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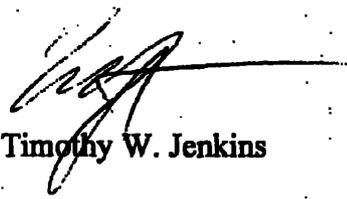
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AOR 2007-16

Dear Ms. Smith:

Enclosed please find two original AORs submitted on behalf of the American Kennel Club, Inc. (AKC). The first submission includes several original attachments to enable the Commission to view the documents in the form distributed by AKC to aspiring clubs. The second "original" includes attachments which have been photocopied. This is designed to ease your reproduction for consideration by the Commissioners. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely yours,



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Dear Ms. Smith:

This request for an Advisory Opinion is submitted on behalf of the American Kennel Club, Inc. (AKC). The AKC is exploring the establishment of a federal separate segregated fund (SSF). Central to the decision on whether to proceed is the potential universe of individuals from whom the AKC SSF could solicit voluntary contributions. Accordingly, the AKC first seeks confirmation that it and all AKC "member" and "affiliate" dog clubs are "membership organizations" as defined under relevant Commission regulations.¹ Second, the AKC requests an opinion on whether the AKC and all AKC member and accredited clubs are "affiliated" under Commission regulations, thereby enabling an AKC SSF to solicit contributions from the individual members of all of these clubs.

AKC Background

The AKC was originally established in 1884 to support the advancement of purebred dogs. It was incorporated in 1908 in the State of New York. The AKC is organized as a social welfare/civic organization pursuant to Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(4).

The AKC Mission Statement provides:

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

¹ "Affiliates" is the term of art employed by the AKC for these clubs. Because we are seeking an opinion on "affiliation" under Commission regulations, the term "accredited" is used herein to avoid confusion.

The principal activities of the AKC are maintenance of a registry of over 150 recognized pure breeds of dogs and oversight of more than 20,000 AKC-sanctioned dog events conducted annually by the roughly 4,600 AKC member and accredited clubs.

The AKC is the internationally recognized national kennel club of the United States and is the largest purebred dog registry in the world. As the United States' national kennel club it occupies a similar status to, and is recognized by, the national kennel clubs of other countries such as the Canadian Kennel Club, the Kennel Club of Mexico, The Kennel Club (England), the Federation Cynologique International (Europe), and the Kennel Club of Japan.

AKC Structure

The AKC employs approximately 450 individuals primarily in its New York City corporate headquarters and in its Raleigh, North Carolina operation center.² These employees, among other things, oversee the registration of almost 900,000 purebred dogs and 450,000 purebred dog litters annually and administer the more than 20,000 AKC sanctioned events to assure compliance with rigorous AKC event standards. The events are limited to AKC-registered dogs, can be conducted only by AKC-member and accredited clubs, and are the sole basis for earning points toward coveted AKC titles.

The AKC structure essentially involves three categories, with AKC the top tier and "member" and other "accredited" clubs comprising the second tier.³ The third level is made up of clubs who have not satisfied the criteria for member or accredited status.⁴ AKC's "members" are the approximately 600 clubs which have satisfied the extremely rigorous criteria for qualification to conduct events under AKC's rules, and also have met additional membership standards, most notably, tenure requirements.⁵ Beyond the "member clubs," there are over 4,000 dog clubs which are not AKC "member clubs" but are accredited. These clubs have also met the intensive application qualifications to hold AKC-sanctioned events, but either have insufficient tenure to meet the "member" criteria, or have the required tenure, but have elected not to apply for full "member" status.⁶ The latter circumstance is not uncommon because member clubs only differ from accredited clubs in that each member club is eligible to send one delegate to the AKC and they pay very modest annual dues (\$25) to the AKC. As discussed in detail below, except for these two areas, there is virtually no structural or functional distinction between a "member" club and an accredited club, and

² No opinion is sought as to the qualifications of the employees as "executive or administrative personnel." 11 C.F.R. § 114.1 (2007).

³ Within these three categories, the clubs are further grouped by geographical coverage, the types of events they are permitted to conduct, and dog breed. These designations are not central to the issue of affiliation.

⁴ At this time, AKC does not intend to solicit these clubs, even those that are in the accreditation pipeline. Therefore, we do not seek an opinion as to whether these clubs would also be affiliates of AKC.

⁵ The AKC by-laws provide that clubs must hold 3 AKC-licensed events in consecutive years to be eligible for membership status (Attachment 1, Article IV). In fact, AKC Board policy for the past few decades has been to require a club to have such events for ten consecutive years before being approved for membership.

⁶ For these clubs, they must be in existence for at least three years and they must hold 2 or 3 Plan B AKC-sanctioned matches and 2 Plan A AKC-sanctioned matches to qualify for affiliate status.

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there is no difference in the extent to which they are subject to AKC standards and operational control.⁷

AKC Governance

The AKC is governed by a Charter and Bylaws that were adopted on January 5, 1909. The Charter and Bylaws have been amended on several occasions since then, most recently on March 13, 2007 (Attachment 1, Copy of AKC Inc. Charter and Bylaws.)

The AKC is governed by a Board of Directors made up of 13 voting members. Only delegates elected by AKC member clubs are eligible to be Directors. The Directors are elected by the roughly 600 delegates of the AKC comprised of one delegate per AKC "member club." (Attachment 1, Articles VI, VII.) The delegates also have the authority to amend the AKC Charter and Bylaws and the rules governing the conduct of AKC dog shows and other events, and have certain other governance responsibilities as set forth in the AKC's Charter and Bylaws. (Attachment 1, Articles XIX, XX.)

The Bylaws and the AKC Rules and Regulations adopted pursuant to the Bylaws are prescriptive on all aspects of the AKC and AKC member and accredited clubs governance and operations, including: the AKC seal, objectives, membership and accreditation standards, board composition and operation, disciplinary standards and procedures, and all aspects of AKC sanctioned dog shows and events. (Attachment 1, Articles II, III, IV, VII, XII, and XIX.)

The AKC and AKC Member and Accredited Clubs are "Membership Organizations"

Although the AKC ultimately seeks Commission approval of affiliation status for the AKC and all its member and accredited clubs, Commission affirmation that the clubs individually qualify as membership organizations within a federation-type structure is a pre-condition for approving affiliation for all of the clubs. The Commission regulations define "membership organization" and "members" for purposes of defining solicitation eligibility. 11 C.F.R. §§ 114.1(e)(1), 114.1(e)(2) (2007). Under these standards, the AKC and its member and accredited clubs should qualify as membership organizations with members who would be eligible to be solicited by their respective clubs for any individual SSFs.

The "membership organization" test outlined in the Commission's regulations is satisfied at each of the AKC levels. First, the AKC and virtually all of its member and accredited clubs are incorporated entities governed by a Constitution and Bylaws. 11 C.F.R. § 114(e)(1) (2007). (Attachment 2: "Member" Club *English Cocker Spaniel Club of America, Inc. Constitution and Bylaws*; Attachment 3: "Accredited" Club *Northern California Bearded Collie Fanciers Constitution and Bylaws*.)⁸ These governing documents specify for each individual club how operating officers

⁷ The operational uniformity and interchangeability are the most compelling elements of affiliation (see discussion, *infra*).

⁸ These documents are representative of the governing documents for other member and accredited clubs. As noted below, the relative uniformity results from the AKC providing applicants for affiliation a "sample" set of constitution and bylaws and the requirement that the AKC approve governing documents as part of the affiliation process.

and directors are elected, and they detail the membership criteria. *Id.* § 114.1(e)(1)(i)-(ii). (Attachment 2, Articles V, II; Attachment 3, Articles III, I) The member and accredited clubs solicit and accept applications for membership and formally acknowledge membership by letter, membership card or other similar device. *Id.* § 114.1(e)(1)(iv)-(v). (Attachment 2, Article II; Attachment 3, Article I; Attachment 4: *English Cocker Spaniel Club of America, Inc.* Website Membership Solicitation.) All member and accredited clubs must also submit their membership lists to the AKC. (Attachment 5: *How to Form an AKC-Accredited Dog Club*, Parts III-IV.) Finally, the formal organizational documents are available to members via website or by request and none of the clubs is organized primarily for political purposes. *Id.* at § 114.1(e)(1)(iii),(vi). (Attachment 2, Article I; Attachment 3, Article I.)

At all levels the “member” test is also satisfied. 11 C.F.R. § 114.1(e)(2) (2007). For the AKC, and all member and accredited clubs, the individual members pay annual dues (*Id.* § 114.1(e)(2)(ii)), (Attachment 2, Article II, Section 2; Attachment 3, Article I, Section 2) although the amount is fixed by an individual club. All clubs are governed by a Constitution and Bylaws that provide that any member in good standing is eligible to serve as an officer and/or director. *Id.* § 114.1(e)(2)(iii). (Attachment 2, Article IV, Section 1; Attachment 3, Article III, Section 1.) The governing documents of each club also provide for direct or indirect participation in voting for their respective governing body. *Id.* For example, the members of the *English Cocker Spaniel Club of America, Inc.* elect from among themselves a Delegate to the American Kennel Club, who exercises voting rights at AKC meetings on behalf of the member club. The AKC Board itself is comprised of 13 such Delegates. (Attachment 1, Article VI; Attachment 2, Article IV.) Thus, at the top two levels of the AKC pyramid – AKC, AKC “members,” and other AKC accredited clubs, the “membership organization” and “member” criteria appear to be satisfied.

Affiliation of the AKC and Member and Accredited Clubs

Commission regulations provide that in the context of federated-type membership organizations “a person who qualifies as a member of any entity within the federation or of any affiliate . . . should also qualify as a member of all affiliates . . .” 11 C.F.R. § 100.134(i). The criteria used to establish affiliation among these entities are set out at 11 C.F.R. § 100.5(g).

The Commission embraced an additional general affiliation standard in the “Explanation and Justification” (E&J) for the final regulations pertaining to the definitions of “membership organization and “member.” Definition of “Member” of a Membership Organization, 64 Fed. Reg. 41,266-41,273 (July 30, 1999). In the examination of affiliation within multi-tiered membership organizations, the Commission embraced the following principle: “a person who joins one tier of a multi-tier organization clearly demonstrates an intention to associate with the entire organization.” *Id.* at 41,271.

The AKC model is analyzed below first in the context of the Commission’s affiliation factors. Because these criteria are somewhat inapposite to the AKC structure (i.e., the Clubs don’t issue stock or otherwise directly underwrite one another), it is also instructive for the AKC universe to be analyzed under the standard articulated in the E&J.

As noted above, the AKC and AKC "member" clubs share in the formal governance of the AKC. Each member club elects a Delegate to the AKC. (Attachment 1, Article VI; Attachment 2, Article IV.) The Delegates annually elect the slate of AKC Directors and are all eligible to be nominated for AKC Director status. (Attachment 1, Article VII.) Thus, at that level, the AKC and member clubs participate directly in the organization's governance as provided by AKC member clubs' constitution and bylaws. Elected Delegates must be approved by the AKC Board which has the authority to approve or deny Delegate applicants. See 11 C.F.R. § 100.5(g)(4)(ii)(B),(C). (Attachment 1, Articles VI, VII; Attachment 2, Article IV.) Likewise, in most instances, the AKC Delegates are officers of the member clubs they represent, elected to those positions by their clubs' members. *Id.* at § 100.5(g)(4)(ii)(E),(F). (Attachment 2, Article IV, Section 2; Attachment 1, Articles VI, VII.)

Other elements of the affiliation standards apply to AKC and its member and accredited clubs. The AKC has a significant role in the formation of member and accredited clubs, and effectively controls the governance of member and accredited clubs. First, the AKC publishes and distributes to all aspiring clubs a brochure on *How to Form an AKC Accredited Dog Club*. (Attachment 5.) Second, the AKC approves the governing documents of any applicant, as part of the accreditation process. *Id.* at § 100.5(g)(4)(ii)(B), (I). (Attachment 5, Part III.) Third, all amendments to governing documents of member and accredited clubs must be submitted to the AKC for review and approval. *Id.* (Attachment 2, Article VIII; Attachment 7A: *Sample Constitution and Bylaws for All-Breed, Specialty, Obedience, Tracking and Group Clubs*, Article VII; 7B: *Sample Constitution and By-laws for a Specialty Club with Nationwide Membership*, Article VII; Attachment 7C: AKC Club Relations Webpage on Bylaw Amendments.) Fourth, the AKC has the authority to discipline any individual member of any member or accredited club, including officers and the clubs themselves. (Attachment 1, Articles XII-XV.) This extends to the temporary or permanent withdrawal of AKC privileges from individuals, the right of clubs to hold AKC events, and the ability to impose fines on member and accredited clubs and their individual members. *Id.* at § 100.5(g)(4)(ii)(C).⁹ (Attachment 1, Article XV.) Indeed, all governing documents of member and accredited clubs expressly state that any individual whose privileges are suspended by the AKC is automatically suspended from membership in their club for a like period of time. *Id.* (Attachment 2, Article VII; Attachment 3, Article VI.) Therefore, for both "member clubs" and the "accredited clubs," many of the affiliation criteria are satisfied.¹⁰

When the AKC operation is viewed in the E&J context ("intention to associate with the entire organization"), the evidence of affiliation is even more apparent. The AKC and all accredited clubs share a single mission statement and objectives. In addition, the governing documents of the AKC and all its clubs, which must be approved by the AKC, are virtually indistinguishable, primarily because all aspiring clubs receive sample constitutions and bylaws from the AKC during the application process and because they must submit these documents to the AKC for approval before being accredited. (Attachment 5, Part III; Attachments 7A, 7B.)

⁹ This authority was very recently exercised when a sitting delegate to the AKC was unseated by virtue of having an occupational conflict of interest.

¹⁰ The June issue of the "AKC Gazette" (Attachment 6) offers compelling evidence of these affiliation-criteria. For example, it contains notices of; member club and accredited club applications, proposed new delegates, disciplinary actions taken against member and accredited clubs and individuals, and proposed amendments to governing documents of member and accredited clubs (requiring AKC approval). See pgs. 80-89.

Further, among the principal objectives of every member and accredited club is to conduct dog shows, matches and events sanctioned by and under the rules of the AKC. Virtually every constitution expressly includes this among the club's "objectives." (Attachment 2, Article I; Attachment 3, Article I.) Every aspect of these dog shows or other AKC events (such as obedience trials, field trials, and herding trials) is controlled by elaborate rules prescribed by the AKC. (Attachment 8: *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*.) AKC oversight also extends to the application process (seeking approval to host a show within a designated geographic area) and every granular element of how a show is operated, down to the color of ribbons. (Attachment 8, Chapters 2 and 5.) The judges at such events are required to be AKC approved. (Attachment 8, Chapter 4.) Only persons in good standing with the AKC are eligible to participate in events held by AKC-affiliated clubs, and in most such events only dogs registered with the AKC are eligible to compete. (Attachment 8, Chapter 11.) AKC field representatives are present at AKC events, and are the final arbiters of all issues related to the conduct of the event. (Attachment 8, Chapter 9.) Finally, the AKC controls the system by which points toward coveted AKC titles are granted at these events, maintains the records of points awarded, and awards the titles. (Attachment 8, Chapters 16-17.) The earning of points or other recognitions toward AKC titles is the primary reason why individuals participate in these events. If an event were not approved by the AKC, there would be few, if any, entries at the event.¹¹

The AKC also exercises global control over all member and accredited clubs. It has extensive regulations that prohibit clubs from competing with one another. For example, the AKC grants exclusive rights for clubs to hold shows within defined geographic areas and on predetermined dates, and has extensive regulations with respect to what AKC-approved judges can judge within defined geographic areas and dates. (Attachment 5, Part I.)

Conclusion

Under this regime, wherein the AKC controls all aspects of an accredited club's formation and operation, it appears to be unquestioned that an individual who joins one of the clubs also fully intends to associate with the overall organization. The ties between the AKC and each accredited club are inextricable and all clubs are closely interconnected by their guiding objectives and by the rules of the AKC that dictate how events are operated and how dogs are registered as purebreds.¹²

Perhaps the most persuasive argument in favor of a Commission decision to affirm affiliation is that the Commission would likely find it very difficult to approve a request seeking the opposite finding, - - that the AKC and its member and accredited clubs are not affiliated. This would mean that the AKC and each of the approximately 4,600 clubs could establish individual SSFs and not share contribution limitations. Although the AKC does not posit that it is likely that all or even a

¹¹ The AKC enjoys a dominant position over dog shows in this country. AKC accredited clubs do not host unsanctioned AKC events because they do not count toward AKC titles, and otherwise are of no value to exhibitors, which are the principal source of revenue. As noted by an AKC executive, "you could try to have a non-AKC sanctioned event, but nobody would care to attend."

¹² This "interconnectedness" is akin to the federated trade association structures found in AOs 2005-14 and 1995-12 to establish affiliation. AKC and the member and affiliated clubs have a similar close "on-going relationship," are "formed for the same purpose," and work together to achieve those objectives. See AO 1995-12 at p. 9.

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large number of clubs would form individual SSFs, the prospect merits conceptual consideration from an anti-circumvention standpoint.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require additional information.

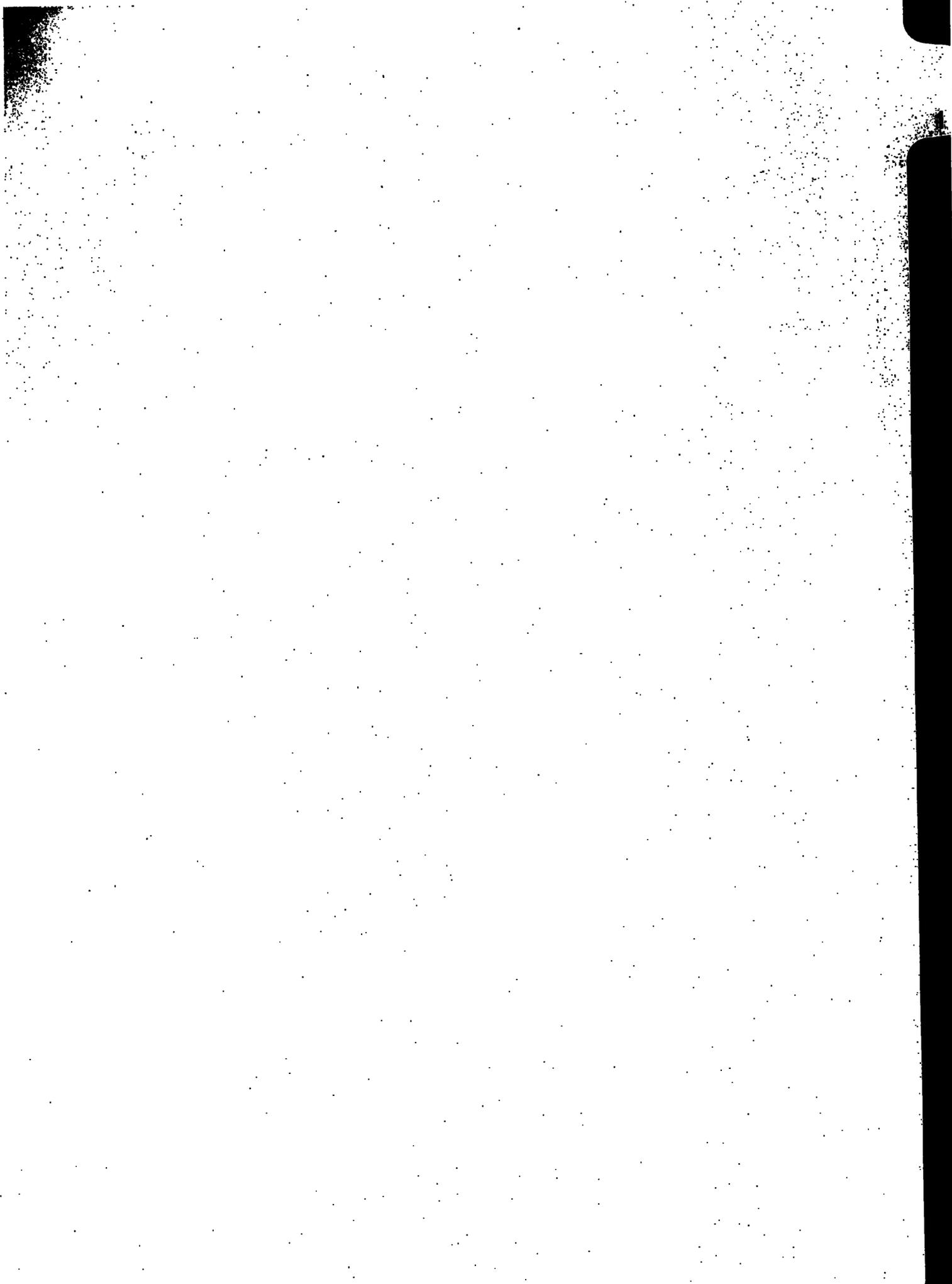
Sincerely,

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Timothy W. Jenkins

Attachments

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CHARTER

SECTION 1. William G. Rockefeller, Dwight Moore, Howard Willets, B.S. Smith, Marcel A. Viti, Frederick H. Osgood, John E. De Mund, Clair Foster, Laurence M.D. McGuire, Henry Jarrett, August Belmont, William B. Emery, Edward Brooks, Charles W. Keyes, James W. Appleton, George B. Post, Jr., Thomas Cadwalader, Winthrop Rutherford, James Mortimer, George Lauder, Jr., William Rauch, Samuel R. Cutler, John G. Bates, J.H. Brookfield, Chetwood Smith, Hildreth K. Bloodgood, Singleton Van Schaick, Hollis H. Hunnewell, J. Sergeant Price and William C. Codman, and all other persons, corporations, associations and organizations as shall hereafter become associated with them as members, as may be provided for by the constitution or bylaws, under and for the purposes of this charter and act of incorporation, are hereby organized and constituted a body corporate and are a corporation under and by name of The American Kennel Club.

SECTION 2. The objects of the corporation shall be to adopt and enforce uniform rules regulating and governing dog shows and field trials, to regulate the conduct of persons interested in exhibiting, running, breeding, registering, purchasing and selling dogs, to detect, prevent and punish frauds in connection therewith, to protect the interests of its members, to maintain and publish an official stud book and an official kennel gazette, and generally to do everything to advance the study, breeding, exhibiting, running and maintenance of the purity of thoroughbred dogs. And for these purposes it shall have power to adopt a constitution, bylaws, rules and regulations; and enforce the same by fines and penalties, which it shall have the right to collect and enforce by suit, or by suspension or expulsion from membership, or by a suspension or denial of any or all of the privileges of said corporation. It may, from time to time, alter, modify or change such constitution, bylaws, rules or regulations.

SECTION 3. Said William G. Rockefeller shall call a meeting of said incorporators hereinbefore named by giving written notice of the time and place of said meeting by mail to each of them at least fifteen days before the time of said meeting, and in event of his failure so to do within thirty days after this act shall take effect, any one of said incorporators may so call said meeting. At said meeting a majority of said incorporators shall form a quorum. Said incorporators at said meeting or any adjournments thereof shall adopt a constitution, bylaws, rules and regulations hereinbefore authorized, and shall elect all the present members and Delegates and associate subscribers of The American Kennel Club members, Delegates and associate subscribers, of the corporation.

SECTION 4. Such corporation shall, subject to the provisions of this act, have all the powers and be subject to all

the liabilities of a membership corporation organized under the membership corporations law.

SECTION 5. The Directors of The American Kennel Club, a corporation heretofore incorporated under the membership corporations law by certificate filed in the office of the Secretary of State and the Clerk of New York county, upon obtaining the consent of the members of such corporation as provided by this section, are hereby authorized to transfer, without consideration, all the property of such corporation to the corporation created by this act. The board of directors of such corporation shall appoint a time for holding a special meeting of the members of the corporation. At least thirty days before such meeting, the secretary of the corporation shall mail to every member thereof a notice of the time and place of such meeting and stating that there will be submitted to the members at such meeting a proposition to transfer all of its property, without consideration, to The American Kennel Club incorporated by Chapter 280 of the laws of nineteen hundred and eight. At any time prior to such meeting any member of the corporation may vote on such proposition by mailing to the secretary of the corporation his assent or dissent in substantially the following form: I hereby assent to (dissent from) the proposition to transfer the property of The American Kennel Club to The American Kennel Club as incorporated by Chapter 280 of the laws of nineteen hundred and eight. Such proposition shall be submitted to the members present at the special meeting. If all such members voting thereon shall vote in the affirmative and no dissent has been filed with the secretary as authorized by this section, the proposition shall be deemed adopted, and thereupon the directors of the corporation shall transfer to The American Kennel Club incorporated by this act all the property of such corporation subject to any outstanding debts or liabilities of such corporation existing at the time of such transfer, which debts and liabilities the corporation incorporated hereby must assume as a condition of such transfer and shall be liable for the same in the same manner and to the same extent as such corporation. Upon completing such transfer the directors of the corporation or a majority of them shall execute in duplicate a certificate to the effect that a special meeting was held by the members of the corporation pursuant to this act, that the members thereof assented to the transfer of its property to The American Kennel Club as required by this section, and that such transfer has been made accordingly, and upon the filing of such certificate in the offices in which the original certificate of incorporation of such corporation is filed, such corporation shall be deemed dissolved.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect immediately.
May 18, 1908

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this Club shall be "THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB," hereafter referred to as "the AKC."

ARTICLE II: SEAL

The Seal of the AKC shall be circular in shape, having on the outer rim thereof the words "American Kennel Club Founded 1884" and in an inner circle the capital letters "A.K.C."

ARTICLE III: OBJECTS OF THE CLUB

The objects of the Club shall be to maintain and publish an official stud book, to adopt and enforce uniform rules regulating and governing purebred dog events, to regulate the conduct of persons interested in breeding, registering, selling, purchasing, exhibiting and running purebred dogs, to prevent, detect, and punish frauds in connection therewith, to protect the interests of its members, to publish an official kennel gazette, and generally to do everything to advance the study, breeding, exhibiting, running and maintenance of purebred dogs.

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. All Clubs or Associations which have held at least three Dog Shows, Obedience Trials or Field Trials in consecutive years under rules of the AKC and all Specialty Clubs which have been or shall be formed for the improvement of any breed of purebred dogs shall be eligible to become members of the AKC.

SECTION 2. Candidates for membership must apply in writing to the AKC on forms the terms of which shall be approved by the Board of Directors of the AKC which forms will be supplied by the Executive Secretary of the AKC upon request. Each application must be accompanied by a copy of the Constitution and Bylaws of the applicant and a list of the names of its officers and members. Each candidate also must send with its application a check or cash for the amount of its admission fees and dues for the current year which will be returned to the candidate if and when it shall fail to be elected.

SECTION 3. No Club or Association shall be eligible to be admitted to membership in the AKC unless its Constitution and Bylaws shall provide that among the objects for which said Club or Association has been formed are the holding of annual dog shows, annual obedience trials or annual field trials or that said Club or Association was formed for the protection or benefit of purebred dogs.

SECTION 4. It shall be the duty and privilege of each parent member Specialty Club to define precisely the true type of the breed of purebred dogs which it was organized to promote and improve and its definition when approved by the Board of Directors of the AKC shall and will be recognized by the AKC as the sole standard of excellence for which such breed of purebred dogs shall be bred and by which specimens of such breed must be judged in the awarding of prizes of merit. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no AKC breed standards of excellence may be altered or replaced without the official approval of the parent member Specialty Club representing the breed in question. The parent member specialty club shall own its standard and the AKC shall have full use of the approved standard.

The standards of excellence of all breeds of purebred dogs now adopted by parent member Specialty Clubs and approved by the Board of Directors of the AKC shall not be changed in any respect until the wording of any proposed change or changes first has been submitted to the Board of Directors of the AKC and its approval of the same has been obtained.

It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors of the AKC to and it shall define precisely the true type of each breed of purebred dogs recognized by the AKC as eligible for registration in its Stud Book for which no standard of excellence has been adopted by any member Specialty Club and submitted to and approved by said Board of Directors in the manner set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this section.

SECTION 5. The name of each candidate and the fact that it has applied for membership must be published in the first issue of the *AKC GAZETTE* which shall be published after the receipt by the Executive Secretary of the AKC of such application and again in the next succeeding issue of said *AKC GAZETTE* and such application then shall be referred to the Board of Directors of the AKC for its approval or disapproval.

SECTION 6. Any person, Club or Association which may desire to object to the admission of a candidate for membership may do so by sending a letter to the Board of Directors of the AKC stating the reasons for such objection and such letter will be considered a privileged communication the contents of which must not be disclosed.

SECTION 7. The Board of Directors of the AKC shall report to the AKC at the next regular meeting of the AKC its findings as to the eligibility of all candidates for membership the names of which duly have been published as provided in Section 5 of this Article, indicating the approval or disapproval of the Board by using the word "approved" or the word "disapproved" as the case may be, and said Board or any member of it in no instance shall be required to give any reason for the findings of said Board.

SECTION 8. The election of all candidates for membership which have been reported "approved" or which have not been reported "disapproved" by the Board of Directors of the AKC in accordance with the provisions of Section 7 of this Article shall be at any regular meeting of the AKC and it shall require the affirmative vote of four-fifths in number of all the Delegates present and voting at such meeting to elect. A written ballot shall be required if requested in writing by at least five Delegates, made to the Executive Secretary of the AKC seven days prior to the start of the meeting at which such election is scheduled.

SECTION 9. Any club or association elected to membership shall notify the Executive Secretary of the AKC of all changes in its officers as they occur, and no change in its Constitution and/or Bylaws shall go into effect until the proposed change be duly approved by the Board of Directors of the AKC.

SECTION 10. No candidate for membership which shall be disapproved by the Board of Directors of the AKC or which shall fail to be elected may again become a candidate until after one year from the date of such failure.

ARTICLE V: ADMISSION FEE AND DUES

SECTION 1. The amount of the admission fee for all new members of AKC and for all former members which may be re-elected shall in each instance be determined by the Board of Directors of the AKC subject to approval by the Delegates.

SECTION 2. The amount of the annual dues of the members of the AKC shall be determined by the Board of Directors of the AKC subject to approval by the Delegates and shall be payable January 1 in each year, in advance. Any member which shall have failed to pay its annual dues on or before February 1, in any year, shall stand suspended from all privileges of the AKC. Any member which shall have failed to pay its annual dues on or before the day of the annual meeting of the AKC, may have its right to membership terminated at the election of the Board of Directors of the AKC which may take such action in each instance as it shall deem wise or may impose such fines or penalties as it may deem just and proper under the particular circumstances. This section of Article V shall be printed on each bill for dues so that no member may be in ignorance thereof.

ARTICLE VI: DELEGATES

SECTION 1. The voting powers of each member organization or Association can and shall be exercised only by a Delegate selected by said club to represent it for that purpose.

SECTION 2. Any member organization which desires to be represented by a Delegate must apply in writing to the

AKC on a credential form, the terms of which shall be approved by the Board of Directors and which shall be supplied by the Executive Secretary of the AKC. Each such application must be signed by the President, Vice President or Executive Secretary of the member organization making the application, and must contain all the information requested therein.

SECTION 3. The name and address of each candidate for the position of Delegate, and the fact that application has been made for his or her appointment, shall be published in the first issue of the *AKC GAZETTE* which shall be published after receipt by the Executive Secretary of the AKC of the Delegate's credentials; and again in the next succeeding issue of the *AKC GAZETTE*. The Delegate's credentials then shall be referred to the Board of Directors for its approval or disapproval.

SECTION 4. Any person or organization desiring to object to the appointment of any person named to be a Delegate may do so by sending a letter to the Board of Directors stating the reasons for such objection.

SECTION 5. Any person in good standing with the AKC who is a resident citizen of the United States, its territories or possessions, or has permanent resident alien status as defined by the Immigration and Naturalization Act, shall be eligible to become or remain a Delegate, providing this person meets the criteria for eligibility given herein. No person is eligible to become or remain a Delegate if he or she (a) is a professional handler or trainer of dogs, professional judge of purebred dog events, a professional judge defined as one who charges a fee in excess of actual expenses, (b) is engaged in trade or traffic in dogs, which includes commercial breeders or brokers of dogs for resale, (c) is employed full time in the manufacture or sale of dog food or dog supplies, (d) is a publisher or other person who promotes show dogs/kennels through solicitation or acceptance of advertisements in commercial dog publications, dog show superintendents or his or her employees (e) has a significant interest in a dog registry, dog event-giving organization or any organization deemed to be in competition with AKC or in conflict with its objects. Significant interest would include but not be limited to, ownership in, employment by, a directorship of, and holding office in.

SECTION 6. All candidates for the position of Delegate, approved by the Board of Directors, shall be notified in writing within five days of their approval. Approved candidates shall be considered seated as of the date of receipt of written notification.

The Board shall act upon all applications within sixty days of the last date of publication. Failure of the Board of Directors to approve or deny said credentials within that period shall be presumed to be a denial and said credentials shall then go to

the Delegates for a vote at the next quarterly meeting unless the club withdraws the candidate before that meeting.

SECTION 7. Candidates disapproved by the Board of Directors shall be notified in writing of said disapproval. The candidate's sponsoring Club may, within thirty days of notice of disapproval, appeal the disapproval in writing to the Executive Secretary of the AKC, stating the reasons why the candidate is eligible under **Section 5** of this article. Such appeal shall be presented to the Delegates at their next regular meeting. An affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Delegates present and voting that the candidate is eligible (under **Section 5** of this article) shall be required to seat a disapproved candidate.

SECTION 8. An incumbent Delegate may, at the discretion of the club which he or she represents, continue to represent his or her club until a new Delegate is seated.

SECTION 9. No candidate for the position of Delegate who has been disapproved by the Board of Directors, or who fails election on appeal, may again be a Delegate candidate until one year from the date of such disapproval or failed appeal.

SECTION 10. No Delegate shall represent more than one member club.

SECTION 11. The Delegates may elect standing committees with such goals and charges as shall be established in a standing rule on committees adopted by the Delegates. The size and election procedures for these committees shall be established in this same standing rule.

ARTICLE VII: BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION, MEETINGS AND QUORUM

SECTION 1. The AKC shall be governed by a Board of Directors consisting of thirteen (13) voting members, all of whom must be Delegates. The Board shall be elected as follows:

At each annual meeting the Delegates shall elect Directors from the list of candidates nominated as provided in Article VIII of these Bylaws. The thirteen voting Directors shall be divided into four classes of three (3), three (3), three (3), and four (4) members. Such Directors to hold office for four (4) years or until their successors are elected. At each annual meeting the Delegates shall elect such other Director or Directors as shall be required to fill the place of any Director who has died or resigned before the expiration of the term for which he or she was elected.

No person shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms on the Board. A Board member who has served more than half a term on the Board is considered to have served a full term. This section does not preclude re-

SECTION 7. The unexplained and by the Directors unexcused absence of a Director from three (3) consecutive regular meetings of the Board shall operate as the accepted resignation of that Director from the Board.

SECTION 8. Each member of the Board shall be paid a monthly Director's fee recommended by the Board of Directors of the AKC subject to the approval by the Delegates and shall be reimbursed for the actual cash outlay made while engaged in the business of the AKC. Said cash outlay is to be reported to the Delegates.

**ARTICLE VIII: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

SECTION 1. The Board of Directors before August fifteenth of each year shall designate five Delegates to be a Nominating Committee. No Delegate designated to serve on the Nominating Committee may be an officer of the AKC or a member of its Board of Directors. The duty of the Nominating Committee is to nominate candidates for vacancies on the Board of Directors which are to be filled at the next annual meeting of the AKC. The names of the Delegates on the Nominating Committee are to be published on the Secretary's Page of the September AKC GAZETTE.

SECTION 2. The Nominating Committee is to report its nominations in writing to the Executive Secretary of the AKC before October fifteenth of the year appointed. Within five days of receipt the Executive Secretary is to notify in writing each Delegate and each member club not represented by a Delegate of the names of the candidates selected by the Nominating Committee.

SECTION 3. If, after nomination, the name of any candidate is withdrawn, the Nominating Committee shall nominate a new candidate. The Nominating Committee will notify the Executive Secretary of the AKC in writing of the new candidate. The Executive Secretary will send notice within five days of receipt of the new candidate to all Delegates and member clubs not represented by a Delegate.

SECTION 4. Any Delegate not nominated by the Nominating Committee is eligible to be a candidate for election to the Board of Directors on submission of a written petition endorsed by at least fifty other Delegates. A Delegate's petition must be received by the Executive Secretary of the AKC before the fifteenth of November. The Executive Secretary shall send notice in writing of a petition candidate or candidates within five days of receipt to all Delegates and member clubs not represented by a Delegate.

SECTION 5. The names of all candidates for election as directors shall be published in alphabetical order on the

Secretary's Page of the March *AKC GAZETTE* of the year in which they come before the annual meeting to be voted upon.

SECTION 6. No nominations may be made from the floor at the annual meeting of the AKC.

SECTION 7. All elections shall be by ballot.

ARTICLE IX: BOARD OF DIRECTORS GENERAL POWERS

The Board of Directors shall have the general management of the business and affairs of the AKC and generally perform all duties appertaining to the office of director provided, however, that all the powers conferred by this Article of the Bylaws shall be exercised subject to all other provisions of these Bylaws and to the statutes of the State of New York and all amendments thereof and additions thereto.

ARTICLE X: BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIFIC POWERS

Without detracting from any general powers of the Board of Directors but by way of explanation it shall be understood that:

SECTION 1. The Board shall have supervision of the funds, assets and property of the AKC and shall determine how much thereof shall be left in the hands or under direct control of the Treasurer for current needs, and how the balance thereof shall be deposited or invested, and shall have power to withdraw or transfer said deposits or dispose of or change said investments for the benefit of the AKC.

SECTION 2. The Board may appoint from time to time and at will discharge committees with such powers and authority as in the judgment of said Board may be necessary to facilitate and carry out the objects and business of the AKC; and in order to facilitate business may appoint one (1) or more persons who shall represent the AKC in such territory of the United States and with such jurisdiction as may be designated by said Board.

SECTION 3. The Board shall examine all proposed amendments or alterations to the Bylaws, Rules or Regulations of the AKC and report thereon to the AKC for action.

SECTION 4. All matters in dispute as to interpretation of the Rules or Regulations of the AKC shall be submitted to the Board for its construction; which shall be decisive.

SECTION 5. The Board shall have supervision and control of the Stud Book, the registration of purebred dogs,

kennel names and the transfers thereof, and determine the manner in which such records shall be preserved.

SECTION 6. The Board shall determine all matters which may arise affecting pedigrees of purebred dogs.

SECTION 7. The Board shall have supervision and control of the official kennel gazette now called the *AKC GAZETTE* and shall determine the manner and form in which it shall be published.

SECTION 8. The Board shall have power to approve or disapprove any or all applications for purebred dog events.

SECTION 9. The Board shall have power to issue and revoke licenses to Judges, Superintendents of Purebred Dog Events and Handlers of Dogs.

SECTION 10. The Board also shall have the power to determine and fix the rating of each breed of dog to qualify for Championship and may from time to time change such rating.

SECTION 11. The Board shall have the power to sanction or disapprove applications for informal purebred dog events.

SECTION 12. The Board shall have power to issue such regulations as it may deem necessary for the governing or holding of purebred dog events.

SECTION 13. The Board shall have power to consider charges preferred by Event Committees, Clubs, Associations or persons, and to determine whether the charges alleged have been sustained, and if sustained what penalty shall be imposed.

The powers of the Board of Directors in this connection are more fully set forth in Article XII of these Bylaws entitled "Discipline."

SECTION 14. The Board shall have power to appoint and at will remove Trial Boards of not less than three (3) members each, whose duty it shall be to hear such charges in the first instance as may be referred by the Board of Directors to such Trial Boards. The powers and duties of Trial Boards are more fully set forth in Article XIII of these Bylaws entitled "Trial Boards."

SECTION 15. The Board shall have power to determine and fix and from time to time change the amount of all fees to be charged by the AKC, whether for registration, listing and change of ownership of dogs, the granting of kennel names and the transfer thereof, the issuing of certificates or otherwise.

SECTION 16. The Board shall have power without previous hearing to fix and determine the amount or extent of the penalty and to impose a penalty for all uncontested violations of the Rules and Regulations of the AKC.

ARTICLE XI: OFFICERS

SECTION 1. The Executive Officers of the AKC shall be a President, Chief Operating Officer, Chief Financial Officer and Executive Secretary. The Directors, by a majority vote of those present at any meeting, may determine, for such period or periods as they deem appropriate, that one or more of the above offices may remain vacant or that the same person may hold one or more of the above offices, except that the President may not serve as Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Chief Financial Officer, or Executive Secretary. The Executive Officers shall be elected annually at the first regular meeting after the annual meeting. The President is an ex officio non-voting Director by virtue of his or her position. The President may but need not be a Delegate.

SECTION 2. The Board Officers of the AKC shall be a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson. The Board Officers shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors at a meeting which shall be held immediately following the annual meeting.

The Chairperson of the Board and Vice Chairperson of the Board must be Directors.

SECTION 3. The Chairperson of the Board shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors. In the absence of the Chairperson, the Vice Chairperson shall preside at the meeting. In the absence of the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson, an Acting Chairperson shall be elected by a majority of those present at any meeting. The Chairperson of the Board shall perform such additional duties as may be assigned by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 4. The Vice Chairperson shall perform such duties as may be assigned by the Board of Directors and shall be the primary Board contact with the Chief Financial Officer in monitoring the finances of the AKC.

SECTION 5. The President shall perform the usual duties of a chief executive officer, shall preside at all meetings of the AKC and shall perform such other duties, as may be assigned by the Board of Directors. All contracts on behalf of the AKC shall be executed by the President or by such Executive Officers or Vice Presidents as may be designated by the President. In the absence or disability of the President, the Chief Operating Officer, and in the absence or disability of both the President and Chief Operating Officer, the Executive Secretary shall perform the duties of the President. The President shall devote his/her whole time to the business of the AKC. The salary of the President shall be fixed by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 6. The Chief Operating Officer shall perform such duties as may be assigned by the President or the Board of Directors and shall devote his or her whole time to the business of the AKC. The salary of the Chief Operating Officer shall be fixed by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 7. The Executive Secretary shall keep the records of all the meetings of the AKC and Board of Directors and shall issue calls for said meetings. He/she shall keep a roll of members and Delegates, and shall have charge of all records and papers of the AKC. He/she shall have custody of the seal of the AKC. He/she shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him/her by the President or by the Board of Directors, devoting his/her whole time to the business of the AKC. The salary of the Executive Secretary shall be fixed by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 8. The Chief Financial Officer shall keep the financial records of the AKC in such manner as may be directed by the Board of Directors; shall be responsible for the collection, custody and control of the funds of the AKC, subject to the supervision of the President and the Board of Directors; and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President or the Board of Directors, devoting his/her whole time to the business of the AKC. The salary of the Chief Financial Officer shall be fixed by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 9. The President may appoint one or more Vice Presidents or Assistant Vice Presidents with administrative responsibility for different AKC departments and with such additional duties as may be assigned by the President. They shall devote their full time to the business of the AKC.

ARTICLE XII: AKC DISCIPLINE

SECTION 1. Any club or association or person or persons interested in purebred dogs may make a complaint against any other club or association or person or persons for conduct alleged to have been prejudicial to the best interests of purebred dogs, purebred dog events or the AKC, which complaint shall be made in writing setting forth the circumstances. It shall be signed and sworn by an officer of the club or association or by the person or persons making the same before a person qualified to administer oaths and shall then be sent to the AKC, (ATTENTION: Executive Secretary) with a deposit, the amount to be established annually by the Board of Directors. This sum shall become the property of the AKC if said complaint shall not to any extent be sustained, or shall be returned if said complaint is sustained in whole or in part, or if the AKC shall refuse to entertain jurisdiction thereof.

The Board of Directors has the authority to determine whether the AKC shall exercise jurisdiction.

SECTION 2. Upon receipt of a duly filed complaint pursuant to Section 1 of this Article, the President shall cause the matter to be investigated, and following such investigation, and upon notice to the Board of Directors, shall direct that charges be filed, which shall be sent to a Trial Board for a hearing, or that the matter be dropped from further consideration. The President, with the concurrence of the defendant, may impose a penalty according to guidelines established by the AKC Board without referring the matter to a Trial Board. The President may refer a recommendation for a penalty greater or lesser than provided for in these guidelines, to the Board of Directors for final action. The President shall promptly report all complaints and their disposition to the AKC Board of Directors.

SECTION 3. The President or the Board of Directors shall have the power to investigate any matters which may be brought to their attention in connection with the objects for which the AKC was founded, or to appoint a committee or Trial Board to investigate, in which event the same procedure shall be followed and the same rules shall apply as in a trial before a Trial Board.

If after such investigation the President or the Board of Directors believe that sufficient evidence exists to warrant the filing of charges, they may file or direct the filing of such charges. The President upon notice to the Board of Directors, or the Board of Directors, may prefer charges for conduct prejudicial to the best interests of the AKC against clubs or persons who shall bring to their attention any matter which upon investigation shall be found to have been reported maliciously and/or in bad faith.

SECTION 4. The President upon notice to the Board of Directors, or the Board of Directors, shall have power to prefer charges against any association or club not a member of the AKC, or person or persons, for conduct alleged to be prejudicial to purebred dogs, purebred dog events, or to the best interests of the AKC. Pending the final determination of any such charges, the privileges of the AKC may be withheld from the person or body against whom charges are pending.

SECTION 5. The Board of Directors shall have the power to prefer charges or to suspend from membership in the AKC any member club pending final action by the Delegates in accordance with the provisions of this section; for conduct alleged to have been prejudicial to the best interests of the AKC or for violation of the member club's constitution, bylaws, or rules.

The Board of Directors shall then file charges and promptly set a date for a hearing and send notice to the suspended member by certified mail at least ten days prior to the scheduled hearing. The time and place where the suspended member may be heard will be stated. Such notice shall also set forth a copy of the charges.

The Board of Directors shall refer the charges to a Trial

Board to take the testimony and to report its findings and/or recommendations to the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors, after hearing or reviewing the evidence, shall report its findings to the Delegates at the next regular meeting of the AKC. The Delegates shall take action upon said findings and by a majority vote of Delegates present may reinstate, continue the suspension from membership for a stated time, or by a two-thirds vote expel the member from the AKC.

ARTICLE XIII: TRIAL BOARDS

SECTION 1. Trial Boards and an Appeal Trial Board shall be appointed from time to time by the Board of Directors of the AKC. No member of a Trial Board or an Appeal Trial Board shall be a Director, shall have served as a Director in the preceding three years, or shall have been a past or current AKC employee. An individual may not concurrently be appointed to nor serve on a Trial Board or the Appeal Trial Board. Each Trial Board and the Appeal Trial Board shall consist of three members, one of whom, if practicable, should be an attorney-at-law. In case one or more members of a Trial Board or the Appeal Trial Board shall be unable to sit in any given case, the Chair of the Trial Board or Appeal Trial Board may appoint a substitute or substitutes for such case from the current list of those appointed by the Board of Directors as members of a Trial Board or as alternate Appeal Trial Board members. In case of the absence of one or more members of a Trial Board, the remaining member or members may hear and determine a case if the parties being heard shall consent thereto. A Trial Board Chair, with the concurrence of both the AKC and the defendant may hear and determine a case or designate one Trial Board member from the list of current appointees to hear and determine a case in lieu of a hearing before a three-member Trial Board. The Appeal Trial Board must have three members to hear and determine a case.

SECTION 2. When charges have been filed and referred to a Trial Board, a notice which shall state that such charges have been filed and shall set forth a copy of the same shall be sent to the club or association, or person or persons against which or whom said charges have been preferred which club or association, or person or persons herein shall be known as and called the defendant. The club or association or person or persons which or who shall have filed the complaint leading to the charges shall be known and called the complainant.

Such notice shall also set forth a time and place at which the defendant may attend and present any defense or answer which the defendant may wish to make. The time and place shall be determined by the Trial Board Chair in consultation with the parties.

If the complainant shall fail or refuse to cooperate with the AKC in the prosecution of said charges, without giving reasonable excuse for such failure or refusal, the AKC or

the Trial Board presiding may suspend said complainant for a period of six months or until such time as the party is prepared to cooperate with the AKC. Appeals to such suspensions shall be to the Appeals Trial Board.

If the defendant shall fail to appear at the hearing, without giving reasonable excuse for such failure or refusal, the complainant's evidence may be heard and the defendant's written answer, if any, will be considered. The record of the hearing shall also include a statement by the Trial Board Chair of any conversations with the defendant concerning the failure or refusal to appear. In such cases, the Trial Board may make a finding. The Trial Board may also suspend the defendant for six months or until the party is prepared to present a defense.

SECTION 3. Trial Boards shall hear and decide by majority vote matters submitted to them by the President or the Board of Directors and shall have the power to impose fines and suspensions from any or all AKC privileges not to be less than nor to exceed guidelines established by the AKC Board of Directors. A Trial Board may refer a recommendation for a penalty greater or lesser than provided for in these guidelines to the Board of Directors for final action.

If a Trial Board withholds privileges of the AKC, the suspension shall take effect immediately when the defendant has been so notified in person or five days after the date of a written notice. Notice may be made orally and must be made by certified and first class mail to the defendant's last known address within five days of receipt of the decision.

A Trial Board, the Trial Board Chair or one Trial Board member appointed to hear and determine a case as provided in Article XIII, Section 1 has the power, with the concurrence of a defendant, to impose fines and suspensions from any or all AKC privileges according to guidelines established by the AKC Board of Directors without a formal Trial Board hearing. The Trial Board, with the concurrence of the defendant, may without a hearing recommend a lesser penalty to the Board. A Trial Board, the Trial Board Chair, or an appointed Trial Board member who heard and determined a case may refer a recommendation for a penalty greater or lesser than provided for in these guidelines to the Board of Directors for final action.

All Trial Board actions shall be reported to the Board of Directors promptly after such actions are taken.

SECTION 4. Trial Boards shall have power to withhold from any person all AKC privileges for a period of not more than one year for improper or disorderly conduct during a hearing or trial.

SECTION 5. Trial Boards shall keep minutes of their sittings.

SECTION 6. The decisions of Trial Boards shall be in writing signed by all members attending, and include all exhibits and papers offered before them. Each decision,

together with complete copies of the minutes and testimony taken, shall be filed with the Executive Secretary of the AKC within thirty days of the date of the rendering of the decision. The Trial Board may file with its decision or within thirty days thereafter or in the event of an appeal, within thirty days of hearing an appeal, an opinion or expanded statement in detail of the reasons for its findings. Within five business days of receipt of the Trial Board's report, the Executive Secretary of the AKC shall notify all parties in interest of the Trial Board's decision.

SECTION 7. An appeal may be taken from any decision of a Trial Board (*except where it is acting as the appellate body for an Event Committee appeal, where its decision is final*). Notice in writing claiming such appeal together with a deposit, the amount of which is determined annually by the AKC Board of Directors, must be sent to the AKC (ATTENTION: Executive Secretary) within thirty days after the receipt of the notice of the decision of the Trial Board. A three-member Appeals Trial Board shall hear said appeal on the record.

The deposit shall become the property of the AKC if the decision of the Trial Board shall be confirmed in whole or in part, or shall be returned to the appellant if it shall not be confirmed. If the aggrieved party shall fail to take such appeal, there shall be no further right of appeal of any kind.

SECTION 8. The AKC and any Trial Board of the AKC may, and if necessary at AKC expense, summon witnesses or a member of any Event Committee to testify at any and all hearings held under the provisions of the Bylaws of the AKC. Any person who is summoned by the AKC and/or Trial Board to testify, may be suspended from AKC privileges if he or she shall fail to testify, without reasonable excuse.

ARTICLE XIV: EVENT COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. The Event Committee of a club or association shall have the right and responsibility to suspend any person from AKC privileges for conduct prejudicial to the best interest of purebred dogs, purebred dog events, or the AKC, alleged to have occurred in connection with or during the progress of its event, after the alleged offender has been given the opportunity to be heard. When the penalty for the offense as set forth in the guidelines authorized by the Board of Directors provides for a reprimand in certain instances, the Event Committee shall have the authority to stay the suspension pending a final determination by the AKC.

Notice in writing must be sent promptly by certified and by first class mail by the Event Committee to the person suspended and a duplicate notice giving the name and address of the person suspended and full details as to the reasons for the suspension and if applicable, the reasons for the stay of suspension must be forwarded to the AKC (ATTENTION: Executive Secretary) within five days.

An appeal may be taken from a decision of an Event Committee and any subsequent disciplinary action applied by the AKC. Notice in writing claiming such appeal together with a deposit, at an amount established by the AKC Board of Directors, must be sent to the AKC (ATTENTION: Executive Secretary) within thirty days after the date of the suspension. The appeal shall be determined by a Trial Board whose decision is final. The deposit shall become the property of the AKC if the decision is upheld in whole or in part or shall be returned to the appellant if the decision is not upheld in whole or in part.

ARTICLE XV: PENALTIES

SECTION 1. Penalties range from a reprimand or fine to suspension for life from all privileges of the AKC.

SECTION 2. The suspension of a person shall date from the day of the perpetration of the act or from any date subsequent thereto which shall be fixed by the AKC or after a hearing by a Trial Board.

SECTION 3. Any or all privileges of the AKC may be withheld from any person suspended. The terms of suspension shall be defined in the most current published list of penalties approved by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 4. Any AKC club, association or organization which shall hold a purebred dog event or dog exhibition of any kind not in accordance with the rules of the AKC which apply to such purebred dog event or exhibition without the express permission of the AKC may be disciplined even to the extent of being deprived of all privileges of the AKC for a stated period of time or indefinitely, and if such club, association or organization shall be a member of the AKC, it may be expelled from membership therein.

SECTION 5. No club or association licensed by the AKC to give a purebred dog event or give a dog exhibition of any kind shall employ in any capacity, accept the donation of a prize or money from, or permit to be within the walls or boundaries of its building or grounds, if a purebred dog event, save only as a spectator, any person known to be under suspension from the privileges of the AKC, or any employee or member of a corporation which shall be under suspension from the privileges of the AKC. And any contract for floor space at a purebred dog event, or contract for advertising space in a catalog, premium list or other printed matter, in connection with the giving of said event, shall bear upon it the following condition: "This space is sold with the understanding that should the privileges of the AKC be withdrawn from the purchaser of this space prior to its execution, this contract is thereby automatically canceled. Any money paid by the purchaser for such space shall be refunded."

SECTION 6. No member club or association under suspension shall be represented by its Delegate and no Delegate under suspension shall act for a member or in any official capacity for the AKC during the period of suspension.

SECTION 7. Any association, club, person or persons suspended by the AKC or from whom the privileges of the AKC have been withheld, may apply for reinstatement or restoration of privileges upon paying a fee, the amount of which may be fixed and determined by the Board of Directors of the AKC. Until said fee has been paid the application shall not be acted upon.

ARTICLE XVI: FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the AKC shall end with the thirty-first day of December of each year.

ARTICLE XVII: AUDIT

The Board of Directors shall have the books and accounts of the Treasurer audited at least once a year, either by a professional auditor approved by said Board or by an auditing committee appointed by said Board. A comprehensive summary of the auditor's report shall be published in the *AKC GAZETTE* and a copy of said summary of said report shall be sent to each member club or association and to each Delegate as soon as the same can be prepared and printed.

ARTICLE XVIII: MEETINGS AND QUORUM

SECTION 1. The annual meeting of the AKC shall be the regular meeting held in March. There shall also be regular meetings of the AKC in June and September. There shall be one regular meeting held in December or January announced at least two years in advance. The exact date, time and location of all meetings shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2. Notice of the date, time and location of the annual meeting and of each regular meeting shall be printed in that issue of the *AKC GAZETTE* which shall be published next before the date fixed for each said meeting. Mail notice of each such meeting will be sent to all Delegates at least twenty-one (21) days before the date of the meeting.

SECTION 3. Special meetings of the AKC shall be called by the Executive Secretary on the written request of 10 percent or more of the Delegates. Only business specified in the call shall be transacted at a special meeting.

SECTION 4. Notice of the date, time and location of each special meeting, together with the business to be transacted, shall be sent to all Delegates within seven (7) days of the receipt of the written request for the special

meeting. Such notice must be sent at least fifteen (15) days before the date of the special meeting.

SECTION 5. Twenty-five percent (25%) of the total number of Delegates shall constitute a quorum of the AKC for the transaction of business at all meetings.

SECTION 6. The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the AKC in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws and any special Rules of Order the AKC may adopt.

SECTION 7. No person not an AKC Board Member, Delegate or Officer of the AKC, except employees, shall be present at a meeting of the AKC without the consent of the majority present and voting.

ARTICLE XIX: RULES

The Delegates to the AKC shall have sole power to make the Rules governing dog shows and field trials and the clubs or associations formed to conduct them.

ARTICLE XX: AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS AND RULES

SECTION 1. Amendments to the Bylaws and/or the Rules may be proposed by the Board of Directors or by a Member Club acting through its Delegate. Amendments to the Bylaws and/or the Rules may also be proposed by a Standing Delegate Committee, provided such proposal is within the scope of the charge to that committee as defined in the standing rule on committees.

SECTION 2. The Bylaws and/or the Rules may be amended at any regular meeting of the AKC provided the notice requirements set forth in Section 4 of this Article have been satisfied.

SECTION 3. Proposed amendments to the Bylaws and/or the Rules by a Member Club, acting through its Delegate, or by a Standing Delegate Committee must be submitted in writing to the Executive Secretary and also to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall review said proposed amendments and approve, disapprove and/or make recommendations.

a) If the Board approves, the amendment shall be noticed as set forth in Section 4 and voted upon as set forth in Section 5 hereunder.

b) In the event the Board disapproves of the proposed amendment, it shall, through the Executive Secretary, so notify the proposer of the amendment through its Delegate in writing with recommendations, if any. The Member Club may then within 60 days, or in the case of a Standing Delegate Committee, within 90 days of receipt of said

notice demand in writing that the proposed amendment be noticed pursuant to Section 4 hereunder and presented at a regular meeting of the AKC for a vote, and said procedure shall then commence forthwith. Should the Member Club or the Standing Delegate Committee elect to submit a revised proposed amendment, it shall be treated as a new proposal.

c) In the event the Board does not approve or disapprove of the proposal within 6 months of receipt, the matter shall proceed forthwith with notice as set forth in Section 4 and vote as set forth in Section 5 of this Article.

SECTION 4. Proposed amendments to the Bylaws and/or the Rules shall be read verbatim or in summary form and distributed at a regular meeting of the Delegates and thereafter shall be published in two consecutive issues of the *AKC GAZETTE* along with the proposed amendments. The recommendation of the Board of Directors shall appear in the *AKC GAZETTE* along with the proposed amendments.

SECTION 5. A two-thirds vote of the Delegates present and voting shall be required to adopt proposed amendments to the Bylaws and/or the Rules.

SECTION 6: Unless otherwise specified in this Article XVIII, all proposed amendments, demands, recommendations, and other writings hereunder shall be filed with the Executive Secretary.

Delegate Standing Rule on Committees

**Adopted June 8, 1993, Amended September 14, 1993, June 13, 1995,
September 10, 1996, June 10, 1997, June 11, 2002, June 7, 2004,
January 17, 2005**

I. This rule shall be known as "The Standing Rule on Delegate Committees."

II. The goals of these committees are:

A. To provide the broad-based independent involvement of the Delegates in matters affecting the dog fancy.

B. To identify and utilize the expertise within the Delegate Body and within the fancy.

III. The Delegates establish the following standing committees and charge them as follows:

A. Parent Clubs

1. To share information and procedures useful to parent clubs.

2. To find ways of making parent clubs and parent club events more effective and efficient in serving the needs of their members, their breeds, and their local specialty clubs.

B. All-Breed Clubs

1. To share information and procedures useful to all-breed clubs.

2. To find ways of making all-breed clubs and their events more effective and efficient in serving the needs of their members and their communities.

C. Obedience, Tracking and Agility

1. To share information and procedures useful to Obedience, Tracking and Agility clubs.

2. To find ways of making Obedience, Tracking and Agility clubs and their events more effective and efficient in serving the needs of their members and their communities.

D. Field Trial and Hunting Test Events

1. To share information and procedures useful to field trial and hunting test clubs.

2. To find ways of making field trial and hunting test clubs and their events more effective and efficient in serving the needs of their members and their communities.

3. To support the role of field trial and hunting test clubs and events in enhancing and preserving the working skills of the breeds involved.

E. Canine Health

1. To gather and share with the Delegates scientific information vital to the improvement of canine health.

2. To recommend to the Delegates educational programs, procedures and research relevant to canine health.

F. Bylaws

To review and make recommendations on proposed amendments to the Bylaws.

G. Dog Show Rules

To review and make recommendations on proposed amendments to the Dog Show Rules.

H. Delegate Advocacy and Advancement

To review and make recommendations on issues and proposals affecting the future structure of the Delegate Body, Delegate empowerment, changes relating to Delegate meetings and Delegate eligibility.

I. Herding, Earthdog and Coursing Events

1. To share information and procedures useful to the clubs that conduct herding, earthdog and coursing events.
2. To find ways of making herding, earthdog and coursing events and the clubs that conduct such events more effective and efficient in serving the needs of their members and their communities.
3. To support the role of herding, earthdog and coursing events and the clubs that conduct these events in enhancing and preserving the working skills of the breeds involved.

J. Coordinating Committee

1. To determine the scope and jurisdiction of Delegate committees.
2. To establish procedural guidelines for committee operations.
3. To coordinate, control, and facilitate committee requests for staff resources and committee expenses.
4. To ensure the timely submission of committee annual reports.
5. To review committee effectiveness and make recommendations.

IV. The membership of the committees, with the exception of the Coordinating Committee, shall be elected by the Delegates as follows:

- A. Elections for standing committees shall be held at the Delegates quarterly meeting in September of each year.**
- B. Members of the Board of Directors are not eligible to serve as voting members on Delegate committees.**
- C. A Delegate may self-nominate for only one committee.**
- D. Each self-nominated Delegate shall submit to AKC a statement of not more than 150 words indicating his or her qualifications.**
- E. AKC shall furnish to the Delegates, with the call for the meeting at which the election will be held, the list of nominees for each committee, the statements of qualification, the record of attendance at Delegate meetings, incumbents' attendance records at Delegate Committee Meetings, and the length of tenure of each nominee.**

F. If the nominations for any committee are equal to or less than the maximum number of committee members to be elected, there shall be no election for that committee and the nominated candidates shall be deemed elected.

G. Elections shall be by written ballot at a regular Delegates Meeting.

1. Those nominees receiving the most votes shall be elected.
2. If at any annual election the number of nominees would result in a committee of less than five members, that committee shall not function for that year.
3. Standing committees shall consist of not less than five nor more than eleven members.
4. In case of a tie for the last position on any committee, the tie will be resolved by a standing vote of the Delegates.

V. The committees shall be organized as follows:

A. At the conclusion of the Delegates Meeting at which they are elected, each committee shall elect a chair, then a secretary.

B. The Coordinating Committee shall be comprised of the chairs of each of the other Delegate standing committees. The Coordinating Committee shall, at its first meeting, elect a chair, then a secretary.

C. Committee members shall serve terms determined as follows:

1. Upon initial committee election, committees shall be divided into three classes, as follows:

Committee Size	3 year terms	2 year terms	1 year terms
5	2	2	1
6	2	2	2
7	3	2	2
8	3	3	2
9	3	3	3
10	4	3	3
11	4	4	3

2. Thereafter all newly elected members will serve three-year terms.

D. From time to time, the Delegate Body may establish and charge additional standing committees. Staffing of additional committees will follow the procedure described in *Article IV*.

VI. The following operating rules shall apply to committees:

A. Committees may, at their discretion, invite non-Delegates to participate in a non-voting capacity.

B. Committees may, at their discretion, seek liaison with Board members.

C. All committee reports shall be directed to the Delegate Body with copies to the Board of Directors.

D. An annual written report shall be submitted to the Delegate Body by a date designated by the Coordinating Committee.

E. Interim oral or written reports may be submitted by committees at their discretion, or as directed by the Coordinating Committee.

F. Committees will consider and respond to Board requests for input. In instances where a committee is responding to a Board request, their report will go directly to the Board.

G. No committee shall speak in the name of the Delegates or the American Kennel Club.

H. Each committee shall respect the powers designated to the Board of Directors in Articles IX and X of the Bylaws.

I. All committee meetings shall be open to Delegates as observers only.

J. Committees shall utilize *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*.

K. In the absence of the elected chair, the committee members present at a meeting shall elect an interim chair.

L. Three consecutive absences without the approval of the committee chair shall constitute a resignation from that committee.

M. Vacancies on a committee shall be filled, until the next committee election, by a vote of the committee.

N. Committees shall meet in conjunction with the quarterly Delegates Meetings. Special meetings may only be held at other times with the prior approval of the Coordinating Committee.

VII. None of the above provisions shall be presumed to limit the power of the Board of Directors to appoint committees as specified in *Article X, Section 2* of the Bylaws.

AKC Code of Sportsmanship

***PREFACE:** The sport of purebred dog competitive events dates prior to 1884, the year of AKC's birth. Shared values of those involved in the sport include principles of sportsmanship. They are practiced in all sectors of our sport: conformation, performance and companion. Many believe that these principles of sportsmanship are the prime reason why our sport has thrived for over one hundred years. With the belief that it is useful to periodically articulate the fundamentals of our sport, this code is presented.*

- Sportsmen respect the history, traditions and integrity of the sport of purebred dogs.
- Sportsmen commit themselves to values of fair play, honesty, courtesy, and vigorous competition, as well as winning and losing with grace.
- Sportsmen refuse to compromise their commitment and obligation to the sport of purebred dogs by injecting personal advantage or consideration into their decisions or behavior.
- The sportsman judge judges only on the merits of the dogs and considers no other factors.
- The sportsman judge or exhibitor accepts constructive criticism.
- The sportsman exhibitor declines to enter or exhibit under a judge where it might reasonably appear that the judge's placements could be based on something other than the merits of the dogs.
- The sportsman exhibitor refuses to compromise the impartiality of a judge.
- The sportsman respects the AKC bylaws, rules, regulations and policies governing the sport of purebred dogs.
- Sportsmen find that vigorous competition and civility are not inconsistent and are able to appreciate the merit of their competition and the effort of competitors.
- Sportsmen welcome, encourage and support newcomers to the sport.
- Sportsmen will deal fairly with all those who trade with them.
- Sportsmen are willing to share honest and open appraisals of both the strengths and weaknesses of their breeding stock.
- Sportsmen spurn any opportunity to take personal advantage of positions offered or bestowed upon them.
- Sportsmen always consider as paramount the welfare of their dog.
- Sportsmen refuse to embarrass the sport, the American Kennel Club, or themselves while taking part in the sport.

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**CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
OF
THE ENGLISH COCKER SPANIEL CLUB OF AMERICAN, INC.**

ARTICLE I

Name and Objects

SECTION 1. The name of the Club shall be The English Cocker Spaniel Club of America, Inc.

SECTION 2. The object of the Club shall be:

- (a) to encourage and promote quality in the breeding of pure-bred English Cocker Spaniels and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection;
- (b) to define precisely the true type of the breed and to urge members and breeders to accept that Standard of the Breed as approved by The American Kennel Club as the only standard of excellence by which English Cocker Spaniels shall be judged;
- (c) to do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed and to promote educational activities pertaining to English Cocker Spaniels;
- (d) to encourage sportsmanlike competition at dog shows, field events, obedience trials, hunting tests and tracking tests;
- (e) to conduct sanctioned matches and specialty shows, field events, obedience trials, hunting tests, tracking tests, and other performance events under the rules of The American Kennel Club, and
- (f) to encourage the organization of independent local English Cocker Spaniel Specialty Clubs in those localities where there are sufficient fanciers of the breed to meet the requirements of The American Kennel Club.

SECTION 3. The Club shall not be conducted or operated for profit and no part of any profits or remainder or residue from dues or donations to the Club shall inure to the benefit of any member or individual.

SECTION 4. The members of the Club shall adopt and may from time to time revise such by-laws as may be required to carry out these objects.

ARTICLE II

Membership

SECTION 1. Eligibility. There shall be five (5) types of membership open to all persons who are in good standing with The American Kennel Club and who subscribe to the purposes of this Club:

- (a) **Regular Members** are those persons 18 years of age or older. Regular members are required to pay dues, are entitled to vote on all material presented to the membership for a vote and are eligible to hold office.
- (b) **Life Members** are those persons who have been Regular Members for not less than 20 years and who convert to Life Membership by payment of a sum equal to 10 times the current annual dues for Regular Members. Life Members are not required to pay annual dues. Life Members have all the privileges of Regular Members, including voting and holding office.
- (c) **Junior Members** are those persons under 18 years of age. Junior Members are required to pay dues and have all the privileges of Regular Members except the right to vote. Junior Members, upon reaching their 18th birthday, automatically become Regular Members.

- (d) Specialty Club Members are English Cocker Spaniel Specialty clubs whose constitution and by-laws are not in contradiction with the Constitution and By-Laws of this Club. A Specialty Club Member is required to pay dues and shall be entitled to cast one vote on all matters presented to the membership for a vote.
- (e) Honorary Members are those persons 18 years of age and older who the Board of Directors may elect as Honorary Members because they have rendered outstanding service to the Club or in advancing its objectives. Honorary Members need not ever have been Regular Members of this Club. Honorary Members need not pay dues and may not hold office or vote unless they are also Regular or Life Members.

SECTION 2. Dues. The amount of the annual dues shall be determined by the Board of Directors and approved by the members by mail ballot. Dues are payable on or before the 1st day of January of each year. No member may vote whose dues are not paid for the current year. During the month of November, the Treasurer shall send to each member a statement of his or her dues for the ensuing year.

SECTION 3. Election to Membership. Each applicant for membership shall apply on a form as approved by the Board of Directors and which shall provide that the applicant agrees to abide by this Constitution and By-Laws and the rules of The American Kennel Club. The application shall state the name, address and occupation of the applicant. The applicant must be proposed by one and seconded by two Regular or Life Members in good standing. The applicant, proposer and seconders must be unrelated by family ties. Accompanying the application, the prospective member shall submit an application fee, the amount of which shall be determined by the Board of Directors. Applicants may be elected at any meeting of the Board of Directors or by ballot of the Directors by mail. Affirmative votes of two-thirds of the Directors present at a meeting of the Board or

voting by mail, shall be required to elect an applicant. An application which has received a negative vote by the Board of Directors may be presented by the applicant's proposer or one of the applicant's seconders at the next Annual Meeting of the Club and the members may elect such applicant by secret ballot and a favorable vote of 75% of the members present.

SECTION 4 Termination of Membership
Memberships may be terminated:

- (a) by resignation. Any member in good standing may resign from the Club upon written notice to the Secretary; but no member may resign when in debt to the Club. Dues obligations are considered a debt to the Club and they become incurred on the first day of each fiscal year.
- (b) by lapsing. A membership will be considered lapsed and automatically terminated if said member's dues remain unpaid 60 days after the first day of January; however, the Board may grant an additional 90 days of grace to such delinquent members in meritorious cases. In no case may a person be entitled to vote whose dues remain unpaid as of the date of that vote.
- (c) by expulsion. A membership may be terminated by expulsion as provided in Article VII of these By-Laws.

ARTICLE III
Meetings

SECTION 1. Annual Meeting The Annual Meeting of the Club shall be held in conjunction with the Club's Specialty Show if possible, at a place, date and hour designated by the Board of Directors. Written notice of the Annual Meeting shall be mailed by the Corresponding Secretary to each Regular, Life and Specialty Club Member at least 30 days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for the Annual meeting shall be 10% of the members in good standing.

SECTION 2. Special Election Meeting

A Special Election Meeting will be held in January of each year at a place, date and hour designated by the Board of Directors. No business shall be conducted at the meeting except the declaration of the results of elections. Written notice of the Special Election Meeting shall be mailed by the Corresponding Secretary to each Regular, Life and Specialty Club Member at least 30 days prior to the date of the meeting. It is anticipated that only the club officer or board member designated by the Board of Directors to preside at the meeting, the Corresponding Secretary and the witnesses designated by the Board of Directors will actually attend the meeting, but the meeting shall be open to all members. The name of the club officer or director who will preside at the meeting and of three members appointed as witnesses shall be included in the written notice to members.

SECTION 3. Special Club Meetings. Special Club Meetings may be called by the President or by a majority vote of the members of the Board who are present at a meeting of the Board or who vote by mail; and shall be called by the President upon receipt of a petition signed by 10% of the members of the Club who are in good standing. Such meeting shall be held at such place, date and hour as may be designated by the Board of Directors. Written notice of such meeting shall be e-mailed by the Corresponding Secretary at least 14 days and no more than 30 days prior to the meeting. The notice of the meeting shall state the purpose of the meeting and no other Club business may be transacted. The quorum for such a meeting shall be 109% of the members in good standing.

SECTION 4. Board Meetings. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at such times and places as are designated by a majority vote of the entire Board. Written notice of each such meeting shall be mailed by the President to each member of the Board at least 14 days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for a Board Meeting shall be a majority of the Board.

SECTION 5. By unanimous consent the Board of Directors may conduct its business by mail. The procedure for preparing, mailing, returning and counting mailed ballots shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 6. The Board of Directors may hold meetings and conduct its business by conference telephone call in a manner similar to that which would apply if the meeting were held face-to-face.

SECTION 7. Voting. Except as otherwise provided in this Constitution and By-Laws:

- (a) Action shall be taken at all meetings of members by the majority vote of all members present in person;
- (b) Action shall be taken at all meetings of the Board of Directors by the majority vote of all Directors participating in the meeting in person or by conference call.
- (c) Action shall be taken on all matters submitted to members by mail ballot by the majority vote of all members submitting ballots in the manner specified by the Board of Directors in connection with the matter being voted upon, and
- (d) Action shall be taken on all matters submitted to the Directors by mail ballot by majority vote of all Directors submitting valid mail ballots in the manner specified by the Board of Directors in connection with the matter being voted upon.

ARTICLE IV Directors and Officers

SECTION 1. Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall be comprised of the President, Vice-President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Delegate to The American Kennel Club, immediate Past President and six other persons, all of whom shall be members in good standing and who are residents of the United States. The President, Vice-President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and Delegate to The American Kennel Club shall be elected for one year terms. The President, Vice-President and Recording Secretary may serve no more

than three consecutive terms. The number of terms which may be served by the Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and Delegate to The American Kennel Club is not limited. The term of the immediate Past President shall begin with the election of his or her successor and continue until the next regularly elected President takes office. In the event that the office of immediate Past President is vacated by death, resignation, or for other reason, it shall remain vacant until regularly filled by succession to this office. The other directors shall be elected for two-year terms and may serve no more than two consecutive terms. The terms of the Directors shall be staggered so that three Directors' terms expire each year. General management of the Club's affairs shall be entrusted to the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2. Officers The Club's officers, consisting of the President, Vice-President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary and Treasurer shall serve in their respective capacities both with regard to the Club and its members and the Board and its meetings.

- (a) The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club and of the Board, and shall have the duties and powers normally appurtenant to the office of President in addition to those particularly specified in these By-Laws.
- (b) The Vice-President shall have the duties and exercise the powers of the President in case of the President's death, absence or incapacity.
- (c) The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings of the Club and of all votes taken by mail, and of all matters of which a record shall be ordered by the Club. The Recording Secretary shall notify Officers and Directors of their election to office and carry on such other duties as are prescribed in these By-Laws or directed by the Board.
- (d) The Corresponding Secretary shall have charge of correspondence, as directed by the Board; shall notify members of meetings,

notify new members of their election to membership, keep a roll of the members of the Club with their addresses and carry out such other duties as prescribed in these By-Laws or directed by the Board.

- (e) The Treasurer shall collect and receive all moneys due or belonging to the Club. The Treasurer shall deposit the same in a bank approved by the Board of Directors, in the name of the Club. The Treasurer's books shall at all times be open to inspection of the Board of Directors and the Treasurer shall report to them at every meeting the condition of the Club's finances and every item of receipt or payment not before reported; and not later than March 1st of each year shall render an account of all moneys received and expended during the previous fiscal year. The Treasurer may be bonded in such amount as the Board of Directors shall determine. At the direction of the Board of Directors, the Treasurer shall submit such books and records as may be requested to such person or persons as may be designated by the Board of Directors for the purpose of conducting an audit of the same.
- (f) The Delegate to The American Kennel Club shall be the official representative of the Club to The American Kennel Club. The Delegate shall perform the duties of such office as prescribed in the constitution and by-laws of The American Kennel Club and shall attend the meetings of the Delegates to such club. The Delegate shall report to the Directors and membership on all matters of interest to the Club on a quarterly basis.

SECTION 3. Vacancies Any vacancies occurring on the Board of Directors or among the Officers during the year shall be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board; (excepting) that a vacancy in the office of President shall be filled automati-

cally by the Vice-President and the remaining vacancy in the office of Vice-President shall be filled by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 4. Inability or Refusal To Serve If the Board of Directors, by affirmative vote of nine (9) Directors, determines that any officer or director is unable to act, or refuses to fulfill the responsibilities of office, the Board of Directors, by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Directors, shall delegate the powers and duties of such officer or director to any other Regular or Life Member for such period of time as the Directors may deem advisable, or may declare the office vacant. If the office is declared vacant, it shall be filled according to the provisions of Section 3 of this Article.

SECTION 5. Transition If this Constitution is approved by The American Kennel Club prior to October 1st of the year in which it becomes effective, the Nominating Committee appointed in accordance with Article V, Section 4 herein shall nominate candidates in accordance with this Constitution. If this Constitution is approved by The American Kennel Club on or after October 1st of the year in which it becomes effective, the Board of Directors shall elect from among the membership of the Club a person to serve as Recording Secretary until the next Special Election Meeting. At the Special Election Meeting following adoption of this Constitution and By-Laws, the three persons elected Directors at that meeting shall serve for two year terms. The Directors whose terms do not expire at that meeting shall serve the remaining year of the term to which they were originally elected. Thereafter, the terms specified in Section 1 shall apply.

ARTICLE V

The Club Year, Voting, Nominations, Elections

SECTION 1. Club Year The Club's fiscal year shall begin on the 1st day of January and end on the 31st day of December. The Club's official year shall begin immediately at the conclusion of the Special Election Meeting and shall continue until the conclusion of the next Special Election Meeting. The elected Officers and Directors shall take office immediately upon the conclusion of the

Special Election Meeting and each retiring officer shall turn over to his or her successor in office all properties and records relating to that office within 30 days after the election.

SECTION 2. Voting At the Annual Meeting or at a special meeting of the Club, voting shall be limited to those members in good standing who are present at the meeting, except for the annual election of Officers and Directors and amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws and the Standard for the Breed, which shall be decided by written ballot cast by mail. Voting by Proxy shall not be permitted. The Board of Directors may decide to submit other specific questions for decision of the members by written ballots cast by mail.

SECTION 3. Voting by Specialty Club Members A Specialty Club Member shall be entitled to cast one vote on all matters put to a vote of Regular and Life Members. Each such vote shall be cast on behalf of a Specialty Club Member only by its duly appointed and accredited representative and only if the credentials of such representative (1) are duly signed by the President of such Specialty Club Member and attested by its Secretary and (2) are on file with the Recording Secretary of this Club, and (3) comply with the rules and regulations as determined from time to time by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 4. Nominations and Ballots No person may be a candidate in a Club election who has not been nominated in accordance with these By-Laws. A Nominating Committee shall be chosen by the Board of Directors on or before July 1st. The Committee shall consist of three members from different areas of the United States, and two alternates, all members in good standing, no more than one of whom may be a member of the current Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall name a Chairman for the Committee. The Nominating Committee may conduct its business in person, by mail or by conference telephone call.

(a) The Nominating Committee shall nominate from among the eligible members of the Club, one candidate for each office and for each other position on the Board of Directors to be filled at the next Special Election Meeting and shall procure the

acceptance of each nominee so chosen. The Committee should consider geographical representation of the membership on the Board to the extent that it is practicable to do so. On or before October 1st the Committee shall submit its slate of candidates to the Recording Secretary, who shall report the list of candidates to the Board of Directors. The Corresponding Secretary shall mail the list, including the full name of each candidate and the name of the State in which each candidate resides, to each member of the Club on or before October 15th, so that additional nominations may be made by the members if they so desire.

(b) Additional nominations of eligible members may be made by written petition addressed to the Recording Secretary and received at the Recording Secretary's regular address on or before November 15th, signed by 20 members of the Club and accompanied by the written acceptance of each such additional nominee signifying the member's willingness to be a candidate. No person shall be a candidate for more than one position.

(c) If no valid nominations are received by the Recording Secretary on or before November 15th, the Recording Secretary shall report the same to the Board of Directors, and the Nominating Committee's slate shall be declared elected at the time of the Special Election Meeting, and no balloting will be required.

(d) If one or more valid additional nominations are received by the Recording Secretary on or before November 15th, the Recording Secretary shall promptly report the names of the additional nominees to the Board, and on or before December 1st, the Corresponding Secretary shall mail to each member in good standing a ballot listing all of the nominees for each position in alphabetical order, with the names of the States in which they reside, together with a blank envelope and a return envelope addressed to an independent professional firm designated by the Board of Directors marked "Ballot" and bearing the name of the member to whom it was sent. So that the ballots may remain secret, each voter, after marking a ballot, shall seal it in the blank envelope which in turn shall be placed in the second envelope addressed to the designated

professional firm. The designated professional firm shall check the returned ballots against a list of members in good standing provided by the Corresponding Secretary prior to opening the outer envelopes and removing the blank envelopes. Only ballots received from members in good standing shall be counted. The designated professional firm shall count the ballots in writing in a sealed envelope to the presiding officer of the Special Election meeting, the eligibility of the voters as well as the results of the election. Only ballots received by the designated professional firm on or before December 31st shall be counted.

At the Special Election Meeting the presiding officer shall open the sealed envelope and announce the results of the voting. The person receiving the largest number of votes for each position shall be declared elected. In the event of a tie vote for any office, the winner shall be determined by a random drawing. Following the announcement of the results of the balloting and the declaration of the results of the election, the presiding officer of the Special Election Meeting shall immediately send a report of the results of the meeting together with a copy of the certification of the results of the balloting by the designated professional firm to each member of the retiring Board of directors.

(e) The Corresponding Secretary shall immediately supply a replacement ballot to any member who files with the Corresponding Secretary an affidavit that the ballot and/or return envelope originally sent to such member has been lost or destroyed. The return envelope addressed to the independent professional firm marked "Ballot" and bearing the name of the member to whom it was sent shall also bear the words "Replacement Ballot". Only ballots submitted in an envelope marked "Replacement Ballot" shall be accepted and counted from any member receiving such replacement ballot.

(f) Nominations cannot be made in any other manner than as provided above.

ARTICLE VI Committees

SECTION 1. The Board may, each year, appoint standing committees to advance the

work of the Club. Such committees shall always be subject to the final authority of the Board. Special committees may also be appointed by the Board to aid it on particular projects.

SECTION 2. Any committee appointment may be terminated by a majority vote of the full membership of the Board upon written notice to the appointee, and the Board may appoint a successor to any person whose service has been terminated.

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SECTION 1. American Kennel Club Suspension Any member who is suspended from the privileges of The American Kennel Club automatically shall be suspended from the privileges of this Club for a like period.

SECTION 2. Charges Any member may prefer charges against a member for alleged misconduct prejudicial to the best interests of the Club or the breed. Written charges with specifications must be filed with the Recording Secretary together with a deposit of \$100 which shall be forfeited if such charges are not sustained by the Board of Directors or its designated Committee following a hearing. The Recording Secretary shall promptly send a copy of the charges to each member of the Board of Directors or present them at a Board Meeting. The Board of Directors shall first consider whether the actions alleged in the charges. If proven, might constitute conduct prejudicial to the best interest of the Club or the breed. If the Board of Directors considers that the charges do not allege conduct which would be prejudicial to the best interests of the Club or the breed, it may refuse to entertain jurisdiction. If the Board of Directors entertains jurisdiction of the charges, it shall fix a date for a hearing by the Board of Directors or by a Committee designated by the Board of Directors, not less than three (3) weeks nor more than six (6) weeks hereafter. The Recording Secretary shall promptly send one copy of the charges to the accused member by Certified or Registered Mail, Return Receipt Requested, together with a notice of the hearing and an assurance that the defendant may personally

appear in his or her own defense and may bring witnesses if the accused member wishes.

SECTION 3. Board Hearing The Board of Directors or its designated Committee shall have complete authority to decide whether counsel may attend the hearing, but both complainant and defendant shall be treated uniformly in that regard. Should the charges be sustained after hearing all the evidence and testimony presented by a complainant and defendant, the Board of Directors or its Committee may by a majority vote of those present suspend the defendant from all privileges of the Club for not more than six (6) months from the date of the hearing, or until the next Annual Meeting if that will occur after six (6) months. And, if it seems that punishment is insufficient, it may also recommend to the membership that the penalty be expulsion. In such case, the suspension shall not restrict the defendant's right to appear before his or her fellow members at the ensuing Club Meeting which considers the recommendation of the Board of Directors or the Committee. Immediately after the Board of Directors or its Committee has reached a decision, its findings shall be put in written form and filed with the Recording Secretary. The Recording Secretary, in turn, shall notify each of the parties of the decision and Penalty, if any.

SECTION 4. Expulsion Expulsion of a member from the Club may be accomplished only at the Annual Meeting of the Club following a hearing and upon the recommendation of the Board of Directors or its designated Committee as provided in Section 3 of this Article. The defendant shall have the privilege of appearing in his or her own behalf though no evidence shall be taken at this meeting. The President shall read the charges and the findings and recommendations, and shall invite the defendant, if present, to speak in her or her own behalf. The meeting shall then vote by secret written ballot on the proposed expulsion. A 2/3 vote of those present and voting at the Annual Meeting shall be necessary for expulsion. If expulsion is not so voted, any unexpired term of suspension shall stand.

ARTICLE VIII Amendments

SECTION 1. Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws and to the Standard for the Breed may be proposed by the Board of Directors or by written petition addressed to the Recording

Secretary signed by 20% of the membership in good standing. Amendments proposed by such petition shall be promptly considered by the Board of Directors and must be submitted to the members with recommendations of the Board of Directors by the Corresponding Secretary within three (3) months of the date when the petition was received by the Recording Secretary.

SECTION 2. The Constitution and By-Laws or the Standard for the Breed may be amended at any time provided a copy of the proposed amendment has been mailed by the Corresponding Secretary to each member in good standing on the date of the mailing, accompanied by ballot on which the member may indicate his or her choice for or against the action to be taken. Dual envelope procedures described in article V, Section 4(d) shall be followed in receiving and counting such ballots to assure secrecy of the vote. Notice with such ballot shall specify a date not less than 30 days after the date of mailing by which date the ballots must be returned in the manner specified by the Board of Directors in connection with the matter being voted upon to be considered valid. The favorable vote of 2/3 of the members in good standing who return valid ballots within the time limit shall be required to effect any such amendment, provided that a quorum of 10% of the members in good standing return valid ballots.

SECTION 3. No amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws or to the Standard for the Breed that is approved by the Club shall become effective until it has been approved by the Board of Directors of The American Kennel Club.

ARTICLE IX Dissolution

SECTION 1. The Club may be dissolved by unanimous consent of all members entitled to act. The members, if voting for dissolution, shall execute and file a certificate of dissolution with the New Jersey Secretary of State in accordance with New Jersey law. The Club may also be dissolved by a two-thirds vote of the members of the Club following election by a majority of the Board of Directors to submit the issue of dissolution to the vote of the membership.

SECTION 2. In the event of the dissolution of the Club other than for purposes of reorganization, whether voluntary or involuntary or by operation of law, none of the property of the Club nor any proceeds thereof nor any assets of the Club shall be distributed to any members of the Club, but after payment of the debts of the Club, its property and assets shall be given to a charitable organization for the benefit of dogs selected by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE X Order of Business

SECTION 1. At meetings of the Club, the order of business, so far as the character and nature of the meeting may permit, shall be as follows:

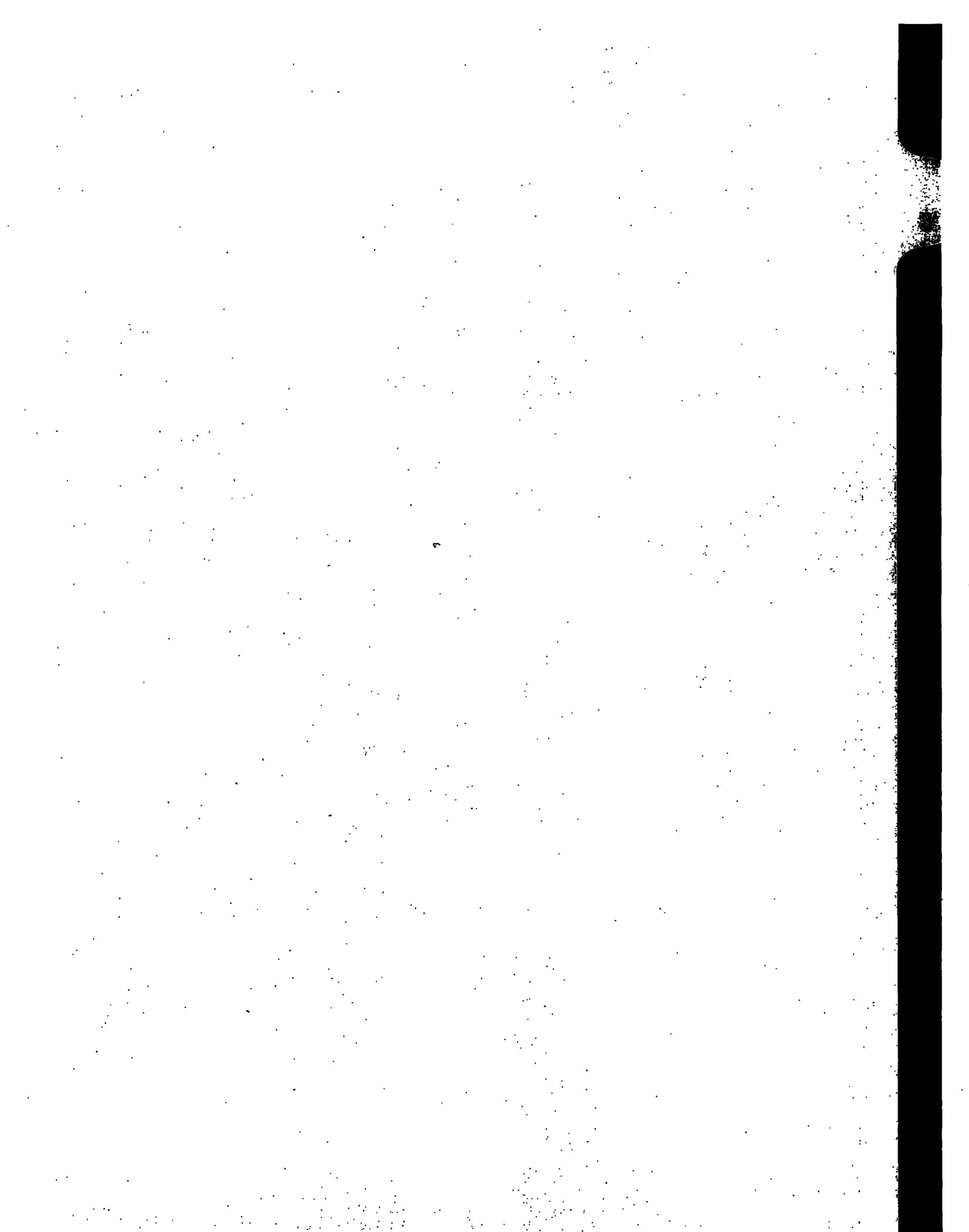
Roll Call
Minutes of last meeting
Report of the President
Report of the Recording Secretary
Report of the Corresponding Secretary
Report of the Treasurer
Report of the AKC Delegate
Reports of Committees
Election of new members
Unfinished business
New Business
Adjournment

SECTION 2. At meetings of the Board, the order of business, unless otherwise directed by majority vote of those present, shall be as follows:

Reading of minutes of last meeting
Report of the Recording Secretary
Report of the Corresponding Secretary
Report of the Treasurer
Report of the AKC Delegate
Reports of Committees
Unfinished business
Election of new members
New business
Adjournment

SECTION 3. The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*, shall govern the Club in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these By-Laws and any other special rules of order the Club may adopt.

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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA BEARDED COLLIE FANCIERS

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

Name and Objectives

- SECTION 1.** The name of the Club shall be the Northern California Bearded Collie Fanciers.
- SECTION 2.** The objectives of the Club shall be:
- (a) to encourage and promote quality in the breeding of Bearded Collies and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection;
 - (b) to urge members and breeders to accept the Standard of the Breed as approved by the American Kennel Club as the only standard of excellence by which the Bearded Collie shall be judged;
 - (c) to do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed and to encourage sportsmanlike competition at dog shows, obedience trials, agility trials; herding trials and tracking tests;
 - (d) to educate the public about the history, standard, care and training of the Bearded Collie; to promote a vehicle for Rescue and Placement of lost, abandoned or unwanted Bearded Collies; to provide a means of bringing together those genuinely interested in Bearded Collies; and
 - (e) to conduct sanctioned matches, dog shows, obedience trials, agility trials and herding trials under the Rules of the American Kennel Club.
- SECTION 3.** The club shall not be conducted or operated for profit and no part of any profits or remainder or residue from dues or donations to the club shall inure to the benefit of any member or individual.
- SECTION 4.** The members of the club shall adopt and may from time to time revise such By-Laws as may be required to carry out these objectives.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE 1

Membership

- SECTION 1.** *Eligibility.* The following types of membership shall be available:
- INDIVIDUAL** membership open to all persons 18 years of age or older who subscribe to the objectives of the club and are in good standing with the American Kennel Club.
- HOUSEHOLD** or **JOINT** membership open to two persons 18 years of age or older living in the same household who subscribe to the objectives of the club and are in good standing with the American Kennel Club. Each member is entitled to a separate vote.
- ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP** (without voting privileges or the right to hold office) for persons 18 years of age or older who subscribe to the objectives of the club and are in good standing with the American Kennel Club.
- JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP** (without voting privileges or the right to hold office) for persons between the ages of ten (10) and eighteen (18) years of age who subscribe to the objectives of the club and are in good standing with the American Kennel Club. Ownership of a Bearded Collie is not required for membership.



SECTION 2.

Dues. Membership dues shall be established by the Board of Directors and shall include rates for INDIVIDUAL, HOUSEHOLD, JUNIOR and ASSOCIATE members, but annual dues shall not exceed \$30 for INDIVIDUAL, \$45 for HOUSEHOLD or JOINT, \$15 for JUNIOR or ASSOCIATE membership. Dues are payable on or before the 1st day of July of each year. No member may vote whose dues are not paid for the current year. During the month of May the Treasurer shall send to each member a statement of the Dues for the ensuing year.

SECTION 3.

Election to Membership. Each applicant for membership shall apply on a form provided by the Board of Directors and which shall provide that the applicant agrees to abide by the Constitution and By-Laws and the Rules of the American Kennel Club. The application shall state the name and address of the applicant(s) and it shall carry the endorsement of two (2) members in good standing. All persons applying for Membership must attend one (1) meeting prior to a vote on their application. The Board may waive the attendance requirement. All applications are to be filed with the Secretary with dues payable for the current year and each application is to be read at the first meeting of the club following its receipt, then the name(s) published in the next Newsletter. At the next club meeting the applicant will be voted on by secret ballot and affirmative votes of 2/3 of the members present and voting at that meeting shall be required to accept the applicant(s). Applicant(s) for membership shall not be present during the voting process.

Applicants for membership who have been rejected by the club shall be notified in writing by the President and shall have their dues returned and may not re-apply within six months after such rejection.

SECTION 4.

Termination of Membership. Memberships may be terminated:

- (a) *by resignation.* Any member in good standing may resign from the club upon written notice to the Secretary; but no member may resign when in debt to the club. Dues obligations are considered a debt to the club and they are incurred on the first day of each fiscal year.
- (b) *by lapsing.* A membership will be considered as lapsed and automatically terminated if such member's dues remain unpaid 60 days after the first day of the fiscal year; however, the Board may grant an additional 30 days of grace to such delinquent members in meritorious cases. In no case may a person be entitled to vote at any club meeting whose dues are unpaid as of the date of the meeting.
- (c) *by expulsion.* A membership may be terminated by expulsion as provided in Article VI of these By-Laws.

ARTICLE II
Meetings and Voting

SECTION 1.

Club Meetings. Meetings of the club shall be held each month in the Walnut Creek area at such hour and place as may be designated by the Board of Directors. Written notice of each such meeting shall be mailed by the Secretary at least 10 days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for such meeting shall be 20 percent of the members in good standing.

SECTION 2.

Special Club Meetings. Special club meetings may be called by the President, or by a majority vote of the members of the board who are present and voting at any regular or special meeting of the board; and shall be called by the Secretary upon receipt of a petition signed by five members of the club who are in good standing. Such special meetings shall be held in Walnut Creek at such place, date, and hour as may be designated by the person or persons authorized herein to call such meetings. Written notice of such a meeting shall be mailed by the Secretary at least five days and not more than 15 days prior to the date of the meeting, and said notice shall state the purpose of the meeting, and no other club business may be transacted thereat. The quorum for such a meeting shall be 20 percent of the members in good standing.

SECTION 3. Board Meetings. The body responsible for calling Board meetings is the entire Board. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held in the Walnut Creek area at such dates, hours and places as designated by the President and a majority of the Board of Directors. Written notice of such meeting shall be mailed by the Secretary at least five (5) days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for such meetings shall be a majority of the Board.

SECTION 4. Special Board Meetings. Special meetings of the board may be called by the President; and shall be called by the Secretary upon receipt of a written request signed by at least three members of the board. Such special meetings shall be held in Walnut Creek at such place, date, and hour as may be designated by the person authorized herein to call such meeting. Written notice of such meeting shall be mailed by the Secretary at least five (5) days and not more than 10 days prior to the date of the meeting. Any such notice shall state the purpose of the meeting and no other business shall be transacted thereat. The quorum for such a meeting shall be a majority of the board.

SECTION 5. Voting. Each member in good standing whose dues are paid for the current year shall be entitled to one vote at any meeting of the club at which he is present. Proxy voting will not be permitted at any club meeting or election.

ARTICLE III Directors and Officers

SECTION 1. Board of Directors. The board shall be comprised of the officers and 3 other persons, all of whom shall be members in good standing and all of whom shall be elected for one year terms at the club's annual meeting as provided in Article IV and shall serve until their successors are elected. General management of the club's affairs shall be entrusted to the board of directors.

SECTION 2. Officers. The club's Officers consisting of the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, shall serve in their respective capacities both with regard to the club and its meetings and the board and its meetings.

- (a) The President shall preside at all meetings of the club and of the board, and shall have the duties and powers normally appurtenant to the office of President in addition to those particularly specified in these By-Laws.
- (b) The Vice President shall have the duties and exercise the powers of the President in case of the President's death, absence or incapacity.
- (c) The Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings of the club and of the board and of all matters of which a record shall be ordered by the club; shall have charge of the correspondence, notify members of meeting, notify officers and directors of their election to office, keep a roll of the members of the club with their addresses, and carry out such other duties as are prescribed in these By-Laws.
- (d) The Treasurer shall collect and receive all moneys due or belonging to the club. Moneys shall be deposited in a bank designated by the board, in the name of the club. The books shall at all times reflect an accounting shall be rendered of all moneys received and expended during the previous fiscal year. The Treasurer shall be bonded in such amount as the board of directors shall determine, the expense to be borne by the club.

SECTION 3. Vacancies. Any vacancies occurring on the board or among the offices during the year shall be filled until the next annual election by a majority vote of all the then members of the board at its first regular meeting following the creation of such vacancy, or at a special board meeting called for the purpose; except that a vacancy in the office of President shall be filled automatically by the Vice President and the resulting vacancy in the office of Vice President shall be filled by the board.

ARTICLE IV
The Club Year, Annual Meeting, Elections

SECTION 1. *Club Year.* The club's fiscal year shall begin on the 1st day of July and end on the last day of June.

SECTION 2. *Annual Meeting.* The annual meeting shall be held in the month of May, at which officers and directors for the ensuing year shall be elected by secret ballot from among those nominated in accordance with Section 4 of this Article. They shall take office immediately upon the conclusion of the election and each retiring officer shall turn over to the successor in office all properties and records relating to that office within 30 days after the election.

SECTION 3. *Elections.* The nominated candidate receiving the greatest number of votes for each office shall be declared elected. The nominated candidates for other positions on the board who receive the greatest number of votes for such positions shall be declared elected.

SECTION 4. *Nominations.* No person may be a candidate in a club election who has not been nominated. During the month of February, the board shall select a Nominating Committee consisting of three members and two alternates, not more than one of whom may be a member of the board. The Secretary shall immediately notify the committeemen and alternates of their selection. The board shall name a chairman for the committee and it shall be such person's duty to call a committee meeting, which shall be held on or before March 1st.

- (a) The committee shall nominate one candidate for each office and position on the board and, after securing the consent of each person so nominated, shall immediately report their nominations to the Secretary in writing.
- (b) Upon receipt of the Nominating Committee's report, the Secretary shall before April 1st notify each member in writing of the candidates so nominated.
- (c) Additional nominations may be made at the April meeting by any member in attendance, provided that the person so nominated does not decline when their name is proposed, and provided further that if the proposed candidate is not in attendance at this meeting, the proposer shall present to the Secretary a written statement from the proposed candidate for signifying willingness to be a candidate. No person may be a candidate for more than one position.
- (d) Nominations cannot be made at the annual meeting or in any manner other than as provided in this Section.

ARTICLE V
Committees

SECTION 1. The board may each year appoint standing committees to advance the work of the club in such matters as specialty shows, obedience trials, agility trials, herding trials, trophies, annual prizes, membership and other fields which may well be served by committees. Such committees shall always be subject to the final authority of the board. Special committees may also be appointed by the board to aid it on particular projects.

SECTION 2. Any committee appointed may be terminated by a majority vote of the full membership of the board upon written notice to the appointee; and the board may appoint successors to those persons whose services have been terminated.

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SECTION 1. *American Kennel Club Suspension.* Any member who is suspended from the privileges of the American Kennel Club automatically shall be suspended from the privileges of this club for a like period.

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SECTION 3. *Board Hearing.* The board shall have complete authority to decide whether counsel may attend the hearing, but both complainant and defendant shall be treated uniformly in that regard. Should the charges be sustained after hearing all the evidence and testimony presented by complainant and defendant, the board may by a majority vote of those present suspend the defendant from all privileges of the club for not more than six months from the date of the hearing. And, if it deems that punishment insufficient, it may also recommend to the membership that the penalty be expulsion. In such case, the suspension shall not restrict the defendant's rights to appear before his fellow members at the ensuing club meeting which considers the board's recommendation. Immediately after the board has reached a decision its finding shall be put in written form and filed with the Secretary. The Secretary, in turn, shall notify each of the parties of the board's decision and penalty, if any.

SECTION 4. *Expulsion.* Expulsion of a member from the club may be accomplished only at a meeting of the club following a board hearing and upon the board's recommendation as provided in Section 3 of this Article. Such proceedings may occur at a regular or special meeting of the club, to be held within 60 days but not earlier than 30 days after the date of the board's recommendation of expulsion. The defendant shall have the privilege of appearing in his own behalf, though no evidence shall be taken at this meeting. The President shall read the charges and the board's finding and recommendation, and shall invite the defendant, if present, to speak in his own behalf if he wishes. The members shall then vote by secret ballot on the proposed expulsion. A 2/3 vote of those present and voting at the meeting shall be necessary for expulsion. If expulsion is not so voted, the board's suspension shall stand.

ARTICLE VII Amendments

SECTION 1. Amendments to the constitution and By-Laws may be proposed by the board of directors or by written petition addressed to the Secretary signed by 20 percent of the membership in good standing. Amendments proposed by such petition shall be promptly considered by the board of directors and must be submitted to the members with recommendations of the board by the Secretary for a vote within three months of the date when the petition was received by the Secretary.

SECTION 2. The constitution and By-Laws may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the members present and voting at any regular or special meeting called for the purpose, provided the proposed amendments have been included in the notice of the meeting and mailed to each member at least two weeks prior to the date of the meeting.

**ARTICLE VIII
Dissolution**

SECTION 1. The club may be dissolved at any time by the written consent of not less than 2/3 of the members. In the event of the dissolution of the club, other than for purposes of reorganization, whether voluntary or involuntary or by operation of law, none of the property of the club nor any proceeds thereof, nor any assets of the club shall be distributed to any members of the club but after payment of the debts of the club its property and assets shall be given to a charitable organization for the benefit of dogs selected by the board of directors.

**ARTICLE IX
Order of Business**

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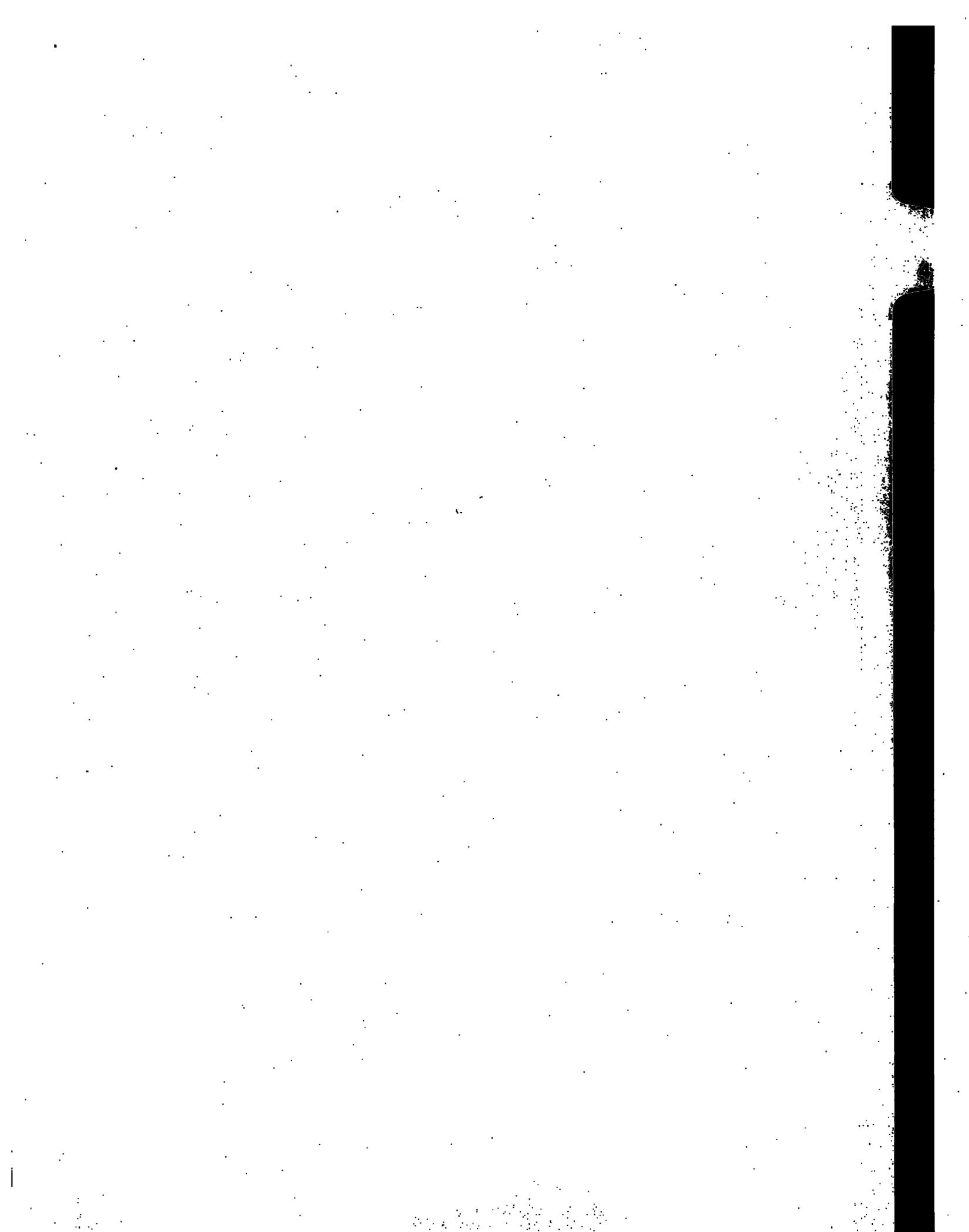
- Roll Call
- Minutes of last meeting
- Report of President
- Report of Secretary
- Report of Treasurer
- Reports of committees
- Election of officers and board (at annual meeting)
- Election of new members
- Unfinished business
- New business
- Adjournment

SECTION 2. At meetings of the board, the order of business, unless otherwise directed by majority vote of those present, shall be as follows:

- Reading of minutes of last meeting
- Report of Secretary
- Report of Treasurer
- Reports of committees
- Unfinished business
- New Business
- Adjournment

**ARTICLE X
Parliamentary Authority**

SECTION 1. The rules contained in the current edition of "Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised" shall govern the club in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these By-Laws and special rules of order the club may adopt.



ECSCA

English Cocker Spaniel Club of America, Inc.



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The English Cocker Spaniel Club of America, Inc., is the national or "parent" club for the English Cocker Spaniel in the United States of America.

- Founded June 20, 1936.
- Incorporated in New Jersey on February 15, 1945.
- Member of the American Kennel Club.



What's New

ECSCA opposes California Mandatory Spay & Neuter bill CA AB1634
 View the ECSCA letter mailed to the Senators and the Appropriations Committee.
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2008 ECSCA National Specialty Information



The ECSCA is pleased to hear comments and suggestions. Send email to Denise Gormish: Gormish (at) ecscsca.org

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OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this club shall be:

- To encourage and promote quality in the breeding of pure-bred English Cocker Spaniels and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection;
- To define precisely the true type of the breed, and to urge members and breeders to accept that standard of the breed as approved by The American Kennel Club as the only standard of excellence by which English Cocker Spaniels shall be judged;
- To do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed and to promote educational activities pertaining to the English Cocker Spaniel;
- To encourage sportsmanlike competition at dog shows, field events, obedience trials, hunting tests and tracking tests;
- To conduct sanctioned matches and specialty shows, field events, obedience trials, hunting tests, tracking tests, and other performance events under the rules of The American Kennel Club; and
- To encourage the organization of independent local English Cocker Spaniel Specialty Clubs in those localities where there are sufficient fanciers of the breed to meet the requirements of The American Kennel Club.

-from Article 1, Section 2 of the Constitution and By-Laws of the ECSCA, Inc.

The ENGLISH COCKER SPANIEL CLUB OF AMERICA, Inc.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

I hereby apply for REGULAR / JUNIOR (circle one) membership in the English Cocker Spaniel Club of America, Inc. and hereby subscribe to the BYLAWS of this Club:

NOTE: If you are an English Cocker Specialty Club, please contact The Corresponding Secretary for a Club Application.

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- E) to conduct sanctioned matches and specialty shows, field events, obedience trials, hunting tests, tracking tests and other performance events under the rules of The American Kennel Club, Inc.; and,
- F) to encourage the organization of independent local English Cocker Spaniel Specialty Clubs in those locations where there are sufficient fanciers of the breed to meet the requirements of The American Kennel Club Inc.

(Article I, Section 2 of the E.C.S.C.A Constitution)

NOTE: Applicants residing outside the U. S. are eligible to vote, but cannot hold office in the E.C.S.C.A.

Please Type or Print Clearly in Black Ink

Name: _____ Phone Number _____
(Mr., Mrs., Ms., or Miss) (Area Code)

Address: _____
(Street Address) (City) (State/Province) (Country) Zip Code

E-mail Address _____ Business/Profession/Occupation: _____

Kennel name (if any): _____ How long have you owned a purebred dog? _____

Which breed(s)? _____ Number of years in English in English Cocker Spaniels? _____

Number of English Cocker Spaniels currently owned: _____ Do you have dogs at stud? _____

Which breed(s)? _____ Number of bitches owned, co-owned, or leased: _____

Have you exhibited in: Conformation _____ (if so, how long?) _____
Obedience _____ (if so, how long?) _____
Fieldwork _____ (if so, how long?) _____
Other _____ (if so, how long?) _____

Please list all dog clubs, which you are or have been a member of:
Name of Club: _____ Years of membership (from-to): _____ Position (if any): _____

Years: _____

Are you an AKC approved judge? _____ If so, for what? _____

Do you sell dogs to commercial outlets? _____ Please list your hobbies outside of dogs _____

Please list the names of E.C.S.C.A., Inc. members with whom you are acquainted, other than your proposer and sponsors, and the length of time you have known each of them.

Why would you like to become a member of the English Cocker Spaniel Club of America?
(Please use additional sheet)

Are you able to accept committee or other assignments for the Club if so requested? _____
Could you travel for The Club? _____ What are your areas of strongest interest and/or preference in Club work? _____

I am eighteen (18) years of age or older (or under 18 for Junior Membership), in good standing with the American Kennel Club, and I have read, signed and do understand the Statement of Conduct of the English Cocker Spaniel Club, of America, Inc, as well as the Objectives of the Club as stated above. I agree to abide by the Constitution and Bylaws of the E.C.S.C.A., and by the Rules and Regulations of the American Kennel Club.

Signature _____ (Date) _____

Print Name _____

Signature of Proposer _____ Member of E. C. S. C. A. _____ years
(comments of Proposer, use space below or forward separately)

Print Name _____

Signature of Seconder _____ Member of E. C. S. C. A. _____ years

Print Name _____

Signature of Seconder _____ Member of E. C. S. C. A. _____ years

Print Name _____

****PROPOSER AND SPONSORS should read the Sponsor section below before signing this application.**

This application should be forwarded to the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Kate Romanski: P.O. Box 252, Hales Corners, WI 53130, and should be accompanied by a NON-REFUNDABLE application fee of \$10.00, payable to E.C.S.C.A.

Note: Juniors are exempt from application fee.

Acknowledgement of all applications will be made upon receipt. You will be billed for dues when membership is approved. Annual Dues are: Individual \$30.00; Junior \$10.00; Specialty Club \$50.00.

SPONSOR SECTION

As a proposer or sponsor for the prospective member, please take a few minutes to review the questions below. Please remember that you should feel comfortable with the responsibility of proposing or sponsoring this applicant as it may be necessary for you to vouch for this person.

1. Have you been a member of the ECSCA for at least 5 years?
The answer must be yes in order to propose or second any applicant. This requirement is effective beginning September 1, 2002.
2. Have you known the applicant personally for a reasonable length of time? As the proposer you must vouch for this person in writing; as sponsors you may have to do so if requested.
3. Do you have first-hand knowledge of the conditions of the applicant's residence? Are the dogs well cared for, in a healthy environment? Do the dogs appear to be well adjusted and happy?
4. If the applicant has had purebred dogs before, did you inquire what happened to the dogs and were you satisfied with the answer?
5. Have you referred the applicant to local owners, members, trainers, etc, in their area and have they pursued these avenues of information?
6. Does the applicant approve of the donation or sale of litters, puppies, or adults to retailers, wholesalers, or their intermediaries?

COMMENTS OF THE PROPOSER:

The ENGLISH COCKER SPANIEL CLUB OF AMERICA, Inc.

STATEMENT OF CONDUCT

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1. To strive for the betterment of the English Cocker Spaniel, and to support work in obedience, field, tracking, agility, therapy, etc, which promote the breed's true characteristics and versatility.
2. To abide by and uphold the principles of the Constitution and by-laws of the English Cocker Spaniel Club of America and of the American Kennel Club.
3. To register all English Cocker Spaniels owned or bred by me (us) with the American Kennel Club, if deemed by me (us) to be of show or breeding quality in accordance with the Breed Standard as approved by the English Cocker Spaniel Club of America.
4. To refrain from any deceptive or erroneous advertising.
5. To breed responsibly, to urge spaying or neutering of bitches or dogs not desirable for breeding, and to make appropriate use of the non-breeding registration clause or withhold registration papers until proof of neutering of these animals is received.
6. To cover by written agreement all stud service terms, and to keep detailed and accurate written records of matings, births, registrations, sales and transfers, etc.
7. To provide each dog purchaser with the following:
 - a. AKC registration papers where applicable
 - b. A three - generation pedigree
 - c. A complete medical record
 - d. Details on proper care and feeling
8. To supply no animals to pet shops, commercial brokers or dealers, or to raffles or similar projects.
9. To promote good sportsmanship at all times.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

All members residing in the same household may sign on the same document

Adopted by ECSCA Inc. June 1997



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■ Membership Information ■



ECSCA Individual Membership

General Information

Statement of Conduct

General Information

Each applicant for membership shall apply on a form as approved by the Board of Directors and which shall provide that the applicant agrees to abide

by this constitution and by-laws and the rules of the AKC. The application shall state the name, address and occupation of the applicant. The applicant must be proposed by one and seconded by two regular or life members in good standing. The applicant, proposers, and seconders must be unrelated by family ties. Accompanying the application, the prospective member shall submit an application fee, the amount of which is determined by the Board of Directors.

From article 2, section 3 of the Constitution and By-Laws of the the ECSCA, Inc.

The application is for ONE INDIVIDUAL ONLY. The ECSCA does not offer joint or family membership. Each person applying must complete their own application and thier own processing fee.

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- 5) To cover, by written agreement, all stud service terms and to keep detailed and accurate written records of matings, births, registrations, sales, transfers, etc.
- 6) To provide each dog purchaser with at least the following: a) A written contract and/or agreement explaining the terms of sale b) AKC registration papers c) A three-generation pedigree d) A complete medical record e) Details on proper care and feeding
- 7) To NOT supply any dogs to pet shops, commercial brokers or dealers, or to raffles or similar projects.
- 8) To practice and promote good sportsmanship at all times.

■ Membership Application ■

ECSCA Membership Application

The membership application form is available on-line. The membership

application is available in a PDF version. A Proposer and two Seconders must sign the application before returning it. All Proposers and Seconders are to be a member, in good standing, of the ECSCA for five or more consecutive years. In addition, all applicants must sign the ECSCA Statement of Conduct which comes with the application. For further information and/or a paper application, contact the ECSCA Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Kate Romanski, P.O. Box 252, Hales Corners, Wisconsin 53130

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About the AKC

Established in 1884, the American Kennel Club is the nation's leading organization devoted to the advancement of purebred dogs. We protect and ensure the continuation of the sport of purebred dogs, maintain a registry of over 150 recognized breeds, and adopt and enforce rules and regulations governing dog shows and performance events.

We strongly encourage responsible dog ownership for all dogs through our public relations and Canine Good Citizen programs and promote issues that benefit purebred dogs. The AKC also supports major scientific research and canine health programs.

The AKC is actually a club of clubs. We have no individual members. Instead, we have almost 600 independent member clubs who send delegates to AKC meetings to vote on rule changes and policy issues, and approve the AKC licensed and sanctioned clubs who conduct AKC approved events. A 12 member Board of Directors oversees operations. The President directs a staff of over 400, including a professional field staff that attends events throughout the year and serves as AKC's eyes and ears in the field.

Mission Statement

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

The American Kennel Club

- Records the parentage of over one million dogs annually, but is not itself involved in the sale of dogs and cannot therefore guarantee the health and quality of dogs in its registry.
- Sponsors more than 15,000 dog competitions each year held by licensed and member clubs. Only dog clubs may be AKC members.
- Supports and promotes the sport of purebred dogs.

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PART I

General Information

Forming a new dog club? Thinking of establishing a new AKC-accredited purebred dog club in your area? Congratulations! Few activities provide greater fun and more satisfaction than the sport of purebred dogs. The American Kennel Club will be happy to help you get started.

Today's AKC family of affiliated and member clubs offers something for every purebred dog enthusiast. Here's a brief look at the types of clubs that serve the sport:

National specialty clubs (also called parent clubs) represent fanciers of a single breed. These clubs primarily hold dog shows, but many national specialty clubs also hold obedience trials, tracking tests and other performance events approved for their particular breed. The AKC approves only one national club for each breed. For information on a particular breed's national club, please view the information on the AKC's Web site (www.akc.org) or contact the Club Relations Department for the Secretary's name and address.

Local specialty clubs serve the interests of a single breed on a local level. These clubs may be eligible to hold shows, obedience trials, tracking tests, and performance events approved for their breed.

All-breed clubs welcome purebred dog owners of every breed registered by the AKC, and hold dog shows evaluating a dog's conformation to its particular breed standard. All-breed clubs may also be eligible to hold obedience trials, tracking tests, agility trials, and herding events.

Group clubs are open to owners of all breeds from one of the seven groups. Group clubs are eligible to hold shows, obedience trials, and performance events open to their particular group.

Obedience clubs are open to owners of all breeds. Members demonstrate the usefulness of purebred dogs as a companion of man and the ability to follow specified routines. In addition to obedience trials, obedience clubs offer classes and clinics on training. Many obedience clubs also offer agility and tracking.

Tracking clubs are open to owners of all breeds. Tracking demonstrates a dog's ability to recognize and follow human scent. Tracking clubs may offer classes and clinics in addition to licensed tracking and variable surface tracking tests.

Field trial clubs offer owners of retrievers, spaniels, pointing breeds, Basset Hounds, Dachshunds and Beagles the opportunity to train and compete with their dogs through competition in the field. Certain field trial clubs may also be approved to hold hunting tests.

Hunting test clubs are for owners of pointing breeds, retrievers and spaniels. Owners evaluate and grade the hunting abilities of their dogs against written hunting standards, under simulated but near-natural hunting conditions in noncompetitive hunting tests. Certain hunting clubs may also be approved to hold field trials.

Herding clubs offer both noncompetitive tests and competitive trials for owners of breeds eligible to compete (refer to Herding Regulations). These events help measure a dog's basic training as a herding dog and preserve and develop herding skills inherent in herding breeds.

Lure coursing clubs are open to owners of sighthounds. Lure coursing demonstrates a dog's ability to follow a lure over a laid-out course.

Agility clubs are open to owners of all registrable purebred dogs. Agility trials afford owners the opportunity to demonstrate a dog's willingness to work with its handler under a variety of conditions.

Earthdog clubs are open to owners of small terriers and Dachshunds. These clubs offer events that measure natural and working abilities of these breeds when exposed to hunting situations.

Coonhound clubs hold events that demonstrate the natural abilities of purebred coonhounds through competitive night hunts, field trials, and bench shows.

What Makes a Good Club?

Whatever type of club you are considering, we've found that every effective dog club:

1. Is composed of members who love purebred dogs and their sport and can work together to serve the best interests of the dogs and the sport.
2. Operates under an approved constitution and bylaws spelling out the orderly and democratic conduct of club business. The Club Relations Department will provide you with our approved sample.
3. Has members who reside in a relatively compact geographic area, and hold events in their community which promote the sport and purebred dogs.

AKC's Basic Club Policies

A word of caution: If you and your fellow enthusiasts seek to establish a new club where none currently exists, we will be happy to help you make it a reality. However, we cannot encourage the establishment of a new club if there is an existing club of the same type in the same area. Dissatisfaction with an existing club should not be the reason to form a similar club.

Membership: The minimum membership household requirement varies, depending on the type of club. Local membership must constitute the clear majority of club members. For more details, please give Club Relations a call at (212) 696-8211.

Geographic Range or Territory: There is no specified mileage radius; each club is evaluated on its own merits and circumstances. We recognize that in densely populated areas there may be a need for more clubs, while in sparsely populated areas more territory may be suitable. Again, if you have questions about your club's circumstances, please write Club Relations.

Continuity: We expect prospective new clubs to demonstrate ongoing viability by establishing a record of meetings, elections and activities before coming to the AKC for accreditation. Clubs should provide a detailed account of fun matches and activities, documented with flyers, catalog covers, newsletters, programs, etc.

Club Name: Your club's name should identify your geographic center of activity. The best rule of thumb: Would it be easily recognizable to fanciers in other parts of the country? We strongly suggest you receive written approval of the name from Club Relations before the club incorporates or prints letterhead.

Event Sites: Every club must have a suitable site for its events in its local area.

Specialty Clubs: Newly formed specialty clubs should always contact their parent club before contacting the AKC. Parent clubs can be extremely helpful to a new club. For help in contacting the secretary of your parent club, please visit our website or call Club Relations.

Taking Responsibility

We believe all clubs should take responsibility for promoting purebred dogs and work with the AKC and other clubs on issues of general concern to fanciers. Therefore, besides electing officers, your club is encouraged to appoint a Public Educational Coordinator to help educate your community on purebred dogs and responsible

dog ownership; a Breeder Referral Contact to support efforts to encourage prospective dog owners to get their dog from a responsible breeder; and a Legislative Liaison Representative to help keep members advised of current legislation affecting dog owners and breeders. The AKC has information available on all these positions.

Part II

Organization

The first step is to hold an organizational meeting. Try to contact all fanciers in your proposed area who may want to become involved. You may want to place an ad in your local paper. The catalogs for all-breed shows list the exhibitors' names and addresses. Ask your local all-breed clubs about announcements at their shows or meetings. At the first meeting we suggest you do the following:

- * Select temporary officers. For starters, all you really need is someone to chair meetings, and someone to take minutes.
- * Decide on a meeting schedule and location.
- * Choose someone to keep records of the club's development. This is very important because the AKC's evaluation of your club will focus on the records your club submits. You may want to designate this person as AKC Liaison. (Note: **Always keep copies of club records.** Clubs have unfortunately lost valuable records due to floods, fires, individuals moving, etc.).
- * Set up a program of activities. These should reflect your efforts to assist fanciers and promote the sport and responsible dog ownership.
- * Code of Ethics. The AKC does not require a specific code of ethics, but does expect all clubs and members to behave ethically at all times. If your club adopts a code of ethics, it should be

used as an educational tool, and should not be tied to the disciplinary section of the bylaws. It is our experience that when bylaws and codes of ethics are linked, clubs become needlessly involved in disputes that have nothing whatsoever to do with the welfare of the club or the sport.

Part III

AKC Accreditation

After holding an organizational meeting, electing temporary officers, drafting a set of bylaws, scheduling a date for the first annual meeting, establishing a schedule of meetings/events/activities until the first annual meeting and holding at least one "fun" match, your club will be eligible to apply for accreditation at the AKC, and to be approved for the holding of sanctioned match shows, and/or trials and tests. A presentation should be sent to the Club Relations Department, and should include the following information:

1. An outline of the club's development and history, including a list of meetings, elections, and activities.
2. A list of "fun" matches, including dates, sites, and number of entries.
3. A list of voting (regular and household) members' names and addresses, with the letter designations "B" (Breeder) — someone who has registered a litter within the past three years; "E" (Exhibitor) — someone who has handled a dog at an AKC-licensed event within the past two years, if you are applying for more than one type of competition the different types of exhibitors must be designated; "DO" (Interested Dog Owner) — someone who, although not actively breeding or exhibiting, is a dog owner of an AKC registered dog and active in the club; or "J" (AKC-licensed judge). The breed of dog owned should also be indicated, as well as the year in which each person joined the club.

Individual breeding and exhibiting records are not required. (Note: Performance clubs should refer to Part V of this brochure for more information.)

4. A list of club officers with addresses and day-time telephone numbers.
5. The New Club Profile Form (if not previously submitted).
6. A copy of the club's constitution and bylaws. If the sample bylaws provided by AKC are closely followed, little additional work will be necessary. If state laws require additional or different language please submit a copy of the applicable statute.

This information will be reviewed by a staff committee, and the club will be notified of its status. Upon approval, the club will be sent match applications, rule books, and (for show and obedience clubs) the AKC's Show/Obedience Trial Manual.

Holding Matches

Before we grant clubs a license and the authority to hold championship events, a series of matches must be held. These events help new members learn the details and mechanics of an event, and give inexperienced dogs valuable ring experience. The rings at matches are the classrooms of tomorrow's exhibitors and judges.

Generally, all-breed, specialty and obedience clubs are required to hold B (OB) matches and then A (OA) matches. Some field trial, hunting test, herding, lure coursing, agility and earthdog clubs may be able to conduct a modified match program, based on club experience.

Specialty clubs: Once the club has held one successful "B (OB)" match, the club is eligible to officially support the entry at an all-breed show.

How Many Matches?

Prospective clubs want to know: How many

B (OB) matches must we hold, and over what time period? The general guidelines are:

Two Plan B/OB/B-OB sanctioned matches must be held at least six months apart.

Companion and Performance Clubs should contact Club Relations for details on their programs.

Clubs may hold matches as frequently as they consider feasible. The AKC may accelerate the B (OB) match program for clubs that can document at least five years of activities prior to accreditation, or who are comprised of a high percentage of members who have long-term experience in the facet of the sport the club was formed to serve. Clubs which feel they qualify for the accelerated match program must first contact the Club Relations Department for the specific requirements.

Reports on B (OB) Matches

Clubs should submit reports of B (OB) matches within seven days of the event to Club Relations. Match report forms are sent to clubs upon approval of each event.

Advancement to A Status

Following completion of the club's program of "B (OB)" matches, a presentation requesting advancement for the holding of Plan A (OA) matches may be submitted.

The presentation should include the following:

1. A copy of your club's current membership list (voting members - regular and household only) with the letter designations given in Part III and if applicable, Part V.
2. An update of club activities other than matches.
3. A current copy of the club's constitution and bylaws.
4. A list of officers with addresses and daytime telephone numbers.

The review committee will consider a number of factors in making its decision, including your club's continuity and development of membership — for instance, has there been excessive turnover? Are members more active in the sport since joining? We also hope to see a core of members active in the sport. We generally feel that at least half the members should be active exhibitors in one facet of the sport or another. There is no minimum number of members who are required to be active breeders. Finally, we review the reports on activities and events, including B (OB) matches. **Note: Your club should not submit an application for an A (OA) match until the club has been notified that eligibility to do so has been established.** Every request for advancement must be reviewed by our committee. We do not want to see any club disappointed if its request is delayed and commitments have already been made.

Holding Plan A (OA) Matches

All clubs are required to hold two "Qualifying" Plan A (OA) matches, at least six months apart, prior to applying to hold AKC-licensed events. A (OA) matches are more formal than Plan B(OB) matches. Clubs should follow the "Match Regulations" carefully. Matches are evaluated on how closely the club adheres to the requirements outlined in the Match Regulations. If there are any questions concerning match regulations and rules, please call Club Relations. Matches are designed so that experienced members can work cohesively with each other and at the same time teach new members the mechanics of the events. It is easier for the club to call when a question arises than to try and remedy a situation which has already occurred.

Reports on A (OA) Matches

Sanctioned A (OA) Match Reports must be submitted within seven days of the event to Club Relations. The club should also submit all judges books, entry forms, the Premium List, and a marked and signed catalog. Please refer to the "Match Regulations" for additional details, or contact Club Relations for help.

* Running grounds and facilities should be described in detail, including terms of the lease or agreement for the use of the land. Photographs are very helpful.

When your club feels it meets the criteria, submit your presentation to the Club Relations Department. A staff committee will review the material and determine if the club can be placed on our records. Once a favorable decision is made, your club will be formally notified that it is eligible to apply to hold AKC-sanctioned trials or tests.

Plan A Trials and Hunting Tests

(Note: Beagle clubs refer to Part VI)

Once your club has been notified it is eligible to conduct Plan A events, it will be required to hold two "Qualifying" events at least six months apart. These events are conducted as if they are licensed events. A premium list and catalog must be prepared, and you can expect an AKC Field Representative to attend at least one of your Plan A events as an observer. Plan A trials and tests are a way to gain vital experience so you can enjoy the sport over the long run.

Reports

Judges books, which the AKC sends to the event secretary upon approval of the event, and entry forms must be submitted to the AKC within seven days of the event. The report should also include any problems encountered by the field trial committee and how these problems were resolved. If you have any questions while preparing the report, contact the Performance Events Department.

Part VI

Information for Different Types of Field Trial Clubs

Beagle Clubs

Beagle field trial clubs should study the current edition of the "Beagle Field Trial Rules" particu-

larly the sections "Sanctioned Beagle Field Trials" and "Information for New Beagle Clubs."

Most newly accredited Beagle clubs might not need to hold Plan B-sanctioned trials. If necessary, Plan B Trials are less formal trials where no championship titles are awarded. Clubs should maintain summaries and records of their events. The summaries should include the classes offered, the number of dogs in each class, and a description of any unusual occurrences (adverse weather, complaints, etc.), and how the field trial committee dealt with the problems.

Completion of the "B" trial program does not automatically guarantee approval for "A" trials. Once the club has completed its "B" trial requirements, a presentation requesting advancement to "A" status must be submitted. This presentation should include an updated membership list, any revisions to the bylaws, and a list of club activities. The club should not submit an application for a Plan A trial until it has been notified by the AKC that it is eligible to do so. When your application for a Plan A trial has been approved, you should be aware that there must be at least 40 hounds entered in each Plan A trial, and that the second Plan A trial must be completed by April 15 if the club is to be eligible for approval of a licensed trial to be held in the season which begins the following July 1. The Beagle field trial season is explained in Chapter 5 of the *Beagle Field Trial Rules*.

Once a Beagle field trial club has been formally placed on the AKC's records, it is required to obtain AKC sanction for any type of event which is held by the club where entries are accepted and solicited from the public (non-club members).

Pointing Breed Field Trial Clubs

Pointing breed field trial clubs should be particularly aware of Chapter 14, Section 1 of the *Field Trial Rules*, which provides that: Either specialty clubs formed for the improvement of any one pointing breed or Pointing Breed Field Trial Clubs formed for the improvement of all eligible

pointing breeds may be approved to hold field trials open to all eligible pointing breeds.

We recommend that persons interested in forming a club contact the respective parent club for that breed during the early stages of the club's development. Parent clubs often supply assistance and information of value to new clubs.

Retriever Field Trial Clubs

Retriever clubs should consider the following information to aid them in scheduling Plan A and licensed trials:

- A. If a club contemplates applying for its first licensed trial to be held the first half of the year (January through June), its second Plan A trial must have been held prior to November 1 of the previous calendar year.
- B. If a club wishes to apply for its first licensed trial in the second half of the year (July through December), its second Plan A trial must be completed no later than April 30 of that year.
- C. We must emphasize that it is each club's responsibility to find a date in the retriever field trial schedule that would not have an adverse effect on any existing club. The AKC cannot entertain an application from a club for a date the approval of which may prove detrimental to another club that has established its licensed or member trial on that date.
- D. It is expected that a retriever club, once it becomes eligible to submit an application for its first licensed trial, will undertake the holding of one or more stakes carrying championship points.

Basset Hound, Dachshund and Spaniel Field Trial clubs should notify their respective parent clubs at an early stage in their development. The address can be obtained by

calling the Club Relations Department at (212)
696-8211.

HUNTING TEST CLUBS

A single-breed (specialty) club representing an eligible breed, and multiple breed clubs can apply to hold hunting tests. Hunting dog clubs (i.e. gundog, bird dog clubs) are eligible to hold any of the three types of hunting tests: Pointing Breeds, Retrievers and Flushing Spaniels

AKC World Wide Web site address:

www.akc.org

Our site provides information on AKC events and breeds, AKC news, and AKC departments.

HELPFUL PUBLICATIONS:

Please call: (919) 233-9767 or FAX (919) 816-3627.

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- *AKC GAZETTE* - One-Year Subscription, 12 issues (Fee Item)

SINGLE COPIES OF THE FOLLOWING BOOK-LETS ARE FREE OF CHARGE:

- "Developing an Effective Breeder Referral Program"
- "Spreading the Word"
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- Sample Constitution and Bylaws - specify type
- "Match Regulations"
- "A Beginner's Guide To Dog Shows"
- "Economic Impact of Dog Shows"
- "Disagree Diplomatically"
- "Working It Out ..."

Glossary:

Accreditation: Approval by the New Clubs Committee to conduct AKC-sanctioned events.

Bylaws (Constitution and Bylaws): The document under which the club conducts its business.

Catalog: A printed catalog containing the names of all dogs and their owners entered in an event. A catalog is mandatory for "A" level events, optional for "B" events.

Club Levels:

Inquiry: Clubs which have notified the AKC of their existence, but have not yet been approved for holding AKC-sanctioned events.

Sanctioned: Clubs which have been approved to hold sanctioned "B" or "A" events.

Licensed: Clubs which are approved to hold events at which championship points and/or titles may be won.

Member: Clubs which have been holding licensed events for at least 10 years are eligible to apply for membership in the AKC (only certain types of clubs are eligible to apply for membership). Member clubs select delegates to attend the AKC's quarterly meetings. Clubs are elected to membership by the sitting delegates.

Club Event Types:

Companion: Dogs perform a set of precision exercises or demonstrate their ability to navigate complex obstacle courses or recognize and follow human scent.

Conformation: Dogs are judged on form and structure — may also be referred to as "breed" competition.

Performance Events: Dogs are evaluated according to how they perform tasks for which they were bred, e.g., field trials, herding tests, lure coursing.

Fun Matches/Events: Events not sanctioned by the AKC, most often held by "inquiry" clubs. These events need not be held under AKC rules and regulations, although we suggest clubs use these events to become familiar with AKC procedures. AKC-sanctioned, licensed and member clubs may conduct "fun matches" only if they are limited to club members.

Parent Club: A specialty club representing one breed on a national basis. The AKC recognizes only one parent club for each breed.

Premium Lists: An advance notice brochure sent to prospective exhibitors, containing details of the forthcoming event. Premium lists are mandatory for "A" level events, optional for "B" events.

Sanctioned Matches and Events:

B (OB): Informal AKC-approved events at which no championship titles or points are earned.

A (OA): More formal sanctioned events which are held in order to establish eligibility to hold licensed events.

AKC Code of Sportsmanship

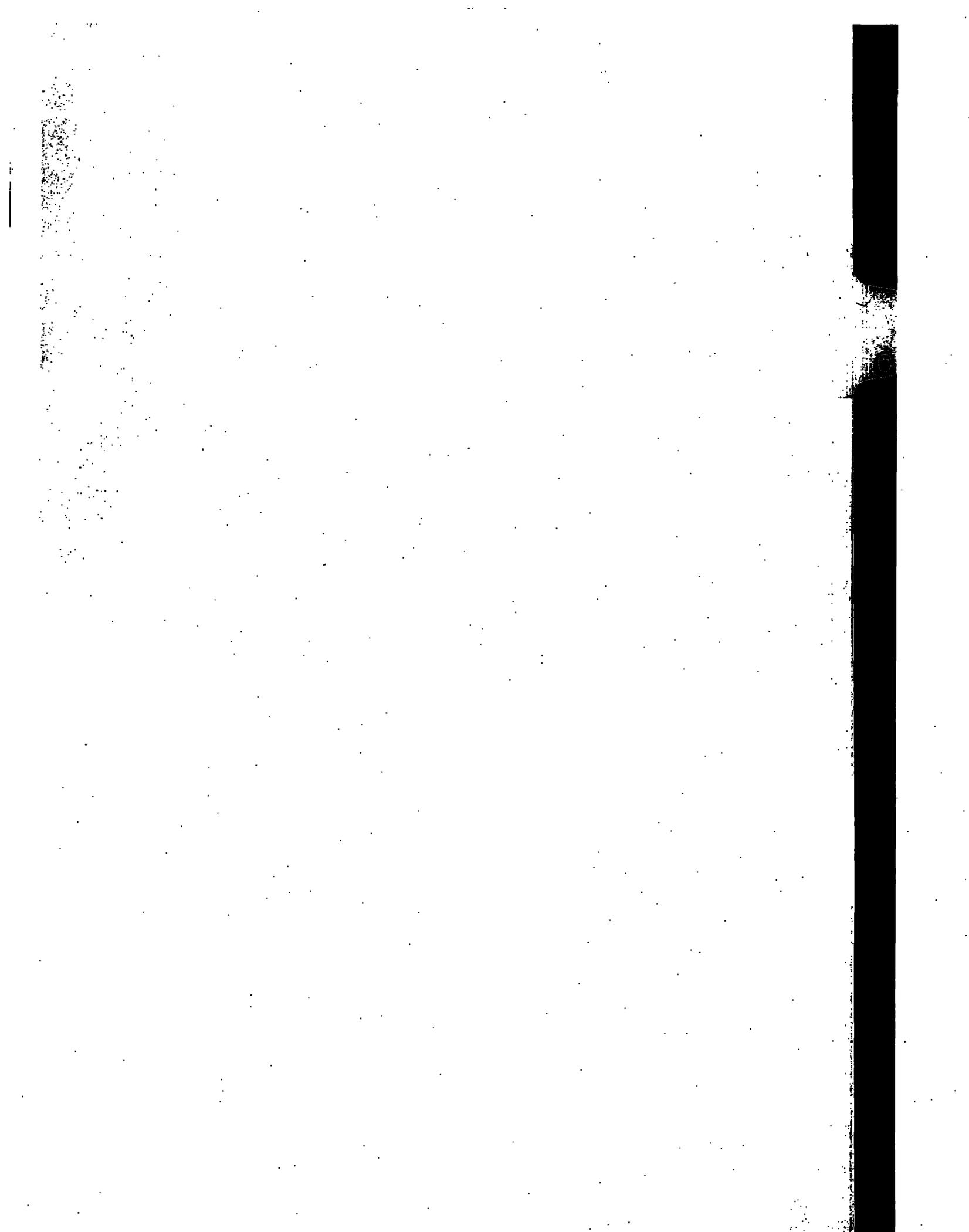
PREFACE: The sport of purebred dog breeding and performance dates prior to 1884, the year of AKC's birth. The values of those involved in the sport, though not codified, are sportsmanship. They are practiced in all facets of the sport: information, performance and competition. Many believe that these principles of sportsmanship are the reason why any sport has thrived for over one hundred years. With this belief that it is useful to periodically articulate the fundamental ideals of our sport, this code is presented.

- Sportsmen respect the history, tradition and heritage of the sport of purebred dogs.
- Sportsmen commit themselves to values of fair play, honesty, courtesy and vigorous competition, as well as winning and losing with grace and dignity.
- Sportsmen refuse to compromise their commitment and obligation to the sport of purebred dogs by inserting personal advantage or consideration into their decisions or behavior.
- The sportsman judge judges only on the merits of the dogs and considers no other factors.
- The sportsman judge or exhibitor accepts constructive criticism.
- The sportsman exhibitor declines to enter or exhibit under a judge where it might reasonably appear that the judge's placements could be based on something other than the merits of the dogs.
- The sportsman exhibitor refuses to compromise the impartiality of a judge.
- The sportsman respects the AKC bylaws, rules, regulations and policies governing the sport of purebred dogs.
- Sportsmen find that vigorous competition and civility are not inconsistent and are able to appreciate the merit of their competition and the effort of competitors.
- Sportsmen welcome, encourage and support new comers to the sport.
- Sportsmen will deal fairly with all those who trade with them.
- Sportsmen are willing to share honest and open appraisals of both the strengths and weaknesses of their breeding stock.
- Sportsmen seize any opportunity to take personal advantage of positions offered or bestowed upon them.
- Sportsmen always consider as paramount the welfare of their dog.
- Sportsmen refuse to embarrass the sport, the American Kennel Club or themselves while taking part in the sport.

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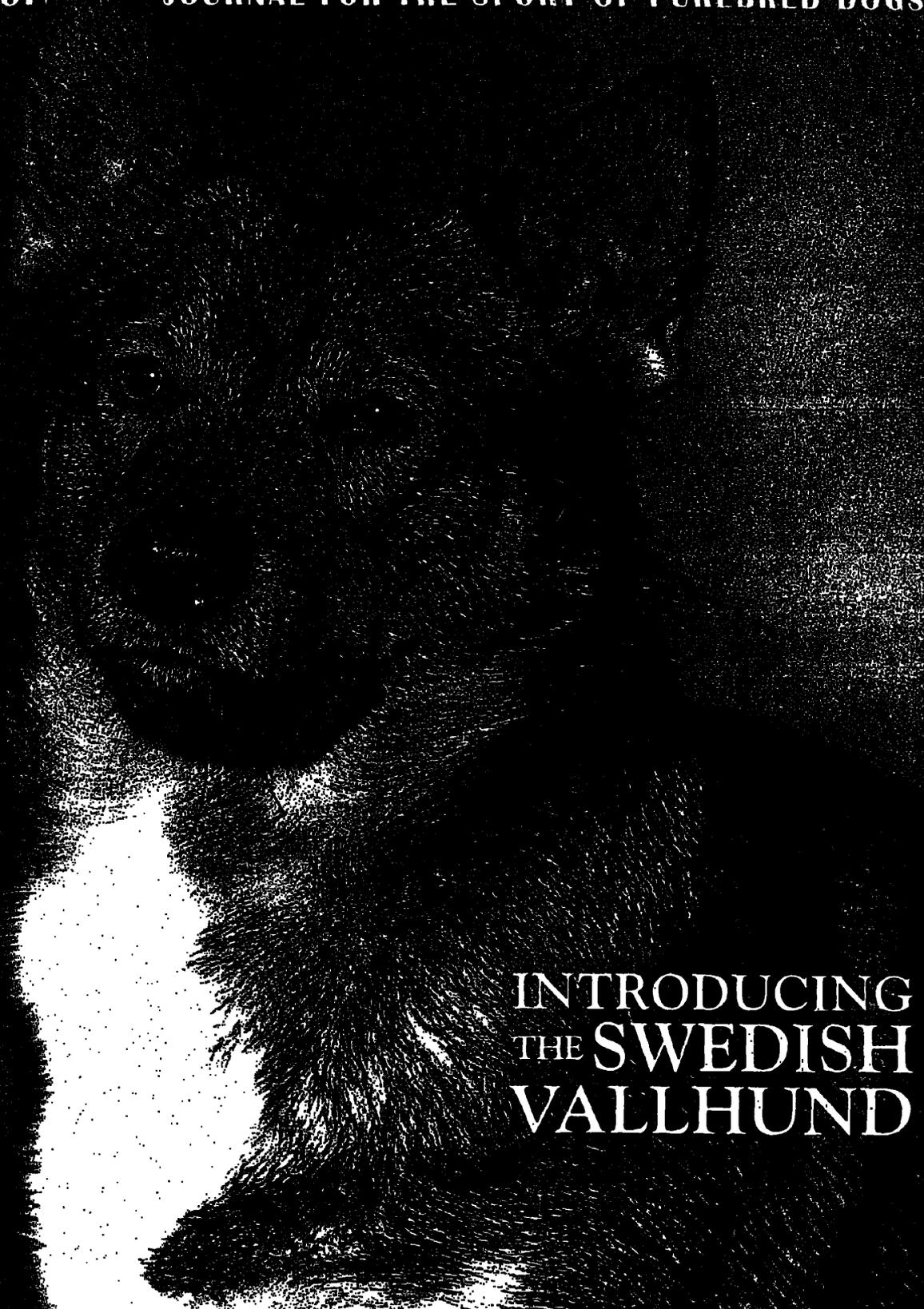




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MISSION STATEMENT
 The American Kennel Club is dedicated to promoting the highest standards of breeding, training, and showing of purebred dogs and promoting the best interests of the dog as a family companion. The Club shall be governed by the following principles:

**Attention Delegates
 Notice of Meeting**

The next meeting of the Delegates, which will be held at the Harrah's Las Vegas Hotel on Monday, June 11, 2007, will begin at 10:00 a.m. following the Delegates Forum which will start at 9:00 a.m.

**Membership Application
 Central Indiana Kennel Club**

Delegates Credentials

- Art Boger, Candler, NC, to represent Wolverine Beagle Club
- Robert E. Bostrom, Overbrook, KS, to represent Topeka Kennel Club
- Barry D. Cavanna, Pleasant Hill, CA, to represent Contra Costa Kennel Club
- Cheryl Crompton, Mishawaka, IN, to represent Michiana Kennel Club
- Mary Alice Eschweiler, Hartland, WI, to represent Waukesha Kennel Club
- Mark Grigalunas, New York, NY, to represent American Brussels Griffon Association
- Michael E. Harman, Roseland, TX, to represent Komondor Club of America
- Dr. J. A. Humphrey, Leicester, NC, to represent Ohio Valley Beagle Club
- Jack G. Smith, Fallbrook, CA, to represent Great Western Terrier Association of Southern California
- Monica Henderson Stoner, Edgewood, NM, to represent Saluki Club of America

Notice

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

Ms. Patricia Ricky (Dellroy, OH)

Notice

Ms. Paula Neal (Phoenix, AZ) Action was taken by the Scottsdale Dog Fanciers Association for conduct in connection with its March 5, 2007

Conformation Event. Specifically, Ms. Neal was charged with physical altercation. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the committee's report, found it in order, and set the penalty at a two-month event suspension and a \$200 fine, effective March 5, 2007. (Boston Terrier)

Notice

Ms. Ann Morrissey (Largo, FL) Action was taken by the Sarasota Obedience Training Club for conduct at its March 25, 2007 Obedience Trial. Specifically, Ms. Morrissey was charged with abusive or foul language/verbal altercation. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the committee's report, found it in order, and set the penalty at a one-month event suspension and a \$500 fine, effective March 25, 2007. (Doberman Pinscher)

Notice

Mr. Donald Smith (Ephrata, WA) Action was taken by the Big D Hunting Retriever Club for conduct in connection with its February 24, 2007 Field Trial. Specifically, Mr. Smith was charged with physical abuse of a dog at an event by an individual. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the committee's report, found it in order, and set the penalty at a six-month suspension of all AKC privileges and a \$1000 fine, effective February 24, 2007. (Labrador Retriever)

Notice

Mr. Robert Donnell (Redmond, WA) Action was taken by the Vizsla Club of Southern California for conduct in connection with its January 12, 2007 Field Trial. Specifically, Mr. Donnell was charged with disruptive behavior at an event and disregarding a published regulation. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the committee's report, found it in order, and set the penalty at a three-month event suspension and a \$500 fine, effective March 8, 2007. (Brittany)

Notice

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended

Mr. Tim Arney, Grove, OK, from all AKC privileges for ten years, effective May 7, 2007, and imposed a \$2000 fine for refusal to make his dogs and records available for inspection when requested. (Multiple Breeds)

Notice

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Ms. Joyce Bennett, East Moline, IL, from all AKC privileges for ten years, effective April 9, 2007, and imposed a \$2000 fine for refusal to make her dogs and records available for inspection when requested. (Chihuahua, Mastiff, and Shetland Sheepdog)

Notice

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Mr. Darvin Fowlkes, Newman Grove, NE, from all AKC privileges for ten years, effective May 7, 2007, and imposed a \$2000 fine for refusal to make his dogs and records available for inspection when requested. (Dachshund, Shiba Inu, and Weimaraner)

Notice

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Ms. Debby Loy, Barnard, KS, from all AKC privileges for ten years, effective May 7, 2007, and imposed a \$2000 fine for refusal to make her dogs and records available for inspection when requested. (Multiple Breeds)

Notice

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Mr. Steven Schulz, Fenton, MI, from all AKC privileges for ten years, effective May 7, 2007, and imposed a \$2000 fine for refusal to make his dogs and records available for inspection when requested. (Golden Retriever)

Notice

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Ms. Kimberly C. Schulz, Fenton, MI, from all AKC privileges for ten years, effective May 7, 2007, and imposed a \$2000 fine for refusal to make her dogs and records available for inspection when requested. (Golden Retriever)

Notice

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Mr. Henry Yoder, Cannelburg, IN, from all AKC privileges for ten years, effective May 7, 2007, and imposed a \$2000 fine for refusal to make his dogs and records available for inspection when requested. (Multiple Breeds)

Notice

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Mr. Kiplee K. Sherman, Show Low, AZ, from all AKC privileges for ten years, effective May 7, 2007, and imposed a \$2000 fine for violation of the AKC's record keeping and dog identification requirements, pursuant to Chapter 4, Section 7, of the Rules Applying to Registration and Discipline. (Alaskan Malamute and Chow Chow)

Notice

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Ms. Robbin D'Urso, Fairfield, CT, from all AKC privileges for ten years, effective April 9, 2007, and imposed a \$2000 fine for conduct prejudicial to purebred dogs, purebred dog events, or to the best interests of The American Kennel Club, based on her entering an Alford plea to six counts of Animal Cruelty in the State of Connecticut Superior Court. (None)

Notice

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Ms. Lynne A. Nielsen, Goose Creek, SC, from all AKC privileges for ten years, effective April 9, 2007, and imposed a \$2000 fine for conduct prejudicial to purebred dogs, purebred dog events, or to the best interests of The American Kennel Club, based on her being found guilty of Animal Care (Inhumane Care) in the Berkeley County Summary Courts, State of South Carolina. (Shih Tzu)

Notice

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Ms. Carolyn Stoffel, Phoenix, AZ, from all AKC privileges for ten years, effective May 7, 2007, and imposed a \$2000 fine for conduct prejudicial to purebred dogs, purebred dog events,

or to the best interests of The American Kennel Club, based on her being found guilty of Cruel Neglect Or Abandonment Of An Animal in the Municipal Court of the City of Phoenix, County of Maricopa, State of Arizona. (Basenji)

Notice

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Ms. Rebecca Wylie, Dormont, PA, from all AKC privileges for ten years, effective May 7, 2007, and imposed a \$2000 fine for conduct prejudicial to purebred dogs, purebred dog events, or to the best interests of The American Kennel Club, based on her being found guilty of Cruelty To Animals/Abuse Of Animals in the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. (Shih Tzu and Basset Hound)

Notice

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Mr. Joseph Powers, Vinton, VA, from all AKC privileges for five years, effective May 7, 2007, and imposed a \$1000 fine for refusal to produce litter records when requested, pursuant to Chapter 4, Section 7, of the Rules Applying to Registration and Discipline. (Boxer, Dachshund, and Boston Terrier)

Notice

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Mrs. Trisha Powers, Vinton, VA, from all AKC privileges for five years, effective May 7, 2007, and imposed a \$1000 fine for refusal to produce litter records when requested, pursuant to Chapter 4, Section 7, of the Rules Applying to Registration and Discipline. (Boxer, Dachshund, and Boston Terrier)

Notice

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Ms. Rose Becker, Central Point, OR, from all AKC privileges for one year, effective May 7, 2007, and imposed a \$1000 fine for non-compliance with AKC's Care and Conditions Policy (unacceptable conditions, dogs and/or facility). (Multiple Breeds)

Notice

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Ms. Ginger P. Johnson, Ashdown, AR, from all AKC privileges for six months, effective May 7, 2007, and imposed a \$500 fine for her submission of two litter registration applications that contained false certifications (a DNA exclusion). (Multiple Breeds)

Notice

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Mr. Dale Leaming, Jasper, MO, from all AKC privileges for six months, effective May 7, 2007, and imposed a \$500 fine for his submission of two litter registration applications that contained false certifications (a DNA exclusion). (Multiple Breeds)

Notice

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Mr. Don Mayberry, Gentry, AR, from all AKC privileges for one year, effective May 7, 2007, and imposed a \$1000 fine for his submission of three litter registration applications that contained false certifications (a DNA exclusion). (Multiple Breeds)

Notice

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Mr. Timmy Stinnett, Centrahoma, OK, from all AKC privileges for six months, effective May 7, 2007, and imposed a \$500 fine for his submission of two litter registration applications that contained false certifications (a DNA exclusion). (Multiple Breeds)

Notice

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Mr. Coy Garris, Powhatan, VA, from AKC registration privileges for one year, effective May 7, 2007, and imposed a \$1000 fine for his submission of four litter registration applications and four individual dog registration applications containing false certifications as to the signature of the co-owner. (Basset Hound)

Notice

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Ms. Patricia Johnson, Canton, GA, from AKC registration privileges for six months, effective May 7, 2007, and imposed a \$500 fine for her submission of an online litter application that con-

tained a false certification as to the written authority of the recorded co-owner of the dam. (German Shepherd Dog)

Notice

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Ms. Nancy Kosteleba, Forty Fort, PA, from AKC registration privileges for three months, effective May 7, 2007, and imposed a \$500 fine for signing AKC documents on behalf of another without filing a properly completed Power of Attorney form. (Bedlington Terrier)

Notice

During the month of April, the registrations of 109 litters were canceled, resulting in the cancellation of 146 registered dogs and rendering 346 dogs, members of these litters, ineligible for registration. 108 of these litters were canceled as a result of the DNA Parentage Evaluation and 1 was cancelled as a result of an inquiry. In addition, as a result of the DNA Profiling Program, the registrations of 223 litters were corrected, resulting in the correction of 424 registered dogs and maintaining the eligibility for registration of 550 dogs, members of these litters.

Notice

Reprimands and Fines

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

Chapter 2, Section 4 & 9.

- Suncoast Cocker Spaniel Club of Greater Clearwater.....\$100.00
- Irish Setter Club of Central Oklahoma, Inc..... \$ 80.00
- Gateway Cities English Springer Spaniel Association, Inc...\$110.00
- Collie Club of Greater Miami, Inc.\$190.00
- Springfield Kennel Club\$100.00
- Irish Setter Club of Greater Dallas, Inc.\$220.00
- City of Angels Pomeranian Club\$ 90.00
- Windward HI Dog Fanciers Association (2 events x \$190.00)\$380.00
- Southern California Alaskan Malamute Club\$ 70.00
- Stone City Kennel Club\$100.00
- Reno Kennel Club (2 events x \$170.00)\$340.00

Notification of reprimands and fines imposed on clubs for late submission of judges panel. Chapter 4, Section 1.

- Suncoast Cocker Spaniel Club of Greater Clearwater.....\$100.00
- Gateway Cities English Springer Spaniel Association, Inc...\$ 50.00
- Collie Club of Greater Miami, Inc.\$130.00
- Springfield Kennel Club\$100.00
- Shoreline German Shepherd Dog Club.....\$190.00
- Irish Setter Club of Greater Dallas, Inc.\$160.00
- Reno Kennel Club (2 events x \$160.00).....\$320.00
- City of Angels Pomeranian Club\$150.00
- Windward HI Dog Fanciers Association (2 events x \$140.00)\$280.00
- Stone City Kennel Club\$ 50.00

Notification of fines imposed on clubs and/or superintendents for failure to comply with Chapter 9, Section 10, Failure to enforce Rules and Regulations. Making the information in the catalog available before the required time as set forth in the AKC Policy.

- Siberian Husky Club of Greater Detroit, Inc.....\$100.00

Notification of fines imposed on clubs and/or superintendents for failure to comply with Chapter 12, Section 5. Printing incorrect points schedule in event catalog.

- Potomac Valley Shetland Sheepdog Club, Inc. (2 events, same catalog)\$250.00

Notification of fines imposed on clubs and/or superintendents for failure to comply with Chapter 5, Section 1 and Section 13 of the Junior Showmanship Regulations, Incorrect Ribbon Colors.

- Potomac Valley Shetland Sheepdog Club, Inc.....\$100.00

Notification of fines imposed on clubs and/or superintendents for failure to comply with Chapter 17, Section 2. Late submission of Event Records.

- Northeast Florida Boxer Club\$150.00

German Shepherd Dog Club of Fort
Lauderdale, Inc.....\$140.00

Notification of reprimands and/or
fines imposed on individuals for failure
to comply with Benching Rules,
Westminster Kennel Club, 2007,
Chapter 13, Sections 1 & 3.

Jorge Eduardo Mendonca
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REGISTERED HANDLERS

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

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

It is the responsibility of all regis-
tered handlers to notify the Handlers
Department of any changes or correc-
tions to their address, phone, fax or
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tant because they affect your handlers
record, the Web site and the Handlers
Directory. Please notify the Handlers
Department at (919) 816 - 3884 or
Email handlers@akc.org

New Registered Handler Applicant

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

Linda G. Williams
14312 Lawrence 1137
Mt. Vernon, MO 65712

JUDGES

Letters concerning judges and judg-
ing applicants should be addressed to
the Judging Operations Department at
PO Box 37935, Raleigh, NC 27627-
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Rally, Tracking, and VST applicants
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Events Department in North Carolina.

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cant, provide that individual with
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able, upon request, to the judge or
judge applicant.

It is the responsibility of all
Conformation and JS judges to notify
the Judging Operations Department of
any changes or corrections to their
address, phone, fax or emails. These
changes are very important because
they affect your judges' record, the
web site and the Judges Directory.
Please notify Judging Operations at
(919) 816-3593 or email,
judgingops@akc.org.

New Breed Judging Applicants

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

Mrs. Carol Cooper, D.O. (68129)
100 Evening Star Lane
Okenos, MI 48864
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Golden Retrievers, Alaskan
Malamutes, JS

Mrs. Lisa Schultz Halcomb (66754)
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sundance@prairienet.net

Golden Retrievers, English Cocker
Spaniels, Silky Terriers, JS

Ms. Mary Lynn Speer (22531)
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Glenwood City, WI 54013
(715) 265-7800

Mastiffs

Approved Breed Judging Applicants

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

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Loganville, GA 30052
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betdeans@aol.com

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bdrake216@comcast.net

Tibetan Terriers

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Huntingtown, MD 20639
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secattorney@msn.com

Balance of Sporting Group (Nova
Scotia Duck Tolling Retrievers, Welsh
Springer Spaniels, Spinoni Italiani),
Smooth Fox Terriers, Norfolk Terriers,
Norwich Terriers, Scottish Terriers,
Skye Terriers

Mr. Alfred J. Ferruggiaro (7410)
3201 Belle Cote Drive
Burtonsville, MD 20866
(301) 421-1930
alf198@yahoo.com

Cavalier King Charles Spaniels,
Chihuahuas, Havanese, Japanese Chin,
Papillons, Pomeranians, Pugs, Silky
Terriers

Mr. Carl E. Gomes (7579)
4408 White Plains Road
Bronx, NY 10470
(718) 994-0834

Balance of Non-Sporting Group
(American Eskimo Dogs, Bichons,
Frises, Chinese Shar-Pei, Chow Chows,
Dalmatians, Finnish Spitz, Löwchen,
Poodles, Schipperkes, Shiba Inu,
Tibetan Spaniels, Tibetan Terriers)

Mr. Craig Grein (28703)
21 South Street
Pawtucket, RI 02860
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Shih Tzu

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Bouvier des Flandres, Cardigan Welsh
Corgis, Collies, German Shepherd
Dogs, Old English Sheepdogs,
Pembroke Welsh Corgis, Shetland
Sheepdogs

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653 Wildwood Trail
Weatherford, TX 76085
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Australian Shepherds, German
Shepherd Dogs

Mrs. Leah R. James (15139)
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Havana, FL 32333
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presleah@aol.com

Balance of Herding Group
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Sheepdogs, Briards, Canaan Dogs, Old
English Sheepdogs, Polish Lowland
Sheepdogs, Swedish Vallhunds)

Mr. Dennis Laturie (30902)
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Rally Novice

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Utility

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Rally Novice

Provisional Obedience/Rally/Tracking Judges

The following persons have been approved as judges of the Class/Sect indicated on a Provisional Basis in accordance with the Provisional judging system. They may now accept assignments.

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Rally Novice

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Utility

Provisional Obedience Judges Completed

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

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Rally Advance/Excellent

**Application for Breed-Specific
Registered Name Prefix**

The following applications for a breed-specific Registered Name Prefix have been submitted to The American Kennel Club. Letters in regard to these applications should be addressed to James P. Crowley, Executive Secretary:

LOMA - Rottweiler & Boxer - Loralee Johnson
ASSEGAI - Rhodesian Ridgeback - Melissa Carlin
CEDAR HILLS - Dachshund - Alberta & Bill D. Allen
MYSTIC MOON - Yorkshire Terrier - Bill & Trudie Nelson
CONFIDANTS - Papillon - Cassie Day
MAGNOLISE - Papillon - Ruxandra Lucaci
TALANE - Doberman Pinscher - Tamera L. Rush
SSMARITIME - Newfoundland - Holly Wayne
GREENACRES - Pomeranian - Connie Charles
FIREWATER - Australian Shepherd - Samantha & Kurt Almond
SUNDAZE - Labrador Retriever - Kimberly Lankford & Deborah Whitehead
TIVIO - Whippet - John & Tracy Hite
SZIKRA - Vizsla - Patricia A. & Sosanna A. Folz
OAKHILL - Pekingese - Kaesi L. Cook
MOON SHADOWS - Havanese - Judith N. Regan
APEX - Golden Retriever - Noelle Arnzen
LAPPAUL - Cavalier King Charles Spaniel - Laura D. Paulson
SOUNDVIEW - Newfoundland - Marcy Johnson
CEJAM - Chow Chow - Caryl Myers
DANCINGCLOUD - Poodle - Margaret Jane Beckman
OPECHEE PARRISH - Labrador Retriever - Timothy & Melodie Fitts
DACHSADORE - Dachshund - Kim E. Bessinger
BROWNWELL - English Springer Spaniel & Beagle - Tracy Brown
ALAMBRE - Ibizan Hound - Kara & Chris Chizmar
BLACKGOLD - Australian Shepherd - Susan-L. & Gary Waag
STONEHAVEN - West Highland White Terrier - Kathleen Merrigan
FOXHILLS - Cairn Terrier - Janet Mucci

DESIREE - French Bulldog - Kathryn H. Perez
WHITE PINE - Boxer - Robert W. & Linda L. Gasper
SCHOOLHOUSE - Cavalier King Charles Spaniel - Linda Elliott
SOUNDTRACK - Australian Shepherd - Lori Fausett
DANZIN - Scottish Terrier - Barbara & Glenn Zink
BUZZARD'S BAY - Labrador Retriever - Peter R. & Stacy Dupuis
LANDMARK - Dachshund - Barbara Butterworth

Registered Name Prefixes Granted

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

BAILYWICK - Briard - Dr. M. Lana Sheer
NORTHGATE - English Springer Spaniel - Maurisa Payne
FOXFIRE - Papillon - Cindy & Kevin Harken
MYSTICKNIGHT - Cavalier King Charles Spaniel - Kris & Bruce Hassig
MARVEL - American Staffordshire Terrier - Marilen D. & Nikolas C. Murdock
MOONGAZE - Whippet - Terri A. Motola
LOUGHBORO - Labrador Retriever - Linda Graves Shaughness
DUCKTALES - Labrador Retriever - Teresa Keller & Diane Villa
KRW - Great Dane - Kelly R. Weidner
IMAGINE - Cavalier King Charles Spaniel - Lynn E. Lake
BANNERET - Papillon - Kathryn M. Lawson
PRATSALS - Parson Russell Terrier - Lynda M. Pratt
RESPECTABULL - Bulldog - Joyce A. Wolfe
CASBAR - Labrador Retriever - Diane Ammerman
SONNELS - Yorkshire Terrier - Nancy M. & Raymond P. Nelson
24KT - Golden Retriever - Judith J. & Delbert A. Voss
WYNDWARD - Havanese - Farah Whitver Melamud
WINDSPIRITS - Dachshund - Kate Snider & Phil Bird
SKYFIRE - Labrador Retriever - Stephanie Harris
DUR-ANYA - Bullmastiff - Lisa M. & Douglas Heffner
LAURELL - Golden Retriever - Laura Ellis Kling & Thomas C. Kling
WOODACRES - Poodle - Rebecca B. Smith
JU JU'S - Bichon Frise - Judy Houston

PROMISE HILL - Collie - David A. Ellis
IVY LEAGUE - Rhodesian Ridgeback - Danielle S. Sand, VMD
SAPPHIRE - Portuguese Water Dog - Carol L. & Roger M. Arbuthnot
BLACKWITCH - Miniature Schnauzer & Chinese Shar-Pei - Carol & Denise A. Beagle
LOUP NOIR - Belgian Malinois - Heather Arlinghaus
BLACKMAGIC - Mastiff - Molly McCarter
HARTLAND - Mastiff - Sherrie Hart
CHERSAN - French Bulldog - Susan Cherwa

**AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
May 7 - 8, 2007**

The Board convened on Monday, May 7, 2007 at 9:00 a.m., following the meetings of the Board Committees. All Directors were present, as were the Executive Secretary, and the Assistant Executive Secretary.

The Board reviewed the minutes of the April 9 - 10, 2007 meeting. Upon motion by Dr. Davies, seconded by Ms. Scully, the minutes, copies of which were made available to all Directors, were adopted (unanimously).

President's Report

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

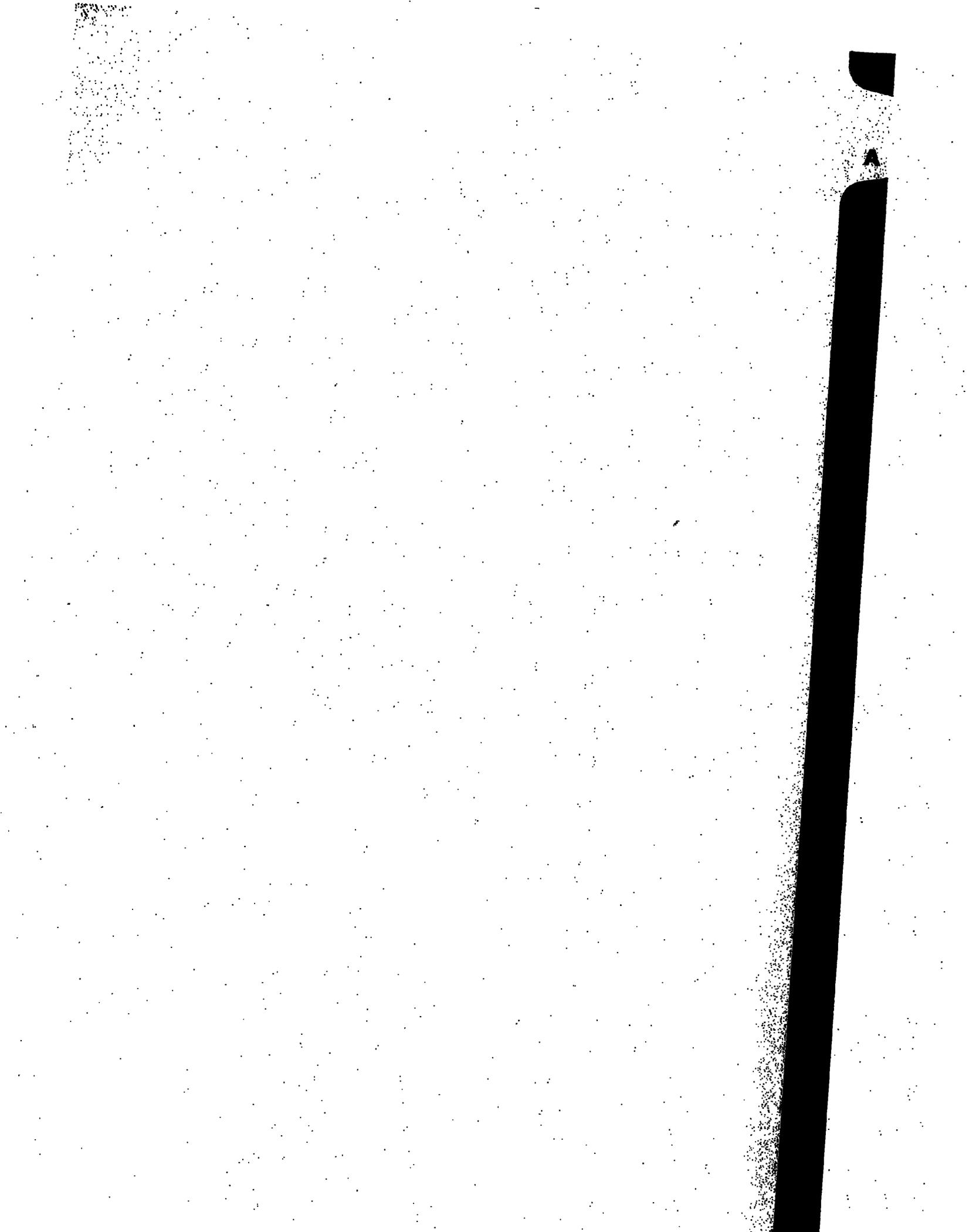
Mr. Sprung reported that for the first quarter of 2007, the total number of events was up 12% and the number of entries was up 8%. All-Breed shows were up 7% and 4% respectively. The largest increases were in Agility, with entries up 22%, and Rally, with entries up 19%.

There was an Executive Session to discuss sensitive business matters. Nothing was reported out of this session.

Financial Report

James Stevens, Chief Financial Officer, gave a report:

Revenues for the month of April 2007 totaled \$5.9 million, which were 11% greater than last year. Total expenses of \$5.3 million were 7% higher than 2006. This produced a monthly operating surplus of \$596,000 vs. \$354,000 in the prior year.



SAMPLE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

For

*All-Breed, Specialty, Obedience,
Tracking and Group Clubs*

Many clubs seek the assistance of The American Kennel Club® in the preparation of their constitution and bylaws. This specimen is prepared purely as a service for such clubs. It is recognized that some clubs may modify or elaborate upon these suggestions, as may be required by state laws. This form, under present American Kennel Club policies, could be readily approved.

Clubs applying to The American Kennel Club to conduct shows or trials under its Rules and Regulations are required to submit their bylaws for review. This specimen represents the experience of many clubs and it is especially designed to meet the problems which most frequently arise. It is prepared particularly for a club which operates on a local basis; it presumes that a substantial number of the members will be able to attend regular club meetings.

Some clubs may wish to provide for more than one type of membership: (see Glossary on page 14); the number of officers and directors is purely optional (Article III); and the dates for fiscal and official year are simply examples (Article IV).

However, it should be pointed out that the wording of Article I, Section 3 of the Constitution and Article VIII of the Bylaws is thought to be helpful in avoiding tax problems; that a limitation on the area within which meetings may be held is important (Article II); that the provisions for notices as they appear throughout the sample are important; that the suggested procedure for elections and nominations best meets the needs of the average club of the type described (Article IV, Sections 3 and 4). The procedures for discipline in Article VI should be closely followed for the protection of all concerned. Close adherence to Article VII on amendments is recommended.

THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB

CONSTITUTION

(Which may also be used as Articles of Incorporation with any additions that may be required by state law; or may be included in the bylaws as the first Article, renumbering the other Articles.)

ARTICLE I Name and Objects

SECTION 1. The name of the club shall be

SECTION 2. The objects of the club shall be:

SPECIALTY CLUBS:

(a) to encourage and promote quality in the breeding of purebred and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection;

(b) to urge members and breeders to accept the standard of the breed as approved by The American Kennel Club as the only standard of excellence by which shall be judged;

(c) to do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed by encouraging sportsmanlike competition at

- dog shows
- obedience trials (if applicable)
- tracking tests (if applicable)
- field trials (if applicable)
- hunting tests (if applicable)

(d) to conduct sanctioned matches,

- dog shows
- obedience trials (if applicable)
- tracking tests (if applicable)
- field trials (if applicable)
- hunting tests (if applicable)
- and any other event for which the club is eligible under the Rules and Regulations of The American Kennel Club.

ALL-BREED AND GROUP CLUBS:

- a) to further the advancement of
- all breeds of purebred dogs (all-breed clubs);
 - all breeds (group clubs);

b) to do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of

- dog shows
- obedience trials
- tracking tests

and to encourage sportsmanlike competition at such events; and

c) to conduct

- sanctioned matches
- dog shows
- obedience trials
- tracking tests
- and any other event for which the club is eligible under the Rules and Regulations of The American Kennel Club.

OBEDIENCE CLUBS:

(a) to promote the training of purebred dogs;

(b) to disseminate knowledge regarding obedience training;

(c) to conduct classes for the training of dogs and their handlers;

(d) to encourage the training of judges;

(e) to hold and support obedience trials and matches under the Rules and Regulations of The American Kennel Club; and

(f) to promote cooperation and good sportsmanship among its members in the training and exhibition of dogs.

TRACKING CLUBS:

(a) to promote the training of purebred dogs;

(b) to disseminate knowledge regarding tracking;

(c) to conduct classes for the training of dogs and their handlers;

(d) to encourage the training of judges;

(e) to hold and support tracking tests and tracking matches under the Rules and Regulations of The American Kennel Club; and

(f) to promote cooperation and good sportsmanship among its members in the training and exhibition of dogs.

SECTION 3. The club shall not be conducted or operated for profit and no part of any profits or remainder or residue from dues or donations to the club shall inure to the benefit of any member or individual.

SECTION 4. The members of the club shall adopt and may from time to time revise such bylaws as may be required to carry out these objects.

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I Membership

SECTION 1. Eligibility. There shall be (see Glossary on page 14) types of membership open to all persons 18 years of age and older who are in good standing with The American Kennel Club and who subscribe to the purposes of this Club.

While membership is to be unrestricted as to residence, the club's primary purpose is to be representative of the breeders and exhibitors in its immediate area.

SECTION 2. Dues. Membership dues shall not exceed \$..... per year, payable on or before the 1st day of () of each year. No member may vote whose dues are not paid for the current year. During the month of () the Treasurer shall send to each member a statement of dues for the ensuing year.

SECTION 3. Election to Membership. Each applicant for membership shall apply on a form as approved by the board of directors and which shall provide that the applicant agrees to abide by the constitution and bylaws and the rules of The American Kennel Club. The application shall state the name, address, and occupation of the applicant and it shall carry the endorsement of two members in good standing. Accompanying the application, the prospective member shall submit dues payment for the current year.

All applications are to be filed with the Secretary and each application is to be read at the first meeting of the club following its receipt. At the next club meeting the application will be voted upon and affirmative votes of $\frac{2}{3}$ of the members present and voting by secret ballot at that meeting shall be required to elect the applicant.

Applicants for membership who have been rejected by the club may not reapply within six months after such rejection.

SECTION 4. Termination of Membership.

Memberships may be terminated:

- (a) *by resignation.* Any member in good standing may resign from the club upon written notice to the Secretary, but no member may resign when in debt to the club. Obligations other than dues are considered a debt to the club and must be paid in full prior to resignation.
- (b) *by lapsing.* A membership will be considered as lapsed and automatically terminated if such member's dues remain unpaid (either 30/60/90 days) after the first day of the fiscal year; however, the board may grant an additional (either 30/60/90 days) of grace to such delinquent members in meritorious cases. In no case may a person be entitled to vote at any club meeting whose dues are unpaid as of the date of that meeting.
- (c) *by expulsion.* A membership may be terminated by expulsion as provided in Article VI of these bylaws.

ARTICLE II

Meetings and Voting

SECTION 1. Club Meetings. Meetings of the club shall be held each month in (or within the greater area) at such hour and place as may be designated by the board of directors. Written notice of each such meeting shall be mailed by the Secretary at least 10 days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for such meetings shall be 20 percent of the members in good standing.

SECTION 2. Special Club Meetings. Special club meetings may be called by the President, or by a majority vote of the members of the board who are present and voting at any regular or special meeting of the board; and shall be called by the Secretary upon receipt of a petition signed by five members of the club who are in good standing. Such special meetings shall be held in (or within the greater area) at such place, date and hour as may be designated by the person or persons authorized herein to call such meetings. Written notice of such a meeting shall be mailed by the

Secretary at least five days and not more than 15 days prior to the date of the meeting, and said notice shall state the purpose of the meeting, and no other club business may be transacted thereat. The quorum for such a meeting shall be 20 percent of the members in good standing.

SECTION 3. *Board Meetings.* Meetings of the board of directors shall be held each month in (or within the greater area) at such hour and place as may be designated by the board. Written notice of each such meeting shall be mailed by the Secretary at least five days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for such a meeting shall be a majority of the board.

SECTION 4. *Special Board Meetings.* Special meetings of the board may be called by the President; and shall be called by the Secretary upon receipt of a written request signed by at least three members of the board. Such special meetings shall be held in (or within the greater area) at such place, date, and hour as may be designated by the person authorized herein to call such meeting. Written notice of such meeting shall be mailed by the Secretary at least five days and not more than 10 days prior to the date of the meeting. Any such notice shall state the purpose of the meeting and no other business shall be transacted thereat. The quorum for such a meeting shall be a majority of the board.

SECTION 5. *Voting.* Each member in good standing whose dues are paid for the current year shall be entitled to one vote at any meeting of the club at which he is present. Proxy voting will not be permitted at any club meeting or election.

ARTICLE III Directors and Officers

SECTION 1. *Board of Directors.* The board shall be comprised of the officers and () other persons, all of whom shall be members in good standing and all of whom shall be elected for one-year terms at the club's annual meeting as provided in Article IV and shall serve until their successors are elected. General management of the club's affairs shall be entrusted to the board of directors.

SECTION 2. Officers. The club's officers, consisting of the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, shall serve in their respective capacities both with regard to the club and its meetings and the board and its meetings.

- (a) The President shall preside at all meetings of the club and of the board, and shall have the duties and powers normally appurtenant to the office of President in addition to those particularly specified in these bylaws.
- (b) The Vice President shall have the duties and exercise the powers of the President in case of the President's death, absence or incapacity.
- (c) The Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings of the club and of the board and of all matters of which a record shall be ordered by the club; have charge of the correspondence, notify members of meetings, notify new members of their election to membership, notify officers and directors of their election to office, keep a roll of the members of the club with their addresses, and carry out such other duties as are prescribed in these bylaws.
- (d) The Treasurer shall collect and receive all moneys due or belonging to the club. Moneys shall be deposited in a bank designated by the board, in the name of the club. The books shall at all times be open to inspection by the board and a report shall be given at every meeting on the condition of the club's finances and every item of receipt or payment not before reported; and at the annual meeting an accounting shall be rendered of all moneys received and expended during the previous fiscal year. The Treasurer shall be bonded in such amount as the board of directors shall determine.
- (e) The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by the same person, in which case the board shall be comprised of () persons.
- (f) AKC Delegate (for clubs elected member clubs of the AKC).

SECTION 3. *Vacancies.* Any vacancies occurring on the board or among the offices during the year shall be filled until the next annual election by a majority vote of the members of the board at its first regular meeting following the creation of such vacancy, or at a special board meeting called for that purpose; except that a vacancy in the office of President shall be filled automatically by the Vice President and the resulting vacancy in the office of Vice President shall be filled by the board.

ARTICLE IV

The Club Year, Annual Meeting, Elections

SECTION 1. *Club Year.* The club's fiscal year shall begin on the first day of (January) and end on the last day of (December).

The club's official year shall begin immediately at the conclusion of the election at the annual meeting and shall continue through the election at the next annual meeting.

SECTION 2. *Annual Meeting.* The annual meeting shall be held in the month of (), at which officers (Delegate to The American Kennel Club) and directors for the ensuing year shall be elected by secret ballot from among those nominated in accordance with Section 4 of this Article. They shall take office immediately upon the conclusion of the election and each retiring officer shall turn over to the successor in office all properties and records relating to that office within 30 days after the election.

SECTION 3. *Elections.* The nominated candidate receiving the greatest number of votes for each office shall be declared elected. The () nominated candidates for other positions on the board who receive the greatest number of votes for such positions shall be declared elected.

SECTION 4. *Nominations.* No person may be a candidate in a club election who has not been nominated. During the month of (), the board shall select a Nominating Committee consisting of three members and two alternates, not more than one of whom may be a member of the board. The Secretary shall immediately notify

the committeemen and alternates of their selection. The board shall name a chairman for the committee and it shall be such person's duty to call a committee meeting, which shall be held on or before ().

- (a) The committee shall nominate one candidate for each office (and for Delegate, who may but need not be an officer or director of the club) and positions on the board and, after securing the consent of each person so nominated, shall immediately report their nominations to the Secretary in writing.
- (b) Upon receipt of the Nominating Committee's report, the Secretary shall, at least two weeks before the () meeting, notify each member in writing of the candidates so nominated.
- (c) Additional nominations may be made at the () meeting by any member in attendance, provided that the person so nominated does not decline when their name is proposed, and provided further that if the proposed candidate is not in attendance at this meeting, the proposer shall present to the Secretary a written statement from the proposed candidate signifying willingness to be a candidate. No person may be a candidate for more than one position (except for the position of Delegate).
- (d) Nominations cannot be made at the annual meeting or in any manner other than as provided in this Section.

ARTICLE V Committees

SECTION 1. The board may each year appoint standing committees to advance the work of the club in such matters as dog shows, obedience trials, trophies, annual prizes, membership, and other fields which may well be served by committees. Such committees shall always be subject to the final authority of the board. Special committees may also be appointed by the board to aid it on particular projects.

SECTION 2. Any committee appointment may be terminated by a majority vote of the full membership of the board upon written notice to the appointee; and the board may appoint successors to those persons whose services have been terminated.

ARTICLE VI
Discipline

SECTION 1. *American Kennel Club Suspension.* Any member who is suspended from the privileges of The American Kennel Club automatically shall be suspended from the privileges of this club for a like period.

SECTION 2. *Charges.* An individual member may prefer charges against another individual member for alleged misconduct prejudicial to the best interests of the club. Written charges with specifications must be filed in duplicate with the Secretary together with a deposit of \$....., which shall be forfeited if such charges are not sustained by the board following a hearing. The Secretary shall promptly send a copy of the charges to each member of the board or present them at a board meeting, and the board shall first consider whether the actions alleged in the charges, if proven, might constitute conduct prejudicial to the best interests of the club. If the board considers that the charges do not allege conduct which would be prejudicial to the best interests of the club, it may refuse to entertain jurisdiction. If the board entertains jurisdiction of the charges, it shall fix a date for a hearing by the board not less than three weeks nor more than six weeks thereafter. The Secretary shall promptly send one copy of the charges and the specifications to the accused member by registered mail together with a notice of the hearing and an assurance that the defendant may personally appear in his own defense and bring witnesses if he wishes.

SECTION 3. *Board Hearing.* The board shall have complete authority to decide whether counsel may attend the hearing, but both complainant and defendant shall be treated uniformly in that regard. Should the charges be sustained after hearing all the evidence and testimony presented

by complainant and defendant, the board may by a majority vote of those present reprimand or suspend the defendant from all privileges of the club for not more than six months from the date of the hearing. And, if it deems that punishment insufficient, it may also recommend to the membership that the penalty be expulsion. In such case, the suspension shall not restrict the defendant's right to appear before his fellow members at the ensuing club meeting which considers the board's recommendation. Immediately after the board has reached a decision, its finding shall be put in written form and filed with the Secretary. The Secretary, in turn, shall notify each of the parties of the board's decision and penalty, if any.

SECTION 4. *Expulsion.* Expulsion of a member from the club may be accomplished only at a meeting of the club following a board hearing and upon the board's recommendation as provided in Section 3 of this Article. Such proceedings may occur at a regular or special meeting of the club to be held within 60 days but not earlier than 30 days after the date of the board's recommendation of expulsion. The defendant shall have the privilege of appearing in his own behalf, though no evidence shall be taken at this meeting. The President shall read the charges and the board's finding and recommendation, and shall invite the defendant, if present, to speak in his own behalf if he wishes. The members shall then vote by secret ballot on the proposed expulsion. A $\frac{2}{3}$ vote of those present and voting at the meeting shall be necessary for expulsion. If expulsion is not so voted, the board's suspension shall stand.

ARTICLE VII Amendments

SECTION 1. Amendments to the constitution and bylaws may be proposed by the board of directors or by written petition addressed to the Secretary signed by 20 percent of the membership in good standing. Amendments proposed by such petition shall be promptly considered by the board of directors and must be submitted to the members with recommendations of the board by

the Secretary for a vote within three months of the date when the petition was received by the Secretary.

SECTION 2. The constitution and bylaws may be amended by a $\frac{2}{3}$ secret vote of the members present and voting at any regular or special meeting called for the purpose, provided the proposed amendments have been included in the notice of the meeting and mailed to each member at least two weeks prior to the date of the meeting.

(For a club which is a member of The American Kennel Club this Article should also have a Section 3 to read as follows:

"No amendment to the constitution and bylaws that is adopted by the club shall become effective until it has been approved by the Board of Directors of The American Kennel Club."

since the bylaws of The American Kennel Club require such approval.)

ARTICLE VIII Dissolution

SECTION 1. The club may be dissolved at any time by the written consent of not less than $\frac{2}{3}$ of the members in good standing. In the event of the dissolution of the club other than for purposes of reorganization whether voluntary or involuntary or by operation of law, none of the property of the club nor any proceeds thereof nor any assets of the club shall be distributed to any members of the club, but after payment of the debts of the club its property and assets shall be given to a charitable organization for the benefit of dogs selected by the board of directors.

ARTICLE IX Order of Business

SECTION 1. At meetings of the club, the order of business, so far as the character and nature of the meeting may permit, shall be as follows:

Roll Call
Minutes of last meeting
Report of President

Report of Secretary
Report of Treasurer
Reports of committees
Election of officers and board (at annual meeting)
Election of new members
Unfinished business
New business
Adjournment

SECTION 2. At meetings of the board, the order of business, unless otherwise directed by majority vote of those present, shall be as follows:

Reading of minutes of last meeting
Report of Secretary
Report of Treasurer
Reports of committees
Unfinished business
New business
Adjournment

ARTICLE X Parliamentary Authority

SECTION 1. The rules contained in the current edition of "Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised," shall govern the club in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any other special rules of order the club may adopt.

(The bylaws of a club that is a member of The American Kennel Club should include, without parentheses, the references to Delegate, which appear in parentheses.)

GLOSSARY

Member in good standing — An individual who is not suspended by The American Kennel Club or their Club and whose dues for the year are already paid.

Types of Membership (must be defined in Article I, Section 1):

Regular (Individual) — Enjoys all club privileges including the right to vote and hold office.

Household - Two (2) adult members residing in the same household, each eligible to vote and hold office.

Associate or Newsletter — Entitled to all club privileges except voting and office holding (offered to individuals who live outside of the club's area; also offered to individuals who live in the club's area but are not active).

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.

Honorary — An individual who has made significant contributions to the Sport, Breed or the Club; honorary members pay no dues and are not eligible to vote, but can maintain regular (or household) membership if they pay dues.

Life — For those individuals who have been members for a long period of time (usually 20+ years); Life members pay no dues but are eligible to vote and hold office.

Uppermost limits for dues — In order to avoid frequent bylaw amendment, an uppermost limit (i.e. — Dues shall not exceed \$____) should be included for each type of membership, in addition to when and by whom the dues are set each year.

Reprimand — A written warning to a member after charges have been filed in accordance with the bylaws, and it is determined that the member's conduct was not severe enough to warrant a suspension or a recommendation for expulsion.

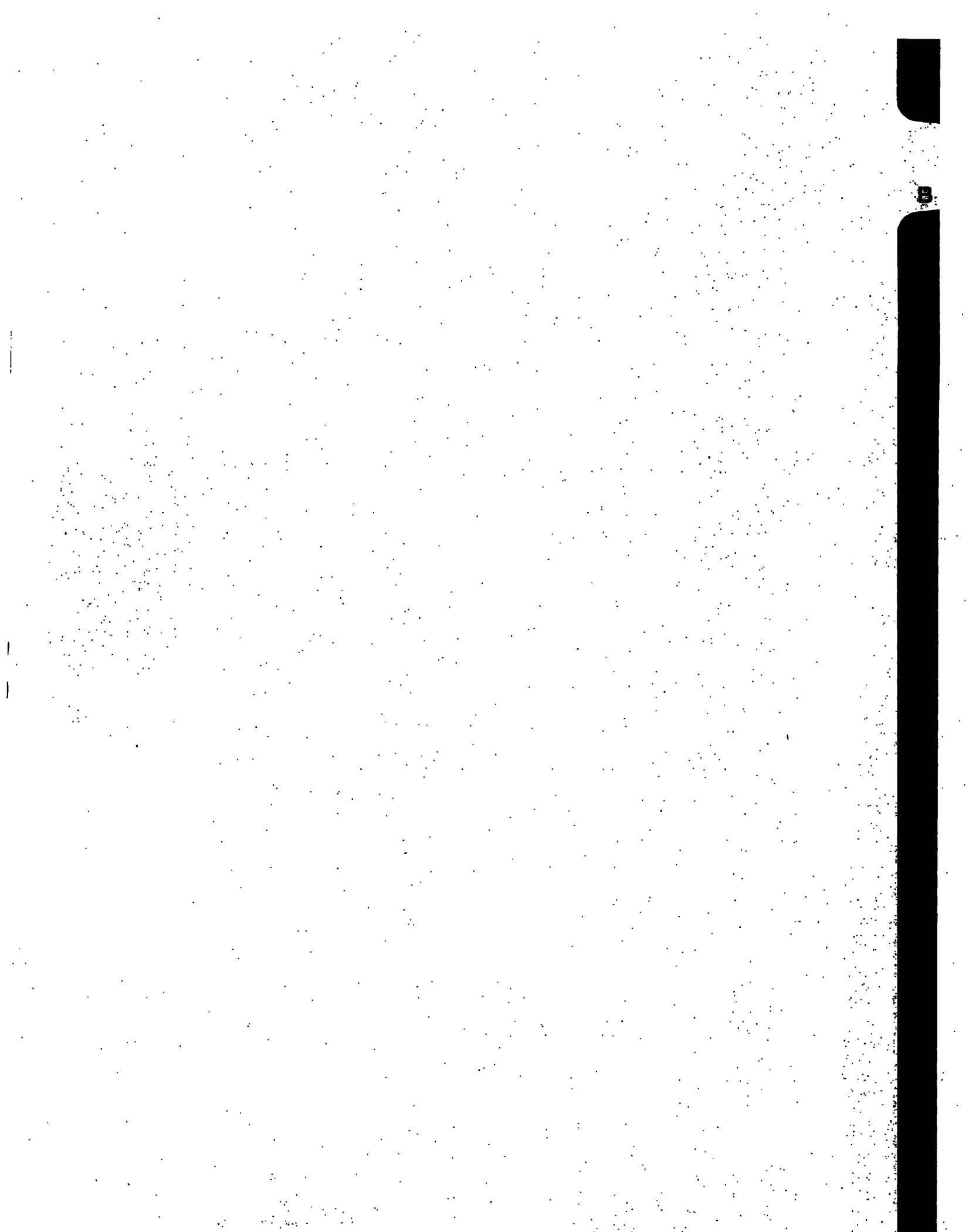
Notices — All club notices must be sent either via the US Postal Service or e-mail in accordance with current AKC® policy.

Delegate Duties — For AKC member clubs only, the general duties of the Delegate must be listed.

Votes on Bylaw Amendments — After amendments are voted upon, the club must provide AKC with the number of members in good standing as well as the date of the vote, and the number who voted for and against. A copy of the revised document must be submitted to AKC as soon as it is printed.

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SAMPLE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

for a
Specialty Club
with
Nationwide Membership

Many clubs seek the assistance of The American Kennel Club in the preparation of their constitution and bylaws. This specimen is prepared purely as a service for such clubs. It is recognized that some clubs may modify or elaborate upon these suggestions as required by state law.

This specimen represents the extensive experience of many clubs and it is especially designed to meet the problems which most frequently arise. It is prepared particularly for a specialty club which operates on a nationwide basis; it presumes that most of the members will be unable to attend even important club meetings.

Clubs which conduct shows or trials under American Kennel Club rules are required to submit a copy of their bylaws and all amendments to The American Kennel Club *before* they become effective. This form, under present American Kennel Club policies, could be readily approved.

For instance, some clubs may wish to provide for more than one type of membership: regular, household, associate, newsletter, life, honorary and junior. Regular, household and life members are entitled to vote and hold office (Article I, Section 2). The number of officers and directors is purely optional (Article III).

However, it should be pointed out that the wording of Article I, Section 3, of the Constitution and Article VIII of the Bylaws is thought to be helpful in avoiding tax problems; that the provisions for notices as they appear throughout the sample are important; that the suggested procedure for elections and nominations best meets the need of the average club of the type described (Article IV, Sections 3 and 4). The procedures for discipline in Article VI should be closely followed for the protection of all concerned. Close adherence to Article VII on amendments is recommended.

(The bylaws of a parent specialty club that is a member of The American Kennel Club should include, without parentheses, the references to Delegate and to the Standard for the breed, which appear in parentheses.)

SAMPLE CONSTITUTION

(Which may also be used as Articles of Incorporation
with any additions that may be required by state law.)

ARTICLE I

Name and Objects

SECTION 1. The name of the club shall be

SECTION 2. The objects of the club shall be:

- (a) to encourage and promote quality in the breeding of pure-bredand to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection;
- (b) to encourage the organization of independent local specialty clubs in those localities where there are sufficient fanciers of the breed to meet the requirements of The American Kennel Club;
- (c) to urge members and breeders to accept the standard of the breed as approved by The American Kennel Club as the only standard of excellence by which shall be judged;
- (d) to do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed and to encourage sportsman-like competition at dog shows, obedience trials and tracking tests (field trials);
- (e) to conduct sanctioned matches, specialty shows, obedience trials and tracking tests (field trials) under the rules and regulations of The American Kennel Club.

SECTION 3. The club shall not be conducted or operated for profit and no part of any profits or remainder or residue from dues or donations to the club shall inure to the benefit of any member or individual.

SECTION 4. The members of the club shall adopt and may from time to time revise such bylaws as may be required to carry out these objects.

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I

Membership

SECTION 1. *Eligibility.* There shall be (see page 1) types of membership, open to all persons 18 years of age and older who are in good standing with The American Kennel Club and who subscribe to the purposes of this club.

SECTION 2. *Dues.* Membership dues shall not exceed \$ per year, payable on or before the 1st day of () of each year. No member may vote whose dues are not paid for the current year. During the month of (), the Treasurer shall send to each member a statement of his dues for the ensuing year.

SECTION 3. *Election to Membership.* Each applicant for membership shall apply on a form as approved by the Board of Directors and which shall provide that the applicant agrees to abide by these constitution and bylaws and the rules of The American Kennel Club. The application shall state the name, address and occupation of the applicant and it shall carry the endorsement of two members in good standing. Accompanying the application, the prospective member shall submit dues payment for the current year.

Applicants may be elected by secret ballot at any meeting of the board of directors or by secret vote of the directors by mail. Affirmative votes of $\frac{2}{3}$ of the directors present at a meeting of the board, or of $\frac{2}{3}$ of the entire board voting by mail, shall be required to elect an applicant.

An application which has received a negative vote by the board may be presented by one of the applicant's endorsers at the next annual meeting of the club and the members may elect such applicant by secret ballot and a favorable vote of 75% of the members present.

Applicants for membership who have been rejected by the club may not reapply within 12 months after such rejection.

SECTION 4. *Termination of Membership.* Memberships may be terminated:

- (a) *by resignation.* Any member in good standing may resign from the club upon written notice to the Secretary; but no member may resign when in debt to the club. Dues obligations are considered a debt

to the club and they become incurred on the first day of each fiscal year.

- (b) *by lapsing.* A membership will be considered as lapsed and automatically terminated if such member's dues remain unpaid (either 30/60/90 days) after the first day of the fiscal year; however, the board may grant an additional (30/60/90 days) of grace to such delinquent members in meritorious cases. In no case may a person be entitled to vote at any club meeting whose dues are unpaid as of the date of that meeting.
- (c) *by expulsion.* A membership may be terminated by expulsion as provided in Article VI of these bylaws.

ARTICLE II Meetings

SECTION 1. Annual Meeting. The annual meeting of the club shall be held in the month of () in conjunction with the club's specialty show if possible, at a place, date, and hour designated by the board of directors. Written notice of the annual meeting shall be mailed by the Secretary to each member at least 30 days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for the annual meeting shall be 10% of the members in good standing.

SECTION 2. Special Club Meetings. Special club meetings may be called by the President or by a majority vote of the members of the board who are present at a meeting of the board or who vote by mail; and shall be called by the Secretary upon receipt of a petition signed by 10% of the members of the club who are in good standing. Such meeting shall be held at such place, date and hour as may be designated by the board of directors. Written notice of such meeting shall be mailed by the Secretary at least 14 days and not more than 30 days prior to the meeting. The notice of the meeting shall state the purpose of the meeting and no other club business may be transacted. The quorum for such a meeting shall be 10% of the members in good standing.

SECTION 3. Board Meetings. The first meeting of the board shall be held immediately following the election. Other meetings of the board of directors shall be held at such times and places as are designated by the President or by a majority vote of the entire board. Written notice of each such other meeting shall be

mailed by the Secretary to each member of the board at least 14 days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for a board meeting shall be a majority of the board.

SECTION 4. Board Business. The board of directors may also conduct business by telephone conference call, mail, and fax provided it does not conflict with any other provision of these bylaws. Items voted upon by telephone conference call, mail and fax must be confirmed in writing within seven days.

ARTICLE III Directors and Officers

SECTION 1. Board of Directors. The board shall be comprised of the officers and other persons, all of whom shall be members in good standing who are residents of the United States. They shall be elected for one-year terms as provided in Article IV, and shall serve until their successors are elected. General management of the club's affairs shall be entrusted to the board of directors.

SECTION 2. Officers. The club's officers, consisting of the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, shall serve in their respective capacities both with regard to the club and its meetings and the board and its meetings.

- (a) The President shall preside at all meetings of the club and of the board, and shall have the duties and powers normally appurtenant to the office of President in addition to those particularly specified in these bylaws.
- (b) The Vice President shall have the duties and exercise the powers of the President in case of the President's death, absence or incapacity.
- (c) The Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings of the club and of the board and of all votes taken by mail, and of all matters of which a record shall be ordered by the club; have charge of the correspondence, notify members of meetings, notify new members of their election to membership, notify officers and directors of their election to office, keep a roll of the members of the club with their addresses and carry out such other duties as are prescribed in these bylaws.

- (d) The Treasurer shall collect and receive all moneys due or belonging to the club. Moneys shall be deposited in a bank approved by the board, in the name of the club. The books shall at all times be open to inspection by the board and a report shall be given at every meeting of the condition of the club's finances and every item of receipt or payment not before reported; and at the annual meeting an accounting shall be rendered of all moneys received and expended during the previous fiscal year. The Treasurer shall be bonded in such amount as the board of directors shall determine.
- (e) The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by the same person, in which case the board shall be comprised of () persons.
- (f) AKC® Delegate. Among other duties, the Delegate shall report to the Club all actions and matters discussed at the AKC's Quarterly Meetings.

SECTION 3. Vacancies. Any vacancies occurring on the board or among the officers during the year shall be filled until the next annual election by a majority vote of all the then members of the board; except that a vacancy in the office of President shall be filled automatically by the Vice President and the resulting vacancy in the office of Vice President shall be filled by the board.

ARTICLE IV

The Club Year, Voting, Nominations, Elections

SECTION 1. Club Year. The club's fiscal year shall begin on the 1st day of (January) and end on the last day of (December).

The club's official year shall begin immediately at the conclusion of the election and shall continue through the next election. The elected officers and directors shall take office on the first day of the month following the election and each retiring officer shall turn over to his successor in office all properties and records relating to that office within 30 days after the election.

SECTION 2. Voting. At the annual meeting or at a special meeting of the club, voting shall be limited to those members in good standing who are present at the meeting, except for the annual election of officers (delegate) and directors and amendments to the con-

stitution and bylaws (and the standard for the breed), which shall be decided by written ballot cast by mail. Voting by proxy shall not be permitted. The board of directors may decide to submit other specific questions for decision of the members by written ballot cast by mail.

SECTION 3. Annual Election. The election of officers and directors (and delegate to The American Kennel Club, who may but need not be a director or officer of the club) shall be conducted by secret ballot. Ballots to be valid must be received by the Secretary (or independent professional firm designated by the board) by Ballots shall be counted by three inspectors of election who are members in good standing and neither members of the current board nor candidates on the ballot (provided, however, that the board may designate an independent professional firm to send, receive and count the ballots apart from the annual meeting).

The nominated candidate receiving the greatest number of votes for each office shall be declared elected. If any nominee, at the time of the meeting, is unable to serve for any reason, such nominee shall not be elected and the vacancy so created shall be filled by the new board of directors in the manner provided by Article III, Section 3.

SECTION 4. Nominations and Ballots. No person may be a candidate in a club election who has not been nominated in accordance with these bylaws. A Nominating Committee shall be chosen by the board of directors before (15th). The committee shall consist of three members from different areas of the U.S.A., and two alternates, all members in good standing, no more than one of whom may be a member of the current board of directors. The board shall name a chairman for the committee. The Nominating Committee may conduct its business by mail.

- (a) The Nominating Committee shall nominate from among the eligible members of the club, one candidate for each office and for each position on the board of directors (and for the delegate to The American Kennel Club) and shall procure the acceptance of each nominee so chosen. The committee should consider geographical representation of the membership on the board to the extent that it is practicable to do so. The committee shall then submit its slate of candidates to the Secretary, who shall mail the list, including the full name of each

candidate and the name of the state in which he resides, to each member of the club on or before (15th), so that additional nominations may be made by the members if they so desire.

- (b) Additional nominations of eligible members may be made by written petition addressed to the Secretary and postmarked on or before (15th), signed by five members and accompanied by the written acceptance of each such additional nominee signifying his willingness to be a candidate. Except for the position of delegate, no person shall be a candidate for more than one position.
- (c) If no valid additional nominations are postmarked on or before (15th), the Nominating Committee's slate shall be declared elected and no balloting will be required.
- (d) If one or more valid additional nominations are postmarked on or before (15th), the Secretary (or an independent professional firm designated by the board) shall, on or before (), mail to each member in good standing a ballot listing all of the nominees for each position in alphabetical order, with the names of the states in which they reside, together with a blank envelope and a return envelope addressed to the Secretary (or designated professional firm) marked "Ballot" and bearing the name of the member to whom it was sent. So that the ballots may remain secret, each voter, after marking their ballot, shall seal it in the blank envelope, which in turn shall be placed in the second envelope addressed to the Secretary (or designated professional firm). The inspectors of election (or designated professional firm) shall check the returns against the list of members whose dues are paid for the current year prior to opening the outer envelopes and removing the blank envelopes, and shall certify the eligibility of the voters as well as the results of the voting, which shall be announced at the annual meeting.
- (e) Nominations cannot be made at the annual meeting or in any manner other than as provided above.

ARTICLE V Committees

SECTION 1. The board may each year appoint stand-

ing committees to advance the work of the club in such matters as dog shows (field trials), (obedience trials), trophies, annual prizes, membership and other fields which may well be served by committees. Such committees shall always be subject to the final authority of the board. Special committees may also be appointed by the board to aid it on particular projects.

SECTION 2. Any committee appointment may be terminated by a majority vote of the full membership of the board upon written notice to the appointee; and the board may appoint successors to those persons whose services have been terminated.

ARTICLE VI Discipline

SECTION 1. *American Kennel Club Suspension.* Any member who is suspended from the privileges of The American Kennel Club automatically shall be suspended from the privileges of this club for a like period.

SECTION 2. *Charges.* Any member may prefer charges against a member for alleged misconduct prejudicial to the best interests of the club or the breed. Written charges with specifications must be filed in duplicate with the Secretary together with a deposit of \$, which shall be forfeited if such charges are not sustained by the board or a committee following a hearing. The Secretary shall promptly send a copy of the charges to each member of the board or present them at a board meeting, and the board shall first consider whether the actions alleged in the charges, if proven, might constitute conduct prejudicial to the best interests of the club or the breed. If the board considers that the charges do not allege conduct which would be prejudicial to the best interests of the club or of the breed, it may refuse to entertain jurisdiction. If the board entertains jurisdiction of the charges, it shall fix a date of a hearing by the board or a committee of not less than three members of the board, not less than three weeks nor more than six weeks thereafter. The Secretary shall promptly send one copy of the charges to the accused member by certified mail together with a notice of the hearing and an assurance that the defendant may personally appear in his own defense and bring witnesses if he wishes.

SECTION 3. *Board Hearing.* The board or board committee shall have complete authority to decide

whether counsel may attend the hearing, but both complainant and defendant shall be treated uniformly in that regard. Should the charges be sustained after hearing all the evidence and testimony presented by complainant and defendant, the board or board committee may by a majority vote of those present reprimand (A written reprimand directed exclusively to the member may be somewhat detailed but an official (published) reprimand should only indicate that subsequent to a board hearing "... member (X) was officially reprimanded as a result of charges filed by member (Y).") or suspend the defendant from all privileges of the club for not more than six months from the date of the hearing, or until the next annual meeting if that will occur after six months. And, if it deems that punishment insufficient, it may also recommend to the membership that the penalty be expulsion. In such case, the suspension shall not restrict the defendant's right to appear before his fellow members at the ensuing club meeting, which considers the recommendation of the board or board committee. Immediately after the board or board committee has reached a decision, its findings shall be put in written form and filed with the Secretary. The Secretary, in turn, shall notify each of the parties of the decision and penalty, if any.

SECTION 4. Expulsion. Expulsion of a member from the club may be accomplished only at the annual meeting of the club following a hearing and upon the recommendation of the board or board committee as provided in Section 3 of this Article. The defendant shall have the privilege of appearing in his own behalf, though no evidence shall be taken at this meeting. The President shall read the charges and the findings and recommendations, and shall invite the defendant, if present, to speak in his own behalf. The meeting shall then vote by secret ballot on the proposed expulsion. A $\frac{2}{3}$ vote of those present and voting at the annual meeting shall be necessary for expulsion. If expulsion is not so voted, the suspension shall stand.

ARTICLE VII **Amendments**

SECTION 1. Amendments to the constitution and bylaws (and to the standard for the breed) may be proposed by the board of directors or by written petition addressed to the Secretary signed by 20% of the member-

ship in good standing. Amendments proposed by such petition shall be promptly considered by the board of directors and must be submitted to the members with recommendations of the board by the Secretary for a vote within three months of the date when the petition was received by the Secretary.

SECTION 2. The constitution and bylaws (or the standard for the breed) may be amended at any time, provided a copy of the proposed amendment has been mailed by the Secretary to each member in good standing on the date of mailing, accompanied by a ballot on which a choice for or against the action to be taken shall be indicated. Dual-envelope procedures described in Article IV, Section 4(d) shall be followed in handling such ballots, to assure secrecy of the vote. Notice with such ballot shall specify a date not less than 30 days after the date postmarked, by which date the ballots must be returned to the Secretary to be counted. The favorable vote of $\frac{2}{3}$ of the members in good standing who return valid ballots within the time limit shall be required to effect any such amendment.

(For a club which is a member of The American Kennel Club this Article should also have a Section 3 to read as follows:

"No amendment to the constitution and bylaws (or to the standard for the breed) that is adopted by the club shall become effective until it has been approved by the Board of Directors of The American Kennel Club."

since the bylaws of The American Kennel Club require such approval.)

ARTICLE VIII **Dissolution**

SECTION 1. The club may be dissolved at any time by the written consent of not less than $\frac{2}{3}$ of the members. In the event of the dissolution of the club, other than for purposes of reorganization, whether voluntary or involuntary or by operation of law, none of the property of the club nor any proceeds thereof nor any assets of the club shall be distributed to any members of the club, but after payment of the debts of the club its property and assets shall be given to a charitable organization for the benefit of dogs selected by the board of directors.





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Club Relations Department Club Bylaw FAQs

Authority (Order of)

- The rules governing a club, beginning with the highest authority, are: applicable Laws of the State in which the club is incorporated; Constitution and Bylaws; Rules of Order (parliamentary procedure); and Standing Rules. Most corporate statutes usually provide clubs with latitude since they refer most issues back to the bylaws. There will be cases where the bylaws are silent and the statutes will prevail.

Bylaw Amendments

- Clubs are required to inform The AKC of the effective date of all bylaw amendments and provide an amended set highlighting the new wording.
- Amendments to non-member club bylaws become effective when voted on by the membership. Amendments to Member club bylaws become effective upon approval by AKC.
- Parent clubs can submit proposed bylaw amendments to The AKC, before they are sent to the members for a vote, for review.

Committees

- Committees are appointed by and subject to the final authority of the board of directors. The board of directors can accept, in whole or in part, any committee recommendation.
- It is strongly recommended that only voting members should be appointed to committees.

Discipline

- The effective date for the club's suspension can either run concurrently with the AKC's suspension or can begin when the club's board of directors is notified and determines the effective date.
- As far as AKC suspensions are concerned, a member of a club can only be suspended if all (not some) of their AKC privileges have been suspended.
- Disciplinary matters are heard by the board of directors (or, for Parent clubs only, a committee of the board comprised of not less than three directors). The authority to hear disciplinary matters cannot be transferred or delegated to any other individual.
- Parent Clubs may conduct disciplinary hearing via teleconference call provided there is a bylaw provision which enables the board to transact business by teleconference and that all parties to the hearing consent in writing.

Elections

- A nominating committee can reconvene if an individual selected by that committee resigns, but only if the nominating committee's report has not been mailed by the secretary to the members.
- In the case of the nominating committee's slate or the election ballots being mailed late, the club should extend the due (return) date for the additional nominations or the election ballots by the requisite number of days late.

Meetings

- Absentee balloting and proxy voting are not permitted.
- The members of Parent clubs who reside all over the country can ballot via US Mail pursuant to the Parent club's bylaws.
- Local club meetings should be held at least every other month. There are some circumstances which

could warrant some modification to this frequency.

Member Status

- Resignations can be accepted via email provided the sender's address is documented and readily recognizable. Usually, resignations can only be rescinded if they have not been announced or formally acted upon if the bylaws so require.
- Members who are in debt to the club for obligations other than dues can be disciplined in accordance with the applicable bylaw article.
- Denial of memberships must be based on a secret ballot and all procedures for processing such applications must be followed. The club can only inform applicants whether the constitutionally mandated affirmative majority vote was received.

Objects

- The not-for-profit statement: "...remainder or residue from dues or donations to the club shall (not) inure to the benefit of any member or individual" must be included in the club's bylaws.
- While not required, IRS exemption can be considered: see IRS Publication 557.
- Clubs can hold events under the auspices of only those other organizations which are listed on AKC's website - Club Policies

Officer Responsibilities

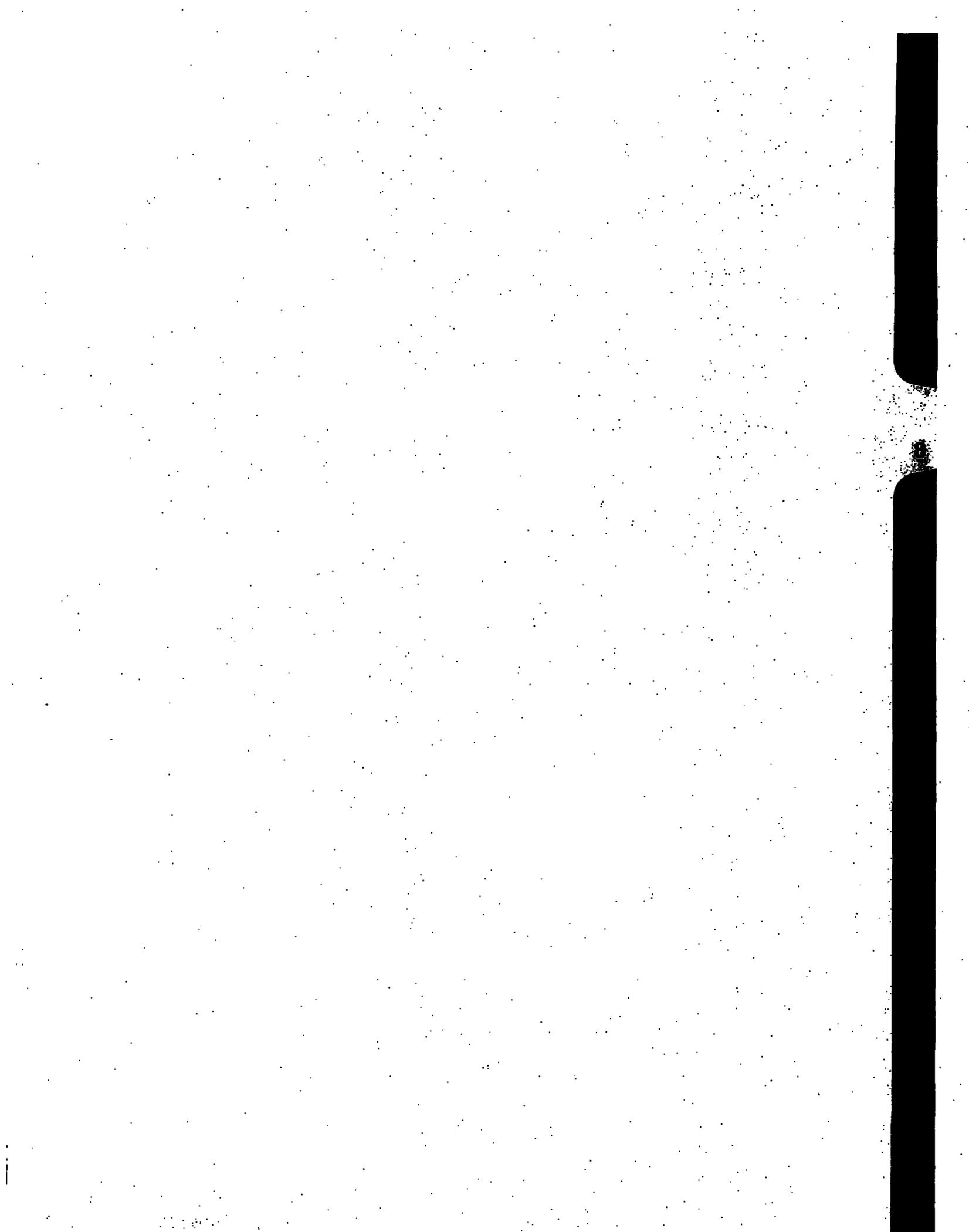
- Officer duties are described in Chapter XV of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*. The laws of the state in which the club is incorporated should also be checked.

Territory

- Each local AKC club has a focal point which is usually located in the center of its territory. In addition, a club's show territory may extend further based on existing Event Plans policies.

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CHAPTER 7

SECTION 16. A judge may order any person or dog from the ring, for the purpose of facilitating the judging. Judges are required to exclude from the rings in which they are judging all persons except the steward or stewards and the show attendants assigned to the ring and those actually engaged in exhibiting.

When a judge finds it necessary to excuse a person or dog from the ring under the provisions of this section, that judge shall mark the judge's book "excused" and briefly describe the reason for this action.

When a judge finds it necessary to order an exhibitor from the ring for cause, that judge shall mark the judge's book "ordered from the ring" and briefly describe the reason for this action. This exhibitor's dog is to be considered "excused."

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FOREWORD

The American Kennel Club was formed principally for the protection and advancement of pure-bred dogs.

The State of New York by Special Act of its legislature incorporated The American Kennel Club and granted it a charter in Section 2 of which the objects of the corporation are described to be "to adopt and enforce uniform rules regulating and governing dog shows and field trials, to regulate the conduct of persons interested in exhibiting, running, breeding, registering, purchasing and selling dogs, to detect, prevent, and punish frauds in connection therewith, to protect the interests of its members, to maintain and publish an official stud book and an official kennel gazette, and generally to do everything to advance the study, breeding, exhibiting, running and maintenance of the purity of thoroughbred dogs."

Section 2 of this charter further states that "for these purposes it," The American Kennel Club, "shall have power to adopt a constitution, bylaws, rules and regulations, and enforce the same by fines and penalties, which it shall have the right to collect and enforce by suit, or by suspension or expulsion from membership, or by a suspension or denial of any or all of the privileges of said corporation."

Competition in conformation and performance events can best demonstrate the progress that has been made in breeding for type and quality, and/or for practical use, stamina and obedience. The American Kennel Club has therefore adopted bylaws, rules and regulations by which to govern and administrate these events; the clubs that wish to hold them; and the individuals who exhibit, compete or take part in them. This book contains such bylaws, rules and regulations as affect the above.

CHAPTER 1

DOG SHOWS DEFINED

SECTION 1. A member show is a show at which championship points may be awarded, given by a club or association which is a member of The American Kennel Club.

SECTION 2. A licensed show is a show at which championship points may be awarded, given by a club or association which is not a member of The American Kennel Club but which has been specially licensed by The American Kennel Club to give the specific show designated in the license.

SECTION 3. A member or licensed all-breed club may apply to The American Kennel Club for approval to hold a show at which championship points may be awarded with entries restricted to puppies that are eligible for entry in the regular puppy class and dogs that have been placed first, second or third in a regular class at a show at which championship points were awarded, provided the club submitting such an application has held at least one show annually for at least ten years immediately prior to the year in which application for a show so restricted is made, and further provided that there shall not have been less than 900 dogs entered in its show (or in one of its shows if the club holds more than one show a year) in the year preceding the year in which application is made for its first show with entries so restricted.

When an application for this type of restricted entry show has been approved by The American Kennel Club the only dogs eligible for entry shall be puppies that are eligible for entry in the regular puppy class and those dogs that have been placed first, second or third in a regular class at a show at which championship points were awarded held not less than sixty days prior to the first day of the show at which entries will be so restricted.

However, a club making application to hold a show restricted to entries of dogs as specified above may further restrict entries by excluding all puppies or all puppies six months and under nine months and/or by excluding dogs that have placed third or dogs that have placed second and third, provided the extent of these further restrictions is specified on the application.

Any club whose application has been approved to hold a show with restricted entries as described in this section shall indicate the extent of the restrictions in its premium list.

SECTION 4. A member or licensed all-breed club may apply to The American Kennel Club for approval to hold a show at which championship points may be awarded with entries restricted to dogs that are champions on the records of The American Kennel Club and dogs that have been credited with one or more championship points, provided the club submitting such an application has held at least one show annually for at least 15 years immediately prior to the year in which application for a show so restricted is made, and further provided that there shall not have been less than 1,200 dogs entered in its show (or in one of its shows if the club holds more than one show a year) in the year preceding the year in which application is made for its first show with entries so restricted.

When an application for this type of restricted entry show has been approved by The American Kennel Club, the only dogs eligible for entry shall be those dogs that have been recorded as champions and dogs that have been credited with one or more championship points as a result of competition at shows held not less than 60 days prior to the first day of the show at which entries will be so restricted.

However, a club making application to hold a show restricted to entries of dogs as specified above, may further restrict entries by excluding all puppies or all puppies six months and under nine months and/or by excluding dogs that have not been credited with at least one major championship point rating, provided the extent of these further restrictions is specified on the application.

Any club whose application has been approved to hold a show with restricted entries as described in this section shall indicate the extent of the restrictions in its premium list.

SECTION 5. A member or licensed show with a limited entry, at which championship points may be awarded may be given by a club or association in the event said club or association considers it necessary to **LIMIT** the **TOTAL ENTRY** at its show due to the limitations of space. The total number of entries to be accepted together with the reason therefore, must be indicated on the cover or title page of the **PREMIUM LIST**. A specified closing date, in accordance with Chapter 6, Section 9, must be indicated in the premium list together with a statement that entries will close on said date or when the limit has been reached, if prior thereto. No entries can be accepted, canceled or substituted after the entry is closed. The specified closing date shall be used in determining whether a dog is eligible for the Novice Classes at the show.

SECTION 6. A Group show is one restricted to the breeds and varieties of any one Group as listed in Chapter 3, at which championship points may be awarded. All references to all-breed shows and all-breed clubs shall also be applicable to Group shows and Group clubs, respectively.

SECTION 7. A specialty show is a show given by a club or association formed for the improvement of any one breed of pure-bred dogs, at which championship points may be awarded to said breed.

SECTION 8. An American-bred specialty show is a show for American-bred dogs only, given by a member club or association formed for the improvement of any one breed of pure-bred dogs at which championship points may be awarded to said breed.

SECTION 9. A sanctioned match is an informal meeting at which pure-bred dogs may compete but not for championship points, held by a club or association whether or not a member of The American Kennel Club by obtaining the sanction of The American Kennel Club.

CHAPTER 2 MAKING APPLICATION TO HOLD A DOG SHOW

SECTION 1. Each member club or association is entitled to hold one show and one field trial a year without payment of a fee to The American Kennel Club, but must pay a fee of fifteen (\$15.00) dollars for each other show and/or field trial which it may hold during the same calendar year.

SECTION 2. Each member club or association which has held a show or shows in any one year shall have first right to claim the corresponding dates for its show or shows to be held in the next succeeding year.

SECTION 3. Each member club or association not a specialty club which shall hold a show at least once in every two consecutive calendar years shall have the sole show privilege in the city, town or district which has been assigned to it as its show territory.

SECTION 4. A member club or association must apply to The American Kennel Club on a regular official form, which will be supplied on request, over the signature of one of its officers, for permission to hold a show, stating in the application the day or days upon which, and the exact location where it desires to hold such show. This official form must be sent in time to reach The American Kennel Club at least TWENTY-FOUR weeks before the closing date for entries of the show. This application will be referred to the Board of Directors of The American Kennel Club which will consider the same and notify the member club or association of its approval or disapproval of the dates and place selected.

SECTION 5. If a member club or association not a specialty club shall fail to hold a show at least once in every two consecutive calendar years, the Board of Directors of The American Kennel Club upon application may give a license to another club or association which need not be a member of The American Kennel Club to hold a show within the limits of the show territory of the member club or association which has so failed to hold its show.

SECTION 6. If a member club or association not a specialty club shall fail to hold a show within the next calendar year after a licensed show has been held with-

in the show territory of said member club or association, The American Kennel Club will consider such failure sufficient reason to consider an application for membership in The American Kennel Club by any other club or association organized to hold shows within said territory which shall conform to the requirements and conditions of Article IV of the Constitution and Bylaws of The American Kennel Club although said member club or association so in default shall not consent thereto.

SECTION 7. Where there are two or more show-giving member clubs or associations not specialty clubs located in the same show territory, the jurisdiction of said clubs or associations shall be concurrent.

SECTION 8. The use of a club's name for show purposes cannot be transferred.

SECTION 9. A non-member club or association must apply to The American Kennel Club on a regular official form, which will be supplied on request, over the signature of one of its officers, for permission to hold a show, stating in the application the day or days upon which, and the exact location where it desires to hold such show. This official form must be sent in time to reach The American Kennel Club at least TWENTY-FOUR weeks before the closing date for entries of the show. The American Kennel Club is to be supplied with such information with regard to Constitution, Bylaws, names of the officers and members, and the financial responsibility of the applying non-member club or association as The American Kennel Club may request. A non-member club shall pay a license fee for the privilege of holding such show under American Kennel Club rules, the amount of which fee shall be fixed and determined by the Board of Directors of The American Kennel Club. The application will be referred to the Board of Directors of The American Kennel Club, which will consider the same and notify the non-member club or association of its approval or disapproval of the dates and place selected. If the Board of Directors shall disapprove the application, the license fee will be returned to said non-member club or association.

SECTION 10. A member specialty club may hold a show confined to the breed which it sponsors and such show shall carry a championship rating according to the schedule of points of the breed for which the show is given.

SECTION 11. A member specialty club may hold a show confined to American-bred dogs only in which

show winners classes may be included and championship points awarded, provided that the necessary regular classes are included in the classification.

SECTION 12. A non-member specialty club may be licensed to hold a show, if the consent in writing that it may be given first shall be obtained from the member specialty club formed for the improvement of the breed sought to be shown which first was admitted to be a member of The American Kennel Club, which member club is commonly known as the Parent Club.

If a Parent Club unreasonably shall withhold its consent in writing to the holding of such show, the non-member specialty club may appeal to the Board of Directors of The American Kennel Club at any time after one month from the time when said consent was requested. A committee of said Board appointed by said Board or between sittings of said Board appointed by the President of The American Kennel Club, or, in his absence, by the Executive Vice-President of The American Kennel Club shall hear the parties who may present their respective contentions, either orally or in writing, and in its discretion may issue a license to the non-member specialty club to hold such show.

SECTION 13. Where a specialty club wishes to consider as its Specialty Show the breed classes at an all-breed show, written application must be made to The American Kennel Club and a fee of fifteen (\$15.00) dollars sent with application. Consent of the parent member specialty club must be secured by the non-member specialty club and forwarded to The American Kennel Club.

SECTION 14. A specialty club that wishes to hold a futurity or sweepstake, either in conjunction with a show or as a separate event, must apply to The American Kennel Club on a form which will be supplied on request, for permission to hold the event, whether or not the futurity or sweepstake will be open to non-members.

SECTION 15. The Board of Directors of The American Kennel Club may, in its discretion grant permission to clubs to hold sanctioned matches, which sanctioned matches shall be governed by such rules and regulations as from time to time shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 16. American Kennel Club sanction must be obtained by any club that holds American Kennel Club events, for any type of match for which it solicits or accepts entries from non-members.

SECTION 17. The Board of Directors of The American Kennel Club will not approve applications for shows where dates conflict, unless it be shown that the granting of such applications will not work to the detriment of either show.

SECTION 18. All clubs holding shows under American Kennel Club rules must have available at each event, through their bench show committees, a copy of the latest edition of *The Complete Dog Book*, or a current set of the applicable breed standards, at least one copy of *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*, *Rules Applying to Registration and Discipline*, the *Dealing with Misconduct* booklet, and *Regulations, Judging Guidelines and Guidelines for Juniors*, a copy of the *Show /Trial Manual*, and copies of the *Obedience Regulations and Guidelines for Obedience Judges*, when applicable.

SECTION 19. Any club holding a show for charity if requested must submit to The American Kennel Club within ninety days of date of show, a complete financial statement and receipt from the organization for which the show was held.

SECTION 20. The duration of a dog show will not exceed two days, unless permission be granted by The American Kennel Club for a longer period.

CHAPTER 3 DOG SHOW CLASSIFICATIONS

SECTION 1. The following breeds and/or varieties of breeds, divided by groups, shall be all the breeds and/or varieties of breeds for which regular classes of The American Kennel Club may be provided at any show held under American Kennel Club rules. The Board of Directors may either add to, transfer from one group to another, or delete from said list of breeds and/or varieties of breeds, whenever in its opinion registrations of such breed and/or variety of breed in the Stud Book justify such action.

GROUP 1—SPORTING DOGS

**BRITTANYS
POINTERS
POINTERS (GERMAN SHORTHAIRED)
POINTERS (GERMAN WIREHAIRD)
RETRIEVERS (CHESAPEAKE BAY)
RETRIEVERS (CURLY-COATED)
RETRIEVERS (FLAT-COATED)
RETRIEVERS (GOLDEN)
RETRIEVERS (LABRADOR)
RETRIEVERS (NOVA SCOTIA DUCK TOLLING)
SETTERS (ENGLISH)
SETTERS (GORDON)
SETTERS (IRISH)
SPANIELS (AMERICAN WATER)
SPANIELS (CLUMBER)
SPANIELS (COCKER)
Three varieties:
Solid Color Black, Including Black and Tan
Any Solid Color Other Than Black
Parti-color
SPANIELS (ENGLISH COCKER)
SPANIELS (ENGLISH SPRINGER)
SPANIELS (FIELD)
SPANIELS (IRISH WATER)
SPANIELS (SUSSEX)
SPANIELS (WELSH SPRINGER)
SPINONE ITALIANO
VIZSLAS
WEIMARANERS
WIREHAIRD POINTING GRIFFONS**

GROUP 2—HOUNDS

**AFGHAN HOUNDS
BASENJIS**

BASSET HOUNDS

BEAGLES

Two varieties:

Not exceeding 13 inches in height

Over 13 inches but not exceeding

15 inches in height

BLACK AND TAN COONHOUNDS

BLOODHOUNDS

BORZOIS

DACHSHUNDS

Three varieties:

Longhaired

Smooth

Wirehaired

FOXHOUNDS (AMERICAN)

FOXHOUNDS (ENGLISH)

GREYHOUNDS

HARRIERS

IBIZAN HOUNDS

IRISH WOLFHOUNDS

NORWEGIAN ELKHOUNDS

OTTERHOUNDS

PETITS BASSETS GRIFFONS VENDÉENS

PHARAOH HOUNDS

PLOTT HOUNDS (as of 01/01/07)

RHODESIAN RIDGEBACKS

SALUKIS

SCOTTISH DEERHOUNDS

WHIPPETS

GROUP 3—WORKING DOGS

AKITAS

ALASKAN MALAMUTES

ANATOLIAN SHEPHERDS

BERNESE MOUNTAIN DOGS

BLACK RUSSIAN TERRIER

BOXERS

BULLMASTIFFS

DOBERMAN PINSCHERS

GERMAN PINSCHERS

GIANT SCHNAUZERS

GREAT DANES

GREAT PYRENEES

GREATER SWISS MOUNTAIN DOGS

KOMONDOROK

KUVASZOK

MASTIFFS

NEAPOLITAN MASTIFF

NEWFOUNDLANDS

PORTUGUESE WATER DOGS

ROTTWEILERS

ST. BERNARDS
SAMOYEDS
SIBERIAN HUSKIES
STANDARD SCHNAUZERS
TIBETAN MASTIFFS (as of 01/01/07)

GROUP 4—TERRIERS

AIREDALE TERRIERS
AMERICAN STAFFORDSHIRE TERRIERS
AUSTRALIAN TERRIERS
BEDLINGTON TERRIERS
BORDER TERRIERS
BULL TERRIERS

Two varieties:

Colored

White

CAIRN TERRIERS
DANDIE DINMONT TERRIERS
FOX TERRIERS (SMOOTH)
FOX TERRIERS (WIRE)
IRISH TERRIERS
GLEN OF IMAAL TERRIER
KERRY BLUE TERRIERS
LAKELAND TERRIERS
MANCHESTER TERRIERS

Two varieties:

Standard, over 12 pounds and not
exceeding 22 pounds

Tby (in Toy Group)

MINIATURE BULL TERRIERS
MINIATURE SCHNAUZERS
NORFOLK TERRIERS
PARSON RUSSELL TERRIER
NORWICH TERRIERS
SCOTTISH TERRIERS
SEALYHAM TERRIERS
SKYE TERRIERS
SOFT COATED WHEATEN TERRIERS
STAFFORDSHIRE BULL TERRIERS
WELSH TERRIERS
WEST HIGHLAND WHITE TERRIERS

GROUP 5—TOYS

AFFENPINSCHERS
BRUSSELS GRIFFONS
CAVALIER KING CHARLES SPANIELS
CHIHUAHUAS

Two varieties:

Long Coat

Smooth Coat

CHINESE CRESTEDS

ENGLISH TOY SPANIELS

Two varieties:

Blenheim and Prince Charles

King Charles and Ruby

HAVANESE

ITALIAN GREYHOUNDS

JAPANESE CHIN

MALTESE

MANCHESTER TERRIERS

Two varieties:

Standard (in Terrier Group)

Toy, not exceeding 12 pounds

MINIATURE PINSCHERS

PAPILLONS

PEKINGESE

POMERANIANS

POODLES

Three varieties:

Miniature (in Non-Sporting Group)

Standard (in Non-Sporting Group)

Toy, not exceeding 10 inches

PUGS

SHIH TZU

SILKY TERRIERS

TOY FOX TERRIERS

YORKSHIRE TERRIERS

GROUP 6—NON-SPORTING DOGS

AMERICAN ESKIMO DOGS

BICHONS FRISES

BOSTON TERRIERS

BULLDOGS

CHINESE SHAR-PEI

CHOW CHOWS

DALMATIANS

FINNISH SPITZ

FRENCH BULLDOGS

KEESHONDEN

LHASA APSOS

LÖWCHEN

POODLES

Three varieties:

Miniature, over 10 inches and not

exceeding 15 inches

Standard, over 15 inches

Toy (in Toy Group)

SCHIPPERKES

SHIBA INU

TIBETAN SPANIELS

TIBETAN TERRIERS

GROUP 7—HERDING DOGS

AUSTRALIAN CATTLE DOGS
AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERDS
BEARDED COLLIES
BEAUCERON (as of 6/27/07)
BELGIAN MALINOIS
BELGIAN SHEEPDOGS
BELGIAN TERVUREN
BORDER COLLIES
BOUVIERS DES FLANDRES
BRIARDS
CANAAN DOGS
CARDIGAN WELSH CORGIS
COLLIES

Two varieties:

Rough

Smooth

GERMAN SHEPHERD DOGS
OLD ENGLISH SHEEPDOGS
PEMBROKE WELSH CORGIS
POLISH LOWLAND SHEEPDOG
PULIK
SHETLAND SHEEPDOGS
SWEDISH VALLHUND (as of 6/27/07)

SECTION 2. No class shall be provided for any dog under six months of age except at sanctioned matches when approved by The American Kennel Club.

SECTION 3. The regular classes of The American Kennel Club shall be as follows:

Puppy

Twelve-to-Eighteen Month

Novice

Bred-by-Exhibitor

American-bred

Open

Winners

These classes shall be divided by sex.

SECTION 4. The Puppy Class shall be for dogs that are six months of age and over, but under twelve months, that are not champions. Clubs may further divide the puppy class into two age groups consisting of six months of age and under nine months, and nine months of age but under twelve months. The age of a dog shall be calculated up to and inclusive of the first day of a show. For example, a dog whelped on January 1st is eligible to compete in a puppy class at a show the first day of which is July 1st of the same year and may continue to compete in puppy classes at shows up to and including a show the first day of which is the 31st day of December of the same year, but is not eligible to compete in a puppy class at a show the first day of which is January 1st of the following year.

In a single show with multiple days of judging, the first day of a show is considered to be the first day on which there is regular conformation judging in accordance with Section 3 of this chapter. (Sweepstakes and Futurities are not considered regular conformation classes.)

SECTION 5. The Twelve-to-Eighteen Month Class shall be for dogs that are twelve months of age and over, but under eighteen months, that are not champions. The age of a dog shall be calculated up to and inclusive of the first day of a show. For example, a dog whelped on January 1st is eligible to compete in the class at a show the first day of which is January 1st of the following year and may continue to compete in this class at shows up to and including a show the first day of which is the 30th day of June of that year, but is not eligible to compete in this class at a show the first day of which is July 1st of that year.

SECTION 6. The Novice Class shall be for dogs six months of age and over, which have not, prior to the date of closing of entries, won three first prizes in the Novice Class, a first prize in Bred-by-Exhibitor, American-bred, or Open Classes, nor one or more points toward their championships.

SECTION 7. The Bred-by-Exhibitor Class shall be for dogs that are:

- Six months of age or older as of the first day of the show;
- Not Champions of record on the date of closing of entries for the show;
- Individually registered with The American Kennel Club as of the date of closing of entries for the show;
- Owned or co-owned by any of the breeders of record as the date of the closing of entries for the show.

The person handling the dog in this class must be a breeder of record and an owner of record of this dog.

In any subsequent classes for which a dog from the Bred-by-Exhibitor class becomes eligible, there are no restrictions as to who may handle.

SECTION 8. The American-bred Class shall be for all dogs (except champions) six months of age and over, whelped in the United States of America, by reason of a mating which took place in the United States of America.

SECTION 9. The Open Class shall be for any dog six months of age or over except in a member special-

ty club show held only for American-bred dogs, in which case the Open Class shall be only for American-bred dogs.

SECTION 10. The Winners Class shall be divided by sex and each division shall be open only to undefeated dogs of the same sex which have won first prizes in either the Puppy, Twelve-to-Eighteen Month, Novice, Bred-by-Exhibitor, American-bred or Open Classes. There shall be no entry fee for competition in the Winners Class.

After the Winners prize has been awarded in one of the sex divisions, the second prize winning dog, if undefeated except by the dog awarded Winners, shall compete with the other eligible dogs for Reserve Winners. No eligible dog may be withheld from competition.

Winners Class shall be allowed only at shows where American-bred and Open Classes shall be given. A member specialty club holding a show for American-bred dogs only may include Winners Classes, provided the necessary regular classes are included in the classification.

A member club holding a show with restricted entries may include Winners Classes, provided the necessary regular classes are included in the classification.

SECTION 11. No Winners Class, or any class resembling it, shall be given at sanctioned matches.

SECTION 12. Bench show committees may provide such other classes of recognized breeds or recognized varieties of breeds as they may choose, provided they do not conflict with the conditions of the above mentioned classes and are judged before Best of Breed competition. Such additional classes shall be divided by sex.

No class may be given in which more than one breed or recognized variety of breed may be entered, except as provided in these rules and regulations.

SECTION 13. A Club that provides Winners Classes shall also provide Competition for Best of Breed or for Best of Variety in those breeds for which varieties are provided in this chapter. The awards in this competition shall be Best of Breed or Best of Variety of Breed.

The following categories of dogs may be entered in this competition:

Dogs that are Champions of Record.

Dogs which according to their owners' records have completed the requirements for a championship but

whose championships are unconfirmed. The showing of dogs whose championships are unconfirmed is limited to a period of 90 days from the date of show where a dog completed the requirements for a championship according to the owners' records.

In addition, the **Winners Dog** and **Winners Bitch** together with any undefeated dogs that have competed at the show only in additional non-regular classes shall compete for **Best of Breed** or **Best of Variety of Breed**.

If the **Winners Dog** or **Winners Bitch** is awarded **Best of Breed** or **Best of Variety of Breed**, it shall be automatically awarded **Best of Winners**; otherwise, the **Winners Dog** and **Winners Bitch** shall be judged together for **Best of Winners** following the judging of **Best of Breed** or **Best of Variety of Breed**. The dog awarded the **Best of Winners** shall be credited with the number of points calculated for **Winners Dog** or **Winners Bitch**, whichever is greater. In the event that **Winners** is awarded in only one sex, there shall be no **Best of Winners** award.

After **Best of Breed** or **Best of Variety of Breed** and **Best of Winners** have been awarded, the judge shall select **Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed** or **Best of Variety of Breed**.

Eligible for this award are:

Dogs of opposite sex to **Best of Breed** or **Best of Variety of Breed** that have been entered for **Best of Breed** competition. The dog awarded **Winners** of the opposite sex to the **Best of Breed** or **Best of Variety of Breed**.

Any undefeated dogs of the opposite sex to **Best of Breed** or **Best of Variety of Breed** which have competed at the show only in additional non-regular classes.

A dog that has been defeated in any regular class or non-regular class for single dog entries in its breed or variety at the show, is ineligible to compete for **Best of Breed** or **Variety**.

A dog that has been defeated by a dog of its own sex in any regular or non-regular class for single dog entries in its breed or variety at the show, is ineligible to compete for **Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed** or **Variety**.

SECTION 14. At specialty shows for breeds in which there are varieties as specified in Chapter 3, Section 1, and which are held apart from all-breed shows, **Best of Breed** shall be judged following the judging of **Best of each variety** and **best of opposite sex to best of each variety**. **Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed** shall also be judged. Dogs eligible for **Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed** competition will be found among the **bests of variety** or the **bests of**

opposite sex to bests of variety, according to the sex of the dog placed Best of Breed.

At an all-breed show (even if a specialty club shall designate classes as its specialty show), the judge of a breed in which there are show varieties shall make no placings beyond Best of Variety and Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Variety.

SECTION 15. A club or association holding a show may give seven group classes not divided by sex, such groups to be arranged in same order and to comprise the same breeds and recognized varieties of breeds as herein before set forth in Chapter 3, Section 1. All dogs designated by their respective breed judges Best of Breed at the show at which these group classes shall be given shall be eligible to compete in the group classes to which they belong according to this grouping, and all dogs designated Best of Variety in those breeds with more than one recognized variety, shall be eligible to compete in the group classes to which they belong according to this grouping. All entries for these group classes shall be made after judging of the regular classes of The American Kennel Club has been finished and no entry fee shall be charged. In the event that the owner of a dog designated Best of Breed or Best of Variety shall not exhibit the dog in the group class to which it is eligible, no other dog of the same breed or variety of breed shall be allowed to compete.

SECTION 16. A club giving group classes must also give a Best in Show, the winner to be entitled "Best Dog in Show." No entry fee shall be charged but the seven group winners must compete.

SECTION 17. A club or association holding a show, if it gives brace classes in the several breeds and recognized varieties of breeds, may also give seven brace group classes, not divided by sex; such groups to be arranged in the same order and to comprise the same breeds and recognized varieties of breeds as herein before set forth in Chapter 3, Section 1. All braces of dogs designated by their respective breed judges as Best of Breed or Best of Variety as the case may be at shows at which these brace group classes shall be given, shall be eligible to compete in the brace group classes to which they belong according to this grouping. All entries for these brace group classes shall be made after the judging of the regular classes of The American Kennel Club has been finished and no entry fee shall be charged. In the event that the owner of a brace of dogs designated Best of Breed or Best of Variety shall not exhibit the brace of dogs in the group class to which it is eligible, no other

brace of dogs of the same breed or variety of breed shall be allowed to compete.

Effective January 1, 2005. A brace is defined as two dogs of the same recognized breed or variety that are similar in appearance, performing in unison, and presented by a maximum of two handlers. Both dogs competing in brace competition must have at least one common owner.

SECTION 18. If a club or association holding a show shall give these seven group classes, it must also give a "Best Brace in Show" in which the seven braces of dogs winning the first prizes in the seven group classes must compete, but for which no entry fee shall be charged. The winner shall be entitled "The Best Brace in Show."

SECTION 19. A club or association holding a show, if it gives team classes in the several breeds and recognized varieties of breeds, may also give seven team group classes not divided by sex, such groups to be arranged in the same order and to comprise the same breeds and recognized varieties of breeds as herein before set forth in Chapter 3, Section 1. All teams of dogs designated by their respective breed judges as Best of Breed or Best of Variety as the case may be at shows at which these team group classes shall be given, shall be eligible to compete in the team group classes to which they belong according to this grouping. All entries for these team group classes shall be made after the judging of the regular classes of The American Kennel Club has been finished and no entry fee shall be charged. In the event that the owner of a team of dogs designated Best of Breed or Best of Variety shall not exhibit the team of dogs in the group class to which it is eligible, no other team of dogs of the same breed or variety of breed shall be allowed to compete.

Effective January 1, 2005. A team is defined as four dogs of the same recognized breed or variety that are similar in appearance, performing in unison, and presented by a maximum of four handlers. All dogs competing in team competition must have at least one common owner.

SECTION 20. If a club or association holding a show shall give these seven group classes, it must also give a "Best Team in Show" in which the seven teams of dogs winning the first prizes in the seven group classes must compete, but for which no entry fee shall be charged. The winner shall be entitled "The Best Team in Show."

SECTION 21. A club or association holding a show may offer Junior Showmanship competition if it so chooses.

The classes and procedure shall conform to The

American Kennel Club regulations governing Junior Showmanship as adopted by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 22. The Miscellaneous Class shall be for purebred dogs of such breed as may be designated by the AKC* Board of Directors. No dog shall be eligible for entry in the Miscellaneous Class unless the owner has been granted an AKC identification number, and unless the AKC identification number is given on the entry form. Application for an AKC identification number shall be made on a form provided by the AKC and when submitted must be accompanied by a fee set by the Board of Directors.

The regular Miscellaneous Classes for each breed shall be Puppy and Open, with the same eligibility requirements in Sections 4 and 9 of the Chapter respectively. These classes shall be divided by sex. All class winners within a breed shall compete for Best of Breed and Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed.

Each of the Miscellaneous Class Best of Breed winners shall be eligible to compete for Best in Miscellaneous Class. All entries for Best in Miscellaneous Class shall be made after judging of the individual Miscellaneous breed classes and no entry fee shall be charged. In the event that the owner of a dog designated Best of Breed shall not exhibit the dog in the Best of Miscellaneous Class Competition, no other dog of the same breed shall be allowed to compete. There shall be no further competition for dogs entered in the Miscellaneous Class.

The ribbon shall conform to Chapter 5, Section 2 of these rules and shall be the following colors:

First Prize - Rose

Second Prize - Brown

Third Prize - Light Green

Fourth Prize - Gray

Best of Breed - Orange

Best of Opposite - Lavender

Best in Miscellaneous - Pink and Green

At present, the Miscellaneous Class is open to the following breeds:

Boykin Spaniel (eligible as of 01/01/08)

Dogue de Bordeaux (eligible as of 07/01/06)

Irish Red & White Setters (eligible as of 06/27/07)

Redbone Coonhounds

Norwegian Buhund (eligible as of 01/01/07)

Pyrenean Shepherd (eligible as of 01/01/07)

SECTION 23. A registered dog that is six months of age or over and of a breed for which a classification is offered in the premium list may be entered in a show for Exhibition Only at the regular entry fee provided the dog has been awarded first prize in one of the regular classes at a licensed or member show held prior to

the closing of entries of the show in which the Exhibition Only entry is made, and provided further that the premium list has not specified that entries for Exhibition Only will not be accepted. The name and date of the show at which the dog was awarded the first prize must be stated on the entry form.

A dog entered for Exhibition Only shall not be shown in any class or competition at that show.

CHAPTER 4 APPROVAL OF JUDGES' PANELS AND PREMIUM LISTS

SECTION 1. After a club or association has been granted permission by The American Kennel Club to hold a show, it must send for approval by and in time to reach The American Kennel Club at least **EIGHTEEN** weeks before the closing date for entries of the show, a list of the names and addresses of the judges whom it has selected to judge its show, giving in each instance the particular breed or breeds of dogs and group class if any, which it is desired that each judge shall pass upon, and the name and address of the judge selected to pass upon Best in Show. No judge's name shall be submitted to pass upon any assignment unless the judge has agreed in writing to accept that assignment.

The show-giving club must not advertise or publish the name or names of any of the judges which it has selected until the complete list has been approved by The American Kennel Club.

SECTION 2. Premium lists and entry forms must be printed and sent to prospective exhibitors at least **FIVE WEEKS** prior to the closing date for entries of the show if sent by other than First Class Mail and at least **FOUR WEEKS** if sent by First Class Mail. Four copies of the premium list must be sent to The American Kennel Club at time of distribution

SECTION 3. Premium lists and entry forms, in order to ensure uniformity, must conform to The American Kennel Club official size of from **5½ x 8½** inches to **6 x 9** inches and the entry form must conform in every respect with the official form.

CHAPTER 5 RIBBONS, PRIZES AND TROPHIES

SECTION 1. All clubs or associations holding dog shows under the rules of The American Kennel Club, except sanctioned matches, shall use the following colors for their prize ribbons or rosettes, in the regular classes of The American Kennel Club and the regular group classes:

First prize—Blue.
Second prize—Red.
Third prize—Yellow.
Fourth prize—White.
Winners—Purple.
Reserve Winners—Purple and White.
Best of Winners—Blue and White.
Special prize—Dark Green.
Best of Breed and Best of Variety of Breed—Purple and Gold.
Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed and Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Variety of Breed—Red and White.
Best in Show – Red, white, and blue is the traditional color combination but any color or combination of colors is permitted.

and shall use the following colors for their prize ribbons in all additional classes:

First prize—Rose.
Second prize—Brown.
Third prize—Light Green.
Fourth prize—Gray.

SECTION 2. Each ribbon or rosette, except those used at sanctioned matches, shall be at least 2 inches wide, and approximately 8 inches long; and bear on its face a facsimile of the seal of The American Kennel Club, the name of the prize, and the name of the show-giving club with numerals of year, date of show, and name of city or town where show is given.

SECTION 3. If ribbons are given at sanctioned matches, they shall be of the following colors, but may be of any design or size:

First prize—Rose.
Second prize—Brown.
Third prize—Light Green.
Fourth prize—Gray.
Special prize—Green with pink edges.
Best of Breed—Orange.
Best in Match—Pink and Green.
Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Match—Lavender.

SECTION 4. If money prizes are offered in a premium list of a show, a fixed amount for each prize must be stated. All other prizes offered in a premium list of a show must be accurately described or their monetary value must be stated. Alcoholic beverages will not be acceptable as prizes.

SECTION 5. A show-giving club shall not accept the donation of a prize for a competition not provided for at its show.

SECTION 6. All prizes offered in a premium list of a show must be offered to be awarded in a regular procedure of judging for outright award to the owner and/or breeder of the dog, but any prizes or trophies not listed in the premium list may be awarded with the permission of the Event Committee and the reason for the exception included in the show report.

SECTION 7. Prizes may be offered for outright award at a show for the following placings:

First, Second, Third, Fourth in the Puppy, Novice, Bred-by-Exhibitor, American-bred or Open Classes, or in any division of these designated in the Classification.

First, Second, Third, Fourth in any additional class which the show-giving club may offer in accord with the provisions of Chapter 3, Section 12, and in the Miscellaneous Class (at all-breed shows only).

Winners, Reserve Winners, Best of Winners, Best of Breed or Variety, Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed or Variety.

At all-breed shows only: First, Second, Third, Fourth in a Group Class and for Best in Show, Best Brace in Show and Best Team in Show.

SECTION 8. At any specialty show, prizes for outright award, may also be offered for: Best in Puppy Classes, Best in Twelve-to-Eighteen Month Classes, Best in Novice Classes, Best in Bred-by-Exhibitor Classes, Best in American-bred Classes, Best in Open Classes, Best in any additional classes which the show-giving club may offer in accord with the provisions of Chapter 3, Section 12, in which the sexes are divided.

(In breeds in which there are varieties, a prize may be offered for Best in any of the above classes within the variety.)

In shows held by breed Specialty clubs, awards for Best in Puppy, Twelve-to-Eighteen Month, Novice, Bred-by-Exhibitor, American-bred, and Open Classes, Best in any additional classes which the show-giving club may offer in accord with the provisions of

Chapter 3, Section 12, in which the sexes are divided, may also be awarded on a three-time win basis provided permanent possession goes to the owner and/or breeder winning the award three times, not necessarily with the same dog, provided such prizes are offered by the show-giving specialty club itself or through it for competition at its shows.

SECTION 9. At all-breed shows, prizes may be offered on a three-time win basis for the following awards, provided permanent possession goes to the owner and/or breeder winning the award three times, not necessarily with the same dog, and further provided such prizes are offered by the show-giving club itself or through it for competition at its shows only:

Best in Show, Best in any one group class.

SECTION 10. At specialty shows, prizes may be offered on a three-time win basis for the following awards, provided permanent possession goes to the owner and/or breeder winning the award three times, not necessarily with the same dog, and further provided such prizes are offered by the specialty club itself, or through it, for competition at its specialty shows only:

Best of Breed or Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed (where a specialty club considers the classes at an all-breed show as its specialty show, there can be no award for Best of Breed in those breeds in which there are varieties), Best of Variety of Breed or Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Variety, Best of Winners, Winners Dog and Winners Bitch, and First in any regular or non-regular class.

SECTION 11. Perpetual prizes and such three-time win prizes as have been in competition prior to September 9, 1952, and which would not be allowed under the terms of the sections in this Chapter will continue to be permitted to be offered under the terms of their original provisions until won outright or otherwise retired. Should premium list copy submitted to the AKC for approval contain such non-allowable prizes, a certification by the Club Secretary stating that the prizes have been in competition prior to September 9, 1952, must be included.

SECTION 12. Regular Specials are prizes offered by show-giving member or non-member specialty clubs for outright and automatic award at any show where the terms have been published in full in the premium list and catalog of the show. No prize may be offered for an award higher than Best of Breed or Best of Variety of Breed. It shall be the obligation of specialty clubs offering such regular specials to notify superintendents, show secretaries and show-giving clubs that said prizes

may be offered provided the terms are set forth in full in the premium list and catalog of the show. The specialty club will be solely responsible for the distribution of such prizes within 60 days after the completion of a show when it has been determined that all the terms of the awards have been met. No show-giving club is obligated to accept an offering of regular specials.

CHAPTER 6 PREMIUM LISTS AND CLOSING OF ENTRIES

SECTION 1. The awards at a dog show, or the scores made at an obedience trial, will be officially recorded by The American Kennel Club only if the certification of the Secretary of The American Kennel Club is published on the first, second or third page of the premium list stating that permission has been granted by The American Kennel Club for the dog show or obedience trial to be held under American Kennel Club rules and regulations.

If the show shall be given by a club or association not a member of The American Kennel Club the words "Licensed Show" must be plainly printed on the title page of the premium list.

SECTION 2. The premium list shall contain the following: a list of the officers of the show-giving club with the address of the secretary, a list of the members of the Bench Show Committee (there must be at least five) together with the designation of "Chairman" and the Chairman's address (and "Obedience Trial Chairman" if an obedience trial is being held by a club in connection with its dog show), the names of the veterinarians (or name of local Veterinary Association) and, for an Unbenched show, whether the veterinarian will be in attendance throughout the show hours or "on call," the names and addresses of the judges, together with their assignments, and the name and address of the superintendent or show secretary who has been approved by The American Kennel Club. The premium list shall also specify whether the show is Benched or Unbenched, and shall give the exact location of the show, the date or dates on which it is to be held, and the times of opening and closing of the show.

SECTION 2A. A show-giving club may, at its option, use a condensed form of premium list which shall be identical with the content and format of a regular premium list, and comply with all the pertinent rules except that the listing of breed prizes and trophies offered is omitted as well as the listing of all prizes and trophies offered for an obedience trial if held by the show-giving club with its show. Such prizes and trophies as are offered for Best in Show and group placements are to be included in a condensed premium list as well as any schedule of class cash prizes that a club proposes to offer.

The conditions of all prizes and trophies offered must conform to the provisions of Chapter 5 of these rules and Chapter 1, Sections 19, 20, 21 and 30 of the Obedience Regulations. A club using a condensed form of premium list is obligated to prepare lists of the breed and obedience prizes and trophies for distribution to prospective entrants and exhibitors on request. Such lists can be printed, multilithed, multigraphed, mimeographed or typed (and photostated) on paper of any suitable size with both sides of the paper being used if the club wishes. In each condensed form of premium list there must be the notation: "A list of breed and obedience prizes and trophies offered can be obtained by writing to (name and address of club secretary and/or superintendent and address)."

A club which chooses to use a condensed form of premium list may also prepare for printing a regular premium list for other than mail distribution. The regular premium list can then be used to fill requests for a listing of breed and obedience prizes and trophies offered and no separate list of breed and obedience prizes and trophies need be prepared.

An obedience trial-giving club may, at its option, use a condensed form of premium list which shall be identical with the content and format of a regular premium list, and comply with all the pertinent rules and regulations except that the listing of prizes and trophies offered is omitted. When a condensed form of premium list is used, the same procedure is to be followed with respect to the prize and trophy list as is required of show-giving clubs and as is set forth in this section.

SECTION 3. Except at specialty club shows, the general classification of recognized breeds divided into seven groups and in the same order as set forth in Chapter 3, of the Rules Applying to Registration and Discipline, with the varieties of distinct breeds as described in Section 1 of this Chapter added thereto, in their proper groups and alphabetical position, shall be published in the premium list.

SECTION 4. If an all-breed club or association permits a specialty club to consider the classes at its show as its specialty show, the winner of Best of Breed of Variety may compete in the group classes of the all-breed show.

SECTION 5. If more than one judge has been approved to judge a specialty show held apart from an all-breed show, the premium list must designate the particular assignments of each judge as approved by The American Kennel Club, except when the specialty club has requested and received approval for the draw-

ing of assignments at the show, in which case a statement to this effect shall appear in the premium list in place of designated assignments.

SECTION 6. A show-giving club shall assume the responsibility of collecting all recording and *event service* fees for The American Kennel Club, which fact shall be stated in the premium list.

SECTION 7. Bench show committees may make such regulations or additional rules for the government of their shows as shall be considered necessary, provided such regulations or additional rules do not conflict with any rule of The American Kennel Club, and provided they do not discriminate between breeds or between dogs entered in show classes and those entered in obedience classes in the required hour of arrival and the hour of removal. If permission is granted to a club other than the show-giving club for the holding of an obedience trial in connection with a dog show, the obedience club so authorized must comply with the show-giving club's rules adopted hereunder.

Such regulations or additional rules shall be printed in the premium list and violations thereof shall be considered the same as violations of the rules and regulations of The American Kennel Club.

SECTION 8. No prizes may be accepted or offered by a show-giving club unless they are published in the premium list of the show or in the separate list of prizes if the condensed form of premium list is used; nor may any be withdrawn or the conditions thereof changed after they have been published in the premium list or in the separate list of prizes.

If the donor of a prize that has been published in the premium list of a show or in the separate list of prizes shall fail to furnish the prize, the show-giving club shall promptly supply a prize of the same description and of no less value.

The show-giving club shall be responsible for all errors made in publishing offers of prizes and shall, in the event of error, award prizes of equal value; except that if an error has been made in the premium list or in the separate list of prizes in publishing the conditions of a specialty club's Regular Specials (as described in Chapter 5, Section 12) prizes shall be awarded according to the current terms of the specialty club's Regular Specials.

SECTION 9. Every premium list shall specify the date and time at which entries for a show shall close. The premium list shall also specify the name and address of the Superintendent or Show Secretary who

is to receive the entries. For all shows other than specialty shows, the specified closing date and time must be no later than as outlined in the following schedule:

For a show which opens on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, or Monday, entries accepted not later than noon on the third Wednesday prior to the show.

For a show which opens on Tuesday, entries accepted not later than noon on the third Thursday prior to the show.

For a show which opens on Wednesday, entries accepted not later than noon the third Friday prior to the show.

For a show which opens on Thursday, entries accepted not later than noon on the third Wednesday prior to the show.

Clubs in a cluster of no more than five consecutive days have the option of closing no later than noon on the third Wednesday prior to the last show in the cluster.

Whenever the closing day noted above falls on a postal holiday, entries received in the first mail only on the following day may be accepted.

CHAPTER 7 JUDGES

SECTION 1. Any reputable person who is in good standing with The American Kennel Club may apply for approval to judge any AKC recognized breed or breeds of purebred dogs, which in his or her opinion he or she is qualified by training and experience to pass upon, with the following exceptions:

Persons connected with any publication in the capacity of solicitor for kennel advertisements, persons connected with dog food, dog remedy or kennel supply companies in the capacity of solicitor or salesman, persons who buy, sell and in any way trade in or traffic in dogs as a means of livelihood in whole or in part, professional show superintendents and their employees, and persons who show dogs for others will not be approved if still engaged in such activities.

No Judge shall be granted a license to be a licensed superintendent.

No person shall be eligible for approval to judge if he or she resides in the same household with a professional handler or licensed superintendent.

No Judge may accept an assignment nor officiate at any event where a member of his or her household is involved to the extent that there might exist an actual conflict of interest or the reasonable appearance of a conflict of interest.

SECTION 2. The application for license to judge must be made on a form which will be supplied by The American Kennel Club upon request and when received by said club will be placed before the Board of Directors of The American Kennel Club who shall determine in each instance whether a license shall be issued.

SECTION 3. The American Kennel Club will not approve as judge for any given show the superintendent, show secretary, or show veterinarians, or club officials of said show acting in any one of these three capacities, and such persons cannot officiate or judge at such show under any circumstances.

SECTION 4. Only those persons whose names are on The American Kennel Club's list of eligible judges may, in the discretion of The American Kennel Club, be approved to judge at any member or licensed show, except that if it becomes necessary to replace an advertised judge after the opening of the show and no

person on the eligible judges list is available to take his place, the Bench Show Committee may select as a substitute for the advertised judge a person whose name is not on the eligible judges list provided such person is not currently suspended from the privileges of The American Kennel Club, is not currently suspended as a judge and is not ineligible to judge under the provisions of Sections 1 and 3 of this Chapter.

SECTION 5. The American Kennel Club may in its discretion approve as a judge of any sanctioned match, futurity or sweepstake a person who is not currently suspended from the privileges of The American Kennel Club or whose judging privileges are not currently suspended.

SECTION 6. Bench show committees or superintendents shall, in every instance, notify appointed judges of the breeds and group classes upon which they are to pass, and such notifications shall be given before the publication of the premium lists.

SECTION 7. Bench show committees or superintendents shall not add to or subtract from the number of breeds or variety groups which a selected judge has agreed to pass upon without first notifying said judge of and obtaining his consent to the contemplated change in his assigned breeds or variety groups, and the judge when so notified may refuse to judge any breeds or variety groups added to his original assignment.

SECTION 8. A bench show committee which shall be informed at any time prior to TEN DAYS before the opening day of its show that an advertised judge will not fulfill his or her engagement to judge shall substitute a judge in his or her place, which substitute judge must be approved by The American Kennel Club, and shall give notice of the name of the substitute judge to all those who have entered dogs in the classes allotted to be judged by the advertised judge. All those who have entered dogs to be shown under the advertised judge shall be permitted to withdraw their entries no later than one half-hour prior to the scheduled start of any regular conformation judging at the show, and the entry fees paid for entering such dogs shall be refunded.

Since an entry can be made only under a breed judge, changes in Group or Best in Show assignments do not entitle an exhibitor to a refund.

SECTION 9. Should a Bench Show committee be informed at any time within ten days before the opening of its show, or after its show has opened, that an

advertised judge will not fulfill his or her engagement to judge, it shall substitute a qualified judge in his or her place, and shall obtain approval of the change from The American Kennel Club if time allows. No Notice need be sent to those exhibitors who have entered dogs under the advertised judge.

The Bench Show Committee will be responsible for having a notice posted in a prominent place within the show precincts as soon after the show opens as is practical informing exhibitors of the change in judges. An exhibitor who has entered a dog under an advertised judge who is being replaced may withdraw such entry and shall have the entry fee refunded, provided notice of such withdrawal is given to the Superintendent or Show Secretary prior to the start of the judging of the breed which is to be passed upon by a substitute judge.

SECTION 10. In case an advertised judge shall have judged part of the classes of a breed and then finds it impossible to finish, a substitute judge shall be selected by the bench show committee, and in that event the awards made by the regular judge shall stand, and his or her substitute shall judge only the remaining entries in the breed. No dogs entered under the regularly selected judge shall be withheld from competition.

SECTION 11. A substitute judge shall finish the judging of the breed class or group he or she is adjudicating upon if he or she has begun to judge before the advertised judge arrives at the show.

SECTION 12. Any club or association that holds a dog show must prepare, after the entries have closed and not before, a judging program showing the time scheduled for the judging of each breed and each variety for which entries have been accepted. If a substitute or additional judge has been approved Chapter 7, Section 8 or Chapter 7, Section 13, as appropriate, will be quoted listing the changes. The judging program shall indicate the number of dogs entered and state the time for the start of group judging, if any. The program shall be based on the judging of about 25 dogs per hour by each judge. Each judge's breed and variety assignments shall be divided into periods of about one hour, except in those cases where the entry in a breed or variety exceeds 30. The total number of dogs assigned each judge will be indicated. Forty-five minutes to one hour must be allowed for rest or meals if a judge's assignment exceeds five hours. A copy of the program and identification slip for each dog entered shall be mailed to the owner no later than one week before the date of the event. Two copies of the program shall be mailed to the Show Plans Department at the same time they are mailed to exhibitors.

The judging program shall be printed in the catalog.
No judging shall occur at any show prior to the time specified in the judging program.

SECTION 13. The maximum number of dogs 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 dogs. 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.

If a show-giving club so elects, it may place a limit of its own choosing lower than any of the limits provided for in the rule notifying The American Kennel Club of its intention at the time the judging panel is submitted for approval. This limit will then govern the need for additional judges if, when the entries for the show have closed, any judge on the panel has drawn more dogs than the limit set by the club.

When the entries have closed, if the entry under any judge exceeds the above limits, the Bench Show Committee must select some other judge or judges to whom sufficient breeds or varieties can be assigned, to bring the total assignment of every judge within and as close as possible to the limit. If a judge is assigned four or fewer breeds, the assignment shall be reduced first by reassigning to another judge sufficient classes from one breed to eliminate the overload, with any non-regular classes in that breed being the first removed. The same procedure shall then be followed for as many breeds as necessary until the overload is eliminated. This will apply whether or not the breed in question involves varieties.

Notice must be sent to the owner of each dog affected by such a change in judges at least five days before the opening of the show, and the owner has the right to withdraw his entry and have his entry fee refunded provided notification of his withdrawal is received no later than one half-hour prior to the start of any regular conformation judging at the show, by the Superintendent or Show Secretary named in the premium list to receive entries.

SECTION 14. A judge shall not exhibit his dogs or take any dog belonging to another person into the ring at any show at which he is officiating, nor shall he pass judgment in his official capacity upon any dog which he or any member of his immediate household or immediate family (as defined in Chapter 11, Section 13) has handled in the ring more than twice during the preceding twelve months.

SECTION 15. A judge's decision shall be final in all cases affecting the merits of the dogs. Full discretionary power is given to the judge to withhold any, or all, prizes for want of merit. After a class has once been judged in accordance with these rules and regulations, it shall not be rejudged. A class is considered judged when the judge has marked his book which must be done before the following class is examined. If any errors have been made by the judge in marking the awards as made, he may correct the same but must initial any such corrections.

SECTION 16. A judge may order any person or dog from the ring. For the purpose of facilitating the judging, judges are required to exclude from the rings in which they are judging all persons except the steward or stewards and the show attendants assigned to the ring and those actually engaged in exhibiting.

When a judge finds it necessary to excuse a person or dog from the ring under the provisions of this section, that judge shall mark the judge's book "excused" and briefly describe the reason for this action.

SECTION 17. A judge shall be supplied with a book called the judge's book in which he shall mark all awards and all absent dogs. The original judges' books at shows shall be in the custody of the judge, steward, superintendent, or superintendent's assistant. None other shall be allowed access to them. At the conclusion of the judging, the book must be signed by the judge and any changes which may have been made therein initialed by him.

SECTION 18. A judge's decision, as marked in the judge's book, cannot be changed by him after filing, but an error appearing in the judge's book may be corrected by The American Kennel Club after consultation with the judge.

SECTION 19. Only one judge shall officiate in each Group Class and only one judge shall select the Best in Show.

The Board of Directors suggests that whenever possible the Best in Show be determined by one who has not already judged any breed or group class of said show.

Except in hardship cases, when an exception may be approved for a specific show, a judge will not be approved to judge a breed and, at the same show, the Variety Group of which the breed is a part and Best in Show.

SECTION 20. If a judge disqualifies a dog at any show, he shall make a note in the judge's book giving his reasons for such disqualification. In computing the championship points for a breed, said dog shall not be considered as having been present at the show.

CHAPTER 8 SELECTION OF SUPERINTENDENT, SHOW SECRETARY AND VETERINARIANS

Prior to receiving permission to hold a dog show, obedience trial or tracking test, the club must submit the name, complete address, and daytime telephone number of the Superintendent or Show Secretary and Veterinarian contracted by the club to service the event.

CHAPTER 9 SUPERINTENDENTS AND SHOW SECRETARIES

SECTION 1. The Superintendent of a dog show held under the rules of The American Kennel Club must hold a license from The American Kennel Club.

SECTION 2. Any qualified person may make application to The American Kennel Club for approval to act as Show Secretary of a dog show.

While there is no numerical limit on the number of Specialty Shows that a Show Secretary may be approved to service, a person will be approved to act as Show Secretary for the show or shows of only one all-breed dog club in a calendar year.

An individual wishing to service the shows of more than one all-breed dog club in a calendar year, must hold a license from The American Kennel Club as Superintendent.

SECTION 3. Bench Show Committees will be responsible for making complete arrangements with each one of the veterinarians selected to service the show. In the event that a recognized Veterinary Association is to furnish the veterinarians, the complete arrangements shall be made with Secretary of the Association.

SECTION 4. Superintendents and Show Secretaries shall have on hand at every show the various official American Kennel Club forms for the use of veterinarians.

SECTION 5. Superintendents and Show Secretaries shall be prepared, at any show with a show veterinarian in attendance, to furnish the forms to be used by an exhibitor or handler who seeks a health examination of a dog. Upon the filing of the completed form, it shall be the superintendent's and show secretary's duty to see that the owner or agent of the dog takes his dog to the "Veterinarian Headquarters" for the examination.

SECTION 6. At Benched shows and at Unbenched shows if the club elects to have a veterinarian in attendance, Superintendents and Show Secretaries will be responsible for providing a suitable space which will serve as the Headquarters of the Show Veterinarians. At an indoor show the space will be marked off in some adequate way and a sign "Veterinarian Headquarters" must be prominently displayed. At an outdoor show, the Headquarters must be arranged so that the veteri-

narians are afforded protection from the weather.

At unbenched shows, with a veterinarian "on call," the Superintendent's or Show Secretary's Office shall serve as "Veterinarian Headquarters."

SECTION 7. At benched shows and unbenched shows if the club elects to have a veterinarian in attendance, Superintendents and Show Secretaries are required, with their report of a show, to list the names of all veterinarians who served at a show and give the hours that each veterinarian was present.

SECTION 8. Superintendents and Show Secretaries shall have the sole authority to enforce the rules having to do with the benching of dogs.

SECTION 9. Superintendents and Show Secretaries shall have the sole authority to excuse a dog from being shown on the recommendation of the veterinarian under Chapter 10, Section 3 (c) and to release dogs from a show prior to the published time for the releasing of dogs, except in the event that a dog has been dismissed from a show by a veterinarian under Chapter 10, Section 3 (b).

SECTION 10. Bench show committees and superintendents of dog shows shall be held responsible for the enforcement of all rules and regulations relating to shows and must provide themselves with a copy of The American Kennel Club rules and regulations for reference.

SECTION 11. The Bench Show or Obedience Trial Committee will be held accountable for the maintenance of clean and orderly conditions throughout the precincts of the show during all hours when dogs are permitted to be present.

SECTION 12. Any reputable person or superintending organization in good standing with The American Kennel Club may apply to said Club for license to act as Superintendent of a dog show, which application must be made on a form which will be supplied by said Club upon request. When the application is received by The American Kennel Club, its Board of Directors shall determine whether the applicant is reasonably qualified from training and experience to act as Superintendent of a Dog Show and whether a license shall be issued to said applicant.

The fee for being granted a yearly license to be a Superintendent and the fee for renewal of said license each year shall be determined by the Board of Directors of The American Kennel Club. The fee for being granted a license to superintend one show

and/or one field trial only shall be determined in like manner.

No yearly license will be issued to any person or superintending organization until having superintended at least three dog shows.

No annual superintendent shall be granted a license to be a judge.

A Superintendent, an individual licensed to superintend events as an employee of the Superintendent, any other employee of the Superintendent, any individual with an ownership interest in a superintending organization, or any person residing in the same household as any of the foregoing, shall not exhibit or act as agent or handler at any show held thirty days before or after a show which the Superintendent has been approved to service by The American Kennel Club.

Dogs owned wholly or in part by a Superintendent, an individual licensed to superintend events as an employee of the Superintendent, any other employee of the superintendent, any individual with an ownership interest in a superintending organization, or any person residing in the same household as any of the foregoing, shall be ineligible to be entered at any show held thirty days before or after a show which the Superintendent has been approved to service by The American Kennel Club.

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

CHAPTER 10 DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF SHOW VETERINARIANS

SECTION 1. Any reputable person who is in good standing with The American Kennel Club and who has been duly qualified to practice his profession by law may act as veterinarian of a dog show.

SECTION 2. Every club that holds a licensed or member show shall employ one or more veterinarians who are qualified as described in Section 1, to serve in an official capacity. At Benched shows at least one of these veterinarians shall be in attendance during the entire progress of the show, except that at Unbenched shows the club may elect to have a veterinarian "on call." The duties of the veterinarians shall be to give advisory opinions to Bench Show Committees when requested, to examine the health of dogs at the request of exhibitors and handlers and to render first aid to dogs in cases of sickness or injury occurring at the show.

Show veterinarians are not to be called on to treat dogs for physical conditions that existed before they were brought to the show.

SECTION 3. Veterinarians serving a show will have complete authority to:

(a) Reject any dog at the entrance to a show's premises which he considers may endanger the health of other dogs;

(b) Dismiss any dog that has been admitted to a show which he considers may endanger the health of other dogs;

(c) Recommend to the superintendent or show secretary the excusing of any dog from being shown or from the show premises provided he considers that the showing of the dog in the ring or its remaining within the show premises would impair the dog's health.

In all cases where a dog is rejected, dismissed or recommended for excusing from judging or the show premises, the veterinarian shall complete a form, which will be provided, giving the basis for his decision, or opinion, and shall file the form with the superintendent or show secretary.

SECTION 4. Veterinarians may request exhibitors and handlers to open dogs' mouths, but when they con-

sider it necessary may do so themselves, provided however that in the latter instance they wear rubber gloves and take proper sanitary precautions.

SECTION 5. Upon the presentation at the "Veterinarians Headquarters" of a dog whose health has been questioned by an exhibitor or handler, it shall be the duty of one of the show veterinarians, as soon as practical, to make an examination of the dog. If he considers that the dog should be dismissed from the show, he will ask the superintendent or show secretary to see that the dog is removed.

SECTION 6. At benched shows, and unbenched shows if the club elects to have a veterinarian in attendance, veterinarians will be expected to make full use of the area provided for them as a Headquarters. Where practical, at least one veterinarian should be in attendance at the Headquarters during the entire time that the show is in progress.

CHAPTER 11 DOG SHOW ENTRIES, CONDITIONS OF DOGS AFFECTING ELIGIBILITY

SECTION 1. No dog shall be eligible to be entered in a licensed or member dog show, except for dogs entered in the Miscellaneous Class, unless it is either individually registered in the AKC Stud Book or part of an AKC-registered litter, or otherwise, if whelped outside the United States of America and owned by a resident of the USA, or of a country with a foreign registry organization whose pedigrees are acceptable for AKC registration and is registered with that registry. A dog with an AKC Limited Registration shall be ineligible to be entered in a breed competition in a licensed or member dog show.

An unregistered dog that is part of an AKC-registered litter, or an unregistered dog with an acceptable foreign registration that was whelped outside the USA and that is owned by a resident of the USA, or of a country with a foreign registry organization whose pedigrees are acceptable for AKC registration may, without special AKC approval, be entered in licensed or member dog shows that are held not later than 30 days after the date of the first licensed or member dog show in which the dog was entered, but only provided that the AKC litter registration number or the individual foreign registration and the name of the country of birth, are shown on the entry form; and provided further that the same name (which in the case of a foreign-registered dog must be the name on the foreign registration) is used for the dog each time.

No dog that has not been individually registered with The American Kennel Club when first entered in a licensed or member dog show shall be eligible to be entered in any licensed or member dog show that is held more than 30 days after the date of the first licensed or member dog show in which it was entered, unless the dog's individual AKC registration number is shown on the entry form, or unless the owner has received from The American Kennel Club an extension notice in writing authorizing further entries of the dog for a specified time with its AKC litter number or individual foreign registration number. No such extension will be granted unless the owner can clearly demonstrate, in a letter addressed to the Show Records Department of The American Kennel Club requesting

such extension, that the delay in registration is due to circumstances for which he is not responsible.

Such extension notice will be void upon registration of the dog or upon expiration of the period for which the extension has been granted if that occurs earlier, but upon application further extensions may be granted.

If a dog is later individually registered with a name that is not identical to the name under which it has been entered in dog shows prior to individual registration, each entry form entering the dog in a licensed or member dog show after the owner has received the individual registration certificate must show the registered name followed by "formerly shown as" and the name under which the dog was previously shown, until the dog has been awarded one of the four places in a regular class at a licensed or member show.

SECTION 2. At every show held under the rules of The American Kennel Club, a recording fee not to exceed 50 cents may be required for every dog entered. This recording fee is to help defray expenses involved in keeping the show records, and applies to all dogs entered. If a dog is entered in more than one class at a show, the recording fee applies only to first entry. The Board of Directors shall determine, from time to time, whether a recording fee shall be required, and the amount of it.

Effective for events held on and after January 1, 2004, the AKC will collect a \$1.50 AKC Event Service Fee for the first entry of a dog in all AKC licensed and member dog shows, obedience trials, and tracking tests. The current 50 cent recording fee will continue to be collected. A show-giving club shall assume the responsibility of collecting all recording fees and Event Service Fees for the American Kennel Club. That fact shall be stated in the premium list. These event service and recording fees shall be forwarded to the American Kennel Club along with all other required event results within seven (7) days of the close of the event.

SECTION 3. Every dog must be entered in the name of the person who actually owned the dog at the time entries closed. The right to exhibit a dog cannot be transferred. A registered dog which has been acquired by some person other than the owner as recorded with The American Kennel Club must be entered in the name of its new owner at any show for which entries close after the date upon which the dog was acquired, and application for transfer of ownership must be sent to The American Kennel Club by the new

owner within seven days after the last day of the show. The new owner should state on the entry form that transfer application has been mailed to The American Kennel Club or will be mailed shortly. If there is any unavoidable delay in obtaining the completed application required to record the transfer, The American Kennel Club may grant a reasonable extension of time, provided the new owner notifies the Show Records Department of The American Kennel Club by mail within seven days after the show, of the reason for the delay. If an entry is made by a duly authorized agent of the owner, the name of the actual owner must be shown on the entry form. If a dog is owned by an association, the name of the association and a list of its officers must be shown on the entry form.

SECTION 4. To be acceptable, an entry must:

- Be submitted with required entry fee
- Be on an Official American Kennel Club entry form
- Be signed by the owner or his duly authorized agent
- Include all of the following formation:
 - Name of show-giving club
 - Date of Show
 - Breed
 - Variety, if any
 - Sex
 - Name of class or classes entered
(Classes must be entered in accordance with Chapter 3)
 - Full/Registered Name of Dog
 - Name of Owner(s) / co-owner(s)
 - Name of Owner(s) agent, if any
 - Address of Owner
 - Date of Birth
 - Place of Birth
 - Name of Breeder(s)
 - Name of Sire
 - Name of Dam
 - One of the following:
 - AKC registration number
 - Or AKC litter number
 - Or ILP number
 - Or foreign registration number and country for an unregistered imported dog
 - Or identification number issued by AKC

No entry may be accepted unless the Superintendent or Show Secretary, named in the premium list to receive entries, receives such entry:

- prior to the closing date and hour as published in the premium list
- and in the case of a limited entry, prior to the time the limit is reached.

All the requirements of the foregoing paragraph and all other specific requirements printed in the premium list must be met before an entry can be considered acceptable. *Failure to meet these requirements may result in the loss of all awards earned at the event.*

SECTION 5. No entry shall be made and no entry shall be accepted by a Superintendent or Show Secretary which specifies any condition as to its acceptance.

SECTION 6. No entry may be changed or canceled unless notice of the change or cancellation is received in writing or by telegram by the Superintendent or Show Secretary named in the premium list to receive entries, prior to the closing date and hour for entries, except that a correction may be made in the sex of a dog, or a dog may be transferred from one division of the Puppy Class to another or between the Puppy and Twelve-to-Eighteen Month Class at a show prior to the judging, and except that dogs which according to their owners' records have completed the requirements for a championship after the closing of entries for a show but whose championships are unconfirmed, may be transferred from one of the regular classes to the Best of Breed or Variety competition, provided this transfer is made by the Superintendent or Show Secretary at least one half-hour prior to the scheduled start of any regular conformation judging at the show. No dog may otherwise be transferred to another class. Owners are responsible for errors in the entry forms, regardless of who may make such errors.

SECTION 7. No entry shall be made under a kennel name unless that name has been registered with The American Kennel Club. All entries made under a kennel name must be signed with the kennel name followed by the word "registered." An "exhibitor" or "entrant" is the individual or, if a partnership, all the members of the partnership exhibiting or entering in a dog show. In the case of such an entry by a partnership every member of the partnership shall be in good standing with The American Kennel Club before the entry will be accepted; and in case of any infraction of these rules, all the partners shall be held equally responsible.

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 Classes only at independent specialties and/or those all-breed shows which do not offer any competitive classes beyond Best of Breed.

When a judge finds any of these conditions in any dog he is judging, he shall disqualify the dog marking his book "Disqualified" and stating the reason. He shall not obtain the opinion of the show veterinarian.

When a dog has been disqualified at a show as being blind, deaf, castrated, spayed or changed in appearance by artificial means except as specified in the standard for its breed, any awards taken by such dog at that show shall be canceled by The American Kennel Club and the dog may not again compete unless and until, following application by the owner to The American Kennel Club, that owner has received official notification from The American Kennel Club that the dog's show eligibility has been reinstated.

When a dog has been disqualified under the standard for its breed, or when a male has been disqualified as not having two normal testicles normally located in the scrotum on three separate occasions, by three different judges, such dog may not again be shown. When a dog has been so disqualified at a show, any awards taken by the dog at that show shall be canceled by The American Kennel Club.

When the judge of a sweepstakes or futurity finds that a dog is ineligible to compete under this section, the dog should be excused. A dog may only be disqualified in a sweepstakes or futurity under the provisions of Chapter 11, Section 8-A.

A dog is considered changed in appearance by artificial means if it has been subjected to any type of procedure that has the effect of obscuring, disguising or eliminating any congenital or hereditary abnormality or any undesirable characteristic, or that does anything to improve a dog's natural appearance, temperament, bite or gait.

Even procedures which are absolutely necessary to the health and comfort of a dog shall disqualify that dog from competition if the former had the incidental effect of changing or even improving the dog's appearance, bite or gait.

Procedures that would in and of themselves be considered a change in appearance by artificial means and make a dog ineligible for shows include, but are not limited to:

1. *The correction of entropion, ectropion, trichiasis or distichiasis*
2. *Trimming, removal or tattooing of the third eyelid (nictitating membrane)*
3. *The insertion of an eye prosthesis*
4. *Correction of harelip, cleft palate, stenotic nares, or an elongated soft palate resection*
5. *Any procedure to change ear set or carriage other than that permitted by the breed standard*
6. *Restorative dental procedures, the use of bands or braces on teeth, or any alteration of the dental arcade*
7. *The removal of excess skin folds or the removal of skin patches to alter markings*
8. *Correction of inguinal, scrotal or perineal hernias*
9. *Surgery for hip dysplasia, O.C.D., patellar luxation and femoral head resection*
10. *Alteration of the location of the testes or the insertion of an artificial testicle*
11. *Altering the set or carriage of the tail*

SECTION 8-A. A dog that in the opinion of the judge menaces or threatens or exhibits any sign that it may not be safely approached by the judge or examined by the judge in the normal manner shall be excused from the ring. When the judge excuses the dog, he shall mark the dog "Excused," stating the reason in the judge's book. A dog so excused shall not be counted as having competed. A dog recorded as "Excused for threatening or menacing" by a judge on three occasions will be administratively disqualified by the American Kennel Club.

A dog that in the opinion of the judge attacks any person in the ring shall be disqualified. When the judge disqualifies the dog, he shall mark the dog "Disqualified," stating the reason in the judge's book.

When a dog has been disqualified under this Section, any awards at that show shall be canceled by The American Kennel Club, and the dog may not again compete unless and until, following application by the owner to The American Kennel Club, the owner has received official notification from The American Kennel Club that the dog's show eligibility has been reinstated.

Any dog, that in the opinion of the Event Committee attacks a person or dog at an AKC event resulting in an injury and is believed by that Event Committee to present a hazard to persons or other dogs, shall be disqualified by the Event Committee pursuant to this section, a report shall be filed with the Executive Secretary of The American Kennel Club. The disqualified dog may not again compete at any AKC event nor be on the grounds of an AKC event unless and until, following

application for reinstatement by the owner to the American Kennel Club, the owner receives official notification in writing from the AKC that the dog's eligibility has been reinstated.

SECTION 8-B. A dog that is lame in any class may not compete in that class. It is the judge's responsibility to determine whether a dog is lame. The judge shall not obtain the opinion of the show veterinarian. In situations where the judge determines a dog to be lame, the judge shall excuse the dog from the ring and withhold from the dog the awards for that class or competition. The judge shall mark his book "Excused—lame." Dogs so excused will not count as having competed in the class from which it was excused. If the dog has completed previous classes at the event without being excused, it shall count for those classes and keep any awards from those classes.

SECTION 8-C. No dog shall be eligible to compete at any show and no dog shall receive any award at any show in the event the natural color or shade of natural color or the natural markings of the dog have been altered or changed by the use of any substance whether such substance may have been used for cleaning purposes or for any other reason. Such cleaning substances are to be removed before the dog enters the ring.

If in the judge's opinion any substance has been used to alter or change the natural color or shade of natural color or natural markings of a dog, then in such event the judge shall withhold any and all awards from such dog, and the judge shall make a note in the judge's book giving his reason for withholding such award. The handler or the owner, or both, of any dog or dogs from which any award has been withheld for violation of this section of the rules, or any judge who shall fail to perform his duties under this section, shall be subject to disciplinary action.

SECTION 8-D. Any dog whose ears have been cropped or cut in any way shall be ineligible to compete at any show in any state where the laws prohibit the same except subject to the provisions of such laws.

SECTION 9. No dog shall be eligible to compete at any show, no dog shall be brought into the grounds or premises of any dog show, and any dog which may have been brought into the grounds or premises of a dog show shall immediately be removed if it:

(a) shows clinical symptoms of distemper, infectious hepatitis, leptospirosis or other communicable disease, or

(b) is known to have been in contact with distemper, infectious hepatitis, leptospirosis or other communica-

ble disease within thirty days prior to the opening of the show, or

(c) has been kenneled within thirty days prior to the opening of the show on premises on which there existed distemper, infectious hepatitis, leptospirosis or other communicable disease.

SECTION 10. A club may engage dogs not entered in its show as a special attraction provided the written approval of The American Kennel Club is first obtained.

SECTION 11. Only dogs that are eligible to be shown under The American Kennel Club rules shall be allowed within the show precincts, except that dogs engaged as a special attraction with American Kennel Club approval may also be present.

There shall be no benching, nor offering for sale or breeding, nor any displaying of unentered dogs. These dogs shall be subject to all rules relating to health and veterinarians. The owners or agents shall be responsible for the care and safety of such dogs.

If, because of space consideration or other reason, a club wishes to restrict the presence of unentered dogs from some part or all of the show precincts, such restriction shall be stated in the premium list.

SECTION 12. Any person acting in the capacity of Superintendent (or Show Secretary where there is no Superintendent), at a show, or any person residing in the same household with the Superintendent or Show Secretary shall not exhibit, act as agent or handler at the show, and dogs owned wholly or in part by him or by any person residing in the same household with him shall be ineligible to be entered at that show. The official veterinarian shall not exhibit, act as agent or handler at the show, and the dogs owned wholly or in part by him shall not be eligible to be entered at that show.

A Superintendent, an individual licensed to superintend events as an employee of the Superintendent, any other employee of the Superintendent, or any person residing in the same household as any of the foregoing, shall not exhibit or act as agent or handler, at any show held thirty days before or after a show which the Superintendent has been approved to service by The American Kennel Club.

Dogs owned wholly or in part by a Superintendent, an individual licensed to superintend events as an employee of the Superintendent, any other employee of the Superintendent, or any person residing in the same household as any of the foregoing, shall be ineligible to be entered at any show held thirty days before or after a show which

the Superintendent has been approved to service by The American Kennel Club.

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

SECTION 13. No judge or any person residing in the same household with a judge shall exhibit or act as agent or handler at a show at which he is officiating as judge and dogs owned wholly or in part by such judge or any member of his household shall be ineligible to be entered at such show. Subject to the foregoing, members of a judge's immediate family as defined in this section who no longer reside in the same household may enter or handle a dog at a show if the judge is not officiating over any competition, including a group class or Best in Show, for which the dog is entered or may become eligible.

No entry shall be made at any show under a judge of any dog which said judge or any member of his immediate household or immediate family has been known to have owned, handled in the ring more than twice, sold, held under lease or boarded within one year prior to the date of the show.

For the purposes of this section, the members of an immediate family are: husband, wife, father, mother, son, daughter, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law.

The above will apply to judges of sweepstakes or futurities held with licensed or member shows exactly as it does to judges of regular competition at shows.

SECTION 14. Any show-giving club which accepts an entry fee other than that published in its premium list, or in any way discriminates between exhibitors or entrants, shall be disciplined. No show-giving club shall offer to any one owner or handler any special inducement, such as trophies, reduced entry fees, rebates, additional prize money, or any other concession, for entering more than one dog in the show.

SECTION 15. A Bench Show Committee may decline any entries or may remove any dog from its show for cause, but in each such instance shall file good and sufficient reasons for so doing with The American Kennel Club.

CHAPTER 12

THE CATALOG

SECTION 1. Every Show Committee shall provide a printed catalog which shall contain:

- Exact location of the show
- Date/dates on which the show will be held
- Show hours (opening and closing)
- List of all officers and members of the Event Committee
- Names and complete addresses of all judges
- Name and address of Superintendent and/or Show Secretary
- Name of the Veterinarian or Veterinary Clinic, and whether the veterinarian will be in attendance or on call
- Names and addresses of all exhibitors
- Information on all entered dogs as described in Chapter 12, Section 4
- Information on all entered Junior Handlers
- Judging Program

SECTION 2. Every catalog must include the following on its cover or title page:

- Name of show-giving club(s)
- Date of show
- The statement, "This show is held under American Kennel Club rules"
- The American Kennel Club logo

SECTION 3. If the show shall be given by a non-member club or association, the words "Licensed Show" must be printed on the title page of the catalog.

SECTION 4. The catalog shall be in book form. It shall be from 5 1/2 x 8 1/2 inches to 8 1/2 x 11 inches. It shall contain the following information for all entered dogs, arranged in this order:

- Catalog (*armband*) number
- Complete registered name of dog
- One of the following for each dog:
 - AKC registration number
 - or AKC litter number
 - or ILP number
 - or foreign registration number and country for an unregistered imported dog
 - or identification number issued by AKC
- Date of birth
- Name of breeder(s)
- Name of Sire

- Name of Dam
- Name of owner(s)/co-owner(s)
- Name of owner's agent (if any)

The address of the owner shall follow the owner's name, or shall be included in a separate alphabetical list of all exhibitors contained elsewhere in the catalog.

The entries shall be catalogued by Groups, Breeds, Varieties, and regular classes in the order given in Chapter 3.

Information on dogs entered in single entry non-regular classes shall be listed between the information for the regular bitch classes and the information for the Best of Breed class.

Information on dogs entered in classes where a judge's decision is based on the merits of more than one dog shall be listed after the Best of Breed class. These classes include Brace, Team, Stud Dog and Brood Bitch.

The particulars of those dogs entered for Exhibition Only shall appear following all other entries in the breed or variety.

The Board of Directors of The American Kennel Club may set additional requirements for format and content of the catalog.

SECTION 5. A current schedule of championship points for the appropriate division of the country for each breed shall be published in the catalog. Points are to be determined based on the location of the show site.

SECTION 6. All prizes/trophies offered in a show's premium list shall be printed in the catalog. If the condensed form of a premium list is used, all prizes/trophies offered in a separate list shall be printed in the catalog. No change shall be made in the description or conditions of these prizes or trophies.

SECTION 7. The American Kennel Club approved breed standard shall be published in the catalog for every independent national specialty show.

CHAPTER 13 BENCHING OF DOGS

SECTION 1. At a Benched Show, every dog that is entered and present must be at its assigned location throughout the specified hours for the benching of entered dogs at the show, except for necessary periods when it is actually being prepared for showing, or is being taken to or from these places. The specified hours shall be the hours listed in the premium list when dogs must be at their benches.

SECTION 2. The show-giving club may stipulate, in the premium list, reasonable additional regulations covering benching requirements for their show(s).

SECTION 3. Failure to comply with these rules and regulations may cause cancellation of the dog's winnings, and subject the owner, handler, and Superintendent or Show Secretary to a fine and suspension of license and privileges.

SECTION 4. Each show-giving club may specify whatever signage and/or decorations will be allowed at the individual benches. No prizes or ribbons shall be displayed on the bench except those won by the dog at that show.

**CHAPTER 14
MEASURING, WEIGHING
AND COLOR
DETERMINATIONS WHEN
FACTORS OF
DISQUALIFICATION IN
BREED STANDARDS OR
ELIGIBILITY UNDER THE
CONDITIONS OF A
CLASS OR DIVISION OF A
CLASS
CANCELLATION OF
AWARDS**

SECTION 1. Every dog which is present in the ring for a class in which it is properly entered must continue to compete in all competition in its breed or variety for which it is entered or becomes eligible, unless it has been excused, dismissed, disqualified or found to be ineligible under the rules.

SECTION 2. Any club or association giving a dog show must provide arm cards and shall see that every person exhibiting a dog wears, when in the ring, an arm card containing thereon the catalog number of the dog being exhibited; but no badges, coats with kennel names thereon or ribbon prizes shall be worn or displayed, nor other visible means of identification used, by an individual when exhibiting a dog in the ring.

SECTION 3. In those breeds where certain heights are specified in the standard as disqualifications, or in any class the conditions of which include a height specification, the judge shall have the authority to make a determination as to whether any dog measures within the specified limits, provided such a determination has not been made previously during the competition at the show.

If, in the opinion of a competing exhibitor or handler then in the ring, the height of a dog under judgment appears not to be in accord with the breed standard or the conditions of the class, such exhibitor may, before every dog in the class has been individually examined and individually gaited, request that the judge make a

determination as to whether the dog measures within the specified limits, and the judge shall comply with the request, provided such a determination has not been made previously during competition at the show.

In all cases, the judge shall use equipment that meets AKC requirements.

If the judge finds that the dog's height is in accord with the breed standard or the conditions of the class, he shall mark his judge's book "Measured in."

If the judge finds that the dog's height is not in accord with the breed standard, he shall disqualify the dog, marking his judge's book "Measured out—disqualified." A dog that has thus been disqualified by three different judges may not again be shown.

If the judge finds that the dog's height is not in accordance with the conditions of the class, he shall declare the dog ineligible for the class, marking the judge's book "Measured out—ineligible." A dog thus declared ineligible for its class shall be considered to have been wrongly entered and cannot be transferred to any other class at the show. A dog that has thus been found to be ineligible by three different judges may not again be shown in that class. However, the owner of such a dog may enter the dog in subsequent shows in another class, provided that he is satisfied that the dog measures within the height limit of that class.

SECTION 4. In those breeds where certain weights are specified in the standard as disqualifications, or in any class or division of a class the conditions of which include a weight specification, the judge shall have the authority to make a determination as to whether any dog weighs within the specified limits, provided such a determination has not been made previously during competition at the show.

If, in the opinion of a competing exhibitor or handler then in the ring, the weight of a dog under judgement appears not to be in accord with the breed standard or the conditions of the class or division in which it is competing, such exhibitor or handler may, before every dog in the class has been individually examined and individually gaited, request that the judge make a determination as to whether the dog weighs within the specified limits, and the judge shall comply with the request, provided such a determination has not been made previously during competition at the show.

In all cases, the judges shall use scales that meet AKC requirements.

If the judge finds that the dog's weight is in accord with the breed standard or the conditions of the class or division in which it is competing, he shall mark his judge's book "Weighed in."

If the judge finds that the dog's weight is not in accord with the breed standard, he shall disqualify the dog, marking his judge's book "Weighed out—disqualified." A dog that has thus been disqualified by three different judges may not again be shown.

If the judge finds that the dog's weight is not in accord with the conditions of the class or division in which it is competing, he shall declare the dog ineligible for the class, marking his judge's book "Weighed out—ineligible." A dog thus declared ineligible for a class or division of a class shall be considered to have been wrongly entered and cannot be transferred to any other class or division at the show.

SECTION 5. Bench Show Committees shall be responsible for providing suitable equipment for determining eligibility with respect to height and accurate scales at every show.

Bench Show Committees for all-breed shows, or superintendents, if given this responsibility by the Show Committees, shall be required to have two large (17"-30") wickets and two small (8"-17") wickets available at every all-breed dog show. Show Committees for specialty shows, or superintendents, if delegated this responsibility by the Show Committees, shall be responsible for having one wicket or the one set of wickets applicable to that breed, available at every show.

Clubs located in Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico, as well as those clubs in the continental United States that have less than 1,000 entries at their events, shall be required to have one complete set of wickets (1 large, 1 small) available.

SECTION 6. In those breeds where certain colors or markings are specified in the standard as disqualifications, or in any class or division of a class where a certain color, or colors or combinations of colors are required by the conditions of the class or division thereof, it shall be the judge's responsibility to determine whether a dog is to be disqualified or declared to be ineligible for the class.

If, in the opinion of the judge, the dog's color or markings are such as to require disqualification, the judge shall disqualify the dog, making note of the fact in the judge's book.

If, in the opinion of the judge, the dog's color or markings do not meet the requirements of the class or division of a class in which the dog is competing, the judge shall declare the dog ineligible to compete in that class or division of class, making note of the fact in the judge's book.

If, in the opinion of any competing exhibitor or handler then in the ring, the color or markings or combinations of colors of a dog under judgment are such as to disqualify under the standard or are such as not to meet the requirements of the class or division thereof, such exhibitor or handler may, before every dog in the class has been individually examined and individually gaited, request the judge to render an opinion of the dog's color(s) and markings. Before proceeding with the judging, the judge must write his opinion on an AKC form that will be supplied by the superintendent or show secretary for that purpose, and shall disqualify the dog if its color or markings are such as to require disqualification under the breed standard or shall declare the dog ineligible if the color or markings do not meet the requirements of the class or division thereof in which the dog is competing, in either case making note of the fact in the judge's book.

Any dog thus disqualified by three different judges under the standard may not again be shown.

Any dog thus declared by the judge to be ineligible for a class or division thereof shall be considered to have been wrongly entered in the class and cannot be transferred to any other class or division at that show.

SECTION 7. If an ineligible dog has been entered in any licensed or member dog show, or if the name of the owner given on the entry form is not that of the person or persons who actually owned the dog at the time entries closed, or if shown in a class for which it has not been entered, or if its entry form is deemed invalid or unacceptable by The American Kennel Club under these rules, all resulting awards shall be canceled by The American Kennel Club. In computing the championship points, such ineligible dogs, whether or not they have received awards, shall be counted as having competed.

SECTION 8. If the catalog and/or the judge's book of any show shall by error or mistake set forth any information contrary to the information which appears on the entry form of the dog for that show, the Bench Show Committee and/or the Superintendent of the show, upon request of the owner or handler of said dog prior to the judging, shall correct the entry in the judge's book and in the marked catalog to be sent to The American Kennel Club and said dog properly may compete in all classes and for all prizes for which its entry form discloses it was properly entered.

SECTION 9. If an award in any of the regular classes is canceled, the dog judged next in order of merit shall be moved up and the award to the dog moved up

shall be counted the same as if it had been the original award. If there is no dog of record to move up, the award shall be void.

SECTION 10. If the win of a dog shall be cancelled by The American Kennel Club, the owner of the dog shall return all prizes other than ribbons to the show-giving club within ten days of receipt of the notice of the cancellation from The American Kennel Club. The show-giving club shall in each instance of failure to comply with this rule notify The American Kennel Club of such failure and The American Kennel Club, upon receipt of such notice forthwith shall suspend the exhibitor so in default from all privileges of The American Kennel Club and notify the exhibitor so in default that it has done so, and said suspension shall continue until The American Kennel Club is notified that restitution has been made.

CHAPTER 15 PROTESTS AGAINST DOGS

SECTION 1. Every exhibitor and handler shall have the right to request through the superintendent or show secretary the examination, by one of a show's veterinarians, of any dog within a show's premises which is considered to endanger the health of the other dogs in a show. The request is to be in writing and on a form obtainable from a superintendent or show secretary, whose duty it will be to see that the subject dog is promptly taken to the "Veterinarian Headquarters" by its owner or the owner's agent.

SECTION 2. Any person who is handling a competing dog in the ring in any conformation competition may then verbally protest to the judge before every dog in the class has been individually examined and individually gaited, alleging that a dog being shown in the competition has a condition which makes it ineligible to compete under Chapter 11, Section 8, or Chapter 11, Section 8-C, of these rules or a condition requiring disqualification under the standard for the breed; except that a verbal protest alleging that the height or weight or natural color and markings of a dog requiring its disqualification under the breed standard or a determination of its ineligibility under the conditions of its class must be made under Chapter 14, Sections 3, 4 or 6.

When such a protest is made, it shall be the judge's responsibility to examine the dog for the alleged condition. If, following the examination the judge determines that disqualification is required under Chapter 11, Section 8, or under the breed standard, he shall mark the book "disqualified" stating the reason. If the judge finds that the protest is not sustained, he shall note in the judge's book the condition protested and his findings. He shall not obtain the opinion of the show veterinarian.

If the judge determines that the dog is ineligible to compete because of violation of Chapter 11, Section 8-C, he shall withhold any award to the dog and mark the judge's book "Ineligible to compete—award withheld," stating the reason for his decision.

A dog determined by a judge to be ineligible to compete under Chapter 11, Section 8-C, unless such determination is based on the use of a substance only for cleaning purposes, may not again be shown until an official record has been made by The American Kennel

Club of its true color or markings. If the color and markings of the dog as recorded are such as not to be a disqualification under the standard of its breed, the dog's show eligibility will be reinstated.

CHAPTER 16 CHAMPIONSHIPS

SECTION 1. Championship points will be recorded for Winners Dog and Winners Bitch, for each breed or variety listed in Chapter 3, Section 1, at licensed or member dog shows approved by The American Kennel Club, provided the certification of the Secretary as described in Chapter 6, Section 1, has been printed in the premium list for the show.

Championship points will be recorded according to the number of eligible dogs competing in the regular classes of each sex in each breed or variety, and according to the Schedule of Points established by the Board of Directors.

If the dog designated Winners Dog or Winners Bitch is also awarded Best of Breed or Variety, the dogs of both sexes that have been entered for Best of Breed or Variety competition and that have been defeated in such competition, shall be counted in addition to the dogs that competed in the regular classes for its sex in calculating championship points.

If the dog designated Winners Dog or Winners Bitch is also awarded Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed or Variety, the dogs of its own sex that have been entered for Best of Breed or Variety competition and that have been defeated in competition for Best of Opposite Sex shall be counted in addition to the dogs that competed in the regular classes for its sex in calculating championship points.

The dog awarded the Best of Winners shall be credited with the number of points calculated for Winners Dog or Winners Bitch, whichever is greater.

In counting the number of eligible dogs in competition, a dog that is disqualified, or that is dismissed, excused or ordered from the ring by the judge, or from which all awards are withheld, shall not be included.

SECTION 2. A dog which in its breed competition at a show shall have been placed Winners and which also shall have won its group class at the same show shall be awarded championship points figured at the highest point rating of any breed or recognized variety or height of any breed entered in the show and entitled to winners points in its group, or if it also shall have been designated Best in Show, shall be awarded championship points figured at the highest point rating of any breed or recognized variety or height of any breed entered and entitled to winners points in the show. The final points to be awarded under this section shall not

be in addition to but inclusive of any points previously awarded the dog in its breed competition or under the provisions of this section.

SECTION 3. At All Breed or Group Shows in which the winners' classes of certain breeds are divided into recognized varieties of those breeds as specified in Chapter 3, Section 1 of these Rules and Regulations, the procedure for computing championship points shall be the same as if each recognized variety were a separate breed.

At independently held specialty shows for breeds divided into recognized varieties, if a dog designated Winners in its variety is also awarded Best of Breed in inter-variety competition, it shall receive championship points figured at the highest point rating of any variety entered at that specialty show.

If a dog designated Winners in its variety is also awarded the Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed in inter-variety competition, it shall receive championship points figured at the highest point rating of any dog of its sex of any variety entered at that specialty show.

Such points shall not be in addition to, but inclusive of, any points previously awarded the dog in its variety competition.

SECTION 4. Any dog which shall have won fifteen points shall become a Champion of Record, if six or more of said points shall have been won at two shows with a rating of three or more championship points each and under two different judges, and some one or more of the balance of said points shall have been won under some other judge or judges than the two judges referred to above. A dog becomes a champion when it is so officially recorded by The American Kennel Club and when registered in the Stud Book shall be entitled to a championship certificate.

SECTION 5. Any dog that has been awarded the title of Champion of Record may be designated as a "Dual Champion," after it has also been awarded the title of Field Champion or Herding Champion. The title of Dual Champion is to recognize those dogs that have shown their superiority in both adhering to the breed standard and their ability to perform the function for which the breed was developed.

Any dog that has been awarded the title of Dual Champion and the title of Obedience Trial Champion or Tracking Champion or Agility Champion may be designated as a "Triple Champion." This title is to recognize dogs that achieve the title of Dual Champion and continue to excel in non-breed specific American Kennel Club events.

CHAPTER 17 SUBMISSION OF A SHOW'S RECORDS TO AKC

SECTION 1. A show-giving club shall pay or distribute all prizes offered at its show within thirty (30) days after The American Kennel Club has checked the awards of said show.

SECTION 2. After each licensed or member club dog show, a catalog marked with all awards and absent dogs, certified to by the Superintendent or Show Secretary of the show, together with all judges' books and a report of the show, must be sent to The American Kennel Club so as to reach its office within seven (7) days after the close of the show. All original entry forms must be maintained by the Superintendent or Show Secretary for a period of 6 months after the show, and these original entry forms must be available to The American Kennel Club upon request during this 6 month period. Penalty for non-compliance twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars, and five (\$5.00) dollars for each day's delay beyond the deadline, and other such penalties as may be imposed by the Board of Directors of The American Kennel Club. All recording and *event service* fees shall be paid to The American Kennel Club within seven (7) days after the close of the show.

CHAPTER 18 STEWARDS

The following policy has been adopted by the Board of Directors regarding stewarding at dog shows:

Clubs should appoint a chief steward well in advance of the date of their show whose duty it will be to invite a sufficient number of experienced persons to act as stewards in the judging rings on the day of the show. No person should be asked to serve as a steward whose judging or handling privileges are suspended or whose superintending privileges have been revoked. The chief steward should, as soon as practicable, confirm in writing, to each person who accepts an invitation to steward, the date and location of the show, the time at which they are to report for duty, and their particular ring assignment.

In preparing the schedule of ring assignments, the chief steward and other club officials should keep in mind that no person should serve as steward with a judge under whom he has an entry, or under whom, in the course of the day's judging, such entry may become eligible to compete. If it becomes necessary during the show to reshuffle stewarding assignments, care should be taken to see that a person is not assigned to serve as steward with a judge if there is any possibility that the judge, later in the show, will be passing upon an entry of the steward.

Persons should be selected who are familiar with judging procedure, breed classifications and rules. It should be borne in mind that a good steward makes the work of judging easier by relieving the judge of necessary detail; by assembling classes promptly, he will be able to keep the judging program on schedule and eliminate, to a large extent, delays between classes.

The chief steward should use his discretion in the assigning of more than one steward to a ring, but it is advisable that two stewards be asked to serve in those rings where judges have heavy assignments.

Stewards will notify the judge when all the dogs are in the ring for each class and call his attention to known absentees. Under no circumstances should a steward make any notation in the judge's book or erase or strike out any notation made by the judge.

Stewards will be responsible for returning to the chief steward or superintendent upon the completion of the judging all prize money, trophies and ribbons not awarded.

Stewards should have in mind that they have been selected to help the judge and not to advise him. They should carefully refrain from discussing or seeming to discuss the dogs or the exhibitors with the judge and should not, under any circumstances, show or give the appear-

ance of showing the catalog to a judge. Stewards should not take or seem to take any part in judging. When they are not actively engaged in their duties, they should place themselves in such part of the rings as will not interfere with the view of those watching the judging, and should not permit persons to crowd about the ring entrance and interfere with access to the ring.

The foregoing policy should be observed by clubs holding member and licensed obedience trials, in addition to the applicable obedience regulations and the practices established for persons stewarding in obedience rings.

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Gentlemen,

Pursuant to our discussion, the following provides clarification to your questions:

1. With regard to the issue of prior approval of Amendments for Member versus Accredited Clubs, Member Club Amendments are not effective until approved by the AKC. For Accredited Clubs, the Amendments are required to be submitted to the AKC, and technically could be adopted without prior approval by the AKC. However, if the AKC disapproves of the Amendment, continuation of the Club's Accredited status could be jeopardized. Therefore, for Accredited Clubs, the AKC has de facto prior approval authority. That is why in practice, virtually all Accredited Clubs submit Amendments for AKC approval before the Club votes on the Amendment.

2. With regard to why Accredited Clubs who meet the membership criteria would not choose to become members, as noted in the submission, the lone material benefit of membership is the ability to elect a delegate to the AKC. For some Accredited Clubs, the expense associated with sending a delegate to the quarterly AKC delegate meetings is burdensome. Furthermore, the single most compelling element - to host AKC sanctioned shows - is not enhanced by membership status.

3. With regard to AKC Field Representatives, the Field Representatives are employees of AKC and are located throughout the United States. They operate under the direction of AKC, and are dispatched to AKC events. Barring scheduling conflicts, a Field Representative is generally present at any AKC event. The Field Representative is the final arbiter of all issues related to the event. He advises the judges and others responsible for the show of AKC rules, policies, and procedures. Superintendents, all of whom must be licensed by the AKC, oversee the logistical aspects of the shows. (Please see attached relevant pages of AKC Publication: Rules Policies and Guidelines for Conformation Dog Show Judges. AKC publishes similar guidelines for judges of other AKC events.)

Please feel free to contact me with any further questions.

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ATTACHMENT B

Rules Policies and Guidelines for Conformation Dog Show Judges
published by The American Kennel Club

Judging at AKC shows should be enjoyable for the judge and beneficial to the sport of purebred dogs. In this publication you will find Rules, Policies and suggested Guidelines. The Policies and Rules will be clearly designated as such.

The suggestions have been developed over the years based on the experience of many seasoned judges and the AKC staff. You will find them most helpful in learning the judging process.

Policies are adopted by the Board of Directors and Rules are approved by the Delegate body. Compliance with these is mandatory.

As an AKC approved judge you are expected to be familiar with all of the material in this Publication as well as all other AKC Rules

Sections referencing Rules are identified by an "R." Sections referencing Policies are identified by a "P."

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P. CODE OF SPORTSMANSHIP

PREFACE:

The sport of purebred dog competitive events dates prior to 1884, the year of AKC's birth. Shared values of those involved in the sport include principles of sportsmanship. They are practiced in all sectors of our sport: conformation, performance and companion. Many believe that these principles of sportsmanship are the prime reason why our sport has thrived for years. With the belief that it is useful to periodically articulate the fundamentals of our sport, this code is presented.

THE CODE

- Sportsmen respect the history, traditions and integrity of the sport of purebred dogs.
- Sportsmen commit themselves to values of fair play, honesty, courtesy, and vigorous competition, as well as winning and losing with grace.
- Sportsmen refuse to compromise their commitment and obligation to the sport of purebred dogs by injecting personal advantage or consideration into their decisions or behavior.
- The sportsman judge judges only on the merits of the dogs and considers no other factors.
- The sportsman judge or exhibitor accepts constructive criticism.
- The sportsman exhibitor declines to enter or exhibit under a judge where it might reasonably appear that the judge's placements could be based on something other than the merits of the dogs.

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

You should be thoroughly familiar with this guide, as well as all of AKC's Rules and Policies if you:

- are an approved or provisional judge,
- have accepted match, sweepstakes or futurity judging assignments,
- are a visiting judge accepting assignments at AKC events,
- plan to apply for provisional judging approval.

Rules (R) and Policies (P) are identified throughout this publication.

This booklet cannot cover all situations, nor can it substitute for common sense.

Whenever you have a question about judging procedure or conduct, consult the AKC Executive Field Representative present at the show. There is an AKC Executive Field Representative at most all-breed shows. The Field Representative is the first person to whom you should turn to discuss questions having to do with your judging. Also, please feel free to contact the Judging Operations Department at AKC.

YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES AS A JUDGE

Breed Knowledge Through experience and ongoing study, you must demonstrate sound knowledge of the breeds you judge. As breed standards are revised, it is your responsibility to know and to judge by the current standard. Good judges continue to study even the breeds they are already approved for.

Procedure You must demonstrate sound judging procedure, ring control, and a thorough knowledge of AKC Rules and Policies. Good procedure is essential to inspire the confidence of exhibitors and spectators.

Impartiality Your decisions should be based solely on the merits of the dogs being judged. It is essential that fanciers continue to have full faith in the impartiality of judges.

ETHICS: HONESTY AND COMMON SENSE

AKC Judges possess and project a commitment to integrity and ethical behavior that insures the reputation of AKC dog shows as fair and well judged. With common sense, judges can easily avoid situations which might raise ethical questions.

Judges are honest, competent and dedicated. Nevertheless, it is possible to find yourself in an uncomfortable or inappropriate situation. This publication cannot address every situation; however they can help you avoid improprieties perceived or otherwise.

Obviously, some rules, policies and guidelines are clear. For example:

- Never solicit or promote assignments. **P**
- Never accept any payments or presents for past or future placements. **P**

R. It is necessary to mark absentees when judging Best in Show. Rules Ch. 3, Section 16 require Group winners to exhibit in Best in Show.

P. Disabled Exhibitors Policy AKC complies with the Americans With Disabilities Act and wants to provide to all the opportunity to participate in its events. In the case of conformation judging, where decisions are based solely on the quality of the dogs, the judge may modify the regular judging procedure to reasonably accommodate a disabled exhibitor.

If a modification of normal judging procedure is required, you need only to determine that the accommodation would not inhibit the ability of other handlers in the ring to show their dogs. A disabled handler may compete using a cane, crutch, or electric-powered wheelchair. However, when gaiting the dogs as a group, you should ensure that a handler who cannot maintain a normal gait for the breed being exhibited be placed in line where it will not interfere with the ability of the other dogs to gait properly.

Visually impaired handlers may have a second person assist them in individual and group gaiting of the dogs. If the ring surface or terrain makes it difficult for the assisted handler to gait the dog at a normal speed, you may adjust where the dog is placed in line to give all handlers an equal opportunity to show their dogs. Visually impaired handlers may have the second person assist in placing table dogs onto tables and to verify weight and measurements that may be required under the breed standard. The primary function of exhibiting the dog is the responsibility of the handler and not the second person in the ring.

There are eligibility issues regarding handler assistance in the Bred By Exhibitor class, and they should be referred to the Executive Field Staff.

If you have any questions, please call Judging Operations or the AKC Legal Department. Any exhibitor having a question, or who wants to request an accommodation should be directed to the AKC Field Representative or the AKC Legal Department.

Injured or ill exhibitors are not automatically categorized as disabled.

P. Change of Handlers A single change of handler on a dog is permitted at your discretion up until the time all dogs in the class have been individually examined and individually gaited. After that, no change of exhibitor is allowed.

R. There are eligibility issues regarding handler changes in the Bred by Exhibitor class. All persons handling or assisting in the actual presentation or moving of a dog in the Bred by Exhibitor class must meet all Bred by Exhibitor eligibility criteria (Chapter 3, Section 7, Rules). Exhibitor questions should be referred to the Executive Field Staff.

Late Arrivals It is your decision to allow a late arrival into the ring. In contrast to a change of handler, a late arrival may be allowed to enter the ring until the judge's book has been marked. However, many judges establish the cut-off point when all dogs have been individually examined and gaited. If the sole entry from a class of one arrives late, it is your decision whether or not to judge the dog providing it is judged before its Winners Class.

Rules and Breed Standards You are responsible to understand and judge according to AKC Rules, Policies, Guidelines and current standards in effect on the day of your judging assignment. If your decision depends on exact wording, do not hesitate to refer to the Rules, Guidelines or breed standard or discuss the matter with the AKC Executive Field Representative. You may also discuss Rule issues with the Superintendent.

R. Speed of Judging Never delay your judging at the request of an exhibitor. A new breed judge is expected to judge a minimum of 20 dogs an hour, and experienced judges at least 25 dogs an hour (see Rules Ch. 7, Section 12). Junior Showmanship should be judged at a rate of 20 exhibitors per hour. Over time you will develop a consistent, methodical, efficient ring procedure that will help you maintain the proper pace.

- Normal judging schedules may not be delayed to accommodate the videotaping.
- Judges are required to exclude from the rings in which they are judging all persons except the steward or stewards and the show attendants assigned to the ring and those actually engaged in exhibiting. (Chapter 7, Section 16 of the *Rules*.)

The Executive Field Representative's responsibility is to advise the Show Chairman and Show Committee of AKC *Rules*, policies and procedures. Any deviation from the *Rules*, policies and procedures should be reported to the Show Chairman.

JUDGE'S CHECKLIST

Arrive at least one-half hour prior to your judging assignment.

- If you are provisional or on probation for any breeds you are judging, you must check in with the Field Representative and request an observation or evaluation (Policy).
- Mark all absentees in each class in the book, including dogs entered for Best of Breed/Variety Competition.
- Take the exhibits as a class, or individually, around the ring.
- Examine each dog in approximately the same systematic manner. Know and utilize the breed standard effective on the date of judging.
- Always make an individual examination of each dog for lameness (Rule).
- Be systematic in your ring procedure, but do not be afraid to make adjustments when conditions warrant it.
- Make all your instructions to exhibitors absolutely clear.
- Line up the dogs first, second, third, and fourth in front of the markers before marking the judge's book or handing out the ribbons.
- As a judge, only you may mark your judge's book and hand out ribbons and prizes.
- Ribbons and prizes must be presented only in the ring. If an exhibitor leaves the ring before ribbons are presented, have the steward call the exhibitor back into the ring. Make a note in the judge's book pertaining to the incident if the exhibitor does not return.
- In judging Winners, always double-check armbands. After Winners ribbon has been awarded, call into the ring the dog that placed second to the dog awarded Winners, and judge Reserve as a separate class.
- In the Best of Breed/Variety competition, award Best of Breed, Best of Winners (if appropriate) and Best of Opposite Sex.
- Do not forget to sign the cover of the judge's book to certify that judging has been completed in accordance with the requirements. Initial all notations you made in the book.
- Judges may be observed for procedure and the quality of their judging. If you have procedural questions, feel free to ask the AKC Field Representative (Policy).

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