American Kennel Club, Inc.
MEETING of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AKC Offices at 101 Park Avenue, New York, NY
February 13-14, 2023

The Board convened on Monday, February 13, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. Eastern Time.

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

The January 9-10, 2023, Board Meeting minutes, copies provided to all Directors, were reviewed.

Upon a motion by Dr. Battaglia, seconded by Mrs. Wallin, the January 2023 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 ended the year 2022 with the highest number of events and entries in the history of the American Kennel Club. There were 25,178 events held, with 3,549,472 entries.

Registration remains strong, with Litters and Dogs exceeding planned results.

Due to the quality work by many departments, including Sponsorships and Broadcasting, Education, PR, GR, and IT, we continue to experience positive financials and quality results across the corporation.

Mr. Sprung noted that his quarterly AKC affiliates meeting was held. There were positive reports from AKC Reunite, the AKC Museum of the Dog, and the AKC Canine Health Foundation on the excellent attendance and potential sponsorship opportunities resulting from attending the AKC Meet the Breeds extravaganza at the Javits Center on January 28th and 29th. AKC Meet the Breeds was a success, with over 135 breeds represented. The Parent Clubs have embraced this opportunity to educate the public on the right breed choice for their lifestyle and responsible breeding/ownership.

Legal Update
The Board reviewed the Legal Department update as of January 2023.

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

FINANCE
Ted Phillips, Chief Financial Officer, presented preliminary financial statements (unaudited) as of November 30, 2022.
Unaudited Financial Results for the 11 months ended November 30, 2022
Net Operating Income is $21.1 million due to higher revenue and lower controllable expenses.

REVENUES:
Total Revenues of $106.6 million exceeded budget by 12%, led by online registrations.
Registration Fees total $42.2 million, exceeding the budget by 12%.
Recording & Event Service, Title Recognition and Event Application fees total $16.8 million, exceeding the budget by 9%.
Product & Service Sales total of $12.7 million are higher than budget by 5%.
Advertising, Sponsorship, and Royalties total $19.6 million, exceeding the budget by 15%.

EXPENSES:
Controllable Expenses total $76.3 million are lower than budget by $1.5 million or 2%.
Non-controllable expenses were lower than budget by $1 million or 9%.

Non-Financial Statistics as of December 31, 2022
Registrations: 2022 YTD Litter Reg. 16% ahead of budget, .5% ahead of 2021 YTD.
2022 YTD Dog Reg. 12% ahead of budget, 11% lower than 2021 YTD.

Events & Entries
Compared to the same period in 2021, Events & Entries were up by 12% & 11%, respectively.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
Brandi Hunter Munden, Vice President of PR & Communications, participated in this portion of the meeting. Mari-Beth O’Neill, Vice President of Sports Services, participated in this portion of the meeting via videoconference.

Lancashire Heeler Eligibility to Compete in the Herding Group
The Board reviewed a request from the United States Lancashire Heeler Club, which is seeking acceptance into the AKC Stud Book for the Lancashire Heeler to be eligible to compete in the Herding Group. The Board also reviewed the breed standard. If approved, the breed will be moved from the Foundation Stock Service into the Stud Book of the American Kennel Club on January 1, 2024. The Stud Book will remain open until January 1, 2029.

This will be discussed further at the April Board meeting.

Proposed AKC Bylaw Amendment to Article VI, Section 6
The Board reviewed a proposal from the Delegate Advocacy and Advancement Committee (DAAC) to amend Article VI, Section 6 of the AKC Bylaws to delete the wording in the first paragraph of Article VI, Section 6, which prohibits Delegates from being professional judges. In the Bylaw, the professional judge is defined as one who charges a fee in excess of expenses.

Following a motion by Mr. Hamblin, seconded by Mr. Powers, the Board VOTED (unanimously; Dr. Garvin abstaining) to consider the matter at this meeting, waiving the routine notice procedures.
Following a motion by Mr. Hamblin, seconded by Mr. Powers, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to delete the professional judge language from the Delegate occupational eligibility criteria defined in Article VI, Section 6.

The amendment will be read at the March Delegate Meeting for a VOTE at the June Delegate Meeting.

**AKC Communications Q4**

Q4 TOTALS:
- Clips Evaluated in Q4: 5,733 (+6% from 5,391 in 2021)
- Q4 Estimated Audience Reached: 11,661,987,829
- Publicity Value for Q4: $12,188,013.05

**Q4 Highlights**

Executed an aggressive PR campaign for the AKC National Championship.

- Distributed press releases announcing the ABC broadcast and record-breaking entry totals.
- Satellite Media Tour promoting the broadcast.
- Secured a broadcast exclusive with the Best in Show winner on *Good Morning America*.

Extensive work on AKC Meet the Breeds® Tour.

Continued positioning The American Kennel Club and its spokespeople as the expert on all things dog.


Promoted the 2022 AKC Humane Fund Awards for Canine Excellence (ACE) winners and the ESPN2 broadcast—secured coverage for ACE winners nationally.

AKC Reunite: Promoted AKC Pet Disaster Relief Trailers, including the 100th trailer donated in honor of Patricia Laurans, Co-chair of the AKC Reunite Pet Disaster Relief Trailer Program.


AKC Canine Health Foundation: Distributed press releases.

**2022 YEAR-END MEDIA COVERAGE ANALYSIS**

Total media placements (print, broadcast, and internet) qualitatively evaluated in 2022:
- Q1 - 8,919
- Q2 - 4,684
- Q3 - 5,852
Q4- 5,733  
Total number of clips evaluated for 2022 was 25,188.

Total audience reached with all clips (including print, online, TV, and syndicated stories):  
Q1- 11,573,861,989  
Q2- 6,127,083,376  
Q3- 13,196,474,696  
Q4- 11,661,987,829  

Total audience reached for 2022 was 42,559,407,890.

Total publicity value achieved through media placements (print, broadcast and internet) qualitatively evaluated in 2022:  
Q1- $15,999,247.51  
Q2- $5,676,203.38  
Q3- $17,295,134.50  
Q4- $12,188,013.05  

Total publicity value for 2022 was $51,158,598.44.

2022 Highlights  
• 15% increase in media relations and press coverage in Mandarin language and Latino publications  
• 13% increase in the media visibility of our Chief Veterinary Officer  
• Increased McClatchy pick up (up to over 700 newspapers weekly)  
• 19.3% increase in media coverage of AKC Affiliates  
• Maintained a 97.4% positivity rating

Government Relations Q4 2022 Update and Year-End Review  
2022 was a busy year for the Government Relations (GR) team: Congress, most local councils and 47 state legislatures were in session (Montana, Nevada and Texas did not meet in 2022).

The GR team monitored approximately 3,000 legislative and regulatory proposals on the federal, state and local levels.

Outreach: AKC GR communicates to dog owners, club members, lawmakers and the public via geo-targeted and online legislative alerts, blogs (88 in 2022) as well as Facebook/Twitter and other social media; The Taking Command (monthly advocacy) and In Session (policy) newsletters (https://www.akc.org/clubsdelegates/government-relations/newsletters/); videos, text alerts, Op-Eds as well as through direct one-on-one contact and outreach with club-based legislative liaisons. More details are available online, at www.akcgr.org.

Issue Engagement/Advocacy: Direct issue engagement and advocacy by the GR Staff continued to expand. AKC GR issued 296 geo-targeted legislative alerts and provided comments and/or
in-person and written testimony for more than 270 bills. This represents an increase of approximately 22% over 2021 and nearly 200% over 2019 figures (243 and 100 respectively).

Building influence, relevance, and recognition of AKC policy expertise: Ongoing engagement is bringing new levels of influence, recognition, and success for AKC among government and industry leaders. Specific areas of focus include protecting the rights of breeders and owners, fighting breed-specific bans, working dogs; timely issues associated with canine imports and transportation, sales, and other areas.

GR Staff uses multiple approaches to expand AKC’s reach and reputation. In 2022, new GR webinars, resources and new videos made AKC policy resources more widely available than ever. More information is available at the AKC Legislative Action Center, www.akcgr.org.

GR Staff served as experts on numerous relevant national and state policy panels, in areas including breeder licensing, air transport and welfare the pet industry, animal health, service dogs, and detection dogs.

Longer-term goals and deliverables: Near-term legislative and regulatory successes are crucial, but GR also focuses on longer-term goals and efficiencies through ongoing development and publication of high-quality data-driven resources about canine policy to amplify AKC’s role and reputation as canine policy experts. Comprehensive policy analyses, model legislation & analysis, key issues webpages, op-eds and policy blogs provide thought leadership and advance positive, proactive policy solutions. In 2022, AKC completed and published an Economic Benefits Survey and reports for all 50 states, conducted a new survey to assess strengths and weaknesses in communications and outreach, and completed (on-time and under budget) the rebuild of the AKC GR online legislative action center microsite, www.akcgr.org.

Lobbying/In-person direct advocacy: In addition to emphasizing grassroots outreach, GR team members in the field are also registered as lobbyists to provide direct assistance in their regions. The states where AKC registers lobbyists vary year to year depending on activity level, availability, and specific issues. For major policy concerns or issues where additional assistance is warranted, we also may retain contract lobbyists. In 2022 AKC registered advocates federally and in AL, CA, CT, DE, KY, MA, MD, NC, NH, NJ, NY, OH, PA, RI, TX, and VA.

2022 Successes: AKC GR recorded dozens of legislative successes across the country in 2022. These include proactive policies to advance dogs and the interests of dog owners, and defensive positions to combat ill-conceived or radical anti-breeder/anti-dog owner policy. Many of AKC GR’s successes were the direct result of developing new relationships with lawmakers directly, use of access opportunities such as the AKC PAC and attendance at legislator conferences; and efforts by legislative liaisons, field staff, club leaders and other who were willing to be the “boots on the ground” to educate lawmakers and the public using resources and expertise provided by the AKC. AKC GR counts as successes only those measures that the team was actively involved in. A list of 2022 success highlights is available online at www.akc.org/clubs-delegates/government-relations/successes/.
Government Relations Monthly 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, and legislative successes.

Forty-four state legislatures and Congress are currently in session. Active, priority state legislation includes a variety of proposals on topics including, but not limited to:

- Problematic breeder regulations in Indiana, New Jersey and Texas.
- Positive bills that would prohibit breed-specific bans (Missouri) and cancellation of homeowners insurance based on the breed of dog owned (New York).
- Problematic bills in New Jersey and New York that would allow for courts to appoint advocates for dogs (lawyers for dogs) in animal cruelty cases.
- Problematic bills in New Jersey, New York and Maine could require forfeiture of animals seized pending a cruelty trial if a person is unable to afford court-ordered costs of care.

MARKETING
Kirsten Bahlke, Vice President of Marketing; Brandi Hunter Munden, Vice President of PR & Communications; Daphna Straus, Vice President of Business Development; Melissa Olund, Director of Digital Marketing; Jacqueline Taylor, Director of Marketing, and Kerri Schreiber, Social Media Manager, participated in this portion of the meeting.

2022 Full-Year Digital Performance Report
The Board reviewed a memo summarizing the 2022 performance for AKC.org, AKC Marketplace, and Shop.akc.org and Email/Newsletters.

- AKC.org traffic is normalizing from 2020 pandemic highs but remains well above 2019.
- AKC Marketplace traffic is increasing as Staff continues to optimize SEO.
- AKC Shop traffic was above 2021 and was even higher than pre-pandemic levels.
- Overall, AKC newsletters beat the benchmark for click thru rate performance.
- In 2022, the Content Staff, in conjunction with internal breeder experts also began updating and adding to the breeder-focused content available on AKC.org (25+ new articles published since Q2).

Quarterly Information About Social Media
Highlights of our social media objectives in 2022 included our increased focus on aligning AKC with TikTok’s critical Gen Z audiences driving viewership and engagement around our ESPN television lineup and improving our community management to enhance education and engagement with our audiences.

2022 TOTAL FOLLOWERS BY PLATFORM: 4.8% total follower increase vs. 2021 to over 4,900,000 total followers.

AKC Social Media builds in slots for Good Works in our programming calendar and aims to include
content connected to our affiliates (or related topics) on a regular basis or when relevant and compelling consumer-facing content is available. We have included the AKC Museum of the Dog, AKC Reunite, and AKC Canine Health Foundation in our programming schedule at various points throughout the year.

**Update on Development of AKC Brand Positioning Statement**
During a January Board meeting discussion of brand awareness planned and potential programs for 2023, the group discussed the need for an aligned internal AKC brand positioning statement. The Staff provided an update on the progress of that request. All the draft statements reflect a purposeful move away from a product service (a.k.a. transactional) focus to a lifestyle and connection focus.

This will be discussed further at the April meeting.

**Marketing Social Media Activity Highlights for The AKC National Championship**
Year Over Year Metrics of AKC NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP content:
We continue to publish content all year long as it relates to the National Championship all the way into our increased push for content in December/January surrounding the actual event to keep our audience engaged.

- Impressions: up 19.3%
- Engagements: up 89.6%
- Engagement Rate (per Impression) up 58.9%
- Post Link Clicks: up 25.8%
- Published Posts: up 121.4%

**MEDIA, SPONSORSHIPS, BROADCASTING**
Ron Furman, Vice President, Broadcasting, Sponsorship & Media and Daphna Straus, Vice President, Business Development, participated in this portion of the meeting,

**AKC Sponsorship and Digital Media Overview – 2022**
Staff provided a year-end recap. 2022 was another exemplary year of sponsorship development and accompanying digital and experiential activations.

**AKC Broadcasting Overview – 2022**
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 (1.15M), AKC.tv app plays (over 932k) and plays on AKC.org via our digital content matching system (over 87M). The channel continues to grow in reach as well as in breadth and scope of the content. Downloads of the AKC.tv mobile and television app, available on iOS (iPhone), Android, Apple TV, Roku, and Amazon Fire TV exceed 240k. The AKC.tv website is currently undergoing a design update, which will mirror the updated AKC.tv app. Enhanced features will include an improved upcoming events calendar, the
ability to create a favorite video playlist to refer to and expanded topics for users to explore.

AKC’s Dog Sports programming on ESPN continued to deliver new audiences to AKC Sports across demographics. 2022 culminated in a busy fourth quarter, which included the production and premieres of the following new shows:

- AKC Disc Dog Challenge
- AKC Heroes: 2022 Awards for Canine Excellence
- AKC Agility Invitational
- AKC National Championship Page

AKC created the inaugural AKC Disc Dog Challenge and produced the event for its December 9, 2022 debut broadcast on ESPN2.

AKC Heroes: 2022 Awards for Canine Excellence continued to build upon the video production celebrating the five winners of the AKC Humane Fund Awards for Canine Excellence.

The one-hour special premiered on December 11 on ESPN2 and was elevated to the ABC Network for an encore on Christmas Eve (December 24, 2022).

For the first time with ESPN, AKC produced the AKC Agility Invitational for television viewers. With the support of the Agility department, AKC’s production team filmed the final rounds of the Agility Invitational and produced a two-hour show. The show premiered on Christmas Day on ESPN2.

The AKC Disc Dog Challenge re-aired immediately following the Agility Invitational as part of a four-hour block of AKC programming on this key viewing holiday.

The 2022 AKC National Championship broadcast premiered for the third consecutive year on the ABC Network. The three-hour special, showcasing every Best of Breed winner, premiered on January 1, 2023. The show achieved its highest ratings ever on ABC, with an average viewership of 1.323 million viewers, a 28% increase from the previous year. The show’s ratings increased steadily over the three-hour broadcast, growing from 656k when the show began and peaking during Best in Show judging at 1.967 million viewers, representing a 200% audience increase.

In 2022, AKC achieved the following:

- 120 broadcasts, an increase of +26 broadcasts from 2021
- 212 hours of airtime, compared to 168 hours in 2021, a growth of 25%.
- Four broadcasts on the ABC Network, which includes three broadcasts in addition to the AKC National Championship.

The four shows that premiered on the ABC Network in 2022 include:

1. AKC National Agility Championship
2. AKC Fastest Dogs USA
3. AKC Heroes: 2022 Awards for Canine Excellence
4. AKC National Championship Presented by Royal Canin
REGISTRATION DEVELOPMENT
Mark Dunn, Executive Vice President; Mike Isaac, Vice President of Registration; Jill Zapadinsky, Director, Call Center, and Registration Support; and Kelly Klosowski, Manager, Customer Service Training & Quality Assurance, participated in this portion of the meeting.

Purebred Preservation Banks
The Board reviewed a Staff recommendation to amend the current Board Policy regarding Parent Club sponsored semen banks, and the AKC Procedures for Registration Matters to include the AKC Purebred Preservation Bank.

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

Following a motion by Mr. Hamblin, seconded by Mr. Powers, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to amend the Board Policy on Purebred Preservation Banks to read:

The AKC encourages all Parent Clubs concerned with preserving and protecting their breeds to collaborate with the AKC Purebred Preservation Bank (AKCPPB) and/or establish their own Parent Club sponsored frozen semen bank. The signatories of the AKCPPB may sign as semen owner on all relevant AKC Registration documents and applications, including litter applications. A Parent Club sponsored, breed specific, frozen semen bank may, with AKC Board approval, also be allowed to sign as semen owner on all relevant AKC Registration documents and applications, including litter applications. The degree and manner to which Parent Clubs collaborate with the AKCPPB is solely the decision of each Parent Club. However, Parent Clubs seeking to establish their own such entity must petition the AKC Board via letter signed by the club’s current president. The letter should explain the club’s purpose for establishing the bank and acceptably document its incorporation and organizational relationship to the petitioning Parent Club. Upon Board approval, the bank must provide AKC with a listing of signatories for use in AKC Registration matters.

Further, the Board VOTED to amend AKC Procedures for Registration Matters, Section XI with the addition of new paragraph 5 in Section C. ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION USING FROZEN SEMEN:

5. With AKC Board approval, the AKC Purebred Preservation Bank (AKCPPB), as well as any Parent Club-sponsored, breed-specific, frozen semen bank may be allowed to sign as semen owner on all relevant AKC Registration documents and applications, including litter applications, provided all other requirements to register the litter are met. Parent Club sponsored, breed-specific, frozen semen banks must have a Breed Reproductive Bank Signatory Authorization form on file listing those individuals authorized to sign AKC documents and applications on behalf of the organization.

Registration Update
In 2022 we saw:
- 8th consecutive year of increases in Litter Registration
- 7th consecutive year of increases in Unique Breeders
- 1st year of decline in Dog Registration since 2013
• Litter Registration in 2022 was up 0.5% from 2021
• Dog Registration in 2022 was down 10.6% from 2021

The percentage of Casual Breeders increased from 77% to 82%, while Fancy and Commercial breeder shares declined by 4 and 1 percentage points, respectively.

**AKC Contact Center**
Jill Zapadinsky and Kelly Klosowski gave a presentation to the board on the AKC Call Center and Customer Support. The department has implemented many tools to modernize operations in the call center so that AKC can offer best in class customer service to our constituents. They also reviewed with the board the training and development tools and resources that are used to develop our Customer Service representatives.

The AKC Contact Center is an Omni-Channel Contact Center operating Monday – Friday 8:30 am – 8:00 pm.

The Center manages and documents all inbound/outbound calls, responds to inbound customer emails, oversees live chat for online registrations and Marketplace listings, answers registration questions submitted through Facebook Messenger and receives website feedback.

Staff presented planned initiatives and new tools that will be implemented for 2023 to continue to enhance our customer experience.

**2023 Initiatives**
Mike Isaac presented 2023 objectives and key initiatives for growth across the Registration area.

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

**Approval of Annual Fees**
The Charter and Bylaws of The American Kennel Club, Inc. “Charter and Bylaws” require that the Board of Directors set deposits annually for the submission of complaints pursuant to Article XII, Section 1; as well as deposits for appeals to an Appeal Trial Board pursuant to Article XIII, Section 7. The current deposit to file a complaint pursuant to Article XII, Section 1 is $500. The current deposit to file an Appeal to an Appeal Trial Board is $200.

Staff was asked to look into the number and costs of Trial Board in 2022 and report back.

This will be discussed further in April.

*(Final Board Disciplinary actions are reported on the Secretary’s Page.)*
COMPANION and PERFORMANCE
Doug Ljungren, Executive Vice President of Sports & Events, participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

Conflict of Interest Statements Across the Sports
The Board requested the Staff to research the similarities and disparities of timing when exhibitors may enter under judges following a business relationship with or without payment. Staff presented a memo outlining the timing across all the different sports, which is currently inconsistent regarding the length of time where exhibition under a judge is restricted.

The Staff has documented the Rules/Regulations/Guidelines for four types of business relationships.
1. If the judge has trained the dog or exhibitor
2. If the judge has handled the dog
3. If the judge has held under lease or boarded the dog
4. Other business relationships that are addressed by sport

Staff will meet with the Sports & Events department heads and bring a recommendation to the Board in April.

CONFORMATION
Doug Ljungren, Executive Vice President, Sports & Events; Mari-Beth O’Neill, Vice President of Sports Services; Tim Thomas, Vice President of Conformation; and Alan Slay, Director, Event Programs, participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

Request from the Labrador Retriever Club of the Potomac
The Labrador Retriever Club of the Potomac is asking the Board to support a change to Chapter 16, Section 1, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows to allow the Reserve Winners at their show, which is the world’s largest Labrador Retriever Specialty, to be awarded a three-point major if the number of exhibitors competing in the regular classes for the sex is at least twice the number required for five points. The Labrador Retriever Club is supportive of this request.

The Board of Directors will seek general feedback from the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee and the Parent Clubs Committee on this concept.

This will be discussed further at the April meeting.

Bred-by-Exhibitor Class – Rules Applying to Dog Shows, Chapter 3, Section 8
Rules Applying to Dog Shows, Chapter 3, Section 8, establishes the Bred-by-Exhibitor class and defines the eligibility criteria to enter and compete in the class.

In accordance with Article XX of the Charter and Bylaws of The American Kennel Club, the Mississippi Valley Kennel Club submitted a request to modify Chapter 3, Section 8 of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows, which would remove the requirement for dogs competing in the Bred-by-
Exhibitor class to be individually registered with The American Kennel Club as of the date of the show. Removing this requirement would allow dogs to be exhibited in the Bred-by-Exhibitor class under a foreign registration pursuant to Chapter 11, Section 1, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*. The Staff does not support this proposal. Removing the requirement for dogs to be individually registered with the AKC before the event to compete in the BBE class will make it impossible to confirm eligibility for foreign dogs entered under their foreign registration. AKC systems in results processing currently check to verify that a dog entered and exhibited in the BBE class shares a same breeder and owner of record; this validation check would not be possible for dogs entered under a foreign registration.

Following a motion by Mr. Tatro, seconded by Mr. Carota, the Board VOTED (Affirmative: Battaglia, Biddle, Carota, Davies, Garvin, Knight, McAteer, Powers, Sweetwood, Tatro, Wallin; Abstained: Hamblin and Smyth) to accept the Staff recommendation not to approve the proposed rules change.

**Required Documents at Shows – Rules Applying to Dog Shows Chapter 2, Section 14**

The Board reviewed a recommendation from the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee (DSRC) to amend Chapter 2, Section 14, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*, which, if adopted, would modify the list of documents required to be available at shows.

The DSRC voted unanimously to propose the following amendment to Chapter 2, Section 14 of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*.

All clubs holding shows under American Kennel Club rules must at each event have available or access to the current applicable breed standards, the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*, *Rules Applying to Registration and Discipline*, *Dealing with Misconduct at AKC Events*, the *Show Manual*, and any other applicable rules/regulations for the competitions being held.

This will be discussed further at the April meeting.

**National Owner-Handled & Junior Ribbon Colors**

The Board reviewed a Staff recommendation to update the NOHS and Junior Regulations to allow clubs to provide the winners of the NOHS Best in Show and Best Junior award a more distinguished ribbon. This recommendation will mimic the current rule for Best in Show and Reserve BIS ribbons.

Clubs have inquired about offering more distinguished ribbons for NOHS Best in Show and Reserve Best in Show, and Junior Best in Competition awards. The current regulation for each ribbon is as follows:

Ribbon colors for the NOHS competition are:
- NOHS Best in Show – Turquoise
- NOHS Reserve Best in Show – Light Green

NOHS Rosettes: clubs are encouraged to offer the same size rosettes as offered for the regular groups.
Ribbon colors for Juniors competition:
- Best Junior: Rose and Green
- Reserve Best Junior: Rose and Gray

This will be discussed further at the April meeting.

**Canine Partners in Conformation Junior Showmanship Pilot**
The AKC Board approved an eighteen-month pilot program allowing Canine Partners to be exhibited in Conformation Junior Showmanship. The trial period ended on December 31, 2022.

Staff does not recommend going forward with this pilot but suggests that Canine Partners be allowed to continue to be exhibited in Conformation Junior Showmanship Junior Showcase events.

This will be discussed further at the April Board meeting.

**4-6 Month Beginner Puppy Trends/Update**
The Staff provided the Board with an update about the 4-6 Month Beginner Puppy (BPUP) program trends; specifically, what percent of the BPUP exhibitors are new to the sport and what percent go on to exhibit in regular Conformation shows.

The program is still growing and is meeting objectives. In 2022, 22.5% of the BPUP exhibitors were new to Conformation.

Staff also determined what percentage of the BPUP exhibits go on to compete in regular Conformation events.

An analysis of dogs exhibited in BPUP from July 1, 2020, through December 31, 2021, showed that 71% of the dogs continued to show in regular Conformation classes. This number is consistent with the previous analysis done in 2014 and 2019. Additionally, some exhibitors go on to participate in other sports, with Fast CAT®, Rally, Hunt Tests, Farm Dog Certified, and Obedience being the most popular.

In 2022 there were 24,862 4-6 Month Beginner Puppy entries, a record high level and an increase of 33% over 2019, our last full year of competition and previous high number of entries.

The 4-6 Month Beginner Puppy competition continues to grow and to provide new exhibitors beginning level class to gain experience in Conformation and all exhibitors an opportunity to socialize their dogs and give them experience in the ring.

The Board adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

The Board Meeting reconvened on Tuesday, February 14, at 8:39 a.m. All Directors were present in the New York office. The Executive Secretary was also present.
**JUDGING OPERATIONS**
Doug Ljungren, Executive Vice President, Sports & Events, and Tim Thomas, Vice President of Conformation, participated in this portion of the meeting.

**Conformation Judges Daily Limit**
Based on the November 2022 Board meeting, Staff was asked to examine the possible effects of changing the dog limit per judge to 150 dogs if that judge was also assigned any group.

Staff researched how this may affect a show timewise, financially, etc. Background on the applicable rules and policies impacting a judge’s daily assignments at Conformation dogs shows, data reflecting the frequency of judges being assigned 150 or more entries at Conformation events, and points for the Board’s consideration were presented and discussed.

Chapter 7, Section 13, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* limits a judge to 175 dogs. Assignments for group and/or Best in Show competitions are not calculated in the daily limits.

**CHAPTER 7**
SECTION 13. The maximum number of conformation entries assigned in the breed judging to any judge, in one day, shall never exceed 175, except that a judge of a specialty show may be assigned a maximum of 200 entries. If the specialty is held as part of an All-Breed show, the increased limit will only apply if the judge is not assigned any other breed, a Group or Best in Show and Reserve Best in Show.

Staff also discussed with the Board that rather than establishing a policy with a daily limit of 150 for judges assigned to groups, the daily limit could be lowered to 150 for all judges to mitigate issues managing overloads and cancellations post-closing that may be caused by different daily limits for judges assigned groups and those not assigned groups. The Board asked Staff to bring back a memo with the potential benefits of lowering the daily limit to 150 and any associated rule policy and procedural changes needed to implement such a change so that the Board can further discuss it in April.

**Conformation Dog Show Judges Annual Report**
The Board reviewed a memorandum that provided data related to Conformation Judges and judging applications as well as an overview of activities of the Judging Operations Department in the 2022 calendar year.

Judging Operations continued its efforts to provide resources for judges. The Judges Education Webinar Series launched in 2020 collaboratively with AKC’s Education Department. Three breed webinars were offered in 2022 as scheduling with Parent Clubs has become increasingly difficult. Since the first webinar was presented on March 30, 2020, 112 breed webinars have been presented with a total attendance of 4,384.

In addition to the breed webinars, Judging Operations has continued the *Review & FAQs on Conformation Judging Procedures, Policies & Guidelines* webinar series introduced in 2021.
Reacting to the feedback received from its July 27, 2021, webinar covering recent revisions to the Rules, Policies, and Guidelines for Conformation Dog Show Judges, the department initiated a regular series discussing matters related to judging. In 2022, there were seven (7) presentations of the *Review & FAQs on Conformation Judging Procedures, Policies & Guidelines* webinar series, with an audience of 1,362 attending the live presentations. Links to access the recordings of the procedural webinars are also posted on the AKC website, resulting in 960 more accessing the recording of any of the 2022 procedural offerings.

The department also provided in-person judges education in 2022. The Institute for New and Aspiring Judges (Basic) was offered at five locations throughout the year. 117 individuals attended the 2022 Basic Institutes.

The department continued its collaboration with the Dog Judges Association of America, co-hosting the AKC/DJAA Advanced Judging Institute December 13-16, 2022, in conjunction with the AKC National Championship for the 11th consecutive year. For the tenth year, the AKC/DJAA Advanced Institute provided judges education seminars for two complete groups, with Hounds and Non-Sporting as the groups offered in 2022.

In addition, recently recognized breeds were invited to participate, adding Bracco Italianos, Biewer Terriers and Russian Toys to the list of breeds presented. Approximately 250 individuals attended breed-specific judges education seminars over the week.

**APPLICATION DATA**
The number of New Breed Applications (first-time applicants) increased in 2022, with the highest number of applicants since 2019 and the highest number of cumulative breeds requested since 2018. The current policy limits all additional breed applications to up to 12 breeds in any submission.

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## Conformation Judging Statistics

### FINAL REVIEW ACTION SUMMARY

#### 2022 NEW BREED JUDGING APPLICANTS

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### Year-End Approval Statistics

Following are the 2022 monthly individual summary statistics for New Breed and Additional Breed applicants and the year-to-date accumulative totals for both.

#### FINAL REVIEW ACTION SUMMARY

#### 2022 ADDITIONAL BREED JUDGING APPLICANTS

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**2023 Low Entry Breed List**
A “Low Entry Breed” is defined as one whose total number of dogs in competition from the previous year was fewer than 3,500. Under current policy, the Low Entry Breed List impacts educational requirements for those seeking judging approval of the breeds that appear on it and the criteria for permit status judges to advance to regular status in a breed.

In 2022, 110 breeds appeared on the Low Entry Breed List. For 2023, the Low Entry Breed list contains 101 breeds. Eleven breeds appearing on the Low Entry List in 2022 moved off, with two breeds (Gordon Setters and Brussels Griffon) being added. A net of nine breeds moving off the Low Entry List is a very positive sign and emblematic of the very encouraging event and entry numbers for Conformation in 2022.

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

**Club Relations 2022 Activity Report**
Staff presented a year-end report on trends regarding AKC clubs. The total number of AKC clubs in 2022 was 4,992.

**STATUS AND TRENDS**
Number of clubs as of January 17, 2023
Member clubs 647
Licensed clubs 4,203
Sanctioned Plan A clubs 84
Sanctioned Plan B clubs 86
Total 5,020

**Total New Clubs in 2022 = 51**
National Specialty 7
All Breed 0
Group 4
Local Specialty 23
Agility 5
Obedience 0
Rally 0
Tracking 0
Field Trial 6
Hunt Test 1
Herding 0
Lure Coursing 0
Earth Dog 0
Scent Work 3
Coonhound 2

New Parent Clubs in 2022: 7
Alaskan Klee Kai Club of America
Basset Fauve de Bretagne Club of America
Carolina Dog Fanciers Club of America
German Spitz Club of America
Japanese Akitainu Club of America
Kromfohrlander Club of America
National Kishu Ken Club

New Member Clubs in 2022: 8
American Boerboel Club
American Cesky Terrier Fanciers Association
Carroll Kennel Club
Dogue de Bordeaux Society of America
Fargo-Moorhead Kennel Club
Jackson Tennessee Dog Fanciers Association
Miniature American Shepherd Club of the USA
Morris Hills Dog Training Club

Number of Sanctioned Matches applied for and processed: 32
Number of Sanctioned Matches held successfully: 32
Number of club territories reviewed and adjusted: 9
Number of Local Specialty Clubs accredited under the Mentored Conformation Program: 15
Number of Local Specialty Clubs accredited under the Reduced Sanctioned Match Program: 4
Number of Group Clubs accredited under the Reduced Sanctioned Match Program: 4
Bylaw review requests handled by staff: 325

Delegates and Member Clubs
Member Club Bylaws Approved Adding Junior Membership
Silver State Kennel Club, Las Vegas, NV (2006)
Suffolk County Kennel Club, Huntington, NY (1973)

Report on Member Club Bylaws Approved in December and January
American Shih Tzu Club, Inc (1981)
German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America (1940)
Hutchinson Kennel Club, Hutchinson, Kansas (1961)
Oklahoma City Kennel Club, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma (1935)
Sussex Spaniel Club of America (1997)

REPORT ON NEWLY LICENSED CLUBS APPROVED IN DECEMBER AND JANUARY
Chow Chow Club of Greater Chicago, greater Chicago, IL (including communities north to Round Lake, southwest to Crown Point, east to DeKalb), 21 total households, 17 local.
Palmetto Agility Club of the Upstate, greater Greenville, SC (including communities north to Landrum, south to Anderson, west to Westminster, east to Spartanburg), 30 total households, 27 local.

Spring Creek Agility Club of Texas, Magnolia, TX (including Cypress and Spring), 27 total households, 16 local.

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

**Agility International Sweepstakes Class Expansion**
The Board VOTED to amend the Regulations for AKC Agility Trials to expand the International Sweepstakes Class (ISC) in Agility by adding two additional lower levels class offerings and add a $2.00 per entry recording fee. Adding lower-skill level ISC classes will encourage the participation of those new to international course design and challenges. These are non-titling classes. These changes are effective August 1, 2023.

Chapter 1
Section 28. Recording Fees. At every licensed or member club trial, a recording fee of $3.50 shall be required for the first entry of each dog, and $3.00 for each additional entry of the same dog. (Each day is a separate trial.) Nonregular agility classes do not require a recording fee, except for International Sweepstakes (ISC) as noted in Chapter 14, Section 4. When a recording fee is calculated, it does not include withdrawals.

Chapter 14
Section 2. Eligibility of Dogs.
This class is open to dogs that are eligible to compete in AKC Agility Trials. Dogs may be entered in any of the offered class levels and in multiple levels at the trial.

(NEW) Section 3. Class Levels.
Clubs may offer any combination of classes listed below per trial:
- ISC Agility 1
- ISC Agility 2
- ISC Agility 3
- ISC Jumping 1
- ISC Jumping 2
- ISC Jumping

Section 4. Recording Fees.
At every licensed or member club trial a recording fee of $2.00 per entry will be required for each entry in an ISC class. When a recording fee is calculated it does not include withdrawals.
Management of Dogs Attempting to Leave the Ring While Being Judged – Obedience and Rally
The Board VOTED to modify the Obedience & Rally Regulations to provide instructions to judges and stewards on how to manage a dog that leaves its handler and attempts to leave the ring while competing.

A judge will instruct the stewards not to reach for or grab a dog to stop it, but if the dog is not responding to its handler’s commands, the judge may advise the stewards to attempt to block the dog from leaving if it is safe to do so. The dog will then be released from the ring.

OBEDIENCE REGULATIONS
CHAPTER 1
Section 31. Stewards. Judges are in sole charge of their rings until their assignments are completed. Stewards are provided to assist but may act only on the judge’s instructions. They must not give information or instructions to owners and handlers except when the judge asks them to do so. Any request from an exhibitor for special consideration must be directed to the judge.

It is the judge’s responsibility to review with the stewards their duties and the manner in which those duties are to be performed. When a dog leaves its handler to leave the ring, the stewards’ safety is a priority, and they must be advised not to reach for or grab a dog to stop it. At a show with ring gating, if the stewards are near the open gate area when a dog leaves its handler, and the dog is not responding to its handler’s commands, the judge may advise the stewards to block the gate to prevent the dog from leaving the ring if it is safe to do so. The dog will then be released from the ring.

CHAPTER 2
Section 25. Misbehavior (New wording added below)
A dog who has left its handler to leave the ring, who is not responding to its handler, and/or the stewards have blocked the dog to keep it in the ring, must receive a nonqualifying (NQ) score and must be released from the ring.

The same wording will be added to the Rally Regulations Chapter 1, Section 33 and Chapter 2, Section 19.

Parent Club Request for Three Quarter Jump Height in Obedience – Teddy Roosevelt Terrier, Field Spaniel, and Cane Corso
The Board VOTED to approve the request of the American Teddy Roosevelt Terrier Club, Field Spaniel Society of America, and the Cane Corso Association of American, to allow each breed to jump at three-quarter the height of the dog at the withers in obedience.

This is a change to the Obedience Regulations and is effective March 30, 2023.

Group Designation Change for Kishu Ken
The Board VOTED to change the group designation for the Kishu Ken from Working to Hound
based upon the function of the breed

**Basset Fauve de Bretagne Club of America**
The Board VOTED to advance the Basset Fauve de Bretagne to the Miscellaneous Class effective June 28, 2023.

**Parent Club Designation for Czechoslovakian Vlcak**
The Board VOTED to designate the Czechoslovakian Vlcak Club of America as the Parent Club for the Breed, allowing them to hold FSS Open Shows.

**Parent Club Designation for Pyrenean Mastiff**
The Board VOTED to designate the Pyrenean Mastiff Association of America as the Parent Club for the Breed, allowing them to hold FSS Open Shows.

**Delegate Approvals**
Marci Cook
To represent Miniature Bull Terrier Club of America
Published December 2022, January 2023

Arlene Czech
To represent Greater Naples Dog Club
Published December 2022, January 2023

Joseph Fitzgerald
To represent Catoctin Kennel Club
Published November 2022, December 2022

Carla D. Giroux
To represent Idaho Capital City Kennel Club
Published December 2022, January 2023

Holly Johnson
To represent North Shore Kennel Cub
Published December 2022, January 2023

Kim Raleigh
To represent Finnish Spitz Club of America
Published December 2022, January 2023

Bradford Yamada
To represent Orange Empire Dog Club
Published November 2022, December 2022
NEW BUSINESS

Judges Panel Conflicts
There was a discussion of the 200-mile Judges Panel Conflict policy and AKC’s use of the “as the Crow flies” straight-line measurement of the distance between two club events to determine mileage conflicts. The Board directed Staff to investigate alternative means of measuring the conflict distance if it is over or under 20 miles.

Three-Point Major at Independent Specialties
There was discussion about the current Dog Show rule that allows a Parent Club to elect to award a three-point major to a Reserve Winner at the National Specialty. The Board debated the merits of making this option available at all independent specialties and will seek the input of the Dog Show Rules Delegate Committee and the Parent Club Delegate Committee.

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, February 14, 2023, at 11:38 a.m. Eastern Time.

Adjourned
Attest:______________________________
Gina M. DiNardo, Executive Secretary