American Kennel Club, Inc.
MEETING of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AKC Offices at 101 Park Avenue, New York, NY
October 10-11, 2022

The Board convened on Monday, October 10, 2022, at 8:30 a.m. Eastern Time.

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

The August 8-9, 2022, Board Meeting minutes, copies provided to all Directors, were reviewed.

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

2023 Budget
The 2023 Budget, as described in Mr. Sprung’s introduction letter to the Board, was built upon a carefully conducted analysis of opportunities and challenges, focusing on investing in and supporting our Clubs, Breeders, Systems & Technology, Customer Service, Data, Brand and Employees. This budget was constructed with the understanding that there are many economic unknowns as we head into 2023 that are outside of AKC’s control, including the cost-of-living crisis, tightening financial conditions in most regions, Russia’s invasion of Ukraine, and the lingering COVID-19 pandemic. These issues will need to be navigated thoughtfully as we guide AKC to continued success for the well-being of dogs and long-term corporate growth. After extensive discussion and considering all comments from the Board, there was a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mrs. Wallin, and the Board VOTED (unanimously) to approve the 2023 Budget.

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

Mr. Sprung reported that:
Through a sub-lease agreement, PPI occupies 7,006 square feet of the North Carolina office facility. This space may be surrendered if PPI successfully rents square footage through the building landlord.

Dennis and Gina reached out to every club in Florida after Hurricane Ian, sending emails to 264 Presidents, Secretaries, and Delegates. No club responded that they needed assistance at that time.

AKC Meet the Breeds® will return to New York City’s Javits Center on January 28-29, 2023.

A clip from AKC Fastest Dogs USA became a viral on social media. After running the 100-yard dash in under six seconds, a video clip of Winston, this year’s runner-up in AKC’s
Fastest Dogs USA competition, went more viral than the American League home run record holder. The ESPN Social Media team noted this exciting moment from the show, which aired on ABC, and chose to post the video clip on their primary ESPN and SportsCenter social channels. This clip had over 75 million views across ESPN’s most followed social media accounts on the same night that Aaron Judge hit his record-tying 61st home run this season, continuing to prove that nothing is more powerful than man’s best friend.

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

**AKC Canine Health Foundation Report**
Andrea Fiumefreddo, AKC CHF Vice President of Programs & Operations, participated in this portion of the meeting. The Board reviewed an executive summary as of September 30, 2022. Highlights were presented in areas including Finance, Scientific Programming, Theriogenology Residency Programs and Vet Outreach events.

**FINANCE**
Ted Phillips, Chief Financial Officer, presented preliminary financial statements (unaudited) as of August 31, 2022.

**Unaudited Financial Results for the eight months ended August 31, 2022**
Net Operating Income is $18 million due to higher revenue along with lower controllable expenses.

**REVENUES:**
Total Revenues of $72 million exceeded budget by 15%, led by online registrations. Registration Fees total $29.8 million, exceeding the budget by 15%. Recording & Event Service fees, Title Recognition, and Event Applications fees total $10.9 million, exceeding the budget by 11%. Product & Service Sales total of $8.2 million are higher than budget by 13%. Advertising, Sponsorship, and Royalties total $12.9 million, exceeding the budget by 15%.

**EXPENSES:**
Controllable Expenses total $46.8 million are lower than budget by $3.1 million or 6%. Non-Controllable expenses were lower than budget by $7.2k or 9%.

**Non-Financial Statistics as of August 31, 2022 Registrations**
Registrations:
2022 YTD Litter Registrations 18% ahead of budget, 1% ahead of 2021 YTD.
2022 YTD Dog Registrations 15% ahead of budget, 8% lower than 2021 YTD.

**Events and Entries**
Compared to the same period in 2021, Events & Entries were up by 21% & 16%, respectively.
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
Sheila Goffe, Vice President, Government Relations, participated in this portion of the meeting via videoconference.

GR Legislation Monthly Update
Sheila Goffe provided a general highlight of 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 been monitoring 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. To date, AKC GR has released more than 110 geo-targeted legislative action alerts on important legislation asking club members to act.

AKC Detection Dog Taskforce Update
The purpose of the AKC Detection Dog Task Force (DDTF) is to study specific areas in which the AKC could help address the crisis of a shortage of high-quality explosives detection dogs for U.S. national and public security while also advancing the recognition of AKC as a preeminent authority on canines.

The task force focuses on 3 Areas of Emphasis:
• Public Policy (GR) to improve government policy and purchasing practices.
• Conferences, webinars and similar outreach to bring together breeders, buyers and the public to share best practices and create solutions.
• Breeder Education and outreach to help U.S. breeders produce high-quality U.S. bred, raised, and trained detection dogs.

GR has been working with House Armed Services Committee to develop and assure funding for the Department of Defense (DOD) Program that partners with academia and a dog registry to improve Military Working and Detection Dog health and performance; improve outreach to US breeders and require consideration of at least 200 U.S.-bred dogs/year. The program is under consideration in H.R. 7900, the National Defense Authorization Act.

The Staff has published articles or provided interviews to numerous publications, including The Hill, Inside Sources, Stars and Stripes, Fox & AKC publications.

AKC met with DOD and TSA staff at the Detection Dog training center at Lackland AFB and are having ongoing meetings with TSA to expand awareness of the role AKC and Patriotic Puppy Program (PPP) can play in providing high-quality U.S.-raised dogs.

Detection Dog Task Force webinars and conferences bring together stakeholders from government, industry, academia, breeders/ trainers to share the latest information and work together to improve development and deployment of U.S.- bred detection dogs. DDTF has hosted 13 webinars to date (6 in the last year) with over 1,000 participants. In August, the DDTF hosted the AKC 2022 National
Detection Dog Conference. The 2-day conference in Durham, NC, featured 23 panelists/presenters and engaged 100 key industry participants on the theme of “Bringing together stakeholders to improve the availability of US bred, raised and trained Detection Dogs.” Details are available online at www.akc.org/edc.

Breeder Education and Outreach: The Confident Puppy e-learning course was launched in conjunction with AKC Canine College. This 7-module online course is a major new tool for breeders and puppy raisers, teaching the foundational principles for raising a confident puppy that is equipped to go on for advanced training: as a detection dog with a government agency, a range of other working careers, or as a high-level performance or companion dog.

The course leverages expertise from the AKC Patriotic Puppy Program and the Detection Dog Task Force’s work with leading experts on working dog research, breeding, training, deployment and numerous other areas. More than 1,000 people have registered for this course.

The Patriotic Puppy Program (PPP) is the second major component of DDTF breeder outreach and Education. The purpose of this program is to assess if U.S. breeders can provide a reliable source of high-quality detection dogs; and, if so, provide training so they can raise puppies to be future detection dogs, establishing an efficient and scalable path for AKC breeders to become a source for future government working dogs. This year, ten dogs in the PPP have gone on to jobs with ATF, TSA (private 3rd party cargo screening) and multiple law enforcement agencies in Texas, Maine, Virginia and Minnesota. This has demonstrated that U.S. breeders can produce these dogs. The next step is to improve scalability so that breeders and trainers can begin to numerically impact the supply of domestically available dogs to help address the dearth of US-bred detection dogs being deployed.

MARKETING
Kirsten Bahlke, Vice President of Marketing, participated in this portion of the meeting.

AKC Brand Tracker Results
The Marketing Department has instituted a consumer survey called the AKC Brand Tracker, to understand consumers’ perception of the American Kennel Club over time and relative to other brands. This ongoing survey aids AKC in its marketing efforts and helps direct program focus.

The key results from the latest survey (Q3 2022) were presented.

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

Stopping Payment on Event Entries After Closing
At the July Board meeting, the Board voted to create a new offense and penalty to address intentionally stopping payment of an event entry after entry closing. Staff presented the proposed penalties for this offense for the Mitigated, Standard and Aggravated penalties.
Following a motion by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Mr. Hamblin, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to add the penalties to Section VIII-Violation of AKC Rules/Regulations or Club Regulations of the current AKC Discipline Guidelines for the offense “Stopping payment on event entries after closing (per event).”

The penalties for the offense of “Stopping payment on event entries after closing” were set and will read:

VIII. Violation of AKC Rules/Regulation or Club Regulations (suspension of event privileges)
   m. Stopping payment on an event entry after closing (per event)
      Mitigated: one month/$100
      Standard: three months/$300
      Aggravated: Up to one year/$1,000

Reinstatement is contingent on payment of the entry fees and associated fees.

This change would be effective November 1, 2022.

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 for “Abuse of authority by a club official” with the following ranges:

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

This will be discussed further at the November Board meeting.

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

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.

Fast CAT® — Enticement & Recalling
The Board reviewed a recommendation to clarify two items in the Fast CAT® Regulations.

Following a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Dr. Battaglia, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to modify Chapter 16, Sections 10 and 14 of the Fast CAT® Regulations to clarify that:
1) A handler cannot travel down the course to the finish line in preparation for their dog to be released at the start line.
2) A handler cannot recall their dog from the start line after it has completed the course.
The clarification of these two items will result in greater consistency between events.

This will become effective November 1, 2022.

**Modified Point Schedule for Lure Coursing**
Based on a request from the Board at a previous meeting, the Staff presented a memo on possible modifications to the National Lure Coursing Championship (NLCC) point schedule.

Following a motion by Mr. Tatro, seconded by Dr. Garvin, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to adopt a regional point schedule and only allow the point schedule to go down for those breeds/regions where it is justified. This will impact three breeds in specific regions – Borzois, Whippets and Rhodesian Ridgebacks. All other breeds will remain unchanged.

This change to the *Lure Coursing Regulations* will become effective on March 1, 2023.

**Obedience Optional Titling Classes**
The Board reviewed a recommendation to modify the *Obedience Regulations* optional titling classes (Graduate Novice, Graduate Open and Versatility) minimum jump height requirement to half the dog’s height at the withers.

This will be discussed further at the November meeting.

**National Obedience Championship – Change to Invitation Process**
The Board reviewed a recommendation to modify the *Obedience Regulations* to allow first-round invitations for the National Obedience Championship (NOC) to be sent to the top six in each breed by OTCH points instead of the top three, as it is currently stated in the *Obedience Regulations*.

Following a motion by Dr. Battaglia, seconded by Mr. Sweetwood, the Board Voted to consider the matter at this meeting, waiving the routine notice procedures. (Dr. Garvin, Mr. Smith and Mr. Tatro were opposed, and all other members voted in favor).

Following a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mrs. Wallin, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to amend Chapter 9, Section 1 of the *Obedience Regulations* to allow for the top six dogs in each breed (instead of three) by OTCH points to be invited in the first round of invitations.

**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.
This will be discussed further at the November meeting.

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

This will be discussed further at the November meeting.

**Agility Updates - Standard Course Times and Course Design Flexibility**
The Board reviewed recommended 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.

These changes address ideas or concerns that Staff has received from the fancy and the Agility judges.

This will be discussed further at the November meeting.

**Retriever Field Trials – No Local Trials During the Two National Championship Trials**
The Board reviewed a recommendation 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 will be discussed further at the November meeting.

**Pointing Breed Hunting Tests – Allow Clubs to Hold an Amateur Walking Puppy Stake in Conjunction with Their Hunting Test**
The Board reviewed a recommendation 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 will be discussed further at the November meeting.

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

**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.

This will be discussed further at the November meeting.

**Show Veterinarians – Rules Applying to Dog Shows, Chapter 8 and Chapter 10**

**Section 2**
The Board reviewed recommendations 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 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 replaces “On Call” veterinarian with Show Veterinarian clarifying that whether in attendance or on call, the Show Veterinarian must be available to treat dogs during the show hours.

This will be discussed further at the November meeting.

**Show Secretaries – Rules Applying to Dog Shows**
The Board reviewed 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 by the DSRC’s proposals 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

This will be discussed further at the November meeting.
**Electronic Judges Tear Sheets**
The Board reviewed a memorandum that provided information on Superintendents’ procedures for furnishing copies of tear sheets.

Following a motion by Mr. Tatro, seconded by Ms. Biddle, it was VOTED (unanimously) that effective immediately, all Superintendents and Show Secretaries will provide a paper copy of the judge’s book at the end of the judge’s assignment.

**Event Committee Structure**
Staff presented a memo on Event Committee Structure based on a request from the Board. The structure of the event committee is consistent across all sports. An event committee must have a minimum of five members listed in the premium list.

The Board adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

The Board Meeting reconvened on Tuesday, October 11 at 8:30 a.m. All Directors were present in the New York office. The Executive Secretary was also present.

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

**JUDGES**
**Efforts to Assist Judges**
Staff provided a memo on the Chairman’s Committee on Judging Approval and recent efforts/initiatives by Staff to assist judges, including the committee’s ideas to aid judges in their pursuit of education, securing assignments, and completing regular status requirements without lowering expectations.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**
There was an EXECUTIVE SESSION to discuss sensitive business matters.

Three items were reported out of this session:
Upon a motion by Mr. Smyth, seconded by Mr. Powers the Board VOTED (unanimously) that the 6-month mandatory waiting period between Conformation Judging applications for additional breeds shall be reduced to 3 months. Approved judges (with breeds on regular status) may apply for additional breeds after at least three months have passed since the “most recent committee action.”

There was also a motion by Ms. McAteer, seconded by Mr. Hamblin, to increase the number of events that a foreign judge may judge in a calendar year from 8 to 16. This motion was approved, Dr. Garvin and Mr. Sweetwood were opposed to the motion.

There was a motion by Mr. Smyth, seconded by Mr. Carota, and it was VOTED (unanimously) that
Delegate Judges from all AKC Sports shall be exempt from any fees associated with the completion of continuing education or recertification courses/exams required to maintain AKC Judging eligibility.

**Conformation Assignment Eligibility Resource**
The Board had requested that information be succinctly presented on the requirements to judge the different Conformation competitions including NOHS, 4-6 puppy, Sweepstakes and other special attractions.

There is currently a document maintained by the Judging Operations Department and revised as required following any modification to AKC rules, policies or regulations affecting its contents.

The document is posted on AKC.org: [https://images.akc.org/pdf/judges/Who_Can_Judge.pdf](https://images.akc.org/pdf/judges/Who_Can_Judge.pdf)

Links to access the document can be found on two pages of the AKC website – the Conformation Judging Resource Center under “Rules, Policies and Procedures,” and the Downloadable Forms page under “Conformation Events.” Occasional reminders are included in communications to clubs and to Conformation Judges. The subject matter and the form were also included in a recent presentation of the webinar series “Conformation Judging Procedures and Policies.”

**Conformation Judging Statistics**

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EXECUTIVE SESSION
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CLUBS
Member Club Bylaws – Allow the addition of Juniors to the Clubs Bylaws
Mari-Beth O’Neill, Vice President, Sports Services, participated in this portion of the meeting.

The Board reviewed a request from Staff, the AKC Delegate Junior Committee has asked that existing clubs be allowed to add “Junior” as a membership option to their club Bylaws, without AKC reviewing and approving each individual club’s Bylaws.

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

This will be discussed further at the November Board meeting.

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 AUGUST and SEPTEMBER
Durham Kennel Club, Durham County, NC (1953)
Holyoke Kennel Club, Holyoke, MA (1962)
Irish Wolfhound Club of America (1926)
Lexington Kennel Club, Fayette County, KY (1955)
Spinone Club of America (2004)
Waterloo Kennel Club, Waterloo, IA (1950)
REPORT ON NEWLY LICENSED CLUBS APPROVED IN JUNE AND JULY

Great Dane Club of Middle Tennessee, greater Murfreesboro, TN (including communities northwest to Clarksville, TN, southeast to Winchester, TN in proximity to Interstates 24 and 65; including New Market, AL and Oak Grove, KY), 33 total households, 16 local.

Lower James River Golden Retriever Club, greater Williamsburg, VA (including communities north from Richmond, southeast to Chesapeake, east of I-95 to I-64/264), 38 total households, 29 local.

Palms to Pines Australian Shepherd Club, Los Angeles, CA (including communities north to Lancaster, south to San Juan Capistrano, east to Interstate 215; including Nuevo and Winchester, and NW to Woodland Hills), 25 total households, 19 local.

Utah Desert Bird Dog Club, greater Salt Lake City, UT (including communities north to Plain City, south to Spanish Fork in proximity to Interstate 15), 21 total households, 16 local.

CONSENT

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

Delegates Approved
Lori A. Carver
To represent Field Spaniel Society of America
Published August 2022, September 2022

Timothy Gulley
To represent County-Wide Dog Training Club
Published August 2022, September 2022

Corey Heenan
To represent Albany Kennel Club
Published August 2022, September 2022

Agi Hejja
To represent Kuvasz Club of America
Published August 2022, September 2022

Rachann Mayer
To represent Carroll Kennel Club
Published August 2022, September 2022
Karen Rooks Nauer
To represent German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America
Published August 2022, September 2022

Request for AKC Membership Approved
Gloucester Kennel Club of Virginia
1st Licensed Show: May 24, 1986
Focal Point: Gloucester County, Virginia
Total/Local Households: 35H/9L
Published in August 2022 and September 2022 AKC Gazettes

Retriever Hunt Tests – Amateurs and Blind Retrieves
The Board VOTED to amend the Regulations & Guidelines for AKC® Hunting Tests for Retrievers
Chapter 1. General Regulations, Section 5. Definition of an Amateur – to provide a consistent
definition of what it is to be an amateur for both retriever hunt tests and field trials.

Chapter 1. General Regulations. Section 5.
Definition of an Amateur:
A person shall be considered an Amateur who during the period of one year preceding the test
in question has not received compensation in any form for the training of a dog for hunting,
hunting tests or field trials and/or the handling of a dog in the same, and/or the regular systematic
personal instructions of other individuals regarding the above pursuits.

The Board VOTED to amend the Regulations & Guidelines for AKC® Hunting Tests for Retrievers
Classification of Faults
I. Serious Dog Faults
9. Failure to go on a blind – A dog sent on a blind retrieve shall at once proceed in the general
direction of the line given by the handler. A dog that fails to do so shall, in the absence of unusual
extenuating circumstances, be eliminated from the test.
This change will clarify that when a dog is sent on a blind retrieve and does not proceed in the
general direction of the line given by the handler, the dog will be eliminated from the test unless
there are extenuating circumstances.

This is effective November 1, 2022.

Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Breed Standard Revision
The Board VOTED to permit the American Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club, (ACKCSC) to ballot
its membership in accordance with the club’s Constitution and Bylaws on proposed revisions to the
Color section of the breed standard. The proposed revision includes a disqualification for any color
not described in the standard. The current Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Standard was approved
on January 10, 1995.

German Shorthaired Pointer Proposed Breed Standard Revision
The Board VOTED to approve the revisions to the German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America
(GSPCA) standard that were affirmatively voted on by the membership of the GSPCA with an
effective date of January 1, 2023.
Head
Nose: The nose is brown on a liver dog and black on a black dog. The larger the nose the better and nostrils should be well opened and broad. A spotted nose is not desirable. A flesh-colored nose disqualifies.
Color: The coat may be of solid liver or a combination of liver and white such as liver and white ticked, liver patched and white ticked, or liver roan. Or the coat may be of solid black or any combination of black and white such as black and white ticked, black patched, and white ticked, or black roan. Any other color or color combination is a disqualification. A dog with an area of red, orange, lemon or tan or a dog solid white will be disqualified.

Disqualifications:
China or wall eyes. Flesh colored nose. Extreme overshot or undershot. Any color combination of colors other than liver or black as described in the standard. A dog with any area of red, orange, lemon or tan or a dog solid white.

Eliminate Multi-Sire Litter Penalty Fee
The Board VOTED to amend its policy on Multiple Sires (May 2000 Board meeting) to:
Multiple Sires (May 2000 Board meeting amended October 2022)
To ensure the integrity of the AKC registry, in cases where the identification of the sire is in question, or for litters with more than one sire, registration will depend on AKC certified DNA parentage verification in every such case. This policy supersedes all previous Board policy regarding the registration of litters with multiple sires.

The Board also VOTED to amend AKC® Procedures for Registration Matters:

AKC® Procedures for Registration Matters, Chapter X. DNA, Section B Multiple-Sired Litters:

The AKC will consider the registration of litters with more than one sire or litters for which the identification of the sire is in question. The registration must be based on AKC DNA Profiles for the sire(s), dam, and all puppies. This policy ensures the registry’s integrity while allowing for the registration of purebred dogs with AKC DNA profiled parentage from multiple sire breedings.

Multiple-sired litters are not eligible for online registration at this time.

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

AKC MUSEUM OF THE DOG – Mid-Year Report
Deborah Kasindorf, Executive Director of the AKC Museum of the Dog, participated in this portion of the meeting.

Plans are in place for:
- Rebuilding development/fundraising team.
- Engaging NY-centric audience beginning with the October K-9 Tribute.
- Growing audience through new Library membership, will sign-up between 20-30 new libraries in 2022.
• A full calendar of public and educational programming for all audiences.
• Market and manage the Museum space as rented event space.

Additional updates:
• Admissions revenue is surpassing the 2022 forecast and continuing to grow.
• Gift shop revenues are surpassing the 2022 forecast and continuing to grow.
• The Museum is seeking grant funding for gift shop refresh to increase sales.

It was VOTED to adjourn Tuesday, October 11, 2022, at 12:30 p.m. Eastern Time.
Adjourned
Attest: ________________________________
Gina M. DiNardo, Executive Secretary