PR campaign for the Most Popular Dogs announcement, which included a broadcast exclusive on *Good Morning America*, an online exclusive with the *Associated Press*, and a special episode of AKC.tv's *Dog Center* in the AKC Museum of the Dog.

- Estimated reach for each outlet:
 - *Good Morning America*: 726,009
 - *Associated Press*: 6,257,000

Weekly "AKC Tips" articles written for McClatchy-Tribune reached 600 newspapers, including the Chattanooga Times Free Press, Dayton Daily News, Duluth News-Tribune, Fresno Bee, Idaho Statesman, Kingsport Times-News and Rochester Democrat and Chronicle, among others.

AKC Education Department Q1 2022 Review

Ashley Jacot presented an update of department activities and accomplishments for Q1 of 2022.

Online Education

LMS Migration - Completed all revisions, publishing, and uploading of 400+ courses, exams, and webinars to Matrix.

Breed and Breeder Courses

58 breeds are now available at Canine College. Two courses were launched in Q1, five courses are complete and in various stages of review, and two courses are under development.

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Special Projects

- AKC FIT DOG: Level 3 – Under development, launch May 2022
- Judge's Recertification Exams – Under development, launch May 2022
- Obedience Education - Canine College is developing a series of 6 courses for Judge's Education for the sport of Obedience.
 - o Course 1: Obedience Judges Getting Started – Development completed
 - o Course 2: General Regulations – Development completed
 - o Course 3: Judging Standards and Procedures – In development
 - o Course 4: Judging Novice Classes – Ready for development
 - o Course 5: Judging Open Classes – Storyboard complete, acquiring course assets
 - o Course 6: Judging Utility Classes – Storyboard complete, acquiring course assets
- Dog Pass Service Program - In coordination with Government Relations, Canine College is working to develop a series of multimedia and eLearning components for a nationwide initiative to certify evaluators and teams.
- Patriotic Puppy Program – Confident Puppy eLearning Program

In February 2022, Government Relations and Canine College launched the new Confident Puppy eLearning Program.

Public Education

AKC Public Education now offers many re-

sources in Spanish. The goal is to provide AKC Education resources to a broader audience while seeking opportunities to serve the changing demographics of the U.S. Translated resources include numerous K-12 lessons, Safety around Dogs resources, and the AKC Patch Program.

To reach more educators, AKC Public Education now offers content on Teachers Pay Teachers. Teachers Pay Teachers is a marketplace platform that allows teachers to access and create content to share amongst the education community. Since its launch on Teachers Pay Teachers, the AKC Public Education page has a 4 out of 5-star rating.

AKC Education Webinar Series

In Q1 of 2022, AKC Education hosted nine webinars for 1,164 participants, bringing the total number of participants to 55,356 since the Series began in 2018.

These webinars include:

- “AKC DDTF Webinar Series: 6-9 Month Puppies, Getting Started Right for Detection Work” in collaboration with Government Relations
- “Judges Education Webinar: Portuguese Podengo.”
- “Review and FAQs on Conformation Judging Procedures, Policies, and Guidelines.”
- “CBEST Webinar Series: Dr. Karen Von-Dollen-Antibiotic Use in Breeding Animals.”

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- “CBEST Webinar Series: Dr. Jamie Douglas-Study Dog Infertility.”
- “CBEST Webinar Series: Dr. Katie Withowski-Herpes Virus.”
- “CBEST Webinar Series: Dr. Alexandria Horner-Neonatal Resuscitation”
- “AKC DDTF Webinar Series: Introduction to the Confident Puppy e-Learning Course.”

Government Relations Q1 2022 Update

Sheila Goffe presented an update of department activities and accomplishments for Q1 of 2022.

The AKC GR team is currently monitoring more than 2,100 legislative bills that could impact responsible dog ownership, the health and wellbeing of dogs, the rights of dog owners, and/or the interests of the sport and the American Kennel Club.

To date, GR has published 117 legislative alerts online and via geo-targeted emails to impacted constituents and social media. This number is consistent with 2021 but represents a 100% increase in advocacy of this type over the last three years.

AKC GR is also monitoring approximately 550 actively pending proposed regulations (administrative or implementing changes) at the state and federal level.

GR prepared and published some 100 geo-targeted legislative alerts and provided direct ad-

vocacy to lawmakers or written and/or oral testimony for more than 80 measures. This volume of advocacy is consistent with 2021 (110 alerts in Q1 2021) but represents a 100% increase over the last three years.

New Legislative Advocacy and Educational Resources

New communications tools and new policy resources are continuously developed to engage the public, dog enthusiasts, and lawmakers more effectively. These materials are available in the AKC Legislative Action Center, www.akcgr.org.

New resources developed and launched in the first quarter include:

- One-page flyer for constituents, lawmakers, and the public: The Truth About Ear Cropping, Tail Docking, Dewclaw Removal and Debarking
- Two-page flyer and illustration: Understanding USDA Dog Breeder Licensing Requirements
- One-pager: Breed Discrimination by Insurers Leads to Unsound, Inefficient, and Unfair Practices
- One-Pager Issue Brief: Bond for Care (Due Process issues)
- Policy Explainer Video (brief) on Due Process/ Cost of Care: Protecting Due Process Rights for Dog Owners

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Confident Puppy E-learning Course

After more than a year of work, the team launched the new Confident Puppy E-learning course, which leverages broad expertise from the AKC Detection Dog Task Force and the Patriotic Puppy Program to help dog owners and enthusiasts raise resilient, well-socialized, and confident dogs. The course provides a collection of educational resources for individual breeders, trainers, and puppy raisers. The online course resides on the AKC Canine College Platform and comprises seven sessions and was developed with AKC Public Education/Canine College staff. For all dog owners to learn how to produce confident puppies capable of a future as a working dog, exceptional performance dog, or great pet.

Blogs

AKC GR published 23 blogs covering policy issues and resources for advocates and the public. Blogs are published on the AKC GR blog site at www.akcgr.org.

MARKETING

Kirsten Bahlke, VP of Marketing, and Melissa Olund, Director of Digital Content, participated in this portion of the meeting,

2022 Q1 Digital Report

AKC.org

All measures of Q1 2022 traffic for AKC.org are well above pre-pandemic levels of Q1 2019

and 2020 indicating that AKC retains a portion of the gains realized during the pandemic. SEO optimization efforts continue to address recent Google Search algorithm changes which are critical to keeping the momentum going for AKC.org

AKC Shop

AKC Shop launched a new product on January 1st of this year called "Birthday Box".

Final sales from the Peace for Ukraine collection amounted to \$127K in retail sales and a \$32K donation to Casa lui Patrocle to benefit the well-being of Ukrainian dogs.

Social Media

AKC obtained a 2.2% total follower increase vs. Q1 2021

Q12022 TOTAL FOLLOWERS BY PLATFORM:

Facebook: 4,006,722 followers

Instagram: 368,309 followers

Twitter: 99,352 followers

TikTok: 192,229 followers

Pinterest: 62,227 followers

Total*: 4,692,735 followers

COMPANION and PERFORMANCE

Doug Ljungren, Executive Vice President, Sports & Events; Caroline Murphy, Director, Performance Events; Mary Burch, Director Family Dog Programs, Carrie DeYoung, Direc-

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tor Agility; and Diane Schultz, Director Obedience, Rally, and Tracking participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

Match Regulations – Fun Matches

The Board reviewed a Staff recommendation to modify the Match Regulations to allow clubs to hold fun matches open to the public to introduce new dog owners to their club and AKC sports. Currently, the Regulations state that once a club becomes sanctioned, the club may not hold a fun match open to the public.

This will be discussed further at the July Board meeting.

Pack Hike Titles – Greater Swiss Mountain Dog

The Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club of America (GSMDCA) requests that the AKC recognize their Pack Hike titles under the Performance Events Parent Club Title Recognition Program. There are three titles in the parent club program – Working Pack Dog Novice (WPDN), Working Pack Dog (WPD), and Working Pack Dog Excellent (WPDX).

The Parent Club has taken the initiative to develop a program to help encourage Swissy owners to work with their dogs to pursue endurance and prove their dog's ability to carry weight for long distances across various types of terrain while in a pack with other dogs and owners.

This will be discussed further at the July Board meeting.

AKC FIT DOG Titles

The Board reviewed a recommendation to expand the AKC FIT DOG Program by offering three levels of titles - Bronze, Silver, and Gold. AKC's FIT DOG Program has been of interest to many dog owners that have not participated in AKC activities, and staff believes a FIT DOG titling program will engage a new segment of dog owners. The program is extremely positive and demonstrates AKC's interest in promoting healthy, happy dogs, and the health benefits dogs bring to their owners.

This will be discussed further at the July Board meeting.

Rally A Class Eligibility

The Board reviewed a recommendation to modify the Rally Regulations to allow exhibitors who have earned the Obedience Beginner Novice (BN) title to be eligible to enter the Rally "A" classes. Currently, the Rally Regulations state that for a dog to be eligible to enter the Rally Novice A, Rally Advanced A, and/or Rally Excellent A class(es), it may not have won any AKC Obedience title (which includes the Beginner Novice (BN) title) before the close of entries.

Staff believes exhibitors should be eligible to enter the Rally "A" classes without the Obedi-

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ence Beginner Novice (BN) title affecting the dog's eligibility to better serve our newer and varied participants in each sport.

This recommendation was presented to the Companion Events Delegate Committee at their March 2022 meeting and was unanimously supported.

This will be discussed further at the July Board meeting.

Prizes for Club Members or Breed Owners

Currently, an Obedience and Rally Regulation states - "Prizes offered only to members of certain clubs or organizations will not be approved for publication in premium lists." Some clubs offer prizes; they simply don't state it in the premium list. Staff is recommending this be modified as follows:

Obedience Regulations, Chapter 1 Section 21. Ribbons and Prizes, and Rally Regulations, Chapter 1 Section 30. Ribbons and Prizes.

Prizes offered only to members of certain clubs or owners of specific breeds may appear in premium lists.

Allowing clubs to publish prizes in the premium list offered to club members or breed owners only will enable clubs to encourage and recognize these exhibitors. It may encourage exhibitors to join local, regional, and na-

tional clubs.

This will be discussed further at the July Board meeting.

Virtual Scent Work Test – Make Permanent

The Board reviewed a recommendation for the Virtual Scent Work Test pilot program to be made permanently available. The AKC Virtual Scent Work Test (VSWT) aims to offer both dogs and owners a way to engage in an activity that utilizes a dog's natural ability to detect search items through self-reward and from the convenience of a home environment. This test serves as an introduction and preparatory stage for a dog/handler team wishing to start detection work.

VSWT has proven to be a successful addition to the Scent Work program. It has provided exactly what it was designed for, serving as an introduction to Scent Work and allowing owners to take part in a fun activity they can do from home. In looking at the participation level of this program, 120 unique breeds plus Canine Partners have earned VSWT titles. The program has experienced participation from all 50 states plus Canada, the U.K, and Australia. Of the dogs that have earned a VSWT title, 10% were from dogs that have not previously earned an AKC sports title (excluding a CGC title).

This will be discussed further at the July Board

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meeting.

Clarification on Run-Offs for Best of Breed in Lure Coursing

The Board reviewed a recommendation to provide further clarification in the Regulations for Lure Coursing Test and Trials to specify when there are multiple stake winners, they must all advance and be randomly drawn into the Best of Breed run rather than be run off against each other first to determine which one dog would be the overall stake winner and advance to the Best of Breed run. This clarification will prevent misinterpretation leading to dogs having the undue burden of running an additional time.

This will be discussed further at the July Board meeting.

Fast CAT® and CAT – AKC's Approval to Hold an Event Cannot Be Transferred

The Board reviewed a recommendation to add a Fast CAT® and CAT Regulation that states AKC's approval to hold an event cannot be transferred. It is the club's responsibility to manage the event in accordance with AKC Regulations and Policies. The purpose of this addition is to remind clubs licensed for Fast CAT® and CAT that, while they can hire a service provider to assist the club, it is the club's responsibility to manage the event in accordance with AKC Regulations and Policies.

This will be discussed further at the July Board meeting.

CONFORMATION

Doug Ljungren, Executive Vice President, Sports & Events; and Mari-Beth O'Neill, Vice President, Sports Services; participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

Juniors Competing with Canine Partners

Staff provided an update to the AKC Board on the number of Juniors participating in Junior Showmanship with Canine Partners.

The number of entries in Junior Showmanship with a Canine Partner through March 31, 2022, is six.

Data on Clubs Allowing Canine Partners:

Quarter	Number AB offering JS	Opt In	Opt Out	Percentage Opt In
Q1	221	118	103	53%
Q2	443	295	148	67%
Total	664	413	251	62%

Junior Scholarships Update

Staff provided the Board with an update on AKC Scholarships awarded to Juniors competing in AKC events. The scholarships cover Conformation, Companion, and Performance events.

- Ten Junior Showmanship participants were awarded scholarships totaling \$22,000.

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- Five Performance Events junior percipients were awarded scholarships totaling \$10,000.
- Seven Companion Events junior percipients were awarded scholarships totaling \$10,000.

JUDGES

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

Executive Session

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

Mandatory Ramp Examination – Kerry Blue Terrier

The United States Kerry Blue Terrier Club requested that the Board of Directors mandate the use of a ramp for all examinations of the breed, including during group and Best in Show judging. Currently, Kerry Blue Terriers may be judged either on the ground or the ramp at the judge's discretion.

The AKC Board of Directors reviewed the USKBTC's request at its January 2022 meeting and asked that the USKBTC poll its membership on this question and provide the results to AKC. The original survey results indicate that the entire membership was not balloted on the question. After returning the matter to the USKBTC to re-ballot its

members, the Board reviewed the most recent responses to the request at its May meeting.

There was a motion by Dr. Battaglia, seconded by Mr. Hamblin, to approve the USKBTC's request to make the ramp mandatory for all examinations of the breed, including during Group and Best in Show judging. The motion did not pass. (VOTING in favor: Battaglia, Hamblin, Davies, and Powers. Against Biddle, Garvin, Knight, McAteer, Smyth, Sweetwood, Wallin. Abstained: Carota, Tatro)

Judges Misconduct Policy

Based on a Board request, the Staff presented recommended changes to the Judges Misconduct Policy and the procedures for handling complaints.

There was an EXECUTIVE SESSION to discuss this matter. It was reported out of this session that the Board approved the recommended changes to the Internal Procedures for the Handling of Complaints Concerning Judges' Alleged Misconduct and the edits to the Judges Disciplinary Guidelines. It was also reported that the Board subsequently voted to publish the Judges Disciplinary Guidelines.

Arizona Dog Judges Education, Inc

The Board reviewed a request from the Arizona Dog Judges Education, Inc. to be as-

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signed Advanced Institute designation.

This will be discussed further at the July Board meeting.

CLUBS

Glenn Lycan, Director of Event Operations Support, and Lisa Cecin, Director of Club Relations, participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

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, information on Member Club Bylaws approved, and clubs newly licensed.

REPORT ON MEMBER CLUB BYLAWS APPROVED IN MARCH AND APRIL

American Lhasa Apso Club (1974)
Austin Kennel Club, Austin, TX (1947)
Chattanooga Kennel Club, Chattanooga, TN (1953)
Doberman Pinscher Club of America (1921)

REPORT ON NEWLY LICENSED CLUBS APPROVED IN MARCH AND APRIL

Delaware Valley Hound Association, Pottstown, PA (including communities north to Kutztown, south to Philadelphia, west to Leola, east to Route 611), 33 total households, 21 local.

Greater Twin Cities French Bulldog Club, Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN (including communities north to Princeton and south to Farmington, MN), 22 total households, 17 local.

Northwest New Jersey Agility Club, Bernardsville, NJ (including communities north to Interstate 78, south to Interstate 80/280), 32 total households, 14 local.

Red River Standard Schnauzer Club of Texas, Killeen, TX (including communities in the triangle of Dallas/Fort Worth, southwest to San Antonio and southeast to Houston), 34 total households, 17 local.

St. Francis County Arkansas Beagle Club, Forrest City, AR (St. Francis County, AR), 20 total households, 15 local.

Saluki Association of New England, Worcester, MA (including communities west to Northampton; east to Boston; southeast to Fall River; west to New Hartford, CT, including Rhode Island), 27 total households, 14 local.

Tired Creek Retriever Club of Southern Georgia, Cairo, GA (including communities north to Pelham, west to Climax, east to Route 19), 35 total households, 19 local.

Turquoise Trail Borzoi Club, Albuquerque, NM (including communities north to Santa

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Fe, east to Las Vegas, NM southwest to Socorro), 21 total households, 17 local.

Wolverine Scent Work Club of Southeastern Michigan, Farmington Hills, MI (including communities north to Waterford, south to Monroe, west to Novi), 23 total households, 20 local.

COMPLIANCE

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

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

CONSENT

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

Delegates Approved

Cathy J. Burleson, Jackson, TN
To represent Jackson Tennessee Dog Fanciers Association

Dennis McCoy, Apex, NC
To represent Poodle Club of America

Janice L. MacWhade, Medina, OH
To represent Medina Kennel Club

Deb Phillips, Sun City, AZ
To represent Arrowhead Kennel Club

Giselle Simonds, Petluma, CA
To represent Miniature Bull Terrier Club of America

Elizabeth S. Trail, West Glover, VT
To represent Green Mountain Dog Club

Mary Wilder, Winchester, VA
To represent Middleburg Kennel Club

FSS Open Show Regulations – Entry Restrictions

The Board VOTED to approve a recommendation to modify the FSS Open Show Regulations to specify assistants to professional handlers and agents are subject to the same entry restrictions as the professional handler/agent themselves.

Section 4, FSS Open Show Entry Restrictions—effective June 29, 2022.

- Dogs less than 4 months of age are ineligible to be on the grounds of licensed or member shows during AKC events.
- Dogs are required to be vaccinated in accordance with their veterinarian's protocol (including rabies vaccination) to avoid inadvertent transmission of illness by/to puppies not yet fully immunized.
- Professional handlers or agents, members of their household, and their current assistants are only permitted to exhibit in FSS Open Shows if they are listed as an owner of record of the dog being exhibited. Professional handlers are defined as any person who belongs,

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or has belonged to an experienced handlers' organization, distributed rate cards, or otherwise advertised or represented themselves as handling dogs for pay.

The remainder of the section is unchanged.

Pointing Breed Field Trials – Rooding Behind the Gallery

The Board VOTED to approve a recommendation to allow the rooding of dogs behind the gallery at any Pointing Breed Field Trials at the host club's discretion. If a club does not want to allow rooding at their trial, they can state this in the premium.

Previously, rooding a dog behind the gallery was allowed at trials, or a series of trials, lasting more than three days.

Standard Procedures for Pointing Breed Field Trials

Procedure 6-Q Rooding Behind the Gallery.

Rooding behind the gallery is intended solely for the purpose of exercising a dog. Safety and not interfering with the event are of primary importance. At a trial, rooding a dog behind the gallery will be allowed at the host club's discretion under the following conditions: If the host club does not want to allow rooding at a trial, it shall state this in the premium.

All additional conditions remain unchanged.

Pointing Breed Field Trials – Grand Field Champion #

The Board VOTED to approve a recommendation to expand the Grand Field Champion program for Pointing Breeds by allowing dogs to be awarded a Grand Field Champion title followed by a number indicating the number of times a dog has met the GFC criteria. This will recognize dogs that continue to excel in Grand stakes. These titles will be grandfathered back to the start of the Grand stakes program. This is effective September 1, 2022.

FIELD TRIAL RULES AND STANDARD PROCEDURE FOR POINTING BREEDS

Chapter 14. Section 7.

Grand Field Championship

A dog that has previously been awarded its Field Championship title will be recorded a Grand Field Champion (GFC) if it subsequently earns 6 points or more according to the FC point schedule in Grand Open Limited All-Age or Grand Open Limited Gun Dog stakes, provided the points include at least one first-place win of 3 points or more. A dog may be awarded a GFC title followed by a number (GFC#) for each additional 6 Grand points and additional 3+ point wins it earns in Grand Open Limited stakes. For example, a dog that has earned 12 Grand Open Limited points and two 3-point wins in Grand Open Limited stakes shall be awarded the GFC2 title.

Dogs that are not Field Champions that earn points

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in Grand Open stakes will have the points credited toward their Field Championship title. Points earned by a dog in a Grand stake will not be split between FC and GFC titles.

The GFC title will supersede the FC title on a dog's pedigree. A higher-numbered GFC title shall supersede a lowered numbered GFC title on a dog's pedigree.

Pointing Breed Field Trials – Derby Placements That Qualify a Dog for Limited Stakes

The Board VOTED unanimously to approve an amendment to *Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedure for Pointing Breeds*, Chapter 14, Section 2 (new Section 2A) to refine how Derby stake placements qualify a dog to enter a Limited stake. Previously, only first-place qualifies a dog to enter a Limited stake, regardless of the number of starters in the Derby stake. The recommendation is to allow additional placements, depending on the size of the Derby stake, to qualify the dog for a Limited stake.

The amendment will be read at the June 2022 Delegate Meeting for a VOTE at the September Delegate Meeting. If approved by the Delegates, the change will become effective September 30, 2022.

Pointing Breed Field Trials – Regional Field Championship Titles and Events

All the members of the Board VOTED in support of a Staff recommendation to amend Field

Trial Rules and Standard Procedure for Pointing Breeds, Chapter 14, Section 7 (new paragraphs) for the AKC to expand its Pointing Breed Field Trial program by offering one hour or longer Regional Championship events. This will encourage continued participation in the sport by providing a higher level of competition. Regional Championship events must be run as a Grand Limited stake and must have a minimum of 13 starters. Parent Clubs will be granted the right to hold Regional Championship events, with the number indexed off the breed's activity level. Regional Championships may be open to the breed of the host club or open to all breeds.

National Lure Coursing Championship Running Rules

The Board VOTED unanimously to approve a recommendation to clarify the National Lure Coursing Championship (NLCC) Running Rules by stating that in each of the two qualifying trials leading up to the finals, multiple entries from the same owner shall be divided as evenly as possible between stakes when there is more than one stake. This is consistent with how local trials are drawn. This will, in some cases, encourage owners to enter additional dogs.

This will apply to the 2022 National Lure Coursing Championship (NLCC).

Scent Work Numeric Elite Titles

All the members of the Board VOTED in sup-

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port of a recommendation to offer numeric Elite level titles in both the Odor Search and Handler Discrimination Divisions of Scent Work which would be applied after a dog earns an additional ten qualifying scores past their initial Elite level title. The purpose is to provide additional challenges to keep our most advanced participants engaged with AKC Scent Work.

Regulations for AKC Scent Work

Section 6. Odor Search Division Elite Level Titles.

(new paragraph)

Numeric Elite level titles will be granted when an additional ten qualifying scores are earned in each of the elements of the same difficulty level past the standard Elite level title. For example, once a SWNE title is earned, another ten qualifying scores earned in each of the four elements (forty qualifying scores total) at the Novice level, must be earned in order to receive a SWNE2 title.

Numeric Elite level titles may be earned repeatedly. Numeric Elite level titles will have a number appear after the standard Elite title and will supersede the standard Elite level title in a given difficulty level. For example, a SWNE2 will supersede a SWNE.

Section 8. Handler Discrimination Division Elite Titles.

(new paragraph)

Numeric Elite level titles will be granted when an additional ten qualifying scores are earned in the Handler Discrimination Division class of the same difficulty level past the standard Elite level title of

the same difficulty level. For example, once a SHDNE title is earned, another ten qualifying scores must be earned at the Novice level to receive a SHDNE2 title.

Numeric Elite level titles may be earned repeatedly. Numeric Elite level titles will have a number appear after the standard Elite title and will supersede the standard Elite level title in a given difficulty level. For example,

Agility Grand Champion Numeric Title

The Board VOTED unanimously to approve a recommendation to offer additional numeric levels to the Agility Grand Champion title (AGCH). The purpose is to provide recognition for those teams that continue to excel at the top levels of the AKC Agility program. To earn the next numeric 2, 3, 4..., the dog will need to meet the same criteria for the original AGCH title. Numeric titles will be grandfathered.

This change to the Agility Regulation will be effective on November 1, 2022.

Regulations for Agility Trials and Agility Course Test (ACT)

Chapter 2

Section 3. Recognizable Achievement.

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Agility Grand Champion (AGCH) Title. The Agility Grand Champion (AGCH) recognizes dogs that show consistency and versatility across all classes of the AKC agility program. To earn the AGCH title, the following number of qualifying scores must be earned at the highest level in each of these classes: Standard & Jumper with Weaves – 100; Fast and Time 2 Beat – 75; Premier Standard and Premier; JWW – 50. These qualifying scores may be earned from either the Regular or Preferred classes or a combination of both of these classes.

The AGCH title initials will be followed by a numeric designation indicating the quantity of times the dog has met the requirements of the AGCH after the initial recognition, e.g., AGCH2. The numeric titles will supersede the AGCH and any subsequent AGCH numeric titles earned prior.

Entry Limitation for Two AB Shows in One Day Policy

At the May 2020 Board meeting, the Board approved increasing the entry limit for two shows in one day from 500 to 600. The approval included a sunset clause through July 2022. The Board Voted to make the change permanent. The other provisions of this policy will remain unchanged.

Isolated Small Clubs – Allow Four Shows in Two or Three Days

At the May 2020 Board meeting, the Board ap-

proved allowing clubs that qualify for three shows, and also qualify for two shows in one day, the option of holding four shows over a maximum of 3 days. The approval included a sunset clause through July 2022. The Board Voted to make the change permanent.

Akita Proposed Breed Standard Revision

All the members of the Board VOTED in support of a proposed revision to the Akita standard as balloted by the membership of the ACA with an effective date of August 8, 2022.

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A shallow furrow extends well up forehead. Nose – Broad and black. Black noses on white Akitas preferred, but a lighter colored nose with or without shading of black or gray tone is acceptable. Disqualification – partial or total lack of pigmentation on the nose surface. Any nose color other than black, except on white

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Akitas. Ears – The ears of the Akita are characteristic of the breed. They are strongly erect and small in relation to rest of head. If ear is folded forward for measuring length, tip will touch upper eye rim. Ears are triangular, slightly rounded at tip, wide at base, set wide on head but not too low, and carried slightly forward over eyes in line with back of neck. Disqualification – Drop or broken ears. Eyes – Dark brown, small, deepset and triangular in shape. Eye rims black and tight. Lips and Tongue – Lips black and not pendulous; tongue pink. Teeth – Strong with scissors bite preferred, but level bite acceptable. Disqualification undershot or overshot.

Color and Marking Patterns: Any color including white; brindle; or pinto. Exceptions: Merle marking pattern. Liver color. Colors are rich, brilliant and clear and markings are well balanced, with or without mask or blaze. White Akitas have no mask. Pinto has a white background with large, evenly placed patches covering head and more than one-third of body. Undercoat may be a different color from outer coat. Disqualification – Merle marking pattern. Liver color.

German Pinscher Proposed Breed Standard Revision

The Board VOTED unanimously to approve the proposed revision to the German Pinscher Standard with an effective date of August 8, 2022. One sentence from the breed

standard's general appearance portion was eliminated – “The German Pinscher is examined on the ground.”

Rottweiler Breed Standard Revision by Petition

The Board VOTED unanimously to approve the proposed revision to the Tail Section of the Rottweiler Standard that was submitted to the ARC Board by a petition of the membership. The revision is effective as of August 8, 2022.

Tail: The set of the tail is more important than its length. Properly set, it gives an impression of elongation of the topline; carried slightly above horizontal when the dog is excited or moving.

Docked, the tail is short, close to the body leaving one or two tail vertebrae. Undocked, the tail is carried straight or upward curved and may hang at rest. Faults: Tails with kinks, strong lateral deviation, or ringtails."

Sloughi Proposed Breed Standard Revision

The Board VOTED unanimously to approve the proposed revisions to the Sloughi Standard with an effective date of August 8, 2022. (See following pages)

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General Appearance: The Sloughi is a powerful and elegant, medium-large, short-haired, smooth-coated, athletic sighthound developed in North Africa (in the region including Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, and Libya) to hunt game such as hare, fox, jackal, gazelle, and wild pigs. It is an ancient breed, treasured in North Africa for its hunting skills, speed, agility, and endurance over long distances. It is a robust, but elegant and racy, pursuit dog with no exaggeration of length of body or limbs, muscle development, angulation, nor curve of loin. The Sloughi is not a fragile dog; it is a dog with class and grace. The attitude is noble and somewhat aloof, and the expression of the dark eyes is gentle and melancholy. The Sloughi's head has a sturdy character and is long and elegant with drop ears and a black nose. The body and legs show defined bony structure and strong, lean muscles and black or pigmented nails. The skeletal structure is sturdy. The topline is essentially horizontal blending into a bony, gently sloping croup. The tail is long and carried at or below the topline at its insertion with a small ring or an upward curve at the end.

Size, Proportion, Substance: A male Sloughi is very slightly taller, measured from the top of the withers to the ground, than it is long, measured from the point of the shoulder to the point of the buttocks. Ideally, a Sloughi's length from point of shoulder to point of buttock is 96% of its height. Height at the withers for males is normally 26 to 29 inches (66-74 cm). For females it is normally 24 to 27 inches (61-68 cm). Somewhat taller Sloughis are allowed.

Head: In profile, the **head** is long and refined with a deep and sturdy character. From above, it has the shape of a long wedge, tapering from the cranial area to the tip of the nose. **Expression** -The expression is gentle, slightly sad, and melancholy. **Eyes** - The eyes are large, dark, well set in their

sockets, and oval to almond-shaped. The eye color is shades of dark brown to dark amber. The eye rims are pigmented. **Ears** - The ears are of set slightly above the eye line, drooping, close to the head, medium in size, triangular and slightly rounded at the tips. **Disqualifications** are ears erect, raised with tips drooping, or rose ears that cannot drop close to the head. **Skull** - Viewed from above, the cranial area is rather broad, measuring approximately 4.75 - 5.5 inches (12 - 14 cm) between the ears, and is rounded at the back and curves harmoniously on the sides. In profile, the top part of the cranial area is flat, the brows are scarcely projecting, the frontal groove is hardly marked, and the occipital crest and protuberance are barely visible. **Stop** - The stop is barely pronounced. **Muzzle** - The muzzle has the shape of an elongated wedge and forms about half the total length of the head. The jaws are strong and regular. **Planes** - The profile is straight, with the lines of the muzzle and skull approximately parallel. **Nose** - The nose is black and strong, not pinched. Any nose color other than black is a disqualification. The planes of the nose and the muzzle are almost the same. The nose leather, not being supported by the skeletal structure, is slightly inclined down towards the tip. **Lips** - The lips are thin and supple, black or dark brown, and completely pigmented. **Flews** - The lips just cover the lower jaw. The corner of the mouth is very slightly visible. **Bite** - A scissor bite is preferable; a level bite is allowed. An overshot or undershot jaw is a disqualification. **Teeth** - Full Dentition; the teeth are healthy and strong.

Neck, Topline and Body: **Neck** - The neck is long and springs well up from the shoulders. It is slightly arched at the crest. Its length is similar to that of the head. It should be elegant and powerful. The skin is fine, tight, with no dewlap and the hair is very smooth. **Topline** - The topline of a Sloughi is level (horizontal) or essentially level between the withers and the hip bones; the hip bones may be slightly higher than the withers. The withers are apparent. **Body** - **Chest** - The chest is not too wide and almost, but not quite, reaches the level of the elbow. The ratio between depth of chest and height at withers should be ideally 4:10. **Ribs** - The ribs are flat, long, and slightly curved in the posterior third of the chest. **Underline** - The underline starts as a

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straight line at the sternum and rises up in a smooth curve to the belly. **Tuck-up** - The belly is well tucked up. **Back** - The back is short, almost level (horizontal) between the withers and the hip bones. **Loin** - The loin is short, lean, wide, and slightly arched. **Croup** - The croup is bony and oblique with apparent hip bones that project above the line of the back to the same height as, or slightly higher than, the withers. **Tail** - The tail is long enough to reach the point of the hocks, thin, set in line with the croup, and has a small ring or an upward curve at the tip. The tail is carried low (at or below the line of the back at its insertion), though when excited the end portion of the tail may rise above the topline.

Forequarters: **Angulation** - Well open. **Shoulders** - **Shoulder Blades** - The shoulder blades are long and oblique. The upper arm is strong. **Legs** - The forelegs are straight, bony, and muscular. The forelegs appear long. **Pasterns** - The pasterns are slightly sloping, supple, and strong. **Dewclaws** - Dewclaws are present, but may be removed. **Feet** - The feet are lean and have the shape of an elongated oval. In many lightly-built Sloughis, the foot is shaped like a hare-foot. **Toes** - The toes are pointed forward with the middle two toes distinctly longer than the others. **Nails** - The nails are black or pigmented. White or depigmented nails on toes with small white markings are faults. Sloughis with a majority of depigmented or white nails disqualify.

Hindquarters: **Angulation** - Open angulation, stifle and hock well open. **Legs** - When showing, the hind legs should be left in their natural, upright position so that the level (horizontal) line of the back remains apparent. **Upper Thigh** - The upper thigh is lean, flat, and muscular and, at rest, is nearly vertical. **Second Thigh** - The second thigh is long and well-muscled. **Hocks (Rear Pastern)** - Hocks are strong and well bent without closed angles. The rear pasterns are also strong. The tendons are well chiseled. **Dewclaws** - No rear dewclaws. **Feet** - The feet are lean and have the shape of an elongated oval. **Toes** - The toes are pointed forward with the middle two toes distinctly longer than the others. **Nails** - The nails are black or pigmented. .

Coat: The coat of the Sloughi is always smooth. The hair is short, tight, and fine all over the body. The Sloughi is presented in natural

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condition. Disqualifications are feathering on the ears, tail, and/or legs, or coat that is not short, tight, and smooth.

Color: The coat colors are all shades of light sand (cream) to mahogany red fawn, with or without brindling or with or without black markings such as black mask, black ears, dark overlay, and black mantle (black and sand or black and brindle). A small white mark on the chest or small white marks on the toes are faults White, anywhere on the body, due to aging or scars is allowed. **Disqualifications** are color not in accordance with the standard, larger white markings, solid white extending above the toes or white anywhere else on the dog except the forechest.

Gait: The Sloughi has a supple, smooth, and effortless gait with long strides, covering plenty of ground and reaching from the shoulders in front. The tail is held low, at or below the topline at its insertion. The ring or upward curve at the end may rise above the topline when the dog is excited. The head is held at a moderate angle to the body.

Temperament: The Sloughi is a dog with class and grace. The attitude is noble and somewhat aloof.

Summary of Disqualifications:

Ears erect, raised with tips drooping, or rose ears that cannot drop close to the head.

Nose pigment any color other than black.

An overshot or undershot jaw.

Coat too long and/or feathering on the ears, tail, and/or legs.

Dogs with a majority of white or depigmented nails.

Color not in accordance with the standard, larger white markings, solid white extending above the toes or white anywhere else on the dog except the forechest.

Designation for Alaskan Klee Kai

The Board VOTED unanimously to designate the Alaskan Klee Kai Club of America as the AKC Parent Club for the Alaskan Klee Kai breed, allowing them to hold FSS Open Shows.

Parent Club Designation for Carolina Dog
The Board VOTED unanimously to designate the Carolina Dog Fanciers of America as the AKC Parent Club for the Carolina Dog breed, allowing them to hold FSS Open Shows.

Parent Club Designation for Kishu Ken

The Board VOTED unanimously to designate the National Kishu Ken as the Parent Club for the Kishu Ken breed, allowing them to hold FSS Open Shows.

The Board adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

The Board Meeting reconvened on Tuesday, May 10, 2022, at 8:30 a.m. All Directors were present in the New York office, except for Ms. McAteer and Mr. Powers, who participated via videoconference. The Executive Secretary was also present in person.

Junior Showmanship Regulations, Section 7 Dog Eligibility

The Board reviewed a recommendation to revise the *Conformation Junior Showmanship Regulations, Guidelines for Judging Juniors in*

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Conformation, and the Juniors in Performance Events Regulations, Section 7. Dog Eligibility to eliminate the ownership requirement for a dog to be entered in Conformation Junior Showmanship.

The purpose is to increase participation in Junior Showmanship and allow Juniors to participating in other sports to receive credit toward rankings in those sports regardless of dog ownership.

Following a motion by Mr. Carota, seconded by Ms. McAteer, the Board VOTED (In favor: Biddle, Carota, Hamblin, Knight, McAteer, Powers, Sweetwood, Smyth, Tatro, Wallin, opposed: Garvin, abstained: Battaglia, Davies) to approve the elimination of the ownership requirement as a one-year pilot program. This change is effective July 1, 2022.

NEW BUSINESS

Building a Judging Panel

Dr. Knight brought up the topic of Show Chairs building a judging panel and how AKC could be of assistance. Alan Slay, AKC Staff, joined the meeting to share all the tools that are currently available to show chairs as well as to update the Board on the software that AKC is developing.

Judging Entry Limits for Group Judges

Dr. Davies asked the Board to consider a revision to policy that would limit any regular group judge to 150 dogs at the breed level on the same day they are judging a group. Additionally, Dr. Davies asked the Board to consider limiting group judges' ability to judge special attraction groups on the same day that they are judging regular groups. Staff was directed to bring a memo back on the topic in July.

It was VOTED to adjourn Tuesday, May 10, 2022, at 11:40 a.m. Eastern Time.

Adjourned

Attest: _____

Gina M. DiNardo, Executive Secretary