American Kennel Club, Inc.
MEETING of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AKC Offices at 101 Park Avenue, New York, NY
November 7-8, 2022

The Board convened on Monday, November 7, 2022, at 8:30 a.m. Eastern Time.

All Directors were present in the New York office. The Executive Secretary was also present.

The October 7-8, 2022, Board Meeting minutes, copies provided to all Directors, were reviewed.

Upon a motion by Mr. Sweetwood, seconded by Mr. Hamblin, the October 2022 Board Meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT**
Mr. Sprung reviewed the status of the action items from the past Board meetings.

Mr. Sprung reported that: AKC executed the agreement with the Javits Center for AKC Meet the Breeds®. The dates are January 28-29, 2023. Mr. Sprung encourages all Parent Clubs to sign up to be certain their breeds are represented.

Another AKC Affiliates meeting will be held to share ideas, calendar schedules, and collaboration.

We completed some filming for the Conformation, and Stewarding Courses this past weekend at the Warrenton shows. There will also be complimentary Stewarding Courses for Rally and Obedience.

**Legal Update**
The Board reviewed the Legal Department update as of October 2022.

**CMS Rewrite Project**
Doug Ljungren, Alan Slay, Torraine Williams and Keith Frazier, AKC Staff, participated in this portion of the meeting.

The Sports & Events and Information Technology Departments meet regularly to assess the progress of the Board approved CMS project. Late this summer, discussions focused on developments by Appeon, the company that owns PowerBuilder, the platform currently utilized by CMS. Appeon has launched a web-based version of PowerBuilder, and they have targeted customers using legacy systems as candidates to upgrade to the web-based PowerBuilder platform. Additionally, they have established a pool of Appeon Certified Programmers knowledgeable in the older programming languages commonly used in legacy systems to further promote their new platform’s use. These two developments, coupled with the current progress of the rewrite effort, have caused staff to reassess AKC’s approach to this project.
Following a motion by Dr. Battaglia, seconded by Dr. Garvin, the Board VOTED (unanimously; Dr. Davies abstaining) to accept the Staff recommendation to shift approaches from the current approach, a complete rewrite of the CMS in the current programming language to upgrading the CMS by moving to the web-based PowerBuilder platform. This change requires additional off-budget expenditures in 2023 but will reduce the total cost by $2,614,000 and reduce the time to complete the upgrade by two years and three months.

**AKC Humane Fund Update**
Daphna Straus, AKC Humane Fund (HF) Secretary, presented an update to the Board.

The purpose of the AKC Human fund is to:
- Provide support to AKC affiliates.
- Make grants to other like-minded non-profit organizations, including Parent Club breed rescue groups.
- Offer a tax-deductible option to supporters and general dog lovers.
- Promote the human canine bond.
- Sponsor educational programs.

The HF programming consists of grant-making and support to charitable and educational activities, including:
- Breed Rescue Grants
- Grants to Domestic Violence Shelters
- Scholarships
- AKC Awards for Canine Excellence (ACE Awards)
- Funding the AKC Library

The AKC Humane Fund has distributed $1.3 M in funding for domestic violence shelters, disaster relief, rescue organizations, and scholarships since the organization was founded.

**FINANCE**
Ted Phillips, Chief Financial Officer, presented preliminary financial statements (unaudited) as of September 30, 2022.

**Unaudited Financial Results for the nine months ended September 30, 2022**
Net Operating Income is $18.8 million due to higher revenue and lower controllable expenses.

**REVENUES:**
Total Revenues of $80.4 million exceeded budget by 14%, led by online registrations.
Registration Fees total $33 million, exceeding the budget by 14%.
Recording & Event Service fees, Title Recognition, and Event Applications fees total $12.2 million, exceeding the budget by 9%.
Product & Service Sales total of $9.2 million are higher than budget by 13%.
Advertising, Sponsorship, and Royalties total $14.4 million, exceeding the budget by 15%.
EXPENSES:
Controllable Expenses total $53.6 million are lower than budget by $2.9 million or 5%.
Non-Controllable expenses were lower than budget by $862k or 10%.

Non-Financial Statistics as of September 30, 2022 Registrations
Registrations: 2022 YTD Litter Reg. 17% ahead of budget, 1% ahead of 2021 YTD.
2022 YTD Dog Reg. 14% ahead of budget, 9% lower than 2021 YTD.

Events and Entries
Compared to the same period in 2021, Events & Entries were up by 19% & 13%, respectively.

Review of IRS Form 990
The Board was notified of the details and filing of the 2021 IRS Form 990.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
Brandi Hunter Munden, Vice President, Communications, participated in this portion of the meeting.
Sheila Goffe, Vice President, Government Relations; Mari-Beth O’Neill, Vice President of Sports Services and Ashley Jacot, Director, Education, participated in this portion of the meeting via videoconference.

2023 and 2024 Delegate and Board Meetings
For planning purposes, meeting dates should be set as far in advance as possible. The Board approved the 2023 meeting dates in January 2020. The Board reviewed the 2023 meeting schedule and the proposed 2024 meeting schedule.

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

Following a motion by Mr. Tatro, seconded by Mr. Smyth, the Board VOTED unanimously to change the February Board meeting dates to February 13-14, 2023.

Following a motion by Mr. Smyth, seconded by Mr. Carota, the Board VOTED (in favor: Battaglia, Carota, Hamblin, Garvin, Powers, Smyth, Sweetwood, Tatro, Wallin; against: Davies, Knight; abstained: Biddle, McAteer) to change the May Board meeting date to May 5, 2023.

Group Designation Change for Kishu Ken
The Board reviewed a request submitted by the National Kishu Ken Club asking to change the group designation for this breed from Working to Hound based on the breed’s function.

The club has requested the change in group designation based on the breed’s function historically and in its modern use, hunting, particularly of boar, deer, bear, and other legal game and nongame animals.

This will be discussed further at the January 2023 meeting.
American Eskimo Dog Stud Book

Following a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Tatro, the Board VOTED (unanimously, Dr. Garvin abstaining) to consider the matter at this meeting, waiving the routine notice procedures.

Following a motion by Mr. Tatro, seconded by Mrs. Wallin, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to allow the American Eskimo Dog Club of America to ballot its members on the question of opening the stud book, in accordance with the AKC Board Policy on opening a Stud Book.

Chinook Stud Book
The Board reviewed a request from the Chinook Club of America to keep the Stud Book for the Breed Open. The Chinook Stud Book is scheduled to close on January 1, 2023.

Following a motion by Mrs. Wallin, seconded by Mr. Tatro, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to consider the matter at this meeting, waiving the routine notice procedures.

Following a motion by Mrs. Wallin, seconded by Mr. Powers, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to keep the Chinook Stud Book open until January 1, 2025.

AKC Communications Q3 2022 Report
The quarterly report highlights the achievements of the Communications department on behalf of the AKC.

TOTALS*:
Clips Evaluated in Q3: 5,852 (+23% from 4,754 in 2021)
Q3 Estimated Audience Reached: 13,196,474,696
Publicity Value for Q3: $17,295,134.50

* Numbers are independently monitored by Cision.

Highlights include:
Executed a PR plan to announce AKC’s 200th breed on July 6, 2022 including post-announcement media requests:
  • More than 900 organic media clips around the 200th breed announcement.
  • Satellite media tour results:
    o Total Placements: 24
    o Total Impressions: 1,074,762
  • Broadcast exclusive on Good Morning America.
  • Online exclusive with the Associated Press.
Ran the second annual My Canine & Me Award, garnering more than 70 nominations from across the country.

Promotion of The AKC Museum of the Dog which was featured on the show NYC-Arts on PBS’ affiliate channel, Thirteen.

More than 600 ACE nominations were reviewed, and winners were selected and notified.

AKC Communicates newsletter is distributed weekly with pertinent information and updates from the AKC and affiliates.


**AKC Education Q3 Review**

**Breed and Breeder Courses**
A total of 60 breed courses have been developed. The Scottish Terrier course was launched in Q3, four additional courses are complete and are in various stages of review (English Setter, Bergamasco, Pembroke Welsh Corgi, Shih Tzu), and two courses are under development (Ibizan Hound and Lhasa Apso).

Canine College is actively collaborating with Parent Clubs on the development of future breed courses for 2022/2023 to include but not limited to: Akita, Beagle, Bearded Collie, Biewer Terrier, Bracco Italiano, Canaan Dog, French Bulldog, Golden Retriever, Komondor, Leonberger, Manchester Terrier, Mudi, Old English Sheepdog, Puli, Russian Toy, and Spinone Italiano.

**Stewarding at the Dog Show**
Canine College is producing an eLearning series that will help bolster stewardship participation and provide critical educational resources for this crucial role.

Three complimentary eLearning modules to be developed in Q4 of 2022:
- Course 1: Stewardship 101
- Course 2: Preparing for the Ring
- Course 3: Running the Ring

The same will be developed for Rally and Obedience Stewards.

**Obedience Education**
Canine College is developing a series of 6 courses for Judge’s Education for the sport of Obedience.
- Course 1: Obedience Judges’ Getting Started – Development completed
- Course 2: General Regulations – Development completed
- Course 3: Judging Standards and Procedures – Development completed
- Course 4: Judging Novice Classes – Under development, acquiring course assets
- Course 5: Judging Open Classes – Storyboard complete, acquiring course assets
- Course 6: Judging Utility Classes – Storyboard complete, acquiring course assets

**Service Dog Pass Program**
In coordination with Government Relations, Canine College is working to develop a series of multimedia and eLearning components for a nationwide initiative to train SDP evaluators and employees on providing appropriate support and etiquette to service dog teams.

- Video 1: General Public/Promotional
- Video 2: Business-Centered
- Course 1: Understanding the Role of Service Dogs and Service Dog Pass
- Course 2: Service Dog Etiquette
- Course 3: Service Dog Pass for Evaluators
- Course 4: Service Dog Pass for Teams

**Public Education**
“Read with Bailey” is AKC Public Education’s newest initiative. These videos feature dog-themed children’s books and were created and read aloud by Public Education staff. Videos include images of the book and fun sound effects. Each video ends with a Public Education resource linked to the story. Some of those resources include dog breed fact sheets, information about safety around dogs, and resources in Spanish.

These read-aloud videos are helpful in the classroom in many ways. Teachers can access thousands of books that they may not be able to purchase or borrow from the library. They are provided important time to complete other tasks while “someone else” reads the book. It also allows students to see some of their favorite books “come to life” on the screen and learn about dogs and the importance of the human-canine bond. Videos are uploaded to the AKC YouTube channel, and videos will be released twice a month. Currently, there are four read-alouds uploaded to YouTube and combined; they have over 1,000 views and more than 50 likes.

**AKC Patch Program**
With AKC Meet the Breeds® in mind, the Public Education team revamped the AKC Patch Program to add a more hands-on approach for younger children. This included visiting booths to meet a breed from each of the seven groups and collecting stickers at the various sponsor booths by asking prompted questions to learn more about how to care for dogs. The older participants’ activities included meeting different breeds and answering questions on grooming level, activity level, and general appearance.

The goal is to make the AKC Patch Program more specific to the traveling AKC Meet the Breeds® educational tour and to improve their visual appeal and engagement level for children in attendance.
AKC Education Webinar Series
In Q3 of 2022, AKC Education hosted nine webinars for 711 participants, bringing the total number of participants to 57,371 since the Series began in 2018.

Those webinars include:
• “AKC DDTF Webinar Series: 9-12 Month Puppies, Getting Started Right for Detection Work.”
• “AKC Canine College FAQs.”
• “Judges Education Webinar: Sloughi.”
• “2022 AKC Education Webinar Series: A Live Panel Discussion with CHF.”
• “Show Chair Webinar Series: #2.”
• “Review and FAQs on Conformation Judging Procedures, Policies and Guidelines.”
• “AKC Obedience Classic Random Draw.”
• “2022 AKC Education Webinar Series: Sports Services.”

Government Relations Q3 2022 Update
Sheila Goffe highlighted active, priority legislative issues that AKC Government Relations (GR) is actively working on and a status update on current department activity, major projects, significant activities, and legislative successes.

To date this year, GR has monitored more than 2,200 pieces of legislation that could impact dog ownership, the well-being of dogs, or AKC events and operations. This includes positive as well as negative legislation. GR is also monitoring approximately 586 actively pending proposed regulation (administrative or implementing changes) at the state and federal level.

To date, AKC GR has released more than 220 geo-targeted legislative action alerts on important legislation asking club members to take action. The team has also provided official comment or written and/or in person testimony on approximately 200 measures, and published more than 65 blogs and published articles.

GR emphasizes collaborating with dog owners impacted by potential changes in dog laws to provide the tools and empower them to be successful grassroots advocates. GR communicates to dog owners, club members, lawmakers and the public via geo-targeted and online legislative alerts as well as Facebook/Twitter and other social media; The Taking Command (monthly advocacy) and In Session (policy) newsletters (https://www.akc.org/clubs-delegates/governmentrelations/newsletters/); blogs, Op Eds, as well as through direct one-on-one contact and outreach with club-based legislative liaisons. More details and resources are available online, at GR’s legislative action center, www.akcgr.org.

By volume, the most common types of bills monitored at the state level related to:
• Cruelty, including breeder regulations and restrictions (267)
• Working Dogs (226)
• Animal Control (207)
- Veterinary (121)
- Retail pet sales (99)
- Rescue/Shelters (97)
- Dogs in Public (87)
- Performance Events (83)

Legislator/Policymaker Conferences and Outreach Events:
Throughout the year, AKC sponsors educational booths, policy discussion and/or provides sponsorship at a series of legislator/policymaker conferences. These conferences host large numbers of lawmakers and provide a unique opportunity to raise awareness about AKC, speak one-on-one with policymakers, offer legislative/policy solutions and introduce model legislation. GR Staff participated in the following conferences/events in the third quarter of 2022:
- The National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) Annual Conference, Denver, Colorado. Once again, AKC was among the most-visited booths by the approximately 5,000 attendees. GR Staff met legislators and staff from around the country to discuss dogs and canine legislation.
- National Association of Counties 2022 Annual Conference, attended by nearly 2500 county officials from across the United States.
- American Legislative Exchange Council annual convention in Atlanta, GA.

The team also staffed exhibitor booths and provided one-on-one assistance at several dog events:
- Educational Booth: Tar Heel Labor Day dog show cluster, Raleigh, NC.
- Educational Booth: Houston World Series of Dog Shows, Houston, TX.

Constituent Education & Advocacy Training: GR provided 10 presentations on canine legislative/advocacy topics to clubs/federations, breeders, and the public.

The AKC National Detection Dog Conference was held in Durham, NC, in August. This year’s emphasis was practical information and networking opportunities to bring together breeders, puppy raisers, trainers, and other key industry players.

GR is planning for a national legislative conference which it will host January 21-22, 2023, in Raleigh, NC.

American Service Dog Access Coalition: American Airlines is currently beta-testing SDP technology and programming. Additional updates and announcements will be forthcoming.

Information on specific legislative alerts, legislative successes, and accomplishments was also provided.
CLUBS

Delegates and Member Clubs

The Board reviewed a report on the prospective Delegate credentials to be published in two issues of the AKC Gazette, requests for AKC membership applications, information on Member Club Bylaws approved, and clubs newly licensed.

REPORT ON MEMBER CLUB BYLAWS APPROVED IN SEPTEMBER and OCTOBER

American Cesky Terrier Fanciers Association (2021)
Central Ohio Kennel Club, Franklin County, OH (1949)
Oakland Dog Training Club, Oakland, CA (1956)

REPORT ON NEWLY LICENSED CLUBS APPROVED IN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

NorCal Miniature Bull Terrier Club, greater San Francisco Bay, CA (including communities north to Windsor, south to San Jose, east to West Sacramento/Stockton), 37 households, 15 local.
Sleeping Giant Agility Club of Connecticut, greater Hamden, CT (including communities north to Meriden), 25 households, 16 local.
Triangle Agility Group Club of North Carolina, Raleigh, NC (including communities of Cary, Chapel Hill, Moncure, and Wendell), 27 households, 15 local.
Wirehaired Vizsla Club of America, 41 total households (14 households in 19 states west of the Mississippi River; 27 households in 16 states east of the Mississippi River.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

COMPANION and PERFORMANCE

Doug Ljungren, Executive Vice President, Sports & Events; Caroline Murphy, Director, Performance Events; Carrie DeYoung, Director of Agility; and Diane Schultz, Director of Obedience, Rally and Tracking, participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

Rally Choice – New Rally Class for All Exhibitors

The Board reviewed a recommendation to modify the Rally Regulations to add a new optional titling class named Rally Choice (RC). The course will be the same as the Master course without the jump. All Rally signs, except jumps and the stay sign, may be used to design the course. The course will be judged with the dog off-leash. All dogs will be eligible to enter this class and may continue to compete indefinitely. To earn the RC title, the dog must receive ten qualifying scores under at least two different judges. A numeric designation will indicate the number of times the dog
has met the RC title requirements, i.e., RC2, RC3, etc. Clubs will be required to offer this class. Following a motion by Dr. Battaglia, seconded by Dr. Garvin, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to modify the Rally Regulations to allow the addition of a new optional titling class named Rally Choice, in which all dogs will be eligible to enter and compete indefinitely. All Rally signs, except jump and stay signs, may be used to design the course. The course will be judged with the dog off-leash.

Clubs may start applying for the Rally Choice class on or after April 3, 2023; and events may start holding the Rally Choice class on or after June 29, 2023.

RALLY REGULATIONS

CHAPTER 1
GENERAL REGULATIONS
Section 2. Premium Lists, Entries, Closing of Entries and Catalog Order.
A catalog must be provided for sanctioned “A” licensed or member trials. The jump heights in the catalog for the Rally Advanced, Rally Excellent and Master classes will be arranged in either ascending or descending order. The catalog must be prepared in the following class order, regardless of the order in which the classes are listed in the judging program.
• Novice A
• Novice B
• Intermediate
• Advanced A
• Advanced B
• Excellent A
• Excellent B
• Master
• Choice
• Any non-regular classes offered

CHAPTER 1
GENERAL REGULATIONS
Section 3. Rally Classes Offered. A licensed or member rally trial need not include all the regular rally classes, but a club will not be approved to hold the Intermediate class unless it also holds Novice classes. Likewise, it will not be approved to hold Advanced classes unless it also holds Novice and Intermediate classes. Nor will it be approved to hold Excellent classes unless it also holds Novice, Intermediate, Advanced, Master, and Choice classes, except at Special Event Rally Trials (see Chapter 1, Section 1a-2). Whenever classes are divided into Divisions A and B, both divisions must be offered, except at Special Event Rally Trials (see Chapter 1, Section 1a-2).
CHAPTER 1
GENERAL REGULATIONS
Section 23. Judging Assignments, Scheduling and Judging Program.
To facilitate a more efficient trial it is strongly recommended that clubs assign the A and B classes of the same title level, to the same judge. The order in which classes are scheduled each day may vary, e.g., Master or Choice, Excellent, Advanced, Intermediate then Novice or Novice, Intermediate, Advanced, Excellent, then Master or Choice.

CHAPTER 3
CLASSES AND TITLES
Section 18. Rally Choice Class. All dogs are eligible to enter this class and may continue to compete indefinitely. There are no jumps in this class and all signs are judged off leash. Verbal encouragement, multiple commands, and/or inaudible signals using one or both arms and hands are allowed; the handler's arms need not be maintained in any particular position at any time. Penalties will be assessed for handlers clapping their hands, patting their legs, touching the dog or any physical corrections. Failure of the dog and handler to perform the sign correctly on the first attempt will result in a ten-point deduction for an incorrectly performed (IP) sign, and the handler should move along without attempting a retry. For additional scoring information, please reference Chapter 2, Section 30. Scoring.
The Choice course will have 15 to 20 signs (Start and Finish not included) with a minimum of three and a maximum of seven stationary signs. Courses will have a minimum of four Master level signs, a minimum of three Excellent level signs, and a minimum of three Advanced level signs. When this class is being judged by the same person judging the Master class, the course will be the same except the jump will be replaced with any other class sign.

Section 19. Rally Choice Class Title. The letters RC may be added after the name of each dog that has been certified by at least two different judges to have received qualifying scores in the Choice class at ten licensed or member rally trials. That dog will receive a Rally Choice certificate from the AKC. The letters RC will be followed by a numeric designation indicating the number of times a dog has met the requirements of the RC title as defined in these Regulations. (RC2 for 20 qualifying scores, RC3 for 30 qualifying scores, RC4 for 40 qualifying scores, etc.)

CHAPTER 5
AKC RALLY® NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
Section 1. Rally National Championship Defined. A Rally National Championship shall be held annually at a time and location as determined by the American Kennel Club. The Rally National Championship shall consist of a Championship class which shall be comprised of a varied combination of upper-level class challenges, all of which may be modified. The event may also include competition at the Novice, Intermediate, Advanced, Excellent, Master and Choice class levels as determined by the AKC.

CHAPTER 6
NON-REGULAR CLASSES
Section 1. Rally Pairs Class. Rally Pairs class consists of a handler working two dogs at one time
through a rally course. Any of the class levels listed in Chapter 3 may be offered. The courses will be designed as stated, except there will not be any jumps in any class levels in the Pairs class. A club may offer any non-regular class levels without having to offer all levels and all dogs are eligible to enter any class level. Scores will be based on a possible 200 points, with ties being broken by time.

CHAPTER 2
RALLY JUDGES’ GUIDELINES COURSE DESIGN
Section 1. Course Design and Setting the Course.
The first course of the day should be nested with multiple signs per holder, for the following class levels, to allow for an efficient and easy course change between levels. The Intermediate course is the same as the Advanced course without the jump. The Master course must include one of the Master jump signs, 301, 302 or 303. The Choice course is the same as the Master course without the jump.

Jump Equipment Changes – Obedience and Rally
The Board reviewed a recommendation to modify the Obedience Regulations to allow clubs the option of using 4-foot-wide jumps and to modify the Obedience and Rally Regulations to transition to high jump panels that are displaceable. If approved, Host clubs will have until July 1, 2024, to transition to high jumps with displaceable panels.

This will be discussed further at the January 2023 meeting.

AKC Regional Competitions – National Obedience Championship
The Board reviewed a recommendation to modify the Obedience Regulations to allow the redistribution of states to host a regional qualifying event for the National Obedience Championship (NOC) in two specific regions. This modification aims to increase the availability of clubs to host qualifying events in Regions 2 and 10.

The recommendation is to modify the Obedience Regulations to move New York from Region 1 to Region 2 and to move Minnesota from Region 6 to Region 10.

This will be discussed further at the January 2023 meeting.

International Sweepstakes Class Updates
The Board reviewed recommendations to realign the AKC Agility Non-Regular International Sweepstakes Class with the updates of Fédération Cynologique International (FCI) Agility Rules which will go into effect on January 1, 2023.

The International Sweepstakes Class was designed to offer classes where exhibitors could demonstrate their advanced training and handling skills on international-style courses. Every five years, the FCI Agility Commission reviews the rules and guidelines for Agility, and the changes affect all countries that have teams that compete at the FCI Agility World Championship, FCI European Open, and FCI Junior Open Agility World Championship. Those changes directly impact
the AKC International Sweepstakes Class (ISC) because the class is based on the FCI Agility Program.

This will be discussed further at the January 2023 meeting.

**Employee Participation in AKC Sports**
Based on a request of the Board in October, the Staff reviewed the Employee Participation in AKC Sports policy and recommended a policy modification to allow for the highest title in each sport to be earned in three sports – Lure Coursing, Earthdog and Agility.

This will be discussed further at the January 2023 meeting.

**Cane Corso Request to Participate in Herding**
The Board reviewed a request from the Cane Corso Association of America (CCAA) asking for Cane Corsos to be allowed to participate in AKC Herding events.

AKC Performance Events are designed to test how well a dog can perform the historical function for which the breed was developed, which is an important consideration when making breeding decisions. Accordingly, participation in the AKC Herding Program is only open to specific breeds.

Following a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mrs. Wallin, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to consider the matter at this meeting, waiving the normal notice procedures.

Following a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Sweetwood, the Board VOTED unanimously not to allow the Cane Corso breed to participate in Herding.

**AKC Trick Dog – Elite Performer Virtual Competition**
The Board reviewed a memo on the results of the fourth national AKC Trick Dog Elite Performer Virtual Competition that was judged in September 2022. Implemented as part of the AKC Family Dog Program, Elite Performer is the most advanced level of AKC Trick Dog and requires dog owners to put together a routine using advanced tricks. This virtual competition gives Elite Performers from across the country an opportunity to showcase their trick dog routines.

This year’s 2022 competition was the largest one to date, with 151 competitors from 35 states and Canada.

In 2021, a Junior Division was added. This year, 50 Juniors entered the competition. They were grouped by age, including nine and under, 10 to 13, and 14 to 17.

**CONFORMATION**
Doug Ljungren, Executive Vice President, Sports & Events; Tim Thomas, Vice President of Conformation; Alan Slay, Director, Event Programs; and Glenn Lycan, Director, Event Operations Support, participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.
**AKC Certified Ring Steward**
The Board reviewed a recommendation to establish an AKC Certified Ring Steward Program to coincide with the Stewarding Courses currently in development by the AKC Education Department.

Aware of the need for resources to educate interested individuals on the fundamentals of stewarding, Staff placed on its project list the development of a Canine College course on ring stewarding. Recognizing the increasing concerns of clubs, Mr. Dennis Sprung directed Staff to prioritize the development of the Stewarding Courses with the goal of a Q4 2022 launch.

To be listed as an “AKC Certified Ring Steward,” one would be required to (1) complete the online course, (2) complete at least three stewarding assignments after the course (no less than two as a solo steward), (3) submit a form to the AKC, and (4) be in good standing with the AKC.

Information on the AKC Certified Ring Steward Program would be posted on the AKC website and communicated to the fancy and licensed and member clubs. A link to information on the program will also be added to the end of the Stewarding 101 Course in AKC Canine College.

Following a motion by Mr. Hamblin, seconded by Mrs. Wallin, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to consider the matter at this meeting, waiving the normal notice procedures.

Following a motion by Mr. Smyth, seconded by Mrs. Wallin the Board VOTED (unanimously) to Board approve the adoption of the AKC Certified Steward Program. The effective date will coincide with the launch of the Stewarding 101 Course.

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

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

**Mandatory Ramp Examination – Kerry Blue Terrier**
The United States Kerry Blue Terrier Club (“USKBTC”) has requested that the Board of Directors mandate the use of a ramp for all examinations of the breed including during group and Best in Show judging. Currently, Kerry Blue Terriers may be judged either on the ground or the ramp at the discretion of the judge. A similar request was submitted by the USKBT in 2021 which was eventually denied by the Board at its May 2022 meeting based on the club’s method for polling its membership.

Following a motion by Dr. Battaglia, seconded by Mr. Powers, the Board VOTED (in favor: Battaglia, Biddle, Carota, Davies, Hamblin, Knight, McAteer, Powers, Smyth, Sweetwood; against: Tatro, Wallin; abstained: Garvin) to consider the matter at this meeting, waiving the normal notice procedures.
Following a motion by Dr. Battaglia, seconded by Mr. Hamblin the Board VOTED (unanimously) to add the Kerry Blue Terrier to the list of breeds required to be judged on the ramp through all levels of Conformation competition.

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

**Adding New Penalty for the Offense of Abuse of Authority by Club Official**
The Board reviewed a recommendation from the Staff Event Committee to add a new penalty to the AKC Discipline Guidelines relating to conduct.

Following a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Dr. Garvin, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to add a new penalty, “Abuse of authority as a club official”, to the AKC Discipline Guidelines with the following ranges and definition of a club official:

VII. Disorderly Conduct (suspension of event privileges)
h. Abuse of authority as a club official
Mitigated: one month/$200
Standard: three months/$500
Aggravated: Up to one year/$1,000

Definitions of Offenses
Club Official: Any person acting on behalf of the club in a position of authority or influence in the administration, management, or organization of the club’s event.

These changes are effective December 1, 2022.

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

**BUSINESS INTELLIGENCE**
Kassandra McCombe, Chuck Bettini, Seth Fera-Schanes and Mark Dunn participated in this portion of the meeting.

**Estimate Age of AKC Judges Over Time**
It is well known that AKC Judges are paramount to the health and longevity of our AKC Sports. Staff conducted and presented an analysis seeking to objectively review the growth of approved, new, and retiring AKC Judges over the past twelve years (2010-2021) and to append modeled age data to assess claims of changing age demographics in the population(s). Since 2010, the number of approved judges (across all disciplines) has increased from ~10,650 to a high of ~13,800 judges in 2021, a 12-year growth rate of 29%. The average age of approved judges is currently 61.1 years and has gradually increased since 2010. The average age of new judges is currently 50.3 years and appears to be stable over time. Conversely, the average age of retiring judges exhibits an upward aging trend. Critical insights by sport were provided.
Key findings from this analysis regarding the age of judges include:

- Conformation Judges are consistently the oldest population of judges, followed by Obedience and Rally.
- Hunt Tests Judges exhibit the youngest average age.
- The overall judging population exhibits a linear aging of 0.62 years (~7.5 months) annually.
- Individuals continue to enter the AKC judging population around the age of 50.
- Individuals are retiring from judging at a later age.

Key findings from this analysis regarding the health of judging populations include:

- The AKC judging population is continuing to grow.
- The rate of growth is declining.
- Sports should be monitored for growing disparities between the number of approved judges and the number of events.

**AKC Corporate Project Roadmap Review**

The American Kennel Club Staff uses a corporate roadmap to prioritize projects across departments. This leads to staff objectives for the business year and beyond. The roadmap serves multiple purposes, including understanding cross-team dependencies, highlighting the status of projects, ensuring transparency, and optimizing decision-making, and helps to correlate the roadmap with objectives and budgets.

The AKC Board of Directors has asked for roadmap status updates. Seth Fera-Schanes presented the third and final update of the year. A sample of work completed and work in progress in the third quarter was reviewed, including:

- Virtual Home Manners (TAP)
- Dog Grooming Institute and Master Groomer launched
- Outbound Dialer (CRM)
- Digital Library
- One Group of Automated Letters Companion Events (CMS)
- Photo Uploader (Marketplace)
- Shop Phase II
- Breed Info Tool (ARGOS) Phase II
- AKC Judge Demographics (3rd Party Datasets)
- Humane Fund Conversion
- Storage Encryption
- Intrusion Detection System
- Active Directory Auditor - ZOHO

**REGISTRATION DEVELOPMENT**

Mark Dunn, Executive Vice President, participated in this portion of the meeting.
**Signatures Required for Semen Transfer**
AKC Staff and the AKC Purebred Preservation Bank Workgroup recommend that AKC Procedures for Registration Matters Chapter XI. Artificial Insemination, Section C, #4, be revised to align with AKC policy related to using a stud dog in AKC litters. This change will make it easier for semen to either be used today or preserved for future generations.

This will be discussed further at the January 2023 meeting.

**MARKETING**
Kirsten Bahlke, Vice President of Marketing and Melissa Olund, Director of Digital Marketing, participated in this portion of the meeting.

**Q3 2022 Social Media Update**
Highlights of our social media strategy in Q3 2022 included the promotion of the AKC Agility Premier Cup (ESPN), AKC Rally and Obedience National Championships, Queen Elizabeth II remembrance, and the early leadup to the broadcast of AKC Fastest Dogs USA (ESPN).

**Q3 2022 TOTALS:**
Facebook: 4,111,550 followers
Instagram: 413,870 followers
Twitter: 100,277 followers
TikTok: 217,825 followers
Pinterest: 66,268 followers
Total*: 4,909,790 followers
7.5% total follower increase YOY
2% total follower increase vs. Q2 2022

**Q3 2022 Review of AKC Digital Performance**
- AKC.org traffic is normalizing from pandemic highs but is holding a significant portion of the gains due largely to the successful Expert Advice section, the top section in bringing organic traffic to our site.
- Marketplace continues to attract breeders, with the opt-in percentage at an all-time high.
- For AKC Shop traffic, Q3 page views, sessions and users are all above Q3 2021.
- Email marketing staff sent almost 50 million emails in Q3 of 2022 amplifying the content produced by the marketing content team, communicating with core constituents, fulfilling ad sales requests, and more.

The Board adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

The Board Meeting reconvened on Tuesday, November 8, at 8:30 a.m. All Directors were present in the New York office. The Executive Secretary was also present.
MEDIA AND SALES
Q3 Report – Mid-Year Report on Media and Sales Activities

AKC BROADCASTING ACTIVITIES
The AKC’s over-the-top video network, AKC.tv, has experienced growth in plays across all platforms, including Web plays on AKC.tv via desktop or mobile (800K), AKC.tv app plays (over 600K) and plays on AKC.org via our digital content matching system (over 66M). The channel continues to grow in reach as well as in the breadth and scope of the content. We recently launched the updated AKC.tv mobile and tv app, available on iOS (iPhone), Android, Apple TV, Roku, and Amazon Fire TV. The updated app includes many upgrades, including improved user experience and design, a future events calendar, the ability to mark a video as a favorite, and a “continue watching” feature on the home screen.

AKC’s Dog Sports programming on ESPN continued to deliver new audiences to AKC Sports across demographics, with two premieres of Companion Events competitions since our last update. The third annual AKC Fastest Dogs USA event was filmed on September 16, 2022 in Kannapolis, NC, at Atrium Health Ballpark, a $52 million state-of-the-art facility. AKC Fastest Dogs USA’s premiere was moved from ESPN to the ABC Network, AKC’s third show on ABC thus far in 2022. ESPN’s social media team took note of the show, posting a video clip across several ESPN social media accounts that went viral, resulting in over 75 million video views.

AKC continued to work with North American Flyball Association (NAFA) to produce the Flyball CanAm Classic for broadcast, premiering on ESPN2 on October 23, 2022. AKC.tv also supported the CanAm Classic by livestreaming all early races across three days of competition and introducing AKC.tv to a new audience.

For the balance of this calendar year, AKC will produce the following four events:

- AKC Disc Dog Challenge
- Dynamic K-9 Duos
- AKC Canine Heroes
- AKC Agility Invitational

The broadcast and distribution of AKC programming on both ABC and ESPN Networks has achieved vital advancement and promotion of AKC’s mission through commercials, signage, branding and custom content in our shows. Year to date, AKC has achieved 172 hours of airtime, compared to 92 hours in the same period last year.

CONSENT
Following a motion by Mr. Sweetwood, seconded by Mr. Powers, it was VOTED (unanimously) to approve the following Consent items:

Neutered Dogs and Spayed Bitches in Non-Regular Classes
The Board reviewed a recommendation from the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee (DSRC) to
modify Chapter 11, Section 8, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* to allow dogs that have been neutered or spayed to compete in nonregular classes at independent specialties or All-Breed dog shows that do not offer competition beyond Best of Breed.

The Board VOTED to approve a recommendation by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee to modify Chapter 11, Section 8 of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* to permit neutered dogs and spayed bitches to compete in all single-entry nonregular classes at independent specialties and/or those All-Breed shows which do not offer any competitive classes beyond Best of Breed; and to correspondingly amend Chapter 6, Section 2 of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* to add verbiage to be clear that it must be stated in the premium list if neutered or spayed entrants are permitted to compete in the non-regular classes.

**CHAPTER 11**

**Section 8.** A dog which is blind, deaf, castrated, spayed, or which has been changed in appearance by artificial means except as specified in the standard for its breed, or a male which does not have two normal testicles normally located in the scrotum, may not compete at any show and will be disqualified except that a castrated male may be entered as Stud Dog in the Stud Dog Class and a spayed bitch may be entered as Brood Bitch in the Brood Bitch Class. A dog will not be considered to have been changed by artificial means because of removal of dewclaws or docking of tail if it is of a breed in which such removal or docking is a regularly approved practice which is not contrary to the standard.

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

*The remainder of this section is unchanged.*

**CHAPTER 6**

**Section 2.**

*Previous portions of this section are unchanged*

- the name and address of the superintendent and/or show secretary who has been approved by The American Kennel Club
- the entry fee(s)
- whether the show is benched or unbenched
- the exact location of the show
- the date or dates on which it is to be held
- the times of opening and closing of the show

Notification must be printed in the Premium List only if the club is not offering the three-point major to the Reserve Winners at the National Specialty.

*Notification must be printed in the Premium List for independent specialties and/or all-breed shows which do not offer any competitive classes beyond Best of Breed only if neutered dogs and*...
spayed bitches are allowed to compete in Veterans and/or any other single entry non-regular classes.

All-Breed Conformation events whose entries are limited must have a defined date and time for the opening of entries that is to be prominently displayed in the premium list. For these events, the premium list is required to be published at least 72 hours prior to the acceptance of entries.

These proposed rule changes will be read to the Delegates in December for a VOTE at the March 2023 Delegate Meeting.

Show Secretaries – Rules Applying to Dog Shows
The Board VOTED to approve recommendations by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee (DSRC) to modify various sections of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows concerning show secretaries, to bring applicable rules in alignment with the expected and historically accepted responsibilities of show secretaries.

The sections of the Rules impacted are:
- Chapter 6, Section 2
- Chapter 6, Section 2A
- Chapter 7, Section 6
- Chapter 7, Section 7
- Chapter 7, Section 9
- Chapter 7, Section 13
- Chapter 7, Section 17
- Chapter 9, Section 10
- Chapter 11, Section 6

These proposed rule changes will be read to the Delegates in December for a VOTE at the March 2023 Delegate Meeting.

Show Veterinarians – Rules Applying to Dog Shows, Chapter 8 and Chapter 10, Section 2
The Board VOTED to modify Chapter 8 and Chapter 10, Section 2.

The modification to Chapter 8 will insert content from the deleted Chapter 9, Section 3, addressing the event committee’s responsibility to complete arrangements with a veterinarian to service its show either in attendance or on call.

It also replaces “Obedience Trial or Tracking Test” with “Companion Event” per the recommendation of the Companion Events Committee.

The changes to Chapter 10, Section 2 delete verbiage related to the duty of the club, which is proposed to be inserted into Chapter 8 in a corresponding recommendation and replace “On Call” veterinarian with Show Veterinarian clarifying whether in attendance or on call, the Show Veterinarian must be available to treat dogs during the show hours.
These proposed rule changes will be read to the Delegates in December for a VOTE at the March 2023 Delegate Meeting.

**Spanish Water Dog Proposed Breed Standard Revision**
The Board VOTED to approve the Spanish Water Dog breed standard as approved by the Spanish Water Dog Club of America with an effective date of February 1, 2023. See addendum A.

**Brussels Griffon Proposed Breed Standard Revision**
The American Brussels Griffon Association, (ABGA), has submitted the following proposed revision to the Tail section of the breed standard; the proposed revision includes a description of an undocked tail. The current Brussels Griffon Standard was approved on September 11, 1990.

The Board VOTED to approve the Brussels Griffon breed standard as approved by the ABGA with an effective date of February 1, 2023.

Tail - Tail set and held high. If docked, it is docked to 1/3. If undocked, the tail is carried upwards with the tip towards the back without ever reaching the back or being curled. This is a gracefully held saber type tail.

**English Springer Spaniel Proposed Breed Standard Revision**
The English Springer Field Trial Association, (ESSFTA), has submitted proposed revisions to the breed standard, specifically to include an undocked tail. The Board VOTED to approve the ESSFTA to ballot its members on the proposed revisions to the breed standard in accordance with the club’s Constitution and Bylaws.

**Retriever Field Trials – No Local Trials During the Two National Championship Trials**
The Board VOTED to add a provision to the Retriever Field Trial Rules that prohibits local Retriever Field Trials that award championship points from being held during the National Retriever Championship and the National Amateur Retriever Championship. This provision does not prohibit events holding a derby stake, qualifying stake, or an owner-handler qualifying stake.

This proposed rule change will be read to the Delegates in December for a VOTE at the March 2023 Delegate Meeting.

*Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Retrievers*
*Chapter 14*
*Rules for Retriever Trials*
*Section 11. Number of Trials/Stakes.*
*New paragraph 7*
Local Trials Held During National Championships. No local Retriever Field Trials that award championship points will be allowed during the running of the National Retriever Championship Trial or the National Amateur Retriever Championship Trial.
**Pointing Breed Hunting Tests – Allow Clubs to Hold an Amateur Walking Puppy Stake in Conjunction with Their Hunting Test**

The Board VOTED to allow Pointing Breed Hunting Test clubs the option to hold an Amateur Walking Puppy field trial stake in conjunction with their hunting test. This is a change to the *Regulations for AKC® Hunting Tests for Pointing Breeds* and will become effective February 1, 2023.

**Chapter 1. General Regulations**

*(New)*

**Section 3B. Amateur Walking Puppy Stake.** Clubs licensed to hold Pointing Breed Hunting Tests may, at their option, offer an Amateur Walking Puppy Stake to be held in conjunction with their hunting test. The AWP Stake is a field trial stake and is to be judged to the same standard of performance as if the stake were held at a field trial. Birds may, but are not required, to be released in an AWP stake. Dogs eligible to participate in an AWP stake must be 6 months of age and under 15 months of age on the day of the hunting test.

**Standard of Performance for an Amateur Walking Puppy Stake.**

Puppies must show a desire to hunt, boldness, and initiative in covering ground and in searching likely cover. They should indicate the presence of game if the opportunity is presented. Puppies should not be given additional credit to pointing staunchly. Puppies should show reasonable obedience to their handler’s commands. Each dog shall be judged on its actual performance as indicating its future as a high-class bird dog. The premium list shall state whether or not blanks are to be fired in an AWP stake. If blanks are to be fired, every dog that makes game contact shall be fired over if the handler is within reasonable gun range. At least 15 minutes and not more than 30 minutes shall be allowed for each brace. Championship points will be withheld if a dog has not run for the required time.

The following provisions apply to an AWP stake held in conjunction with a Pointing Breed hunting test.

1. If judges at the hunting test are riding ATVs/UTVs, the judges of an AWP stake are allowed to ride ATVs/UTVs.
2. Individuals approved to judge PBHTs are allowed to judge an AWP stake held in conjunction with a PBHT.
3. If birds are not released for every brace in the AWP stake, the AWP course may not include a bird field.
4. The AWP stake is run under the PBHT event application. (No field trial application is required.)
5. Clubs licensed to hold PBHTs that apply to hold an AWP stake in conjunction with their hunting test will automatically be assigned their license to hold Pointing Breed field trials by the Performance Events Department.
6. The conflict mileage restriction between similar events will not apply to an AWP stake held at a hunt test and a field trial for Pointing Breeds.
**Obedience Optional Titling Classes – Reduced Jump Heights**

The Board VOTED to modify the *Obedience Regulations* optional titling classes (Graduate Novice, Graduate Open and Versatility) minimum jump height requirement to half the height of the dog at the withers as stated in the Preferred Open & Preferred Utility Jump Height Table.

This change to the *Obedience Regulations* will become effective on December 1, 2022.

**OBEDIENCE REGULATIONS**

**CHAPTER 1**

**GENERAL REGULATIONS**

Section 4. Obedience Classes Offered. Regular classes are the traditional standard titling obedience classes. Preferred classes offer alternative titling opportunities without a group exercise and have reduced jump heights. Optional titling classes offer a variety of intermediate and standard exercises and allow reduced jump heights. Non-regular classes are not titling classes; they provide an opportunity for dogs and handlers to hone their skills and gain ring time.

**CHAPTER 17**

**GRADUATE NOVICE OPTIONAL TITLING CLASS**

Section 1. Graduate Novice Class. The Graduate Novice class is an optional titling class for all dogs. The minimum required jump height for dogs in this class is half the height of the dog at the withers as stated in Appendix B, Preferred & Optional Titling Classes Jump Height Table. This class may be offered by clubs at obedience events. The owner or any other person may handle dogs in this class. A person may enter more than one dog in this class.

**CHAPTER 18**

**GRADUATE OPEN OPTIONAL TITLING CLASS**

Section 1. Graduate Open Class. The Graduate Open class is an optional titling class for all dogs. The minimum required jump height for dogs in this class is half the height of the dog at the withers as stated in Appendix B, Preferred & Optional Titling Classes Jump Height Table. This class may be offered by clubs at obedience events. The owner or any other person may handle dogs in this class.

**CHAPTER 19**

**VERSATILITY OPTIONAL TITLING CLASS**

Section 1. Versatility Class. The Versatility class is an optional titling class for all dogs. The minimum required jump height for dogs in this class is half the height of the dog at the withers as stated in Appendix B, Preferred & Optional Titling Classes Jump Height Table. This class may be offered by clubs at obedience events. The owner or any other person may handle dogs in this class. A person may enter more than one dog in this class.

**Agility Updates – Standard Course Times and Course Design Flexibility**

The Board VOTED to approve changes to the *Regulations for AKC Agility Trials and Agility Course Test (ACT)* to increase the standard course times for smaller dogs, save judges time in measuring
the courses, and making changes to equipment and judging procedures that will provide added course design flexibility in the Premier classes.

1. Chapter 4, Section 7 – Allow Judges to only wheel for distance 1 time in Novice Standard & Jumpers with Weaves
2. Chapter 11, Section 3 – Remove the judging of runouts from the Premier Classes
3. Chapter 11, Section 3 – Increase course time for 8 Inch Regular & 4 Inch Preferred heights in Premier Standard
4. Chapter 11, Section 4 – Reduced number of required spread jumps to 1 from 2.
5. Chapter 11, Section 4 – Allow use of bi-directional weave pole challenge.

These changes will become effective January 2, 2023.

**Agility Field Representatives' Participation in the Sport**
The Board VOTED to approve a recommendation from the Agility Advisory Committee to allow Agility Field Representatives to participate in AKC Agility events under certain conditions.

The conditions that would apply to participation by the Agility Field Reps, a member of their household, or any dog they own or co-own are:
A. A field rep may not participate at an event they are attending as a representative of the AKC.
B. No field rep may participate under a provisional judge.
C. A field rep may not participate under a fully approved judge during the three months prior to a scheduled judge observation or the three months following having officially observed the judge.
D. A field rep may not participate if the field rep has reviewed the course design for any class at the event.
E. Field reps may not participate in the AKC Agility National Championship, AKC Agility Invitational or any special AKC Agility event.
F. The Director of Agility may not participate in an AKC Agility trial.
G. Dogs owned or co-owned by Agility Field Reps are subject to the same title limitations that apply to all AKC employees and their household members. For Agility, this means a dog may participate up the point where it has earned the Agility Grand Champion title (AGCH1).

This change to the policy will become effective January 1, 2023.

**Member Club Bylaws – Allow the addition of Juniors to the Clubs Bylaws**
The Board VOTED to permit existing clubs to add “Junior” as a membership option to their club Bylaws without AKC reviewing and approving each club's Bylaws.

The Board will receive notice from Club Relations of the clubs that have added “Junior membership” as a membership option in their Bylaws.

The definition for a Junior Membership is from the Glossary of the “Sample Constitution and Bylaws for Parent Club.”

“Junior – open to children under 18 years of age; a non-voting/non-office holding membership which may automatically convert to regular membership at age 18.”
Delegates Approved
 Connie Brown
 To represent Ventura County Dog Fanciers Association

Diane M. Conyers
 To represent Portuguese Podengo Pequenos of America

Penny DiSiena
 To represent Greater Ocala Dog Club

Jean W. Durdin
 To represent Baytown Kennel Club

Theresa Goiffon
 To represent Cambridge Minnesota Kennel Club

Sally Green
 To represent Terre Haute Kennel Club

Gary Griffin
 To represent Samoyed Club of America

Jennifer Martin
 To represent Weimaraner Club of America

Richard E. Nance
 To represent Abilene Kennel Club

Barbara Reisinger
 To represent Scottsdale Dog Fanciers Association

Cindy Stansell
 To represent Grand River Kennel Club

Theresa Wilson
 To represent Columbia Missouri Kennel Cub

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

It was VOTED to adjourn Tuesday, October 11, 2022, at 12:22 p.m. Eastern Time.
 Adjourned
 Attest: ________________________________
 Gina M. DiNardo, Executive Secretary
Addendum A

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The length of the back comes from the length of the ribcage, not from that of the loin. Chest is broad and well let down, reaching at least the elbows. Ratio of depth of chest to height at withers is 50 percent of the height. Ribs are oval and well sprung. Tuck-up is slight. Back is straight and powerful. **Tail** is set smoothly into the croup at medium height. Tail is traditionally docked between the second and fourth vertebra. Today, docked, natural bobtails of varying lengths, and full tails are all equally acceptable.

Forequarters: Shoulders are well-muscled and well laid back and approximately the same length as the upper arm. The upper arm and scapula form approximately a 90-degree angle. Elbows are close to the chest and turn neither in nor out. Legs are straight, and strong with moderate bone. Pasterns are strong and flexible. Front dewclaws may be removed. Feet are round and compact. Toes are tight and well arched.

Hindquarters: The hindquarters give an impression of strength and energetic impulsion. Angulation is in balance with the front. Upper thigh is well muscled. Stifle is well bent. Second thigh is well developed. Hock joint is well let down. Rear pastern is short and perpendicular to the ground. Dewclaws if present are to be removed. Feet are as the front.

Color: The Spanish Water Dog may be solid (in its various shades of black, brown, beige, or white), Irish-marked or parti-color where the second color is white. Disqualification - Tricolor, tan-point, or parti-color where the second color is not white.

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