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### NOTICE OF MEETING

The next meeting of the Delegates will be held at the Doubletree Newark Airport Hotel on **Tuesday, March 12, 2024**, beginning no earlier than 9:00 a.m. There will not be a Delegate Forum.

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Curly-Coated Retriever Club of America

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**Richard L. Yoho**, Apopka, FL,  
Dandie Dinmont Terrier Club of America  
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Western Reserve Kennel Club

Coursing Ability (CAT) and Fast CAT Regulations, Chapter 2, Section 19  
Doberman Pinscher Club of Columbus  
Ohio..... \$50

## NOTICE

### REPRIMANDS AND FINES

Notification of fines imposed on clubs for late submission of event records, Regulations and Guidelines for AKC Hunting Tests for Retrievers, Chapter 1, Section 21  
Hinckley Retriever Club ..... \$50  
Sand and Sage Hunting Retriever Club..... \$50

Notification of fines imposed on clubs for late submission of event records, Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedure for Retrievers, Chapter 13  
Eastern Idaho Retriever Club ..... \$100  
Ozaukee Retriever Club ..... \$100  
North Florida Amateur Retriever Club..... \$50

Notification of fines imposed on clubs for late submission of event records, Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedure for Dachshunds, Chapter 10  
Metropolitan Washington Dachshund Club..... \$50

Notification of fines imposed on clubs for late submission of event records,

## 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. Robert Kripaitis (Lewisberry, PA)
- Mr. Michael Mayhew (Orlando, FL)

## NOTICE

Ms. Wendy Cerilli (Greenwich, NY). Action was taken by the LEAP Agility Club of Central Massachusetts for conduct at its November 24, 2023 event. Ms. Cerilli was charged with improper treatment in connection with an event. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the Event Committee's report and set the penalty as a three-month suspension of all AKC privileges and a \$300 fine, effective December 12, 2023. (Australian Shepherds)

## NOTICE

Ms. Mollie Gabbert (San Antonio, TX). Action was taken by the San Antonio

Poodle Club for conduct at its December 10, 2023. Ms. Gabbert was charged with failure to properly control a dog at an event. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the Event Committee's report and set the penalty as a reprimand, \$200 fine, and required proof of restitution paid. (Great Dane)

## NOTICE

Mr. Jim Keller (Knox, ME). Action was taken by the English Springs Spaniel Field Trial Association for conduct at its November 27 – December 1, 2023 event. Mr. Keller was charged with inappropriate, abusive, or foul language directed personally to a judge. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the Event Committee's report and set the penalty as a six-month event suspension and a \$500 fine, effective December 25, 2023. (English Springer Spaniels)

## NOTICE

Mr. Jeff Pribil (Trenton, SC). Action was taken by the Marion Kennel Club for conduct at its November 2, 2023 event. Mr. Pribil was charged with disorderly conduct. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the Event Committee's report and set the penalty as a reprimand and \$100 fine. (Norfolk Terriers)

## NOTICE

Mr. Fernando Salas (Oakland, NJ). Action was taken by the South Jersey Kennel Club for conduct at its December 7, 2023 event. Mr. Salas was charged with inappropriate public criticism of a judge, not disruptive, but demonstrating a lack of sportsmanship. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the Event Committee's report and set the penalty as a one-month event suspension and a \$200 fine, effective December 8, 2023. (Airedale Terriers)

## NOTICE

Ms. Martha Wilder (Magnolia, TX). Action was taken by the Greater Humble Area Kennel Club for conduct at its October 8, 2023 event. Ms. Wilder was charged with inappropriate, abusive, or foul language directed personally towards a judge and inappropriate criticism of a judge, not disruptive, but demonstrating a lack of sportsmanship. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the Event Committee's report and set the combined penalty as a six-month event suspension and a \$500 fine, effective November 19, 2023. (Shetland Sheepdogs)

## NOTICE

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Ms. Haley Abell (Clinton, MO) for six-months from all AKC privileges and imposed a \$500

fine, for refusal to make her dogs and records available for inspection, effective January 9, 2024. (French Bulldogs, Pembroke Welsh Corgis)

## NOTICE

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Ms. Chelsea Amend (Naples, FL) for five-years from all AKC privileges and imposed a \$500 fine, for refusal to make her dogs and records available for inspection, effective January 9, 2024. (English Toy Spaniels, Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs)

## NOTICE

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Ms. Gayle Wormington (Purdy, MO) for six months from all AKC privileges and imposed a \$500 fine, for non-compliance with AKC's record keeping and dog identification requirements, effective January 9, 2024. (Bulldogs, French Bulldogs)

## NOTICE

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended the following individuals for a lifetime of all AKC privileges and imposed a \$10,000 fine, for violating AKC's Judicial or Administrative Determination of Inappropriate Treatment policy:

Effective January 9, 2024

Ms. Lisa Berry (Albuquerque, NM)  
Ms. Monica Wong (Suwanee, GA)

## OFFICIAL STANDARD OF THE WEST HIGHLAND WHITE TERRIER

**General Appearance:** The West Highland White Terrier, originally bred to hunt in packs for badger and eradicate vermin in the rough terrain of the Scottish Highlands, is a small, well-boned, hardy-looking terrier, exhibiting confidence and possessed with no small amount of self-esteem. The Westie presents a compact appearance with good balance and substance, and is distinguished by its hard, white, double coat. The breed requires moderation both in structure and presentation, and any exaggerations are discouraged.

**Size, Proportion, Substance:** The ideal *size* is eleven inches at the withers for dogs and ten inches for bitches. A *slight* deviation is acceptable. The Westie is a compact dog, with good balance and *substance*. The body between the withers and the root of the tail is slightly shorter than the height at the withers. Short-coupled and well boned.

**Head:** Shaped to present a roundish appearance from the front and in proportion to and balanced with the body. *Expression* - Inquisitive, intense, keen, intelligent and alert. *Eyes* - Widely set

apart, medium in size, almond shaped, dark brown in color, and deep set. Looking from under heavy brows, they give a piercing look. Eye rims are black. *Ears* - Small, prick, set wide apart, on the top outer edge of the skull, and carried tightly erect. They terminate in a sharp point; must never be cropped. The hair on the ears is trimmed short and is smooth and velvety, free of fringe at the tips. Black pigmentation is preferred. *Skull* - Broad, slightly longer than the muzzle, slightly domed between the ears. It gradually tapers to the eyes. There is a defined stop and heavy brows. *Muzzle* - Blunt, slightly shorter than the skull, powerful and gradually tapering to the nose, which is large and black. The muzzle is well filled below the eyes. The jaws are level and powerful. Lip pigment is black. *Bite* - The teeth are large for the size of the dog. There must be six incisor teeth between the canines of both lower and upper jaws. A tight scissors or level bite is equally correct.

**Neck, Topline, Body:** *Neck* - Muscular and well set on sloping shoulders. Length in proportion to the rest of the dog.

*Topline* - Flat and level, both standing and moving. *Body* - Compact and of good substance with defined forechest and buttocks. Ribs extend at least to the elbows. The ribs are well arched in the upper half and taper to present a flattish side appear-

ance. Chest is deep and extends at least to the elbows. Width is in proportion to the size of the dog. Back ribs are of considerable depth, and distance from last rib to upper thigh is as short as compatible with free movement of the body. Loin is short, broad and strong. Faults - Barrel ribs, ribs above elbows, lack of definite body overhang. *Tail* - Relatively short, with good substance, and shaped like a carrot. When erect it is never extended above the top of the skull. It is covered with hard hair without feather, as straight as possible, carried upright or slightly forward but not curled over the back. The tail is set on high enough so that the spine does not slope down to it. The tail is never docked.

**Forequarters:** Angulation, Shoulders - Shoulder blades are well laid back and well-knit at the withers. The shoulder blade attaches to an upper arm which is equal or nearly equal to the length of the shoulder blade. Faults - Steep or loaded shoulders. Upper arm too short or upright. Legs - Forelegs are muscular and well boned, relatively short, but with sufficient length to set the dog up so as not to be too close to the ground. The front legs are reasonably straight, and thickly covered with short hard hair. They are set in under the shoulder blades with definite body overhang before them. Height from elbow to withers and elbow to ground is approxi-

mately the same. Faults - Out at elbows, light bone, fiddle-front. Feet - Forefeet are larger than the hind ones, round, proportionate in size, strong, thickly padded; they may be turned out slightly. Dewclaws may be removed. Black pigmentation is most desirable on pads of all feet and nails, although nails may lose coloration in older dogs.

**Hindquarters:** Angulation - Thighs are very muscular, stifles well bent, and hocks well let down. Not set wide apart and parallel when viewed from the rear. Legs - Rear legs are muscular and relatively short. Faults - Weak hocks, long hocks, lack of angulation, cow hocks. Feet - Hind feet are smaller than front feet, and are thickly padded. Dewclaws may be removed.

**Coat:** The white double coat is hard and weather-resistant, consisting of straight, hard hair and a short, soft undercoat. The longer jacket hair is approximately 1½ to 2 inches of hard hair, plucked and trimmed to blend into the shorter coated side neck, chest, shoulder, and rear. The jacket is smoothly blended into the longer furnishings. Hair is left around the head, plucked and shaped to provide a roundish frame for the face, with the tips of the ears and piercing eyes partially exposed yielding a typical West Highland White Terrier expression. Coat color, texture, and pre-

sentation should reflect the breed's purpose and terrain in which they work.

**Color:** The color is white, as defined by the breed's name. A hard straight coat which has some wheaten tipping is preferable to a soft white coat.

**Gait:** Movement is free and easy all around; it is a distinctive gait, not stilted. When viewed from the side, the gait is powerful with equally ample reach and drive. The topline remains level. In the front the leg is freely extended by the shoulder. When viewed from the front, the legs do not move parallel but tend to move toward the center of gravity. The hind movement is free, strong, and fairly close, but does not single track. The hocks are freely flexed and drawn close under the body, so that when moving off on the foot the body is thrown or pushed forward with some force. Faults- Lack of reach in front, and/or drive behind. Stiff, stilted movement.

**Temperament:** Alert, confident, courageous, self-reliant, and friendly-Possessing no small amount of self-esteem. Faults - Excess timidity or excess pugnacity

**Approved January 9, 2024**

**Effective April 3, 2024**

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

The AKC Board has endorsed the following amendment to **Article XII, Section 1**, of the *Charter and Bylaws of The American Kennel Club, Inc.*, proposed by the Delegate Bylaws Committee and approved by Staff. This will be voted on at the March 12, 2024 Delegate Meeting.

### **ARTICLE XII**

**SECTION 1.** Any club or association or person or persons interested in purebred dogs may make a complaint against any other club or association or person or persons for conduct alleged to have been prejudicial to the best interests of purebred dogs, purebred dog events or the AKC, which complaint shall be made in writing setting forth the circumstances. 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 complaint shall then be sent to the AKC, (ATTENTION: Executive Secretary) with a deposit, the amount to be established annually by the Board of Directors. The deposit shall become the property of the AKC if the Board of Directors does

not exercise jurisdiction; or in the event the Board of Directors exercises jurisdiction and the complaint is not sustained to any extent. The deposit will be returned if the Board of Directors exercises jurisdiction and the complaint is sustained to any extent.

## **PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE RULES APPLYING TO DOG SHOWS – CHAPTER 12, SECTION 1 AND SECTION 4 – THE CATALOG**

The AKC Board has endorsed the following amendment to **Chapter 12, Section 1** and **Section 4**, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*, suggested by Staff, proposed by the AKC Board and approved by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee. This will be voted on at the March 12, 2024 Delegate Meeting.

### **CHAPTER 12**

**SECTION 1.** Every Show Committee shall provide a published catalog which shall contain:

- Exact location of the show
- Date/dates on which the show will be held
- Show hours (opening and closing)
- List of all officers and members of the Event Committee
- Name, city and state of all judges
- Name and address of Superintendent and/or Show Secretary
- Name of the Veterinarian or Veterinary

Clinic, and whether the veterinarian will be in attendance or on call.

- Name, city, state, and if provided, e-mail address, of all exhibitors
- Information on all entered dogs as described in Chapter 12, Section 4
- Information on all entered Junior Handlers
- Judging Program

No entry shall be made at any show under a judge of any dog which said judge or any member of his/her immediate household or immediate family has been known to have owned, handled in the ring more than twice, sold, held under lease or boarded within one year prior to the date of the show.

For the purposes of this section, the members of an immediate family are one's spouse, domestic partner, parents, grandparents, children, grandchildren, siblings, mother-in-law, father-in-law, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, daughters-in-law, and sons-in-law; adopted, half, and step members are also included in immediate family.

Judges of sweepstakes and futurities, and all other special attractions held with a conformation show should refer to the Rules, Policies and Guidelines for Conformation Judges for any applicable exhibiting restrictions as they are defined by Board policy.

*This provision prohibiting judges or those residing in the same household from exhibiting on the same day does not apply to the judge of the Four-to-Six Month Competition or to Junior Showmanship only judges. Such judges may also exhibit on the day(s) they judge.*

## CHAPTER 12

**SECTION 4.** The catalog shall be published and available. The catalog, if printed, shall be in book form. It shall be from 5 ½ x 8 ½ inches to 8 ½ x 11 inches. It shall contain the following information for all entered dogs, arranged in this order:

- Catalog (armband) number
- Complete registered name of dog
- One of the following for each dog:
  - or PAL number
  - or foreign registration number and country for an unregistered imported dog
  - or identification number issued by AKC
- Date of birth
- Name of breeder(s)
- Name of Sire
- Name of Dam
- Name of owner(s)/co-owner(s)
- Name of owner's agent (if any)

The city, state, and if provided, e-mail address of the owner shall follow the owner's name, or shall be included in a separate alphabetical list of all exhibitors contained



elsewhere in the catalog.

*Remaining portions of this section are unchanged.*

## **PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO BEAGLE FIELD TRIAL RULES AND STANDARD PROCEDURES FOR LARGE PACK FIELD TRIALS – CHAPTER 3, SECTION 1**

The AKC Board has endorsed the following amendment to **Chapter 3, Section 1**, of the *Beagle Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Large Pack Field Trials*, proposed by Beagle Advisory Committee. This will be voted on at the March 12, 2024 Delegate Meeting.

### **CHAPTER 3 MAKING APPLICATION TO HOLD A FIELD TRIAL**

**SECTION 1.** A club which has been approved by the American Kennel Club may hold no more than two licensed field trials per calendar year.

## **PROPOSED BEAGLE FIELD TRIAL RULES AND STANDARD PROCEDURES FOR BRACE, SMALL PACK AND SMALL PACK OPTION FIELD TRIALS AND TWO-COUPLE PACK HUNTING TESTS – CHAPTER 3, SECTION 3**

The AKC Board has endorsed the following amendment to **Chapter 3, Section 3**, of the *Beagle Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Brace, Small*

*Pack and Small Pack Option Field Trials and Two-Couple Pack Hunting Tests*, proposed by Beagle Advisory Committee. This will be voted on at the March 12, 2024 Delegate Meeting.

### **CHAPTER 3 MAKING APPLICATION TO HOLD A FIELD TRIAL**

**SECTION 3.** A licensed or member club may hold up to two licensed field trials in a calendar year.

## **PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO BEAGLE FIELD TRIAL RULES AND STANDARD PROCEDURES FOR LARGE PACK FIELD TRIALS – CHAPTER 4, SECTION 1 AND SECTION 3**

The AKC Board has endorsed the following amendment to **Chapter 4, Section 1** and **Section 3**, of the *Beagle Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Large Pack Field Trials*, proposed by Beagle Advisory Committee. This will be voted on at the March 12, 2024 Delegate Meeting.

### **CHAPTER 4 RIBBONS, MONEY PRIZES AND SPECIAL PRIZES**

**SECTION 1.** A club holding a licensed or member field trial shall offer prize ribbons or rosettes of the following colors in the four regular classes:

- First prize—Blue.
- Second prize—Red.
- Third prize—Yellow.
- Fourth prize—White.
- Fifth prize or \*N.B.Q.—Dark Green.

For additional non-regular classes, a club holding a licensed or member trial shall offer ribbons or rosettes of the following colors:

- First prize—Rose.
- Second prize—Brown.
- Third prize—Light Green.
- Fourth prize—Gray.
- Fifth prize or \*N.B.Q.—Orange.

**SECTION 3.** If ribbons or rosettes are given at sanctioned field trials they shall be of the following colors, and shall bear the words Field Trial, but may be of any design or size:

- First prize—Rose.
- Second prize—Brown.
- Third prize —Light Green.
- Fourth prize—Gray.
- Fifth prize or \*N.B.Q.—Orange.

\*N.B.Q applies only to brace and gun dog brace formats where there is no fifth place awarded.

## PROCEDURE 4. JUDGING

4-B In all classes the Judges shall award places as follows: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, \*and 5th.

\*For brace and gun dog brace only, after four places have been awarded, the Judge shall designate the next best qualified hound as “N.B.Q.” not fifth place. At the discretion of the judge, a dog designated N.B.Q. can be moved up should any of the top four hounds commit a serious fault so as not to merit further consideration for placement.

## PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO BEAGLE FIELD TRIAL RULES AND STANDARD PROCEDURES FOR BRACE, SMALL PACK AND SMALL PACK OPTION FIELD TRIALS AND TWO-COUPLE PACK HUNTING TESTS – CHAPTER 4, SECTION 1

### AND SECTION 3

The AKC Board has endorsed the following amendment to **Chapter 4, Section 1** and **Section 3**, of the *Beagle Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Brace, Small Pack and Small Pack Option Field Trials and Two-Couple Pack Hunting Tests*, proposed by Beagle Advisory Committee. This will be voted on at the March 12, 2024 Delegate Meeting.

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## PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO BEAGLE FIELD TRIAL RULES AND STANDARD PROCEDURES FOR LARGE PACK FIELD TRIALS – CHAPTER 9, SECTION 5

The AKC Board has endorsed the following amendment to **Chapter 9, Section 5**, of the *Beagle Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Large Pack Field Trials*, proposed by Beagle Advisory Committee. This will be voted on at the March 12, 2024 Delegate Meeting.

## CHAPTER 9 DESCRIPTION OF CLASSES AND CHAMPIONSHIP REQUIREMENTS

### SECTION 5. Awarding Championship Points.

Field Championship points for Beagles shall be awarded only to hounds placing in licensed or member trials in Open Classes in which there were six or more starters.

The championship points shall be awarded on the following basis:

1 point to the winner of first place for each starter;

½ point to the winner of second place for each starter;

⅓ point to the winner of third place for each starter;

¼ point to the winner of fourth place for each starter;

\*⅓ point to the winner of fifth place for each starter.

\*The point value for fifth place applies to all hunting formats except brace and gun dog brace, where there shall be no fifth place awarded but a judge can designate a dog as a next best qualified hound "N.B.Q."

A starter is an entered eligible hound that has not been disqualified and that is not measured out for second series or for the winners pack, and that has been cast or laid on a line with its brace mate at the start of its first series heat at a brace trial; or that has been cast at the start of its first series pack at a small pack trial; or that has been cast at the start with the rest of the pack at a large pack trial.

## **PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO BEAGLE FIELD TRIAL RULES AND STANDARD PROCEDURES FOR BRACE, SMALL PACK AND SMALL PACK OPTION FIELD TRIALS AND TWO-COUPLE PACK HUNTING TESTS**

### **- CHAPTER 9, SECTION 6**

The AKC Board has endorsed the following amendment to **Chapter 9, Section 6**, of the *Beagle Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Brace, Small Pack and Small Pack Option Field Trials and Two-Couple Pack Hunting Tests*, proposed by Beagle Advisory Committee. This will be voted on at the March 12, 2024 Delegate Meeting.

## **CHAPTER 9 DESCRIPTION OF CLASSES AND CHAMPIONSHIP REQUIREMENTS**

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## 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](mailto: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

#### **Dr. Yves Belmont (112207) GA**

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Neapolitan Mastiffs

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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.

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D'EL PRADO- Chihuahuas- Aroldo Hernandez Gutierrez

FULL MOON- Schipperkes- Kristin L. Morrison

FIREANDICE- Pomeranians- Karin L. Byrne

GRAND PRIX-Belgian Malinois- Andrea Gumrich

JET STAFF- Staffordshire Bull Terriers- Monique P. Blackston

JOMAR- Labrador Retrievers- Jodi M. Lopesilvero

MAJIME- Italian Greyhounds- Candace Laybourn-Morris

MERAKI-Italian Greyhounds-Cynthianna Cass

MERAKI- Whippets- Cynthianna Cass

MOSAIC-Miniature American Shepherds- Leah A. Scott

SPREZZATURA- Great Danes- Christine L. Spero

UPLAND NORTH- English Springer Spaniels- Karen L. Osnoe & Lee W. Osnoe

VENI.VIDI.VICI- Cane Corso- Elyse I. Struckman

WENRICK-Shih Tzu- Wendy L. Paquette & Jody L. Paquette

WENRICK -Whippets- Wendy L. Paquette & Jody L. Paquette

WOODLYNN- Dachshunds- Carolyn Knox

XCALIBUR-Bernese Mountain Dogs-

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ALPTRAUM- Belgian Malinois- Brittany Roberts

BELL SHARPS- Australian Shepherds- Kaity C. Sevits

KEB BORDEAUX -Dogue de Bordeaux- Liroi Kennedy

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SHOREPOINT- Poodles- Mary Lou Parsons

SNOWMANS- Beagles- Rick Jay Snow

SOLUNA-Chinese Cresteds- Dina Berrios-Fischer

STORY TIME- Cavalier King Charles Spaniels- Kimberly Blomquist

SUMMER MOON-Bulldog- Jennifer M. Cuipto-Benedict



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**AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB, INC.  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
AKC OFFICES AT 101 PARK AVENUE,  
NEW YORK, NY  
JANUARY 8-9, 2024**

The Board convened on Monday, January 8, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. Eastern Time.

All Directors were present in the New York office except for Dr. Davies. The Executive Secretary was also present.

Copies of the November 13-14, 2023, Board Meeting minutes had been previously provided to all Directors for review.

Upon a motion by Dr. Battaglia, seconded by Mr. Powers, the November 2023 Board Meeting minutes were unanimously approved as amended.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Sprung updated the Board on several business matters and on past action items.

AKC Staff put on the most successful AKC National Championship to date. Mr. Sprung thanked the Board members who judged and thanked the entire Board for

its support.

End of year stats: Litters ended the year 2% below budget and individual dogs were 11% below budget. There is a lot of work being done to improve these percentages in 2024.

Events and Entries remain up. As of 12/18/2023, we have recorded 3,471,380 entries across 24,267 events. Projected total entries for 2023 to be 3,675,000 vs. 3,471,389 in 2022.

The Sports and Events Department launched our newest AKC Family Dog sport called "Fetch". This brings the total number of AKC Sports offered up to twenty-eight (28).

AKC Meet the Breeds® will be held again at the Javits Center on January 27-28, 2024 with over 130 breeds represented.

## **Legal Update**

The Board reviewed the Legal Department update as of December 2023.

AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF) Chief Executive Officer Report  
Stephanie Montgomery, AKC CHF Chief Executive Officer, presented the Board with a Q4 2023 update from AKC CHF.



CHF 2024 Organizational Goals:

1. Advance canine health: Fund and support the best scientific research that meaningfully impacts the health of dogs.
2. Enhance philanthropy to support canine health initiatives: Invest in relationships and focus on impact to foster fundraising and grow resources to drive canine health initiatives.
3. Increase impactful outreach of the Foundation: Develop and implement effective resources to strategically reach an expanded target audience.

In January 2024, a steering committee will be formed to begin work on a 3-year strategic plan for CHF.

CHF held an oncology grant review panel to fund canine cancer research in November 2023. Based on recommendations from this review panel, CHF funded 5 new canine cancer projects at a total of \$458,189.

CHF awarded thirty-six new grants totaling \$2.6M in 2023. Funding included educational support to train future canine health researchers, with 4 new Clinician-Scientist Fellowships and 2 new Theriogenology residents in 2023.

To close out 2023, CHF opened an Early Career Investigator award as part of a new

strategy for CHF to invest in the careers of young outstanding faculty who have the potential to be tomorrow's leading canine health researchers. This response feels particularly critical as veterinary schools face the challenge of increased faculty attrition.

Deans and Sports Medicine Program Directors at Veterinary Schools with training programs accredited by the American College of Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation were contacted about the new AKC/AKC CHF canine sports medicine and rehabilitation residency funding opportunity. Upon learning of the opportunity, four Vet schools (the Ohio State University, Colorado State, UPenn, and Cornell) expressed interest in our inaugural application cycle.

AKC CHF expressed its gratitude for AKC's continued dedication to canine health and commitment of \$1,000,000 of support to CHF in 2024.

### **AKC Museum of the Dog Update**

Christopher Bromson, Executive Director, and CEO of the AKC Museum of the Dog presented a Q4 2023 update.

Recent Programs and Exhibitions: The Museum partnered with Royal Canin on our latest exhibition, *Unique Instinct*, a photographic journey depicting the distinct

nature of dogs — and cats!

The impact this exhibit has made on our web presence is notable, with our social media channels gaining a 12.4% follower increase since its opening. We close our successful *Fashionable Dogs* and bring in the much-anticipated *Outfoxed: Fox Terriers and Friends* at the end of January. *Outfoxed* explores the development of the Fox Terrier, both Smooth and Wire, chronicling many champions in the collection and showcasing the variety of jobs these special canines have played over the past 150 years. We are delighted and grateful to have the support of the American Fox Terrier Club as our sponsors for this exhibition.

Museum programming has become extremely strong, and attendance is consistently at a maximum. Community focused programming often ties to current exhibitions and allows guests of the Museum to experience a deeper connection with the art in our impressive collection. Our consistent programming includes twice monthly Furry Fridays, which welcome members and guests into the Museum with their canine companions in the evening for specialized programming; weekly Paws to Read, which features dog-focused book reading to elementary school-aged youth; and monthly Breed Spotlight, typically a two-hour program on a Sunday afternoon presented in partnership with a breed club,

to teach guests of the Museum about the qualities and uniqueness of a designated breed.

Opportunities for increased revenue exist both by increasing memberships and visits to the Museum, as well as by increasing public and private philanthropic support. The Museum is greatly appreciative to AKC for its significant financial support of the Museum.

## **FINANCE**

Ted Phillips, Chief Financial Officer, presented preliminary financial statements (unaudited) as of November 30, 2023.

Unaudited Financial Results for the eleven months ended November 30, 2023.

Net Operating Income is \$9.7 million.

## REVENUES:

Total Revenues of \$92 million are lower than forecast by 1%, excluding Interest & Dividends.

Registration Fees, excluding Registration-Related revenues, total \$35.1 million and trail forecast by 3%.

Registration-related Revenues total 12.5 million, trailing forecast by 2%.

Recording & Event Service fees, Title Recognition, and Event Application fees total \$16.1 million, ahead of forecast by 4%.

Product & Service Sales total \$10.6 million, trailing forecast by 3%.

Advertising, Sponsorship, and Royalties total \$17.7 million, trailing forecast by 2%.

## EXPENSES:

Controllable Expenses total \$74 million, trailing forecast by <1%.

Non-controllable expenses total \$10.4 million, ahead of forecast by 6%.

## Non-Financial Statistics for the 11 months ended November 30, 2023

Registrations: 2023 YTD Litter Reg. 2% lower than forecast, 9% lower than 2022 YTD.

2023 YTD Dog Reg. 1% lower than forecast, 15% lower than 2022 YTD.

## Events & Entries

Compared to the same period in 2022, Events & Entries were ahead by 6% & 4% respectively.

Entries were 3% better than 2023 Forecast.

## **EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**

Gina DiNardo, Executive Secretary participated in this portion of the meeting.

Mari-Beth O'Neill, Vice President of Sports

Services; Sheila Goffe, Vice President of Government Relations; and Ashley Jacot, Director of Education, participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

## **Beagle Proposed Breed Standard Revision**

Following a motion from Dr. Garvin, seconded by Mrs. Wallin the Board VOTED (unanimously) to approve the proposed revision to the Color section of the Beagle Standard to be published in the Secretary's Pages of the AKC Gazette.

## **Parent Club Designation for Presa Canario**

The Board reviewed a request from the Presa Canario Club of America asking to be designated as the Parent Club for the Breed thereby allowing them to hold FSS Open Shows.

This will be discussed further at the February Board meeting.

## **Czechoslovakian Vlcak Name Change**

The Board reviewed a request from the Czechoslovakian Vlcak Club of America to change the breed's name from Czechoslovakian Vlcak to Czechoslovakian Vlcak, to be consistent with the name in the country of origin. The Czechoslovakian Vlcak Club of America has voted to change the club's name as well if approved by AKC.

This will be discussed further at the Febru-

ary Board meeting.

## **AKC Education 2023 Review**

AKC Canine College:

The AKC Canine College (AKCCC) now boasts over 65,000 learner accounts, including more than 9,500 new learners added in 2023. It offers 432 courses and exams comprising 956 modules, accessible to breeders, judges, stewards, competitors, and the public. In 2023, there have been over 21,500 course and exam enrollments, with learners dedicating over 81,000 hours to AKCCC activities.

Breed Courses:

Seventy (70) breed-specific courses are now available for judges, breeders, and the fancy. In 2023, 13 breed courses were launched or revised\* for the following breeds:

- o Golden Retriever
- o Lhasa Apso
- o Shih Tzu
- o Beagle
- o Alaskan Malamute
- o Bracco Italiano
- o Beauceron
- o Manchester Terrier
- o Pembroke Welsh Corgi
- o English Cocker Spaniel\*
- o Brussels Griffon\*
- o Cavalier King Charles Spaniel\*
- o Dachshund\*

Breed Exams:

A total of 201 breed exams are available on AKCCC. The following seven breed exams were updated: Spanish Water Dog, Brussels Griffon, Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, Entlebucher Mountain Dog, English Cocker Spaniel, English Springer Spaniel, and Sussex Spaniel.

AKC Puppy Program:

AKCCC has launched the first four interactive eLearning courses that focus on evaluating a new puppy buyer's readiness, choosing the right breed, breeder screening, meeting the litter, and detailed lessons to prepare new puppy owners for picking their new family member.

The next course series will focus on the first 8-16 weeks following the puppy's journey home. All remaining courses are scheduled to be launched in Q1 2024.

AKC Fetch Judge's Education:

In coordination with AKC Family Dog, AKCCC filmed, produced, and launched a series of five videos for the AKC Fetch Judge's Education program to use as educational and promotional materials for this exciting new program.

AKC Education Webinars:

In 2023, AKC Education hosted 21 webinars for 7,811 participants. Webinars are

edited and added to the AKC Canine College and/or AKC.org for future reference.

## Public Education:

The Read with Bailey video series on AKC's YouTube channel has seen growing popularity, with 11 new videos produced and released this year. Collectively, these videos have over 10,000 views.

In 2023, Bailey's Book Club received 470 new and over 100 gently used books, alongside a \$500 contribution from Star City Canine Training Club and \$273.50 from the Columbus Meet the Breeds event.

## Teacher and Parent Resources:

23 new resources, many of them bundles, have been added to AKC.org and Teachers Pay Teachers. 93 resources are available and have been downloaded over 4,000 times throughout the year. Canine Corner and Kids News newsletters have continued to be released throughout the year, with 12 new issues of Canine Corner and four new issues of Kids News.

## Legislation Monthly Update

Sheila Goffe highlighted numerous active priority legislation and administrative regulations in Congress and State Legislation. She noted that additional information is available on the AKC legislative action center microsite: <https://www.akcgr.org>.

AKC Government Relations is currently tracking more than 1,500 local, state, and federal bills and more than 948 federal and state administrative regulations impacting AKC and dog owners.

Mrs. Goffe gave a presentation on AKC GR Highlights in 2023.

Top regulatory issues include:

- Sporting/ Land Use
- Veterinary
- Dogs in Public
- Breeder Regs

## COMPANION and PERFORMANCE

Doug Ljungren, Executive Vice President, Sports & Events and Carrie DeYoung, Director of Agility participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

## Agility Updates January 2024

The Board reviewed several recommended changes to the Agility Regulations that are meant to expand opportunities for exhibitors, make an event run more efficiently, and update technical equipment requirements for safety and to reflect current course designs.

- The recommendations cover the following topics:
- Allow For Exhibition Only (FEO) in all classes.
- Reduce wheeling of Open courses to one time.

- Increase the course yardage allowed for 8- & 12-inch heights (and corresponding Preferred heights) for the Excellent and Master levels.
- No longer require the Pause Table in the Excellent and Master Standard classes.
- No longer require a “Bar” jump in any courses.
- Only allow one time use of the tire obstacle in a course.
- Allow the use of a Wall Jump in Excellent and Master classes to add obstacle variety.
- Increase course yardage allowed in Jumpers with Weaves at the Excellent and Master levels for all heights (and corresponding Preferred heights).

This will be discussed further at the April meeting.

## **CONFORMATION**

Doug Ljungren, Executive Vice President, Sports & Events; Tim Thomas, Vice President of Conformation; Glenn Lycan, Director, Event Operations Support; and Alan Slay, Director, Event Programs, participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

## **Regional NOHS Only Events**

The Board reviewed a recommendation for a pilot program to allow up to eight

Regional NOHS Only events to be held by All-Breed Clubs. The events would be structured like the NOHS Championship event in Orlando, except it would not be an invitational. All owner-handlers can participate.

All-Breed Clubs will be advised of the opportunity and asked to submit a proposal to hold a Regional NOHS Only event. The events will be located around the country.

Clubs will be selected based on the quality of the proposal, the club's history of holding NOHS events, and the date they are proposing to hold the event. Regional NOHS Only events will be staggered throughout the pilot period with no two occurring close to one another.

This will be discussed further at the February meeting.

## **Exhibition Only Four-to-Six Month**

### **Beginner Puppy Competition**

The Board reviewed a proposal to amend the Sanctioned Four-to-Six Month Beginner Puppy Competition Regulations to allow professional handlers, members of their household and current assistants to personally exhibit dogs they own For Exhibition Only in the Four-to-Six Month Beginner Puppy Competition. If approved, the effective date would be July 31, 2024.

This will be discussed further at the February meeting.

## **JUDGING OPERATIONS**

Tim Thomas, Vice President of Conformation, and Doug Ljungren, Executive Vice President, Sports & Events participated in this portion of the meeting.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

## **Conformation Judging Approval Process**

The Board reviewed recommendations brought forth by the Chairman's Committee on Judging Approval to modify aspects of the Judging Approval Process specific to prerequisite requirements for first-time applicants and applications for additional breeds.

Following a motion by Ms. Biddle, seconded by Mrs. Wallin the Board VOTED (Unanimously, absent Dr. Davies) to the following proposals to modify the Conformation Judging Approval Process as follows:

1. Modify the pre-requisite requirements for first applicants, reducing the number of required judging assignments at AKC sanctioned non-point events from six (6) to three (3) and add the requirement to com-

plete at least two ringside observations with Executive Field Representatives in the year preceding application.

2. Modify Virtual Tutoring experiences so that a Virtual Tutoring completed with a parent club approved mentor or recognized breed expert may only be accepted for low entry breeds where the department determines that insufficient educational opportunities are available.

3. Modify the CEU value assigned to breed specific sweepstakes or futurity assignments such that a sweepstakes or futurity held with a supported entry would be weighted at one (1) CEU, the same as those held with specialty show (non-National).

The effective date of the amendments approved by the Board is January 17, 2024.

## **Junior Showmanship Judge Application Requirements**

The Board reviewed a recommendation to modify the criteria to judge Junior Showmanship by augmenting the experiences that may be accepted to meet the requirements to apply.

Following a motion by Mr. Tatro, seconded by Dr. Battaglia the Board VOTED (Unanimously, absent Dr. Davies) to approve the addition of "Two ringside junior showmanship procedural observations with different members of the Executive Field Staff with-

in two years preceding application” as an experience criteria option for Junior Showmanship applicants.

The effective date is February 1, 2024.

### **Sweepstakes and Futurity Judges**

The Board reviewed a proposal to modify the exhibiting restriction for Sweepstake and Futurity Judges to prohibit them from exhibiting the same breed on the day they judge that breed. A multi-day specialty is considered one event, and the restriction will apply for the duration of the event.

This will be discussed further at the February meeting. If approved this will become effective, March 6, 2024.

### **Mandatory Ramp Examination – Lagotto Romagnolo**

The Board reviewed a request from the Lagotto Romagnolo Club of America for the Lagotto Romagnolo to be added to the list of breeds required to be judged on the ramp through all levels of Conformation competition.

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

Following a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Dr. Battaglia, the Board VOTED (unanimously; Dr. Davies absent) for the Lagotto Romagnolo to be added to the list of breeds required to be judged on the ramp through all levels of Conformation competition.

### **Conformation Judges Recertification Requirement**

Action Items from the Board’s August 2023 meeting included the direction to “Institute the format provided to the Board for Conformation Judges recertification test. The test should contain information on best practices for taking a test and links to the booklets or forms where answers may be found. When finalized, distribute as an FYI to the Board.”

This Board was provided with an update on the measures instituted to enhance the learner experience for those completing the recertification requirement.

Learner Tools:

To assist learners in becoming more comfortable and familiar with completing the recertification exam, a practice quiz is being generated. This practice quiz can be completed an unlimited number of times, will show correct answers, and will provide feedback for selected answers that will point the learner to where in the resources they should have looked for the correct answer. This quiz



will give learners the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the exam interface, the questioning style/phrasing, and the effort required to find correct answers. This quiz will clearly state that it is optional but encouraged and mimics what the learner will see in the full exam.

In addition, a tutorial video is being produced to help learners navigate the exam, answer questions, pause vs cancel, open resources, and complete the exam. This video will include voice over and video/screenshots of actual exam questions.

## Conformation Judging Statistics

### FINAL REVIEW ACTION SUMMARY 2023 NEW BREED JUDGING APPLICANTS

	APPLICATIONS						BREEDS		
	Total	Fully Appr.	Limited	Denied	Wthdrn	Held	Req.	Appr.	Pend.
January	1	0	1	0	0	0	13	10	0
February	3	3	0	0	0	0	3	3	0
March	5	5	0	0	0	0	5	5	0
April	10	10	0	0	0	0	17	17	0
May	3	3	0	0	0	0	3	3	0
June	8	7	0	1	0	0	43	40	0
July	8	8	0	0	0	0	9	9	0
August	8	7	0	1	0	0	15	14	0
September	10	9	0	1	0	0	24	23	0
October	7	7	0	0	0	0	11	11	0
November	7	7	0	0	0	0	8	8	0
December	11	11	0	0	0	0	41	41	0
<b>NB TOTAL</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>0</b>

### FINAL REVIEW ACTION SUMMARY 2023 ADDITIONAL BREED JUDGING APPLICANTS

	APPLICATIONS						BREEDS		
	Total	Fully Appr.	Limited	Denied	Wthdrn	Held	Req.	Appr.	Pend.
January	22	21	1	0	0	0	134	131	0
February	39	38	0	1	0	0	183	180	0
March	21	20	1	0	0	0	120	117	0
April	57	55	1	1	0	0	336	332	0
May	41	40	1	0	0	0	215	211	0
June	20	20	0	0	0	0	76	76	0
July	30	27	2	1	0	0	122	115	0
August	19	19	0	0	0	0	90	90	0
September	27	23	4	0	0	0	134	128	0
October	50	46	2	2	0	0	242	229	0
November	29	25	3	1	0	0	140	133	0
December	38	37	1	0	0	0	176	175	0
<b>AB TOTAL</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1968</b>	<b>1917</b>	<b>0</b>

## FINAL REVIEW ACTION SUMMARY 2023 YEAR END

	APPLICATIONS						BREEDS		
	Total	Fully Appr.	Limited	Denied	<u>Withdrn</u>	Held	Req.	Appr.	Pend.
<b>NB</b>	82	77	1	3	0	1	192	184	0
<b>AB</b>	393	371	16	6	0	0	1968	1917	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>448</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2160</b>	<b>2101</b>	<b>0</b>

### **CLUBS**

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

### **Enhancing AKC's Clubs Resources Webpage**

Clubs are facing challenges that may be difficult to handle, depending upon the club's experience and knowledge with complex business or legal issues. To assist clubs AKC Staff will develop a resource document that offers helpful guidelines to clubs facing difficult situations. Included in this document will be suggestions to help clubs find resources to approach these situations.

### **MEMBER CLUB BYLAWS APPROVED ADDING JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP**

United States Lakeland Terrier Club (1968)

### **REPORT ON MEMBER CLUB BYLAWS APPROVED IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER**

Abilene Kennel Club, Abilene, Texas (1986)

Doberman Pinscher Club of America (1921)

English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Association (1926)

Giant Schnauzer Club of America (1979)

Mastiff Club of America (1941)

Mountain State Dog Training Club, Denver, Colorado (1956)

### **REPORT ON NEWLY LICENSED CLUBS**

#### **APPROVED IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER**

Arizona Papillon Club, Maricopa County (including communities north to Sun City, south to Gilbert, west to Goodyear, east to Queen Creek), 26 total households, 19 local.

Brushy Creek Beagle Club of Mississippi, Lucedale, MS, 19 total households, 10 local.

Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club of New England, greater Westhampton, MA (including communities northeast to Haverhill, MA, south to Wyoming, RI, west to Goshen, CT and north to Huntington, MA), 21 total households, 14 local.

Rio Salgado Portuguese Water Dog Club of Arizona, greater Phoenix, AZ (including communities north to Prescott, south to

Tucson), 37 total households, 22 local.

## **COMPLIANCE**

Bri Tesarz, Director of Compliance and Jessica Lopez, Compliance Specialist, participated in this meeting portion via video conference.

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

## **REGISTRATION DEVELOPMENT**

Mark Dunn, Executive Vice President of Registration; and Dr. Claire Wiley, Executive Director, AKC DNA Program participated in this portion of the meeting. Mari-Beth O'Neill, Vice President of Sport Services participated via video conference.

## **AKC DNA Program Updates**

### **Genetic Identity & Parentage Verification**

A technology update in effect since December 2022 provides a panel of 201 SNP genetic markers.

The AKC DNA Program has launched a new product, AKC DNA + Health, which is one test for breeders needs. The test includes the 201 markers of the original AKC DNA Profile for genetic identity and parentage verification purposes, plus 328 markers for health and traits. The included DNA tests meet AKC requirements for Breeder of Merit and Bred with Heart cer-

tifications (some exclusions apply).

We will filter breed-specific tests focused on Parent Club health statements. This offer combined with parentage will be a unique AKC offering. Breeders can easily upgrade their kits if a breeder has already purchased AKC DNA kits (identification/parentage only).

The AKC DNA program is also launching the AKC Canine Genetic Counseling Center, staffed by veterinary professionals, to provide clear information to help breeders make smart breeding decisions.

AKC DNA Program's Genetic Diversity Project:

AKC will collect sample and sequence 2000-4000 dogs of all breeds.

## **Procedures for Recording Colors During Registration**

Based on a request from the Board, Staff provided a memo outlining the process for the recording of colors during the dog registration process. The memo notes that several breeds have colors that are acknowledged by the Parent Club as existing within the breed, but, at the same time, are NOT approved by the Parent Club for listing in Online Dog Registration or on AKC.org, forcing customers and Staff to undertake additional steps to register these otherwise

AKC registrable dogs.

## **BUSINESS INTELLIGENCE**

Mark Dunn, Executive Vice President of Registration and Seth Fera Schanes, Director of Planning; participated in this portion of the meeting. Kassandra McCombe, Business Intelligence Manager, participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

## **Demographic Analysis of Current AKC Dog Owners**

Staff presented a Demographic Analysis of Current AKC Dog Owners. Key insights on AKC dog owners were provided. This analysis broke out dog-owning customers by the type of dog they registered: AKC, Canine Partner (CP), or FSS/MISC. This analysis offers the first insight into the current state of existing and current dog owners by including all owners who have registered a dog in the past 12 years (2010-2022). This is also the first analysis to stratify demographic profiles of dog owners by the type of dog they have registered or listed with the American Kennel Club.

This analysis and the findings herein will be shared with departments throughout the AKC to incite conversation and provide quantitative direction to support advertising, marketing, and help to form business decisions across the company.

## **MARKETING**

Kirsten Bahlke, Vice President of Marketing; Jake Sisskind, Group Product Manager; Somya Udeh, Product Manager; and Meghan Prince, Brand Marketing Manager participated in this portion of the meeting.

## **AKC Marketplace Platform Design**

Staff presented new and improve design for functionality and look and feel. This includes the creation of New AKC Marketplace Logo and Tagline, and a Homepage Redesign scheduled to launch in May 2024.

Additional developments will be shared with the Board at the April meeting.

## **CONSENT**

There was a motion by Mr. Sweetwood, seconded by Mr. Powers, and it was VOTED (unanimously; absent Dr. Davies) to approve the following Consent items:

## **Delegates Approved**

Robin Barkhaus

To represent Kettle Moraine Kennel Club  
Published November 2023, December 2023

Angela Boeske

To represent Kalamazoo Kennel Club  
Published November 2023, December 2023

Cindy Grodkiewicz

To represent American Wirehaired Pointing

Griffon Association  
Published November 2023, December  
2023

Mike Kriegel  
To represent Bell Vernon Kenne  
Association  
Published November 2023, December  
2023

Margaret "Maggie" Kudirka  
To represent Dog Owners' Training Club  
of Maryland  
Published November 2023, December  
2023

Karen Park  
To represent Mount Ogden Kennel Club  
Published November 2023, December  
2023

Julie Poulin Siefert  
To represent Newfoundland Club of  
America  
Published October 2023, November 2023

## **Displaceable High Jump – Obedience and Rally**

The Board VOTED to modify the Obedience Regulations Chapter 1, Section 34 and the Rally Regulations Chapter 1, Section 36 to change the design and construction of the high jump to allow displaceable panels. In order to not cause an undue burden on

event giving clubs, this transition must be completed by July 1 2025.

## **Jindo Name Change**

The Board VOTED to change the breed's name from Jindo to Korean Jindo Dog to be consistent with the country of origin and foreign kennel clubs worldwide. Superintendents will be notified to phase in this change by March 1, 2024.

Parent Club Designation for Eurasier  
The Board VOTED to designate the United States Eurasier Club as the Parent Club for the Eurasier breed; thereby allowing them to hold FSS Open Shows.

Keeshond Breed Standard Revision  
The Board VOTED to approve the request from the Keeshond Club of America, (KCA) for KCA to ballot its membership in accordance with the clubs Constitution and Bylaws on the proposed breed standard revisions.

The Board adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

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The Board Meeting reconvened on Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at 8:34 a.m. All Directors were present in the New York office, except for Dr. Davies. The Executive Secretary was also present.



# SECRETARY'S PAGES

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

It was VOTED to adjourn on Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at 12:08 p.m. Eastern Time.

Adjourned

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Gina M. DiNardo, Executive Secretary