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The next meeting of the Delegates will be held at the Doubletree Newark Airport Hotel on **Tuesday, September 15, 2026**. For the sole purpose of conducting the vote for the Delegate Standing Committees, the meeting will be called to order at 9:30 a.m. After those present at that time have voted, the Delegate Meeting will recess to begin the Forum (approximately 1 hour in duration). The Delegate Meeting will reconvene following the conclusion of the Forum at which time anyone who had not yet voted will have the opportunity to do so, then the polls will be closed.

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NOTICE

REPRIMANDS AND FINES

Notification of fine imposed on
Superintendent for failure to submit show
results in proper electronic format, *AKC
Board Policy*.

Executive Dog Shows, Ltd..... \$500

Notification of fine imposed on
Superintendent for failure to distribute
ribbons within 60 days *Rules Applying to
Dog Shows, Chapter 5, Section 12*.

Onofrio Dog Shows, LLC \$1500

Notification of fine imposed on
Superintendent for failure to publish
current point schedule in catalog *Rules
Applying to Dog Shows, Chapter 12,
Section 5*.

Rau Dogs Shows, Ltd. \$250

Notification of Reprimand imposed
on Superintendent for failure to provide
proper equipment *Obedience Regulations,
Chapter 1, Section 34*.

BaRay Event Services Reprimand

Notification of Reprimand imposed
on Superintendent for failure to publish
current point schedule in catalog *Rules
Applying to Dog Shows, Chapter 12,
Section 5*.

Onofrio Dog Shows, LLC Reprimand

Notification of fine imposed on club for
failure to fulfill their Event Committee
duties, *Dealing with Misconduct, Section I
& II*.

Superstition Kennel Club..... \$500

Notification of fine imposed on club for
cancellation of entries after acceptance,
*Rules Applying to Dog Shows, Chapter 11,
Section 6*.

York County Kennel Club of Maine
..... \$500

Notification of fine imposed on a club
for late submission of Event Records,
*Rules Applying to Dog Shows, Chapter 17,
Section 2*.

Afghan Hound Club of Northern
New Jersey \$100

Greater Washington Bouvier des
Flandres Club \$150

Great Dane Club of Maryland \$350

Notification of fines imposed on
Performance Clubs for late submission of
results *Regulations & Guidelines for AKC*

Hunting Tests for Retrievers, Chapter 1, Section 21.

Sand and Sage Hunting Retriever Club ...
\$100

Notification of fines imposed on Performance Clubs for late submission of results, *Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedure for Beagle Field Trials, Chapter 8, Section 6.*

Highland Beagle Club\$100

Battle Ridge Beagle Club\$100

Notification of fines imposed on Performance Clubs for not treating all entrants equally, *Fast CAT Regulations, Chapter 12, Section 11.*

Northwestern Pennsylvania Scent Work Association.....\$1500

NOTICE

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

Mr. Ron Rubrecht (Land O Lakes, FL)

Ms. Janyce Selkin (Rhinebeck, NY)

Ms. Sharon Wilson (Asheville, AL)

NOTICE

Ms. Marylyn DeGregorio (Hartsdale, NY). Action was taken by the Port Chester Obedience Training Club for conduct at its April 12, 2026 event. Ms. DeGregorio was charged with inappropriate, abusive, or foul language. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the Event Committee's report and set the penalty as a reprimand and imposed a \$100 fine. (Doberman Pinscher)

NOTICE

Ms. Mary Fisher (Mechanicsville, VA). Action was taken by the Gloucester Kennel Club for conduct at its June 19, 2026 event. Ms. Fisher was charged with neglect at or in connection with an event by individual and any conduct that results in the death of an animal. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the Event Committee's report and set the penalty as a ten year suspension of all AKC privileges and imposed a \$2,000 fine, effective July 27, 2026. (Golden Retrievers, Border Collies)

NOTICE

Dr. Vijaya Galic (El Paso, TX). Action was taken by the Marquette Kennel Club for conduct at its August 30, 2025 event. Dr. Galic was charged with conduct characterized by the Staff Event Committee as neglect at or in connection with an event by individual. The Staff Event Committee

reviewed the Event Committee's report and set the penalty as a six-month suspension of all AKC privileges and imposed a \$1,000 fine, effective January 21, 2026. Dr. Galic appealed the decision to an AKC Trial Board. The AKC Trial Board denied the appeal and affirmed the penalty. (Pomeranians)

NOTICE

Ms. Gina Massolo (Cottonwood, CA). Action was taken by the Mastiff Club of America for conduct at its May 16, 2026 event. Ms. Massolo was charged with physical contact of an insulting or provoking nature. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the Event Committee's report and set the penalty as a six-month event suspension and imposed a \$500 fine, effective May 31, 2026. (Mastiffs, French Bulldogs)

NOTICE

Ms. Deena Mathog (Rochester, MI). Action was taken by the Bichon Frise Club of America for conduct at its May 14, 2026 event. Ms. Mathog was charged with threatening or menacing behavior that does not result in physical contact. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the Event Committee's report and set the penalty as a six-month event suspension and imposed a \$500 fine, effective May 15, 2026. (Bichons Frises)

NOTICE

Ms. Valerie Metcalf (Chandler, AZ). Action was taken by the Tucson Kennel Club for conduct at its November 14, 2025 event. Ms. Metcalf was charged with conduct characterized by the Staff Event Committee neglect at or in connection with an event by individual. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the Event Committee's report and set the penalty as a six-month suspension of all AKC privileges and imposed a \$1,000 fine, effective December 1, 2025. Ms. Metcalf appealed the decision to an AKC Trial Board. The AKC Trial Board's report and findings were presented to the AKC Board of Directors. The AKC Board of Directors based on the report and findings of the Trial Board set the penalty at a six-month suspension of all AKC privileges and imposed a \$1,000 fine, effective December 1, 2025. (Great Dane)

NOTICE

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

Ms. Carissa Shimpeno
(Downingtown, PA)

NOTICE

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended the following individuals from all AKC privileges for six months and imposed a \$500 fine, for refusal to make their dogs and records available for inspection when requested:

Effective June 23, 2026:

Ms. Desiree Curenio (Apple Valley, CA)
Cane Corsos

Mr. Adrian Martinez (Chicago, IL)
French Bulldogs

Mr. Aldo Martinez (Fontana, CA)
Bulldogs, French Bulldogs

NOTICE

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended the following individuals from all AKC privileges for ten years and imposed a \$2,000 fine, for violating AKC's *Judicial or Administrative Determination of Inappropriate Treatment* policy:

Effective June 23, 2026:

Ms. Alexah Holm (Taylorsville, UT)
Belgian Malinois, German Shepherd Dogs

Ms. Ellen Telleen (Fairfield, IA)
Multiple Breeds

Ms. Krysta Telleen (Fairfield, IA)
Multiple Breeds

NOTICE

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Ms. Brooklyn Beck (Golden Valley, AZ) for twenty-five years of all AKC privileges and imposed a \$5,000 fine, for violating AKC's *Judicial or Administrative Determination of Inappropriate Treatment* policy, effective May 21, 2026. (Multiple Breeds)

NOTICE

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Ms. Elham Alayyoub (Le Roy, MN) for five (5) years of all AKC privileges and imposed a \$1,000 fine, for violating AKC's *Judicial or Administrative Determination of Inappropriate Treatment* policy, effective February 24, 2026. Ms. Alayyoub appealed this decision to the Board Appeals Committee who denied the appeal. (Chow Chows, French Bulldogs)

NOTICE

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Mr. Kurt Williams (Las Vegas, NV) for ten (10) years of all AKC privileges and imposed a \$2,000 fine, for violating AKC's *Judicial or Administrative Determination of Inappropriate Treatment* policy, effective January 20, 2026. Mr. Williams appealed this decision to the Board Appeals Committee who denied the appeal. (Chow Chows, French Bulldogs)

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER AND BYLAWS OF THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB, INC. – ARTICLE XIV, SECTION 1

The AKC Board does not endorse the following amendment to **Article XIV, Section 1** of the *Charter and Bylaws of The American Kennel Club, Inc.*, proposed by the Delegate Bylaws Committee. Pursuant to **Article XX, Section 3** of the **AKC Bylaws**, the Bylaws Committee demanded that it be brought forward to the Delegates. This will be voted on at the September 15, 2026 Delegate Meeting.

ARTICLE XIV SECTION 1

The Event Committee of a club or association shall have the right and responsibility to suspend any person from AKC privileges for conduct prejudicial to the best interest of purebred dogs, purebred dog events, or the AKC, alleged to have occurred in connection with or during the progress of its event, after the alleged offender has been given the opportunity to be heard.

When the penalty for the offense as set forth in the guidelines authorized by the Board of Directors provides for a reprimand in certain instances, the Event Committee shall have the authority to stay the suspension pending a final determination by the AKC.

The complaint shall be verified by the complainant stating that the complainant has read the complaint, has knowledge of the facts stated in the complaint, and affirms and verifies under penalty of perjury that the complaint is true and correct. The complainant shall furnish a deposit, the amount to be established by the AKC Board of Directors. The deposit shall become the property of the club.

If the Event Committee finds merit in the complaint and exercises jurisdiction in the matter, the deposit shall be returned to the complainant. If the Event Committee finds no merit in the complaint, the deposit shall be kept by the event giving club.

Notice in writing must be sent promptly by certified and by first class mail by the Event Committee to the person suspended and a duplicate notice giving the name and address of the person suspended and full details as to the reasons for the suspension and if applicable, the reasons for the stay of suspension must be forwarded to the AKC (ATTENTION: Executive Secretary) within five days.

An appeal may be taken from a decision of an Event Committee and any subsequent disciplinary action applied by the AKC. Notice in writing claiming such appeal together with a deposit, at an amount established by the AKC Board of Directors, must be sent to the AKC (ATTENTION: Executive Secretary) within thirty days after the date of the

suspension. The appeal shall be determined by a Trial Board whose decision is final. The deposit shall become the property of the AKC if the decision is upheld in whole or in part or shall be returned to the appellant if the decision is not upheld in whole or in part.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE RULES APPLYING TO DOG SHOWS – CHAPTER 11, SECTION 8

The AKC Board has endorsed the following amendment to **Chapter 11, Section 8** of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*, proposed by the Dog Show Rules Committee. This will be voted on at the September 15, 2026 Delegate Meeting.

CHAPTER 11 DOG SHOW ENTRIES, CONDITIONS OF DOGS AFFECTING ELIGIBILITY SECTION 8

A dog which is blind (without useful vision), deaf, castrated, spayed, ~~or which has been changed in appearance by artificial means except as specified in the standard for its breed~~, or a male which does not have two normal testicles normally located in the scrotum, may not compete at any conformation show and will be disqualified except that:

- a castrated male may be entered as Stud Dog in the Stud Dog Class.
- a spayed bitch may be entered as Brood Bitch in the Brood Bitch Class.

- ~~A dog will not be considered to have been changed by artificial means because of removal of dewclaws or docking of tail if it is of a breed in which such removal or docking is a regularly approved practice which is not contrary to the standard~~

- neutered dogs and spayed bitches would be allowed to compete in Veterans and all other single entry non-regular classes only at independent specialties and/or those all-breed shows which do not offer any competitive classes beyond Best of Breed.

When a conformation judge finds any of these conditions in any dog he/she is judging, he/she shall disqualify the dog marking his book “Disqualified” and ~~stating~~ state the reason. ~~The judge~~ He shall not obtain the opinion of the show veterinarian.

When a dog has been disqualified at a conformation show as being blind, deaf, castrated, or spayed ~~or changed in appearance by artificial means except as specified in the standard for its breed~~, any awards taken by such dog at that show shall be canceled by The American Kennel Club and the dog may not again compete in conformation unless and until, following application by the owner to The American Kennel Club, that owner has received official notification from

The American Kennel Club that the dog's show eligibility has been reinstated.

When a dog has been disqualified under the standard for its breed, or when a male has been disqualified as not having two normal testicles normally located in the scrotum on three separate occasions, by three different judges, such dog may not again be shown in conformation. When a dog has been so disqualified at a conformation show, any awards taken by the dog at that show shall be canceled by The American Kennel Club.

When the judge of a sweepstakes or futurity finds that a dog is ineligible to compete under this section, the dog should be excused, but not disqualified. A dog may only be disqualified in a sweepstakes or futurity under the provisions of Chapter 11, Section 8-A.

A dog is considered changed in appearance by artificial means if it has been subjected to any type of procedure, substance or drugs that have the effect of obscuring, disguising or eliminating any congenital or hereditary abnormality or any undesirable characteristic, or that does anything to improve a dog's natural appearance, temperament, bite or gait.

A dog will not be considered to have been changed by artificial means because of removal of dewclaws or docking of tail or cropping of ears if it is of a breed in which

~~such removal or docking/cropping is a regularly approved practice which is not contrary to the standard.~~

~~Even procedures, substances and drugs which are absolutely necessary to the health and comfort of a dog shall disqualify that dog from competition if the former had the incidental effect of changing or even improving the dog's appearance, temperament, bite, or gait.~~

~~There may be cases in which a veterinarian has prescribed some drug as being necessary for the health of a dog. In such cases, the veterinarian's advice should be followed, but the dog should be withheld from competition in dog shows until all possible effects of the drug have worn off.~~

~~Procedures that would in and of themselves be considered a change in appearance by artificial means and make a dog ineligible for shows include, but are not limited to:~~

- ~~1. The correction of entropion, ectropion, trichiasis or distichiasis.~~
- ~~2. Trimming, removing, or tattooing of the third eyelid (nictitating membrane)~~
- ~~3. The insertion of an eye prosthesis~~
- ~~4. Correction of harelip, cleft palate, stenotic nares, or an elongated soft palate resection~~
- ~~5. Any procedure to change ear set or carriage other than permitted by the breed standard~~
- ~~6. Restorative dental procedures, the use~~

~~of bands or braces on teeth, or any alteration of the dental arcade~~

7. ~~The removal of excess skin folds or the removal of skin patches to alter markings~~
8. ~~Correction of inguinal, scrotal, or perineal hernias~~
9. ~~Surgery for hip dysplasia, O.C.D., patellar luxation and femoral head restriction~~
10. ~~Alteration of the location of the testes or the insertion of an artificial testicle~~
11. ~~Altering the set or carriage of the tail~~
12. ~~The insertion of a pacemaker due to congenital or hereditary abnormality~~

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE RULES APPLYING TO DOG SHOWS – CHAPTER 11, SECTION 8-D

The AKC Board has endorsed the following amendment to **Chapter 11, Section 8** of the *Rules Applying to Dogs Shows*, proposed by the Dog Show Rules Committee. This will be voted on at the September 15, 2026 Delegate Meeting.

CHAPTER 11 DOG SHOW ENTRIES, CONDITIONS OF DOGS AFFECTING ELIGIBILITY SECTION 8-D

A dog which has been changed in appearance by artificial means except as specified in the standard for its breed, may not compete at any conformation show and will be disqualified.

When a judge determines a dog has been

changed in appearance, he/she shall mark his/her book “Disqualified” and stating the reason. The judge shall not obtain the opinion of the show veterinarian.

When the judge of a sweepstakes or futurity finds that a dog is ineligible to compete under this section, the dog should be excused, but not disqualified. A dog may only be disqualified in a sweepstakes or futurity under the provisions of Chapter 11, Section 8-A.

A dog is considered changed in appearance by artificial means if it has been subjected to any type of procedure, substance or drugs that have the effect of obscuring, disguising or eliminating any congenital or hereditary abnormality or any undesirable characteristic, or that does anything to improve a dog’s natural appearance, temperament, bite or gait.

A dog will not be considered to have been changed by artificial means because of removal of dewclaws, docking of tail, or cropping of ears if it is of a breed in which such removal or docking/cropping is a regularly approved practice which is not contrary to the standard.

Any dog whose ears and/or tail have been cropped, docked, or cut in any way shall be ineligible to compete at any show in any state where the laws prohibit the same except subject to the provisions of such laws.

Even procedures, substances and drugs which are absolutely necessary to the health and comfort of a dog shall disqualify that dog from conformation competition if the former had the incidental effect of changing or even improving the dog's appearance, temperament, bite, or gait.

There may be cases in which a veterinarian has prescribed some drug as being necessary for the health of a dog. In such cases, the veterinarian's advice should be followed, but the dog should be withheld from competition in dog shows until all possible effects of the drug have worn off.

Procedures that would in and of themselves be considered a change in appearance by artificial means and make a dog ineligible for shows include, but are not limited to:

1. The correction of entropion, ectropion, trichiasis or distichiasis.
2. Trimming, removing, or tattooing of the third eyelid (nictitating membrane)
3. The insertion of an eye prosthesis
4. Correction of harelip, cleft palate, stenotic nares, or an elongated soft palate resection
5. Any procedure to change ear set or carriage other than permitted by the breed standard
6. Restorative dental procedures, the use of bands or braces on teeth, or any alteration of the dental arcade
7. The removal of excess skin folds or the

removal of skin patches to alter markings

8. Correction of inguinal, scrotal, or perineal hernias
9. Surgery for hip dysplasia, O.C.D., patellar luxation and femoral head restriction
10. Alteration of the location of the testes or the insertion of an artificial testicle
11. Altering the set or carriage of the tail.
12. The insertion of a pacemaker due to congenital or hereditary abnormality.

PROPOSED NORWICH TERRIER STANDARD FOR COMMENT:

In accordance with the Guidelines for Breed Standard Revisions this is being published to receive any comments prior to the balloting of the club membership. Any comments may be forwarded directly to:

Mari-Beth O'Neill
VP Sport Services
mbo@akc.org

General Appearance: The Norwich Terrier, spirited and stocky with sensitive prick ears and a slightly foxy expression, is one of the smallest working terriers. This sturdy descendent of ratting companions, eager to dispatch small vermin alone or in a pack, has good bone and substance and an almost weatherproof coat. A hardy hunt terrier-honorable scars from fair wear and tear are acceptable.

Size, Proportion, Substance: One of the smallest of the terriers, the ideal *height* should not exceed 10 inches at the withers. Distance from the top of the withers to the ground and from the withers to base of tail are approximately equal. Good bone and *substance*. *Weight* approximately 12 pounds. It should be in proportion to the individual dog's structure and balance. Fit working condition is a prime consideration.

Head: A slightly foxy *expression*. *Eyes* small, dark and oval shaped with black rims. Placed well apart with a bright and keen expression. *Ears* medium size and erect. Set well apart with pointed tips. Upright when alert. The *skull* is broad and slightly rounded with good width between the ears. The *muzzle* is wedge shaped and strong. Its length is about one-third less than the measurement from the occiput to the well-defined stop. The jaw is clean and strong. Nose and lip pigment black. Tight-lipped with large teeth. A scissor *bite*.

Neck, Topline, Body: *Neck* of medium length, strong and blending into well laid back shoulders. Level *topline*. *Body* moderately short. Compact and deep. Good width of chest. Well-sprung ribs and short loins. *Tail:* Docked, medium docked. The terrier's working origin requires that the tail be of sufficient length to grasp. Base level with topline; carried erect. Undocked tail, Tail of moderate length to give a general balance to the dog, thick at root and tapering towards the tip, as straight as possible, carried jauntily, not excessively gay, completing a perfectly level topline.

Forequarters: Well laid back shoulders. Elbows close to ribs. Short, powerful legs, as straight as is consistent with the digging terrier. Pasterns firm. Feet round with thick pads. Nails black. The feet

point forward when standing or moving.

Hindquarters: Broad, strong and muscular with well-turned stifles. Hocks low set and straight when viewed from the rear. Feet as in front.

Coat: Hard, wiry and straight, lying close to the body with a definite undercoat. The coat on neck and shoulders forms a protective mane. The hair on head, ears and muzzle, except for slight eyebrows and whiskers, is short and smooth. This breed should be shown with as natural a coat as possible. A minimum of tidying is permissible but shaping should be heavily penalized.

Color: All shades of red, wheaten, black and tan or grizzle. White marks are not desirable.

Gait: The legs moving parallel, extending forward, showing great powers of propulsion. Good rear angulation with a true, yet driving movement. The forelegs move freely with feet and elbows the same distance apart, converging slightly with increased pace. Hind legs follow in the track of the forelegs, flexing well at the stifle and hock. The topline remains level.

Temperament: Gay, fearless, loyal and affectionate. Adaptable and sporting, they make ideal companions.

CONFORMATION JUDGES

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

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

It is the responsibility of all Conformation and Junior Showmanship judges to notify the Judging Operations Department of any changes or corrections to their address, phone, fax or emails. These changes are very important because they affect your judges' record, the web site and the Judges Directory. Please notify Judging Operations by email at judgingops@akc.org.

APPLICANTS

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

NEW BREED JUDGING APPLICANTS

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Golden Retrievers, JS-Limited

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Boxers, Bernese Mountain Dogs, Old

English Sheepdogs, JS

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Eskimo Dogs, JS

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Basset Hounds, JS-Limited

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Balance of Terrier Group (American

Staffordshire Terriers, Bull Terriers,

Smooth Fox Terriers, Wire Fox Terriers,

Skye Terriers, Staffordshire Bull Terriers,

Teddy Roosevelt Terriers, West Highland

White Terriers), Cardigan Welsh Corgis,

Pembroke Welsh Corgis

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Clumber Spaniels, English Cocker

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Balance of Toy Group (Manchester Terriers, Russian Tsvetnaya Bolonki, Toy Fox Terriers)

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Akitas, Bernese Mountain Dogs, Doberman Pinschers, Great Danes, Rottweilers

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Balance of Toy Group (Brussels Griffons, Japanese Chin, Maltese, Miniature Pinschers, Russian Tsvetnaya Bolonki, Shih Tzu, Silky Terriers)

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APPLICATION FOR BREED-SPECIFIC REGISTERED NAME PREFIX

The following applications for a breed-specific Registered Name Prefix have been submitted to The American Kennel Club. Letters in regard to these applications should be addressed to Sheila Goffe, Executive Secretary:

CAVALMAGNE – Cavalier King Charles Spaniels – Jaqueline M. Cavicchio

CLAN UNDERFOOT – Scottish Terriers – Claudia Waite & Craig H. Garnett

GRACE N – Golden Retrievers – Marlo D. Grayson

GREAT PINES Cavalier King Charles Spaniels – Monica L. Mellroth

LA CHAMPAGNE – Golden Retrievers & Pomeranians – Dana K. Thompson

PRAIRIEWIND – Belgian Sheepdogs – Nancy A. May & Don J. May

STEEL VALLEY – Brittanys – Antonio B. Taibi

STILL POINT – Labrador Retrievers – Dr. Brenna N. Burkett

SOCIAL – Cardigan Welsh Corgis – Mary Sue Olcott & Maggie A. Cannon

VILDE CHAYA – Lagotto Romagnolo – Ariana Lewkowitz-Shpuntoff

VOM HAZEN – German Shepherd Dogs – Deanana L. Hazen

WESTERNER – Golden Retrievers – Thomas A. Wiegard SR

REGISTERED NAME PREFIXES GRANTED

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

ALTA – TOLLHAUS – German Shepherd Dogs – Julie E Richards

BRIGHTNORTHSTAR – Old English Sheepdogs – Sherry K. Schreiner Beckwith & Mary McIntosh

CREDO – Portuguese Water Dogs – Landon Stafford

CREDO – Chinese Cresteds – Landon Stafford

DAISYLANE – Cavalier King Charles Spaniels – Kristine M. Schmidt

EVERLOVE – Pembroke Welsh Corgis – Shylah L. Love

LA CORSA – Italian Greyhounds – Terri Jones & John R. Jones

MAGSHIRE – Cairn Terriers – Amanda Edwards

MALEWOOD MTN– Dachshunds – Kelly L. Pollizzi & Stephen M. Polizzi

NORWINDS – Norwegian Elkhounds – Deanna K. Seitner & Danielle N. Seitner

OAKRIDGE – German Shorthaired Pointers – Sarijana Reynolds

ROYAL AN'WIZARD – West Highland White Terriers – Anna A. Jucova Krex



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SADDLERIDGE – Australian Shepherds

– Sally A. Pacheco

SIERRA – Saint Bernards – Pam Leighton

SUMBERN – Bernese Mountain Dogs –

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**AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB, INC.
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AKC OFFICES AT 101 PARK AVENUE, NEW
YORK, NY
JULY 13-14, 2026**

The Board convened on Monday, July 13, 2026, at 8:40 a.m. Eastern Time.

Present in the New York office: Dr. Thomas Davies (Chairman), Dr. Michael Knight (Vice Chairman), Ms. Gina DiNardo (President & CEO), Dr. Carmen Battaglia, Ms. Sue Goldberg, Ms. Sally Fineburg, Mr. Eduardo Fugiwara, Dr. Charles Garvin, Mr. Steven Hamblin, Mr. Jason Hoke, Mr. Dan Smyth, and Mr. Robin Stansell. Mr. Dominic Carota joined via video conference. Absent: Ms. Sylvia Thomas.

The Executive Secretary and the Chief Financial Officer were also present.

May Minutes

Copies of the May 11-12, 2026 Board Meeting minutes had previously been provided to all Directors for review.

Upon a motion by Dr. Garvin, and seconded by Ms. Fineburg, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to approve the May 2026 Board Meeting minutes.

President's Update

Ms. DiNardo reported that the AKC continues to receive strong interest from foreign kennel clubs in establishing closer relationships. AKC has signed a mutual cooperation agreement with the Australian Kennel Club and entries are now open for the AKC FCM show this November in Mexico City. Additionally, plans are underway to develop an international conference that focuses on major issues impacting kennel clubs and dog enthusiasts internationally, including health and government policy.

AKC has hired a new Executive Vice President, Customer Strategy & Growth. AKC Staff are working closely with outside consultant BDO to transform business processes and improve customer experiences, value and outcomes. The discovery phase of this initiative is well underway, and programming is on schedule. Over the last reporting period, AKC has seen a significant increase in event entries.

Legal Update

Heather McManus, VP & General Counsel, and Patricia Hines, Corporate Counsel – Litigation, participated in this portion of the meeting.

The Board reviewed the Legal Status update as of July 2026.

Business Transformation Plan

Tim Pursell, Senior Director, IT, and Seth Fera-Schanes, Director of Strategic Planning, joined this portion of the meeting.

Since May, BDO has progressed through the early stages of their business transformation engagement with AKC, including establishment of a formal project charter and communication framework. Current efforts are on schedule and focused on developing a comprehensive understanding of AKC's existing operating environment across business and technology domains. BDO, leadership and key staff are meeting on a daily basis. The first phase of this work, discovery, is designed to translate AKC's strategic imperatives into an actionable transformation roadmap by identifying the business process, customer experience, data, and technology changes needed to support long-term business transformation and success.

The Board received a presentation from BDO.

AKC Strategic Plan Update

The AKC strategic three-year plan establishes a clear path to modernize operations, deepen relationships with today's dog owners, and strengthen AKC's position as the leading authority on dogs.

Over the next three years, AKC will

focus its investments, resources, and organizational efforts around four strategic imperatives: Trust and accountability; quality customer service; brand awareness; and impact and sustainability.

These imperatives were approved by the AKC Board of Directors on May 12, 2025, and create a foundation that guide major decisions and positions AKC for long-term growth and sustainability.

Dogs in Closed Vehicles at AKC Events

Tim Thomas, VP of Conformation, and Bri Tesarz, Director of Compliance & Inspections, joined this portion of the meeting by video conference. Heather McManus, VP & General Counsel, and Brandi Hunter Munden, VP of Public Relations and Communications, joined this portion of the meeting.

Every year, dogs die after cooling or monitoring systems unexpectedly fail. The consequences can be catastrophic within minutes. There have been recent, avoidable dog deaths in enclosed, unattended and unventilated vehicles where the air-conditioning failed.

The *AKC Show Manual* includes a copy of a memorandum sent to all clubs in 1999 concerning the dangers associated with dogs confined in vehicles at AKC events. This followed the Board's approval of a notice of "Waiver of Rights" that may be

included in premium lists to give the club the ability to rescue dogs in unventilated vehicles. AKC also produced the warning flyer: *Leaving Your Dog in a Hot Car* that most may be familiar with, with the intention that clubs may reproduce and distribute it to warn exhibitors about the dangers of leaving a dog in a car. These warnings apply to dogs left in any unventilated vehicle, including vehicles left running with air conditioning on or equipped with air-conditioning units powered by an external generator or outlet. Tragedy has also occurred when additional external temperature monitors and alarms have failed.

Staff recently met to discuss incidents in which dogs were lost, or where tragedy was narrowly avoided due to dogs being left unattended in closed/insufficiently ventilated vehicles, and measures to prevent future incidents, including expanded education and communication to clubs and exhibitors regarding proper dog care in extreme conditions.

Staff presented the following new proposed policy to prevent dogs from dying or suffering heat related injury while left in vehicles. It is not a ban on leaving dogs in vehicles, but a reminder to exhibitors to ensure that their vehicle is properly ventilated and dogs are checked on frequently. Likewise, the policy is not a ban on air-conditioned

vehicles, generators, fans, temperature monitors, or remote alert systems: It is a reminder technology and equipment can fail without warning due to mechanical problems, power loss, software issues, fuel depletion, weather conditions, or loss of cellular service.

The policy is designed to make it clear that the responsibility for a dog's safety always rests with the person caring for that dog – not with the equipment. It also gives AKC the ability to address situations where dogs are placed in obvious danger and to hold individuals accountable when preventable harm and death results.

Unattended Dogs in Vehicles Policy

Dogs shall not be left unattended in a vehicle that is fully enclosed or without sufficient ventilation or airflow from the outside environment. A vehicle containing unattended dogs must provide continuous ventilation and conditions reasonably sufficient to protect the dogs from heat-related injury, illness, distress, or death. The presence of fans, air-circulation devices, climate-control systems, temperature-monitoring systems, remote alerts, or other electronic monitoring technology shall not, by itself, establish that a vehicle provides adequate ventilation or a safe environment for unattended dogs.

Leaving dogs unattended in a vehicle

that is fully enclosed or without sufficient ventilation is recognized to be conduct prejudicial to the best interest of purebred dogs, the sport of purebred dogs and the American Kennel Club. Accordingly, individuals who engage in conduct which constitutes a violation of this policy may be subject to discipline pursuant to AKC's *Charter and Bylaws*.

Upon a motion by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Ms. Fineburg, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to waive standard procedure to vote on the recommendation immediately.

Upon a motion by Dr. Garvin seconded by Ms. Fineburg, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to approve the new policy.

The policy is effective immediately.

Changes to Handling Deceased Dogs at Events

AKC Staff has reviewed the AKC Discipline Guidelines and *Dealing with Misconduct at American Kennel Club Events* and recommend changes to address the handling of deceased dogs at AKC events.

The modification to *Dealing with Misconduct at American Kennel Club Events* would require an Event Committee to conduct a hearing when a dog is seriously injured or dies in connection with an AKC event. Additionally, staff is requesting to add the offense "Violation

of AKC's *Unattended Dogs in Vehicle Policy*", penalties, and footnote to the AKC Discipline Guidelines.

I. Inappropriate Treatment of Animals

m. Violation of AKC's *Unattended Dogs in Vehicles Policy*¹

Mitigated: 1 yr/\$1,000

Standard: 5 yr/\$2,000

Aggravated: Up to life/up to \$10,000

¹ For purposes of this provision, dogs shall not be left unattended in a vehicle that is fully enclosed or sealed from outside airflow. A vehicle containing unattended dogs must provide continuous ventilation and conditions reasonably sufficient to protect the dogs from heat-related injury, illness, distress, or death. The use of electronic monitoring devices, remote alerts, fans, or climate-control systems shall not constitute a defense to a violation of this provision.

Upon a motion by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Ms. Fineburg, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to waive standard procedure to vote on the recommendation immediately.

Upon a motion by Dr. Garvin seconded by Ms. Fineburg, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to approve the new policy.

The new offense and changes to *Dealing with Misconduct at American Kennel Club Events* are effective July 29, 2026.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF) Q2 2026 Report

Dr. Stephanie Montgomery, AKC CHF President and CEO, participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference and presented CHF's Q2 2026 update.

She reported a 55% increase in grant applications in 2025, reflecting both growing needs within the field and the strength of AKC CHF's reputation as a trusted funding partner. To date, AKC CHF has awarded 28 grants totaling \$2.7 million. Across all program areas the active grant portfolio now includes 159 studies representing more than \$14.5 million in research investments.

Financial Status: Research grants activity for the second quarter of 2026 totaled \$1.8 million and represented the majority of total expenses of \$2.5 million.

FINANCE

Interim Financial Statements (Unaudited) May 31, 2026

Ted Phillips, Chief Financial Officer, reported on interim financial results for the five months ended May 31, 2026. Net operating income was \$768 thousand, or two percent of total revenues as compared to a net operating loss of five percent in 2025. Total revenues were five percent lower than 2025 due to lower registration and event revenue. Total operating

expenses were \$3.9 million or 10% lower than prior year.

Executive Secretary

Mari-Beth O'Neill, VP, Sport Services, joined this portion of the meeting via video conference.

Nominating Committee for 2027

Board Election

The Board elected the following members to the Nominating Committee, responsible for selecting candidates to fill three vacancies on the Board at the March 2027 Delegate meeting:

- John Ioia, Southern Adirondack Dog Club, Inc., Chair
- Marge Calltharp, Chinese Shar-Pei Club of America, Inc.
- Connie Clark, American Fox Terrier Club
- Joellen Gregory, Otterhound Club of America
- Steven Sansone, Giant Schnauzer Club of America, Inc.

Alternates:

- Jacquelyn Fogel, Reno Kennel Club
- Bob Rynkiewicz, Eastern German Shorthaired Pointer Club, Inc.

Petit Basset Griffon Vendeen

Proposed Breed Standard Revision

The Petit Basset Griffon Vendeen Club of America, Inc. (PBGVCA), has submitted

proposed revisions to the breed standard. The PBGV Standard was approved April 22, 2014. Staff recommended the Board approve the proposal to advance to a ballot by PBGVCA membership in accordance with the club's Constitution and Bylaws.

Upon a motion by Dr Battaglia, seconded by Mr. Hoke, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to advance the recommendation to the PBGVCA for a ballot.

American Bulldog – Recommendation to Advance to Miscellaneous Class

The Board of Directors approved the American Bulldog to be eligible for recording in the Foundation Stock Service® (FSS®) program with a Working designation in November 2019. The American Bulldog has met the requirements of the Recognition of New Breeds Policy approved in January 2004 by the Board of Directors. Requirements include an active Parent Club, with serious and expanding breeding activity over a wide geographic area, and documented club activity.

Sport Services recommends that the National American Bulldog Club become the Parent Club for the breed and the American Bulldog be approved to advance to the Miscellaneous Class effective June 30, 2027.

This will be discussed further at the

September Board meeting.

Dutch Shepherd Eligibility to Compete in the Herding Group

The American Dutch Shepherd Association has submitted a petition seeking acceptance into the AKC Stud Book and for the Dutch Shepherd to be eligible to compete in the Herding Group. Staff recommends that the AKC Board of Directors approve the petition as well as the proposed breed standard.

If approved by the Board, the breed will be moved from the Foundation Stock Service® into the Stud Book of the American Kennel Club on June 30, 2027.

This will be discussed further at the September Board meeting.

Parent Club Designation for Appenzeller Sennenhund Club of America

The Appenzeller Sennenhund Club of America requests to be designated as the Parent Club for the breed, allowing them to hold FSS Open Shows. Staff recommends the Appenzeller Sennenhund Club of America be designated as the Parent Club representing the Appenzeller Sennenhund with the AKC.

This will be discussed further at the September Board meeting.

Board and Delegate Meeting Dates for 2027

The Board discussed the following pro-

posed Board and Delegate meeting dates for 2027.

AKC Board Meetings

- January 11-12, 2027
- February 3-4, 2027
- April 12-13, 2027
- May 10-11, 2027
- July 12-13, 2027
- August 9-10, 2027
- October 11-12, 2027
- November 8-9, 2027

AKC Delegate Meetings

March, June and September Delegate meeting dates are scheduled for the second Tuesday of the month, with the Delegate Standing Committee meetings held the Monday prior. The December Delegate meeting is scheduled for the Friday before the AKC National Championship, with Delegate Standing Committee meetings the Thursday prior. Specific dates are:

- March 9, 2027
- June 8, 2027
- September 14, 2027
- December 17, 2027

This will be discussed further at the September Board meeting.

2026-2027 Veterinary Student Scholarship Recipients

The Veterinary Student Scholarship Committee met to select the 2026-2027 veterinary scholarship recipients. The

Kennel Club of Philadelphia contributed \$50,000 to the AKC Humane Fund designated to award five \$10,000 Scholarships to Veterinary Students at the University of Pennsylvania. The recipients will be invited to attend the Kennel Club of Philadelphia for a presentation prior to group judging, exposing the audience to the support provided by KCP.

Windham County Kennel Club and Springfield Kennel Club donated \$7,500 to the AKC Humane Fund designated to award scholarships to Veterinary Students at Tufts Veterinary School. The student receiving the scholarship participated in the Tufts AKC Whelping Selective.

This year's recipients consisted of individuals who are third generation dog breeders, breeders, as well as two individuals who competed on the AKC European Open Junior Agility Team. Other recipients are actively competing in multiple AKC Events including Conformation, Obedience, Rally, Scent Work, Hunt Tests and Fast CAT®.

The recipients of the AKC Veterinary Scholarships act as AKC Ambassadors assisting in organizing the "Meet the AKC" presentations conducted for the students as well as coordinating tours at local AKC events. These activities have assisted in providing veterinary students with positive experiences with purebred

dog breeders and the fancy.

New Breed for Foundation

Stock Service® – Nenets Laika

The Foundation Stock Service (FSS) Committee recently approved a petition for the Nenets Laika to be accepted into the FSS® Program.

Labrador Retriever Club Request to Require DNA for Registration

The Board considered a request by the Labrador Retriever Club Inc. (LRC), to require that all dogs to be registered by AKC as Labrador Retrievers be microchipped and provide a DNA sample that identifies the distinctive DNA marker(s) associated with the dilute (silver) colored dogs.

Upon a motion by Dr. Battaglia and seconded by Ms. Fineburg, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to not mandate genetic testing and microchipping to register a Labrador Retriever with the AKC.

Government Relations Update

Sheila Goffe, Executive Secretary and VP, Government Relations, updated the Board on recent legislation impacting dog ownership.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was an EXECUTIVE SESSION to discuss business matters.

COMPANION & PERFORMANCE

Doug Ljungren, Executive VP, Sports & Events, and Caroline Murphy, Director of Performance Events, participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

English Springer Spaniel Field Trials – Frequency of Judging

The English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Association (ESSFTA), which is the Parent Club, is requesting judges be allowed to judge four field trials in a twelve-month period instead of three.

This is a loosening of a restriction on frequency of judging.

This recommendation is a change made to the *Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedure for Spaniels*. The change would appear in an italicized section, which may be made by a vote of the Board. If approved, this change would become effective September 21, 2026.

This will be discussed further at the September Board meeting.

Pointing Breed Hunting Test – Change to Judging Requirement

This is a recommendation to reduce the number of qualifying legs a Pointing Breed Hunting Test Judge must have earned while handling a dog at the test level to be judged, or at a higher level, from three qualifying legs to one qualifying leg.

This is a change to the *Pointing Breed Hunting Test Regulations* and may be made by a vote of the Board. If approved, the recommendation would become effective November 1, 2026.

This will be discussed further at the September Board meeting.

Retriever Field Trials – Max Distance for Retired Guns/Throwers

This is a recommendation to change the *Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedure for Retrievers* so the maximum distance a retired gun or thrower can travel is 15 yards.

If approved by the Board, the amendment will be read at the December 2026 Delegate meeting and voted on at the March 2027 Delegate meeting. If approved by the Delegate Body, the effective date will be May 1, 2027.

The Delegate Field Trial and Hunting Test Events Committee was briefed at the June 2026 Delegate Meeting and had no issues with this recommendation.

This will be discussed further at the September Board meeting.

Beagle Field Trials – Five Changes from the Beagle Advisory Committee

This is a recommendation to make five changes to the *Beagle Field Trial Rules*; 1) allow clubs the option to combine Field Champion only classes either by sex or

size, 2) allow clubs the option to pre-measure hounds prior to the start of their small pack trial, 3) if a tracking collar is worn it must match the same color as the assigned collar or be black, 4) judges must choose either the 10-7 or 5-4 scoring system, 5) hounds trailing deer is to be considered a serious fault deserving of elimination and when trailing other game shall be considered a demerit at the judge's discretion.

The first listed change regarding Field Champion Only Stakes is a rule change which requires approval of the Board and Delegate Body. If approved by the Board, the recommendation will be read at the December 2026 Delegate meeting and voted on at the March 2027 Delegate meeting.

If approved by the Delegate Body, the effective date will be May 1, 2027.

All other recommendations are Standard Procedures and may be made by a vote of the Board. If approved, the effective date will be November 1, 2026.

This will be discussed further at the September Board meeting.

CAT and Fast CAT® – Clarifications & Updates

The Board considered a series of nine staff-recommended technical clarifications/updates to the *CAT and Fast CAT®*

Regulations designed to offer clearer guidance to exhibitors and host clubs.

This will be discussed further at the September Board meeting. If approved at that time, the changes would be effective November 1, 2026.

CONFORMATION

Doug Ljungren, EVP, Sports & Events; Tim Thomas, VP of Conformation; Guy Fisher, Director of Club Development; and Mark Desrosiers, Director, Event Programs, participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

Group and Best in Show Judges

The Board further considered the proposal to adopt a policy prohibiting judges assigned to the regular Group or Best in Show competitions from being assigned to judge a Four-to-Six-Month Beginner Puppy Competition or an FSS Open Show the same day. The Board took no action on the proposal and suggested a similar recommendation be added to the recently enhanced and renamed *Guidelines for Judging Panel Construction and Scheduling of Conformation Dog Shows*.

Required Number of Rings for Conformation Dog Shows

The Board further reviewed a proposal to adopt a Minimum Number of Rings Policy requirement for All-Breed and Limited-Breed dog shows to provide a minimum of one ring per 150 entries, inclusive of all

Conformation classes/competitions offered by the club, which included feedback from the Delegate All-Breed Clubs Committee as requested by the Board. The Board took no action on the proposal and suggested a similar recommendation be added to the recently enhanced and renamed *Guidelines for Judging Panel Construction and Scheduling of Conformation Dog Shows*.

Conformation Judges Daily Limit

The Board further considered a proposal to adopt a policy establishing a daily assignment limit of 150 entries for judges assigned to any regular or NOHS group (BIS excluded). The Board took no action on the proposal and asked staff to continue investigating other options including but not limited to restricting the number of groups one may be assigned and the scheduling of groups.

Premium Lists – Rules Applying to Dog Shows – Chapter 6, Section 2

Chapter 6, Section 2 of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* specifies elements required to be published in premium list for AKC events. Consistent with existing policy, the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee has proposed amending the rule to require the publication in premium lists of: (1) notice and broadcast information of any commercial or club-sponsored recording and/or electronic transmission of the event, and (2) notice of any club-imposed recording restrictions.

If approved by the Board, the proposal will be read at the December 2026 Delegate meeting and voted on at the March 2027 Delegate meeting. If approved by the Delegate Body, the effective date will be July 1, 2027, to ensure publication in the premium list for any affected events.

This will be discussed further at the September Board meeting.

AKC National Champion Title

The Board reviewed a proposal to create a prefix AKC National Champion Title (ANC), to be awarded to the dog that wins Best in Show at the annual AKC National Championship show, similar to 11 current AKC titles awarded to the winner of national events in other AKC sports, with the title grandfathered to past Best in Show winners at the AKC National Championship show.

Upon a motion by Mr. Hamblin, seconded by Ms. Fineburg, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to waive standard procedure to vote on the recommendation immediately.

Upon a motion by Mr. Hamblin, seconded by Ms. Fineburg, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to approve creation of an ANC prefix title.

Multiple All-Breed or Limited-Breed Shows in One Day

The Multiple All-Breed or Limited-Breed

Shows in One Day Program defines the criteria for holding two All-Breed or Limited-Breed shows back-to-back on the same day. The Board reviewed a proposal to modify this Board policy to require an allowance of 45-minutes to one hour for rest or meals when a judge's cumulative assignment on the day is more than five hours of judging.

This will be discussed further at the September Board meeting. If approved, the effective date will be October 7, 2026.

Silver State Kennel Club Third Show Request

Silver State Kennel Club requested approval of an exception to hold a third show at the Primm Valley Resort and Casino, 31900 S. Las Vegas Blvd, Primm, NV 89019, on week 12. The closest conflicting shows are with Oakland Kennel Club, whose site is 398 straight-line miles/ 539 driving miles from the Primm Valley site. Oakland Kennel Club does not oppose Silver State Kennel Club's request.

Staff recommend approving the exception based on the excessive driving distance of 8 hours and 24 minutes to the closest event. This is consistent with previous Board decisions.

Upon a motion by Ms. Fineburg, seconded by Ms. Goldberg the Board VOTED (In favor: Dr. Davies, Dr. Knight, Mr. Carota, Ms. Fineburg, Mr. Fugiwara,

Dr. Garvin, Ms. Goldberg, Mr. Hamblin, Mr. Hoke, Mr. Smyth, and Mr. Stansell. Abstain: Dr. Battaglia) to waive standard procedure to vote on the recommendation immediately.

Upon a motion by Mr. Smyth, seconded by Ms. Fineburg, the Board VOTED (In favor: Dr. Davies, Dr. Knight, Mr. Carota, Ms. Fineburg, Mr. Fugiwara, Dr. Garvin, Ms. Goldberg, Mr. Hamblin, Mr. Hoke, Mr. Smyth, and Mr. Stansell. Abstain: Dr. Battaglia) to approve the staff recommendation.

Junior Showmanship Regulations, Section 5

Staff recommends a revision to the *Junior Showmanship Regulations*, Section 5, Classes and Divisions; specifically, the addition of Reserve Best Junior with competition to count towards the eligibility to move from the Novice Class to the Open Class.

This will be discussed further at the September Board meeting.

Limited Group Show Awards

Staff updated the Board on the awards Limited Breed clubs may offer at their events, specifically clubs that were originally granted All-Breed status but now choose to offer competition for one group or fewer.

Fines and Reprimands

Staff updated the Board on recent fines and reprimands.

Events & Entries

Staff updated the Board on event and entry numbers.

JUDGING OPERATIONS

Doug Ljungren, EVP of Sports & Events, and Tim Thomas, VP of Conformation, joined this portion of the meeting via video conference.

Mandatory Ramp Examination – Welsh Springer Spaniel

The Welsh Springer Spaniel Club of America, Inc. (“WSSCA”) has requested that the Board of Directors mandate the use of a ramp for the examination of the Welsh Springer Spaniel through all levels of Conformation competition. Currently, Welsh Springer Spaniels may be judged either on the ground or the ramp at the discretion of the judge.

This will be discussed further at the September Board meeting. If the WSSCA’s request is approved, the effective date will be January 1, 2027, as sufficient notice must be provided to superintendents to ensure inclusion in all premium lists.

Rules, Policies, and Guidelines for Conformation Dog Show Judges – Individual Examination of Dogs

The Board reviewed a proposal to amend

the *Rules, Policies and Guidelines for Conformation Dog Show Judges* to remove the requirement for Group and Best in Show Judges to re-examine dogs they individually judged earlier at the same event for standard disqualifications and checked for two normally descended testicles in males.

This will be discussed further at the September Board meeting.

Conformation Judging Statistics

Staff updated the Board on statistics related to Conformation judging applications considered by the department for the months April through June 2026.

FINAL REVIEW ACTION SUMMARY 2026 NEW BREED JUDGING APPLICANTS

	APPLICATIONS						BREEDS		
	Total	Fully Appr.	Limited	Denied	Wthdrn	Held	Req.	Appr.	Pend.
January	2	2	0	0	0	0	20	20	0
February	3	3	0	0	0	0	6	6	0
March	9	9	0	0	0	0	18	18	0
April	4	4	0	0	0	0	4	4	0
May	6	6	0	0	0	0	7	7	0
June	6	6	0	0	0	0	7	7	0
NB TOTAL	30	30	0	0	0	0	62	62	0

FINAL REVIEW ACTION SUMMARY 2026 ADDITIONAL BREED JUDGING APPLICANTS

	APPLICATIONS						BREEDS		
	Total	Fully Appr.	Limited	Denied	Wthdrn	Held	Req.	Appr.	Pend.
January	28	27	1	0	0	0	165	163	0
February	33	33	0	0	0	0	123	123	0
March	40	40	0	0	0	0	189	189	0
April	45	44	0	1	0	0	229	221	0
May	49	49	0	0	0	0	255	255	0
June	31	31	0	0	0	0	162	162	0
AB TOTAL	226	224	1	1	0	0	1123	1113	0

FINAL REVIEW ACTION SUMMARY 2026 YEAR-TO-DATE

	APPLICATIONS						BREEDS		
	Total	Fully Appr.	Limited	Denied	Wthdrn	Held	Req.	Appr.	Pend.
NB	30	30	0	0	0	0	62	62	0
AB	226	224	1	1	0	0	1123	1113	0
TOTAL	256	254	1	1	0	0	1185	1175	0

AKC Judge Recertification

The Board discussed matters relating to the recertification of AKC Judges. Upon a motion by Ms. Fineburg, seconded by Mr. Fugiwara, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to approve the appointment of Dr. Carmen Battaglia, Mr. Dan Smyth and Mr. Jason Hoke to a new committee to consider matters related to judges' recertification.

REGISTRATION DEVELOPMENT

Linda Dunclee, Senior Director, Registration, Vanessa Skou, Executive, Breeder Development, and Susan Myers, Senior Breeder Relations Field Rep., participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

AKC Breeder Focus Committee

Staff participating in the AKC Breeder Focus Committee provided an update on key findings, action items, next steps, and future plans.

Best Bred-by-Exhibitor Litter

Registration Award Program

Annual Update

Staff provided an annual update regarding the Best Bred-By-Exhibitor Litter Registration Award Program.

CLUBS

Lisa Cecin, Director of Club Relations, participated in this portion of the meeting.

Report on Member Club Bylaws Approved in May and June

Alaskan Malamute Club of America
(1953)

Greater Ocala Dog Club, Marion County,
FL (1996)

Hollywood Dog Obedience Club,
Hollywood, CA (1956)

Spokane Kennel Club, Spokane, WA
(1927)

Welsh Springer Spaniel Club of America
(1990)

Report on Newly Licensed Clubs Approved in May and June

Ball Bluff Pointing Dog Club of Minnesota,
greater Jacobson, MN area (including
communities north to Deer River, south to
Askov, east to Duluth and west to Route 6),
21 total households, 12 local.

Eastern Montgomery Agility Club, Willow
Grove, PA (including communities in
eastern Montgomery County, south of
Route 202 and Interstate 476), 42 total
households, 15 local.

Glen of Imaal Terrier Club of
Pennsylvania, greater Philadelphia, PA,
including all communities in the state of
Pennsylvania, south along Interstate 95
to Eldersburg, MD, east-northeast to Sag
Harbor, NY and northeast to Yalesville,
CT along Interstate 95, including
Mahwah, NJ and New York, NY), 36 total
households, 12 local.

Golden Retriever Club of Southern Nevada, Las Vegas NV (including all communities in Clark County), 28 total households. 16 local.

Hawaii Cane Corso Association, Honolulu County, HI (including all communities on the island of Oahu), 22 total households, 18 local.

Heartland Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club, greater Minneapolis, MN (including communities north to Route 23 south to Route 14, west to Route 4 and east to the MN/WI state line).

Hound Club of Oklahoma, greater Tulsa, OK (including communities northeast to Vinita, southwest to Oklahoma City

Nederlandse Kooikerhondje Club of Texoma. greater Austin, Texas (including communities north to the Texas/Oklahoma state line, south to Route 10, west to Route 35 and east to Route 45), 23 total households, 16 local.

Southern Japanese Chin Club of Texas, greater Dallas/Fort Worth, TX area (including communities north to Oklahoma/Texas state line, south to Hico, TX in proximity of Route 22, east to Louisiana/Texas state line and west to Route to 281), 28 total households, 12 local.

COMPLIANCE

Heather McManus, VP & General

Counsel, Patricia Hines, Corporate Counsel – Litigation, participated in this portion of the meeting. Bri Tesarz, Director, Compliance & Inspections, and Jessica Lopez, Compliance Manager, participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

Staff Event Committee Report of Actions Taken

The Board received a report of actions taken.

Summary of Actions by Management Disciplinary Committee – Charges Preferred – Non-Inappropriate Treatment

The Board received a report of actions taken.

Summary of Actions by Management Disciplinary Committee – Charges Preferred – Inappropriate Treatment

The Board received a report of actions taken.

Summary of Finalized Disciplinary Actions as of June 24, 2026

The Board received a report of finalized disciplinary actions as of June 24, 2026.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

CONSENT

Following a motion by Mr. Smyth, seconded by Mr. Hoke, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to approve the following Consent agenda items.

Pointing Breed Field Trials –

Retrieving Test

The Board VOTED to approve a recommendation to amend the *Standard Procedures for Pointing Breeds*, allowing clubs the option to host a retrieving test at Pointing Breed Field Trials. This is a pass-fail test where dogs that pass earn one retrieving credit which counts toward earning a Field Championship (FC) or Amateur Field Champion (AFC) title.

This change is effective November 1, 2026.

Lure Coursing – Allowing FSS® – Breeds to Earn Prefix Titles

The Board VOTED to approve a recommendation to amend the *Lure Coursing Regulations*, allowing Foundation Stock Service® (FSS®) breeds to earn prefix titles in Lure Coursing. FSS® breeds have been eligible to earn prefix titles in Companion events.

The change will become effective upon the completion of programming.

Code of Sportsmanship & Civility Enforcement Policy Changes

The Board VOTED to approve a

recommendation by the Compliance Department to incorporate the following clarifying language into the enforcement policy and continue to utilize the Discipline Guidelines to bring charges for more serious violations.

CODE OF SPORTSMANSHIP AND CIVILITY ENFORCEMENT (AUGUST 2006 BOARD MEETING, AMENDED OCTOBER 2025, JULY 2026)

The Code of Sportsmanship and Civility is an affirmation of how registrants and participants should behave, and violations will be handled pursuant to the Charter and Bylaws and the Dealing with Misconduct at AKC Events booklet. Complaints will be handled by sending a copy to the subject of the complaint and giving him/her an opportunity to respond. ~~If the number or seriousness of the complaints against a person~~ Infractions of a lesser degree will be dealt with by an educational letter sent to the parties involved, affirming the Code of Sportsmanship and Civility.

If the AKC deems the seriousness of the conduct rises to the level requiring formal discipline (i.e. conduct prejudicial to purebred dogs, AKC events or the AKC), AKC will consider ~~preferring~~ prefer charges. ~~Infractions~~

~~of a lesser degree will be dealt with by
an educational letter sent to the parties
involved, affirming the Code of~~

~~Sportsmanship and Civility.~~

The changes are effective July 15, 2026.

Delegate Approvals

Colleen E. Kimble

To represent Glens Falls Kennel Club

Published in *AKC Gazette*: May, June
2026

William Maseth

To represent Progressive Dog Club

Published in *AKC Gazette*: June, July 2026

Sharon Smith

To represent Greenville Kennel Club

Published in *AKC Gazette*: April, May
2026

Barbara (Bobbie) J. Wood

To represent American Lhasa Apso Club

Published in *AKC Gazette*: April, May
2026

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Adjourned: Tuesday, July 14, 2026 at
12:35 p.m. Eastern Time.

Attest: _____

Sheila H. Goffe, Executive Secretary