

The OnonDogger

**Official Newsletter of the
Onondaga Kennel Association
March 2024**



**Next General Meeting
March 13, 2024
7:00pm**

**Masonic Center
648 Centerville Pl.,
North Syracuse, NY 13212**

**General Meeting Dates for
First Quarter
January 10th * February 14th * March 13th**

**Next Board Meeting
March 5, 2024
6:00pm**

**Board Meeting Dates for
First Quarter
January 2nd * February 6th * March 5th**

**OKA's Official Website is
<http://www.onondagakennel.com>**

Please send all submission material to the Editor, Jennifer LaMere: atjenlamere103@gmail.com.

OKA Events on the Horizon

Join us on March 17th, 2024, to celebrate the Spring Match and showcase our Irish spirit for a chance to win enchanting prizes. Don't forget to bring your raffle baskets and kindly hand them over to Jamie Goodrich. As part of our ongoing campaign to support local fire departments, OKA will continue to provide them with pet oxygen masks.

From March 28th to the 31st, the Salt City Cluster starts Tapping Day on Tuesday, the 26th, then Setup Day on the 27th, followed by OKA's day on Thursday. Meet the Breeds will grace the halls again this year, led by Linda Walawander. See page 2 for details.

For those who seek the thrill of the hunt, the Scent Work Trial beckons on May 11th and 12th, with more details soon to come.

The Agility Trial is scheduled for September 20th -22nd, with further details to be shared as the event draws near. We are actively seeking individuals to join the Agility committee.

Finally, as the fall colors enrapture our vision, the glorious FastCAT awaits on October 5th and 6th. Updates will be announced as they become available. Stay vigilant, dear travelers, for the magic of the canine realm awaits.



Onondaga Kennel Association

Handling CLASSES

Place: Cicero Animal Clinic
8803 NYS Route 11
Brewerton, NY 13029

When: Mondays 6-7pm
OKA Member Free
Non-Member \$10.00



You can find our Winter Handling Class schedule on the OKA Website Calendar.

2024 OKA Meeting Schedule

General Meetings

January 10
February 14
March 13
April 10
May 8
June 12
July 10
August - No Meeting
September 11
October 9
November 13
December 11

Location:

Masonic Center
648 Centerville Place
North Syracuse, NY 13212

Board Meetings

January 2
February 6
March 5
April 2
May 7
June 4
July - No Meeting
August - No Meeting
September 3
October 1
November 5
December 3

SALT CITY CLUSTER 2024!!!



It's a tail waggin' good time!

Onondaga Kennel Association's Day is Thursday, March 28, 2024 and we will host a MEET THE BREED!!! This event was a HUGE success last year and we are excited to host it once again!!!

If you would like to participate this year please send me the following information via my e-mail: KWONTUMLEAP@aol.com with the Subject: MTB 1. DOG BREED/GROUP 2. DOG's CALL NAME 2. Your NAME . Also, please include a few lines that describe your breed from the AKC standard. This will be read as you enter the ring.

When you arrive day of show, please check in at the OKA Table. We will have a hand-out for each participant. Breeds will be called into the ring by AKC GROUP!!! Please remember that your dog must be entered in this show circuit to participate.

Every participant will receive a small thank gift for your participation! Let's reach out to the public and share our knowledge of our special breeds!

See you there!
Linda Walawander



Committee Reports



AKC Delegate:

Glenn Glass

Click the link on page 3 to jump to Glenn's AKC Delegate's Corner.

Judges Selection Input:

Suzanne DelPriore & Dave Kittredge

Anyone wanting to suggest we try to get a particular judge please email it to Suzanne at smgd49@gmail.com or call 315-430-5228.

Ethics:

Jamie Goodrich

Any property inspections, please report when needed. If there are any prospective members who have not had their property (kennels) checked yet, please let Jamie know. Also, if anyone is interested in joining Jamie on the ethics committee, please contact her at prospectridge.kennel@yahoo.com or call 315-560-6309.



Announcements

March 5th Boarding Meeting has been cancelled.

March 13th General Meeting:

1. After looking over the constitution and by-laws sent out, the officers realized there was an oversight regarding the application of "Zoom" meetings and email communications. We will still be going over them. The Officers and Board would like the Membership's feedback as it stands now.
2. Please remember that we will ask for nominations to the board from the floor.
3. Our Spring Show is on March 28th. We will need helping hands taping on March 26th and setting up on March 27th. There will be a sign up sheet at the meeting.

Many of our committee's need active participants. If you are interested please see the committee chairperson.



SALT CITY CLUSTER
MARCH 28, 29, 30 & 31, 2024
New York State Fairgrounds
 581 State Fair Blvd. • Syracuse, NY 13209
EXHIBIT BUILDING (Conformation Classes)
SCIENCE & INDUSTRY BUILDING (Obedience Trial)

HOSTED BY:

 **Onondaga Kennel Association**
 Thursday, March 28, 2024

 **Finger Lakes Kennel Club, Inc.**
 Friday, March 29, 2024

 **North Country Kennel Club, Inc.**
 Saturday, March 30, 2024

 **Central New York Kennel Club, Inc.**
 Sunday, March 31, 2024

Annual Health Clinics will be available on Saturday 3/30 & Sunday 3/31:
 EYE CLINIC: Dr. Tom Kern - Saturday, March 30 & Sunday, March 31, 2024
 HEART CLINIC: Dr. Bruce Korrneich - Saturday, March 30, 2024
 EAR CLINIC: Dr. Ellis Loeve - Saturday March 31, 2024
 PATELLA CLINIC: Dr. Jeffrey Casia - Sunday, March, 2024
 All clinics by appointment, as always, limited walk-ins • Email - breven7885@aol.com

MORE INFO CONTACT: Silvia Soos-Kazel • sgsk@live.com **SUPERINTENDENT** **JIM RAU DOG SHOWS, LTD.** **CLOSING DATE:** Wednesday, March 13, 2024



Nominees to the Board

Barbara Drake

Occupation: Retired
Board Meetings attended in 2023: 11/11
General Meetings attended in 2023: 8/10
Committees served on: Spring Match Chairperson: 3 years,
Handling Class Chairperson: 4 years
Offices held in OKA: Board Member 2021 to present
Other dog club(s) which you are a member: National Beagle
Club and Ontario Shores Kennel Club
Breed(s): Beagles
Number of years involved with dogs: over 20
Dog related activities: Conformation



Brenda Rath

Occupation: Retired Receptionist
Board Meetings attended in 2023: N/A
General Meetings attended in 2023: 9/10
Committees served on: Hospitality, Rally Chair, Trophy Chair for both Salt
City and Wine Country Shows for multiple years, ADCNYS, Ethics
Sunshine, Newsletter, and Health Clinic Chair
Offices held in OKA: President, Vice President, and Board Member
Other dog club(s) which you are a member: Syracuse Obedience Training
Club (SOTC)
Breed(s): Cavalier King Charles Spaniels, showed a Newfoundland in the
UK
Number of years involved with dogs: approximately 60, showing 25+/-
Dog related activities: Conformation about 15 years. Performance training
about 10 years, and assisted in teaching classes at SOTC
Additional information about yourself: Health Clinic Chair for 13 years,
helped with handling classes/juniors. Worked at all of OKA's Matches, did
junior baskets for about 8 years, Helped at Wine Country, SSC, Jones Road
Agility Trials, and Hospitality.



Courtney Norris

Occupation: Self Employed (Pet Groomer and Professional
Handler
Board Meetings attended in 2023: N/A
General Meetings attended in 2023: 5/10
Breed(s): Cane Corso & Havanese
Number of years involved with dogs: My entire life, 3rd
generation dog breeder/handler
Dog related activities: Conformation and pet grooming are my
main focuses but I would love to be involved and learn about
other activities.
Additional information about myself: I teach OKA's Handling
Classes on Monday nights. The reason I joined OKA was to give
back to my dog community that's given me so much. I would
really love to be more involved and help any way I can,



Nominees to the Board

Rebecca "Becky" Tehon

Occupation: Retired Systems/Data Analyst for insurance/financial companies

Board Meetings attended in 2023: 3 (approximately)

General Meetings attended in 2023: 10 (approximately)

Committees served on: Awards, Legislation/ADCNYS, Match, Chow Committee, Scent Work, and Finance

Offices held in OKA: Board Member 2016-2023

Other dog club(s) which you are a member: Collie Club of America, Syracuse Obedience Training Club, Herding Assoc. of Central NY, American Working Collie Association, Collie Health Foundation, Take The Lead and Collie Club of Central NY

Offices held in other organizations: Treasurer - Collie Club of Central NY and former Board Member of SOTC

Breed(s): Collie

Number of years involved with dogs: 56 showing

Dog related activities: Herding, Obedience/Rally, Conformation, CGC Evaluator (including Trick Dog, Virtual Home Manners, Fetch) and Scent Work

Additional information about myself: Because the Board meets on same day of one of my other clubs, I may have to miss some Board Meetings.



Susan Zamany

Occupation: Retired Human Resources Administrator

Board Meetings attended in 2023: N/A

General Meetings attended in 2023: 10/10

Committees served on: Finance

Other dog club(s) which you are a member: American Miniature Schnauzer Club

Breed(s): Miniature Schnauzer

Number of years involved with dogs: 30, 15 in conformation.

Dog related activities: Treasurer for the Salt City Cluster

Additional information about myself: AKC Breeder of Merit



Happy
St. Patrick's
Day



January General Meeting Minutes



Onondaga Kennel Association
General Meeting
January 10, 2024
Masonic Temple – North Syracuse

Candi Ardizzone presented a very informative program on becoming an AKC Judge.

Waiting for enough members to sign in to make a quorum to allow us hold business. We require 15 members to have a quorum.

The meeting was called to order by VP Judy Murray at 7:58pm.

Judy Muray thanked OKA for the beautiful flowers she received from OKA during a recent illness.

There are no minutes to be read due to the December meeting being the Christmas Party.

Treasurer Suzanne Hamilton presented the Treasurer's report.

Checking Account Balance: Redacted
Investment Fund Balance: Redacted

AKC Delegate Glenn Glass stated the AKC is pushing to list the email addresses in the judging catalogue. The Delegates have been discussing online, and for the most part, will express their objections at the March Delegates meeting.

The membership voted on prospective member Shannon Blackwood. Shannon was voted into membership.

Lynn Coates introduced Kim Antenucci who is doing a new TV show called "American Dream" on the local community and events. She would like to produce a show on our SCC Dog Shows which would stream on many channels.

Becky Tehon requested people get their rewards paperwork into her ASAP. You must include proof of your requested award.

Terry Lindsey chaired the nominating committee and is still working on the list.

The following have accepted the nomination so far.

Barbara Drake
Brenda Rath
Danielle Knobel



January General Meeting Minutes Continued



Judy Murray stated Nancy Bennett requested OKA hold a program on Canine First Aid by John Endres DVM.

NO OLD BUSINESS

NO NEW BUSINESS

Members introduced themselves.

Members presented brags.

Beth Greenfield moved to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Glenn Glass
OKA Recording Secretary

February General Meeting Minutes

Onondaga Kennel Association
General Meeting
February 14th 2024
Masonic Temple – North Syracuse

The meeting was called to order by President Jen LaMere at 7:1500pm.

Recording Secretary Glenn Glass read the minutes from the January 10th 2024 General meeting.

Silvia Soos-Kazel moved to accept the minutes as written. Suzy Beyer 2nd the motion. Vote taken.Motion carried.

Members, prospective members and guests introduced themselves.

Treasurer Suzanne Hamilton was not present. No Treasurer's report was provided.

Checking Account Balance \$n/a
Investment Fund Balance \$n/a



February General Meeting Minutes Continued



The following have accepted the nomination for the Board of Directors election to be held at the April General meeting. There are three open 3 year positions available.

Barbara Drake
Brenda Rath
Danielle Knobel
Courtney Norris
Sue Zemeny

Becky Tehon requested you submit your awards applications to her as soon as possible.

David Owens-Williams, the SCC show Chair stated everything is all ready to go. The premium has been published. The floor taping will be at 5 o'clock on Tuesday prior to the shows.

Voted on prospective member Candace Ardizzone. Candace was voted into membership.

Courtney Norris stated handling class is going very well.

The Fall Agility Trial will be held at the Jones Road Facility.

Silvia Soos-Kazel is working on a TV presentation for the SCC Shows. She is also contacting the Eagle Papers.

The Spring Match will be held on St. Patrick's day.

NEW BUSINESS

Jen LaMere stated the board has voted to allow UKC Dogs to attend handling classes for a fee.

Jen LaMere stated we require 5 members at the Agility Trial in the Fall. This is an AKC rule.

Silvia Soos-Kazel received our 100th year banner.

Members presented brags.

Canace Ardizzone moved to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Glenn Glass
OKA Recording Secretary





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U.S. Congress: Ask Lawmakers to Oppose Harmful, Radical Change to Federal Breeder Regulations

By AKC Government Relations
Published: Feb 08, 2024 | 3 Minutes

A bill to allow the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) to circumvent USDA animal experts in enforcing federal breeder licensing and potentially undermine the current hobby breeder exemptions for USDA licensing is gaining traction in Congress.

Your U.S. Senators and Representative need to hear from you TODAY! Let them know you are a constituent and ask them to not sponsor or support H.R. 5041/S. 2555. Scroll down for details and contact information.

About the Bill: H.R.5041/ Senate Bill 2555, the so-called “Better CARE for Animals Act”, circumvents enforcement of dog breeder licensing under the Animal Welfare Act (AWA) by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and shifts authority to the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ). This shift would move oversight authority from an agency staffed by animal experts that focuses on improving animal husbandry; and instead place it with one with little or no animal expertise that focuses on violations as potential federal crimes.

The bill would also empower the DOJ to file charges, seize animals and impose penalties regardless of whether USDA has determined or even alleged that there has been a violation of the Animal Welfare Act (AWA).

Additionally, the measure could potentially undermine or remove current exemptions from licensing for small hobby breeders, thereby requiring them to be licensed and comply with USDA standards.

Your Representatives in the U.S. House and Senate need to hear opposition to this bill TODAY!

Visit AKC’s Legislative Action Center at www.akcgr.org and type your address in the “Find Your Elected Officials” box to find out who represents you and get their contact information. Please call or email their offices today.

Use the talking points below when reaching out to them.





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Talking Points:

- Explain you are a constituent.
- Ask them to oppose H.R 5041/S. 2555, the so-called “Better Care for Animals Act”.
- Tell them it will do precisely the opposite of its name by removing crucial animal experts from the chain of animal welfare oversight. Removing subject matter expertise will undermine both animal care and enforcement of violations.
- DOJ does not have staff, veterinarians or experts in animal husbandry and behavior that are experienced in evaluating AWA compliance or enforcement.
- Rather than creating more efficiency, HR 5041/S 2555 create redundant and potentially conflicting authorities and jurisdictions. This will cause greater bureaucracy and expand the backlog of cases at the DOJ.
- Removal of exemptions for de minimis activity such as hobby breeders will also create greater strain on the limited resources of federal agencies charged with AWA oversight of professional breeders.
- The measure is unnecessary as the USDA already can and does seek assistance from DOJ when appropriate.
- The bills allow owners to be required to pay for the costs of boarding and care of seized animals while legal proceedings are pending, regardless of the outcome – with no provision for restitution.
- **Instead, suggest an alternate solution to address lawmakers’ animal care concerns:** Ask your members of Congress to instead support additional financial resources for USDA Animal Care enforcement so they can appropriately enforce the requirements they already have.

For questions or more information, contact doglaw@akc.org, visit AKC’s Legislative Action Center www.akcgr.org or contact 919-816-3720.

Background: About Federal Dog Breeder Licensing and Oversight

Anyone who maintains more than 4 “breeding females” (a term that is undefined but is generally considered to mean an intact female) and transfers even one of the offspring “sight unseen” is subject to licensing under the AWA. “Breeding females” include any combination of cats, dogs, or other small pet mammals such as hamsters, guinea pigs, etc. (Learn more). The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, which is staffed by thousands of animal experts, currently administers AWA licensing requirements. As part of their mission, which includes improving animal care and welfare, the agency’s experts recognize performance-based animal care standards and provide expertise, training, and certification programs that benefit animals and those who care for them.



I detect more AKC attached at the end of the Newsletter.

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Jamie Goodrich (4/25)
Philip Jefferis (4/26)
Susan LaMere (4/26)
Terry Lindsey (4/26)
Silvia Soos-Kazel (4/25)
David Owen Williams (4/25)
Linda Walawander (4/24)

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ONONDAGA KENNEL ASSOCIATION



March 17, 2024 @ SOTC facility, Syracuse, NY

Spring conformation Match/Obedience/Rally

Puppy variety, peewee, itty-bitty, junior handler, adult handling entries close at 9:30am day of show, puppy variety starts at 10am itty-bitty, peewee & juniors to follow, then adult handling. Regular classes (with veterans) will close at 1230pm, day of show and start at 1pm. Champions of record will only be shown FEO (for exhibition only).

Puppy Variety

Puppy 3-6m

Courtney Norris

Puppy 6-9m

Stephanie Winters

Puppy 9-12m

Danielle Madore

Best in Puppy Variety

And

Best of Opposite in Puppy Variety

David Owen Williams

No Chalking Indoors!

Prizes

Best in Puppy Variety

\$25 Gift card

Best Puppy in Match

\$25 Gift card

Best Adult Dog in Match

\$25 Gift card

Best Veteran in Match

\$25 Gift card

Best Adult Handler

\$25 Gift card

Remember

We are offering Itty-Bitty class! For children under 5yrs old, with a plush animal, accompanied by a responsible adult. Also PeeWee class! For children ages 5yrs-9yrs old. Must be accompanied by a responsible adult.



**We will be having
raffle baskets!**

**Brown Brothers
BBQ will be there!**



Conformation Breed & Group

Judges

Herding/Hounds

Stephanie Winters
Mexico, NY

Sporting

Courtney Norris
Syracuse, NY

Working & Non-Sporting

Linda Walawander
Fulton, NY

Terrier & Toy

Danielle Madore
Williamstown, NY

Miscellaneous/FCI

Jamie Goodrich
Central Square, NY



Best Adult Dog in Match

-Stephanie Winters

Entry Fees

\$10 Pre Entry

\$12 Day of
Show

Juniors, Itty-Bitty
& PeeWee
Free

Rally/Obedience Show -N- Go

Rally Judge:

Jennifer Hammond-Vohnoutka
Halfmoon, NY

Obedience Judges

Beginner and Novice

Nan Bonnell
Manlius, NY

Open and Utility

Wendy Longden
Onieda, NY



**Obedience/rally
entries close at**

830am,

**Competition starts
at 9am**



PeeWee, Itty-Bitty & Juniors

- Courtney Norris

Adult Handler/Best of

- Rhonda Hasto

Best Puppy In Match

- Jamie Goodrich

Best Veteran In Match

-Courtney Norris



SPECIAL PRIZE

Best Dressed
Handler
With The
Greatest
Irish Spirit



Please see entry form for more entry details. www.onondagakennel.com



News Release

For Immediate Release

2024 AKC NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP **JUDGING PANEL NOW AVAILABLE**

NEW YORK, NY (February 21, 2024) – The American Kennel Club® (AKC®) is pleased to announce the judging panel for the **2024 AKC National Championship Presented by Royal Canin** to be held at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, Florida on Saturday, December 14 and Sunday, December 15, 2024.

The 2024 event will showcase the top canine athletes and will also include popular attractions such as the Best Bred-by-Exhibitor competition, the AKC National Owner-Handled Series Finals, and the AKC Royal Canin National All-Breed Puppy and Junior Stakes. The show will once again take place alongside the AKC Agility Invitational and the Obedience Classic, with junior events in Conformation, Agility, Obedience and Rally, as well as special attraction North America Diving Dogs (NADD) Santa Splash.

Leading the charge as Best in Show judge for the 2024 National Championship is **Mr. Terry Stacy** of Durham, NC and **Elizabeth “Beth” Sweigart** of Bowmansville, PA will judge Best Bred-by-Exhibitor in Show. The judges for the National Owner-Handled Series Finals and the AKC Royal Canin National All-Breed Puppy and Junior Stakes will be announced at a later date.

“This year’s show boasts an impressive lineup of judges, with Terry and Beth leading the charge,” said Show Chairman Dennis B. Sprung. “Now in its 24th year, the AKC National Championship continues to showcase the best of the best and is sure to be an exhilarating competition for breeders, exhibitors and judges.”

Judges for the seven variety groups and the Miscellaneous Classes at the AKC National Championship are:

SPORTING – Mr. Clay Coady – Paradise Valley, AZ

HOUND – Pamela Lambie – Phoenix, AZ

WORKING – Ms. Rita J. Biddle, Esq. – Eagle, MI

TERRIER – Pamela Bruce – Welland, ON

TOY – Mr. Robin Stansell – Clayton, NC

NON-SPORTING – Mr. Charles Olvis – Lake Wales, FL

HERDING – Mr. Thomas Coen – Great Barrington, MA

MISCELLANEOUS CLASSES – Mr. Clay Coady – Paradise Valley, AZ

BEST JUNIOR HANDLER – Patricia Proctor – Yarmouth Port, MA

JUNIOR PRELIMS – Rachel Robertson and Morgan Miller

Judges for the seven Bred-by-Exhibitor variety groups are:

SPORTING – Bonnie Threlfall – Cary, NC

HOUND – Mr. Dennis B. Sprung. – New York, NY

WORKING – Mrs. Sheila DiNardo – Valley Glen, CA

TERRIER – Mr. Elliott Weiss – Novelty, OH

TOY – Dana Cline – Albany, GA

NON-SPORTING – Pamela Bruce – Welland, ON

HERDING – Mr. Frank Kane – Cleveland, UKG

BREED JUDGING FOR THE AKC NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP:

SPORTING GROUP	BREED ASSIGNMENTS
Mrs. Debbie Melgreen	Barbet, Brittany, Lagotto Romagnolo, Nederlandse Kooikerhondje, Retriever (Chesapeake Bay), Retriever (Curly-Coat)
Cindy Lane	Bracco Italiano, Spaniel (Boykin), Spaniel (Cocker – all varieties), Spaniel (Field), Spaniel (Welsh Springer), Spinone Italiano, Wirehaired Pointing Griffon
Mrs. Vicki Seiler-Cushman	Pointer, Weimaraner
Mr. Frank Kane	Pointer (German Shorthaired), Pointer (German Wirehaired), Spaniel (Clumber), Vizsla, Wirehaired Vizsla
Mrs. Joan Savage	Retriever (Flat-Coated), Retriever (Nova Scotia Duck Tolling), Setter (English), Setter (Gordon), Setter (Irish), Setter (Irish Red & White), Spaniel (American Water), Spaniel (English Cocker), Spaniel (Irish Water), Spaniel (Sussex)
Pamela Bruce	Retriever (Golden)
Claire White-Peterson	Retriever (Labrador)
Mrs. Darcy Quinlan	Spaniel (English Springer)
HOUND GROUP	BREED ASSIGNMENTS
Bonnie Threlfall	Afghan Hounds, Basenji, Borzoi, English Foxhound, Grand Basset Griffon Vendeen, Rhodesian Ridgeback, Saluki, Scottish Deerhound
Mr. David Miller	American English Coonhound, American Foxhound, Azawakh, Black and Tan Coonhound, Bloodhound, Bluetick Coonhound, Portuguese Podengo Pequeno, Sloughi, Treeing Walker Coonhound, Whippet
Jamie Hubbard	Basset Hound, Beagle (both varieties), Cirneco dell'Etna, Greyhound, Norwegian

	Elkhound, Petit Basset Griffon Vendeen, Plott Hound, Redbone Coonhound
Mrs. Darcy Quinlan	Dachshund (all varieties)
Dr. Eric Liebes	Harrier, Ibizan Hound, Irish Wolfhound, Otterhound, Pharaoh Hound
WORKING GROUP	BREED ASSIGNMENTS
Pamela Bruce	Akita, Anatolian Shepherd Dog, Bernese Mountain Dog, Boerboel, Bullmastiff, Cane Corso, Chinook
Dana Cline	Alaskan Malamute, Black Russian Terrier, Dogue de Bordeaux, Greater Swiss Mountain Dog, Leonberger, Newfoundland, Portuguese Water Dog, Tibetan Mastiff
Mr. Clay Coady	Boxer, Doberman Pinscher, Giant Schnauzer, Great Dane
Mrs. Vicki Seiler-Cushman	Dogo Argentino, Komondor, Kuvasz, Mastiff, Neapolitan Mastiff, Rottweiler, Samoyed, Siberian Husky
Dr. Eric Liebes	German Pinscher, St. Bernard, Standard Schnauzer
Mr. Norman Kenney	Great Pyrenees
TERRIER GROUP	BREED ASSIGNMENTS
Mrs. Rosalind Kramer	Airedale Terrier, Irish Terrier, Kerry Blue Terrier, Lakeland Terrier, Rat Terrier, Russell Terrier, Scottish Terrier, Skye Terrier
Mrs. Lydia Hutchinson	American Hairless Terrier, Australian Terrier, Cesky Terrier, Glen of Imaal Terrier, Miniature Schnauzer, Parson Russell Terrier, Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier, Welsh Terrier
Mr. Desmond Murphy	American Staffordshire Terrier, Bedlington Terrier, Border Terrier, Bull Terrier (both varieties), Dandie Dinmont Terrier, Fox Terrier (Smooth), Fox Terrier (Wire), Miniature Bull Terrier
Mr. Frank Kane	Cairn Terrier, Manchester Terrier (Standard), Norfolk Terrier, Norwich Terrier, Sealyham Terrier, Staffordshire Bull Terrier, West Highland White Terrier
TOY GROUP	BREED ASSIGNMENTS
Mrs. Lydia Hutchinson	Affenpinscher, Biewer Terrier, Italian Greyhound, Miniature Pinscher, Pekingese, Pug
Mr. Edd Bivin	Brussels Griffon, Chinese Crested, English Toy Spaniel (all varieties), Havanaise
Mrs. Vicki Seiler-Cushman	Cavalier King Charles Spaniel
Linda George	Chihuahua (both varieties), Papillon

Gina Wieser	Japanese Chin, Maltese, Pomeranian, Shih Tzu, Toy Fox Terrier
Mr. Frank Kane	Manchester Terrier (Toy)
Elliott Weiss	Poodle (Toy)
Cindy Lane	Russian Toy, Silky Terrier
Mr. Charles Olvis	Yorkshire Terrier
NON-SPORTING GROUP	BREED ASSIGNMENTS
Mr. Todd Richard Jackson	American Eskimo Dog, Chow Chow, Finnish Spitz, Norwegian Lundehund, Shiba Inu, Tibetan Spaniel, Tibetan Terrier, Xoloitzcuintli
Mrs. Eva Berg	Bichon Frise, Bulldog, Coton de Tulear, Dalmatian, Lhasa Apso, Löwchen, Schipperke
Elliott Weiss	Boston Terrier, Chinese Shar-Pei, Keeshond, Poodle (Miniature & Standard)
Mrs. Sheila DiNardo	French Bulldog
HERDING GROUP	BREED ASSIGNMENTS
Mr. Charles Olvis	Australian Cattle Dog, Beauceron, Bergamasco, Berger Picard, Border Collie, Bouvier des Flandres, Entlebucher Mountain Dog, Polish Lowland Sheepdog
Elliott Weiss	Australian Shepherd
Mr. Norman Kenney	Bearded Collie, Briard, Canaan Dog, Finnish Lapphund, German Shepherd Dog, Miniature American Shepherd, Norwegian Buhund, Spanish Water Dog
Ms. Linda Robey	Belgian Lakemois, Belgian Malinois, Belgian Sheepdog, Belgian Tervuren, Cardigan Welsh Corgi, Icelandic Sheepdog, Mudi, Swedish Vallhund
Nioma Stoner Coen	Collie (both varieties), Pembroke Welsh Corgi
Dr. Eric Liebes	Old English Sheepdog, Puli, Pumi, Pyrenean Shepherd, Shetland Sheepdog

*Panel subject to final approval.

About Best in Show judge Terry Stacy:

W. Terry Stacy purchased a Cocker Spaniel in 1952 and began showing as a Junior Handler. He bred his first Cocker Champion in 1955 which led to numerous other Champions. After an education at Marietta College, he became Kennel Manager for the Downsbraugh Kennels of Mr. and Mrs. William Brainard where he worked with Smooth Fox Terriers, Welsh Terriers, Greyhounds and Labrador Retrievers. A successful career of 15 years as a professional handler followed. He finished titles on breeds in each of the 6 Groups then recognized by the American Kennel Club as well as winning many Best in Show and Group awards.

In 1978, Terry began a career as a Dog Show Superintendent for MBF Dog Shows. Three years later he was hired by the American Kennel Club where he worked another

15-year career as Vice President of Dog Events and later was elected Senior Vice President until he retired in 1995.

Mr. Stacy resides in Durham, NC with his wife Jackie who judges All Breeds. As a judge of five Groups, Mr. Stacy has judged shows throughout the world.

About Best Bred-By-Exhibitor judge Elizabeth “Beth” Sweigart:

Ms. Elizabeth "Beth" Sweigart of Bowmansville, Pennsylvania was born on Long Island, NY and has been involved with dogs all her life. First, with the Labrador Retrievers that her father used for duck hunting on Great South Bay, and later, after marriage, she started breeding and showing Labs under the Yarrow prefix in the 1960s. She started breeding Norwich and Norfolk terriers in the 1970s and Affenpinschers in the 1990s. Ms. Sweigart has bred National Specialty, Best in Show winners, and top-ranked dogs.

Since retiring as a professional handler in 2006, Ms. Sweigart has been an AKC approved judge for the Sporting, Terrier and Toy groups as well as some breeds in the Working and Herding groups.

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February 2024 Conformation Judging Approvals

To assist clubs in the formation of their judging panels and to raise awareness of recent conformation judging approvals, the following is a list of judges and breeds approved on permit status in February 2024. The list also provides approvals for Best in Show and Junior Showmanship. To remind, use of permit judges (approved for less than one group) by a club may be applied toward a club's compliance requirements for the holding of future AKC events.

Additional resources are also available on AKC website including a list of all permit approvals since the most recent publication of the printed judges directory at: <http://cdn-apps.akc.org/judges-directory/Permit-List.pdf>, and an up to date grid of Group and Best in Show Judges at: http://cdn-apps.akc.org/judges-directory/ConformationGroup_BestinShow_Judges.pdf.

New Breed Permit Judges

Ms. Sheila Taylor Allen, WA (66830) Smooth Fox Terriers

Terri Cournoyer, MS (112049) Bull Terriers, Miniature Bull Terriers, Staffordshire Bull Terriers

Mrs. Marissa Hendrix, AR (113279) Golden Retrievers

Mrs. Rebecca Myers, FL (113529) St. Bernards, Collies

Mrs. Marlys Swanson, WA (36823) Labrador Retrievers

Additional Breed Permit Judges

Mr. Gary L. Andersen, AZ (6176) Berger Picards, Border Collies, Bouviers des Flandres, Cardigan Welsh Corgis, Collies, German Shepherd Dogs, Norwegian Buhunds, Pembroke Welsh Corgis, Pumik, Shetland Sheepdogs

Maria Arechaederra, CA (110565) Anatolian Shepherd Dogs, German Pinschers, Great Danes, Saint Bernards, Siberian Huskies

Ronda Bermke, WI (94073) Sloughi, Belgian Malinois, Canaan Dogs

Mrs. Marla Capozzi, TN (100459) Basenjis, Bloodhounds, Bluetick Coonhounds, Norwegian Elkhounds, Scottish Deerhounds, Treeing Walker Coonhounds

Mrs. Vicky Cook, OR (103755) Portuguese Podengo Pequenos

Mrs. Terry Dennison, AK (47424) Australian Cattle Dogs, Belgian Tervurens, Border Collies, Finnish Lapphunds, Norwegian Buhunds, Pumik

Mrs. Penny DiSiena, FL (76729) Afghan Hounds, Azawakhs, Bluetick Coonhounds, Greyhounds, Salukis

Mrs. Beth Downey, MS (102539) Black and Tan Coonhounds, Dachshunds, Bulldogs, French Bulldogs, Lowchen, Tibetan Terriers, Xoloitzcuintli

Cathy Eke, IN (101345) French Bulldogs

Mr. Edward A. Fojtik, IL (104757) Barbets, Pointers, Gordon Setters, Irish Red and White Setters, Spinoni Italiani, Wirehaired Pointing Griffons, Poodles



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Mr. Larry E. Hansen, Jr., AZ (19512) Boxers

Mrs. Robette Johns, IL (7134) Australian Cattle Dogs, Old English Sheepdogs, Spanish Water Dogs

Ms. Julie Jussaume, CT (78701) Barbets, Lagotti Romagnoli, German Shorthaired Pointers, Curly-Coated Retrievers, Golden Retrievers, English Setters

Mrs. Nancy Lovelady, NV (97313) Basset Hounds, Beagles, Dachshunds, Greyhounds, Ibizan Hounds, Pharaoh Hounds, Portuguese Podengo Pequenos, Rhodesian Ridgebacks

Sharon Masnick, SC (97181) Boston Terriers, Bulldogs, Tibetan Spaniels

Ms. Bonnie Money, IN (105681) Bernese Mountain Dogs, Australian Cattle Dogs, Bouviers des Flandres, Mudik, Swedish Vallhunds

Mr. Jerry Parisek, FL (97009) Affenpinschers, Brussels Griffons, Chinese Cresteds, Poodles, Collies

Mr. Benson E. Ray, SC (97179) Boston Terriers, Bulldogs, Tibetan Spaniels

Mrs. Sharon Ann Redmer, MI (2711) Balance of Non-Sporting Group (Bulldogs, Cotons du Tulear, French Bulldogs, Shibu Inu), Airedale Terriers, Wire Fox Terriers, Welsh Terriers

Mrs. Charlene Rutar, IN (94495) Finnish Spitz, Lhasa Apsos, Shiba Inu

Mr. John Schoeneman, NC (98359) Balance of Herding Group (Beaucerons, Bergamasco Sheepdogs, Briards, Entlebucher Mountain Dogs, Finnish Lapphunds, Lancashire Heelers, Mudik, Norwegian Buhunds, Spanish Water Dogs)

Ms. Pamela Schroeder, WA (108285) Boxers, Bullmastiffs, Dogues de Bordeaux, Great Danes, Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs, Samoyeds, Pumik

Marilyn Van Vleit, OR (67040) American English Coonhounds, Beagles, Borzois

Ms. Judith White, OH (95513) Bedlington Terriers, Sealyham Terriers

Ms. Kathy L. Wilkins, GA (6799) Chihuahuas, Border Collies, German Shepherd Dogs

Ms. Pamela Wilson, TX (64914) Chinese Cresteds, Havanese, Japanese Chins, Russian Toys, Yorkshire Terrier

Junior Showmanship Permit Judges

Mrs. Vicky Cook, OR (103755) All-Breed JS

Terri Cournoyer, MS (112049) JS-Limited Status

Mrs. Beth Downey, MS (102539) All-Breed JS

Mrs. Marissa Hendrix, AR (113279) JS-Limited Status

Mrs. Erin L. McClurg-McRobb, TX (29712) All-Breed JS

Ms. Madeline McCue, CA (113393) All-Breed JS

Mrs. Rebecca Myers, FL (113529) All-Breed JS

Mr. Alex Wheeler, MA (113371) All-Breed JS