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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 Hyatt Regency Hotel, Long Beach, California, on Tuesday December 16, 2008. It will follow the 8:30 a.m. Delegates Forum, but will start no earlier than 10:00 a.m.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

North Florida Amateur Retriever Club
Kennesaw Kennel Club

DELEGATES CREDENTIALS

Sandra Groeschel, Dayton, OH, Dayton Kennel Club
Kathleen Kinney, Ashtabula, OH, Ashtabula Kennel Club
Kiki Lamb, Golden, CO, Otterhound Club of America
Michael J. Teeling, Corfu, NY, Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of America

NOTICE

As a result of an Event Committee determination the following individuals stand 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:

Ms. Jenn Van Schoick (Jackson, NJ)

NOTICE

Ms. Catlin Cahill (Riverside, CA)
Action was taken by the Mensona Kennel Club for conduct in connection with its August 17, 2008 event. Specifically, Ms. Cahill was charged with refusal or throwing down of a ribbon. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the committee's report, found it in order, and set the penalty at a three month suspension from AKC event privileges and a $300 fine, effective August 17, 2008. (Dachshund and English Setter)

NOTICE

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Mr. Donald H. Bryant, Clearwater, FL from all AKC privileges for ten years and imposed a $2000 fine, effective August 11, 2008, for conduct prejudicial to purebred dogs, purebred dog events, or to the best interests of The American Kennel Club based on his violation of the AKC's Cruelty Conviction Policy. (Standard Schnauzer and Poodle)

NOTICE

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Ms. Jeanne Crawford, A.K.A. Ms. Gloria J. Crawford, A.K.A. Ms. Jean Lowe, A.K.A. Ms. Gloria J. Lowe, Bee Branch, AR, from all AKC privileges for ten years and imposed a $2000 fine, effective October 13, 2008, for conduct prejudicial to purebred dogs, purebred dog events, or to the best interests of The American Kennel Club based on her violation of the AKC's Cruelty Conviction Policy. (Multiple Breeds)

NOTICE

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Mr. Denaldo J. Dressel, Lakefield, MN, from all AKC privileges for ten years and imposed a $2000 fine, effective October 13, 2008, for conduct prejudicial to purebred dogs, purebred dog events, or to the best interests of The American Kennel Club based on his violation of the AKC's Cruelty Conviction Policy. (Labrador Retriever)

NOTICE

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Ms. Henriette Fagan, Saint Johnsville, NY, from all AKC privileges for ten years and imposed a $2000 fine, effective July 7, 2008, for conduct prejudicial to purebred dogs, purebred dog events, or to the best interests of The American Kennel Club based on her violation of the AKC's Cruelty Conviction Policy. (Irish Wolfhound)

NOTICE

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Mr. James M.

Fagan, Saint Johnsville, NY, from all AKC privileges for ten years and imposed a $2000 fine, effective July 7, 2008, for conduct prejudicial to purebred dogs, purebred dog events, or to the best interests of The American Kennel Club based on his violation of the AKC's Cruelty Conviction Policy. (Irish Wolfhound and Great Dane)

NOTICE

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Ms. Meghan Ingram, A.K.A. Ms. Meghan Stroud, Indianapolis, IN, from all AKC privileges for ten years and imposed a $2000 fine, effective August 11, 2008, for conduct prejudicial to purebred dogs, purebred dog events, or to the best interests of The American Kennel Club based on her violation of the AKC's Cruelty Conviction Policy. (Multiple Breeds)

NOTICE

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Ms. Karen Vanderzwaag, Byron, GA, from all AKC privileges for six months, effective March 10, 2008, 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 (a DNA exclusion). (Multiple Breeds)

NOTICE

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Ms. Mary Benell, Cocoa, FL, from AKC registration privileges for six months, effective October 13, 2008, and imposed a $500 fine for registering a litter online without the written permission from the co-owner of the dam. (Havanese and Keeshond)

NOTICE

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Ms. Joyi Ginel, Bell, FL, from AKC registration privileges for six months, effective August 11, 2008, and imposed a $500 fine for registering a litter online without the written permission of the co-owner of the dam. (Boxer)

NOTICE

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Ms. Anne M. Saylor, Memphis, MI, from AKC registration privileges for one year, effective August 15, 2008, and imposed a $1000 fine for submission of a false complaint. (Papillon and German Shepherd Dog)

NOTICE

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Ms. Lauren A. Sorrentino, West Chester, PA, from AKC registration privileges for six months, effective September 8, 2008, and imposed a $500 fine for submission of online dog registration applications containing a false certification as to the signature of the co-litter owner. (English Cocker Spaniel)

NOTICE

During the month of September the DNA program resulted in the correction of 190 litter registrations, affecting 237 registered dogs. Additionally, the registrations of 98 litters, including 144 registered dogs, were converted to conditional registration and the registrations of 22 litters were canceled, affecting 36 registered dogs.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO RULES APPLYING TO DOG SHOWS – SUBMISSION OF A DOGS RECORDS TO AKC

The Board of Directors has approved the following amendments to **Chapter 17, Section 2,** of *AKC's Rules Applying to Dog Shows;* to be voted on at the December 16, 2008 Delegates Meeting.

CHAPTER 17, SECTION 2

After each licensed or member club dog show, a catalog marked with all awards and absent dogs, certified to by the Superintendent or Show Secretary of the show, together with all judges' books and a report of the show, must be sent to The American Kennel Club so as to reach its office within seven (7) days after the close of the show. All original entry forms must be maintained by the Superintendent or Show Secretary for a period of 6 months after the show, and these original entry forms must be available to The American Kennel Club upon request during the 6 month period. Penalty for non-compliance twenty-five ($25.00) dollars, and five ($5.00) dollars for each day's delay beyond the deadline, and other such penalties as may be imposed by the Board of Directors of The American Kennel Club.

All recording and event service fees will be submitted to AKC in accordance with AKC Board Policy.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO BEAGLE FIELD TRIAL RULES AND STANDARD PROCEDURES FOR BRACE, SMALL PACK OPTION FIELD TRIALS AND TWO-COUPLE PACK HUNTING TESTS – DESCRIPTION OF CLASSES AND CHAMPIONSHIP REQUIREMENTS
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAS APPROVED THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 9, SECTION 6, OF BEAGLE FIELD TRIAL RULES

The Board of Directors has approved the following amendment to **Chapter 9, Section 6,** of ***Beagle Field Trial Rules,*** to be voted on at the December 16, 2008 Delegates Meeting.

CHAPTER 9, SECTION 6

A Beagle that has won the required number of classes and championship points will, when registered in the Stud Book, be recorded a Field Champion, and a championship certificate will be issued to the owner. The Field Champion certificate will reflect the format of the field trial in which the hound earns the majority of its first three wins (first place). FC – Brace certificates are awarded through wins in Brace and Small Pack trials. FC – Gundog certificates are awarded through wins in Gundog Brace and Small Pack Option trials. FC – Large Pack certificates are awarded through wins in Large Pack trials. A Beagle becomes a Field Champion when it is so officially recorded by The American Kennel Club.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO BEAGLE FIELD TRIAL RULES AND STANDARD PROCEDURE FOR BRACE, SMALL PACK OPTION FIELD TRIALS AND TWO-COUPLE PACK HUNTING TESTS – DESCRIPTION OF CLASSES AND CHAMPIONSHIP REQUIREMENTS
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAS APPROVED THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 9, NEW SECTION 11, OF BEAGLE FIELD TRIAL RULES

The Board of Directors has approved the following amendment to **Chapter 9, New Section 11,** of *Beagle Field Trial Rules,* to be voted on at the December 16, 2008 Delegates Meeting.

CHAPTER 9, NEW SECTION 11

A National Gundog Brace Championship Field Trial shall be held not more than once in a calendar year and shall be for Beagles which by reason of qualifications previously obtained in licensed Gundog Brace Trials under regulations submitted by the National Gundog Brace organization and approved by the Board of Directors of The American Kennel Club. The trial shall be held by the National Gundog Brace organization which shall file an application for permission to run the trial under procedures approved in advance by The American Kennel Club. The winner of each class at this trial shall be entitled to be designated "National Beagle Gundog Brace Champion of 20__" for its class.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO BEAGLE FIELD TRIAL RULES AND STANDARD PROCEDURE FOR LARGE PACK FIELD TRIALS AND – DESCRIPTION OF CLASSES AND CHAMPIONSHIP REQUIREMENTS
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NOTICE
REPRIMANDS AND FINES

Notification of reprimands and/or fines imposed on clubs for late submission of applications.

Chapter 2, Section 4 & 9.

San Gabriel Valley Collie Club, Inc. $100.00
Staffordshire Terrier Club of America $50.00
German Shorthaired Pointer Club of Riverside County.....$50.00
New England Chow Chow Club $50.00
Lumberton Kennel Club (2 events x $ $200.00
Mayflower German Shorthaired Pointer Club $50.00
California Collie Clan, Inc. $210.00
Chinese Shar-Pei Club of America (Ridgefield, WA) (2 events x $140.00) $280.00

Notification of reprimands and fines imposed on clubs for late submission of judges' panel, Chapter 4, Section 1, Rules Applying to Dog Shows.

San Gabriel Valley Collie Club, Inc. $50.00
St. Bernard Club of Greater San Jose, Inc. $100.00
St. Bernard Club of America $100.00
Lumberton Kennel Club (2 events x $70.00).....$140.00
California Collie Clan, Inc. $150.00
Chinese Shar-Pei Club of America (Ridgefield, WA) (2 events x $80.00) $160.00
Chinese Shar-Pei Club of America (Glenmont, NY) (2 events x $170.00) $340.00

Notification of fines imposed on clubs and/or superintendents for failure to comply with Chapter 1, Section 13, Entry Limits, Agility Regulations, Exceeding Publishing limits for event.

North Star Herding Group Club $100.00

Notification of fines imposed on clubs and/or superintendents for failure to comply with Chapter 6, Failure to have complete information as required in the Premium List.

Kevin Rogers Dog Shows $700.00

Notification of fines imposed on clubs and/or superintendents for failure to comply with Chapter 6, Failure to have correct information as required in the Premium List.

Jack Onofrio Dog Shows $2000.00

Notification of fines imposed on clubs and/or superintendents for failure to comply with Chapter 4, Section 2, failure to mail 4 copies of the Premium List to the AKC when mailed to exhibitors.

Cascade English Cocker Spaniel Fanciers, Inc. $150.00

Notification of fines imposed on clubs and/or superintendents for failure to comply with Chapter 9, Section 10, Failure to enforce and/or abide by all AKC Rules and Regulations. Holding a Fun match, soliciting entries from breeds other than their specialty breed and soliciting entries from other than members. (Match Regulations, Chapter 1, Sections 2 & 3, Rules Applying to Dog Shows Chapter 1, Section 1.)

North Texas Pembroke Welsh Corgi Fanciers $500.00

PROPOSED VIZSLA BREED STANDARD

GENERAL APPEARANCE

That of a medium-sized, short-coated, hunting dog of distinguished appearance and bearing. Robust but rather lightly built, the coat is an attractive shaded golden rust. Originating in Hungary, the Vizsla was bred to work in field, forest and water. Agile and energetic, this is a versatile dog of power, drive and endurance in the field yet a tractable and affectionate companion in the home. It is strongly emphasized that field conditioned coats, as well as brawny or sinewy muscular condition and honorable scars indicating a working and hunting dog are never to be penalized in this dog. The requisite instincts and abilities to maintain a "dual dog" are always to be fostered and appreciated, never deprecated.

HEAD

Lean and muscular. ***Skull*** moderately wide between the ears with a median line down the forehead. Stop between skull and foreface is moderate. Foreface or ***muzzle*** is of equal length or slightly shorter than skull when viewed in profile, should taper gradually from stop to tip of nose. Muzzle square and deep. It should not turn up as in a "dish" face nor should it turn down. Whiskers serve a functional purpose; their removal is permitted but not preferred. Nostrils slightly open. Nose self-colored. Any other color is faulty. ***A partially or completely black nose is a disqualification.*** Freckles due to aging or sun exposure are not to be faulted. ***Ears***, thin, silky and proportionately long, with rounded-leather ends, set fairly low and hanging close to cheeks. Jaws are strong with well developed white teeth meeting in a scissors bite. ***Eyes*** medium in size and depth of setting, their surrounding tissue covering the whites. Color of the iris should blend with the color of the coat. Yellow or any other color is faulty. Prominent pop eyes are faulty. Lower eyelids should neither turn in nor out since both conditions allow seeds and dust to irritate the eye. Lips cover the jaws completely but are neither loose nor pendulous.

NECK AND BODY

Neck strong, smooth and muscular, moderately long, arched and devoid of dewlap, broadening nicely into shoulders which are moderately laid back. This is mandatory to maintain balance with the moderately angulated hindquarters. ***Body*** is strong and well proportioned. Withers high. While the Vizsla may appear square, when measured from point of breastbone to point of buttocks and from the highest point over the shoulder blades to the ground, the Vizsla is slightly longer than tall. A proper proportion of leg length to body length is essential to the desired overall balance of the Vizsla. The Vizsla should not appear long and low or tall and leggy. Backline firm with a slight rise over a short and well muscled loin. The croup is gently rounded to the set on of the tail and is not steep, sunken or flat. When moving at a trot, a properly built Vizsla maintains a steady, level backline. Chest moderately broad and deep reaching down to the elbows. Ribs well-sprung and carried well back; underline exhibiting a slight tuck-up beneath the loin. ***Tail*** set just below the level of the croup, thicker at the root and docked one-third off. Ideally, it should reach to the back of the stifle joint and when moving it should be carried at or near the horizontal, not vertically or curled over the back, nor between the legs. A docked tail is preferred.

FOREQUARTERS

Shoulder blades proportionately long and wide sloping moderately back and fairly close at the top. Upper arm is about equal in length to the shoulder blade in order to allow for good extension. Forelegs straight and muscular with elbows close. Feet catlike, round and compact with toes close. Nails brown and short. Pads thick and tough. The removal of dewclaws, if any, on front and rear feet, is strongly recommended, in order to avoid injury when running in the field.

HINDQUARTERS

Hind legs have well developed thighs with moderately angulated stifles and hocks in balance with the moderately laid back shoulders. They must be straight as viewed from behind. Too much angulation at the hocks is as faulty as too little. The hocks are let down and parallel to each other.

COAT

Short, smooth, dense and close-lying, without woolly undercoat. ***A distinctly long coat is a disqualification.***

COLOR

Golden rust in varying shades. Lighter shadings over the sides of the neck and shoulders giving the appearance of a "saddle" are common. Solid dark mahogany and pale yellow are faulty. White on the forechest, preferably as small as possible, and white on the toes are permissible. ***Solid white extending above the toes or white anywhere else on the dog except the forechest is a disqualification.*** When viewing the dog from the front, white markings on the forechest must be confined to an area from the top of the sternum to a point between the elbows when the dog is standing naturally. ***White extending on the shoulders or neck is a disqualification.*** White due to aging or scarring must not be faulted. The Vizsla is self-colored, with the color of the eyes, eye-rims, lips, nose, toenails and pads of feet blending with the color of the coat.

GAIT

Far reaching, light footed, graceful and smooth. When moving at a fast trot, a properly built dog single tracks.

SIZE

The ideal male is 22 to 24 inches at the highest point over the shoulder blades. The ideal female is 21 to 23 inches. ***Because the Vizsla is meant to be a medium-sized hunter, any dog measuring more than 1½ inches over or under these limits must be disqualified.***

TEMPERAMENT

A natural hunter endowed with a good nose and above-average ability to take training. Lively, gentle-mannered, demonstrably affectionate and sensitive though fearless with a well developed protective instinct. Shyness, timidity or nervousness should be penalized.

The foregoing describes the ideal Vizsla. Any deviation from this ideal must be penalized to the extent of the deviation. Deviations that impact performance and function should be considered more serious than those that affect only appearance.

Disqualifications

Partially or completely black nose.

Solid white extending above the toes or white anywhere else on the dog except the forechest.

White extending on the shoulders or neck.

A distinctly long coat.

Any male over 25 ½ inches, or under 20 ½ inches and any female over 24 ½ inches or under 19 ½ inches at the highest point over the shoulder blades

JUDGES

Letters concerning judges and judging applicants 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 qualifica-

tions. 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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They may now accept assignments.

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JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP JUDGE

The following person has been **approved** on a Provisional basis in accordance with the current approval system.

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JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP JUDGE PROVISIONAL JUDGING COMPLETED

The following person has completed their Provisional Judging assignments and their name has been added to the list of regular **approved** Judges.

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BEST IN SHOW

The following person having successfully **completed** the required Group ssignments in the first Variety Group for which she is **approved**, has been added to the list of judges eligible for approval to judge Best In Show.

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EMERITUS JUDGES

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Mr. Howard A. Dullnig
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RESIGNED JUDGES

Mr. Brian J. Hooper
Mrs. Gloria J. Wallin

DECEASED JUDGES

Ms. Jeanne-Marie C. Heyder
Mr. James J. Materna
Mr. H.R. Bill Norris
Mrs. M. Lynwood Walton

OBEDIENCE/RALLY/TRACKING JUDGING APPLICANTS

The following persons are applying for Provisional Judging status for the class/test as specified but are NOT eligible to accept assignments.

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PROVISIONAL OBEDIENCE/RALLY/TRACKING JUDGES COMPLETED

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

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PROVISIONAL OBEDIENCE/RALLY/TRACKING JUDGES

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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:

FIREBIRD - Borzoi - Corrine Miller
CARAMEL - German Wirehaired Pointer - Audrey Meinke
SHANER - Pomeranian - Jennifer Castelletto
HEARTLIVESTOCK - Great Pyrenees - Jeannie Bolstridge
PEAKEBROOK - Labrador Retriever - James Dean & Cindy Donahey
MINSTREL - Boxer - Katherine S. Nevius
KSTARZ - Pomeranian - Kathleen Stuart
NORTHRUN - Pembroke Welsh Corgi - Cathy Donovan
ELGIN - Vizsla - Edwin E. Foster, Jr.
DA KINE - Pug - Amber Lea and George Morgan
CARISMA - Cavalier King Charles Spaniel - Jacqueline A. Brown
HILLTOP - Bulldog - Kathy Harris
SUBLIME - Bulldog - Abimael & Shawna Arroyo

ORCHARD HILL - Cavalier King Charles Spaniel - Erica S. & Rachel A. Venier
BUCK HOLLOW - German Shorthaired Pointer - Julia M. Carroll & Sunnie Fair
SKYVIEW - Anatolian Shepherd - Catherine O'Brien
MAIDSTONE - Labrador Retriever - Diane L. McClurg
LOKASAN - Chinese Crested - Joanne Hardman & Kelli R. Sword
GREENWOOD - Whippet - Brigitte Greenberg
VOMHAUSSTRALSUND - German Shepherd Dog - Peter K. Holdack
TODDHILLS - Shetland Sheepdog - Connie A. Schnackenberg
DREAMWEAVERS - Pomeranian - Linda Pelz
PINAFORE - Poodle - Mrs. Phillip J. Harney
WOODSIDE - German Shepherd Dog - Sandy Anderson
MI-MI - Maltese - Mi Woo
BI-MAR'S - Pomeranian - Mary Rosenbaum
RISING SUN - Border Collie & Australian Shepherd - Rebecca Beckmann & Steve Burdine
PETIT MOTIF - French Bulldog - Helene D. Neer
BELTAYNE - Chow Chow - Frederick Kyle
HEAVEN SCENT - Shih Tzu - Traci Ingle
VON ROKANHAUS - German Shepherd Dog - Kandace Jacopino

REGISTERED NAME PREFIXES GRANTED

The following applications for a breed-specific Registered Name Prefix have been granted:
BAKERSTREET - Beagle - Holly Fitzhardinge Aviles
CLIFFROSE - Pomeranian - Krystal Morris
JOKUBA - Basenji - Russella Bowen-Wilkerson
N'PARADISE - Havanese - Pam Kutaka
SIBERLINK - Siberian Husky - Irwin & Lois A. Linker
LOCKSLEY - Scottish Terrier - Robin & Jim Geppert
TRISONG - Tibetan Terrier - Susan Schultz
OTTERECHO - Border Terrier - Robin Kelley
COLERIVER - Labrador Retriever - Greg & Denise Coler
PRAMADA - Affenpinscher & Dachshund - Margaret E. & Pamela B. Peat
AMBER HILL - Shetland Sheepdog - Ann Lyman
ROSMOOR - Shetland Sheepdog - Jennie Hynes & Rose Tomlin
PROTOCOL - Doberman Pinscher - Jocelyn & Kevin Mullins
SANCHI - French Bulldog & English Toy Spaniel - Dr. Bonnie J. Miller
TAPESTRY - Pekingese - Susan D. & Gemma E. Pullar
SIRIO - Dachshund - Alayne Porrazzo
GABRIEL'S - Border Terrier - Sarah & Brian Saucy
MOLE END - Irish Water Spaniel - Elizabeth & Jennifer Weaver
RITZ - Poodle - Angela Davenport
BLUMOON - Labrador Retriever - Ann Vaughn
BELTAINE - Scottish Terrier - Annamarie Blawat
BRYNMAWR - Welsh Terrier - Kathleen Rost
CZECHMATE - Border Collie - Lisa M. Pruka
DRAMATIQUE - Briard - Thomas F. Timlin, Jr. & Martha R. Timlin
NBK - Chihuahua - Catherine J V-Carpenter & Don Carpenter
VOM GLOBALHAUS - German Shepherd Dog- Cynthia McMahan

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OCTOBER 13–14, 2008

The Board convened on Monday, October 13, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. All Directors were present, as were the Executive Secretary, the Chief Operating Officer, and the Assistant Executive Secretary.

Copies of the August 2008 minutes were made available to all Directors. The Board reviewed the minutes of the August 11-12, 2008 meeting. Upon a motion by Ms. Scully, seconded by Mr. Goodman, the August 2008 Board minutes were adopted (unanimously).

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Sprung gave a status report on previous action items assigned to the Staff.

Events and Entries Update

Mr. Sprung reported that year-to-date; the number of events was up 7½ % while entries were down ½%.

Breeders Department

Mr. Sprung reported that new AKC/CHF Breeders Podcasts will be released as follows:
- Dr. Denis Little – Orthopedic Elbow Dysplasia
- Dr. Joseph Wakshlag – Nutrition
- Dr. Bruce Hammerberg – Skin Allergies
- Dr. Cheryl London – Canine Cancer

AKC/CHF Breeders Symposia are scheduled for October 25 & 26, in Phoenix, Arizona, and for November 8 & 9, at the University of Georgia in Athens, Georgia.

John Lyons introduced Sheila Goff, the new Director of Canine Legislation to the Board.

Legal Report

Michael Swick, General Counsel, and Margaret Poindexter, AKC Staff, were present for this portion of the meeting. Mr. Swick presented a status report on pending litigation and other activities during the months of August and September 2008.

Mr. Swick reported on a letter received from an attorney retained by the Pekingese Club of America to represent it in dealing with AKC, in which the AKC Board's authority to withhold approval of a Pekingese Club of America AKC show was disputed. The Board was advised that the response from AKC will be to confirm the Board's authority as well as to reaffirm the decision to deny approval for the February 2009 show.

Financial Report

James Stevens, Chief Financial Officer, gave a report:
Total revenues for the first three quarters of 2008 were $51.3 million, which were slightly higher than the prior year. Total operating expenses of $48 million during this period were 1.6% above 2007. This resulted in an operating surplus of $3.2 million for nine months vs. $3.6 million last year.

Unfortunately, the drastically negative performance of the stock markets in the first nine months of this year has significantly impaired our investment results. Our investment portfolio depreciated by $7 million or 11 ½% during this period. This compared to a gain of $4.5 million (8%) in the previous year, when the markets performed much more favorably. Nevertheless, it's worth noting that our negative (percentage) return was considerably better than the major stock market indices during this period.

Our unfavorable investment returns resulted in a net deficit of $3.8 million for the first nine months of this year vs. a net surplus of $8.2 million in 2007.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Irish Red & White Setter Request

The Board reviewed a request from the Irish Red & White Setter Association, Inc. Following a motion by Mr. Merriam, seconded by Mrs. Strand, it was VOTED (unanimously) to not accept American Field Dog Stud Book (FDSD) or North American Versatile Hunting Dog Association (NAVHDA) pedigrees for Irish Red and White Setters.

Pekingese Club of America Application For a Designated Specialty

The Board reviewed a show application submitted by the Pekingese Club of America (PCA). The club applied to hold a Designated Specialty on February 22, 2009 at the International Kennel Club of Chicago's all-breed dog show. Each show application submitted by the club has to be reviewed on a case-by-case basis by the AKC Board. Following a motion by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Dr. Newman, it was VOTED (affirmative: Dr. Garvin, Dr, Newman, Mrs. Schaefer, Mrs. Strand, Ms. Scully, Dr. Haines, Mr. Gladstone, Mr. Marden, Dr. Battaglia, Mr. Menaker, Mr. Merriam, abstaining; Mr. Goodman) to deny approval for a February 22, 2009 show. Approval of future Pekingese Club of America events will still be subject to AKC Board approval. Staff was directed to specifically advise the club of outstanding issues that should be addressed before AKC Board approval of future events could be expected. This information will be sent to the entire PCA Board and would be made available to the PCA membership.

Application of Limited Registration

The Board reviewed a staff report on the use of the Full Litter Application. Some constituents have voiced an interest in using the Full Litter Application process if there was a change to *Rules Applying to Registration and Discipline*, Chapter 3, Section 4A, which prevents a breeder from adding the limited designation to an individually registered dog when it is transferred to someone else. Staff indicated that at this time there is not enough interest in using the Full Litter Application from the AKC customer to warrant the expense and workload associated with a rule change. The current process of designating limited at the time of registration, with the option to revoke it if requested at a later date, remains the only means of applying limited registration.

There was a motion by Mr. Gladstone, seconded by Mr. Marden to not review this matter further at this time because of significant cost issues associated with programming and since our registration process takes only 2-3 days, breeders now could simply wait until the litter was old enough to evaluate before individually registering all dogs. The motion was defeated with the VOTE (Affirmative: Dr. Garvin, Dr. Newman, Mrs. Schaefer, Mr. Gladstone, Mr. Marden, Mr. Goodman Opposed: Mr. Menaker, Mr. Merriam, Mrs. Strand, Dr. Haines, Ms. Scully, Dr. Battaglia, Dr. Davies).

The was a motion by Mr. Merriam, seconded by Dr. Davies, and it was VOTED (Affirmative: Mr. Merriam, Dr. Davies, Dr. Battaglia, Mrs. Strand, Dr. Garvin, Mrs. Schaefer, Mr. Goodman Opposed: Mr. Menaker, Dr. Newman, Dr. Haines, Ms. Scully, Mr. Marden, Mr. Gladstone) to defer the matter until the January 2009 meeting and at that time to review the appropriateness of Limited Registration.

Designation for Dogs Registered Through the Administrative Research Registration Service

The Board reviewed a request from the Delegate Parent Club Committee to assign an easily identifiable marker in the individual registration number of any dog registered through the Administrative Research Registration Service. This would be similar to the "Q" prefix used in any dog registration number when a dog is registered through the Conditional Dog Registration process. Following a motion by Dr. Davies, seconded by Mr. Gladstone it was VOTED (Affirmative: Mr. Merriam, Dr. Davies, Dr. Battaglia, Mrs. Strand, Ms. Scully, Mr. Marden, Mr. Gladstone, Dr. Garvin, Mrs. Schaefer, Mr. Goodman, Mr. Menaker, Opposed: Dr. Newman, Dr. Haines) to not have this brought back for consideration.

Electronic Signatures

The Board reviewed a staff proposal to amend the current Board Policy on Electronic Signatures. The change would allow for only one owner of a co-owned dam to sign off on puppy transfers, as well as to designate whether each puppy should be registered as full or limited. This would be permissible provided that the co-owner submitting the application has the written permission of all other co-owners of the dam to do so and is able to present the written authorization to AKC upon request. This policy change will increase the number of eligible Online Dog Registration users. Following a motion by Mr. Gladstone, seconded by Dr. Davies, it was VOTED (unanimously) to adopt this change, effective immediately.

Delegate Representing the Pekingese Club of America

Mr. Crowley reported that AKC had received a letter from the Pekingese Club of America which indicated that the Board of Directors of the Pekingese Club of America VOTED to withdraw its application for Mr. Anthony Rosato to represent the Pekingese Club of America as its Delegate.

CONFORMATION EVENTS

Robin Stansell, Bobby Birdsong and Mari-Beth O'Neill, AKC Staff, participated in this portion of the meeting.

Polish Lowland Sheepdog Breed Standard Revision

Following a motion by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Dr. Davies, it was VOTED (unanimously) to permit the American Polish Lowland Sheepdog Club to ballot its mem-

bership on proposed revisions to the Polish Lowland Sheepdog breed standard, in accordance with the club's Constitution and Bylaws.

Vizsla Breed Standard Revision

The Board reviewed the results from the balloting of the proposed Vizsla breed standard revisions. The proposed breed standard will be published in the November Secretary's Page.

Junior Showmanship Regulations

The Board reviewed recommended revisions to the Junior Showmanship Regulations. Based on a Board request, a participation ribbon may be presented to all Junior competitors who do not place in the Novice Class. Additionally, the option for the judge to use the ramp for the examination of the ramp breeds in Junior Showmanship has been added to the guidelines. This will be discussed further at the November meeting.

Division 8

The Board reviewed a staff proposal to split the states in Division Eight to provide a more equitable division of points within the states holding fewer shows. Division Eight includes Colorado, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming. There is a wide disparity in the number of events between these states. The problem is compounded because of the size of these states and physical barriers that increase driving distances between events. This will be discussed further in November.

Inland Empire Kennel Association

The Board reviewed a request from the Inland Empire Kennel Association. The Association is requesting an exception to Board Policy in order to hold three conformation events per year. This club holds events in Spokane, Washington. There was a motion by Dr. Davies, seconded Mr. Merriam and it was VOTED (unanimously) to deny the request.

Show Veterinarian

Based on a Board request, AKC Staff presented a review of the rules regarding the show veterinarian exhibiting at AKC events. Following this review, Staff does not recommend changes regarding this issue to Rules Applying to Dog Shows or the Show Trial Manual.

JUDGING OPERATIONS

Darrell Hayes and Peter Gaeta, AKC Staff, participated in this portion of the meeting.

Group Realignment Committee Report

The Board reviewed a copy of the report submitted by the Group Realignment Committee. Following a motion by Dr. Garvin, seconded Dr. Battaglia, it was VOTED (unanimously) to accept the report with the gratitude and appreciation of the Board; to direct staff to publish the report; and to encourage input. General input should be sent to the Executive Secretary:

James Crowley, Executive Secretary
American Kennel Club
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Fax: 212-696-8252

Breed-specific comments should be submitted through the breed Parent Club. A copy of the report, including the proposed realignment is attached (Attachment A). This will be considered by the AKC Board at its January 2009 meeting. Any input should be received before then.

Education for Conformation Judges

The Board reviewed Staff's proposal to require New Breed Applicants to attend a Basic Judging Institute, presented by the American Kennel Club, prior to requesting regular status. This will be discussed again at the November meeting.

Appeals Committee

The Board Appeals Committee report was given by Mrs. Schaefer. The Committee considered an appeal from Suzanne Healy to an AKC decision to suspend her judging privileges for six months and to fine her $500 for judging a dog handled by an individual with whom she had an existing business relationship. The appeal was denied. The suspension takes effect November 15, 2008.

Sweepstakes and Futurity Judges

The Board reviewed a Staff proposal to change the guidelines regarding judging and exhibiting by Sweepstakes and Futurity Judges. Effective January 1, 2009, Sweepstake/Futurity judges at dog shows may not exhibit within 200 miles of an assignment on the day of any assignment(s). Sweepstake/Futurity judges will continue to be allowed to exhibit the day before and the day after the event they judge. A multi-day specialty is considered one event, and the restriction will apply for the duration of the event.

COMPANION EVENTS

Curt Curtis and Pamela Manaton, AKC Staff, participated in this portion of the meeting.

Obedience Advisory Committee Recommendations

Following a motion by Ms. Scully, seconded by Mrs. Strand, it was VOTED (Affirmative: Mr. Merriam, Dr. Davies, Dr. Battaglia, Dr. Newman, Dr. Haines, Mrs. Strand, Ms. Scully, Mr. Marden, Mr. Goodman, Mr. Menaker; Opposed: Mr. Gladstone, Dr. Garvin, Mrs. Schaefer) to approve multiple changes to the Obedience Regulations as recommended by AKC Staff, the Delegate Obedience, Tracking and Agility Committee, and the 2007 AKC Obedience Advisory Committee. (The complete list of rule changes and their effective dates is attached as Attachment B).

BUSINESS AND OPERATIONS

James Stevens and Robin Stansell, AKC staff, participated in this portion of the meeting.

Entries

Based on a request from the Board, AKC Staff compiled an update on entries and fees. The total number of entries at AKC events for the first eight months of this year was 0.5% lower than 2007 for the same period. The total amount of revenues from event fees for 2008 through the end of August was $6.8 million. This amount was $2.3 million higher than the same period for last year due to the increased fee as of January 1, 2008

PERFORMANCE EVENTS

Doug Ljungren, AKC Staff, participated in this portion of the meeting.

Beagle Field Trial Rules

The Board reviewed two recommendations from the Beagle Advisory Committee whose meeting was held in August 2008. Both recommendations are designed to give

the host club added flexibility and efficiency in the running of an event. The first recommendation will change the Standard Procedures in Gundog Brace Trials to permit the running of dogs in trios in the first series if there are 21 or more entries. The second recommendation is to give the club the option of splitting a pack in Large Pack Trials if the entries exceed 25 in a class. Under this recommendation the club will have the option of running the two packs either simultaneously or back-to-back. This will be discussed further at the November Meeting.

Airedale Terrier Eligibility To Compete in Spaniel (Flushing Dog) Hunt Tests

The Board reviewed a request from the Airedale Terrier Club of America to permit the Airedale Terrier to participate in the Spaniel Hunting Test Program. The Airedale Terrier Club of America has been seeking admission into AKC Performance Events for over 20 years. The breed was developed as a versatile hunting dog. Staff recommends that the Airedale Terrier participation, if approved, be reviewed after a two year period to evaluate the impact of Airedale Terrier participation. This will be discussed further in November.

Lancashire Heeler

The Board was advised that in accordance with the Board-approved requirements for an FSS breed to compete in Companion and Performance Events, the Lancashire Heeler meets these requirements and will be added to the list of breeds eligible to compete in Companion and Performance Events (specifically Herding tests and Trials), effective July 1, 2009.

COONHOUND EVENTS

Steve Fielder, AKC Staff, participated in this portion of the meeting.

Chapter 3 – Eligibility of Dogs for Entry

Staff recommends revisions to Chapter 3 of Regulations for *AKC Coonhound Bench Shows, Field Trials, Nite Hunts and Water Races* to require a Coonhound, if not AKC registered, to complete an AKC registration application and pay said fee prior to competing in an event. This change is in accordance with the recent changes to *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*, Chapter 11, Section 1, which requires that all dogs be individually registered before an entry may be accepted at AKC events. This will be discussed further at the November meeting.

CLUBS

Following a motion by Mr. Merriam, seconded by Ms. Schaefer, it was VOTED (unanimously) to approve the Delegate credentials of the following persons, whose credentials have been published in two consecutive issues of the *AKC GAZETTE:*

Sally A. Allen, Carmel, IN
to represent Central Indiana Kennel Club

Garry Clausing, Kodak, TN
to represent East Tennessee Retriever Club

Margaret A. Head, Springport, MI
to represent Jaxon Kennel Club

Kayla L. Kurucz, San Jose, CA
to represent California Airedale Terrier Club

Sandra Olsen, Duvall, WA
to represent Del Valle Dog Club of Livermore

Marjorie Underwood, Cincinnati, OH
to represent Clermont County Kennel Club

Dr. Davies reported that the **Delegate credentials** of the following persons are to be published in the November and December issues of the *AKC GAZETTE:*
Kathleen Kinney, Ashtabula, OH
to represent Ashtabula Kennel Club

Kiki Lamb, Golden, CO
to represent Otterhound Club of America

Michael J. Teeling, Corfu, NY
to represent Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of America

COMPLIANCE

Margaret Poindexter and Jack Norton, AKC Staff, participated in this portion of the meeting.

Revised Penalties for refusing to Produce Dogs or Records

Following a motion by Mr. Gladstone, seconded by Mr. Goodman, it was VOTED (unanimously) to change the AKC Discipline Guidelines pertaining to registration, for refusing to consent to an inspection when requested as follows:

II. Registration Violations (All Privileges)

a. Refusing to produce dogs or records
Mitigated..... 6 months†/$500
Standard.....5 yr†/$1000
Aggravated.....Life/†$3000
* (If reinstated, must start with a new colony, or in lieu thereof, bring back dogs from the old colony for which a DNA profile is recorded with the AKC and is positively identified via microchip or tattoo.)

The following AKC Management actions were reported
(Final Board Disciplinary actions are reported on the Secretary's Page)

During the month of September the DNA program resulted in the correction of 190 litter registrations, affecting 237 registered dogs. Additionally, the registrations of 98 litters, including 144 registered dogs, were converted to conditional registration and the registrations of 22 litters were canceled, affecting 36 registered dogs.

Meeting adjourned Monday, October 13, 2008 at 5:30 p.m.

Meeting reconvened Tuesday, October 14, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. All Directors were present, as were the Executive Secretary, the Chief Operating Officer, and the Assistant Executive Secretary.

NEW BUSINESS

PAC Board

Effective immediately, Mr. David Merriam resigned from the AKC Political Action Committee. The Board VOTED (unanimously) to appoint Nina Schaefer to the AKC PAC Board.

Ranking Point Proposal

There was a workshop to discuss a possible AKC ranking system. Staff was to develop this concept further and to report back to the Board at a future meeting. Mr. Kneifel, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Stansell, Mr. Gaeta, and Ms. Krause, staff, were present at this ses-

sion. Staff will create a business plan.

VOTED to adjourn Tuesday, October 14, 2008 at 10:30 am.

Adjourned

Attest:

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James P. Crowley, Executive Secretary

ADDENDUM TO THE OCTOBER 13 & 14, 2008 AKC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Items that may come to the Board for a VOTE in November 2008:
- Changes to *Junior Showmanship Regulations*
- Designation for Dogs Registered Through the Administrative Research Registration Service
- New Breed Applicant Requirements
- Changes to Beagle Field Trial Rules
- Airedale Terrier eligibility to compete in Spaniel Hunt Tests
- Revisions to Chapter 3 of Regulations for AKC Coonhound Bench Shows, Field Trials, Nite Hunts and Water Races

Items that will continue to be discussed by the Board in November 2008 and beyond:
- An AKC conformation ranking system

ATTACHMENT A

REPORT OF THE AKC GROUP REALIGNMENT COMMITTEE

October 13, 2009

On October 8, 2007, the Board of Directors of the American Kennel Club, appointed an exploratory committee, chaired by Dr. Thomas Davies, to evaluate the current alignment of breeds within the seven variety groups, to determine if a different alignment would better serve the Sport now and in the future, as new breeds become registrable.

The Committee included: Karen Burgess, Dr. Thomas Davies, Robert Fisher, Marieann Gladstone, Tim James, Dr. Alvin Krause, Dr. William Newman, John P. Nielsen, Dr. Robert Smith, Robin Stansell, and R. William Taylor.

The committee met together three times, and has discussed its recommendations via email, as well. The initial basis for the discussions centered on the increasing number of new breeds being brought into the AKC Stud Book, as well as the number of breeds awaiting acceptance currently in the Foundation Stock Service (FSS) listing.

In its deliberations, the committee considered several sources of information. The historical data suggested that the makeup of the groups for conformation judging was by no means a static listing. There were many changes in the distribution of breeds for show purposes (and for listing in AKC's Stud Book), and, in fact, no official, recorded group judging appears to have occurred prior to 1924. Group awards became official in 1925 with competition in five groups (Sporting, Working, Terrier, Toy and Non-Sporting). In 1930 the Sporting Group was split into the Sporting and Sporting (Hound) Groups. In 1983, the Working Group was split into the Working Group and the Herding Group.

The committee also considered two (non-official, non-scientific) polls, neither of which, in and of themselves, demanded a particular realignment. The general sense, however, was that it was time to do something about the burgeoning sizes of several of the groups, as well as the actual makeup of breeds within groups. The Delegate's Dog Show Rules Committee had conducted a short survey which indicated that about 75% of the respondents favored change. A much larger survey (1341 responders) appeared on the Infodog.com web site where only 17% of the respondents suggested that things were fine as they stood.

The first few months of the committee's existence was taken up by a thorough study of the Group system and a more detailed understanding of the history, form and function of the various breeds within the current group structure. Additionally, the makeup of groups around the world was reviewed.

After careful examination of the groups and the breeds that make them up, the committee decided that two of the current groups, which in a short time span could approach 40 breeds, can easily and logically be divided into two similar components. The Sporting Group can be divided into Sporting – Pointers and Setters, and Sporting – Retrievers and Spaniels. Functionally, this split made sense to the committee. Secondly, a logical division of the Hound Group would be Scent Hounds and Sight Hounds.

The third major change would be the creation of a new group, consisting of the Northern or Spitz type breeds. To populate this new group, we took the Norwegian Elkhound (from the Hound Group); the Akita, Alaskan Malamute, the Siberian Husky and the Samoyed (from the Working Group); the American Eskimo, Chinese Shar-Pei, Chow Chow, Finnish Spitz, Keeshond, Schipperke and Shiba Inu (from the Non-Sporting Group); and the Swedish Vallhund (from the Herding Group). The Parent clubs of these breeds were contacted and asked for their input.

We also chose to rename the Non-Sporting Group, since in fact it is (in addition to non-sporting) a non-hound, non-working, non-terrier, non-toy and non-herding group. After struggling with an appropriate name, we selected the Companion Group as the "new" name for this group.

In addition to moving the above mentioned Northern/Spitz breeds into a new group, we considered the group placement of several other breeds, which we considered as possible candidates for relocation. Each of these was based on careful study of the history, form and function of the particular breed. In each case, the Parent breed club was contacted and asked to weigh in on their thoughts. Each of those contacted chose to remain in their current group alignment except two. The Italian Greyhound wished to move to the Sight Hound Group and the Dalmatian requested a move to the Working Group.

The committee did discuss the issue of varieties; however, it was felt that this was somewhat beyond the scope of our charge at this time.

Our recommendation would necessitate the addition of three groups to the listing cur-

rently in place (7 groups). This would require Delegate approval to make changes to Chapter 3, Sections 1, 15, 17, 18, 19 and 20, and Chapter 6, Section 3 of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows.* It may be useful to remove the reference to the number of groups from all of the above sections, except Chapter 3, Section 1. In addition, Chapter 2 of the *Rules Applying to Registration and Discipline* refers to the number of groups, and would require Delegate approval to change.

The committee, by submission of this report, would request that the Board of Directors of the American Kennel Club, in accordance with Article XX of the *Bylaws of the American Kennel Club*, propose and submit the necessary amendments to the Delegate body, to be read at the December meeting of the Delegate Body, published in two issues of *AKC Gazette*, and voted upon at the March, 2009 meeting of the Delegate Body.

Attached is a listing of breeds and groups as proposed by the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

The AKC Group Realignment Committee

Karen Burgess
Dr. Thomas M. Davies, Chair
Robert Fisher
Marieann Gladstone
Tim James
Dr. Alvin W. Krause
Dr. William R. Newman
John P. Nielsen
Dr. Robert D.Smith
Robin L. Stansell
R. William Taylor

AKC GROUP REALIGNMENT COMMITTEE – PROPOSED BREEDS & GROUPS
(7/31/08)
From a presentation to the Delegates on September 8, 2008 by the AKC Group Realignment Committee

Group 1: Sporting – Pointers and Setters (11) *(12)*
Brittany
Pointer
Pointer (German Shorthaired)
Pointer (German Wirehaired)
Setter (English)
Setter (Gordon)
Setter (Irish
S*etter (Irish Red & White) Miscellaneous 6/27/07; Full Recognition 1/1/09*
Spinone Italiano
Vizsla
Weimaraner
Wirehaired Pointing Griffon

Group 2: Sporting - Retrievers and Spaniels (17) *(18)*
Retriever (Chesapeake Bay)
Retriever (Curly-Coated)
Retriever (Flat-Coated)
Retriever (Golden)
Retriever (Labrador)
Retriever (Nova Scotia Duck Tolling)
Spaniel (American Water)
Spaniel (Boykin) – Miscellaneous 1/1/08
Spaniel (Clumber)
Spaniel (Cocker) ASCOB
Spaniel (Cocker) Black
Spaniel (Cocker) Parti-color
Spaniel (English Cocker)
Spaniel (English Springer)
Spaniel (Field)
Spaniel (Irish Water)
Spaniel (Sussex)
Spaniel (Welsh Springer)

Group 3: Scent Hounds (14) *(17)*
Basset Hound
Beagle (13")
Beagle (15")
Black and Tan Coonhound
Bloodhound
Bluetick Coonhound - Miscellaneous 7/1/08
Dachshund (Longhaired)
Dachshund (Smooth)
Dachshund (Wirehaired)
English Foxhound
Foxhound (American)
Harrier
Otterhound
Petit Basset Griffon Vendéen
Plott
Redbone Coonhound – Miscellaneous 9/1/08
Treeing Walker Coonhound – Miscellaneous 1/1/09

Group 4: Sight Hounds (11)
Afghan Hound
Basenji
Borzoi
Greyhound
Ibizan Hound
Irish Wolfhound
Italian Greyhound
Pharaoh Hound
Rhodesian Ridgeback
Saluki
Scottish Deerhound
Whippet

Group 5: Working (23) *(25)*
Anatolian Shepherd
Bernese Mountain Dog
Black Russian Terrier
Boxer
Bullmastiff
Cane Corso – Miscellaneous 7/1/08
Dalmatian
Doberman Pinscher
Dogue de Bordeaux
German Pinscher
Giant Schnauzer
Great Dane
Great Pyrenees
Greater Swiss Mountain Dog
Komondor
Kuvasz
Leonberger – Miscellaneous 7/1/08
Mastiff
Neapolitan Mastiff
Newfoundland
Portuguese Water Dog
Rottweiler
Saint Bernard
Standard Schnauzer
Tibetan Mastiff

Group 6: Terriers (28) *(29)*
Airedale Terrier
Australian Terrier
American Staffordshire Terrier
Bedlington Terrier
Border Terrier
Bull Terrier (Colored)
Bull Terrier (White)
Cairn Terrier
Cesky Terrier – Miscellaneous 7/1/08
Dandie Dinmont Terrier
Fox Terrier (Smooth)
Fox Terrier (Wire)
Glen of Imaal Terrier
Irish Terrier
Kerry Blue Terrier
Lakeland Terrier
Manchester Terrier (Standard)
Miniature Bull Terrier

Miniature Schnauzer
Norfolk Terrier
Norwich Terrier
Parson Russell Terrier
Scottish Terrier
Sealyham Terrier
Skye Terrier
Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier
Staffordshire Bull Terrier
Welsh Terrier
West Highland White Terrier

Group 7: Toys (21)
Affenpinscher
Brussells Griffon
Cavalier King Charles Spaniel
Chihuahua (Long Coat)
Chihuahua (Smooth Coat)
English Toy Spaniel (Blenheim & Prince Charles)
English Toy Spaniel (King Charles & Ruby)
Havanese
Japanese Chin
Maltese
Manchester Terrier (Toy)
Miniature Pinscher
Papillon
Pekingese
Pomeranian
Poodle (Toy)
Pug
Shih Tzu
Silky Terrier
Toy Fox Terrier
Yorkshire Terrier

Group 8: Companion (11) *(12)*
Bichon Frise
Boston Terrier
Bulldog
Chinese Crested
French Bulldog
Lhasa Apso
Löwchen
Poodle (Miniature)
Poodle (Standard)
Tibetan Spaniel
Tibetan Terrier
Xoloitzcuintli – Miscellaneous 1/10/09

Group 9: Herding (20) *(21)*
Australian Cattle Dog
Australian Shepherd
Bearded Collie
Beauceron
Belgian Malinois
Belgian Tervuren
Belgian Sheepdog
Border Collie
Bouvier des Flandres
Briard
Canaan Dog
Cardigan Welsh Corgi
Collie (Rough)
Collie (Smooth)
German Shepherd
Old English Sheepdog
Pembroke Welsh Corgi
Polish Lowland Sheepdog
Puli
Pyrenean Shepherd – Miscellaneous 1/1/07; Full Recognition 1/1/09
Shetland Sheepdog

Group 10: Northern (13) *(16)*
Akita
Alaskan Malamute
American Eskimo Dog
Chinese Shar-Pei
Chow Chow
Finnish Spitz
Icelandic Sheepdog – Miscellaneous 7/1/08
Keeshond
Norwegian Buhund – Miscellaneous 1/1/07; Full Recognition 1/1/09
Norwegian Lundehund – Miscellaneous 7/1/08
Norwegian Elkhound
Samoyed
Siberian Husky
Schipperke
Shiba Inu
Swedish Vallhund

ATTACHMENT B

OBEDIENCE REGULATIONS
(All changes would take effect on Jan. 1, 2009, unless otherwise noted.)

CHAPTER 1
GENERAL REGULATIONS

Section 1. Obedience Clubs. An obedience club that meets all the requirements of the American Kennel Club® and wishes to hold an obedience trial must apply on the form the AKC provides for permission to hold such a trial. The trial may be held either in conjunction with a dog show, agility trial or as a separate event. A club that is not a member of the AKC must pay a license fee in order to hold a trial. The AKC Board of Directors determines this fee. If the trial is not held at the approved time and place, the license fee will be returned.

A club may hold two all-breed obedience trials concurrently at the same site on the same day, or two all-breed obedience clubs may hold their obedience trials one following another, if the events are held on the same site on the same day. **(Effective Jan. 1, 2010)**
No judge will be assigned to judge for more than eight hours in one day, including any breed judging assignment when the obedience trial is held in conjunction with a dog show.

Section 3. Entries. To be acceptable, an entry must:

- Be submitted with the required entry fee
- Be on an official AKC entry form
- Be signed by the owner or his duly authorized Agent

- Include all of the following information:
- Name of show/trial-giving club
- Date of show/trial
- Breed
- Variety, if any
- Sex
- Name of class(es) entered
- Full registered name of dog
- Name of owner(s)/co-owner(s)
- Address of owner

- Include one of the following:
- AKC registration number
- AKC litter number
- PAL/ILP number
- Foreign registration number and country of registration for an unregistered imported dog
- Identification number issued by AKC

- Include the following, if known:
- Date of birth
- Place of birth
- Name of breeder(s)
- Name of sire
- Name of dam
- Jump height

NOTE: A club may arrange entries according to jump height order in all classes in

which jumps are used. If a club should choose this option, it will be stated in the premium list what jump height will begin the class and if the order will be ascending or descending. Multiple entries in the same class and height that will be handled by the same person should be accommodated.

Section 4. Obedience Classes. A licensed or member obedience trial need not include all the regular obedience classes, but a club will not be approved to hold Open classes unless it also holds Novice classes. Nor will it be approved to hold Utility classes unless it also holds Novice and Open classes. Any club that has been approved to hold a licensed or member obedience trial may offer additional optional titling and/or non-regular classes upon AKC approval. If a non-regular class is one that is not defined in these *Regulations*, a clear and complete description of both the eligibility and performance requirements will appear in the premium list.

Section 14. Dogs that May not Compete. No dog under 6 months of age may compete. No dog belonging wholly or in part to a judge, show, or obedience trial secretary, superintendent, or any member of such a person's household may be entered in any dog show or obedience trial at which such person officiates or is scheduled to officiate. Nor may they handle or act as agent for any dog entered at that dog show or obedience trial. The official veterinarians will not exhibit or act as agent or handler at the show, and dogs owned wholly or in part by them will not be eligible to be entered at that show.

No dog owned wholly or in part by a superintendent, any other employee of that superintendent, or any person residing in the same household as any of the foregoing will be eligible to be entered at any show held 30 days before or after a show that the superintendent has been approved to service by the AKC. Nor may that person exhibit or act as an agent or handler.

For the purpose of this section, the employees of a superintendent would include only those individuals who represent the superintendent or superintending organization at dog shows.

No judge or any person residing in the same household as the judge will exhibit or act as agent or handler at a dog show or obedience trial at which they are judging. Dogs owned wholly or in part by such judge or any member of their household will not be eligible to be entered at such event. This applies to both obedience and dog show judges when an obedience trial is held in conjunction with a dog show.

Subject to the foregoing, members of a judge's immediate family who no longer live in the same household may enter or handle a dog at a show, trial, or test if the judge is not officiating over any competition that might involve that dog. If a club does not advertise in its premium list who is to judge run-offs between classes, an exhibitor will automatically be considered to have lost the run-off of any tie scores between classes if the judge of the run-off is a member of the exhibitor's immediate family.

No dog may be entered or shown under a judge at an obedience trial if the dog has been owned, sold, held under lease, handled in the ring, or has been regularly trained or instructed within six months prior to the date of the obedience trial by the judge or by any person residing in the same household as the judge. "Trained or instructed" applies equally to judges who train professionally or as amateurs and to judges who train individual dogs or train or instruct dogs in classes with or through their handlers. (See "Glossary of Terms")

No dog may be entered or shown under a judge at an obedience trial if the dog is owned or handled by any person who has regularly served as a trainer or instructor of that judge within six months prior to the date of the obedience trial, either individually or through classes.

Section 15. Qualifying Score. A qualifying score means that the dog has earned more than 50 percent of the points for each exercise with a total score of at least 170 points. This score must be earned in a regular class or optional titling class at a licensed or member obedience trial. There is no minimum number of dogs necessary in any class to earn a qualifying score toward a title.

Section 16. When Titles are Won

- After a dog earns a title from an "A" class, it may continue showing in that "A" class for 60 days.
- After 60 days, it may continue to compete in that level "B" class.
- A dog may continue to compete in Novice B until it receives either a qualifying score in the Open class or earns the Highest Scoring Dog in the Regular Classes award.
- An unlimited number of the Highest Scoring Dog in the Regular Class awards may be obtained from the Novice A class within the 60-day time period after earning the initial Companion Dog title.
- Once a Highest Scoring Dog in the Regular Class award is received after the 60-day period, the dog may no longer be entered in Novice B at future trials, for which entries have not closed.
- A dog may compete indefinitely in Open B and/or Utility B after the Open or Utility title is earned.
- A dog may compete in a more advanced class if it receives the prerequisite title prior to the trial in which the advanced entry is to be made.
- Once a dog has competed in Open, it may not again be shown in Novice A.
- Once a dog has competed in Utility, it may not again be shown in Open A.

Section 16a. Move-ups.

- The club will clearly state in its premium list whether move-ups will be or will not be allowed.
- After a dog earns a title, it may be moved up to the next class in a future trial even though the closing date for the trial has passed, providing the club offers move-ups.
- Move-ups may be approved, provided the next level class (e. g. Novice to Open) and judge is available and the class has not reached its limit.
- This move-up may be requested if, according to the owner's records, the dog has completed the requirements for the title after the closing date of the trial in which the advanced entry is to be made.
- The request for a move-up must be in writing and presented to the superintendent or trial secretary at least 30 minutes prior to the start of each trial.
- Movement between an "A" and "B" class at the same level is not considered a move-up and is not allowed after close of entries.

Section 17. Disqualification, Ineligibility, Excusal, and Change in Appearance of Dogs. If an ineligible dog

has been entered in any licensed or member obedience trial or dog show, the name of the owner on the entry form is not the person(s) who actually owned the dog at the time entries closed, the dog is shown in a class for which it has not been entered, no dog shall be entered in the same class more than once, or the dog's entry is unacceptable to the AKC, all resulting awards will be cancelled. In computing Obedience Trial Championship points, such ineligible dogs will not be counted as having competed regardless of whether they have received awards.

Any time a judge marks a dog "Disqualified" or "Excused," the judge must state the reason in the judge's book and will give the superintendent or show or trial secretary a brief report of the dog's actions. The judge's book will be submitted to the AKC with the report of the show or trial.

A dog that is blind or deaf or has been changed in appearance for cosmetic reasons (other than changes customarily approved for its breed) may not compete in any obedience trial or tracking test and will be disqualified. Blind means without useful vision. Deaf means without useful hearing. The judge will not obtain the opinion of a veterinarian.

The judge will disqualify any dog that attempts to attack any person in the ring and fill out the required "Disqualification for Attacking" form (AEDSQ1).

When a dog has been disqualified under this section as being blind or deaf, for having been changed in appearance for cosmetic reasons, or for having attacked or attempted to attack a person in the ring, all awards made to the dog at the trial will be cancelled by the AKC. The dog may not again compete unless the owner applies for and receives reinstatement.

The judge must excuse a dog that attacks another dog in the ring and fill out the required "Dog on Dog Attack" form (AEDSQ3). The owner of any dog that has been excused on two occasions for attacking or attempting to attack another dog in the ring will be notified that the dog is no longer eligible to be shown in obedience classes. The judge must excuse a dog that appears dangerous to other dogs in the ring.

Any dog whose appearance has been surgically altered to correct a congenital or hereditary defect may participate in obedience trials and all tracking tests provided that dog has been neutered or spayed.

Spayed bitches, monorchid, cryptorchid or castrated dogs, and dogs that have disqualifying conformation faults may compete in obedience trials and tracking tests, if eligible under these *Regulations.*

A dog that is lame in the ring at any obedience trial or at a tracking test may not compete in that class. Lameness is defined as any irregularity of locomotion. The judge must determine, without a veterinarian's opinion, whether a dog is lame. If the judge deems a dog lame, that judge will not score the dog and will mark the judge's book, "Excused-lame."

No dog will be eligible to compete in an obedience trial or tracking test if it is taped, stitched, or bandaged in any way or if it has anything attached to it for medical or corrective purposes. Such a dog must be immediately excused and may not be judged under any circumstances.

Any dog whose hair surrounding the eyes, ears, or beard interferes with the performance of the dog, may have its hair tied back with elastic bands or small plain barrettes or in the manner as they are normally shown in the breed ring.

No dog will be eligible to compete if it appears to have been dyed or colored in any way, if its coat shows evidence of chalk or powder, or if the dog has anything attached to it for protection or adornment. Such a dog may be judged later if the condition has been corrected and if the judge desires to do so.

An obedience judge is not required to be familiar with the breed standards or to scrutinize each dog as in dog show judging but will be alert for conditions that may require disqualification or excusal under this section.

Section 17a. Dog Attacks/Event Committee Hearing. Any dog that, in the opinion of the Event Committee, attacks a person or a dog at an AKC event, resulting in injury, and is believed by that Event Committee to present a hazard to persons or other dogs, shall be disqualified. When the dog is disqualified by the Event Committee pursuant to this section, a report shall be filed with the Executive Secretary of the American Kennel Club. The disqualified dog may not again compete at any AKC event nor be on the grounds of an AKC event unless and until, following application for reinstatement by the owner to the American Kennel Club, the owner receives official notification in writing from the AKC that the dog's eligibility has been reinstated.

Refer to *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* – Chapter 11 Section 8-A, "Event Committee Procedural Checklist" (RDEOB1) and "Dog Disqualified by Event Committee" (AEDSQ4).

Section 19. Obedience Ribbons. At licensed or member obedience trials, the following colors must be used for prize ribbons or rosettes in all regular and optional titling classes, for the ribbon or rosette for Highest Scoring dog in the Regular classes, and for the ribbon or rosette for the dog with the Highest Combined Score in Open B and Utility:

First Prize.....Blue
Second Prize.....Red
Third Prize.....Yellow
Fourth Prize.....White
Qualifying Prize.....Dark Green
Highest Scoring Dog
in the Regular Classes
.....Blue and Gold
Highest Combined
Score in Open B and Utility
.....Blue and Green

The following colors shall be used for non-regular classes:
First Prize.....Rose
Second Prize.....Brown
Third Prize.....Light Green
Fourth Prize.....Gray

Each prize ribbon or rosette in all regular and optional titling classes, for the ribbon or rosette for Highest Scoring dog in the regular classes, and for the ribbon or rosette for the dog with the Highest Combined Score in Open B and Utility will be at least two inches wide and a minimum of eight inches long and will bear on its face a facsimile of the seal of the AKC, the words "Obedience Trial," the name of the placement, and the name of the trial-giving club. The date of the trial and the name of the city or town where the trial is held must appear on the face, back tab, or on a label

attached to the specific ribbon.

Qualifying ribbons or rosettes, and ribbons or rosettes for non-regular classes, will be at least two inches wide and a minimum of eight inches long, and will bear on the face a facsimile of the seal of the AKC, the words "Obedience Trial," the name of the placement and the name of the trial-giving club. The date of the trial and the name of the city or town where the trial is held may be on the face of the ribbons.

Section 21. Ribbons and Prizes. Ribbons for the four official placements and all prizes offered for competition within a single regular or optional titling class at licensed or member trials will be awarded only to dogs that earn qualifying scores. Qualifying scores will not be required for the awarding of ribbons and prizes in the non-regular classes. Awards for the four placements in these classes will be based solely on the number of points earned. The ribbon and any prizes offered for the dog with the highest combined score in Open B and Utility at a licensed or member trial will be awarded only to a dog that earns qualifying scores in both Open B and Utility.

Prizes for which dogs in one class compete against dogs in one or more other classes at licensed or member trials or at sanctioned matches will be awarded only to dogs that earn qualifying scores.

Prizes at a licensed or member obedience trial must be offered to be won outright. However, a prize requiring three wins by the same owner for permanent possession, but not necessarily with the same dog, may be offered for the dog with the highest qualifying score in one of the regular classes, the highest scoring dog in the regular classes, or the dog with the highest combined qualifying scores in the Open B and Utility classes.

Subject to the provisions of paragraphs 1 and 2 of this section, prizes may be offered for the highest scoring dog of the groups as defined in Chapter 3 of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* or for the highest scoring dogs of any breeds, but not for a breed variety, with the following exceptions: In accordance with Chapter 3 of the Rules *Applying to Dog Shows*, all Miniature and Standard Poodles are in the Non-Sporting Group and all Toy Poodles are in the Toy Group. In addition, Standard Manchester Terriers are in the Terrier Group, and Toy Manchester Terriers are in the Toy Group.

Prizes offered only to members of certain clubs or organizations will not be approved for publication in premium lists.

If an award in any of the regular or optional titling classes is cancelled, the next highest scoring dog will receive that award. If there is no dog to move up, the award will be void. If the AKC cancels a dog's win, the dog's owner must return all ribbons and prizes to the show-giving club within 10 days of receiving the AKC's cancellation notice.

Optional titling classes are not considered regular classes.

Section 27. Limitation of Entries. If a club anticipates an entry to exceed the capacity of its facilities for a licensed or member trial, it may limit entries, not to exceed up to eight hours of judging time per day, per judge. Non-regular classes, however, may be included, if so desired.

Prominent announcement of such limits will appear on the title or cover page of the premium list for an obedience trial or immediately under the obedience heading in the premium list for a dog show. This announcement must state that entries in one or more specified classes will automatically close when certain limits have been reached, even if this occurs before the official closing date.

When entries are limited in the Open B and/or Utility B classes, a club must designate a UDX class in the premium list. Dogs entered in this UDX class would be entered in both Open B and Utility B, and the combined entry fee for these two classes must be paid. Once the limit has been reached in either the Open B or the Utility B class, the UDX class will be considered closed and any subsequent entries for this class will be unacceptable in their entirety.

Section 30. Split Classes, Official Ribbons, Prizes. A club that holds a split class will award AKC qualifying ribbons in each division, even if the split is made after entries close. The four dogs with the highest qualifying scores in each division will be awarded the four AKC official placements.

Section 35. Judges' Education. Obedience judges must attend at least one obedience judges' seminar presented by AKC staff in every three-year period and will be ineligible to accept assignments if this requirement is not met.

To assist in educating prospective judges, prospective judges may apprentice under a judge who has been approved to judge the Utility Class. The apprentice judge will score dogs and handlers from outside the obedience ring. Proper notification to and consent from the judge must be given prior to the start of the class.

A person who is not currently suspended from the privileges of the AKC and who has trained and exhibited a dog to the Utility Dog title may be approved to judge non-regular classes, unless these *Regulations* state otherwise.

CHAPTER 2
REGULATIONS FOR PERFORMANCE AND JUDGING

Section 11. Announcement of Scores. The judge will not disclose any scoring to anyone until the entire class has been judged. Nor should anyone else be allowed to do so. Immediately after the group exercises for Novice, Graduate Novice, and Open, the judge will inform the handlers of a qualifying performance. In Beginner Novice, Graduate Open, Versatility, and Utility, the judge will inform the handler immediately following the last exercise.

After all the scores are recorded for the class, or division of the class, the judge will call the qualifying dogs back into the ring. Before awarding the placements, the judge will inform the spectators of the maximum number of points required for a perfect score. After scores of each placement have been announced, the judge will tell each handler their dog's score.

Section 12. Explanations and Errors. Judges are not required to explain their scoring and need not enter into a discussion with a dissatisfied exhibitor. After the class is finished and the judge's book has been turned in, however, the judge is encouraged to discuss the scoring with the exhibitors. Any interested person who thinks that there may have been a numerical error or an error in identifying a dog may report the facts to one of the stewards, the judge, the

superintendent, or to the show or trial secretary so that the matter may be checked.

Section 19. Hands. In all exercises where the dog is required to heel free, one of these options should be followed: (1) when the handler is in motion, the arms and hands must move naturally at the sides and must hang naturally at the sides when stopped or (2) the right hand and arm must move naturally at the side, while the left hand must be held against the front of the body, centered in the area of the waist, with the left forearm carried against the body.

In either of the above situations, the hands and arms may be adjusted during the fast portion of an exercise in order to maintain balance.

There will be a substantial deduction if the hands and arms are not carried in one of the positions stated above.

In any exercise that requires a dog to sit in front, the handler's arms and hands must hang naturally at the sides until the dog has sat in front. The handler must receive a substantial deduction for not doing so.

Any movement of the handler's hands or arms from the time the dog sits in front and prior to the dog returning to the heel position will be considered to be an additional signal or command and will be penalized unless such movement is otherwise permitted by these *Regulations.*

CHAPTER 3
NOVICE

Section 1. Novice A Class. The Novice A class shall be for dogs that have not won the CD title. A handler must own the dog entered, or be a member of the owner's household or immediate family, and may not have previously handled any dog that has earned an AKC Novice, Open, or Utility title. Owners may enter more than one dog in this class. The same person who handles the dog in the first four exercises must handle the dog in the group exercises; however, if a person has handled more than one dog in the first four exercises, that person must provide a handler for the additional dog in the same group exercise. The additional handler for the group exercise need not be a member of the owner's household or immediate family. No dog may be entered in both Novice A and Novice B at any trial.

Section 2. Novice B Class. The owner or any other person may handle dogs in this class to earn a CD title. Owners may enter more than one dog in this class. The same person who handles the dog in the first four exercises must handle the dog in the group exercises; however, if a person has handled more than one dog in the first four exercises, that person must provide a handler for the additional dog in the same group exercise. No dog may be entered in both Novice A and Novice B at any one trial.

Section 4. Companion Dog Title. The letters CD may be added after the name of each dog that has been certified by two different judges to have received qualifying scores in Novice classes at three licensed or member obedience trials. That dog will receive a Companion Dog certificate from the AKC.
(Effective Jan. 1, 2011)

Section 12. Group Exercises. The principal feature of these exercises is that the dog remains in the sitting or down position, whichever is required by the particular exercise. Orders are "Sit your dogs" or "Down your dogs," "Leave your dogs" and "Back to your dogs."

All competing dogs in the class perform these exercises together. If, however, there are more dogs competing than can be spaced 4 feet per dog on one side of a ring, some must be judged in another group. The judge will divide the class into approximately equal sections, and the Group Exercise will be judged after each section.

If the same judge judges both Novice A and Novice B and the combined class would not have to be divided into equal sections, the two classes may be judged in one group.

The dogs that are in the ring will be lined up in catalog order along one of the four sides of the ring. Each handler's armband, weighted as necessary, will be placed behind the dog.

Before starting the Long Sit, the judge will ask if the handlers are ready. When the judge gives the order, the handlers will command and/or signal their dogs to sit, if they are not already sitting. On further order to "Leave your dogs," the handlers will give a command and/or signal to stay and immediately will go to the opposite side of the ring, turn, and face their dogs.

The judge will promptly instruct the handler or one of the stewards to remove any dog that interferes with another dog. Any dog that leaves the place where it was left during the first group exercise must be excused from the remaining group exercise.

After one minute from the time the judge has ordered the handlers to leave their dogs, the judge will give the order to return. The handlers must go back promptly, walking around and in back of their own dog to the heel position. The dogs must not move from the sitting position until after the judge has said, "Exercise finished." This order will not be given until the handlers are back in heel position.

Before starting the Long Down, the judge will ask if the handlers are ready. On the judge's order, the handlers will command and/or signal their dogs to down, without touching either the dogs or their collars, so that the dogs are facing the opposite side of the ring. The rest of this exercise is done in the same manner as the Long Sit, except that the judge will order the handlers to return after three minutes, and the dogs must not move from the down position until after the judge has said, "Exercise finished."

The dogs will not be required to sit at the end of this exercise.

Section 13. Group Exercises, Scoring. A non-qualifying score (NQ) is required for the following: The dog moving a substantial distance away from the place where it was left any time during the exercise, going over to any other dog, not remaining in the required position until the handler has returned to heel position, and repeatedly barking or whining.

A substantial deduction will be made for a dog that moves even a short distance from where it was left, that barks or whines only once or twice, or that changes from a sit to a down or from a down to a sit after the handler has returned to the heel position and before the judge has given the order, "Exercise finished." Depending on the cir-

cumstance, a minor or substantial deduction will be made for touching the dog or its collar while getting the dog into the down position.

A dog that is out of position enough to interfere with an adjacent dog must be repositioned by its handler and will be substantially penalized. In extreme cases, the dog may be excused. A dog that interferes with another dog on the first group exercise must be excused from participating in the remaining group exercise.

During these exercises, the judge will stand so that all the dogs are in their line of vision and where the judge can see all the handlers in the ring without having to turn around.

Scoring of the exercises will not start until after the judge has ordered the handlers to leave their dogs, except for such things as rough treatment of a dog by its handler or resistance by a dog to its handler's attempts to make it sit or lie down. These will be penalized substantially; in extreme cases, the dog may be excused.

The judge will not give the "Exercise finished" order until the handlers have returned to heel position.

CHAPTER 4
OPEN

Section 1. Open A Class. The Open A class will be for dogs that have won the CD title but have not won the CDX title. Anyone who has trained or exhibited a dog that has earned an OTCH may not enter or handle dogs in this class. Each dog must be handled by its owner or by a member of the owner's household or immediate family. Owners may enter more than one dog in this class. The same person who handles the dog in the first five exercises must handle the dog in the group exercises. However, if a person has handled more than one dog in the first five exercises, that person must provide a handler for the additional dog in the same group exercises. The additional handler for the group exercise need not be a member of the owner's household or immediate family. No dog may be entered in both the Open A and Open B classes at any one trial.

Section 2. Open B Class. The Open B class will be for dogs that have won the CD or CDX titles. A dog may continue to compete in this class after it has won the UD title. The owner or any other person may handle dogs in this class. Owners may enter more than one dog in this class. The same person who handles the dog in the first five exercises must handle that dog in the group exercises. However, if a person has handled more than one dog in the first five exercises, that person must provide a handler for the additional dog in the same group exercises. No dog may be entered in both Open A and Open B classes at any one trial.

Prior to the start of judging, the judge will decide the order of exercises to be performed in that class.

This order will not be disclosed to exhibitors until it is posted at the ring, approximately 45 minutes before the start of the class. In future assignments, judges are required to alternate the six orders of exercises so that each will be used approximately the same number of times.

Section 5. Companion Dog Excellent Title. The letters CDX may be added after the name of each dog that has been certified by two different judges to have received qualifying scores in Open classes at three licensed or member obedience trials. That dog will receive a Companion Dog Excellent certificate from the AKC. (**Effective Jan. 1, 2011**)

Section 11. Retrieve over High Jump. The principal features of this exercise are that the dog goes out over the jump, picks up the dumbbell, and promptly returns with it over the jump. Orders are "Throw it," "Send your dog," "Take it," and "Finish." This exercise will be executed in the same manner as the Retrieve on Flat, except that the dog will clear the high jump both going and coming. The handler will stand at least 8 feet (or any reasonable distance beyond 8 feet) from the jump, will remain in the same spot throughout the exercise and will throw the dumbbell at least 8 feet beyond the jump. (These 8 foot distances should be clearly marked.)

Jump heights shall be set in multiples of 2 inches with no dog jumping less than 4 inches or more than 36 inches. A jump height is determined by the height of the dog at the withers, see table below for standard jump heights. The actual height of the dog shall be rounded to the nearest multiple of 2 inches to determine the minimum jump height, with the exception of dogs eligible for the 4 inch jump height. Dogs eligible for the 4 inch jump height must be less than 7 ½ inches at the withers. Handlers who choose to have their dogs jump more than the minimum required height will neither be penalized nor receive extra consideration.

STANDARD JUMP HEIGHT TABLE

Measured height of dog at withers	Height to be jumped
Less than 7 ½"	4"
7 ½" to less than 9"	8"
9" to less than 11"	10"
11" to less than 13"	12"
13" to less than 15"	14"
15" to less than 17"	16"
17" to less than 19"	18"
19" to less than 21"	20"
21" to less than 23"	22"
23" to less than 25"	24"
25" to less than 27"	26"
27" to less than 29"	28"
29" to less than 31"	30"
31" to less than 33"	32"
33" to less than 35"	34"
35" to less than 37"	36"

The minimum jump height for breeds listed in Appendix A shall be set to three-quarters the dog's height at the withers. This jump height shall also be rounded to a multiple of 2 inches. The minimum jumps for approved breeds will be set in accordance with the table listed in Appendix A. Handlers of these breeds may choose to have the dog jump higher than listed in the table.

The stewards, based on the jump height listed, will preset the jumps. The judge will make certain the jump is at least the minimum required height for each dog and must also be aware that the jump may be set at a higher height if requested by the handler. Judges may, at their discretion, verify the height of any dog at the withers.

The high jump will be 5 feet wide and built to be set at a height of 4 inches and adjustable at 2 inch increments from 8 inches to 36 inches. The uprights of the high jump will be 4 feet high. In addition, four 8-

inch boards, one 4-inch board, and one 2-inch board should be available for use. The jump will be a flat white. The height of each board will be indicated in black 2-inch numbers.

Section 13. Broad Jump. The principal features of this exercise are that the dog stays where left until directed to jump, that the dog clears the jump on a single command or signal, and that the dog returns to its handler after it has jumped. Orders are "Leave your dog," "Send your dog," and "Finish."

The handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position at least 8 feet from the jump facing the lowest side of the lowest hurdle. (This 8-foot distance must be clearly marked.) On order from the judge to "Leave your dog" the handler will give the command and/or signal to stay and go to a position facing the right side of the jump. The handler may stand anywhere between the lowest edge of the first hurdle and the highest edge of the last hurdle with their toes about 2 feet from the jump.

On the judge's order, the handler will give the command or signal to jump. While the dog is in midair, the handler will execute a 90-degree pivot but will remain in the same spot. The dog will clear the entire distance of the hurdles without touching them and, without further command or signal, immediately return to a sitting position in front of the handler, finishing as in the Novice Recall.

The broad jump will consist of four white telescoping hurdles, all about 8 inches wide. The largest hurdle will measure about 5 feet long and about 6 inches at the highest point. In the ring, they will be arranged in order of size, evenly spaced, covering a distance equal to twice the height of the high jump setting for each dog. Four hurdles will be used for a jump of 48 to 72 inches, three for 28 to 44 inches, two for a jump of 16 to 24 inches and one for 8 inches. When decreasing the number of hurdles in the jump, the highest hurdle will be removed first. It is the judge's responsibility to see that the distance jumped by each dog is in accordance with these *Regulations*.

CHAPTER 5
UTILITY

Section 5. Utility Dog Title. The letters UD may be added after the name of each dog that has been certified by two different judges to have received qualifying scores in Utility classes at three licensed or member obedience trials. That dog will receive a Utility Dog certificate from the AKC. (**Effective Jan. 1, 2011**)

Section 10. Directed Retrieve. The principal features of this exercise are that the dog stays until directed to retrieve and that it goes directly to the designated glove and retrieves it promptly. In this exercise the handler will provide three gloves that are predominantly white. They must be open and must be approved by the judge. Handlers will stand with their backs to the unobstructed end of the ring midway between and inline with the jumps. The dog will be sitting in heel position. The judge or steward will drop the gloves across the end of the ring while the handler and dog are facing the opposite direction. One glove is dropped about 3 feet in from each corner, and the remaining glove is dropped in the center, about 3 feet from the end of the ring.

The gloves will be designated "One," "Two," or "Three," reading from left to right when the handler is facing the gloves. The orders for the exercise are "One," "Two," or "Three," "Take it," and "Finish."

When the judge designates the glove by number, the handler will turn in place to face the glove, halting with the dog sitting in heel position. The handler may not touch the dog or reposition it. The handler will give the dog the direction to the designated glove with a single motion of the left hand and arm along the right side of the dog. Either simultaneously with or immediately following giving the direction, the handler must give a verbal retrieve command. The dog must then go directly to the glove, completing the exercise as in the Retrieve on Flat.

Handlers may bend their bodies and knees as far as necessary to give the direction to the dogs but must then stand up in a natural position with their arms at their sides.

The judge will designate the same glove number for each handler. For each judging assignment the judge must alternate the number of the glove used.

Section 12. Moving Stand and Examination. The principal features of the exercise are that the dog heel, stand, and stay as the handler moves away, accept the examination without shyness or resentment, and return to the handler on command. Orders for the exercise are "Forward," "Stand your dog," and "Call your dog to heel."

The handler will stand with the dog sitting in heel position at a point indicated by the judge.

The judge will ask, "Are you ready?" and then will order, "Forward." The handler will command or signal the dog to heel. After the handler has proceeded about 10 feet, the judge will order, "Stand your dog." Without pausing, the handler will command and/or signal the dog to stand and continue forward about 10 to 12 feet. The handler will then turn either to the right or left to face the dog, which must stand and stay in position.

The judge will approach the dog from the front to examine it as in dog show judging, except the exam will not include the teeth, testicles, or tail.

When the judge orders, "Call your dog to heel," the handler will command and/or signal the dog to return to the heel position. The dog should return to heel position in a brisk manner.

Section 14. Directed Jumping. The principal features of this exercise are that the dog goes away from the handler to the opposite end of the ring, stops, jumps as directed, and returns as in the Novice Recall. The orders are: "Send your dog," "Bar," "High," and "Finish."

The jumps will be placed midway in the ring at right angles to the longest sides of the ring and about 18 to 20 feet apart. The judge must see that the jumps are set at the required height for each dog, as described in the Retrieve Over High Jump.

The handler will stand in the approximate center of the ring with the dog sitting in heel position, about 20 feet from the jumps and midway between them. Upon order from the judge, the handler will command and/or signal the dog to go forward at a brisk trot or gallop to a point about 20 feet past the jumps in the approximate center of the unobstructed end of the ring. When the

dog reaches this point, the handler will give a command to sit. The dog must stop and sit with its attention on the handler, but it need not sit squarely.

The judge will order either "Bar" or "High" for the first jump, and the handler will command and/or signal the dog to return to the handler over the designated jump. While the dog is in midair, the handler may turn to face the dog as it returns. The dog will sit in front of the handler and, on order from the judge, finish as in the Novice Recall. After the dog has returned to heel position, the judge will say, "Exercise finished."

When the dog is set up for the second half of this exercise, the judge will ask, "Are you ready?" before giving the order for the second part of the exercise. The same procedure will be followed for the second jump.

It is optional which jump the judge first indicates, but both jumps must be included. The judge must not designate the jump until the dog has reached the far end of the ring.

The height of the jumps and construction of the high jump will be the same as required in the Open classes. The bar jump will consist of a bar between 2 and 2 ½ inches square with the edges rounded to remove any sharpness. The bar will be flat black and white in alternate sections each about 3 inches wide. The bar will have the weight of wood. It will be supported by two unconnected 4-foot upright posts about 5 feet apart and built to be set at a height of 4 inches and must be adjustable for each 2 inches of height from 8 inches to 36 inches. The jump must be built so that the bar may be knocked off without affecting the uprights.

Section 15. Directed Jumping, Scoring. A dog will receive a non-qualifying (NQ) score if it: anticipates the handler's command and/or signal to go out, fails to leave the handler, does not go out between the jumps, does not stop and remain at least 10 feet past the jumps without an additional command, anticipates the handler's command and/or signal to jump, returns over the wrong jump, knocks the bar off the uprights, or uses the top of any jump for aid in going over.

Minor to substantial deductions will be made for a dog that does not stop on command, that does not stop in the approximate center of the ring about 20 feet past the jumps, that does not sit, that receives an additional command to sit after the dog has stopped, or that anticipates the handler's command to sit.

Depending on the extent of the violation, minor or substantial deductions will be made for slowness in going out, for touching the jumps, or for any hesitation in jumping.

All applicable penalties of the Novice Recall exercises will apply.

CHAPTER 6
GRADUATE NOVICE
OPTIONAL TITLING CLASS

Section 2. Graduate Novice Title. The letters GN may be added after the name of each dog that has been certified by two different judges to have received qualifying scores in Graduate Novice classes at three licensed or member obedience trials. That dog will receive a Graduate Novice certificate from the AKC.
(**Effective Jan. 1, 2011**)

Suggested judging rate of 8 dogs per hour.

CHAPTER 7
GRADUATE OPEN
OPTIONAL TITLING CLASS

Section 2. Graduate Open Title. The letters GO may be added after the name of each dog that has been certified by two different judges to have received qualifying scores in the Graduate Open class at three licensed or member obedience trials. That dog will receive a Graduate Open certificate from the AKC.
(**Effective Jan. 1, 2011**)

Suggested judging rate of 7 dogs per hour.

CHAPTER 8
VERSATILITY
OPTIONAL TITLING CLASS

Section 1. Versatility Class. The Versatility class will be for all dogs and is an optional titling class that may be offered by clubs at obedience events. Judges for this class must be approved to judge the Utility class. Owners may enter more than one dog. Dogs in this class may be handled by the owner or any other person and may be entered in another class or classes.

Six exercises will be performed: two each from the Novice, Open, and Utility classes. There will be no group exercises. The exercises will be performed and judged as in the regular classes. For the purpose of this class, scent discrimination articles # 1 and # 2 will be considered as a single Utility exercise. Prior to the start of judging, the judge will decide the combination and order of exercises to be performed in this class. This combination and order will not be disclosed to exhibitors until it is posted at the ring, approximately 45 minutes prior to the start of the class. In future assignments, judges are required to alternate the combinations so that each will be used approximately the same number of times. Each handler will provide a dumbbell, scent discrimination articles and directed retrieve gloves.

Versatility Exercises and Scores

Novice exercise No. 1	25 points
Novice exercise No. 2	25 points
Open exercise No. 1	35 points
Open exercise No. 2	35 points
Utility exercise No. 1	40 points
Utility exercise No. 2	40 points
Maximum Total Score	200 points

Versatility Combinations

V1- Stand for Exam, Recall, Drop on Recall, Broad Jump, Signal Exercise, Directed Retrieve

V2- Heel on Leash & Figure Eight, Recall, Retrieve on Flat, Broad Jump, Moving Stand & Exam, Directed Retrieve

V3- Stand for Exam, Recall, Drop on Recall, Retrieve over High Jump, Signal Exercise, Directed Jumping

V4- Novice Heel Free, Recall, Retrieve on Flat, Retrieve over High Jump, Moving Stand & Exam, Directed Jumping

V5- Stand for Exam, Recall, Heel Free & Figure Eight, Retrieve on Flat, Scent Discrimination, Directed Jumping

V6- Stand for Exam, Recall, Figure Eight & Heel Free, Retrieve over High Jump,

Directed Retrieve, Directed Jumping

V7- Heel on Leash & Figure Eight, Stand for Exam, Drop on Recall, Retrieve over High Jump, Scent Discrimination, Directed Retrieve

V8- Stand for Exam, Recall, Retrieve on Flat, Broad Jump, Signal Exercise, Moving Stand & Exam,

V9- Novice Heel Free, Stand for Exam, Drop on Recall, Broad Jump, Scent Discrimination, Moving Stand & Exam

V10- Stand for Exam, Recall, Figure Eight & Heel Free, Retrieve on Flat, Scent Discrimination, Directed Jumping

V11- Heel on Leash & Figure 8, Recall, Retrieve over High Jump, Broad Jump, Scent Discrimination, Directed Retrieve

V12- Novice Heel Free, Stand for Exam, Drop on Recall, Broad Jump, Moving Stand & Exam, Directed Retrieve

Section 3. Versatility Title. The letters VER may be added after the name of each dog that has been certified by two different judges to have received qualifying scores in the Versatility class at three licensed or member obedience trials. That dog will receive a Versatility certificate from the AKC. Dogs which have obtained the Versatility title (VER) may continue to compete in the Versatility class. (**Effective Jan. 1, 2011**)

Suggested judging rate of 6 dogs per hour.

CHAPTER 14
NON-REGULAR CLASSES

Section 10. International Class. The International Class shall be for all dogs. Judges for this class must be approved to judge the Utility class. The owner or any other person may handle dogs in this class. Owners may enter more than one dog in this class. All exercises will be performed and scored as in the Open and Utility classes.

The exercises, minimum scores, and order of judging:

1. Drop on Recall ..... 30 points
2. Retrieve over High Jump ..... 30 points
3. Heel Free (No Fig. 8) ..... 30 points
4. Scent Discrimination
Article #1 15 points
Article #2 15 points..... 30 points total
5. Signal Exercise..... 40 points
6. Directed Jumping ..... 40 points

Maximum Total Score .....200 points

Note: The international class was developed as a non-regular class for possible future use by the AKC in the development and selection of dogs and handlers for competition in an AKC international competition. The selection process and international class exercise criteria have not been developed.

OBEDIENCE ADVANCED TEAM WORK NON-REGULAR CLASS

Section 11. Obedience Advanced Teamwork. The Obedience Advanced Teamwork class is for dogs that are eligible under these *Regulations*. All exercises are to be performed off leash. Heeling is a required exercise and should be designed to be challenging. In addition to heeling, the judge will choose any four of the remaining seven optional exercises listed below to be used for the entire class. The judge will determine the order in which all of the exercises will be performed. The order should be posted approximately 45 minutes prior to the start of the class. The execution and performance requirements of each exercise are to be standardized for the entire class.

Pylons/cones will be provided by the club and may be of any size and may remain in the ring during judging. Signs for the distance control exercise will be provided by the club and should be no smaller than 8 x10 inches. Performance and judging will be according to the *Obedience Regulations* as they pertain to the Novice, Open and Utility classes unless otherwise stated.

1. Heeling Exercise.....40 points
2. Option Exercise #1.....40 points
3. Option Exercise #2.....40 points
4. Option Exercise #3.....40 points
5. Option Exercise #4.....40 points

Maximum Total Score .....200 points

Heeling (Required Exercise). The principal feature of this exercise is the ability of the dog and handler to work as a team.

The orders may be given in any sequence and may be repeated. All turns and maneuvers may be performed at the normal or slow pace as called by the judge. The judge may use any combination of turns and paces and will standardize the heeling pattern for all dogs in the class. The minimum acceptable heeling orders will be those listed under the Novice Heel on Leash.

Scoring- All applicable penalties listed under the Novice Heel on Leash exercise will apply.

Suggested judging rate of 5 dogs per hour.

OPTIONAL EXERCISES

Object Pickup and Placement. The principal features of this exercise are that the dog goes directly to the object, picks it up without hesitation, stops on command, places the object as directed and returns as in the Novice Recall.

Orders for this exercise are "Throw it," "Send your dog," "Right" or "Left" and "Finish." If the object has any sort of squeaker or noise mechanism, it must be removed or disabled.

Two pylons will be placed midway along the length of the ring and about 18 to 20 feet apart. The handler will stand with their dog sitting in the heel position in a place designated by the judge. On the judge's order, "Throw it," the handler will give the command and/or signal to stay. The judge will require the object to be thrown again before the dog is sent if it is thrown less than 30 feet or too close to one of the pylons. After the object is thrown at least 30 feet, the judge will order the handler, "Send your dog." The dog will go directly to the object at a brisk trot or gallop and pick it up. Immediately after the pick-up, the handler will command the dog to sit and the judge will designate at which of the two pylons the object will be placed. The handler may use a command and/or signal to direct the dog to the correct pylon. The

handler may stop and redirect the dog if needed. Once the dog reaches the pylon the handler will give a release command. The dog must leave the object within a 2 foot distance measured from the base of pylon. The judge may mark this acceptable zone with chalk or tape. After the dog places the object, the handler will command or signal the dog to come. The handler remains in place. The dog will return directly to the handler, execute a front, and finish as in the Novice Recall.

Scoring - Failure to place the object at the designated cone will result in all points being deducted for the exercise. A substantial deduction will be made for a dog that does not sit, is given a second command to sit or anticipates the handler's command to sit. A substantial deduction will be made for each redirect to the pylon or additional commands to leave the dumbbell at the pylon. All applicable penalties listed under the Novice Recall and Retrieve on Flat will apply.

Scent Work. The principal feature of this exercise is the selection of the handler's article from among a variety of articles by scent alone and the prompt delivery of the article to the handler.

The judge will ask, "What method will you be using to send your dog?" The handler must respond with either "After a sit" or "Send directly." The judge will then ask, "Are you Ready?" immediately prior to taking the article from the handler. This taking of the article will be considered to be the first order, and scoring of the exercise will begin at that time. The remaining orders are "Send your dog," "Take it," and "Finish."

The handler will provide ten objects appropriately sized for the dog. These objects may be predominantly made of any material (plastic, metal, leather, rubber, wood, cloth, etc.). No more than four objects may be made of the same predominant material. If any of the objects are toys, the squeakers must be removed or disabled. An object may not be identical to another object. Standard dumbbells or scent articles may not be used.

The judge will select which article the handler will scent for the dog to find and retrieve. The remaining unscented objects will be placed about 30 feet from the handler. They may be arranged in any manner (circle, line, lines, etc.) and will be set approximately 6 inches apart.

The dog performs the exercise in the same manner as Scent Discrimination.

Scoring- All appropriate penalties for the Scent Discrimination exercise will apply.

Seek Back. The principal feature of this exercise is that the dog will seek out, find, and retrieve a lost glove. The glove must be a dark color that will not be easily seen when dropped (for example, dark green, brown, black etc.), size appropriate for the dog and must be approved by the judge.

The orders for this exercise are "Forward," any other orders that may be given during the Novice Heel Free exercise, "Drop it," "Send your dog," "Take it," and "Finish."

The handler will carry a dark glove in their right hand while heeling and will drop it unobtrusively on the judge's order. The "Drop It" order will be given while the team is in motion. The judge will continue to give further heeling orders to the team after the "Drop it" order.

When the team is at least 30 feet from the glove, the judge will order the team to halt and order the handler to send the dog for the glove. The team will not be halted such that the glove is behind the handler's back. It is not necessary that the dog be able to see the glove from where he is sent. The handler will command the dog to retrieve the glove. The handler will remain in place while the dog searches for the glove. The dog finds the glove and completes the exercise as in the Retrieve on Flat.

Scoring- There shall be no penalty for a dog that takes time to find the glove or that searches the entire ring, provided the dog works continuously. Minor or substantial deductions will be made for a handler who does not drop the glove promptly when ordered to do so. In all other respects, this exercise will be scored as in the Novice Heel Free and Retrieve on Flat exercises.

Moving Stand, Sit or Down. The principal features of the exercise are the ability of the dog and handler to work as a team while heeling, the dog's correct response to the stand, sit or down command and that the dog stays until called to resume heeling.

The orders for this exercise are "Forward," "Stand," "Sit" or "Down your dog," "Call dog to Heel," "Halt," and any of the turns in the heeling exercise may be used.

The judge will choose the moving exercise of the day prior to start of the class. The same moving exercise will be used for each team. Beginning at one end of the ring, as directed by the judge, the team will begin to heel forward on the judge's order. While heeling the judge will give the order to either "Stand," "Sit," or "Down your dog." The handler may use a command or signal and will continue heeling with his back to the dog for approximately 15-20 feet as directed by the judge. The judge may call a halt or a single turn followed by a halt. The judge will then order the handler to call the dog to heel. The handler may command or signal the dog to heel position.

Scoring - All appropriate penalties of the Novice Heel on Leash, Novice Recall and Moving Stand exercises will apply.

Base Ball Glove Retrieve. The principal features of this exercise are that the dog stay until called, the dog's prompt response to the handler's command or signal to drop, the dog's remaining in the down position until directed to retrieve, the dog goes directly to the designated glove and retrieves it promptly.

Orders will be "Leave your dog," "Call your dog," "One," "Two," or "Three," "Take it," and "Finish."

First, second and third base, pitchers mound and home plate will be positions designated by the judge. The gloves will be numbered "One," "Two," or "Three" reading from left to right.

In this exercise the handler will provide three predominantly white gloves as in the Directed Retrieve. The gloves must be approved by the judge. The handler and dog will set up about 2-3 feet in front of second base. The steward will drop the gloves at first, second and third base. Handler leaves dog and walks to the other end of the ring at home plate. On order from the judge, the handler calls the dog. While the dog is coming the handler will down the

dog half way at the pitchers mound. Once the dog has dropped, the judge will order "One," "Two" or "Three" at which time the handler will direct the dog, using command and or signal to the glove. The dog completes the exercise as in the Directed Retrieve.

The judge should decide how to assign the gloves so that each glove will be used approximately the same number of times.

Scoring- All appropriate penalties of the Novice Recall, Drop on Recall, and Directed Retrieve will apply.

Distance Control. The principal features of this exercise are that the dog remain in the place and the position it was left in until commanded otherwise, the dog's correct response to the commands and or signals to stand, sit, and down, as directed and remain in the last position until the handler returns to heel position.

Orders for this exercise are "Leave your dog," and "Back to your dog." The judge must use signals for directing the handler to signal the dog to stand, sit, and down their dog

Prior to the start of the class, the judge will post the starting position required of the dogs, either a stand, sit or down, and the order in which the dogs will be required to rotate through each position. The dog is to change position a total of six times and each order is to be done twice in whatever order the judge chooses. A boundary area may be pre-marked with chalk or tape either in front or in back of the dog to allow any forward movement of the dog to be easily evaluated throughout the exercise.

On order from the judge, the handler may give a command and/or signal for the dog to stay in the starting position. The handler will walk to the other end of the ring at least 40 feet away from the dog. On the judge's signal the handler will give a command and/or signal for each of the required position changes. If both command and signal are used, they must be used simultaneously.

Once the handler and dog complete the rotation of position changes the judge will give the order "Back to your dog" and the handler will return to heel position.

Scoring - All appropriate penalties for the Signal Exercise will apply.

Send Away. The principal features of this exercise are that the dog go away from the handler to the designated single pylon, remain in the stand, sit or down position as directed until sent to the second location, and there remain in the stand, sit or down position inside the square area until directed to heel position and continue heeling with its handler.

Orders for this exercise will be, "Send your dog," "Resend your dog," and "Forward" followed by a minimum of at least two turns as allowed in the heeling exercise, followed by "Call your dog to heel," and "Halt."

Prior to the start of the class, the judge will post the position the dog will be required to do for each send away, stand, sit or down and remain in until directed otherwise. The judge may choose to use the same position for each send away or different positions. Additionally the heeling portion of this exercise will be posted, told or shown prior to the start of the class.

A single pylon will be set in either corner at the far end of the ring approximately 3 feet from the ring barriers. In the opposite corner at the far end of the ring a 4' x 4' square area will be marked using either chalk or tape.

The handler and dog will set up facing the single pylon, on the same side but at the opposite end of the ring.
On order from the judge to "Send your dog," the handler will send the dog to the single pylon and command and/or signal the dog to stand, sit, or down. The dog may be anywhere within a 3-foot radius of the pylon, and must stand, sit or down as commanded and remain until the second send away.

On order from the judge to "Resend your dog," the handler will command and/or signal the dog to the 4'x 4' square area, then command/and or signal the dog to stand, sit, or down inside this square area until called to heel.

The judge will then call heeling orders for the handler and anytime after the handler executes a minimum of two turns the judge will order the handler, while in motion, to "Call your dog to heel." The dog should move to heel position briskly. Handler and dog continue heeling together as ordered until the judge orders "Halt."

Scoring- All appropriate penalties for the go out portion of the Directed Jumping exercise will apply. Additionally, all appropriate penalties for the Heel on Leash, Novice Recall and Signal exercise will apply unless otherwise stated.

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BEGINNER NOVICE
OPTIONAL TITLING CLASS

Section 1. Beginner Novice A Class – The Beginner Novice A class shall be for dogs that have not won the BN title. Judges for this class must be approved to judge novice or higher classes. A handler must own the dog entered, or be a member of the owner's household or immediate family, and may not have previously handled any dog that has earned any AKC Obedience title. Owners may enter more than one dog in this class. No dog may be entered in both Beginner Novice A and Beginner Novice B at any trial.

Section 2. Beginner Novice B Class. The owner or any other person may handle dogs in this class to earn a BN title. Owners may enter more than one dog in this class.

Section 3. Beginner Novice Exercises and Scores. The exercises and maximum scores in the Beginner Novice classes:

1. Heel on Leash.....40 points
2. Figure 8.....40 points
3. Sit for Exam .....40 points
4. Sit Stay.....40 points
5. Recall.....40 points

Maximum Total Score .....200 points

Section 4. Beginner Novice Title. The letters BN may be added after the name of each dog that has been certified by two different judges to have received qualifying scores in Beginner Novice classes at three licensed or member obedience trials. That dog will receive a Beginner Novice dog certificate from the AKC.

Section 5. Heel on Leash. The principal feature of this exercise is the ability of the dog and handler to work as a team. The

orders for this exercise will be "Forward" and "Exercise Finished." Rally signs will be used for this exercise. Signs to be used are "Right turn," "Left turn," "About turn," "Slow," "Normal," "Fast" and "Halt/Sit." "Fast" means that the handler must run, and the handler and dog must move forward at a noticeably accelerated speed. Turns will be used only when the handler is moving at a normal speed.

Both change of pace signs must be followed by a normal sign. Turn signs may be placed in any sequence and may be repeated. Two of each turn sign must be available for the judge's use. The "Halt/Sit" sign will be used once at the end of the exercise. The judge should standardize the heeling pattern for all dogs in the class.

The leash may be held in either hand or in both hands, but the hands must be held in a natural position. Any tightening or jerking of the leash and use of any extra commands and/or signals will be penalized.

The handler will enter the ring with the dog on a loose leash and stand with the dog sitting in the heel position. The judge will ask if the handler is ready before giving the order, "Forward." The handler may give a command or signal to heel and will walk briskly and naturally with the dog on a loose leash. The dog should walk close to the handler's left side without swinging wide, lagging, forging, or crowding. The dog must not interfere with the handler's freedom of motion at any time. At the "Halt/Sit" sign the handler will stop. The dog shall sit straight and promptly in the heel position without command or signal and shall not move until the handler again moves forward. The judge will order, "Exercise finished" at the completion of this exercise.

Section 6. Heel on Leash Scoring. If a handler is constantly controlling the dog by tugging on the leash, constantly talking to the dog or is adapting to the dogs' pace, that dog must receive a nonqualifying (NQ) score for this exercise.

Minor deductions shall be made for lagging, heeling wide, forging, crowding, poor sits, failure to sit at a halt, and other heeling imperfections. Deductions should also be made for a handler who guides the dog with the leash or does not walk at a brisk pace.

A one time single phrase of praise or encouragement, by the handler to the dog, will be allowed without penalty. (Good, yes, nice, super, great, and atta boy/girl, are some examples of praise that would be allowed.)

Minor deductions will be made for additional commands or signals to heel or for failure of dog or handler to speed up noticeably for the fast or slow down noticeably for the slow.

While scoring this exercise, the judge should be near enough to observe any signals or commands given by the handler to the dog without interfering with either.

Section 7. Figure 8. The principal feature of this exercise is the ability of the dog and handler to work as a team. The orders for this exercise will be called by the judge and will be "Forward," "Halt," and "Exercise Finished."

For the Figure Eight, the handler will stand and the dog will sit in heel position facing the judge, midway between the two stewards, who will be standing 8 feet apart. The Figure Eight will be performed on leash; the handler may go around either steward first. After the judge asks, "Are you ready?" and gives the order, "Forward," the handler and dog will walk briskly around and between the two stewards twice. There will be no about turn, fast or slow, but the judge must order at least one halt during this exercise and another halt at the end. After each halt, it is permissible for the handler to give a command or signal to heel before moving forward again.

A one time single phrase of praise or encouragement, by the handler to the dog, will be allowed without penalty.

Section 8. Figure 8 Scoring. Scoring is the same as the Heel on Leash exercise.

Section 9. Sit For Exam. The principal feature of this exercise is that the dog sits in position before and during the examination without displaying resentment. Orders are, "Sit your dog and leave when you are ready," "Back to your dog" and "Exercise finished."

This exercise is to be performed with the dog on a 6 foot leash.

On the judge's order, the handler will command his dog to sit. The handler will then stand with the dog sitting in the heel position, give the command and/or signal to stay, walk straight forward about 6 feet to the end of the leash, turn and face the dog.

The judge will approach the dog from the front. Using the fingers and palm of one hand, the judge will touch only the dog's head. On the order "Back to your dog," the handler will walk around behind the dog and return to the heel position. The handler may gather the leash at any time while returning to the dog. The dog must remain sitting until the judge has said, "Exercise finished."

Section 10. Sit For Exam Scoring. The scoring of this exercise will not start until the handler has given the command and/or signal to stay, except for such things as rough treatment by the handler or active resistance by the dog to sit. Either of these will be penalized substantially.

A dog must receive a non-qualifying (NQ) score if it stands, lies down, or moves away from the place where it was left either before or during the examination, or growls, snaps, or displays resentment.

Minor deductions will be made for any tightening of the leash during the exercise.

Substantial deductions will be made for an extra command to the dog after the handler has given the command and/or signal to stay and left the heel position.

Minor or substantial deductions will be made for a dog that moves its feet at any time or stands or moves away after the examination has been completed.

Minor or substantial deductions, even to the point of a non-qualifying (NQ) score, will be made for shyness.

Section 11. Sit Stay – Handler Walk Around the Ring. The principal feature of this exercise is that the dog remains in the sit position.

Orders for this exercise are "Sit your dog," "Leave your dog," and "Exercise finished."

The handler will stand with the dog sitting in heel position. Prior to starting the exercise the judge will ask if the handler is ready. The leash remains attached to the dog's collar and will be dropped/placed on the ground between the dog and the handler.

When the judge gives the order "Sit your dog," the handler will command and/or sig-

nal the dog to sit, if they are not already sitting. The judge will order "Leave your dog," the handler will give a command and/or signal to stay and will immediately proceed to walk around the inside perimeter of the ring in a direction as indicated by the judge. Upon completing a full perimeter walk around the ring, the handler will approach the dog from the front, proceed to walk around and in back of the dog to the heel position. Once the handler has returned to heel position, the judge will give the order "Exercise finished."

Section 12. Sit Stay Scoring. A nonqualifying score (NQ) is required for the dog moving a substantial distance away from the place where it was left any time during the exercise, not remaining in the sit position until the handler has returned to heel position, and repeatedly barking or whining.

A substantial deduction will be made for a dog that moves even a short distance from where it was left, that barks or whines only once or twice, or that changes position after the handler has returned to the heel position and before the judge has given the order, "Exercise finished."

Minor or substantial deductions, even to the point of a nonqualifying (NQ) score, will be made for any additional commands to the dog after the handler has commanded and/or signaled the dog to stay.

Scoring of the exercises will not start until after the judge has ordered the handler to leave their dog, except for such things as rough treatment of a dog by its handler or resistance by a dog to its handler's attempts to make it sit. These will be penalized substantially; in extreme cases, the dog may be excused.

The judge will not give the "Exercise finished" order until the handler has returned to heel position.

Section 13. Recall. The principal features of this exercise are that the dog stay where left until called by the handler, and that the dog responds promptly.

Orders are, "Leave your dog," "Call your dog," and "Exercise finished." The leash is removed for this exercise and kept by the handler.

On order from the judge, the handler may give a command and/or signal to the dog to stay in the sit position. The handler will then walk forward, approximately 25 feet, to a location as directed by the judge and turn to face the dog. On the judge's order or signal, the handler will command and/or signal the dog to come. The dog must come directly, at a brisk trot or gallop, and sit in front near the handler. The dog must be close enough to its handler so that the handler could touch its head without excessive bending, stretching, or moving either foot. (No finish will be required of the dog by the handler.)

After the judge orders "Exercised finished," the leash is reattached to the dog's collar.

A one time single phrase of praise or encouragement while the dog is coming to the handler will be allowed without penalty. (Good, yes, nice, super, great, atta boy/girl, are some examples of praise that would be allowed.)

Section 14. Recall Scoring. A dog must receive a non-qualifying (NQ) score if it is given an additional command and/or signal to stay, if more than two commands and/or signals are required for the dog to come, if it fails to come, if it moves from the place it was left before being called and/or signaled to come, or if it does not come close enough to its handler so that the handler could touch its head without excessive bending, stretching, or moving either foot.

Minor or substantial deductions will be made for a handler's extra command or signal to come or to sit, or if the dog fails to come at a brisk trot or gallop, or fails to sit near the handler.

Minor deductions will be made for slow or poor sits.

Suggested judging rate of 10 dogs per hour.

(Effective July 1, 2010 – pending resource availability and ISD schedule)

OBEDIENCE REGULATIONS
GLOSSARY OF TERMS

BRISK, BRISKLY – keenly alive, alert, energetic

COMMAND – verbal order from handler to dog

CROOKED – a dog that is not straight in line with the direction the handler is facing

CROWDING – a dog so close to handler as to interfere with handler's freedom of motion

DIRECTLY – immediately, without deviation or hesitation

DROP COMPLETELY – a down position that would be acceptable for a Long Down exercise

GENTLY – with kindness, without harshness or roughness

GUIDING GENTLY BY THE COLLAR – control of the dog by holding any part of the collar with minimal pressure on the dog's neck

LAME – irregularity or impairment of the function of locomotion, irrespective of the cause or how slight or severe

MINOR PENALTY – 1/2 point to 2 ½ points

MOUTHING – when a dog chews or rolls the dumbbell in its mouth unnecessarily

NATURAL – not artificial; free of affectation; what is customarily expected in the home or public places

ORDER – direction from judge to handler, either verbal or non-verbal

PROMPT RESPONSE – without hesitation, immediate, quick

REGULARLY TRAINED OR INSTRUCTED – where a dog and/or handler meet on a regular basis for instruction. A regular basis is considered a set pattern of dates, such as monthly, or more often. Occasional training or seminar attendance is not considered a violation.

RESENTMENT – resistance, unwillingness

SIGNAL – non-verbal direction from the handler to dog, as described in Chapter 2, Section 20

SMARTLY – quickly, vigorously

SUBSTANTIAL PENALTY – 3 points or more

TURN IN PLACE – turning in the circle that was occupied by the handler before they started to turn

WITHERS – highest point of the dog's shoulder

APPENDIX A

Three-Quarters Jump Height Table

Measured height of dog at withers	Height to be jumped
Less than 10"	4"
10" to less than 12 ½ "	8"
12 ½" to less than 15"	10"
15" to less than 17 ½"	12"
17 ½" to less than 20"	14"
20" to less than 23"	16"
23" to less than 25 ½"	18"
25 ½" to less than 28"	20"
28" to less than 31"	22"
31" to less than 33 ½"	24"
33 ½" to less than 36"	26"
36" to less than 39"	28"

BREEDS APPROVED FOR THE THREE-QUARTERS JUMP HEIGHT.

ARGENTINE DOGOS
BASSET HOUNDS
BERGAMASCOS
BERNESE MOUNTAIN DOGS
BLACK RUSSIAN TERRIERS
BLOODHOUNDS
BORZOI
BULLDOGS
BULLMASTIFFS
CARDIGAN WELSH CORGIS
CAUCASIAN MOUNTAIN DOGS
CLUMBER SPANIELS
DACHSHUNDS
DOGUES DE BORDEAUX
ESTRELA MOUNTAIN DOGS
FRENCH BULLDOGS
GRAND BASSET GRIFFON VENDEENS
GREAT DANES
GREAT PYRENEES
GREATER SWISS MOUNTAIN DOGS
IRISH WOLFHOUNDS
KOOIKERHOUNDJES
KUVASZOK
LAGOTTO ROMAGNOLOI
LEONBERGERS
MASTIFFS
NEAPOLITAN MASTIFFS
NEWFOUNDLANDS
OTTERHOUNDS
PORTUGUESE PODENGOS
SAINT BERNARDS
SKYE TERRIERS
SUSSEX SPANIELS
THAI RIDGEBACKS

OBEDIENCE JUDGES GUIDELINES

CHAPTER 1
THE OBEDIENCE JUDGE

ACCEPTING ASSIGNMENTS

Assignment Limitations. A judge will not be approved to judge the same regular class at all-breed events within 30 days and 200 straight line miles of each other with the following exceptions:

- A judge may accept assignments to judge the same classes for two obedience trials that fall on the same day at the same site.
- A judge may accept assignments to judge two obedience trials over the course of two consecutive days at the same site or within a local geographical area as determined by the AKC.

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There are no such restrictions on non-regular classes or tracking tests. Assignments to judge the same class or classes at two different breed specialty or group obedience trials are not considered to be a conflict. Breed specialty obedience assignments or group shows are not in conflict with an assignment to judge the same class(es) at an all-breed obedience trial.

SICKNESS AND FITNESS TO JUDGE

Change of Address. Judges are responsible for promptly notifying the AKC Companion Events Department of any change in mailing address, e-mail address, and phone number(s). The change will be automatically reflected in the AKC Judges Directory.

CHAPTER 3
PROCEDURES IN THE RING

Directed Retrieve. Although this exercise is basically judged as a Retrieve on Flat, it has an important difference that must be considered when judging. The difference is that the dog is directed to retrieve. The turn and sit are to be judged as in the Scent Discrimination exercise. A dog that finds a glove without being directed to it by the handler must be given a non-qualifying (NQ) score. A dog whose handler misdirects the dog (under turns or over turns) must be nonqualified or penalized depending on the extent of the over/under turn.

The judge should be certain the gloves are visible to the smallest and largest dogs. Prior to the start of judging, the judge shall make the decision as to which glove will be used for the class that day. The same glove number will be used for each handler. For each judging assignment the judge must alternate the number of the glove used. The gloves will be designated "One," "Two," or "Three" reading from left to right when the handler is facing the gloves. The judge will give the order "One," or "Two," or "Three" and at the same time may, with the handler's back to the gloves, point to the designated glove.

The direction the handler turns is at the option of the handler, no matter which glove is designated, but the dog should maintain heel position throughout the turn and sit at heel when the turn is completed. The retrieve portion of the exercise is then completed without any further order from the judge.

Giving the direction must be done with a single motion. When the motion stops, the direction is completed. If the handler does not give the command simultaneously with or immediately following the direction but delays between the motion and the command, the dog must receive a non-qualifying (NQ) score.

Moving Stand and Examination. This exercise may be judged from the side while the dog and handler are heeling and until the dog is to be examined. For the examination part of the exercise, the dog should be approached from the front and then

given a thorough examination as in conformation judging, except that the dog's mouth, testicles, and tail are not examined.

Grid for Scoring Directed Jumping. When scoring the Directed Jumping exercise, large variations in performance may occur, and there is not a great deal of time to consider how far from perfect each variation is. As an aid to maintaining some consistency in the manner in which all dogs in the class are scored, there should be no question that some type of system needs to be adopted in advance of the class. Although the following suggestion may not fit your particular method of scoring, it may serve as an aid in developing your own individual style. A grid is based on the premise that the closer to perfection, the smaller the deduction.

Should the dog go out about 20 feet beyond the jumps, stop on command by the handler and sit in the approximate center of the ring, there is no deduction. (This is represented by an imaginary circle of about 3 feet in the center of the ring at about a distance of 20 feet beyond the jumps.) Keep in mind that the handler should stop and sit the dog about 20 feet beyond the jump, not precisely 20 feet beyond the jump. If the dog stops and sits on the handler's command at 21 feet or 19 feet beyond the jumps, this is about 20 feet beyond the jumps; no points should be deducted. The key is that the dog stops and sits on command. The dog should not stop and sit without a command from the handler or stop and/or sit when it arrives at the ring barrier simply because it can go no further. If the dog
does either of these, points are deducted because the handler's command did not cause the dog to stop and sit. If the dog stops and sits on the handler's command but the handler has stopped the dog at about the 12- foot distance, a deduction is in order as the handler did not stop and sit the dog at about 20 feet beyond the jumps. Again, the requirement is to stop and sit the dog at about 20 feet beyond the jumps, not precisely 20 feet beyond the jumps.

If the dog goes out about 20 feet beyond the jumps, stops and sits on the handler's command but its final position is in one of the corners of the ring, a 3 point deduction should be made. If the dog goes out only 10 feet beyond the jumps, stops and sits on command but the final position is in the center of the ring, a 3 point deduction should be made. If the dog goes out about 10 feet, stops and sits on command but the final position is next to the side of the ring, a 5 or 6 point deduction is in order.

Once the handler has commanded the dog to sit at a point about 20 feet beyond the jumps and the dog stops, the go-out part of the exercise is complete. A dog must receive a non-qualifying (NQ) score for not staying without an additional command. The penalties for the Recall will apply.

Group Exercises. If two classes in the same classification such as Novice A and B have different judges, each judge must judge the Group exercises separately. A judge with only a single dog competing in a class would be required to have the dog perform the Group exercises alone. However, if the same judge is judging both A and B classes (in the same classification) and the combined two classes do not exceed the limit of dogs based on the size of the ring, the judge may combine the two classes for the Group exercises.

Judges should make every effort to equally divide a class for the Group exercises and not have fewer than six dogs in the exercise.

In the Long Down exercise, the dog should lie down on command and/or signal without being touched. In the down position, the dog should be lying straight beside the handler, facing the opposite side of the ring. Should the dog lie down facing the dog on either side or in a manner that could interfere with an adjacent competing dog, the handler should be instructed to straighten or reposition the dog, and a substantial penalty should be applied.

When positioning dogs in the ring for the Group exercises in the Open classes, judges should ensure that such positioning will permit the competing dogs to keep the handlers in their direct line of vision as the handlers leave and return to the ring.

In Open classes, when signaling the steward to bring the handlers back to the ring, do not use a signal (like waving of an arm) that might cause the dogs in the ring to react.

If a dog gets up and starts to roam or follows its handler and disturbs the other dogs, or if a dog moves so as to interfere with another dog, the judge should promptly instruct the handler or one of the stewards to take the dog out of the ring or to keep it away from the other dogs. The judge must excuse the dog from the remaining Group exercise and so mark the judge's book.

Any handlers who physically correct their dogs before or after any Group Exercise or while leaving the ring must be penalized under Miscellaneous Penalty.

CHAPTER 5
OBEDIENCE JUDGES GUIDELINES
THE JUDGES BOOK

Marking the Judge's Book. Chapter 2, Section 10, of the *Obedience Regulations* instructs judges how to correctly mark the book. Judges must be thorough, neat, and precise in marking their books. The awarding of obedience titles based on a dog's performance at obedience trials is valueless if the scores are not accurate. Judges must double-check the accuracy of score totals.

When all dogs have been judged and the four official places determined, then ribbon prizes can be awarded: blue, red, yellow, and white or white, yellow, red and blue. Where ribbons or prizes for additional places are offered, the awards for these should be made after the awarding of the four official ribbon prizes. The judge must sign the book, mark the time finished, remove and retain the sheets marked "Judge's Copy," and then return the book (or sheets) for the completed class promptly to the trial secretary, obedience chairperson, or superintendent. When the judge returns the book, the trial secretary, obedience chairperson, or superintendent should briefly scan the book for obvious omissions or oversights that can be corrected immediately.

The judge should retain their judging records for at least six months. If such records are required to provide information relative to the judging of a particular class, the information will be readily available to the AKC.

On the following pages are samples of Novice, Open B, and Utility A sheets that show the proper procedure for marking the judge's book. This procedure is applicable

for all classes.

PROCEDURES FOR JUDGES TO FOLLOW IN MARKING THE JUDGE'S BOOK

(Use Ballpoint Pen)

- Indicate class.
- Mark the catalog number, the score of the four official placements, the time started, and the time finished. This should be on the first sheet for the class only.
- Where run-offs of ties have taken place for any of the four official placements, indicate the winner of the tie by placing a plus sign after the winner's catalog number. In case of a three-way tie, use a double plus for the winner and a single plus for the dog placed second out of the three.
- To correct an error after marking a score under a wrong catalog number, cross out error, write the correction, and initial the change.
- Non-qualifying scores should be indicated by an "NQ" in the "Total Score" block.
- Carry only qualifying scores down to the "Final Qualifying Score" block.
- If the judge is aware of the reason for an absence in a group exercise, they should mark the dog "Absent" and state the reason. When a judge is unaware of the reason for an absence in a group exercise, the dog must be marked "Absent – reason not given."
- In the case of a dog that is "Disqualified," state the reason in the judge's book and bring it to the attention of the superintendent or trial secretary. In addition, if a dog is disqualified for attacking a person in the ring, complete a form available from the superintendent or trial secretary. This completed form must accompany the judge's book.
- If any dog is excused, state the reason.

SIGN THE BOOK.

NOTE: Judges should use the inside cover of the book for any comments or explanations required. If additional information is deemed necessary by the judge, comments or explanations should be forwarded to the Event Operations Department.

THE STEWARD IN OBEDIENCE

THE GATE STEWARD

The primary responsibility of the gate steward is to ensure that the next dog to be judged is immediately available when the judge indicates that they are ready. As soon as the judge begins the judging routine of a dog, this steward calls the next dog to be judged and ensures the handler is at ringside when the dog in the ring has completed all exercises. Dogs may not enter the ring until the judge indicates they are ready for the next dog. The gate steward is responsible for ensuring the judging time of the class is not delayed by having the judge wait for dogs.

Dogs must be judged in catalog order to the extent that it is practical to do so without holding up the judging in any ring. If the dog listed next in the catalog is not at ringside when needed, the steward should not hesitate to call the next dog in order. Stewards are not required to seek out handlers: Handlers are responsible for being ready when their dogs' numbers are called. The steward should report any absence to the judge, and the judge will decide when the dog is to be marked absent. This procedure should be followed even if the armband for the absent dog has already been issued.

It is normally the duty of the gate steward to distribute armbands. When exhibitors identify themselves, the steward should check the catalog and ask the exhibitors' names and the names of the dogs. The gate steward should verify the height and distance the dog jumps.
The steward then should check that the number of the armband being given to the exhibitor corresponds to the number in the catalog. It is essential that every precaution be taken when distributing armbands.

Very often, exhibitors make requests for special consideration, such as asking to be judged out of catalog order. Any request of this nature must be directed to the judge. It is the judge's prerogative to grant or deny the request. The steward should never consider the matter.

When stewarding in the Novice class, upon completion of the Recall exercise, the gate steward should return leashes to handlers before they leave the ring.

OPEN CLASS

When issuing an armband to a handler, the gate steward should verify the height and distance the dog jumps. The gate steward should also take the leash and dumbbell from the handler when the dog is brought into the ring. A discussion of heights and distance will be described later. It is essential that the steward setting the broad jump have a tape measure or steel ruler to ensure the accuracy of the jump. The first duty of the judge will be to check that the jumps are properly set. Stewards must arrange jumps quickly and accurately, or much time will be wasted.

In the Open class, the Figure Eight is performed off lead as part of the Heel Free exercise. The requirements of stewards are the same as in the Novice class. Again, stewards should be immediately available when the order is given.

The Open class has two retrieving exercises: the Retrieve on Flat and Retrieve over High Jump. The gate steward takes the dumbbell from the handler as the dog enters the ring and places it on the judge's table. When directed by the judge, a ring steward shall deliver the dumbbell to the handler or to the judge as specified by the judge. This should be done immediately so handlers are not made to wait. The gate steward will line up the dogs and handlers outside the ring immediately prior to the time the judge has indicated they will judge the Long Sit and the Long Down exercises. The judge should not be made to wait while the handlers are lined up. The Long Sit and Long Down exercise are always done in exact catalog order. As the dogs enter the ring, the ring stewards must line up dogs and handlers along the ringside as indicated by the judge. Ring stewards must make sure that dogs are in catalog order and that they are placed an equal distance from each other. The judge will instruct handlers to place armbands and leashes behind their dogs with the leash on top of the armband in such a manner that the number is easily read. One of the two ring stewards in the Open class will be assigned to lead the handlers out of the dogs' sight. Prior to the beginning of the exercise, access to this location should be checked by the stewards. Once behind the "blind" area, the steward must watch for the judge's signal to return to the dogs and lead handlers back to the ring. The steward is responsible for having

handlers return in the same order in which their dogs are arranged. The other steward assists the judge in the ring in the same manner described for the Novice class.

UTILITY CLASS

When issuing an armband to a handler, the gate steward should verify the height the dog jumps as stated by the handler of the dog in the catalog beside the armband number. The Utility class contains the Directed Jumping exercise, during which the dog must complete a high jump and a bar jump. As in the Open class, one steward immediately sets the high jump while the other steward sets the bar jump. Again, this must be done quickly and accurately. As in the Open class, the judge will make sure that the jumps are properly set.

For the Scent Discrimination exercise, the gate steward will have placed the handler's articles on the judge's table. The judge will select two articles one leather and one metal, and separate them from the rest. The judge may position the remaining articles or may ask the ring steward to perform this function. The articles must be placed so that the closest article is about 20 feet from the handler. The judge or ring steward must touch (not necessary to scent) each of the eight remaining articles, spreading them in a random manner on the floor, or ground, about 6 inches apart. On the judge's order, the handler will place the scented article on the judge's book or work sheet. Without touching that article, the judge or steward will place it among the others.

After completion of the Scent Discrimination exercises, the ring steward places the articles in the handler's container and returns them to the judge's table.

The Directed Retrieve exercise utilizes two ring stewards. While one steward is picking up the scent articles, the other steward takes the three gloves from the judge's table and goes to the far end of the ring. After the dog and handler are in position (midway between and in line with the two jumps) but facing the opposite direction, the steward will drop the three gloves across the end of the ring. The steward will drop one glove in each corner, about 3 feet from the sides and the end of the ring, and one in the center, about 3 feet from the end of the ring. The three gloves must be clearly visible to both dog and handler. It is not necessary to "iron" the gloves flat, but they should be open, not closed. After the exercise is completed, the steward retrieves the remaining two gloves and places them on the judge's table.

For the Moving Stand exercise, one ring steward will be needed to hold the judge's clipboard and pencil during the examination and will stand aside as directed by the judge.

THE JUMPS

Although the gate steward will ask the handler what height the dog jumps, it is conceivable that the handler will know only the height of the dog. Because of this, it is essential that ring stewards be familiar with the *Obedience Regulations* concerning the setting of the jumps.

The minimum jump shall be set at the nearest multiple of 2 inches to three-quarters the height of the dog at the withers for the breeds listed in Appendix A.

The minimum jump shall be set to the nearest multiple of 2 inches to the height of the dog at the withers for all other dogs, with no dog jumping less than 4 inches or more than 36 inches.

The broad jump is set at twice the distance of the high jump. The low side of each hurdle and the lowest hurdle shall be nearest the dog. The highest hurdles shall be removed first.

The boards shall be spaced as equally as possible as follows:

1. For dogs that jump 8 inches or less – use one board
2. For dogs that jump 16 to 24 inches – use two boards
3. For dogs that jump 28 to 44 inches – use three boards
4. For dogs that jump 48 to 72 inches – use four boards