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***The American Kennel Club is dedicated to upholding the integrity of its Registry, promoting the sport of purebred dogs and breeding for type and function. Founded in 1884, the AKC and its affiliated organizations advocate for the purebred dog as a family companion, advance canine health and well-being, work to protect the rights of all dog owners and promote responsible dog ownership.***

## Attention Delegates
## Notice of Meeting

The next meeting of the Delegates will be held at the North Raleigh Hilton, Raleigh, North Carolina, on Tuesday, June 13, 2006, following luncheon which will be served at 11:30 am.

## Membership Application

Columbia Terrier Association of Maryland, Columbia, MD
Havanese Club of America
Orlando Dog Training Club, Orlando, FL
Shenandoah Valley Kennel Club, Harrisburg, VA

## Delegates Credentials

Robert A. Amen, Stamford, CT, to represent Port Chester Obedience Training Club
Karen Justin, Westtown, NY, to represent Rockland County Kennel Club
Louise Leone, Franktown, CO, to represent Colorado Kennel Club
Joseph A. Martyn, Manahawkin, NJ, to represent Trenton Kennel Club
Lynette Saltzman, Westport, CT, to represent Oakland Dog Training Club
Lee Slorah, Norwalk, CT, to represent Des Moines Obedience Training Club
Marilyn R. Vinson, Glendale, AZ, to represent Kachina Kennel Club

## Notice

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

Kathy Slepecki (McKees Rock, PA) (Multiple Breeds)

Ms. Sherry Cole-Sykora (Bloomington, IN) (St. Bernard)

## Notice

Debra Bell (Ithica NY) was suspended by the Greater Valley Forge Rhodesian Ridgeback Club for conduct in connection with its October 30, 2005 event. Specifically, Ms. Bell was charged with mistreatment of an animal in connection with an event and disruptive behavior at an event. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the Event Committee's report, found it in order, and set the penalty at a one-month suspension from all privileges and an additional two-month event suspension and a $300 fine, effective January 29, 2006. (Rhodesian Ridgeback)

## Notice

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Ms. Peggy Sue Sowder, Earlsboro, OK, from all AKC privileges for ten years, effective May 8, 2006, and imposed a $2,000 fine for failure to comply with AKC's record keeping and dog identification requirements - Chapter 4 of the Rules Applying to Registration and Discipline. (Multiple Breeds)

## Notice

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended the following individuals from all AKC privileges for ten years, effective May 8, 2006, and imposed a $2,000 fine for conduct considered prejudicial to the Sport of purebred dogs and The American Kennel Club (Violation of the Cruelty Convition Policy):

Ms. Rhonda Hall (Houma, LA) based on her plea of no contest to three counts of animal cruelty in the Terrebonne Parish District Court, Houma, Louisiana. (Multiple Breeds)

Ms. Violet Kilpatrick Howard (Rogersville, TN) based on her plea of guilty to one count of animal cruelty in the District Court of Buncombe County, Asheville, North Carolina. (Multiple Breeds)

Mr. Leroy Smith (Sherman, NY) based on his conviction for failure to provide proper sustenance in the Chautauqua County Justice Courthouse, Town of Mina, State of New York. (None)

Mr. Kenneth D. Wiseman (Cedar Grove, NC) based on his plea of no contest to one count of animal cruelty in the Orange County District Court, Hillsborough, North Carolina. (Multiple Breeds)

## Notice

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Mr. Thomas Mood, Quakertown, PA, from AKC registration privileges for six months, effective May 8, 2006, and imposed a $500 fine for submitting applications containing a false certification as to the signature of a former owner. (German Shepherd Dog)

**Notice**

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Mr. James Williams, San Jose, CA, from AKC event privileges for one year, effective May 8, 2006, and imposed a $1,000 fine for entering, or exhibiting a spayed bitch in an AKC conformation event that he knew, should have known, or had a duty to know had been permanently altered, which rendered it ineligible to compete. (Pug)

**Notice**

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Ms. Rosaline Pierce, Copperas Cove, TX, from all AKC privileges for six months, effective February 24, 2006, and imposed a $500 fine for having submitted or caused to be submitted two litter registration applications that she knew, should have known, or had a duty to know contained false certifications as to the sire and/or dam of the litter (a DNA exclusion). (Poodle)

**Notice**

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Ms. Glenda Biediger, Jourdanton, TX, from all AKC privileges for six months, effective January 28, 2006, and imposed a $500 fine for having submitted or caused to be submitted two litter registration applications that she knew, should have known, or had a duty to know contained false certifications as to the sire and/or dam of the litter (a DNA exclusion). (Dachshund)

**Notice**

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Ms. Cindy Bohl, Gresham, WI, from all AKC privileges for six months, effective May 8, 2006, and imposed a $500 fine for having submitted or caused to be submitted two litter registration applications that she knew, should have known, or had a duty to know contained false certifications as to the sire and/ or dam of the litter (a DNA exclusion). (Bichon Frise)

**Notice**

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Ms. Pat Crabtree, Saint Francis, KS, from all AKC privileges for one year, effective May 8, 2006, and imposed a $1000 fine for having submitted or caused to be submitted three litter registration applications that she knew, should have known, or had a duty to know contained false certifications as to the sire and/or dam of the litter (a DNA exclusion). (Chihuahua & Yorkshire Terrier)

**Notice**

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Ms. Jeannette Schneider, Maysville, MO, from all AKC privileges for six months, effective May 8, 2006, and imposed a $500 fine for having submitted or caused to be submitted two litter registration applications that she knew, should have known, or had a duty to know contained false certifications as to the sire and/or dam of the litter (a DNA exclusion). (Multiple Breeds)

**Notice**

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Ms. Nancy Baker Schmitz, Concord, NC, from all AKC privileges for five years, effective May 8, 2006, and imposed a $1,000 fine for submission of an application to register a litter containing a false certification as to the signature of the sire owner and submitting a false application to register a litter that affects the Stud Book. (Poodle)

**Notice**

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Mr. Wayne Cowell (Knoxville, TN) from AKC event privileges for two years, effective May 8, 2006, and imposed a $2,000 fine for entering or exhibiting a dog in an AKC conformation event that he knew, should have known, or had a duty to know had been permanently altered, which rendered it ineligible to compete. (Belgian Tervuren & Australian Shepherd)

**Notice**

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has reprimanded Ms. Kirsten Besanko, Port St. Lucie, FL, for signing a litter registration application on behalf of a co-owner without having a properly completed Power of Attorney form on file. (Great Dane)

**Notice**

The May 2006 issue of the AKC Gazette incorrectly listed the penalty imposed concerning Ms. Mindy Dean (Athens, OH). The correct penalty is a fifteen- year suspension from all privileges and a $2000 fine, effective March 15, 2006.

**Notice**

The AKC Board of Directors voted to suspend Ann Hearn, Buford, GA, from judging privileges for 30 days, effective May 10, 2006, and to impose a $100 fine. She was to judge Vizslas on a provisional basis and inquired from the judge the previous day how she had placed the dogs.

**Notice**

During the month of April, the registrations of 316 litters were canceled, resulting in the cancellation of 444 registered dogs and rendering 915 dogs, members of these litters, ineligible for registration. 314 of these litters were canceled as a result of the DNA Parentage Evaluation. 2 were cancelled as a result of impure breeding. In addition, as a result of the DNA Certification Program, the registrations of 219 litters were corrected, resulting in the correction of 351 registered dogs and maintaining the eligibility for registration of 518 dogs, members of these litters

**Notice**

**Reprimands and fines**

Notification of reprimands and/or fines imposed on clubs for late submission of applications. **Chapter 2, Section 4 & 9**, *Rules Applying to Dog Shows.*

San Diego County Chinese Shar-Pei Club .....$ 90.00

Toy Dog Club of South FL .....$130.00

Western Massachusetts Shetland Sheepdog Club .....$ 80.00

Yankee Golden Retriever Club .....$130.00

Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of the US .....$100.00

Great Dane Club of Greater Houston .....$200.00

Windward HI Dog Fanciers Association (2 events x $140.00) .....$280.00

Suncoast Cocker Spaniel Club of Greater Clearwater.....$50.00

Southern CA Alaskan Malamute Club .....$100.00

Coeur d'Alene Dog Fanciers (2 events x $70.00) .....$140.00

Clemson Kennel Club (2 events x $160.00) .....$320.00

Greater Hickory Kennel Club .....$ 50.00

Papillon Club of Northern CA .....$100.00

Puget Sound Doberman Pinscher Club .....$190.00

Irish Water Spaniel Club of Puget Sound (2 events x $60.00) .....$120.00

Maltese Club of Greater Miami .....$50.00

Papillon Club of Southern CA .....$90.00

Monterey Bay Great Dane Club .....$100.00

Miniature Bull Terrier Club of AM .....$200.00

West Highland White Terrier Club of Grtr WA .....$130.00

**Notice**

**Reprimands and fines**

Notification of reprimands and/or fines imposed on clubs for late submission of judges' pannel. **Chapter 4, Sections 1**, *Rules Applying to Dog Shows.*

San Diego County Chinese Shar-Pei Club .....$210.00

Toy Dog Club of South FL ..... $100.00

Western Massachusetts Shetland Sheepdog Club .....$100.00

Yankee Golden Retriever Club .....$80.00

Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of the US .....$50.00

Great Dane Club of Greater Houston.....$140.00
Windward HI Dog Fanciers Association (2 events x $100.00) ..... $200.00
Suncoast Cocker Spaniel Club of Greater Clearwater.....$50.00
Southern CA Alaskan Malamute Club ..... $ 50.00
Coeur d'Alene Dog Fanciers (2 events x $180.00).....$360.00
Clemson Kennel Club (2 events x $170.00)..... $340.00
Greater Hickory Kennel Club .....$50.00

**Notice**
**Reprimands and fines**

Notification of fines imposed on clubs and/or superintendents for failure to comply with **Chapter 9, Section 10**, Failure to enforce Rules and Regulations. Publishing different show dates on Premium List than on entry forms or Judging Programs. (Event Valle Del Sol Golden Retriever Club)
Nancy Wilson.....$100.00

**Notice**
**Reprimands and fines**

Notification of fines imposed on clubs and/or superintendents for failure to comply with **Chapter 9, Section 10**. Advertising Judges and event prior to obtaining approval for said judges and event that awards championship points before receiving AKC approval for said event.
Puget Sound Doberman Pinscher Club .....$250.00

**Notice**
**Reprimands and fines**

Notification of fines imposed on clubs and/or superintendents for failure to comply with **Chapter 4, Section 2** and **Chapter 7, Section 12**. Failure to submit the Premium List and Judging Program, Before Event to Event Operations.
Golden Gate Akita Club (2 violations x $100.00).....$250.00

**Notice**
**Reprimands and fines**

Notification of reprimands and/or fines imposed on individuals for failure to comply Benching Rules, **Chapter 13, Sections 1 & 3** (Westminister Kennel Club, 2006).
Carol L. Dowd/Lori Sawyer .....$100.00
Joseph Lara.....$100.00
Roxie Palczer/Brenda Bridges .....$100.00
Ken W. Hughes/Joy Mauro-Behr .....$100.00
M. Hiugh-Sabbatini Pamela Beale/Roxanne Stamm/Beth Sweigart .....$100.00
Brian Whitelaw.....$100.00
John Newland/Brenda K. Dotray .....$100.00
Mark Ulrich/Laurie Ulrich .....$100.00
Renata Di Giacomo/Rubens Verde .....$100.00
Randy White/Starr White .....$100.00
Jo A. Hubbs/Eve M. Ballich .....$100.00
Virginia Gilleland.....$100.00
Ava Tyree.....$100.00
Gerry Leekley/John R. Leekley .....$100.00
Barbara Kulm.....$100.00
Lynn Brady/Constance D. Townsend .....$100.00
J.W. Smith/Edward Boyes .....$100.00
Elizabeth Tobin/Joseph A. Vaudo .....$100.00

**Proposed Amendment to AKC's Charter and Bylaws**

The Board of Directors has approved the following amendment to **Article VI: Delegates** of *AKC's Charter and Bylaws*, to be voted on at the June 13, 2006 Delegates Meeting:

**Article VI: Delegates, Section 5**

Section 5. Any person in good standing with the AKC who is a resident citizen of the United States, its territories or possessions, or has permanent resident alien status as defined by the Immigration and Naturalization Act, shall be eligible to become or remain a Delegate, providing this person meets the criteria for occupational eligibility given herein. No person is eligible to become or remain a Delegate if he or she (a) is a professional handler or trainer of dogs, ~~professional judge of purebred dog events, a professional judge defined as one who charges a fee in excess of actual expenses~~; (b) is engaged in trade or traffic in dogs, which includes commercial breeders or brokers of dogs for resale, (c) is employed full time in the manufacture or sale of dog food or dog supplies, (d) is a publisher or other person who promotes show dogs/kennels through solicitation or acceptance of advertisements in commercial dog publications, dog show superintendents or his or her employees.

**Proposed Amendment to AKC's Charter and Bylaws**

The Board of Directors has approved the following amendment to **Article VIII: Board of Directors ~~Nominating Committee~~ Candidates** of *AKC's Charter and Bylaws* to be voted on at the June 13, 2006 Delegates Meeting:

**Article VIII**

Section 1. Any Delegate is eligible to be a candidate for election to the Board of Directors on submission of a written petition endorsed by at least fifty other Delegates. A Delegate's petition must be received by the Executive Secretary of the AKC no earlier than the October first and no later than the November fifteenth prior to the Annual meeting. The Executive Secretary shall send a notice in writing of a petition candidate or candidates as soon as possible, but no later than November twentiethto all Delegates and member clubs not represented by a Delegate.

Section 2. The names of all candidates for election as directors shall be published in alphabetical order on the Secretary's Page of the March *AKC GAZETTE* of the year in which they come before the annual meeting to be voted upon.

Section 3. No nominations may be made from the floor at the annual meeting of the AKC.

Section 4. All elections shall be by ballot.

**JUDGES**

Letters concerning judges and judging applicants should be addressed to the Judging Operations Department at PO Box 37935, Raleigh, NC 27627-7935. Letters concerning 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 JS 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 at (919) 816-3593 or e-mail, judgingops@akc.org.

**New Breed Judging Applicants**

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

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## New Breed Judges

The following persons' have been approved on a **Provisional** basis for the designated breeds in accordance with the current judging approval system. ***They may now accept assignments.***

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## Approved Breed Judges

The following persons' have been approved on a **Provisional** basis for the designated breeds in accordance with the current judging approval system. ***They may now accept assignments.***

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## New Breed Judges Provisional Assignments Completed

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

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## Approved Breed Judges Provisional Assignments Completed

The following persons' presently on the list of judges have **completed** their Provisional Judging Assignments and have been **approved** for the breeds listed.

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### Best In Show

The following person has successfully **completed** their required Group Assignments in the first Variety Group for which they are **approved**, they have been added to the list of judges eligible for approval to judge Best In Show.

**Mrs. Connie Gerstner Miller (7653)**
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### Junior Showmanship Judging Applicants

The following persons' have been **approved** as a Provisional Judges in accordance with the current approval process.

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### New Junior Showmanship Judges Provisional Judging Completed

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

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### InActive Judge

**Rosalind Kraus (37191)**

### Reinstated Judge

The Judging eligibility of the following person has been reinstated.

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Dachshunds

### Obedience/Rally/Tracking Judging Applicant

The following person is **applying** for Provisional Judging Status for the Class/Tests as specified ***but they are NOT eligible to accept assignments.***

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Tracking Dog Excellent

### Provisional Obedience/Rally/Tracking Judges

The following persons have been **approved** as judges of the Class/Tests indicated on a **Provisional** basis in accordance with the policy governing the Provisional Judging System. ***They may now accept assignments.***

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### REGISTERED HANDLERS

Letters concerning registered handers and handler applicants should be addressed to the Handlers Department at 5580 Centerview Drive, Raleigh, NC 27606.

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

It is the responsibility of all registered handlers to notify the Handlers Department of any changes or corrections to their address, phone, fax or emails. These changes are very important because they affect your handlers record, the web site and the Handlers Directory. Please notify the Handlers Department at (919) 816 - 3884 or e-mail to *handlers@akc.org.*

### New Registered Handler Applicant

The following person **has submitted an application** for the Registered Handler Program.

**Lisa M. Gallizzo**
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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 James P. Crowley, Executive Secretary:

RAINY DAYS - Mastiff - Anita & Richard Sanders

MOOSEWOOD - Boxer - Jean Hale

SPRINGBROOK - Boxer & French Bulldog - Mary Dohm

ROCKY RIDGE - Rhodesian Ridgeback - Dale Stammel

NEVAEH - Miniature Pinscher -

Karen McGuigan

AVIA - Cavalier King Charles Spaniel - Ellen & Norman Poti

MISHNOK - Siberian Husky - Mary Ellis

TALISMAN - Great Pyrenees - Dale Dougherty

FRESHWATRE - Labrador Retriever - Don Baird

SIGNET - Basenji - Brenda & Davis Cassell

MACKINSCOT - Scottish Terrier - Sally Mackin

AVALON BEY - Newfoundland - Laura Radar

VIZSION - Vizsla - Audra Jaconetti

REINWOOD - Pembroke Welsh Corgi - Mary Elizabeth Simpson & Cathy Santarsiero

LAMARS - Mastiff - Margo & Eric Lauritsen

ELDORADO - Tibetan Spaniel - Lary Hesdorffer & Eduardo Jimenez

SANTA SUE - Labrador Retriever - Teresa & Kenny Bersquist

TERRACE MEADOW - Labrador Retriever - Donald Deniman

RIVERWOOD - Great Dane - Naud E. Robinson

BLUESKY - Chesapeake Bay Retriever - Yvette Yoho

WINTER SOLSTICE - Vizsla - Mary Brunell & Robert Cote

RAVENRIDGE - Bernese Mountain Dog - Julie Jackson

RISHI - Tibetan Terrier - Karen Kay Bumpus

LA-DE-DA - Collie - Laura M. LaCongo

KODDIAK - Siberian Husky - Toni M. Yoakam

FF KISSABULLS - French Bulldog - Dawn Ferdinand

BADJER - Bullmastiff - Matt & Pat Mirro

TIERRA - Shetland Sheepdog - Bev Twardzik

SUNNYVALE - Shetland Sheepdog - Rebecca A. Vale & Francois A. Blachere

SILOUETTE - Doberman Pinscher - Cindy & Bruce Cassidy

SVF - Great Dane - Lileen L. Dunn

**Registered Name Prefixes Granted**

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

HARGO - Schipperke & Boxer - Michelle Gouin & Gene Harrison

JOIA DEMEDEIROS - Portuguese Water Dog - Lisa Medeiros

HARMONY LANE - Silky Terier - Susan Kroker

BOLSON - Staffordshire Bull Terrier - Nanette Greig Sheckler

ROCK'NROLL - French Bulldog - Karen & Jeff Robertson

SNOWTAIRES - Welsh Terrier, Wire Fox Terrier, Lakeland Terrier & Irish Terrier - Barbara Decker

MARINER - Golden Retriever - Mr. & Mrs. Jonathan Chase

SONGBIRD - Poodle - Nancy Palauskas

DASSIN - Poodle - Joseph Vergnetti

ROSEVIEW - Shetland Sheepdog - Mary & Richard Heiden

DEMARZ - Labrador Retriever - Rose DeMario Bednarz

PORICIA - Manchester Terrier & Chinese Cresteds - Patricia & Clifford Hall

MYBLISS - Bichon Frise - Myra Wotton

MARINER - Portuguese Water Dog - Cynthia McCullough

REDROCK - Australian Shepherd - Kathy Bryan

STARFOX - Toy Fox Terrier - Sheryl Irwin

SINABAR - Bull Terrier - Sandra Frascone

NEVEREST - Labrador Retriever - Desirae Pausma

MYSTYKAL - Staffordshire Bull Terrier - Stephanie Goldsboro

MARSHY HOPE - Labrador Retriever - Karen Wothers

MI KARMA - German Shorthaired Pointer - Tina Parker Craig

SOUTHERNGRACE - Labrador Retriever - Mr. & Mrs. Kelby Cronic

SHANTEL - Shetland Sheepdog - Serena & Pamela Marshall

COPPER ROSE - Beagle - Teresa Gaier

FESTIVA - Whippet - Katie Rudolph & Kelly Rudolph Riney

SHOMBERG - German Shorthaired Pointer - Sharon & Stephen Dattilio

BIRCHANGREEN - Labrador Retriever - Nona King

J&B'S RUN - Beagle - Blackie Crocker

THE CAPTAIN'S, THE CPTN'S - Labrador Retriever - Denise & Robert Babcock

CAPT'NEVER - Labrador Retriever - Denise Babcock & Desirae Pausma

SH-BAR - Cocker Spaniel - Sheila Bowman

MYLIYN - Cardigan Welsh Corgi - Beverly Mercer

FAROUT FIELDS - Brittany - Jackie Arnold

ROCYN - Papillon - Cynthia Springer

POOLSIDE - Pomeranian & Japanese Chin - Marjorie & Louis Conway

RANDOM WIND - Poodle - Leslie & Suzanne Newing

BANNER - Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier - Pamela & John Mandeville

HOLLADAY - French Bulldog - Karen Adams

STARVIEW - Portuguese Water Dog - Bobbie Kurtz

MAYFAIR - Cavalier King Charles Spaniel - Robbie & Chuck Slemaker

PELUITO - Havanese - Arlene Etzig

ABALEE - Golden Retriever - Marianna Beard

GRAND FUNK - German Shorthaired Pointer, Pointer, & Brittany - Victor Funk

ROYAL GEM - Papillon - Gloria Meriwether

SUGARBULLS - French Bulldog - Fredrick Lawrence

GENJI - Chinese Shar-Pei - Julia Berezina

WESTMONT - Cavalier King Charles Spaniel - Margaret Westcot

PINEBARKS - Chihuahua - Deborah Gibbons

JOVIAL - Cavalier King Charles Spaniel - Kati Beran

HOB NOB - Cavalier King Charles Spaniel - Hilarie Gibbs Sykes

JASME - Bichon Frise - Janice Sheehy Metz & Steve Metz

DREAMLAND - Chow Chow & Tibetan Mastiff - Michael & Linda Brantley

HONORBRIGHT - Labrador Retriever - Pat Kroll

COLDBROOK - Australian Shepherd - Pam Brewington

STARLITE - Samoyed - Lia & Larry Benson

VYRTUOUS - Rhodesian Ridgeback - Shawna Walters

REDBUD - Cavalier King Charles Spaniel - Andi Scott

BIMINI - Chinese Crested - Bonnie Yarnell

PATHWAY - Labrador Retriever - Patricia Wayne

PLUMCREEK - Whippet - Linda Larson & Sarah Shakespeare

SHAMROCKLANE - Dachshund - Joan Saario Holder

TAILGATE - Basset Hound - Gail Allen & Gill Tankard

BRAVO - Scottish Terrier - Rod Ott

BELLBURNS - Labrador Retriever - Barbara Corbelli

WILAKII - Shih Tzu - Janice Wilson & Jenny Balestra Currie

ALTRINCHAM - West Highland White Terrier - Loren Marino

CHAR'S - Pomeranian - Charlotte Meyer

MARQUISE - Bichon Frise - Sandra Madia

THUNDERSTRUCK - Bulldog - Laura Mealer

RED SKYE - Collie - Therese Price

ENVI - Chihuahua - Vicky Bisard

WILD SKY - Labrador Retriever - William Cooke

CHER-ADE - Golden Retriever - Cherie & Wade Mobley

ECHO CALL'S - Siberian Husky & French Bulldog - Richard & Collette Gagne

WINDEMERE - Labrador Retriever - Barbara Cisek McGarvey

## AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS May 8-9, 2006

The Board convened on Monday, May 8, 2006 at 8:05 a.m. All Directors were present as were the Chief Operating Officer and the Executive Secretary.

The Board reviewed the minutes of the April 2006 meeting. It was agreed that the establishment of an AKC digital library should have been included among the items discussed in New Business. Upon motion by Dr. Battaglia, seconded by Ms. Scully, the minutes, copies of which were made available to all Directors, were adopted as amended (unanimously).

The Chairman, Mr. Menaker, gave the Board an update on the status of the PAWS legislation.

### Parent Club Conference

The Board considered a request from the Delegate Parent Clubs Committee for up to $150,000 in funding for a 2007 Parent Club Conference. Following a motion by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Mr. Menaker, the Board **VOTED** (unanimously) to authorize spending up to $150,000 for the 2007 Parent Club Conference.

### ISD Steering Committee

Charles Kneifel and Tracey Tessier, AKC staff, participated in this portion of the meeting by video conference. At the request of the Board, staff presented a summary on how ISD projects are currently prioritized and scheduled, and evaluated the need for an ISD steering committee. Based on this proposal, the Board considered the formation of an ISD steering committee to help set or confirm priorities for software development and facilitate communication of these projects with the AKC Board of Directors. This will be considered further at the July 2006 meeting.

The President, Mr. Sprung, gave a status report on previous action items assigned to the staff.

Mr. Sprung reported that for the first quarter of 2006, total events were up by 16% or 396 and total entries were up by 6% or 36,377.

Mr. Sprung advised the Board of several personnel matters

### Summer Intern Program Sponsorship

Mr. Sprung reported that for the summer of 2006, a new marketing initiative will provide for two of the eight paid internships to be sponsored by outside entities. A North Carolina intern will be sponsored by Nestlé Purina and a New York intern by J.P. Morgan Chase.

### Financial Report

James Stevens, Chief Financial Officer, gave a report:

Revenues for the month of April 2006 totaled $5.3 million, which was 4.4% lower than last year. Total registration revenues of $2.6 million decreased 14% during the month compared to 2005. Total expenses of $5.1 million were 2.6% lower than the prior year. A strong stock market environment during the month generated (unrealized) gains of $447,000 on our investments.

The net surplus for the month of April 2006 was $720,000 compared to a $287,000 net deficit last year.

Dog registrations totaled 66,524 in April. This represented a decrease of 19% from 2005. However, there were two fewer workdays in April 2006 compared to last year, which accounts for half of this difference. April's litter registrations were 32,546 or 4% below 2005.

For the first four months of 2006, the year-to-date net surplus (which includes unrealized gains on investments) stands at $4.1 million compared to $1.7 million in 2005.

### Conflict of Interest

The Board considered a proposed amendment to **ARTICLE VI, SECTION 5,** of AKC Bylaws, which would add to the list of criteria that makes a person occupationally ineligible to become or remain a Delegate. The amendment was submitted by staff based on a Board request for a recommendation.

Following a motion by Mrs. Schaefer, seconded by Mr. Gladstone, it was **VOTED** (unanimously) to recommend an amendment to ARTICLE VI, SECTION 5, of AKC Bylaws by removing the word "occupational" from the first sentence and adding a new section (e) to read:

"(e) has a significant interest in a dog registry, dog event-giving organization or any organization deemed to be in competition with AKC or in conflict with its objects. Significant interest would include but not be limited to, ownership in, employment by, a directorship of, and holding office in."

The amendment will be read at the June Delegate Meeting for a VOTE in September, with a proposed effective date of January 1, 2007.

The Board considered a staff recommendation to adopt a policy regarding AKC judges with a vested interest in an organization in competition with the American Kennel Club. The policy was created by staff, based on a Board request for a recommendation.

Following a motion by Dr. Davies, seconded by Dr. Battaglia, it was **VOTED** (affirmative: Dr. Davies, Dr. Battaglia, Mrs. Schaefer, Mr. Merriam, Dr. Haines, Dr. Newman, Ms. Scully, Mr. Goodman, Mr. Menaker, Dr. Garvin, Mr. Gladstone, Mr. Keene; abstaining: Mrs. Strand) to adopt the first paragraph of the following policy with regard to AKC judges, effective January 1, 2007.

Following a motion by Dr. Davies, seconded by Ms. Scully, it was **VOTED** (affirmative: Dr. Davies, Dr. Battaglia, Mrs. Schaefer, Mr. Merriam, Dr. Haines, Dr. Newman, Ms. Scully, Mr. Goodman, Mr. Menaker, Dr. Garvin, Mr. Gladstone, Mr. Keene; opposed: Mrs. Strand) to adopt the remainder of the following policy, effective January 1, 2007.

### JUDGING CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No AKC judge may have a significant interest in a dog registry or dog event-giving organization deemed by the AKC Board to be in competition with the American Kennel Club. Significant interest would include, but not be limited to ownership of, employment by, a directorship in, and holding office in.

Any AKC-approved judge, who shall judge a purebred dog event in the U.S. not in accordance with the rules of AKC, which apply to such purebred dog events, without the express permission of the AKC, may be disciplined even to the extent of having his or her AKC judging approval revoked.

An AKC-approved judge may judge breeds that are not AKC registrable and/or that they have not been approved for by AKC at non-AKC events. The AKC Board has also given permission for the judging of certain other events based upon the following criteria:

1. AKC has no comparable events in place.
2. While AKC has a program in place, AKC judges have officiated at events under the aegis of the other organization for years before the AKC program was initiated.
3. The type of event is not or would not be perceived as being contrary to the best interest of AKC and the sport of purebred dogs.
4. The event is a breed or type of breed-specific performance activity.

No AKC approval is needed to judge versatility or performance activities developed by AKC Parent Clubs and sponsored by such clubs.

Events held by the following organizations meet the above criteria, and AKC-approved judges may continue to judge them:

•American Sighthound Field Association Coursing Events
•American Working Terrier Association Earthdog Events
•American Herding Breed Association Events
•North American Versatility Dog Association Pointing Breed Hunting Tests
•American Field Pointing Breed Field Trials
•United Kennel Club Coonhound Events
•Professional Kennel Club Coonhound Events
•Any of the various organizations sponsoring Agility Trials

Other activities may be added to this list at the discretion of the AKC Board.

**Conflict of Interest Committee**

The Board discussed the recommendations of the Conflict of Interest Committee. Based upon those recommendations, management was directed to make numerous revisions to the Judges Guidelines, to review policies governing employee participation in the Sport, and to coordinate with the Delegate Advocacy and Advancement Committee in developing positive criteria for Delegate eligibility.

**Delegate Meeting Starting Times**

The Board considered a proposal by staff to change the starting time for Delegate meetings.

Traditionally meetings have started after lunch on Tuesday. However, with committee meetings on the day before, most Delegates now arrive a day or two earlier, to attend committee meetings. There have been inquiries about starting the meeting earlier in order to permit Delegates to avoid rush hour traffic or to get afternoon flights. Following a motion by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Mr. Keene, it was **VOTED** (unanimously) to plan for a 9:00 a.m. start for the Delegate Meeting or the Forum in September 2006. The Coordinating Committee would be consulted in June to determine the interest in having a Forum.

**Plott**

Following a motion by Dr. Battaglia, seconded by Ms. Scully, it was **VOTED** (unanimously) to **add the Plott to breeds eligible to compete in the Hound Group for shows held on and after January 1, 2007**. The breed has been eligible for AKC registration since 1998. There will be an open registry for the breed until August 31, 2009.

**Trial Board Structure and Procedures**

The Board discussed a staff proposal for changes to the current Trial Board Structure. It involved reducing the number of regional Trial Boards from six to four, having regional alternates rather than an At-Large Pool, and having a separate Performance Event Trial Board. This, in addition to Trial Board appointments, will be discussed further in July.

**Judging Operations**

Darrell Hayes and Peter Gaeta, AKC staff, participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

**Judging Approval**

**Initial Applications**

The Board considered a proposal to modify the New Breed Judging Approval Policy. There was a motion by Dr. Davies, seconded by Dr. Haines, to adopt the staff recommendations.

There was a motion by Mr. Gladstone to amend the motion by eliminating the Judging Approval procedure. There was no second to the motion.

The main motion was then **VOTED** (affirmative: Dr. Garvin, Dr. Haines, Mrs. Strand, Mrs. Schaefer, Dr. Davies, Ms. Scully, Mr. Keene, Dr. Newman, Dr. Battaglia, Mr. Goodman, Mr. Menaker; opposed: Mr. Gladstone; abstaining: Mr. Merriam) to adopt the policy for initial Conformation Judging applicants, effective January 1, 2007, which is attached to these minutes.

**Additional Breeds**

The Board considered a proposal to modify the Additional Breed Judging Approval Policy.

There was a motion by Dr. Battaglia, seconded by Mr. Gladstone, to divide the question and to vote on the in-ring observations conflict separately. This motion was defeated (affirmative: Dr. Battaglia, Mr. Gladstone; opposed: Mr. Menaker, Dr. Haines, Dr. Garvin, Dr. Davies, Dr. Newman, Ms. Scully, Mrs. Schaefer, Mrs. Strand, Mr. Goodman, Mr. Keene; abstaining: Mr. Merriam).

There was a motion by Dr. Haines, seconded by Dr. Newman, to adopt the staff recommendations.

There was a motion by Mr. Gladstone, seconded by Mr. Merriam, to amend the proposal by removing all references to qualitative observations by Field Representatives. This motion was defeated with the **VOTE** (affirmative: Mr. Gladstone, Mr. Merriam; opposed: Mr. Goodman, Mr. Keene, Dr. Newman, Dr. Davies, Ms. Scully, Mrs. Schaefer, Mrs. Strand. Dr. Haines, Mr. Menaker, Dr. Garvin, Dr. Battaglia).

The main motion was then **VOTED** (affirmative: Mr. Goodman, Mr. Keene, Dr. Newman, Dr. Davies, Ms. Scully, Mrs. Schaefer, Mrs. Strand, Dr. Haines, Mr. Menaker, Dr. Garvin, Dr. Battaglia; opposed: Mr. Gladstone; abstaining: Mr. Merriam) to adopt the policy for additional breed applicants, effective January 1, 2007, which is attached to these minutes.

The Board reviewed a staff recommendation addressing the taking of breeds away from approved judges.

Following a motion by Dr. Davies, seconded by Dr. Garvin, it was **VOTED** (affirmative: Dr. Battaglia, Dr. Davies, Dr. Garvin, Mr. Goodman, Dr. Haines, Mr. Keene, Mr. Menaker, Dr. Newman, Mrs. Schaefer, Ms. Scully, Mrs. Strand; opposed: Mr. Gladstone; abstaining: Mr. Merriam) to adopt the following policy with regards to removing breeds from approved judges, effective January 1, 2007:

A judge with a total of three unsatisfactory evaluations reported from more than one Field Representative in any breed, will be remanded to probationary status in that breed. A judge with a total of five unsatisfactory evaluations reported from more than one Field Representative in any combination of breeds will be remanded to probationary status in every breed in which unfavorably evaluated. Judges so directed will be required to judge five evaluated, probationary assignments in each breed indicated. All conditions and requirements outlined in the current "provisional policy" will apply including the deferral of eligibility to apply for additional breeds and the possible loss of breeds.

In each breed, three probationary performances that do not meet expected standards will result in a recommendation to the Staff Committee that the breed be removed from the judge's list of approved breeds.

One or two probationary performances that do not meet expected standards in a breed will result in three additional probationary assignments in the breed.

One performance that does not meet expected standards on a repeated probationary assignment will result in a recommendation to the Staff Committee that the breed be removed from the judge's list of approved breeds.

The same process for the appeal of a decision to deny or limit breeds would be available to judges who have breeds removed.

Judges who lose breeds under this policy would be eligible to reapply for those breeds three years from the date of the notice of removal.

**Compliance**

Tom Sharp and Jack Norton, AKC staff, participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

The Board discussed the Inspection Scheduling process and reviewed a staff recommendation. This was based on a Board request. This will be dis-

cussed further in July.

Staff reported on a complaint by the Portuguese Water Dog Club of America, filed pursuant to the Charter and Bylaws.

The following AKC Management actions were reported: **(Final Board Disciplinary actions are reported in the Secretary's Page)**.

During the month of April, the registrations of 316 litters were canceled, resulting in the cancellation of 444 registered dogs and rendering 915 dogs, members of these litters, ineligible for registration. 314 of these litters were canceled as a result of the DNA Parentage Evaluation. 2 were cancelled as a result of impure breeding. In addition, as a result of the DNA Certification Program, the registrations of 219 litters were corrected, resulting in the correction of 351 registered dogs and maintaining the eligibility for registration of 518 dogs, members of these litters.

**Breeders Recognition**

Ron Rella, AKC staff, was present for this portion of the meeting.

It was reported that feedback on the Breeders Recognition Program is still coming in from the Delegate Advisory Group and from breeders.

10,000 copies of the *AKC Breeder* newsletter are printed and distributed quarterly. In addition, over 91,000 copies are e-mailed to the subscribers of the *Your AKC* newsletter who have identified themselves as breeders, as well as to breeders who have specifically requested *AKC Breeder* electronically.

**Delegates**

It was moved by Mrs. Schaefer, and seconded by Mr. Menaker, and **VOTED** (unanimously) to approve the **membership application of the Toy Dog Breeders Association of Southern California** for a vote at the June, 2006 Delegate meeting and to approve the Delegate credentials of the following persons, whose credentials have been published in two consecutive issues of the *AKC GAZETTE*:

Leonard G. Abraham, Belchertown, MA, to represent Holyoke Kennel Club

Ann Barbash, Victor, NY, to represent Genesee Valley Kennel Club

Gayle Bontecou, Clinton Corners, NY, to represent Mid-Hudson Kennel Association

Janice Croft, Blaine, MN, to represent Land O'Lakes Kennel Club

Patricia M. Cruz, Coram, NY, to represent Heart of the Plains Kennel Club

Lee Davidson, Maineville, OH, to represent Clermont County Kennel Club

Denise Dean, Parks, AZ, to represent Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America

Roberta Mayers, Waterbury, VT, to represent Green Mountain Dog Club

Merry Jeanne Millner, High Point, NC, to represent Furniture City Kennel Club

Margaret Uminsky, Levittown, NY, to represent Nassau Dog Training Club

Robin Vuillermet, Killingworth, CT, to represent German Pinscher Club of America

Dr. Davies reported that the **Delegate credentials** of the following persons are to be **published** in the May and June issues of the *AKC GAZETTE*:

Karen Justin, Westtown, NY, to represent Rockland County Kennel Club

Joseph A. Martyn, Manahawkin, NJ, to represent Trenton Kennel Club

Lynette Saltzman, Westport, CT, to represent Oakland Dog Training Club

Dr. Davies reported that the **Delegate credentials** of the following persons are to be **published** in the June and July issues of the *AKC GAZETTE*:

Robert A. Amen, Stamford, CT, to represent Port Chester Obedience Training Club

Louise Leone, Franktown, CO, to represent Colorado Kennel Club

Marilyn R. Vinson, Glendale, AZ, to represent Kachina Kennel Club

**Seminole Dog Fanciers Association**

Based upon internal club turmoil and a refusal of the club officers to hold an election as required by the club's bylaws, the Board considered a staff request to withhold the approval of the Seminole Dog Fanciers Association's September 9-10, 2006 shows. Following a motion by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Mrs. Strand, the Board **VOTED** (affirmative: Dr. Garvin, Mrs. Strand, Mr. Gladstone, Mrs. Schaefer, Dr. Haines, Dr. Newman, Dr. Battaglia, Dr. Davies, Ms. Scully, Mr. Keene; opposed: Mr. Menaker, Mr. Merriam, Mr. Goodman) to withhold approval of the Seminole Dog Fanciers Association's September 9–10, 2006 shows.

**Westside Dog Training Club**

Staff reported that the Westside Dog Training Club has failed to pay its 2006 dues. In accordance with the AKC Bylaws, the AKC membership of the Westside Dog Training Club is suspended.

**Conformation Events**

Gail Miller, AKC staff, was present for this part of the meeting, while Robin Stansell and Bobby Birdsong, AKC staff, participated in this portion of the meeting by video conference.

**Disqualification of Dogs in Special Attractions**

The Board considered a proposed amendment to the italicized clarification of Chapter 11, Section 8, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows. Special attractions would be added to the list of events where a judge may disqualify under the provisions of Chapter 11, Section 8-A. Following a motion by Ms. Scully, seconded by, Dr. Battaglia, it was **VOTED** (affirmative: Ms. Scully, Dr. Battaglia, Dr. Davies, Dr. Garvin, Mr. Gladstone, Mr. Goodman, Dr. Haines, Mr. Keene, Mr. Menaker, Dr. Newman, Mrs. Schaefer, Mrs. Strand; abstaining: Mr. Merriam) to amend the explanation in the Chapter 11, Section 8, as follows:

*When the judge of a sweepstakes or futurity finds that a dog is ineligible to compete under this section, the dog should be excused. A dog may only be disqualified in a sweepstakes, futurity, or special attraction under the provisions of Chapter11, Section 8-A.*

**Kenilworth Kennel Club of Connecticut**

The Board considered a request by the Kenilworth and Farmington Valley Kennel Clubs to hold a 2-day televised event at the Mohegan Sun Casino. The clubs have agreed to alternate years in order to use each others' corresponding dates to hold one two-day event. Following a motion by, Mr. Merriam, seconded by, Mr. Menaker, it was **VOTED** (unanimously) to approve the November 4–5, 2006 Kenilworth Kennel Club two-day event and to remove the one-time restriction, provided that Kenilworth and Farmington Valley Kennel Club continue to meet the Board mandated Contractual Requirements for Televised Events and Operational Requirements for Televised Events.

**Kennel Club of Philadelphia**

The Board considered a request by the Kennel Club of Philadelphia for permission to hold its November show in Harrisburg, PA, along with the shows of the Penn Treaty Kennel Club and Greater Philadelphia Dog Fanciers Association due to the loss of their show site. Approval requires an exception to the 200-mile distance protection policy as there are shows that weekend 194.3 miles from the Harrisburg site. These clubs that have the right to the 200-mile radius protection, have indicated that they would not object to the Kennel Club of Philadelphia show. Mrs. Schaefer abstained from the discussion and vote on this matter. There was a motion by Mr. Gladstone, seconded by Dr. Battaglia to deny this request for a one-time exception to the

onded by Dr. Battaglia to deny this request for a one-time exception to the 200-mile distance protection policy. This motion was defeated with the **VOTE** (affirmative: Mr. Gladstone, Dr. Battaglia, Dr. Garvin, Dr. Haines; opposed: Mr. Menaker, Mr. Merriam, Mr. Goodman, Mr. Keene, Dr. Newman, Mrs. Strand, Dr. Davies, Ms. Scully; abstaining: Mrs. Schaefer).

There was a motion by Mr. Merriam, seconded by Mr. Menaker and it was **VOTED** (affirmative: Mr. Menaker, Mr. Merriam, Mr. Goodman, Mr. Keene, Dr. Newman, Mrs. Strand, Dr. Davies, Ms. Scully; opposed: Mr. Gladstone, Dr. Battaglia, Dr. Garvin, Dr. Haines; abstaining: Mrs. Schaefer) to approve the Kennel Club of Philadelphia's request.

Meeting adjourned Monday, May 8, 2006 at 5:40 p.m.

Meeting reconvened Tuesday, May 9, 2006 at 8:00 a.m. All Directors were present as were the Chief Operating Officer and Executive Secretary.

**Texas Kennel Club**

The Board considered a request from the Texas Kennel Club to reaffirm its exclusivity to the show territory of the city of Dallas. The Texas Kennel Club refused to grant approval for the Greater Collin Kennel Club and the Trinity Valley Kennel Club to hold a show in Dallas. Those clubs appealed to AKC. While Texas Kennel Club has not held a show in Dallas for eight years, it has applied for a show in Dallas for the fall of 2006. David Keene abstained from participating in the discussion on this specific request. the question of exclusivity arose as the result of a 2002 Board action.

The discussion included in the August 2002 Board minutes, as well as the Highlights released after the meeting, indicate that the Board intended to interpret the territorial exclusivity provisions of Chapter 2 in the Rules Applying to Dog Shows to only be binding if the member club held a show at least once every two consecutive years in its territory. However, the actual 2002 motion that was made at the meeting to implement this interpretation, as published, did not properly convey that intent.

Following a motion by Mr. Merriam, seconded by Dr. Battaglia, it was **VOTED** (affirmative: Mr. Merriam, Mrs. Schaefer, Dr. Newman, Dr. Haines, Mr. Gladstone, Mrs. Strand, Mr. Menaker, Dr. Battaglia, Mr. Goodman; opposed: Dr Garvin, Dr. Davies, Ms. Scully, Mr. Keene) to affirm that the Board's belief that **Chapter 2, Sections 3, 5 and 6, only require a member all-breed club to hold a show once every two years in order to maintain exclusivity in their area, regardless of where that show is held.**

**Rule Change Referred to Delegate Committees**

Following a motion by Mr. Gladstone, seconded by Mrs. Schaefer, it was **VOTED** (affirmative: Mr. Menaker, Mr. Gladstone, Mrs. Schaefer, Dr. Newman, Mrs. Strand, Dr. Davies, Dr. Battaglia, Ms. Scully, Dr. Garvin; opposed: Mr. Merriam, Dr. Haines, Mr. Goodman) to refer the issue of whether there should be rule changes to Chapter 2, Sections 3, 5 and 6, to require that a club hold a show in its area at least once every two years in its show territory to maintain exclusivity in that area to the Delegate Dog Show Rule and All-Breed Clubs Committees.

**Greater Collin Kennel Club and Trinity Valley Kennel Club**

The Board discussed the specific request by the Greater Collin Kennel Club and the Trinity Valley Kennel Club to hold 2006 shows in Dallas. Mr. Keene abstained from the discussion and vote. While recognizing the exclusivity of the Texas Kennel Club in Dallas, the Board also recognized that the other clubs made their plans based upon information published by AKC and from AKC staff, regarding the interpretation of Chapter 2, Sections 3, 5 and 6. As indicated above, this interpretation is no longer valid. The Board also verified that the previous site utilized by the Greater Collin Kennel Club and the Trinity Valley Kennel Club was not available. Following a motion by Mr. Gladstone, seconded by Dr. Garvin, it was **VOTED** (affirmative: Mr. Gladstone, Mrs. Schaefer, Dr. Newman, Dr. Haines, Dr. Garvin, Dr. Battaglia, Mrs. Strand, Dr. Davies, Ms. Scully; abstaining: Mr. Merriam, Mr. Keene, Mr. Menaker, Mr. Goodman) **to approve the Greater Collin Kennel Club and Trinity Valley Kennel Club request on a one-time basis.**

**Willamette Valley Kennel Club**

The Board considered a request from the Willamette Valley Kennel Club for a reaffirmation of its exclusivity for holding shows in its show territory. Willamette Valley has not held a show in Salem, Oregon for several years, but has submitted an application for a November 2006 show in Salem. Based upon the understanding of the interpretation of Chapter 2, Sections 2 and 5 of the Dog Show Rules at the time, the Greater Clark County Kennel Club and the Portland Kennel Club were approved for July 2006 shows in Portland. While the Willamette Valley Kennel Club is a licensed club, and the rule refers to member clubs, it has been applied to licensed clubs as a long-standing practice. Following a motion by Mr. Merriam, seconded by Mr. Goodman, it was **VOTED** (unanimously) to reaffirm the approval of the Greater Clark County and Portland Kennel Club shows in Salem, Oregon for July 2006 on a one-time basis. Staff was also directed to provide a report to the Board describing any policy differences applied to member and licensed clubs.

**Louisville Kennel Club Request**

The Board considered a request from the Louisville Kennel Club, requesting a one-year exemption to the limit on Evening Specialties. There was a motion by Dr. Davies, seconded by Ms. Scully, and it was **VOTED** (affirmative: Dr. Davies, Ms. Scully, Mr. Gladstone, Dr. Garvin, Dr. Haines, Dr. Newman, Mrs. Schaefer, Mrs. Strand, Mr. Goodman, Mr. Keene, Dr. Battaglia; opposed: Mr. Merriam, Mr. Menaker) to consider the matter at this meeting, waiving the prior notice requirement.

Following a motion by Dr. Davies, seconded by Mr. Goodman, it was **VOTED** (affirmative: Dr. Davies, Mr. Goodman, Mr. Keene, Dr. Newman, Mr. Gladstone, Dr. Garvin, Mrs. Strand, Ms. Scully, Dr. Battaglia, Mrs. Schaefer, Mr. Merriam; opposed: Mr. Menaker, Dr. Haines) to deny the request.

**Performance Events**

William Speck, Karla Deithorn, and Carol Delsman, AKC staff, participated in this portion of the meeting by video conference.

**Peggy Richter**

The Board considered a report that Peggy Richter failed to comply with AKC Herding Regulations. Following a motion by Mr. Merriam, seconded by Dr. Davies, the matter was deferred to the July 2006 Board meeting.

**The Working Dog Sport**

The Board discussed the approval of the Working Dog Sport, as requested by four breed Parent Clubs. The concept was endorsed by the Delegate Parent Clubs Committee with the qualified recommendation that the four Parent Clubs (the American Bouvier des Flandres Club, the American Rottweiler Club, the Doberman Pinscher Club of America and the German Shepherd Dog Club of America) be able to hold up to five Working Dog Events per year, sanctioned and run by these National Clubs. The Delegate Committee added the following provisions to its endorsement:

- Each Parent Club is directly responsible for its own events and cannot assign this responsibility to others.
- The Parent Clubs involved are directly responsible for this program. For example, a WDS Advisory Committee could be formed with representatives from the participating Parent Clubs. This has been done for other AKC Sports.
- Each Parent Club may run up to 5 events in a calendar year.
- The program should be run on a test basis for two or three years and then reviewed.

Following a motion by Dr. Davies, seconded by Dr. Battaglia, it was **VOTED** (affirmative: Dr. Davies, Dr. Battaglia, Mr. Merriam, Dr. Haines, Mr. Goodman, Mrs. Strand, Mrs. Schaefer, Mr. Keene, Mr. Menaker, Mr. Gladstone; opposed: Dr. Newman, Ms. Scully, Dr. Garvin) to approve the Working Dog Sport, effective January 1, 2007, with Regulations that are to be approved by the Board and in accordance with the provisions recommended by the Delegate Parent Club Coordinating Committee. The program will be reviewed after a three-year period.

**Accepting Entries for AKC Hunting Tests for Pointing Breeds**

The Board considered a staff request for an addition to Chapter 1, Section 12, of the Regulations for AKC Hunting Tests for Pointing Breeds in order to make regulations for accepting entries consistent across all AKC events. Following a motion by Dr. Davies, seconded by Mr. Menaker, it was **VOTED** (unanimously) to add the following italicized text to Chapter 1, Section 12 of the Regulations for AKC Hunting Tests for Pointing Breeds:

*"The Hunting Test Committee may decline any entries or may remove any dog from its event for cause, but in each instance shall file good and sufficient reason for doing so with The American Kennel Club."*

**Accepting Entries for AKC Hunting Tests for Spaniels**

The Board considered a staff request to make the Spaniel Hunting Test Regulations consistent with other AKC events in regards to acceptance of entries. Following a motion by Dr. Davies, seconded by Mr. Menaker, it was **VOTED** (unanimously) to add the following italicized text to Chapter 1, Section 13, of the Regulations for AKC Hunting Tests for Spaniels:

*"The Hunting Test Committee may decline any entries or may remove any dog from its event for cause, but in each instance shall file good and sufficient reason for doing so with The American Kennel Club."*

**Rat Terrier in Earthdog Events**

Following a motion by Ms. Scully, seconded by Dr. Davies, it was **VOTED** (unanimously) to permit **the Rat Terrier to compete in AKC Earthdog Tests, effective September 1, 2006.**

**2005 Beagle Advisory Committee Recommendations**

The Board reviewed a recommendation by the Beagle Advisory Committee to amend the Beagle Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Beagle Field Trial Procedure 3. Measuring. The proposed change would dissolve the Official One-Time Beagle Measurement system and all measurements would become two (2) out of three (3).

Following a motion by Ms. Scully, seconded by Dr. Davies, it was **VOTED** (unanimously) to approve this change to Procedure 3, Measuring, effective July 1, 2006

**Icelandic Sheepdog in Herding Tests**

Following a motion by Ms. Scully, seconded by Dr. Davies, it was **VOTED** (unanimously) to permit **the Icelandic Sheepdog to participate in AKC Herding Trial classes as Exhibition Only Entries as specified in Chapter 1, Section 12, part (D) of the AKC Herding Regulations effective Sept. 1, 2006.**

**2005 Retriever Advisory Committee Recommendations**

The Board reviewed a recommendation by the 2005 Retriever Advisory Committee to amend the Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Retrievers to allow clubs with more than 65 starters in various All-Age stakes the option to hold stakes with higher entry requirements, thus reducing the entry to a manageable level and prohibit use of mechanical/motorized decoys in field trials, effective July 1, 2006.

Following a motion by Dr. Davies, seconded by Ms. Scully, it was **VOTED** (unanimously) to amend the Standing Recommendations of the Retriever Advisory Committee, Rule 5 of the Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Retrievers, to read:

Any club which, in the preceding field trial year, held a trial in which there were more than 65 starters in the Open, Limited, Special or Restricted Stakes may, at its option, apply to hold a Limited, Special or Restricted All-Age Stake, the choice being governed by the club's view of the reduction needed.

Following a motion by Dr. Davies, seconded by Ms. Scully, it was **VOTED** (unanimously) to amend Chapter 14 Standard Procedures for Non-Slip Retriever Trials Procedure 17 of Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Retrievers to read:

**Procedure 17.** During at least one water test in all stakes, dogs should be worked over artificial decoys, anchored separately. The use of electronic, mechanically operated, or wind powered decoys is not permitted.

The Board reviewed recommendations by the 2005 Retriever Advisory Committee to amend change the Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Retrievers with the following proposals, effective Jan. 1, 2007:

Amend to make clear that conflicts will be welcomed if they serve to reduce entry size in the All-Age stakes of the conflicting trials.

- Add the Amateur All-Age stake as a means of qualification to participate in the Restricted All-Age stake.
- Identify the various stakes involved.
- Allow clubs to hold a third trial within a year if that trial would be in conflict with another, thus reducing entries in the All-Age stakes.
- Allow clubs to start the Amateur All-Age earlier than stated on the premium list if entry exceeds 65 dogs under specified conditions.
- Provide For Junior Handler Participants in Retriever Field Trials.
- Allow AKC Retriever Hunting Test Clubs to hold an Owner-Handler Qualifying stake in conjunction with their hunting test.

Following a motion by Ms. Scully, seconded by Dr. Davies, it was **VOTED** (unanimously) to amend the following sections of the Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Retrievers: (new wording is underlined).

**CHAPTER 3**

Section 8. The Board of Directors of The American Kennel Club will not

approve applications for field trials where dates conflict and the locations of such conflicting trials are less than 200 miles apart.

**CHAPTER 14**
Section 10, Paragraph 7. A Restricted All-Age Stake at a Retriever trial shall be for dogs that have been previously placed in an Open All-Age Stake, a Limited All-Age Stake, a Special All-Age Stake, a Restricted All-Age Stake, an Amateur All-Age Stake or an Owner-Handler Amateur All-Age Stake, in each case carrying championship points.

**CHAPTER 14**
Section 9. The regular official stakes in a Retriever trial shall be Derby, Qualifying, Owner-Handler Qualifying, Open All-Age...

**CHAPTER 14**
Section 10, Paragraph 2. A Qualifying Stake, or an Owner-Handler Qualifying Stake at a Retriever trial....

Section 10, Paragraph 5. A Limited All-Age Stake at a Retriever trial shall be for dogs that have previously been placed or awarded a Judges' Award of Merit in an Open All-Age Stake, Limited All-Age Stake, Special All-Age Stake, Restricted All-Age Stake, or Amateur All-Age Stake, or Owner-Handler Amateur All-Age Stake carrying Championship points in each case, or that have been placed first or second in a Qualifying Stake or an Owner-Handler Qualifying Stake.

Section 10, Paragraph 6. A Special All-Age Stake at a Retriever trial shall be for dogs that, during the period comprised of the previous calendar year and the current calendar year prior to the date of closing of entries for such trial, have been placed or awarded a Judges' Award of Merit in an Open All-Age, Limited All-Age, Special All-Age, Restricted All-Age, Amateur All-Age, or Owner-Handler Amateur All-Age Stake carrying Championship points in each case, or have been placed first or second in a Qualifying Stake.

CHAPTER 14
Section 11. At any field trial, there shall not be more than one of the following stakes: Open All-Age, Limited All-Age, Special All-Age, or Restricted All-Age Stake.
In a two-day trial, when one of the above stakes is held, not more than two other stakes shall be held unless more than one stake is run at the same time under different Judges.

No more than one Amateur All-Age or Owner-Handler Amateur All-Age may be offered at any one field trial, and no club may hold more than two stakes for Amateur handlers in any calendar year, except that a club may apply to the AKC to run a third all-age trial within a single calendar year consisting of an Open All-Age, Limited All-Age, Special All-Age, or Restricted All-Age, and an Amateur All-Age or Owner-Handler Amateur All-Age, together with minor stakes. Such applications will be approved by the AKC provided it appears that this third all-age trial will either conflict with another trial or otherwise serve to reduce the entry size of the all-age stakes.

Anytime a trial giving club finds that the probable number of starters in its Amateur All-Age Stake or its Owner-Handler Amateur All-Age Stake is likely to exceed 65 in number, the club may elect, at its option, to move the starting time of the stake to not earlier than 9:00 AM of the first day of the trial, provided that any handler who cannot for whatever reason be present at the trial until the starting time announced in the original premium shall be permitted to run after the starting time stated in the premium. Notice of the decision to begin the Amateur All-Age Stake or the Owner-Handler Amateur All-Age Stake at the earlier time shall be given to all entrants as soon as possible by the most expeditious practical way available. To the extent that utilization of this procedure will require departures from the run in order mandate of Section 4 of Chapter 14, such departures shall be treated as "a reasonable or desirable saving of time in the conduct of the trial...". The earliest number dog available, (whether by draw or by Dow Jones), will run first at the earlier starting time, and all dogs available for the earlier start will run in order to the extent possible, provided that obvious unfairness, due to the overlapping running of a first series in two All-Age Stakes, should be avoided.

Add a new Section 18 to Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Retrievers: Chapter 14 to read:
New Section 18. A junior handler is defined as any person who is at least 9 years of age and has not reached 18 years of age as of the first day of the licensed trial in issue. Such junior handler may, with proper authority, enter and handle a non-competing retriever over six months of age in a Derby and/or a Qualifying stake regardless of the age or level of ability of the dog or other restrictions on entry that may be set forth in other provisions of these Rules. Such a junior handler entry shall be tested in the same manner and under the same provisions governing performance that apply to all other competing dogs and handlers in the stake. Any dog handled by a junior handler under these provisions, who completes all tests in the stake in a manner satisfactory to the judges shall be awarded a JHE, (Junior Handler Excellent), applying the general standards of performance that would result in a Judges' Award of Merit for a dog not competing under these junior handler provisions. A JHE ribbon shall be given to the successful junior handler and the award shall be certified by the judges and reported to the AKC as part of the official results of the trial.

**CHAPTER 14**
Section 10, Paragraph 3. An Owner-Handler Qualifying Stake may be run in place of a Qualifying Stake at the election of the trial giving club and shall be open to dogs eligible to run a Qualifying Stake at the election of the trial giving club and shall be open to dogs eligible to run a Qualifying Stake provided that each entered dog is handled by the registered owner or co-owner of such dog or a member of said owner or co-owner's family as defined in Section 2 of the chapter. At the election of the trial giving club, an Owner-Handler Qualifying Stake may be run without a companion Derby Stake when it is run in conjunction with a Hunting Test event that includes a Master Hunt Stake.

**Profitability of Fancy vs. Non-Fancy Activities**

Mr. Stevens reported on a study done to determine sources of revenue, specifically differentiating between funds from the Fancy and outside sources of funds and to compare these numbers to related expenses.

**PR & Public Affairs**

Noreen Baxter and Daisy Okas, staff, were present for this portion of the meeting.

**Committee Budget Request**

The Board considered a request by the Vice Chair about the Board-appointed Ad Hoc Legislation Committee for a Committee budget to help offset travel and mailing expenses incurred by participation in the Ad Hoc Delegate Canine Legislation Committee.

Following a motion by Ms. Scully, seconded by Mrs. Schaefer, it was **VOTED** (unanimously) to give Delegates who serve on no other Delegate Committees, and therefore do not already receive reimbursement to offset travel expenses, up to $200 per

meeting to offset actual expenses incurred by participating on the Ad Hoc Canine Legislation Committee.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, and upon motion made and seconded, it was

**VOTED**: To adjourn at 11:45 a.m., Tuesday, May 9, 2006.

Adjourned

Attest:

James P. Crowley, Executive Secretary

## ADDENDUM TO THE MAY 8 & 9, 2006 AKC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Items that may come to the Board for a VOTE in July 2006:

- •The appointment of an ISD steering committee to make recommendation to the Board on setting priorities for items needing ISD support.
- •Restructuring of Trial Board and Trial Board appointments.
- •A policy governing the frequency of kennel inspections.
- •Regulations for the Working Sport
- •Approving participation by Kerry Blue Terriers in Earthdog events.
- •Guidelines for Parent Clubs dealing with high profile breed exposure in TV/Films/Media.

Items that will continue to be discussed in July 2006:

- •A breeder recognition program

## APPENDIX TO THE MAY 8 & 9, 2006 AKC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

### Judging Approval Process: New Breeds

The current judging approval process has been enhanced according to the guidelines approved in October 1999 by the Board of Directors of The American Kennel Club. This enhancement, part of the planned ongoing evolution of the approval process, is a graduated learning program which promotes continuing education in and an appreciation for canine knowledge.

This approval process incorporates a directed and closely monitored learning and performance period for each application cycle. The number of breeds granted on each application is limited, and determined by the number of breeds qualified for and granted on the first application. Subsequent to the first application, judges are eligible to apply for up to the number of breeds for which they are already approved. For example, if an applicant is approved for two breeds on the first application, he may apply for two breeds on the second, four breeds on the third, and eight breeds on the fourth application.

Once a judge has completed the first four application cycles or has been approved for 14 breeds, she/he may apply for up to 14 breeds. However, regardless of the number of breeds previously granted, an applicant may not apply for more than 14 breeds on any subsequent application.

The requirements for additional breeds will concentrate heavily on breed education and the application of this knowledge in the ring. Requirements for additional breeds include breed specific education outlined below and meeting expectations when judging already approved breeds.

If an applicant consistently demonstrates exceptional knowledge and quality of judging and is approved for 14 or more breeds or has completed the first four application cycles, she/he may be granted up to 14 breeds on any additional breed application.

This program is intended to be a challenging process. It is designed to foster uniformity and fairness in the acquisition of additional breeds. The open design of this program places the responsibility for advancement in the hands of the applicants.

The provisional judge concept is intended to remind all newly approved judges that they are still students with a subject to master and that their mastery of each breed is an ongoing process. This understanding will enable AKC staff, recognized breed experts, emeritus and regular judges, who are committed to the success of the student judge, to become teachers, mentors, or coaches.

In this program, the applicant gains more personal control over, and ultimately more responsibility for his or her advancement. This program is designed to help the applicant succeed.

Merit will be paramount in advancing through the approval process, and AKC will naturally encounter a wide range of abilities and experience. This will result in varied outcomes for applicants. The successful development of judging competency requires individual motivation, significant personal effort and ongoing study of even approved breeds. Advancement at any level in no way implies that subsequent approvals will be automatic; rather, they will be more predictable.

*All New Breed Applicants*

Every New Breed Applicant must satisfy all of the following requirements:

- •Complete at least six stewarding assignments at AKC member or licensed shows in the three years immediately preceding application.
- •Complete at least six judging assignments at AKC Sanctioned matches, specialty matches, sweepstakes, futurities and AKC approved Special Attractions. Sweepstakes, futurities and specialty matches count as two.
- •View the AKC video of each breed requested if a video was produced.
- •Meet AKC's occupational eligibility requirements.
- •Successfully complete anatomy and procedural open book tests.
- •Complete a Pre-Application Interview with an Executive Field Representative.
- •Submit a non-refundable $25 per breed application fee with application.

Only those breeds in which the applicant has documented hands-on experience in owning, breeding or exhibiting will be granted on the first application.

**12-5-4 Method**

Individuals applying as New Breed judges may apply for up to 14 breeds on their first application and must meet the following criteria:

- •Have **12** or more years experience exhibiting in conformation in at least one breed applied for.
- •Must be a member of a household where **five** or more litters in each breed applied for have been bred and whelped.
- •Qualifying litters must have been whelped and raised on applicant's premises.
- •Qualifying litters must have produced **four** or more champions.

If an applicant does not meet litter and/or champion requirements under the ***12-5-4 System***, the New Breed Alternate Method may be used to ensure that quality of experience, rather than quantity, is the determining factor in breeds granted

**New Breed Alternate Method**

If applicants do not meet the litter and/or champion criteria in the initial breed(s), they may apply under the **New Breed Alternate Method**. They must have **15** or more years experience in conformation in at least one breed applied for and must be able to document having accomplished any combination of four of the following components in each initial breed:

- •Bred at least two champions in **each** breed requested.
- •Bred and raised four litters in **each** breed requested on his or her premises
- •Owned at least one dog in **each** breed requested, that sired four champions. (Dog must have resided at applicant's home while used at stud).
- •Owned or maintained for the duration four dogs in **each** breed requested that earned championships while residing at applicant's home.
- •Personally exhibited four dogs in **each** breed requested to their champi-

onships, earning all 15 points and both majors. *(This requirement is the same for owners and professional handlers).*

•Personally exhibited two dogs in **each** breed requested as specials for a minimum of two years or approximately 60 showings. *(This requirement is the same for owners and professional handlers).*

•Documented 25 years of experience exhibiting dogs in conformation.

A pre-application interview is mandatory **at each level**. Applicant is responsible for scheduling the pre-application interview with an Executive Field Representative and must send pre-application interview report to office with application. New Breed applicants must submit mandatory Procedural, Anatomy (and JS if applicable) with application.

All final interviews must be scheduled through Judging Operations. Applicants are welcome to interview in the North Carolina office by prior appointment.

The Field Representative will discuss each breed requested with the applicant and remind applicant that satisfying all educational requirements and a successful interview do not guarantee approval of the breed(s) requested.

The final application interview will include, but not be limited to, the following:

•Review of breed-specific seminars as well as seminars listed multiple times

•Verification of mentor participation

•Discussion and explanation of unanswered questions/blanks

•Discussion of strengths, weaknesses and differences within the breed(s)

•Discussion of and demonstration of proper use of wicket/scale/dentition (if applicable)

•Review of rules, regulations, policies and guidelines (if applicable)

•Discussion of proper procedure for handling protests, disqualifications and excusals

•Discussion of importance of positive reports from Field Representatives and mentors in being granted regular status.

Applications at every level will be acted on at monthly meetings by the staff committee. All applicants accepted for full or partial approval will be published in the Gazette the month following the Staff Committee meeting. The Staff Committee letter and appropriate breed standard test(s) will be mailed to the applicant. Provisional status will be granted 30 days following publication of the Staff Committee's acceptance of an application provided that the applicant receives a passing grade on the breed standard test(s). **If an applicant fails any test, all breeds will be placed on hold for three months**, and the missed question(s) must be reviewed with a Field Representative before continuing to process the application.

**Requirements for Regular Status**

•Complete five assignments in each provisional breed, demonstrating sufficient competence in the breeds

•Unlimited assignments may be accepted

•Additional provisional assignments may be required

•Must have been observed three times by different Field Representatives (Judging Operations staff may reduce this requirement in breeds with consistently small entries)

Additional provisional assignments may be required. Following a Marginal or Does Not Meet evaluation, at least two additional evaluations on that breed will be required.

**Judging Approval Process: Additional Breeds**

On subsequent applications for additional breeds, applicants must have regular status for all previously approved breeds and be able to document the completion of a combination of **at least four** of the following enriching components. Applicants must be prepared to document each experience.

•Experience owning, breeding, and exhibiting each breed requested: must have owned and finished at least one dog while residing in household or must have finished (all 15 points) at least two exhibits previously as a handler.

•Attending regional specialty or supported entry.

•Attending national specialties: may count as two components if study group conforms to seminar or workshop criteria.

•Attending seminars that meet seminar criterion.

•Attending workshops that meet criterion.

•Attending institutes sponsored by AKC approved organizations or parent clubs whose presentations meet seminar and/or workshop criteria.

•Judging AKC sanctioned matches, sweepstakes, futurities and AKC approved Special Attractions with entries in each breed requested.

•Selecting and working with qualified mentors including but not limited to the following opportunities:

♦Tutoring and guiding the applicant in breed knowledge over a period of time continuing into the provisional and regular status periods.

♦Ongoing continuous kennel visits characterized by hands on experience with litters of various ages as well as adult dogs.

•**Ringside observations** which meet the following criteria:

♦Observer must have achieved regular status in at least one breed.

♦Observer may observe with parent club approved mentors or breeders with a minimum of 12 years experience breeding, exhibiting, or judging the breed in conformation. Observations with mentors not meeting the criteria will not be accepted.

♦There must be adequate entries for the breeds observed. Smaller entries may require more observations.

♦Observer and mentor must properly complete an Observation Form which must be submitted with the application for that breed.

♦A minimum of three ringside observations for each breed requested including at least 2 majors.

♦Judges may observe at shows where they are judging.

On each Additional Breed application, judges may apply for no more than the number of breeds already granted (one for one policy) up to a maximum of 14 breeds. The following requirements must be met.

•Have been granted regular status in all previously approved breeds.

•Have reviewed AKC video of each breed requested, if available.

•Must have achieved four of the nine enriching components for each breed.

•Have submitted the appropriate non-refundable fee

•Have completed a Pre-Application Interview

•Pass the final interview with an Executive Field Representative.

***The Re-Evaluation/Appeal Process***

Applicants, who wish to contest the Staff Committee's decision of partial approval or denial, may request Re-evaluation by writing to the Judging Operations Department. Requests for Re-evaluation must be filed within 60 days of the date of notification of the Staff Committee's decision and should include significant additional information not submitted in the original application. All additional information must refer to experience that preceded the submission of the application. Re-evaluation entails a review of the entire application.

The Staff Committee acts upon Re-evaluation. The judge will be advised of the Staff Committee's decision by mail. Applicants who wish to contest the Re-evaluation decision may request a review by the Appeals Committee, which is comprised of three appointed Board Members.