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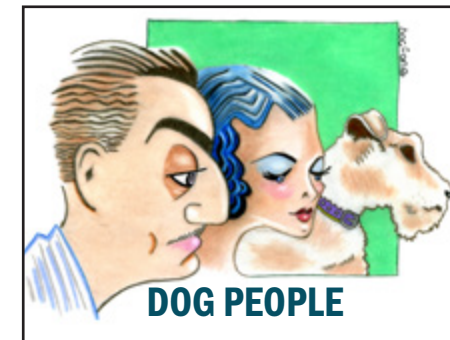
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The Dogs of Autumn

October is a very important month for us at the American Kennel Club. October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and the AKC Humane Fund is continuously working to help keep domestic-abuse victims and their pets together. It is estimated that 71 percent of women victims in domestic-violence shelters report their abuser threatened, injured, or killed a pet as a means of control. The grants the Humane Fund provides to domestic violence shelters assists them in accepting pets and creating a safe space for owners and pets to heal.

We trust that you will continue to support the efforts of the Humane Fund. To learn more about the program or donate please visit www.akchumanefund.org.

We are very happy to share with you that the CanAm Flyball Classic will be broadcast on ESPN2. The canine action premieres on Sunday, October 17, at 4 P.M. ET on ESPN2. This tournament is hosted by the [North American Flyball Association](#) (NAFA) and brought the top flyball teams together in head-

to-head competition on October 8 to 10 at the Indiana State Fairgrounds in Indianapolis.

The annual event is back after a year-long hiatus due to the pandemic, and many canine athletes are ready to put their relay-racing skills to the test. This is an excellent opportunity to introduce ESPN's viewers to this exciting, high-energy sport through the largest Flyball tournament in the world. Be sure to tune in and check ESPN for replays.

Last, but certainly not least, AKC.tv, the OTT network designed especially for dog lovers and owners, has announced their fall slate of live TV programming. The season kicked off with the legendary [Morris and Essex Kennel Club](#) Dog Show on Wednesday, October 6, from Somerset, New Jersey.

From flyball to agility to breed profiles to AKC National Championship events, AKC.tv has a variety of live events to entertain and educate dog lovers. To view the full list of programming, please visit akc.tv or akc.org. The year concludes with the AKC National Championship Dog Show, taking place



December 18 and 19, in Orlando. Enjoy the fun content we have to close out the year.

Have a wonderful fall!

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A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the *Past*



The fourth Morris and Essex Kennel Club “revival show” was held October 6 at Colonial Park, New Jersey. Beneath overcast skies, a one-day entry of 4,453 dogs was evaluated by an all-star judging panel. Fanciers paraded in retro finery in tribute to the show’s glory days presided

over by the club’s founding patroness Geraldine Rockefeller Dodge. In the parking area, I noticed license plates from every state on the Eastern seaboard, from Maine to Florida, and others from as far afield as Indiana, Georgia, and Ohio. Such is the allure of this unique, once-every-five-years event.

A contingent of AKC staff made the trip from New York. During the bus ride I looked around at my co-workers and realized I was the senior staff member in terms of continuous AKC service.

It seemed like yesterday when, on that same ride to M&E in 2000, I was among

the youngest. I recalled how as the bus cruised through New Jersey I peppered the staff graybeards with questions about dog shows, the breeds, and the fine points of handling and judging.

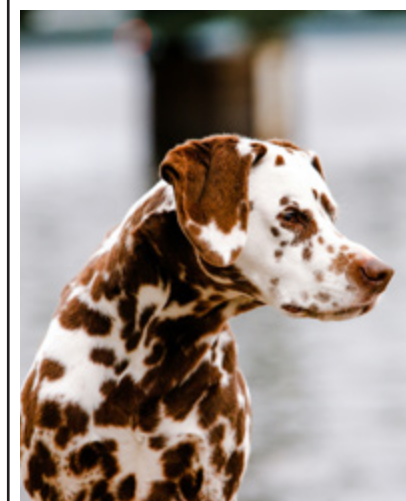
And sure enough, now that I’m the staff graybeard, my eager young colleagues were asking me the same questions. In my mind I tipped my vintage cap in thanks to our breed columnists. It was their wisdom, absorbed during my 22 years on the GAZETTE, that I transmitted to co-workers young enough to be my grown children.

In so many ways these M&E shows celebrate the past. And, certainly, during the day I did my share of reminiscing and renewing old acquaintance. But, on the bus ride home after a long day around the rings, with my co-workers having a great time discussing all

they had seen, and sharing their show photos with technology that didn’t exist in 2000, I had to give up on the nap I was hoping to take. There were even more questions to answer. The present was calling.

When I finally stumbled into bed that night, my last thoughts before a deep sleep were not about the glories of the past but the promise of the future.—B.B.

On Our Cover: Dalmatian, courtesy [Kathleen Riley](#)



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MORRIS & ESSEX KC, SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY, OCTOBER 6



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Mary Bloom: Dog's Best Friend

We at the GAZETTE have been deeply saddened by the passing of our dear friend Mary Bloom. Mary was a professional photographer of incredible talent, notably in the extraordinary way she connected with animals—dogs especially—and was able to capture their essence. So it's no surprise that over the decades we have eagerly shared in our publications many of the wonderful images she created—hundreds of them, surely.

Mary was energetic, generous of spirit, full of life, and often intense while in the midst of her craft but always ready to reciprocate with a wide smile and a laugh. She often explained that her goal was to focus on the bond between people and animals. On her

website, she detailed some of her history as a photographer:

Early in her career, Mary was the only woman photographer assigned to document the controversial Harp Seal hunt off the coast of Newfoundland, and the Grey Seal hunt on the Orkney Islands in northern Scotland.

Her devotion to the animal world inspired two children's books by author-illustrator Aliko, titled *At Mary Bloom's* and *Overnight at Mary Bloom's*. She was a longtime staff photographer for the Westminster Kennel Club, and she was a two-time winner of the [Dog Writers' Association of America](#) (DWAA) Distinguished Service Award. In 2014 she was inducted into the DWAA Hall of Fame for



Mary with her beloved Pie

Left, our [April cover](#): English Toy Spaniel, photo by Mary Bloom



her “lifetime achievement in photography specializing in dogs and their importance in our lives.”

For two decades she was the photographer in residence at the [Cathedral of St. John the Divine](#), the largest Gothic cathedral in the world, located in New York City. There she documented important environmental and religious activities as well as the arts for the

cathedral's archives and publications department.

Mary also did photography work for the ASPCA in New York City and the North Shore Animal League on Long Island. Her photos have appeared all over the world and in publications including

Life, *People*, *Newsweek*, *The New York Times*, and *Smithsonian*, as well as the AKC GAZETTE, *AKC Family Dog*, and the AKC's *Complete Dog Book* and *Complete Dog Book for Kids*.

On the homepage of [Mary's website](#), she chose to feature a lone, striking photo of a

fawn-colored dog in a golden field, and only this text:

“His name is not wild dog anymore, but the first friend, because he will be our friend for always and always and always.”—Rudyard Kipling

Rest well, Mary.—**Arliss Paddock**

TINA BROMBERG, FACEBOOK

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AKC.tv Fall Viewer's Guide

AKC.tv has announced its fall dog-show lineup. The new season kicked off on October 6 with the airing of [Morris and Essex](#).

October 26–30 Golden Retriever Club of America

November 6 Woofstock

November 20 Wisconsin KC

November 28 LEAP Agility Club of Central Massachusetts

Visit [AKC.tv](#) for more information and for archived coverage of past shows.

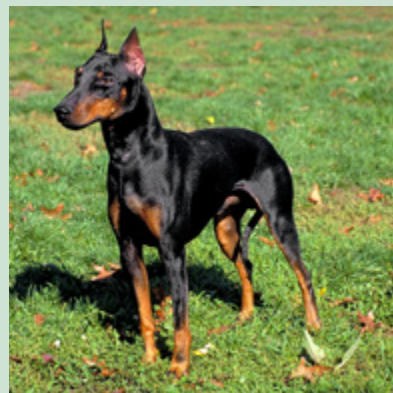


Where have all the flowers gone? Gone to Woofstock, every one.

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Notice to Judges

Revisions to the Manchester Terrier and Belgian Malinois breed standards went into effect on October 6. All judges assigned to judge Manchester Terriers (Standard or Toy) or Belgian Malinois, as well as those assigned to judge the Terrier, Toy or Herding groups, or Best in Show where the breed may be present at AKC conformation events held after October 6, are required to judge in accordance to the applicable newly approved breed standard.



Manchester Terrier



Belgian Malinois

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CHF Announces **Theriogenology Grants**

RALEIGH—The AKC Canine Health Foundation and Theriogenology Foundation (TF) have announced that Auburn University, The Ohio State University, and the University of Pennsylvania have been selected through a competitive grant-application process to receive residency-program funding in 2022 through the CHF/TF [Small Animal Theriogenology Residency Program](#).

The program has provided funding to train more than 12 veterinary specialists in theriogenology and clinical genetics since its founding in 2014.

Theriogenology is the branch of veterinary medicine concerned with reproduction—including the physiology and pathology of male and female reproductive systems, and the clinical practice of veterinary obstetrics, gynecology, and andrology.

Providing support for training in companion-animal

reproductive medicine and surgery, canine clinical genetics, health research, and clinical practice ensures that specialists will be available to address the health needs of current and future generations of dogs.

This is the third CHF/TF Small Animal Theriogenology Residency funded at Auburn University, where residents have the unique opportunity to manage the reproductive medicine needs of the university's Canine Performance Sciences (CPS) program in addition to case management through the teaching hospital.

CPS maintains an active canine breeding program with a focus on elite, purpose-bred detection dogs.

This is the third CHF/TF Small Animal Theriogenology Residency funded at The Ohio State University. This two-year program provides training, mentorship, and sup-



port for residents, helping them become advocates for responsible purebred dog ownership and reproduction.

This is the second AKC/AKCCHF/TF Small Animal Theriogenology Residency funded at the University of Pennsylvania. Residents here have an opportunity for involvement with the PennVet Working Dog Center and the development of a National Working Dog Breeding Co-op in addition to their duties at the teaching hospital.

GOLDEN RETRIEVER PUPPY/WIKIMEDIA COMMONS



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The Bloom of Youth

We honor the memory of Mary Bloom with a slideshow of her photos for the AKC's Complete Dog Book for Kids 0.51



Are You Hunt Test Curious?

Bird Dogs Afield visits the [Central Maine Brittany Club](#) in this nice introduction to hunt tests for the beginner. 14:05



A Chat with "Mr. Bull Terrier"

The Hon. David Merriam discusses his life and times, taped at the [AKC Museum of the Dog](#). 31:48



Dogs Playing Poker

In this Pawn Stars clip, Chumlee dickers over the value of a work of classic American kitsch. 2:20

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The inheritance of several coat-color patterns in dogs has been a controversial subject debated for decades. Researchers have now finally been able to solve the puzzle. Not only did they clarify how the coat-color patterns are genetically controlled, but the researchers also discovered that the light coat color in white arctic wolves and many modern dogs is due to a genetic variant originating in a species that went extinct a long time ago. The study was published in August by the scientific journal *Nature Ecology and Evolution*.

Co-authored by Professor Danika Bannasch, the Maxine Adler Endowed Chair in Genetics at the University of California, Davis, School of Veterinary Medicine, the study reveals structural variants that control expression of the agouti signaling protein, or ASIP, gene at two separate

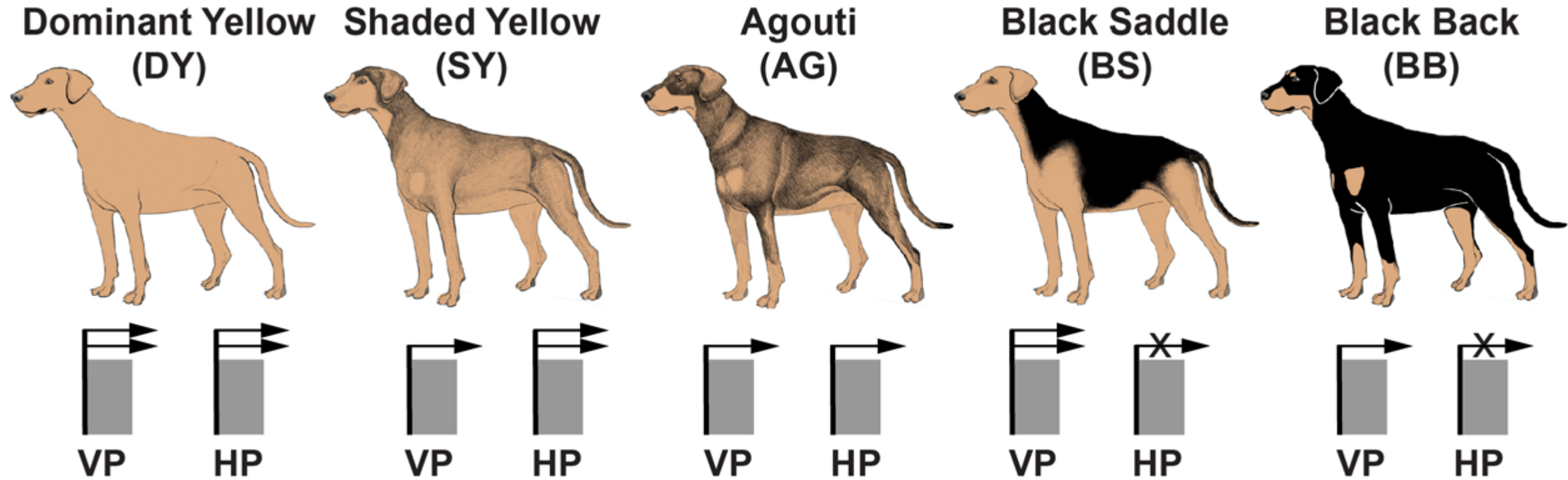
Dog Coats: *Solving the* Pattern Puzzle

New research sheds light on the inheritance of coat patterns—and unexpectedly challenges long-held beliefs of canine evolution.

New findings suggest that white arctic wolves share DNA with an extinct ancestor whose light-colored coat was an advantage in the glacial age of some two million years ago.



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Five different color patterns in dogs controlled by promoter variants at the gene for agouti signaling protein. The activity of the ventral promoter (VP) or the hair cycle-specific promoter (HP) is schematically indicated under each dog.

locations to produce five distinctive dog-color patterns. These different patterns are widespread, occurring in hundreds of dog breeds and hundreds of millions of dogs around the world.

The question of when these changes arose surprised the group of international researchers. “While we think about all this variation in coat color among dogs, some of it happened long before ‘dogs’ were dogs,” Bannasch says.

“The genetics turn out to be a lot more interesting because they tell us something about canid evolution.”

TWO PIGMENTS, FIVE PHENOTYPES

Wolves and dogs can make two different types of pigment, the black one, called *eumelanin* and the yellow, *pheomelanin*. A precisely regulated production of these two pigments at the right time and at the right place

on the body gives rise to very different coat-color patterns. Before the study, four different patterns had been recognized in dogs and several genetic variants had been theorized as to which variants cause these patterns. However, commercial genetic testing of these variants in many thousands of dogs yielded conflicting results, indicating that the existing knowledge on the inheritance of coat-color patterns was incomplete and not entirely

correct.

During the formation of coat color, the so-called agouti signaling protein represents the body’s main switch for the production of yellow pheomelanin. If the agouti signaling protein is present, the pigment producing cells will synthesize yellow pheomelanin. If no agouti signaling protein is present, black eumelanin will be formed. Swiss geneticist Tosso Leeb, from the University of Bern,

participated in the study. He explains, “We realized early on that the causative genetic variants have to be regulatory variants which modulate the rate of protein production and lead to higher or lower amounts of agouti signal protein.”

REWRITING THE TEXTBOOKS

The gene for agouti signaling protein has several initiation sites for reading the

genetic information, which are called promoters. Dogs, on the one hand, have a ventral promoter, which is responsible for the production of agouti signaling protein at the belly. On the other hand, dogs have an additional hair cycle-specific promoter that mediates the production of agouti signaling protein during specific stages of hair growth and enables the formation of banded hair.

For the first time, the researchers characterized

Today's Himalayan wolves carry genetic material present long before the domestication of dogs began, perhaps 40,000 years ago.



these two promoters in detail, in hundreds of dogs. They discovered two variants of the ventral promoter. One of the variants conveys the production of normal amounts of agouti signaling protein. The other variant has higher activity and causes the production of an increased amount of agouti signaling protein.

The researchers even identified three different variants of the hair cycle-specific promoter. Starting with these variants at the individual promoters, the researchers identified a total of five different combinations, which cause different coat-color patterns in dogs.

“The textbooks have to be rewritten as there are five instead of the previously accepted four different patterns in dogs,” Leeb says.

No single genetic mutation accounted for the five major color phenotypes, according to the research. Dogs require mutations in two areas of the ASIP gene to get differ-

ent coat patterns. Bannasch and colleagues renamed the phenotypes to better describe the variations: *dominant yellow*, *shaded yellow*, *agouti*, *black saddle*, and *black back*. They also discovered that the haplotype for dominant yellow was much older than anticipated. “It didn’t come from modern wolves,” Bannasch concludes. “It had been around for much longer.”

So, the researchers tested the genetics of ancient wolves and dogs to confirm that the dominant yellow haplotype has been around for about two million years, long before the domestication of dogs. The black back pattern was identified in a dog sample that was 9,500 years old, showing that the rich variation in coat colors was present in the earliest dogs.

Bannasch has a passion for raising and training dogs. Along with her Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retrievers, Bannasch has a black back-patterned Danish Swedish

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The “dominant yellow” dog coat did not descend from the wolf; the color pattern was around long before Eurasian wolves, like this one, emerged.

Farmdog. Soon after coming back to Davis, she brought home her second of that breed, which carries the dominant yellow pattern. All she needs are the three other coat patterns, she jokes, and she will have a full set.

WOLF EVOLUTION: UNEXPECTED INSIGHTS

As many genomes from wolves of different regions on earth have become publicly

available, the researchers further investigated whether the identified genetic variants also exist in wolves.

These analyses showed that the variants for overactive ventral and hair cycle-specific promoters were already present in wolves before the domestication of modern dogs, which began some 30,000 to 40,000 years ago. Most likely, these genetic variants helped light-colored

wolves adapt to snowy environments during past ice ages. Today, the completely white arctic wolves and the light-colored wolves in the Himalayas still carry these genetic variants.

Further comparisons of the gene sequences with other species of the *Canidae* family yielded very surprising results. The researchers were able to show that the overactive variant of the hair

cycle-specific promoter in light-colored dogs and wolves shared more similarities with very distantly related species such as the golden jackal or the coyote than with the European gray wolf.

“The only plausible explanation for this unexpected finding is an ancient origin of

this variant, more than two million years ago, in a now extinct relative of wolves,” Leeb says. The gene segment must have been introgressed [the entry of a gene from one gene complex into another] more than two million years ago into wolves by hybridization with this now-extinct

relative of wolves.

The researchers hypothesize that lighter coat colors would have been advantageous to an extinct canid ancestor in an arctic environment during glaciation periods 1.5 to 2 million years ago. Natural selection would have caused that coat pattern to



Light-colored dogs have more in common with such distant relations as the golden jackal than previously thought.

EURASIAN WOLF AND GOLDEN JACKAL: WIKIMEDIA COMMONS



The Collie represents “shaded yellow,” one of five coat-color patterns in domestic dogs identified in Bannasch’s study.

Lynda Beam

A Color-Pattern Primer

agouti Alternating bands of light and dark along each hair in the coat, as in the Siberian Husky.

brindle Layering of black hairs in regions of lighter color producing a tiger-striped pattern, as in Boxers.

dapple An irregularly spotted or mottled pattern contrasting light and dark areas of the same color. *Dapple* is sometimes used synonymously with **merle**. Generally, apply *merle* to a long-coated breed (think Shetland Sheepdog and Australian Shepherd) and *dapple* to a short-coat (Dachshund). The smooth-coat “blue merle” Collie is an exception.

harlequin Patched or pied coloration, usually black or gray on white, most conspicuous in the harlequin variety of Great Dane.

mask Dark shading on the foreface; an important characteristic in the Great Dane, Pekingese, and Pug.

parti-color A pattern of usually two distinct colors, one of which is white. In the Papillon, a true parti animal, the proper patterning on the face and ears is crucial to breed type.

pinto From the pinto horse, a coat marked with large, solid patches of color on white, as in the Akita; piebald.

roan Another horsy word, it most frequently means a blue-gray or iron-gray created by the fine mixing of colored hairs with white hairs. In the English Setter, this patterning—in either blue, lemon, orange, liver, or tricolor—is described as *belton*.

self-colored Solid-colored, sometimes with lighter shadings of the same color, as in the Chinese Shar-Pei and Vizsla.

tricolor A coat containing three distinct colors, usually white, black, and tan. The Bernese Mountain Dog is a striking example.



Blue-merle Shetland Sheepdog



Brindle Greyhound

persist in the population that eventually gave rise to dogs and wolves.

“We were initially surprised to discover that white wolves

and yellow dogs have an almost identical ASIP DNA configuration,” says Chris Kaelin of the HudsonAlpha Institute for Biotechnology

in Huntsville, Alabama, who is co-first author of the work with Bannasch. “But we were even more surprised when it turned out that a specific

DNA configuration is more than two million years old, prior to the emergence of modern wolves as a species.”

Thus, a small piece of DNA

from this extinct species is still found today in yellow dogs and white arctic wolves. “This is reminiscent of the spectacular finding that

modern humans carry a small proportion of DNA in their genomes from the now extinct Neandertals,” Leeb says. **GZ**

“As I drove south toward home, passing old duck haunts and bird covers, ghostly in the mizzling late-winter rain, something occurred to me: My respectful feeling for the gun dogs is fundamentally the same as the regard I have for the game we pursue together. One admires in a grouse or black duck the fact that it has lost no instinct. Likewise the furbearers. In the face of pressure from civilization, wild game has been genetically self-selected by its qualities of alertness and evasion.”

“As to the dogs: To keep pace with this grand natural quarry, developers of working dogs have bred in order to distill—and not to transform or repress—ancient traits. Look at a hunting dog move. Then watch your neighbor’s pet. Both have been manipulated to be what they are. Although the hunting dog is sociable, even doting, there’s a drive in that animal that will not allow it to be utterly and pathetically housebound. To speak of training such a dog is almost a contradiction in terms. One’s motive should be less to manage its instincts than to provide them the fullest opportunity to prevail.”—from “The Death of a Hunting Dog,” by Sydney Lea, *Sports Illustrated*, 1991

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Big-Show Mary

AKC National Championship 2006:
Frank Sabella judges Juniors



ANC 2008: Best in Show Pointer Ch. Cookie Land Seasyde Hollyberry



Crufts 2011: Bull Terrier judging



Westminster 2009: Sussex Spaniel Ch. Clussex Three D Grinchy Glee

The great photographers in any field rise to the big moment. That's what makes them great photographers. In our world, our late friend Mary Bloom was the gold standard for big-show ring shots. Dog people will fondly remember how Mary would call everyone "sweetie" as she jostled for position in a scrum of photographers and, if necessary, use her sharp elbows ("Sorry, sweetie!") to establish herself in the ideal spot. Here are a few of our favorite Bloom photos of big shows from the pages of the GAZETTE.



Montgomery County KC 2005: Walter F. Goodman and Dr. Josephine Deubler

MARY BLOOM ©AKC



Nick and Nora Charles

The fictional Nick and Nora Charles were the 1930s' most famous dog owners. The gentleman detective and his heiress wife were created by Dashiell Hammett for his 1934 novel *The Thin Man* and were made flesh and blood—or at least the flickering black-and-white shadows of flesh and blood—in a series of [Thin Man movies](#) starring William Powell, Myrna Loy and, as Asta, their almost-human pet, a Wire Fox Terrier named Skippy. The Charleses were the first modern movie couple: trading quips, shaking martinis, solving crimes, indulging their naughty dog like a spoiled child, and enjoying every minute of their madcap marriage as equals and best friends.

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The Doberman Pinscher Club of America is celebrating its 100th birthday this year, an ideal time to consider breed basics in this month's Doberman column, "The Parts That Make Up the Whole," by Leslie Hall.

About the Breed Columns

The breed columns are a time-honored feature of the AKC GAZETTE. Each columnist is appointed by the breed's national parent club, which preserves the breed's standard and helps to educate breeders, judges, and the public about the breed's traits, history, care, and training. A national parent club is made up of dedicated breeders and fanciers and represents many years of collective experience in the breed. Columnists are asked to write about topics of interest to serious dog fanciers in general as well as those of specific interest to judges and devotees of the breed. The breed columns rotate quarterly by group so that each breed's column can appear four times a year. Information and opinions expressed in the breed columns represent the views of their authors, not necessarily those of the breed's parent club or the AKC. For questions about the breed columns, e-mail Arliss.Paddock@akc.org.

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IT'S ONLY A BARREL

To train and teach a dog, it's important to consider that there are tools, techniques, and procedures used during the time it takes to have a dog ready for competition—which may be field events, agility, obedience, or in the show arena. In addition, there are specific objectives to achieve during this process.

This writer has a background in wood products and the research and development of specific projects to achieve a finished product: meeting a goal. The same applies to taking a pup to become a finished Brittany, “steady to wing and shot” as a field trial dog. This also applies, as stated above, to dogs who will compete in the show arena and in agility and obedience events.

For the first seven to eight weeks, it is the breeder and then the new owner who have control in development of a pup. Thus a plan develops, as follows:

From the day he or she is whelped, a puppy needs to be given a “hands-on” approach. The goal is to socialize the pup, which starts just a few days after birth. Usually between days 12 and 15, the pup's eyes open and hearing starts.

For the next several weeks the pup will continue to be with littermates. They all share food, play-fight, and sleep. As research has



Brittany: A simple barrel, turned sideways and with a mat on top, can be a useful training aid for the young hunting dog.

shown, there is not much yet in the way of learning at this point.

It starts in about week seven or eight, when their mind becomes like a sponge. Pups learn

so quickly: their name, commands of *come*, *whoa*, *stay*, *no*, and so on, and recognizing the master's voice. The use of our voice is so important. It should be the only method of

discipline for the pup.

Soon the pup will go to his or her new home, and for the next weeks and months more formal training should begin. Initially it can continue in the teaching of simple commands. Training at this time should be simple and brief, with no punishment; everything should be fun. When pup is called by name to “come,” he or she should be running to you with tail wagging. A treat may also be in order, but a positive greeting toward pup is most important.

At 3 to 4 months, formal training will include basic “yard work”—obedience, including *heel*, *whoa*, *stay*, and *come*. If the pup is going to be hunting or competing in field trials, this is the time for exposure to birds. Let him go after the bird, chase, and have fun—it's all about instilling desire for game birds.

If the pup is to compete in agility, obedience, and the show arena, repeated practice is necessary for these activities. Also consider that the Brittany can and will do both field and show; there is a reason the breed has more dual champions than any other sporting breed.

A barrel, turned sideways and with a rubber or carpeted mat on top, is a significant new dog-training tool that some trainers have found useful. The barrel is unique; positioning a pup on the barrel, even at the age of 2 or 3

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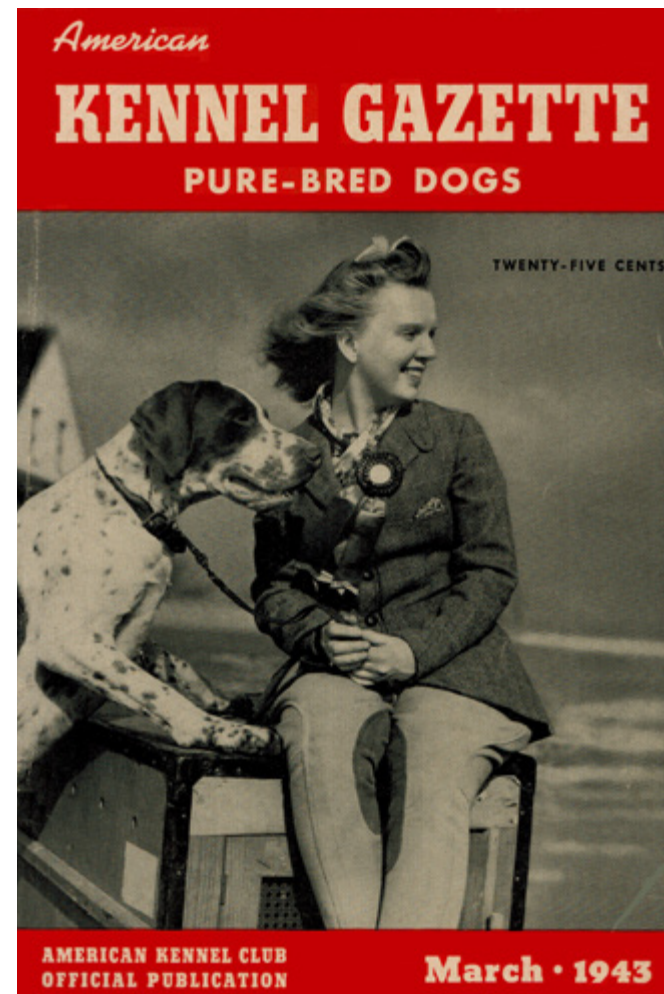
months, will provide a positive outcome. The barrel is a safe place for the pup. The non-slip surface gives the pup secure traction so he will not slip or slide off. A lead is attached to the collar to maintain control. Most important, the pup has complete control over what happens while he's on the barrel. Whether he will be competing in the field or the show arena, he will learn—including how to stand with style, to *whoa*, and to stop to flush. Short sessions with the barrel will help the pup learn with a minimum amount of pressure. It's an important new tool in training pointing dogs.

The ultimate goal is to have a Brittany who is a great member of the family, a finished show dog, who performs and places consistently in field trial events, and goes hunting for upland game birds with other family members on Thanksgiving Day.

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Pointers

One of my mentors is Berna Welch, a successful Golden Retriever breeder of great insight and a wonderful teacher. I have been fortunate to have a friend like her willing to share her knowledge with me. Everyone starting out in dogs would do well to seek out



Pointer, March 1943 (Harold Lambert photo)

a successful breeder as a mentor. The following insights were written by Berna several years ago.

OBJECTIVITY—THE WAY TO SUCCESS

I consider myself very fortunate to have been mentored by wonderful breeders. They each were members of their breed club's education committees and worked tirelessly in the develop-

ment of their breed's standard. They impressed on me the importance of a breed standard and why it is the foundation for any successful breeding program. Did these breeders love their dogs? Absolutely! Yet they had the ability to look at them with great objectivity.

Breed standards are objective descriptions of breed type, including function. We often struggle with objectivity when evaluating our own breeding stock. Looking critically at our dogs is understandably difficult, because most are beloved family members. But objective evaluation is not just about finding fault with a dog. We must learn to recognize virtues as well as weaknesses. This aids in selection and increases the possibility of success.

How do we learn to become more objective? Following are some guidelines.

- *Read the standard.* If your breed has an illustrated standard, it will be an invaluable tool. Study the history of your breed, as its origins play an important role in understanding type.
- *Educate your eye.* Develop an image of the ideal for your breed. Find the ideal outline then break down the parts. Understanding how the parts fit together helps in understanding the whole dog.
- *Educate your hands.* Ask permission to go over dogs you have interest in. See as many litters as possible. Most breeders are happy to show off their puppies. Try to see litters with

pedigrees similar to your own, as well as litters of different bloodlines. Put your hands on the pups. Observe them on the ground and at play to see how they use their bodies. View their physical attributes with appreciation, not just criticism!

- *Attend field events.* Take a copy of the standard along. Learn what is required of the dog, and apply it to the standard. There must always be a strong relationship between form and function. Now, evaluate your own dogs: Are they constructed to do the job? And also importantly, would they *want* to do the job? Retaining natural ability and desire in our breeding programs helps protect breed purpose.

- *Attend your breed's national specialty.* Here you will find a large cross-section of breeders, and dogs of different bloodlines.
- *Ask questions.* Knowledge is power! Good breeders will point out what is right about a dog, even if it isn't of their breeding. A good breeder practices what I call "ego suppression"; they enjoy their success but understand that they must continue to learn and strive for improvement. They understand that all dogs are the product of two imperfect dogs, and they realize that as breeders they will suffer setbacks along the way. When evaluating breeding stock, they keep their minds open and their emotional attachments in check.

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Selection must be based on objectivity or it is counterproductive.

With continued study, this accumulation of information will begin to make sense. You'll learn to see a dog's virtues instead of simply finding his faults. It is exhilarating to see a dog who has so much quality, you recognize it immediately. In your mind's eye you can picture that dog doing his job like a well-oiled machine! Now you are evaluating dogs objectively, and you are on your way to success.

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German Shorthaired Pointers

A COUPLE OF FIRSTS ... AND THE VELVET ELVIS

After multiple cancellations, our long-awaited national specialty show in East Peoria, Illinois, concluded on September 4, with a first for the breed. A lovely solid liver bitch with a small area of ticked white on her chest was selected Best of Breed, which started a ringside buzz: "Is this the first solid liver national-specialty Best of Breed?" It didn't take long for the "old timers" to put their



Good times were had by all at the 2021 GSPCA national specialty, held in East Peoria, Illinois last month. Above: Nine-year-old veteran bitch GSP relaxing afterward in the RV with her ribbon. Top right: An amusing perk of the national in recent years is "Velvet Elvis," shown with latest recipients Barbara McNeil and Don and Barbara Schwartz (The McNeils had a carry case made so Elvis could travel in style, in addition to individual giclees that allow past recipients to keep a memento of their year with the King); the "City of Peoria" paddle-wheeler on the Illinois River, as seen from the window of the host hotel.



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heads together to confirm this was the first solid liver (and a bitch, no less) to go Best of Breed at the breed's national.

The other first was the addition of a Maturity class option for the 2020 Futurity nominees. With judges nominated and voted on three years prior, the decision was made that if the same individual selected to judge the 2020 Futurity is available, they would also judge the Maturity. This was a win-win situation for all.

With a regional specialty held prior to the national specialty, the “family reunion,” as it has come to be known, started earlier for some than others. But it didn't take long for the stragglers to get there and begin a nose count to take stock of who was there and who were “new family additions.” While most services at the host hotel were limited, the “family” took it in stride and made it just as much fun as previous nationals.

It all began at the 1995 national in Allentown, Pennsylvania. How the site was selected is known to a few, but “Elvis” got his start there at the evening barbeque raffle. He was prominently displayed on the table of raffle items, and as the raffle progressed, many executed a feint only to pick up something else, and it soon became a source of laughter. As the evening progressed, anticipation grew as to who would eventually wind up with

Elvis. Then Ann Keegan's number was called, and as only Annie can do, she sashays up to the raffle table. She ponders the remaining items, reaching in one direction, then another, until she gleefully scoops up Elvis, holds him close, and heads back with her prize. The only thing more priceless was the look on her husband's face as the realization sunk in: Elvis was going home with them!

The rest of the story ... Annie loved Elvis, and upon returning home, she replaced their children's pictures above the fireplace with the velvet Elvis, where he stayed until the following national specialty. Thus, another tradition begins. The next person chosen by the current bearer would be someone who personified the generosity, love, fun, and laughter of the national-specialty family, with the understanding that Elvis had to be displayed in a prominent place in their home for a year. Each year the back of the painting is signed by previous individuals chosen for the honor to display Elvis in their home for a year. This year Barbara and Don Schwartz were chosen to take Elvis home with them to Colorado. This brings Elvis full circle back to his genesis at the 1995 national specialty in Allentown.

Next year we are off to Estes Park, Colorado, for the national, so Elvis won't have far to travel!

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Curly-Coated Retrievers

Jenny Dickinson is our columnist once again, and for this issue she has written a thoughtful column about tracking. I like her new approach, especially as today, sites for tracking tests and land to practice on with our dogs may not be very easy to find. Many years ago, I was very fortunate to have a tracking judge teach me the high points about tracking. Jenny, however, shares some very good ideas that can be used when practicing on small areas of land as well as the larger areas that some of us are more familiar with. Jenny's thoughts follow.

IT'S THE NOSE

I continue to marvel at the scenting ability of Curlies. I recently ordered several cans of cat food from Chewy and left them in the garage. My young Curly promptly discovered them, got several cans out of the shrink-wrapped cases, and opened them with his teeth. These are no longer accessible (I think!), but his determination to get at food he

was able to detect through plastic and cardboard impressed me.

This reminded me of a game I teach puppies in preparation for the scent-discrimination exercise they will later learn in Utility, and for other scenting activities such as tracking. Curlies are so brilliant at using their noses that they take to it immediately. I first learned this game from trainer Esther Zimmerman. Whether you want to track, do obedience, or do nose work, you might want to try it. It



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is also a good game if you are stuck at home during a pandemic!

I call the game “Find mine,” which is my Utility command. You will need a number of identical metal boxes. An easy source is the boxes designed to hold holiday gift cards. (The reason I choose metal boxes is that your dog may decide to retrieve a box, so plastic would not hold up.) You will also need tongs. Put one box aside and mark it with a dot of nail polish or a marker. This will be the one to hold *your* scent. Make sure to handle all the others with tongs.

Put a piece of meat in the marked box. Put that box between your hands and heat it up so you have hot scent on that box. Put pup behind a barrier so that he cannot watch you place the boxes on the floor. In an excited voice, tell him not to peek! Build expectation. Using the tongs, set three boxes eight or so inches apart, and have the one with your scent among them.

Now, ceremoniously release pup to the pile, saying “find mine!” He will naturally investigate the boxes. When he hesitates or makes *any* indication of interest at the marked box, say “hooray!” and rush to open the box and let him get the treat. You are *not* expecting certainty on his part. At this point, you just want him to see that this is a fun game with a worthy payoff.

Stick with just a few boxes until pup shows you that he understands the goal. As with *all* our teaching, we want our dogs to feel pride and confidence in their actions. If he shoots directly to the correct box, he is a Curly! Now add more boxes with your tongs until you have a ridiculous number! Your Curly will embrace the challenge with alacrity and enthusiasm! —J.D.

Thank you so much, Jenny, for sharing a very informative column.

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Golden Retrievers

THE HEALING POWER OF GOLD

In my last two columns you learned about Courthouse Dogs (facility dogs), Golden Retrievers trained to comfort domestic and sexual abuse victims, both children and adults, when they are testifying in the courtroom. This month, we’ll travel across the Atlantic Ocean to Tuscany, Italy, to meet a facility-trained Golden named Paddy. Paddy works with women who live with their children in shelters to escape extreme situations of domestic violence.

Paddy’s owner and handler, Patricia Dubois Zanini, the wife of Italy’s former ambassador

to Ireland, is a dog trainer and handler for Dog4Life (Dog4Lifetoscana.com), a non-profit organization for animal mediation and for dogs working as support for victims of domestic violence.

“Domestic violence is a huge problem in this country,” Patricia said. “These abused women contact shelters to escape their abusers. An organization called Friendly Paws, a pilot program of Dogs4Life, provides safe places for them to go.

“Women entering shelters have no trust, feel no empowerment, and suffer from economic, mental, emotional and physical abuse. Paddy’s job is to alleviate the stress of their situation, to show them that they are trustworthy and that it is possible to have a healthy parenthood outside of the ‘logic’ of fear. Paddy’s behavior, his trusting ways, his needs to be cuddled, and his gentle way of approaching human beings are integral to the success of the Friendly Paws program.”

Paddy and Patricia’s “trainee” Golden puppy, 6-month-old Love, visit the shelters once a week, spending time with the victims, their children, then a last session with the mother and child together.

“This is a long process,” she said. “One young mother showed no interest or feelings for several weeks and would not assist in our sessions. During one of our visits, she was

sitting in her chair, crying, and not tending to her screaming baby. As I was soothing the infant, I noticed Paddy moving very slowly toward the young mother, then put his head very delicately in her lap. Suddenly she embraced him in a big hug and spoke softly to him, asking ‘Will you be my dog? Will you help me?’

“After that, she was always there when we came, ready to work with Paddy and always thinking about his needs.”

Patricia explained that the Dog4Life program also teaches the women basic dog-training methods. “Having control of the dog translates into feelings of empowerment and control over their life. They progress to teaching Paddy tricks and enjoy lots of cuddle sessions,” she said. “It took me four years to teach him ‘no sofa,’ and five minutes to allow him to jump on it!”

“This is a long process,” Patricia said, “from 10 to 12 months, at least one day a week. But with Paddy’s help, when the cycle is complete, the trustworthy, healthy and empowering relationship he has fostered is a treasure for these women and their children.”

Patricia firmly believes in the incredible resources of dogs in the healing process for women victims of domestic violence. Her motto: “When God ran out of wings for angels, He started to dispense wagging tails!”

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Sounds like Golden tails to me!

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English Setters

WHAT DO WE OWE THE PAST?

The ESAA has just concluded another highly successful national specialty, this time hosted by the Puget Sound English Setter Club in Seattle. Congratulations go out to GCh.G Stagedoor Mercury Comet Cyclone (“Comet”) and his connections (breeder Joan Savage, owners Tannley Goldberg/Marshall Goldberg, and agent Lindsey Cook) on winning Best in Specialty, along with all of the other gorgeous dogs that participated at the national specialty, the Puget Sound English Setter Club specialty, and the Willamette Valley English Setter Fanciers specialty. We are blessed to have wonderful dogs representing the breed, from puppies to veterans, a testament to or many outstanding breeders and owners in English Setters today.

Watching the judging online and looking at many pictures of the dogs at the shows, I couldn’t help making mental notes about English Setters today and some of the great dogs of the past. Fittingly, a photo of Ch. Rock Falls Colonel winning the Sporting Group



English Setter Ch. Rock Falls Colonel, winning the Sporting Group on his way to going Best in Show at Morris & Essex in 1951. Wonderful in breed type, he is almost certainly in the pedigree of every American bench English Setter today.

on his way to going Best in Show at Morris & Essex in 1951 showed up in my news feed on Facebook, and I kept thinking of his image during the national. He is a dog who is almost certainly in the pedigree of every American bench English Setter today.

Thinking of the Colonel and other dogs of the past made me start thinking about what we owe to the past. How can we ensure we save

the good qualities of dogs of the past, as well as those of today, to pass along to the future?

In the picture I was looking at, the Colonel had wonderful breed type in body and head. The time of the photo was early in the Colonel’s career, but he was magnificent. The photo appears to be unretouched, and you can see that at this point the Colonel had a sparser coat that he may have had later.

When you look at pictures of the Colonel, I think you can see many of the characteristics he (and his brother, the great sire Ch. Rock Falls Racket) passed on to later generations, some of which many of us would like to see more of today: the front, which is so hard to get and keep from one generation to the next; balance without over-angulation; and the beautiful head.

We have wonderful dogs today, and there have been many outstanding dogs since the time of Ch. Rock Falls Colonel. No one should think that I am criticizing our current dogs. But I have seen in other breeds and animals how quickly things can change. Overuse of a particular sire is something all breeders must guard against. It only takes a short time to change a breed if multiple breeders are using the same sire or sire lines.

If we don’t breed for fronts and balance and beautiful heads in our English Setters, we will lose them. Fronts, balance, toplines, good movement, heads and expression—all of the characteristics we love in our English Setters can be lost in a short time if we aren’t careful. That means making smart breeding decisions for each individual dog and bitch, instead of breeding to the most popular sire of the moment or the current dog with the most show ring wins—no matter how handsome he might be.

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When we think about what we owe to the past and all of the breeders who devoted their lives to our breed, we need to make sure that we pass along dogs that retain the same good qualities that we see in photos of their dogs. In the present, we need to produce English Setters that rival the great dogs of the past.

As for the future, we can also contribute dogs with good health. We have opportunities now that our predecessors never had, including testing that breeders of the 1950s would have envied.

Of course, my favorite thing about English Setters is probably their gentle, fun temperament. That's something I hope we never lose.

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Gordon Setters

A FEW FIRSTS PART TWO

In the last column we discussed a number of Gordon Setter firsts, but one question was left hanging: Who was the first Gordon Setter to be recorded as a champion by the American Kennel Club?

The search started with *The Gordon Setter: History and Character* (1976), by Godfrey St. George Gompertz, who wrote about Gordons when he wasn't busy writing about Chinese



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ceramics. His research pointed to two imported dogs, Ch. Grouse (wh. 1876) and Ch. Beaumont (wh. 1883). Both those dogs brought those titles with them when they were imported. Gompertz lists several Gordons whelped in the U.S. as candidates: Ch.

Ivanhoe and his littermate Ch. Leo (wh. 1892) as the two earliest.

With assists from the GSCA archives committee and the AKC historian, we know that Beaumont is first listed as a Champion in the May 1889 AKC GAZETTE. In the GAZETTE

from January 1889, three other Gordons are already listed as champions. Those three Gordons were Ch. Argus, Ch. Royal Duke, and Ch. Madge. That was the inaugural issue of the GAZETTE, so the search for those three is now ongoing via data downloads of early AKC studbooks. Stay tuned.

As far Gordons in the field, it's much easier to find information. The first Gordon Setter field trial was held by the first incarnation of the Gordon Setter Club of America (GSCA) in 1893, and the second in 1894, and according to *The Complete Gordon Setter*, by Jean Look, both attendance and performances were poor.

The GSCA was reincorporated in 1924, and while interest in field activities among member was high, it was confined to inter-club trials mostly on the East Coast under the American Field organization.

The first recorded field trial winner was Svane June (wh. 1922), who developed late but recorded three All Age wins in 1929 and 1930. Her daughter Svane June's Baby (wh. 1929) did not begin competing until she was 8 but then recorded 16 wins over 300 competitors. June's Baby lived to be 15 years old.

In 1949 the GSCA finally revived field trials under the AKC rules by holding a trial in New Jersey, and by 1952 there were multiple trials, and that has continued to the present.

The first AKC-recorded Gordon Setter

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field champion holds a double distinction, as she was also the breed's first recorded dual champion. That dog was DC Loch Ridge Saegryte's Tibby, owned by George and Jane Penterman, of New Jersey. She finished her field championship in 1952, and her show championship in 1955. She was also the dam of the second field champion, Page's Shurriridge Liz, owned by Jack Page of Connecticut. To add a bit more to her prestige her mother, Blakeen Saegryte is still used today as the illustration for the Gordon Setter breed standard.

In 1993, the first GSCA National Field Championships were held at Kildeer Plains wildlife area in Ohio, and FC Belmor's Knight Train, owned by Barbara Morris (VA), became the first National Field Trial Champion. He was handled to that win by the late Jim Basham, who was honored this year with the AKC Lifetime Achievement Award for performance events.

Shadowfax Blade Runner, owned by Cliff Schneff (Florida) and Jim D'Amico (New Jersey) won Amateur Championship at the same trial.

Kildeer Plains also served as the location of the first American Field Championship stake for Gordon Setters. The Mid-American Gordon Setter Field Trial Club Open shooting Dog Championship was first run in

1981, but it took until 1983 for the title to be awarded. The first winner was Belmor's Pretty Belle, owned by Dr. Joel Morris (Virginia).

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Irish Setters

BEING A "PRESERVATIONIST BREEDER"—WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Right now much of the conversation in purebred dogs is about changing and taking back the conversation, with being seen as a "preservationist" one of the ideas at the forefront.

But what exactly does being a "preservation breeder" entail? Does it start with the breed standard? Well, by implication, the breed standard is certainly an essential topic of understanding for any breeder who purports to preserve and protect the breed. But the real preservationist breeder must be cognizant of the original purpose and models of the breed as well as historical changes. Simply citing show records amassed in modern times and combining those individuals does not address preservation breeding—or perhaps, even adherence to the standard.

It was in the 17th century that the setter and spaniel breeds differentiated into separate



Irish Setter Ch. Higgins' Red Pat, January 1932
 (Tauskey photo)

breeds, with the Irish breeders preferring the taller, rangier dogs followed by hunters, on foot, who threw out the heavy rope nets to trap the birds, neither horses nor guns being preferred—from whence comes the breed standard for a tail straight off the back, to avoid being broken by the heavy nets.

It was in the early 1800s that the Earl of Enniskillin set the preference for the solid red dogs over the red and whites, which are a separate breed today. The early colors are

why we see white allowed on the chest, throat, muzzle, backskull and toes; the white shows up still after 200 years.

The beautiful red coat was an asset against the green fields of Ireland, just as the white coat was more visible in England, and the black coat of the Gordon more visible among the heathered byways of Scotland. Color became a breed preference based upon local needs, as did size and bone.

In none of the breeds was a preference for heavy coat that would tangle in the fields; this is definitely a modern preference.

It is indisputable that the beauty of the Irish Setter contributed to the popularity of the breed in the earliest of show days. "At their best, the lines of the Irish Setter so satisfy in overall balance that artists have termed it the most beautiful of all dogs," references what has from the beginning been an essential part of the appeal of the breed. Have we show breeders always remembered that the progenitors of the breed were a working part of the family home, revered for dinner on the table as well as grace in front of the fire? Maybe not. But the breed standard does. The next two lines: "The correct specimen always exhibits balance, whether standing or in motion. Each part of the dog flows and fits smoothly into its neighboring parts without calling attention to itself," address a sound,

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balanced individual capable of accompanying a man in the fields for the length of time required to acquire dinner for his family. Preservation breeders address the soundness of body and mind required to be a cherished family member who can contribute as needed, even if in today's world the chukar is purchased plucked and marinated from the local grocer.

Mentors can be wonderful tools for the novice breeder, depending of course, on the depth and breadth of their own understanding. Breeders bring their own experiences and biases to the equation; it is human nature. Be sure before you call yourself a preservation breeder that you have sought out the experience of a variety of opinions. Make sure you have also spent some time at a hunt test or field trial to see trained dogs performing their original purpose. If you have never walked beyond a city sidewalk, it might be difficult to visualize a dog in the field.

Today's breed standard reflects the Irish Setter as envisioned by the breeders of the last 200 years. It is incumbent for a preservationist to know history, changes in breed preferences, politics both global and local that affected breeding, and original purpose. There is a wealth of knowledge to seek.

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Clumber Spaniels

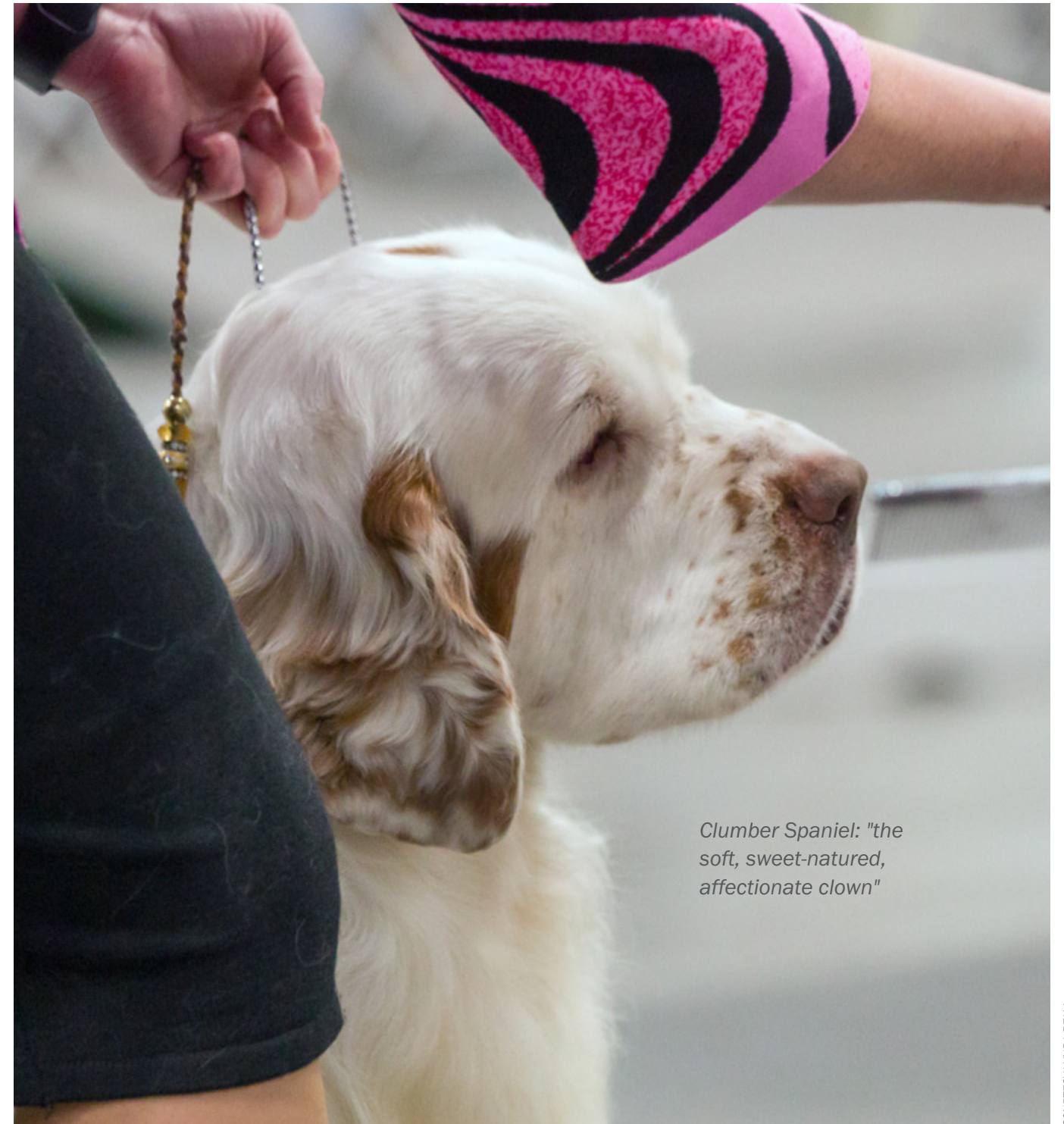
Being privileged to live in the constant company of from three to seven adult Clumber Spaniels for the past 50 years, I have often expounded in this column on their many charms. But it is always good to hear from others equally captivated by this irresistible breed. The following is by Sheila Mille, and originally appeared here in March 1989. Sheila is a Clumber owner/breeder/exhibitor and judge, and a Life Member of the Clumber Spaniel Club of America who has served not only as its distinguished president, but also as its national-specialty chair, secretary, treasurer, and AKC GAZETTE columnist.

THE AFFECTIONATE CLUMBER

His affectionate nature is one of the Clumber Spaniel's most endearing qualities. His foremost desire is to be loved and hugged at every opportunity. And he has various ways of obtaining the attention and affection he craves.

Greeting his owner is one of the Clumber's most enthusiastic and beloved behaviors. Upon return home, a Clumber owner can count on an ecstatic welcome from his pal. Actually any separation, however short, may bring on this demonstration. If he doesn't jump up and down, he will wiggle back and forth, almost touching his tail to his nose.

His greeting isn't always just "body language"—there may also be a verbal hello. He



Clumber Spaniel: "the soft, sweet-natured, affectionate clown"

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may lay his head back and make a noise which comes out as a cross between a growl and a human sound. Not all Clumbers “speak,” but many do, some more fluently than others.

Tessa, our first Clumber bitch, was a “talker.” She would answer your comments to her with a conversational sound which varied in pitch and tone. This conversational give-and-take ended abruptly when she had her first litter. (I never did figure out whether that was because she was preoccupied, or because she was reproaching us for having caused her all that bother.)

Another attention-getter for the Clumber is retrieving: He loves it. He constantly wants to bring some object to his master. I don’t mean just a bird in the field, or the dummy in obedience exercises, either. Everyday life in a Clumber home sees washcloths, socks, dust rags, or whatever proudly brought by the Clumber to his owner. The dog’s head is carried so high, and he is so obviously pleased with himself, that it’s very difficult to scold him for it. I usually pat mine on the head and return the “retrieved” object to a spot out of reach.

Most of the time, the quest for affection is much more direct. Whenever I sit down in the family room, I brace myself as three bodies hurl themselves at me in their rush to obtain the favored lap position. Being Clumbers, they

usually manage to work things out. One will usually triumph, while the other two retire to a nearby couch to look tragic until it’s their turn.

I have owned several breeds in my 25 years in dogs, but none has captured my heart like the soft, sweet-natured, affectionate clown called the Clumber. —S.M.

Many thanks, Sheila. It’s always comforting to know there are other people equally smitten!

Reminder: Clumbers are like potato chips—you can’t have just one!

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Cocker Spaniels

DO TOP WINS REFLECT THE QUALITY IN A SINGLE COCKER VARIETY?

Recently I saw a longtime Cocker breeder at an event. I mentioned to this person in passing that I had taken notice of the fact that one variety of Cocker seemed to be doing most of the group and Best in Show winning this year (in 2021, the black variety). It was not just one top-winning representative of the variety, but several throughout different areas of the country. I wondered,

really for the first time, what the correlation might be between this level of winning and what was being done by breeders of this variety to produce top Cockers. Is it all a coincidence? Owners of these dogs being able to promote them in the show ring? Is it the public popularity of a variety at a point in time? Is it the health testing focus of breeders of a

particular variety?

We know that the official standard for the Cocker Spaniel prescribes the structure and characteristics for *all* Cocker Spaniels, differentiated only by the three color varieties, not fundamental characteristics. Thus, Cocker breeders are breeding to the same standard and are free to breed a representative of one



Cocker Spaniel: Mrs. Peter Dunne Garvan acquired Ch. My Own Brucie from the estate of Herman Mellenthin in 1942. The immortal Brucie went BIS at Westminster in 1940 and '41. (Percy Jones photo)

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variety with a representative of another.

Could winning in any given year be a function of the numbers? Could it be that there may be more representatives of one variety produced than another, so that outstanding representatives of one variety are more likely emerging because of the odds provided by the numbers?

It might be interesting for the parent club to do a survey of its members to inquire what member activity level is in each of the three varieties.

We know that over history there have been examples of outstanding representatives from each variety that captured the attention of the judges and the public. Coming to mind are Ch. My Own Brucie, black; Ch. Carmor's Rise and Shine, ASCOB; Ch. Scioto Bluff's Sinbad, parti-color, and the Honey Creek parti-colors. Following the attention to such a famous individual there may follow on others from the same variety. But is that the result of more representatives from that variety being shown, or does it result from some improvement and progress in the quality of that variety?

I do not know the role that each factor may play in the succession of top show winners from one variety. Wouldn't it be interesting to know!

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English Springer Spaniels

READ THIS BOOK—VINTAGE, BELOVED, AND BROWN

Where is *your* copy of Bea Brown's *The English Springer Spaniel in North America: An Informal History with Photographs and Prints*? Published in 1970, known as "Bea Brown's book," there is no better source to learn the history of our breed. Francie Nelson (Fanfare/Keepsake) sums up the lasting value of this great Springer reference, saying, "Bea's book has been my 'bible' for decades. My own copy is falling apart. Mom took her copy to each National and had everyone sign it. If you want to know more about the shoulders we stand upon, this is your source."

Every owner of this old, but never outdated book has a reason why their book is worn from research and held in their heart as a must-have reference. Kerrie Frederick (Woodbeigh) says: "The pedigrees section is probably the initial draw for most—it was for me. But go beyond that; read about the kennels, the history. [Brown's book] has so much information and reflects bygone eras and still-remembered breeders. No matter how long you've been involved with Springers, nor how often you've gone through Brown's book, each new reading will reveal something new to you."

Judy Manley (Vistah) adds, "Many of us old-timers have the book. We have used it



through the years as we delved into pedigrees. It is a valuable resource of our breed." Nancy Johnson (Wedgwood) agrees, saying, "I love this book! It's important to understand the foundation of our breed. I've read it cover to cover many times." Wendy Rollins-Evans

(Venetian) finds it, "useful when doing breed history research."

Anne Dorsay (Bondir) uses her "Bea Brown" "extensively for pedigree searches and breeding research." Karen Carrico (Hannan), admits, "I have this book and have read it so

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many times the pages are falling out.”

When were Springers and Cockers first divided as separate breeds by weight? The answer: In 1880, when the first Cocker breed standard was being written and the top weight for a cocker was set at 28 pounds. In 1907, the first spaniel ever designated as an “English Springer Spaniel” on his import papers, came to live in Morristown, New Jersey, with master, Robert D. Foote. No records exist of the progeny of Mr. Foote’s import. To follow the mystery of who was the first registered Springer in North America and who did he or she produce, you will need to buy yourself a copy of the book. There are very few copies of this groundbreaking historical treasure; available from the [ESSFTA parent club](#). Printed in 1970, the over 50-year-old books are in the original shipping carton, ready for today’s Springer fanciers to delve into ESS history and view magnificent vintage pictures. Famous pedigrees, foundation kennels, Westminster Best of Breed winners (1924–1970), obedience and field greats, and unforgettable multiple Best of Breed winners fill this seminal volume.

Do you love looking up pictures of dogs related to your Springers? At my first Springer national in Allentown, Pennsylvania (1990), Julie Hogan (Pride ’n Joy) told me to buy the book and look up the relatives of my first

Springer boy, Abroham, out of Donahan and Phylwayne breeding. Imagine the thrill of seeing pictures of iconic dogs from his pedigree: Ch. Magill’s Patrick, Ch. Geiger’s Chief Geronimo, and Ch. Charlyle’s Fair Warning. Decades later, I pull out the book to look at Geiger’s Chief Geronimo winning Westminster in 1969.

Springer fancier Marie Smith loved pictures of famous dogs and their pedigrees, saying, “Many of my first Springers had Royal Oak in their pedigree. Ruth and Art Beaman used to handle for Mrs. Brown.”

Mary McKee was happy to read about and see several historical dogs in her own dogs’ bloodlines, explaining, “I have an interest in Ch. Salilyn’s Aristocrat. He is in the pedigree of our foundation bitch, Steadfast Siverlining (Annie). Ch. Salilyn’s Classic and Ch. Canarch Inchidony Brook are also in her pedigree.”

With a copy of this book, you open doors to your own dog’s past. Just when you think you could not love him more, you unearth facets of his past that made him who he is. A pedigree suddenly comes alive with pictures and histories of the dogs and breeders who, from decades past, sent you the dogs you have loved. This amazing book, replete with pedigrees and photos of handsome, long-gone dogs, makes clear how Springer folks and their

dogs feel like family—because we are.

Thank you for reviews of *The English Springer Spaniel in North America* from members of the generous and brilliant members of the Facebook group “Students of the English Springer Spaniel.”

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Irish Water Spaniels

YOUR CLUB’S LEGISLATIVE LIAISON HAS IMPORTANT NEWS FOR YOU

Last year, the demise of Yahoo groups pushed the Irish Water Spaniel Club of America onto the *groups.io* platform for club e-mail communications with members. A drawback was that members needed to join the new listserv and some did not, likely because they overlooked the e-mail invitation to join or we did not make the process clear. But a bigger concern was the feedback we received that members opted out of the new list to avoid receiving legislative alerts from the club’s AKC Legislative Liaison, which sometimes feel like spam.

I confess. I used to find the campaign against anti-dog legislation to be really annoying. To a lawyer, which I am, the attitude seemed to be that no law is a good law, and to me, that

was short-sighted and reactive. I personally support a lot of the federal legislation that seeks to protect pets and horses from abuse. But the AKC has been prescient in its anticipation of the breadth and depth of anti-dog legislation that threatens responsible breeding and companion dog sports. And, notably, the AKC places a responsibility on parent clubs, like the IWSCA, to disseminate information about local and state-level dog policy issues to its members. That is, in fact, our Legislative Liaison’s job.

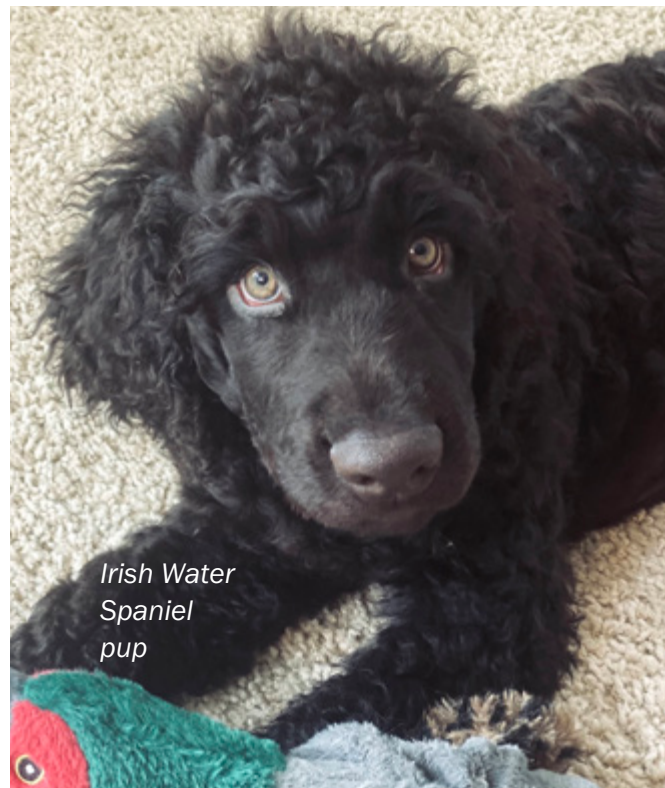
Let’s look at a case in point: Horry County, South Carolina. Let’s say that you are a member of the IWSCA’s members-only group and you receive an alert from our Legislative Liaison in your inbox about Horry County, South Carolina.

If you live in one of the 49 other states, you can delete the e-mail and ignore it. (South Carolinians would appreciate your support, as would the AKC, but it’s OK, you can ignore it.)

But if you are from South Carolina—and certainly if you are anywhere near Horry County—you should *read on!*

And you would find that Horry County, SC, is trying to differentiate people who rescue dogs from people who breed dogs (would that work for IWS, where our members regularly do both?); require a “constant source of water” for dogs (with no allowance for restricting water,

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Irish Water Spaniel pup

such as per a veterinarian's orders or during house training); prohibit housing a dog in a metal structure (really? Anyone out there have a metal barn?); and—get this—make it an offense for a dog to deposit excretory matter on property other than that of the owner or person responsible, regardless of whether the excretory matter was immediately removed and discarded or if it took place with the permission of the property owner. Good luck walking your dog!

According to the AKC:

“There have been many attempts across the country to further regulate dog breeders. These

include requiring warrantless inspections of private homes without probable cause, as well as impractical and arbitrary standards of care that may not be in the best interest of dogs. Not only do such provisions violate the rights of responsible, law-abiding citizens, they are also ineffective and unenforceable—and in some cases may even harm dogs. The problem is more complex than simply creating new laws: It requires the ability and will to enforce the laws against negligence and cruelty that are already on the books. A ‘quick fix’ of adding new laws will not change or improve a lack of enforcement and may only divert resources from much-needed enforcement operations. At the federal level, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has regularly strengthened the standards for humane care and treatment of dogs and other animals owned by those regulated by the Animal Welfare Act (AWA). The AKC supports the strong enforcement of the AWA, as well as an increase in the personnel and capacity of USDA to enforce the AWA.”

So, the next time you receive a legislative alert from your club's Legislative Liaison, please pause for a moment to reflect on all you stand to lose through ill-conceived local legislation. And then, if it is not relevant to your geographical area, feel free to hit delete.

—Dana Louttit, IWSCA President
[Irish Water Spaniel Club of America](#)

Sussex Spaniels

SMALL IN NUMBER—IN TERMS OF BOTH DOGS AND PEOPLE

There are so many challenges when you are involved in a rare breed.

I remember back in 1970 we found someone near Chicago who had a male Sussex. Researching found that he was a littermate to the lovely Sh. Ch. Chesara Chervil of Sedora.

His owner was Walter Mantzler. We made a special trip to meet him in hope that he could be used for breeding. Sadly, they had had him neutered, because their vet told them he would get prostate cancer if they didn't. That one dog could have contributed so much to the breed. He was beautiful, but due to being neutered at a young age he did not have the bone and body he would have had if he had been kept intact.



Sussex Spaniel Ch. Vicar of Lexxfield

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His name, as I recall, was Sussy.

To this day, I find so many vets that advise new puppy owners to neuter their dogs—it is outrageous. Why so many of them get the idea that the only good dog is a neutered dog, I do not understand. Don't they understand that if no one breeds purebred dogs, eventually they will have no customers? There is a vet in a city close to me who will not even do a C-section on a dog unless the owner agrees to have the bitch spayed at the same time.

I wish people would also understand that not only is the Sussex Spaniel a breed that is small in number, but as well the owners and breeders of the breed are small in number. Often, just one breeder with one litter can make a difference in a breed like this. Our parent club gets many requests from clubs and organizations asking for people and dogs to man Meet the Breed events and to do judges' education presentations, and they all want the same thing: someone to do the presentation and for there to be "several dogs." Some get quite peeved that we can't fly in to do this for them and bring several dogs. They don't seem to understand that there are many states that do not have even one Sussex Spaniel, and more states that have only one or two pets. Addressing this with the AKC Video Canine College has helped a bit, but people still want (and I understand) the hands-on experience.

We do our best to help where we can but always have a judges' education seminar and hands-on at our national specialty. Our national-specialty weekend this year (2021) will be in Salisbury, Maryland, November 12–14. Our national will be on Friday, November 12, with supported entries at all-breed shows (the Eastern Shore Classic cluster of shows) on both Saturday and Sunday following. Contact show chair Georgia Perdue at georg665dnp@gmail.com for times and directions.

It was so lovely two weeks ago to attend shows again—without masks and distancing. So good to see old friends, and to get pups and young dogs out for their first exposure to shows after being at home for a year and a half!

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Welsh Springer Spaniels

MORRIS & ESSEX, MRS. DODGE, AND NED CUMMINGS

As most people reading the AKC GAZETTE already know, the Morris & Essex Kennel Club dog show, an elegant annual event previously held from 1927 to 1957, was resurrected in 2000 and now occurs every five years. (See pages 4 to 6 for thoughts on this year's show and a gallery of photos.) And as most everyone in our

sport knows, these shows were the brainchild of the formidable dog woman Mrs. Geraldine Rockefeller Dodge. Attending this year as a board member of the AKC Political Action Committee (AKCPAC) was my first experience of this show of shows—but it triggered memories of a story I had heard years ago from one of my first mentors in Welsh Springers, Betty Cummings.

Betty exhibited at Morris & Essex as a girl and, later, as a professional handler with her husband and business partner, Edwin "Ned" Cummings. Ned was, to put it politely, a curmudgeon, but he was also a mentor to many young people interested in dog sports. Together with Betty, he ran a 4-H program that taught students the care, raising, and training of dogs of all breeds. Some of those young people also apprenticed for Betty and Ned in their dog-handling business. Although their Wynfomeer Kennel eventually became known for Welsh Springer Spaniels, and Ned was an early powerhouse in the for-

mation of the Welsh Springer Spaniel Club of America, the famous couple handled all breeds, driving a converted ambulance and hauling a stock trailer to events. Betty was particularly well known for handling Newfoundlands and Keeshonds in her long career.

What is less well known is that Ned spent an early part of his career as a kennel man for Mrs. Dodge. Famous for her lines in several breeds, Mrs. Dodge kept separate kennel and exercise facilities for each. Ned Cummings was responsible for the kennel devoted to her line of German Shepherd Dogs. He told Betty that in the evenings, before Mrs. Dodge had her fashionably late dinner, she would arrive at the GSD kennel.



Embracing vintage style at Morris & Essex: Wendy Jordan (L) and Shelia Goffe, AKC's Vice President of Government Relations, taking a break from their work at the AKC PAC booth.

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“Cummings,” she would say, “release the dogs.”

Ned would turn the dogs out into a large paddock, and Mrs. Dodge would watch them move. Her observations informed her choices on what dogs would be shown at which shows and who would be bred to whom. Ned would scribble down notes, make the entries and plan the breedings. Those evening exercise periods taught Ned a lot about movement and the management of a breeding program. He took that training into his own career and mentoring of the next generation.

And so it goes: From Mrs. Dodge, to Ned Cummings, to some of today’s professional handlers and passionate “amateurs,” knowledge is passed down. Many of Ned and Betty’s 4-H students—you know who you are—are still in the sport. Knowing them as I do, they are also passing on that knowledge to the next generation.

May it always be so.

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Vizslas

THE VERSATILE VIZSLA

The word *versatile* is defined as capable of doing many things competently. That’s a particularly apt description of the Vizsla. After

centuries of careful breeding, today’s Vizsla has the keen nose of a hound, the instincts of a pointer, and the strength and tenacity of an icy-water retriever. In her book *Versatile Vizsla*, Marion Coffman further asserts, “A Vizsla holds a unique position for a sporting dog—that of both house companion and family dog, and a close-working personal gundog in the field.”

During a recent meeting to discuss the Vizsla breed, one person said they would never support any event that departed from the original intent of the breed. For the Vizsla, that intent is versatility, so it got me thinking about AKC dog sports. The AKC website breaks dog sports into five categories: Conformation, Companion, Performance, Title Recognition, and Family Dog. Together, these wide-ranging categories are well within the Vizsla’s abilities. A keen nose and tenacity are required for hunting, tracking, scent work, search and rescue. A retrieving instinct is needed for hunting, obedience, and disc dog. Companionship is key in agility, rally, and obedience, while a family dog is suited for CGC, Trick Dog, and therapy work.

Essentially, the Vizsla should be the AKC dog sports poster child. It’s no surprise that the AKC’s first quintuple champion was a Vizsla named Chartay, Ch./FC/AFC/OTCH/MACH Legacy DeChartay.

The joy of Vizsla ownership is found in the



The athletic, talented Vizsla is highly versatile—the breed is a top competitor in a wide range of dog sports. “The joy is in the journey,” writes the author. “It’s up to the owner to determine where to start.”



journey. Vizslas are competitive at the top level in many different dog sports, so it’s up to the owner to determine where to start. My first competition dog took me to the show ring. She became an all-breed Best in Show winner and a national specialty winner. Was the Vizsla bred to trot around a ring in a canine beauty pageant? Thankfully, one of her sons took to the field. After a year of fairgrounds, dresses, and designer flats, I was ready



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to trade it all in for rain boots and jeans. This boy went on to become the AKC's first Master Hunter Advanced.

While all my dogs have dabbled in conformation and the field, agility eventually drew my full attention. It took a few years to develop the skills to be a competitive team on the big stage. A daughter of my original show dog became the number one agility Vizsla in 2014 and was a finalist at Westminster and the Invitational in Orlando. Although this sport does not require a keen nose and the instinctual skills of retrieving or tracking, it does demand serious teamwork and depends on the breed's biddability. Their light footedness and athletic build give the Vizsla a jumping style that's easy on the body and allows for longevity without injury. And boy, do they love agility.

Continually working to build better, more confident puppies, I dove headfirst into Puppy Culture. The program's principles open up more opportunities for very young puppies to expand their learning. The AKC Trick Dog program encourages puppy owners to participate and helps new owners find a multitude of activities to try with their versatile dogs.

One of the components of Puppy Culture is an introduction to tracking. The North American Versatile Hunting Dog Association (NAVHDA) offers tests that evaluate young dogs' natural abilities in hunting, swimming, and tracking.

This test of versatility fits right in with the hallmarks of our breed. After earning a perfect score with my puppy, we worked our way through the AKC Tracking titles, and he became the second Vizsla to earn the title Champion Tracker (CT) and the first to add a concurrent Tracking Dog Urban (TDU).

In more recent years, our exploration has taken us to rally and scent work, where we've reached the master level in both. The confidence created in scent work is starting to spill over into successes in other sports, and it's one of the most worthwhile training journeys yet.

Moving forward, I hope to see more owners teaming up with their versatile Vizslas to explore the many AKC dog sports.

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[Note: Our apologies for omission of photo credit in the July issue to Play Paws Record for the stunning image on page 41 of a Vizsla doing scent work that was shared with the column "What Is the Modern Hunting Dog?"]

Weimaraners

WHAT MAKES HIM UNIQUE

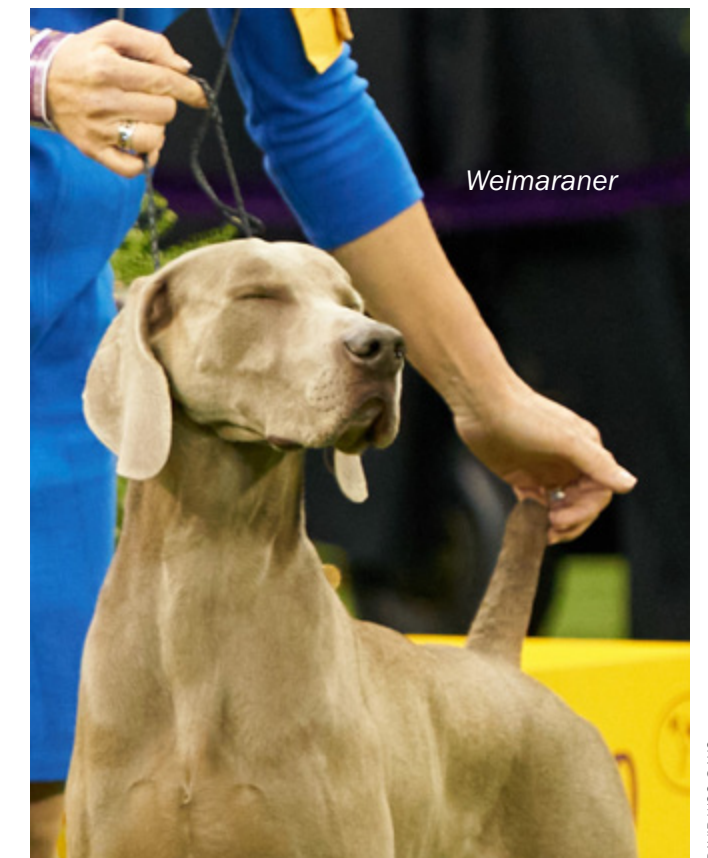
If you breed Weimaraners for any length of time, you quickly realize that novice owners come in all shapes, sizes, and motivations

when it comes to raising their brand-new Weimaraner puppy. One of my favorite types of new owner is the overly conscientious one who dotes on their Weimaraner puppy, has a million questions, and needs reassurance that they are doing everything absolutely right when it comes to rearing their puppy. These folks come up with some of the most amusing and startling questions about our breed.

For example, I had one of these wonderful "worry warts" call me in a panic. She blurted out, "I don't know how I missed it, but there's something wrong with my puppy. He has growths in both of his ears!" Her words came out with machine-gun rapidity, punctuated by gulps for air. The tone was a combination of panic and guilt. I tried to calm her and get more information about what was happening with her puppy. She described a couple little flaps of skin around the edges of the puppy's ears—some on the outer edge, and one on the inside of the ear. I asked if she would take her phone and send me a picture. Moments later I had multiple pictures and another anxious phone call. The pictures confirmed my suspicion that her Weimaraner has Harrasburg horns. Trying to calm her, I explained that these little skin tags occur in many dogs and that they were harmless. In Weimaraners we call them Harrasburg horns after the name of very early imports from Germany that hailed

from the Harrasburg Kennels.

This was not the only question that I've fielded about Weimaraner markings and coat characteristics. Our standard says that the Weimaraner's coat is "Short, smooth and sleek, solid color, in shades of mouse-gray to silver-gray, usually blending to lighter shades on the head and ears." While that is a good general description, there are nuances that the standard does not address. Sometimes the coat color along the spine is a darker shade of gray that gradually blends into lighter gray on the



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sides. This pattern is called an “eel stripe,” since it mimics the coloration of darker on top/lighter on the bottom seen in many types of eels.

Along with coat-color variation is the not-uncommon cowlick. It’s just a section of hair that grows in a direction different from the rest and resists being combed flat. It can occur in any part of the dog’s body, but common sites are along the top of the muzzle and on the back of the neck. I’ve heard them discussed in judging seminars, and the bottom line is that they are such a minor variation that they are pretty much ignored. In the show ring, I’ve successfully shown dogs with cowlicks and been questioned about it only once. The question surprised me, but I recalled someone once referring to them as “God’s thumbprint.” I used that line and got a laugh out of a usually-solemn judge. My personal experience with cowlicks is equally amusing. I owned a devilish little bitch who had matching cowlicks on her shoulder blades. We called her “Angel Wings,” which matched her temperament *not* at all.

Who would ever think that there were so many exceptions and footnotes possible in describing a smooth coated, gray dog? The more you know about Weimaraners, the more you appreciate their uniqueness.

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Alaskan Malamutes

THE AMCA NATIONAL: OUR HOMECOMING

*H*omecoming. The word, and all it conveys, is rich in meaning; a journey of coming together and joining each other in love and celebration. For us in the Malamute world, homecoming means the celebration of our AMCA national specialty plus the associated regional specialty each autumn: the annual joining of our members and friends from all over the U.S. and around the world.

Rotating among 10 geographic regions, each national reflects the flavor and traditions of each region as we compress the hard work of dozens of devoted members into a busy and exciting week. It is, of course, a competition, but it’s so much more: It’s a vital forum for education, for sharing of information about genetic discoveries and clinical research. As the breed’s parent club within the AKC, AMCA members play a vital role in judges’ education, with our hands-on judges’ workshop, special reserved seating at ringside, and many opportunities during the week for judges and prospective judges to personally go over the dogs and increase their knowledge of the fine points of our standard and enjoy valuable networking and fellowship.

A Wild, Wonderful, Jam-Packed Week

A year in the making creates a packed week,



Alaskan Malamutes show off their beauty and skills in a wide range of events at the breed’s annual national specialty every year.



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with each day and evening full of classes and special events. Highlights such as our auction, full of bidding excitement on gorgeous items, capture one's imagination as well as one's budget! There is the practical side, too, with our annual membership meeting, where important subjects that impact our breed are presented and discussed, and with motions offered and voted on we seek to keep our breed's future secure.

Next, reports are presented from almost 20 committees, such as Public Education, Health, and Judges' Education, essential to keeping our parent club engaged with our public presence and thriving as we protect and preserve our beloved breed.

A Renewal of Friendship

Most of all, it is a renewal of friendship, of relationships that have bonded so many of us for years—for decades—of sharing and planning breedings together that have come to fruition in the puppies, youngsters, stunning specials, and magnificent veterans we celebrate as they stride before us. And we thrill to see our exciting agility and obedience dogs, showing the world they are as brilliant as they are beautiful.

Of course, the working ability of our breed defines its heritage and identity. The regional and national weight-pulls are a highlight of

the week, full of enthusiastic owners and eager dogs—with top pulls frequently exceeding 3,000 pounds!

Newcomers: We'll Welcome You!

If you are drawn to the beauty and presence of the Alaskan Malamute, you will thrill to the excitement of agility, watching our athletes conquer the courses, full of energy and teamed with their equally athletic owners! You'll love the drama of our weight pulls, where you'll get a close-up look at the focus and intensity of dogs full of instinct and drive, cheered on by their owners, doing what they were bred to do.

And in the whole spectrum of our conformation classes, you'll be captivated by the sight of over 200 Malamutes, from puppies to veterans, athletic and looking their best, competing in the conformation classes plus special events such as the Top Twenty, showcasing the year's top-winning champions; and the Working Dog Showcase, where you'll see working-titled Malamutes demonstrating their soundness and show-ring manners for the judges and spectators alike.

You'll find a sincere welcome from our breeder-exhibitors after placements are given, and there's time for a break back in the grooming area where you can meet the dogs and experience the solid, sweet temperaments we work hard to ensure in our breeding pro-

grams. It's the best opportunity to build your network with dedicated breeder-members of AMCA, because we have truly devoted our lives to the quality of our dogs, and also serve in so many ways in our parent club and in our sport, both here and around the world.

We are the guardians of the breed and its heritage, and we stand ready to guide you as you learn more about Malamutes and decide if the breed is right for you. And when you find a mentor among us and enjoy a wonderful Malamute of your own, you can count on a friendship with that breeder for the rest of your life.

Memories of a Lifetime

Each year, I am astonished and humbled to see our members arriving from hundreds and thousands of miles away, here and around the world, with their dogs poised to compete as more than ever, we are honored to welcome them, and our national is enriched by their presence and the quality and strength of their breeding programs.

The national creates the memories of a lifetime—in so many ways it is our truest family reunion, and sharing these precious days with close friends we've known in many cases for many decades is more important with each passing year. It is, for so many of us, the focus of our lives each year: It is our homecoming.

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Anatolian Shepherd Dogs

Our guest columnist this month is Carol White, president of the Anatolian Shepherd Dog Club of America, with a report on our 50th anniversary national specialty. Thank you, Carol!

THE ANNUAL GATHERING OF THE CLAN

On July 1, 1970, a small group of individuals, who all shared one thing in common—the Anatolian Shepherd Dog—decided to get together and meet on an annual basis. This gathering was dubbed “The Annual Gathering of The Clan,” and so it began.

On July 2, 2021, Anatolian owners came together in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Anatolian Shepherd Dog Club of America (a year delayed, thanks to Covid-19). The ASDCA leadership promised a golden event, and it delivered big time on its promises.

The ASDCA was especially honored to have sitting ringside Mrs. Dorothy Ballard, wife of our club founder, the late Robert C. Ballard, who traveled from her home in Santa Fe, New Mexico, to be a part of the 50th anniversary

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festivities. She was accompanied by her daughter Eileen Lavine and her granddaughter, Kira Lavine, who both said they felt Bob's strong presence throughout the weekend.

The show itself was held indoors in a huge, air-conditioned building at the Oklahoma State Fairgrounds. We had reserved space in the grooming area for those Anatolian exhibi-

tors who needed a place to crate their dogs.

On Day Three of the five-day show cluster, the day scheduled for our national specialty, we had an impressive entry of 34 dogs. We had representation from beginner puppy in the 4–6 Months class to our senior veteran dogs, with the oldest 12½ years old.

Our sweepstakes judge was Mrs. Linda

Clark from Tulsa, Oklahoma, a longtime, highly respected professional handler who hung up the leads to become an AKC judge. The ASDCA chose one of dogdom's most respected judges and renowned author of dog-related books and articles, Dr. Carmen Battaglia, from Roswell, Georgia, to adjudicate our breed at this historic 50th anniversary celebration.

The ASDCA received many compliments for our 50th-anniversary trophy table. Even Dr. Battaglia said, "Boy, your club really went all out!" All the trophies were selected to carry through our 50th golden-anniversary theme. The breed trophies featured our anniversary logo. We also unveiled our new Best of Breed perpetual trophy. Our original "Zorba Award" ran out of room for nameplates honoring national-specialty winners from years past.

The trophy table for Day Two featured stained glass/etched plaques and laser-cut wooden ornaments carrying out a Noah's Ark theme. A framed Noah's Ark poster was displayed on the trophy table with the wording, "Where did the Anatolian Shepherd Dog originate? Where did Noah's Ark come down?"

The Day Three trophies were stainless steel serving pieces embellished with brilliant gold branches and gold leaves. On this last day of showing, exhibitors were given awe-

some keychains topped with a small crystal ball showing the lovely head of an Anatolian Shepherd. The keychains were the ASDCA's way of thanking our exhibitors, many who traveled hundreds of miles to attend our 2021 national specialty. We had dogs traveling from California, Texas, New York, Florida, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Massachusetts, Kentucky, New Hampshire, and Missouri, and a local from Oklahoma.

The national specialty awards and raffle/auction banquet held at our host hotel, Embassy Suites, was a success. Our national-specialty judge, Dr. Battaglia, and sweepstakes judge Mrs. Linda Clark, both attended and gave short speeches. Also attending the banquet as the guest of one of our club members was Dr. David Hayhurst, who judged sweepstakes at the ASDCA national specialty held 10 years ago in Napa, California.

The most coveted award given out by the ASDCA is the Hisar Shield Award, honoring a club member's Lifetime Achievement and service to the Anatolian Shepherd Dog Club of America. The award is not given out annually, but this year, the ASDCA awarded the Hisar Shield Award to Laura Edstrom-Smith, who for 30 years has dedicated herself to the service of the club and to the breed.

Everyone who attended the banquet walked away with a "goody bag" filled with many

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custom-made items (I love crafting) you will not find in any store. This was my way of saying “Thank you” for supporting the club and attending our 50th-anniversary celebration. The most unique item in the gift bag was a commemorative “Challenge Coin.” The coin depicted an Anatolian in front of the American and Turkish flags.

Each attendee at the banquet received a commemorative latte mug filled with gold-wrapped candy. Each person also received a booklet titled *A Look Back at Anatolian History: Famous Firsts*. The booklet was put together by Marilyn Harned.

The weather in Oklahoma City was hot and humid, and pesky mosquitoes abounded. But it could have been worse. We look forward to next year’s “Gathering of the Clan,” which will take place in Nashville, Tennessee, in the fall. Start making your plans now.

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Bernese Mountain Dogs

CHANGES IN ATTITUDES: SHAPING THOUGHTS TO ENHANCE PERFORMANCE

As dog owners, we are constantly working on shaping our dog’s thoughts and behaviors using positive reinforcement. Have

you considered that our thoughts may need positive-reinforcement shaping? When people change their minds, they change their behavior. Lou Tice, of The Pacific Institute, wrote, “Just like athletes train their bodies, we can train our minds to enhance our performance.”

In every practice and competition, we and our dogs make errors. We also do things well. It is human nature to remember the negatives more easily than the positives, so I have learned to look for the positives first. Following a practice time or competition, I look first for three things that were good. Next, I look for a couple things I would like to improve. When I think about the improvements, I formulate a strategy saying, “Next time, I’ll ...”—and insert a positive change. Then I visualize doing the correct behavior.

I was first introduced to positive thought process and visualizing process goals by Vince Poscente. He is a former Olympic skier and currently an awesome motivational speaker. He teaches how to set and achieve goals that guide thoughts. A wonderful benefit in focusing your thoughts is the growth in confidence. I discovered that this process raises the fun factor exponentially.

Julie Bacon is a Bernese Mountain Dog lover and frequent dog-sport competitor. On her web page, she notes:

“I find that people all have goals, but few

have plans on how to get there. The biggest issue is that handlers get focused on the outcome—the Q, the points, the title—instead of the process. Process goals hold the real power. Process goals are what you need to do in order to achieve those desired outcomes. If you’re focused on process, you’re in the present moment. If you’re focused on outcome, you’re already thinking about the drive home.”

Ruth Nielson another BMD lover, explained the difference so very well in a Facebook post:

“All I was thinking about was outcome goals, and the worries running through my mind were all things I could not control—no wonder I was feeling tense and anxious! I reminded myself that the only thing I could control was myself—and as soon as I started shifting my thoughts to my behavior, I felt myself unwinding and letting go of some of that tension.

“What was my process goal for this run with Fitzroy—what did I want for my own behavior? I realized my own Process Goal was this: I wanted to be a calm handler in the ring. It was an illustration for me of the power of process goals. By shifting my thoughts away from the ‘outcome’ goal of passing to the ‘process’ goal of being a calm handler in the ring, I was able to switch off my own anxiety and center myself for a lovely run with my dog. Everything about it felt wonderful, and I was



Bernese Mountain Dog Jubilee intently waits for a game. She understands work is play.

able to do the same thing again the next day.

“Fitzroy doesn’t know if we passed or failed—but he does know that we were totally in sync and that I was super proud of him. That partnership is the ‘why’—my whole reason for competing with dogs in the first place.”

Controlling your thoughts as you practice and compete is a game changer. Consider your goals. Enjoy the moment. Watch the behaviors and attitudes. Reflect on your progress and process. The balancing act provides gives room for fun and allows joy.

Let your training work be fun! Happy training!
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Black Russian Terriers

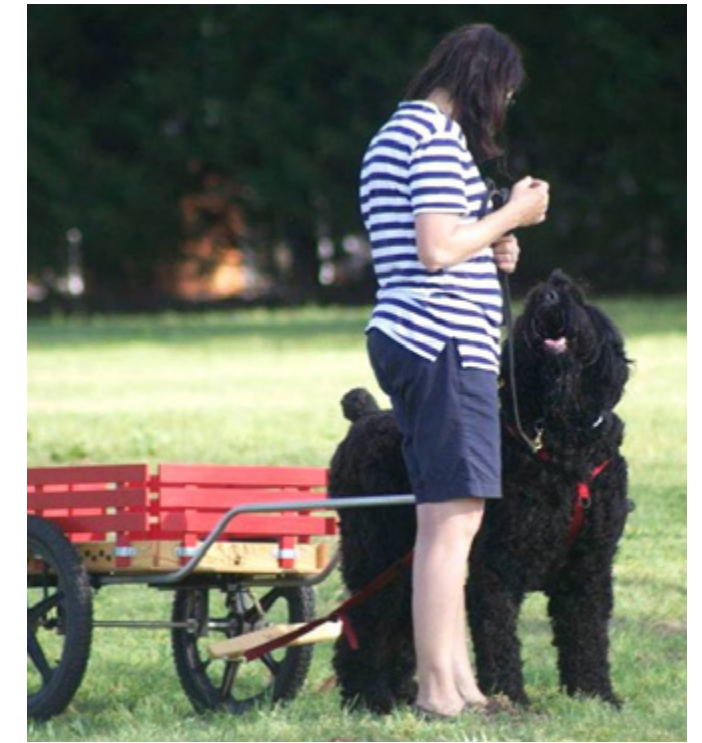
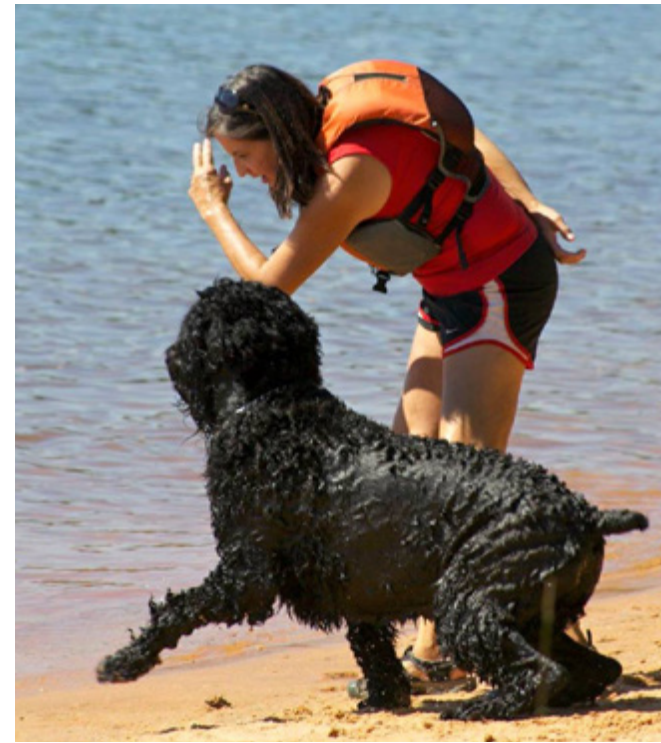
GIRLS JUST WANNA HAVE FUN—AND SO DO THEIR BRTS

Obviously, having fun with your Black Russian isn't limited to the female gender. Fun can and should be had by all those loved by a Black Russian Terrier. With so many new ways to engage your dog with the AKC, such as new titles like Trick Dog and temperament testing, there is bound to be something for everyone! The BRT is a very willing partner and thrives on the interaction and connection with their people. This makes them, in our opinion, one of the greatest performance dogs. Now, we will likely never see the speed of a Border Collie in the agility ring, but don't count these guys out!

We are seeing more and more Black Russians and their owners trying their hand and paws at new sports and activities. From dock diving to Fast CAT, scent work to carting, there is no limit to what you can do. We asked a few members of the Black Russian Terrier community who are very active in various sports to share a little about their experiences working with her BRTs.

From Emily Zuercher:

"One of the reasons I went with a Black Russian terrier was their versatility and willingness to please their owner. My dog Mila



has the 'I'll do anything you ask me to do because it's you' personality. Fearless, confident, and driven, the Black Russian is a true working dog and I believe in channeling that drive. Before the pandemic, we worked all the socialization growing up and exposing her to different classes and locations preparing her to ultimately achieve her AKC CGC, CGC-A, and Novice Trick dog at her first puppy show, where she also took breed and a group 1. Pet dog, conformation dog, sport dog, or service dog, these are tests you and your pup should totally investigate. They can give you a good perspective on where your dog is at on manners, obedience, and socialization.



The Black Russian Terrier is a willing and versatile participant in a wide variety of canine events.

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“Through the pandemic we had to get creative. Do More With Your Dog (domorewithyourdog.com/DogTricks/) offers a large variety of skill-testing titles from trick dog to stunt dog. You can locate groups on Facebook by searching ‘spark teams’ typically evaluators will look over/judge your submissions for free. With Mila, we worked up through the expert trick dog on video submissions. If you’re looking to add titles to your dog, you would then submit them to DMWYD then transfer them to AKC titles!

“The AKC also offered online submissions at the time for Novice rally. I decided to participate and went to the local kennel club to video my submissions. In November 2020, they held the Black Russian Terrier national where Mila and I would go to compete in our first rally and obedience competition. We received all three legs for our Advanced rally. We also received all three legs for our novice obedience at our national and took home High in Trial for BRTs. It was an amazing weekend for my dog and me to show the work we had done at home, but even more to continue to build our trust and connection with each other.

“Sports and titles are more than just a fancy ribbon or some initials behind your dog’s name. They are a growing experience for the relationship you want to have with your dog. Working dogs love to have a job and be

challenged. New activities provide enrichment and engagement in fun ways. AKC and several other outlets have so many avenues to try with your dog. Next time there is a local show, do a ‘fun run’ with Fast CAT or dock diving. Your dog may just surprise you, and you may find a passion you didn’t know your dog had!”—E.Z.

From Amanda Ellery:

“I believe when having a working breed, it is my duty to let them ‘work.’ I saw something in Ziggy from the moment I met him. He had a willingness to please and was confident. As I began to show him the world, his attitude was ‘OK, let’s do this.’ Working with a local trainer that enjoyed many sports with many breeds, Ziggy was introduced early to a multitude of activities. Starting with a solid obedience foundation, we went on to learn rally, agility, carting, nose work, and even water work with the Portuguese Water Dogs and Newfoundlands. This beautiful, strong, loyal breed was meant to have a job! Socialization and obedience is the path to *many* fun and exciting games for you and your BRT.”—A.E.

Amanda brings up a fantastic point regarding socialization and obedience. This absolutely is the foundation for any dog to be a successful working partner. This of course goes for all breeds, not just Black Russians. Building a solid foundation based on com-

munication and trust is the key to a long and happy life with your dog.

The AKC has so many resources to help you find the right activity for you and your dog.

So, get off that couch and get working with your dog!

For the Black Russian Terrier Illustrated Standard and other materials, visit <http://www.brtca.org/shopping.html>.

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Boxers

THE BOXER BRAIN

I’m often asked by a prospective buyer how the Boxer does in obedience—after all they are a working dog, and their utilitarian purpose was well documented in German history.

My reply: “The Boxer is very Intelligent and active ... but ... *you* must be smarter than the dog—and have a sense of humor”.

My first experience with an “obedience” Boxer was in 1971, when I met Charlie. I was starting my Vizsla puppy in obedience, and Charlie was the clown of the Novice class. However, Charlie’s owner was no fool; she convinced Charlie those “antics” could be channeled into the chores at hand with great enthusiasm (sometimes a bit too much). That

was the breed for me. Shortly after I got my first Boxer.

Over the years I’ve watched as the Boxer breeders expanded their interests and are increasingly gaining recognition in performance—led by owners with perseverance and ... a good sense of humor.

Obedience was offered at the ABC national specialty beginning in 1947 (with an entry of seven) and continued with entries as high as 29—until, 1971 when the national specialty was moved into NYC, held at the Statler Hilton on the day before Westminster KC. Obedience at the national was then discontinued due to lack of space.

Twenty-three years later, in 1995, obedience was reintroduced to the national specialty show held in Frederick, Maryland, with longtime ABC member Judson Streicher judging the entry of 54.

In the ensuing years, Boxers have proven to be very competitive in many areas of performance. The ABC introduced agility at the national in 1999 (averaging close to 200 entries per trial), and rally (averaging entries in the 30s per trial) in 2005—combined with an average obedience entry of 50 per trial. Now during national specialty week, all three venues—obedience, rally, and agility—offer two trials each. This year, two scent trials will be offered as well at the national, for the first time.

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Obedience participants at the recent American Boxer Club national specialty.

The Boxer performance explosion is not limited to the above sports, however. Competent and creative owners have petitioned the AKC to recognize the breed in the ever-new emerging and recognized dog activities. Boxers are competitive and often in the ribbons in many dog sports, including tracking, Barn Hunt, Dock Diving, coursing and Fast CAT, herding, scent work and flyball. And while often placing in the top awards, Boxers are still known to frequently add a bit of entertain-

ment to any sport they participate in.

The breed's athleticism is increasingly recognized, but until you have a personal relationship with the Boxer, their empathetic character isn't realized. Their intuitive nature makes them wonderful partners for physically, emotional, or mentally impaired individuals. Many retired Boxers have a second career visiting hospitals, schools, or elder communities. The zealous, ball-of-thunder canine quickly adjusts to the needs of "his" current person, be

it in a nursery, hospital, or retirement center. Their gentle approach and kind expression is a tonic for all they visit.

An adaptable family pet, a Boxer can doze with Grandpa, help Mom clean up in the kitchen, watch sports with Dad, play ball with the kids ... and cuddle up with the baby for a nap. You just supply a little bit of discipline, a lot of love, and many, many laughs.

Speaking of training, you would think after 50 years involved with dogs, I would have

learned to check my pockets before doing my laundry.

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Bullmastiffs

It takes a community to plan and implement a national specialty. Having been involved in a few, I can say that our 2021 American Bullmastiff Association national specialty had a capable cadre of volunteers who came together so that all of us in attendance could celebrate our breed. Thanks to Lisa Tremblay, to Karen and Jerry Cole, and to the many volunteers who made the 2021 national memorable! Six-hundred words and a looming publication deadline do not allow much beyond a brief recap, but the experience is always difficult to describe unless you have been there.

2021 ABA NATIONAL SPECIALTY

Vince and I traveled through some beautiful mountains on our trip to Asheville, North Carolina. It became obvious that this was not just another drive to a dog show when we noticed that each "runaway truck ramp" was numbered and that they were becoming increasingly frequent on our journey through

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the beautiful but daunting Great Smoky Mountains. We arrived at the Crown Plaza Resort and were reminded why this venue made for a great national in 2007 and would again. The facility offers beautiful green spaces, dog-friendly accommodations, indoor show space, and RV parking, among other amenities.

Dedicated to the memory of Meaghan Walsh, dear friend and fellow fancier, the national-specialty events commenced on September 20, beginning with performance events and two independent specialties; progressing through the sweepstakes, futurity, and dog and bitch classes; and culminating in Best of Breed judging. I hope to devote a column to the performance events and have secured the help of those organizers and participants, so that we can highlight their accomplishments with their working Bullmastiffs.

While the days were all about competition, the afternoons and most evenings found fanciers congregating to share information, gather for cocktails and meals, attend the annual art auction and ABA membership meeting, and enjoy the ABA Top Twenty-Five—once again a favored event of attendees asked.

In the 16 years that the event has been part of our national, only one Bullmastiff, before this year's competition, had ever won both the Top Twenty-Five and the People's Choice Award in the same year. This year GCh.B



Lucifer the Bullmastiff won both the Top Twenty-Five and the People's Choice Award at the breed's national specialty this year.

Ste-Lor's Fallen Angel at Anthracite earned both wins, making him the second. Lucifer is owned by Charles, Cheryl, and Ty Kistler; is bred by Lori and Stephen Baker and Becky Martin; and is owner-handled by Charles Kistler. Congratulations to his breeders, owners, and handler. Lucifer is pictured with this column, given his unique status as a dog awarded both by the Top Twenty-Five judges and by the Bullmastiff fanciers in attendance this year. In this photograph he truly "owns the ground he stands on."

Space allows for publication of some of the top awards and for congratulations to the winners, with apologies in advance for any errors: Sweepstakes judge Connie Urbanski gave

Best Puppy in Sweepstakes to Appalachian and Eloc's Samsson, bred by Susan Rice and Katherine Case, owned by Gerald and Karen Cole; and Best of Opposite to Best Puppy in Sweepstakes to Ridegtop 'N Marconian Cara Delevigne House Isabela, bred by Olga and Rene Contant, Ronie Whittall, and Galina Taylor, and owned by Joseph Chen.

Best Veteran was won by GCh.G Spicestar's Zeus's Thunder, bred by Charles Hoelter, owned by breeder and Jessica Baldwin; and Best of Opposite to Best Veteran was won by GCh. Prides She Wears Leather and Lace of Willoway, bred and owned by Ann and Joe McGowan.

Futurity judge Robin Dowding chose Pandora and T-Boldt's Pimpin Ain't Easy at Pride, bred by Kristen Wetzell, owned by Ann and Joe McGowan, as Best Dog in Futurity; and Catherwood's Purple Reign, bred and owned by Sara Patchen, as Best Bitch in Futurity.

Judge Kimberly Meredith awarded Best of Breed and Best Owner Handled to GCh. Banstock N Highpoint Ain't She Sweet, handled by Helene Nietsch and bred and owned by Helene Nietsch, Michele McGovern, and Kellye St. John; Best of Opposite Sex was won by GCh. Ridgetop 'N Marconian's Aventador, handled by Olga Contant, bred by Olga Contant, Rene Contant, and Galina Taylor,

and owned by breeders and Ronie Whittall. Winners Dog, Best of Winners, and Best Bred-by-Exhibitor was HappyLegs Macaroooney, a new champion handled by Chris Lezotte, bred and owned by Alan Kalter and Chris Lezotte. Winners Bitch was Marconian 'N Ridgetops White Orchid, handled by winning Junior Handler Ronie Whittall, bred by Galina Taylor and Olga Contant, and owned by breeders and Ronie Whittall.

While many events are national-specialty traditions, two new ways to celebrate our dogs were introduced this year. Almost 150 Stars of the Heart adorned the walkways in the show room, and a number of posters for the Wall of Fame graced the walls, with more commissioned for the future.

We left North Carolina with memories of wonderful Bullmastiffs, great friends, and happy times, looking forward to the 2022 ABA national specialty.

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Doberman Pinschers

THE PARTS THAT MAKE UP THE WHOLE

The Doberman is the only AKC breed purposely bred as a protector of humans, rather than of other animals. The exact

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recipe of dogs used to develop the breed in the late 1800s is not known. However, the breed's evolution from the companion of Herr Dobermann, as he made his rounds as post-master and bill collector, to the Doberman of today is well documented.

The Doberman Pinscher Club of America is celebrating its 100th birthday this year. Incorporated in 1921, the DPCA “relied on the 1920 modified German standard until it wrote its own standard in 1935.”

Every seminar I have attended on judging the breed emphasizes that one must compare the dog to the standard; do not fault judge. Does the Doberman in front of you align with the visual blueprint laid out in the standard? The first DPCA written standard, approved by the AKC 86 years ago, included a “Scale of Points,” with a note: “It is recommended that the scale of points be confined to use in Match Shows and Judging Classes.”

I believe the point scale was created to help illustrate how one should weigh individual parts when applying the standard to the dog as a whole. We judge each dog in conformation competition by first looking at the entire dog, standing in profile. Then, the dogs move around the ring together, allowing the judge to determine soundness. Next, each dog is physically examined to evaluate the quarters, mouth, condition, bone, and so



Doberman Pinscher Ch. Ellie v Franzhof, July 1941 (Tauskey photo)

on. Individually moving each dog completes the puzzle: Does the dog closely conform to the breed's standard? Is the dog's gait free, balanced, and vigorous, with good reach and drive? Could the dog perform its function? Temperament is observed through each step.

Among judges, breeders, and exhibitors, some have seen troubling trends. Here are a few common complaints, followed by excerpts from the standard:

Lack of bone and substance: 1935–1948—faults: Fine greyhound build, bones ...too light;

Desired trait: Noticeable/sufficient/spring of rib;

1948–present, desired traits: round, heavy bone; well-defined spring of rib.

Not balanced, too much or not enough angulation:

1935–present:

Forequarters—1935—faults: Steepness of shoulder, too-short upper arm or shoulder-blade; desired traits; Length of shoulder blade and upper arm are equal; shoulder meets the upper arm at an angle of 90 degrees.

Hindquarters—faults: Steepness due to insufficient angulation. Excessive angulation; Desired traits: The angulation of the hindquarters balances that of the forequarter; upper and lower shanks are of equal length. While the dog is at rest, hock to heel is perpendicular to the ground.

Long and low: Desired traits, 1925 (Germany): Built short in body, ... should look square in shape; 1935–present: The appearance is that of a dog of medium size, with a body that is square; Compactly built; 1969—Height from elbow to withers approximately equals height from ground to elbow.

The biggest complaints relate to proportion,

angulation, and balance. Our standard is clear on these points. However, there seems to be a shift toward dogs that are square, without sufficient angulation; and square dogs with steep front angles and over-angulation in rear. Example one: The Doberman as a table—possessing a short, firm back, lack of well-defined forechest, and straight, open angles, front and rear. Balanced, but faulty in both quarters. Example two: Short-backed with ski-slope topline—steep shoulders and open shoulder-to-upper arm angle, paired with too much rear angulation, a long lower shank, and, often, long sickle-hocks—unbalanced.

While I think the standard should be read often, perhaps we could—occasionally—review the scale of points when doing so. It may help us gain a deeper understanding of how those who were instrumental in developing this amazing breed through the decades saw the parts that make up the whole.

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Dogues de Bordeaux REVISED BREED STANDARD

The newly revised AKC breed standard for the Dogue de Bordeaux took effect on June 9 of this year. The revisions did not

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change any areas of the breed’s conformation; they only added descriptors highlighting certain existing conformation features. The revised Dogue de Bordeaux breed standard also adds verbiage, noting that “the topline should be as level as possible with a slight dip behind the well-marked withers.” Additionally, the revisions further define the type and location of allowable white coloring that conforms to the breed standard. Periodic breed standard revisions are beneficial for a variety of reasons. In many cases, the wording within the standards needs to be edited to further clarify conformation points and promote additional understanding of the breed and judging accuracy in the show ring.

The revised AKC Dogue de Bordeaux breed standard added text explicitly noting that the Dogue de Bordeaux is a concave-lined breed in the third sentence of the revised breed standard. Concave-lined breed features of the Dogue de Bordeaux are a broad skull, substantial bone development, slightly upturned muzzle, extremities and skin are thick, a slight dip in the topline behind the well-marked withers, and the pasterns may slightly toe-out—or, as the AKC breed standard states, “may bend slightly outwards.” Considering the number of questions this topic generates at judges’ education seminars, Meet the Breeds events, and everyday discussions about the breed, clarification and discussion of the Dogue de Bordeaux’s “concave



Key features of the features of the Dogue de Bordeaux include a broad skull, substantial bone development, slightly upturned muzzle, thick skin and extremities and skin, and a slight dip in the topline behind the well-marked withers.

characteristics” is warranted.

The fact that the Dogue de Bordeaux’s topline is not meant to be perfectly level conformationally is one of the breed’s features that some judges may have found challenging to comprehend, especially if their primary expertise is with breeds whose standards call for level toplines.

The AKC Dogue de Bordeaux breed standard says, “The topline should be as level as possible with a slight dip behind the well-marked withers.” This point agrees with the declaration by French scholar Raymond Triquet, one of the rescuers of the breed and developer of the modern-day FCI breed standard by stating, “In

the Dogue de Bordeaux, we aim for it as straight as possible in a concave-lined dog.” The key wording from Triquet, “as straight as possible,” means that the topline is never perfectly level or straight as, in Triquet’s words, “It would go against the breed’s nature to be otherwise.”

Another area of the Dogue de Bordeaux’s conformation that appears to have posed some comprehension challenges is the issue of allowable white coloring. Although the previous AKC standard for the Dogue de Bordeaux made explicit references to what areas of the Dogue were allowed to contain white patches or coloration, there have been past instances of Dogues who conformed to the breed standard, including having white patches or white coloring of the extremities, being excused or disqualified from the conformation ring. The newly revised breed standard is even more explicit in defining allowable white coloring by stating, “individual patches of white on the forechest, a secondary patch of white on the throat is allowed but not preferred, white on the toes (not above the carpus or tarsus) and backs of pasterns is acceptable. Disqualification—White in any location other than what is listed above or any coat color other than shades of fawn on the head or body or any coat color other than shades of fawn.”

The AKC Dogue de Bordeaux breed standard covers three pages of text. There is a reason for its length. Authors of the breed standard

realized that the Dogue de Bordeaux’s conformation features required significant attention to detail to accurately describe the breed’s unique characteristics, features, and conformation standards. They were meticulous in covering every facet of the breed’s conformation through clear and concise text. Dog writers past and present have consistently described the FCI and AKC Dogue de Bordeaux breed standard as one of the best that they have reviewed due to its clarity, detail, and accuracy. The revised AKC Dogue de Bordeaux breed standard builds upon this and is a testament to the dedication and hard work of the parent club’s Breed Standard Revision Committee in partnership with AKC staff for completing this project. Fanciers, breeders, judges, and the Dogue de Bordeaux stand to benefit from this effort.

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German Pinschers

THINKING ABOUT PUPPIES

Recently, I’ve been thinking about puppies.

This is not surprising, because I’m planning to add a German Pinscher puppy to the household this year. It’s been a few years since

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I've raised a puppy, so I've been thinking about what characteristics are important to me, what I need to do to prepare, how I plan to raise the puppy, and how to integrate this dog into a household with two other German Pinschers—a soon-to-be 14-year-old, and a nearly 8-year-old.

In deciding to get a German Pinscher puppy, bred to a standard, there are already certain things I know. According to the breed standard, a German Pinscher is “a medium size, short coated dog, elegant in appearance with a strong square build and moderate body structure, muscular and powerful for endurance and agility. Energetic, watchful, alert, agile, fearless, determined, intelligent and loyal, the German Pinscher has the prerequisites to be an excellent watchdog and companion.”

In addition, I know that when full-grown, my German Pinscher puppy will be 17 to 20 inches tall and weigh between 35 and 45 pounds.

An advantage of purebred dogs like the German Pinscher is I can know what to expect in terms of physical characteristics like those above, what they were originally bred for, and what that means for their personalities, temperaments and appearance.

Of course, there's also variation among individual German Pinschers. Some German Pinschers, for example, are outgoing, some are



German Pinscher (Mary Bloom photo)

more aloof. My ideal puppy would be smart, independent, interested and alert to his or her surroundings, with a pronounced prey drive and a willingness to explore. Because I'm looking for a puppy from a breeder who is familiar with the breed, I can share this information with them. Knowledgeable breeders spend time with their puppies, and I trust them to know what puppies within the breed standard have the potential that I'm looking for.

Of course, nothing is certain; how I raise my puppy will also be important. I plan to provide him or her with good nutrition, lots of opportunities to explore and learn, new experiences in safe, positive surroundings, and plenty of time and opportunities to bond with me and my other dogs.

If, like me, you're looking to add a German Pinscher puppy to your household, it's helpful to know what your particular hopes and dreams are for your prospective puppy—do you want a potential conformation champion? Do you want to participate in performance and other sports? Do you want a dog to go hiking? Travel with you? Go for relaxing walks in the evening? Will you be living in a fifth-floor apartment in the middle of a city? On a thousand acres at the end of a gravel road? Will there be a constant stream of traffic in and out of your house? Fireworks every night? The more you know and communicate,

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the more a breeder can match you with a puppy who's the right companion for you.

Puppies are a delight. They're also a lot of work, and things don't always go the way we hope or plan. Reputable breeders who know their breed can help you choose the right puppy and, more important, help their puppies find the right family.

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Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs

WHAT MAKES A SWISSY A SWISSY?

“The Greater Swiss Mountain Dog is a Draft and Drover breed and should structurally appear as such. It is a striking, tri-colored, large, powerful, confident dog of sturdy appearance. It is a heavy boned and well-muscled dog which, despite its size and weight, is agile enough to perform the all-purpose farm duties of the mountainous regions of its origin.”—From the AKC GSMD standard

While originally used as a watch and draught dog on Swiss farms, today the Greater Swiss Mountain dog is primarily a family dog. But that does not mean we want to lose their heritage in look or capability!

The GSMDCA recently conducted a survey (created by AKC judge Niki Riggsbee) of its



member breeders to help prioritize the various aspects of the AKC standard for the Greater Swiss Mountain Dog. (The survey tool was developed for an article published in the *Canine Chronicle*, June 2021.)

Deconstructing the Swissy standard revealed some interesting insights into how our breeders view the relative importance of the many pieces of our standard.

Overall, our breeders agree that the most important attribute in evaluating our breed is “heavy bone, well-muscled, sturdy appearance,” with 54 percent of respondents placing



this attribute as their top priority, and 88 percent putting it in their top five. The balance of the top five attributes prioritized by our breeders reflects the overall purpose intended for our Swissy breed—a working, drover breed who must be strong and sound enough to do her job day in and day out with a temperament a farmer can trust to be loyal to his family and farm, friendly to visitors and



The Greater Swiss Mountain Dog's attributes make him an effective working, drover breed who peacefully coexists on the farm.

customers, yet watchful for and alert to dangers.

Top 5 Attributes in the Swissy Standard (1 being most important):

1. Heavy bone, well-muscled, sturdy appearance
2. Bold, faithful, willing worker, alert, vigilant
3. Topline level from withers to croup
4. Shoulders long, sloping, strong, moderately laid back
5. Good reach in front, powerful drive in the rear

GSMDCA breeders identified the most egregious faults in the Swissy standard focused on temperament and structure. Both are critical

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to performing the tasks of a working farm dog.

Top 5 Faults in the Swissy Standard (1 being most egregious):

1. Shy or Aggressive
2. Stifles more or less than moderately bent
3. Not powerful
4. Back not level when moving
5. Pasterns weak

Looking a bit deeper into these priority areas of the Swissy standard, what makes a Swissy a Swissy?

Good reach in front, powerful drive in the rear ... back level when moving; shoulder long, sloping *moderately* laid back ... stifles *moderately* bent

A Swissy needs balance and efficiency in movement to go long distances to drive stock, and the strength to pull a cart to market. A balanced, powerful gait is needed for the Swissy's job. That means not lumbering and, also means not overextended as might be seen in breeds who need speed (e.g., sight hounds), or breeds that must cover ground for long periods of time (e.g., German Shepherds) to do their jobs. The Swissy with a topline not level when moving is not balancing its effort over its joints. The Swissy whose shoulders are not "moderately laid back" and/or without proper length of upper arm will appear heavy on the front-end lacking reach and putting

undue stress on his shoulders. Alternatively, a Swissy who overreaches from behind and who thus might appear light and lifted in front may lack the rear angles needed for efficient balanced movement. Function follows form—balance and moderation is what makes a Swissy a Swissy!

Temperament—bold, faithful, willing worker, alert, vigilant; *not* shy or aggressive!

Swissys should be confident, alert, watchful, and fearless in everyday situations. Thinking again about the farm dog who was relied on for tasks ranging from watching the farm to driving stock to pulling carts to market to sell milk, the Swiss Mountain Dog had to be reliable in temperament, no matter the job. The farmer needed to trust his Swissy to interact with people at market, greet neighbors and customers coming to the farm, and keep a watchful eye for predators—two- and four-legged—to warn of danger. At the same time, the Swissy lived in the house with his family and thus needed to be friendly to children and adults alike.

Not surprisingly, GSMDCA breeders agree that aesthetics also make the Swissy a Swissy—tricolor, general height, head shape, and length of coat, for example. Each of these traits has a place in the "success" of the Swissy—for example, a coat that withstands the weather of the Swiss Alps, head shape and

markings that speak to the distinctiveness of the Swissy, and tight feet needed to withstand their various work tasks. We also want the "difference between the sexes to be distinctly obvious," as stated in our country-of-origin standard. But what our breeders said loud and clear is that these attributes and faults come second to those that make the dog an effective working, drover breed who must peacefully coexist on the farm.

The GSMDCA is committed to honoring the Swissy's historic role on the farm by preserving the form and function through our breeding programs and through education of breeders, judges, new owners, and all who are interested in our beloved breed.

—Elizabeth Coit, President, GSMDCA,
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Komondorok

KEEPING YOUR DOGS COOL AT OUTDOOR SHOWS

I've always loved outdoor shows. There is nothing like watching great dogs float around the grass in a well-trimmed ring. With our heavily coated Komondors, when we attend an outdoor show, we must keep the dogs from overheating. A few good ideas and a little preparation will get the job done.

Shade is key. In the old days, when we

worked out of our van, we would open all the doors and windows, and we had a shade that covered the open side door of the van. The dogs were safe because they were in their own crates and the insulated roof of the van kept things from heating up. This still works; you can spend some money and permanently install a roll-up shade over the side door. Right now, we have a more reasonably priced pop-up shade that we can set up next to the van and serves the same purpose. The ones with vertical legs get closer to the vehicle, and they can be tied to the van with bungee cords to beat any wind.

Those same pop-ups can be set over the open back of your SUV if that is your mode of transportation. Use strong clips and towels to cover anyplace where the sun gets through. Also use shade cloth or big towels to cover the windshield or the windows on the other side when the sun shines there.

If the parking lot is too far from the rings, set up a camp under your pop-up tent closer. Use wide-open wire crates, and you might need tent sides to provide good shade. Since Koms may pound their crates from the inside guarding the camp, use mini-carabiners or clips to reinforce the corners. There will be room for your chairs and a grooming table under the shade also. Remember tent pegs and a hammer to hold the shade in place.

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Air flow helps keep the dogs cool. If you can park or set-up your tent near electricity, run an extension cord to power a box fan. Wal-Mart has stacks of fans under \$20—but you know that, because we all use them at home also! Without a plug-in, there are great portable fans with rechargeable batteries available. They have a hook to hang them on the front of each crate. (There are always sales for these around Father’s Day.) Recharge the batteries

at night at the motel.

Water is needed in three forms: liquid, ice, and misted from spray-bottles. You see Dobes and other short-coated dogs wearing “cool coats” on hot days. For Komondors, you can mist the dog’s coat, and you can use damp, cool towels on the dog’s stomach. Most judges won’t mind a misted coat, although this seems to be a lost practice.

Dogs need to have some water in their

crates, especially on hot days. Since they cool themselves by panting, they are losing water that way. You can put some ice in their water buckets so that it stays cold. We train our dogs to love ice—it isn’t hard. Some of them even can catch it. That way we can feed them ice cubes as a way to get the cold right inside. You don’t want to overdo this, however, as too much eaten ice can get them sick.

If it gets too hot, put your dogs back in the car and turn the AC on high. In the old days cars would overheat if run standing still, but new cars don’t generally do that. If you are worried, take the vehicle for a short drive. When it gets close to ring time don’t just pop them out of the cold car and into the ring. Give them a chance to adjust.

We have two advantages at hot shows: The coat works to insulate the dogs both ways, so it will keep the heat out, especially if the coat is misted. Our breed’s coat is white; pet a black dog out in the sun sometime, and you’ll see how fast they can heat up.

Remember, on a hot day at home your dog would be relaxing in the shade. When you take them out for a fun day at the show, it is your job to keep them comfortable.

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Kuvaszok

“EASILY FORGOTTEN”

Before I begin, I’d like to announce that this will be my final GAZETTE column. As much as I enjoy writing, spare time is in short supply with the addition of my second Kuvasz, Grover. Starlite is competing at the highest levels of scent work, and Rocket has started to compete in agility and rally. The dogs come first when time is in short supply, so it’s time for me to step aside.

I’d like to conclude my service by talking about proprioception, an aspect of canine fitness that is often forgotten in favor of more dynamic exercises. According to Christine Zinc, DVM, Ph.D., DACVSMR, “Proprioception means to grasp one’s own position in space, including the position of the limbs in relation to each other and the body as a whole.” Imagine jumping over a tall hurdle. The ability to know where your feet are in relation to everything else is what saves you from injury. It’s no different for our dogs. Proprioception is a built-in injury-prevention system.

Proprioception is one of the reasons our dogs are able to perform so many impressive feats, like catching a treat mid-air or running across the dogwalk in agility. Activities to increase proprioception are often slow and deliberate and seem “too easy” for some. As a result,

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13-year-old Kuvasz Starlite (Gypsy Wind Thundercracker, SWA, SCM, SEE, SIE, TKE) demonstrates why maintaining proprioception is important during an Excellent Exterior search.

proprioception is often taken for granted until it has already started to decrease. Age, fatigue, and injury are common causes for a decrease in proprioception. This decrease is one of the reasons senior dogs start to “slow down” and one of the reasons doctors advise a slow return to activity after an injury. With decreased proprioception comes the need to be more careful, slow, and deliberate in movements. In a

large breed like the Kuvasz, it’s important to understand the role of proprioception in preserving mobility well into old age. By working to improve proprioception, you’re helping your dog to avoid injury while increasing your dog’s neuromuscular control and joint stability.

I encourage everyone to consult with a certified canine rehabilitation specialist to get a customized conditioning program for your

dog, but it’s an absolute necessity to check with your dog’s veterinarian before performing any new exercise. There are many conditions or injuries that may affect a dog’s ability to perform even simple exercises and only a veterinarian will be able to advise on whether it’s safe to proceed. That being said, here are a few exercises to get proprioception on your radar. Remember that slower is better for these exercises, and too many repetitions can lead to fatigue.

Figure 8’s—Have the dog slowly walk around two stationary objects about ten feet apart. Increasing the distance will help a dog who is having some difficulties.

Walking over an uneven surface—This can be performed by slowly walking over a series of blankets, beds, or even just uneven terrain.

Cavalettis—This exercise is performed by asking the dog to slowly walk over a series of poles at a height and distance that is appropriate for the dog. The dog should be methodically lifting each leg up and over each pole without touching it.

For my final words as an AKC GAZETTE columnist, I’d like to say that your talents and passion for the breed are important whether you’re a competitor, an owner, or admirer. Please put them to use in preserving the breed by volunteering, competing, or educating. There are so many accomplishments that the

breed has yet to obtain, so don’t be afraid to try something new with your dog. Who knows where it will lead.

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Leonbergers

ALASKAN AGILITY ADVENTURE

As if doing the sport of agility with a very large breed wasn’t complicated enough, doing it in the middle of Alaska makes it just that much more challenging. Magali Philip has managed to not only put a breed championship on her female Leonberger, but also to achieve two Excellent level agility titles as well!

Before this summer, there were only 12 Leonbergers who had achieved an Excellent level agility title, and of those there were two who had also earned a breed championship. At 6 years old, Ch. L’Ashani Des Neuf Grains D’Or, RA, AXP, AJP, CGC, TKN—call name Ishani—became the 13th Leonberger to achieve an AKC agility level of Excellent, snagging both her Excellent Jumper title and her Excellent Standard Preferred (20 inches). She has also achieved a QQ, which is a qualifying score in JWW and STD at the Master level the same day.

Along the way, Ishani also became only the

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Leonberger Ishani has excelled in agility and earned a conformation championship, living and competing in the great state of Alaska.



third Leonberger to earn both an Excellent agility title and a breed championship as well. All of which is very exciting, but even more impressive is that she did all this in the great, wide wilderness that is Alaska!

The hours of training and competing at the advanced levels in agility is time consuming enough; factoring in the long hours of driving to and from the very few trial locations in Alaska is a whole other problem. Philip lives in the interior of Alaska, outside of Fairbanks. Fortunately there have been a few trials in Fairbanks itself. However, Philip has also had to drive to Palmer, some 300 miles south of Fairbanks, and even all the way to Soldotna, which is almost 600 miles from where she

lives. And, as one could imagine, the roads along that journey cover territory where the weather itself plays a huge factor, limiting what times of the year she can make that trip to those faraway trials.

Philip, who participates in sledding with her Alaskan Huskies, is no stranger to spending time, money, and energy on activities with her dogs. However, she faced another challenge when it came to finishing a breed championship on the excellently agile Ishani. There simply were not enough Leonbergers in the state of Alaska to create major wins at the few conformation dog shows available. Alaska is a massive 663,300 square miles—by far the largest state in the U.S. At first there



were simply not enough Leonbergers in the state to build majors, let alone gathering them together in one location. This finally became possible when the puppies from Ishani's litter became old enough to show. Although the possibility of achieving a grand champion title is not likely in Ishani's lifetime, Philip is hopeful that one day there will be enough Leonbergers in the state for that option.

When asked which type of event Ishani prefers, Philip responded, "JWW. Ishani wants to chase me, to keep up with me. She looks for

me and checks in with me constantly."

When asked about the challenges of doing Excellent level agility courses with a Leonberger, Magali replied with something that is absolutely near and dear to any Leonberger owner's heart. Leonbergers are not "driven" to do any specific task. They are motivated to be with their humans, and whatever their human has decided to undertake is what they will do. That means that Leonbergers do not typically become super driven on the course. They can be very fast, certainly, but they do not typically get focused on the course itself. Rather, Leonbergers tend to keep tabs on their human throughout the run. This makes blind crosses and sends more challenging. The personality of the breed means they will more often need to keep tabs on their human throughout the course, regardless of how much training they have.

Philip is already working on that next goal, the Master-level title, and has begun chipping away at it already. In the meantime, she is hoping there may be a way for her and Ishani to get down to the Agility Invitational next year. It is such a long way from Alaska that Philip jokes about wishing she had a friend with a private jet.

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Neapolitan Mastiffs

THE HINDQUARTERS

The standard for the Neapolitan Mastiff says:

Hindquarters: As a whole, they must be powerful and strong, in harmony with the forequarters. Thighs: About the same length as the forearms, broad, muscular. Stifles: Moderate angle, strong. Legs: Heavy and thick boned, well-muscled. Slightly shorter than the thigh bones. Hocks: Powerful and long. Rear pasterns (metatarsus): Heavy, thick bones. Viewed from the side, they are perpendicular to the ground. Viewed from the rear, parallel to each other. Rear dewclaws: Any dewclaws must be removed. Hind feet: Same as the front feet, but slightly smaller.

As for the Forequarters, the standard description of the Hindquarters is similar to that for most other working dogs, so one might call it mundane: We want moderate angulation, we want nice straight bones, we want parallel metatarsals. We want the right proportions of thigh, leg. Sometimes, although not often, you will see over-angled dogs. It isn't common, because if the dog is big, heavy, and muscular, an over-angled rear simply can't propel it properly. We do have problems with cow-hocked dogs, though not nearly as often these days as we used to. Like other breeds we want parallel metatarsals, but importantly, we want strong, heavy bones.

And just one note about the hocks. Our



Neapolitan Mastiff

standard actually says: “Hocks: powerful and long.” Most “normal” breeds want a short metatarsal bone.

(Actually, nearly exactly 30 percent of the AKC standards say “hocks well-let down”;

nearly exactly 30 percent say “short hock”; and the other 30 percent or so don't reference it at all. I counted!)

So why do we want this “long hock?” Well, actually, this is probably a mistake made in

translation. The hock is a joint, and a joint can hardly be long, can it? I suspect the original verbiage might have been a note that the joint can appear to be large, as with most other aspects of this wonderful breed. In fact, the phrase “hocks well let down” would correctly apply to the Neapolitan Mastiff.

In reality, though, we do not obsess over the length of the rear metatarsal—nor should you. The dog must be constructed so that his rear can propel the giantly heavy, monstrous beast up from a lying-down position, into a running and active operation. The dog must be able to run long enough to do his job (repel the intruder) and then return to lie in wait for the next opportunity to work.

Typically dewclaws in the rear are removed. What do you do if they are not? Well, it doesn't do much to change the look or function of the dog, so we typically don't fret about that either.

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Newfoundlands

The following column originally appeared two years ago. Due to recent complaints received by the Newfoundland Club of America Board of Directors concerning the

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judging of other than black Newfoundlands, I was asked to re-run this column in hopes that judges would take this information to heart and judge all the Newfoundland colors equally.

SECOND-CLASS CITIZENS?

The first sentence of the “Color” section of the Newfoundland breed standard says, “Color is secondary to type, structure, and soundness.” The Newfoundland *Illustrated Guide* says, “All acceptable colors have equal status.”

Many exhibitors who show white and blacks (Landseers), browns, and grays have numerous tales of judges who blatantly ignore colored dogs and/or will place an unworthy black over worthy colored dogs just because of their color.

Some comments made to exhibitors across the country:

“It is a shame she is not black. She could have had it all.” (Future grand champion, and a foundation Landseer for this kennel.)

“Her blaze is crooked.” (This dog three months earlier won a five-point major, going Best of Opposite Sex over two specials.)

“Newfoundlands are supposed to be black!”

“I have watched judges’ eyes skip over each dog of color and look only at the black dogs, even when the dogs are equal in quality and/or the colored dog was the best in the ring.”



Newfoundland

Lynda Beam

“The Landseers are so hard to judge—they are optical illusions.” (And other breeds don’t have markings that can fool the eye?)

“All things being equal, I will always put up a black!”

It is agreed that many years ago, the colored dogs did not always have good type, especially the Landseers. But talented breeders have worked diligently to bring the level of all the colored dogs up to the level of the blacks. The results of their hard work need to be recognized by judges who should judge to the standard and give the colored dogs their due consideration. Browns and Landseers have now won Best of Breed at national specialties and numerous regional specialties. Gray bitches have been Winners Bitch at national and regional specialties.

The [AKC breed standard for the Newfoundland](#) says:

Color

Color is secondary to type, structure, and soundness. Recognized Newfoundland colors are black, brown, gray, and white and black.

Solid Colors—Blacks, Browns, and Grays may appear as solid colors or solid colors with white at any, some, or all, of the following locations: chin, chest, toes, and tip of tail. Any amount of white found at these locations is typical and is not penalized. Also typical are

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a tinge of bronze on a black or gray coat and lighter furnishings on a brown or gray coat.

Landseer—White base coat with black markings. Typically, the head is solid black, or black with white on the muzzle, with or without a blaze. There is a separate black saddle and black on the rump extending onto a white tail. Markings, on either Solid Colors or Landseers, might deviate considerably from those described and should be penalized only to the extent of the deviation. Clear white or white with minimal ticking is preferred. Beauty of markings should be considered only when comparing dogs of otherwise comparable quality and never at the expense of type, structure and soundness.

Disqualifications—Any colors or combinations of colors not specifically described are disqualified.

[The Illustrated Guide](#) has an extensive section on color and markings, with illustrations and explanations.

One last quote: “At an NCA national specialty, a much-loved and well-respected Canadian Newfoundland breeder was judging the class dogs, including veterans, in which my brown dog entered and placed second, beating several big-name Landseers. I commented that I was surprised that she, a Canadian judge, would put up a brown dog. Her comment was priceless, as she puffed herself all

up: “I judge to the standard of the country in which I am judging!”

Judges, please do as this famous Canadian breeder: Judge to our standard, and give all acceptable colors equal consideration. That is all we ask.

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Portuguese Water Dogs

As I sit here, on a beautiful, sunshiny fall day, writing this article, I think about our PWDCA national specialty, starting in a few days. I begin to reminisce about the early “Portie” days, and all the wonderful, multi-faceted dogs that have graced our breed over the years. I remember Deyanne Miller’s Ch. Charlie De Alvalade, “Charlie Brown,” the breed’s “goodwill ambassador,” and great obedience dogs like the Whitneys’ Jenny and Galley, and Verne Foster’s Tugger. There are so many, many more great dogs in conformation, water work, agility, therapy, scent work, rally, and so on that I could write a whole column just listing all their names.

More recent years have brought us more dogs of many talents and one particular versatile dog, Amazing Ace. I am pleased and honored to have John Brock share his story about

his beloved PWD, Ace, and all their many accomplishments as one fabulous team.

AMAZING ACE

“He’s an all-around amazing dog.” That’s what a friend said when describing Ace. The name stuck, and from that time he has lived up to the name ‘Amazing Ace.’ ”—John Brock

Ace was bred by Mike and Cathy Dugan at Aviator Kennels in Shingle Springs, California. He was given the name Aviators Blackjack Legacy, which was a throwback to his iconic sire Ch. Watermark Toby’s Black Jack (Jack) and his dam, the world-famous GCh. Aviators Luck Be a Lady (Ladybug), who was the top-winning Portuguese Water Dog in breed history at the time.

From our first day with Ace, we took his legacy quite seriously. It was clear he showed early signs of becoming an all-around amazing dog. Ace finished his championship at 10 months, then went on to earn his Gold Grand Championship before retiring from the show ring. During his time in the show ring, Ace also excelled in a variety of performance venues. From rally, to obedience, to agility, Ace was a strong and measured performer. But his true passion was for water work—the type of work PWDs were originally bred to perform.

In 1991 the PWDCA hosted the first water trial. PWDCA Water Trials are events where

dogs perform a series of exercises reflecting the historical working background of the Portuguese Water Dog. There are five levels of water work. Moving up from Junior, Apprentice, Working, Courier, and Master, each level builds on the other, becoming more challenging, demanding, and intense.

Ace’s love for water work quickly added up to his earning PWDCA Water Titles. He earned his Junior, Apprentice, and Working Titles before age 2 years. The next level, Courier, is quite challenging, taking some dogs years to learn—some never complete the challenge. Ace earned his Courier Title in his first summer at that level, before his third birthday, then moved on to earn his Courier Excellent Title the next summer.

In 2016 the PWDCA introduced a new Master Level to the water program. Ace was the first dog ever to earn a Master leg in 2017. He was also the first to earn his MWD2, MWD3, MWD4, and MWD5 Titles.

During his water career, Ace tallied 41 qualifying runs. From 2015 to 2018 Ace scored 12 consecutive passing runs. From 2019 to 2021 Ace earned another 16 consecutive passing runs. Then finished his water career with seven consecutive Master passes.

Somewhere along the way we were approached with the idea of writing a children’s book about Ace, so in 2016 “Amazing

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Portuguese Water Dog Ace has earned close to 40 AKC and PWDCA titles, in a variety of venues.

Ace and the Great Dog Race” was published with net proceeds donated to canine cancer research. Ace’s book can still be found on Amazon.com.

Today, Amazing Ace has lived up to the legacy

of his pedigree. He holds close to 40 AKC and PWDCA titles, in a variety of venues. My hope is that everyone reading this little article has as much fun with their dog as I am having with Amazing Ace—GCh.G Ch. Aviator’s Blackjack Legacy, CD, BN, RE, OA, OAJ, XF, CGCA, CGCU, TKA, ATT, RLI, WWDX, MWD5, MAC-4, GROM

—John Brock

Thank you, John, for sharing your lovely story with us. Even though many of us have

not accomplished all that you have, I know we each believe in and love our own amazing Portuguese Water Dog.

—Carole Prangley-McIvor
[Portuguese Water Dog Club of America](#)

Rottweilers

CHEWING PUPS

My last several dogs have been rescues. For the first time in over 22 years, I have a puppy. Meaning, I have to take my

own advice—the advice I’ve been giving others for a few decades. Heck, I even taught puppy classes for years before it was a thing! But there is something that I find myself thinking: Why do people get so fervent and upset about a puppy’s chewing? Yes, they’re going to chew inappropriate items (usually whatever is in front of them); yes, they want whatever you wore last (shoes, under garments); yes, they’re teething.

Teething usually starts a few weeks before the 16-week age mark, whereupon the baby

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teeth start falling out. Long before that, the adult teeth are underneath, moving up to bud in the jaw. Not unlike human babies, puppies explore their environment via their mouths. This is normal. By 6 months of age, the pup's adult teeth are in, and the intensive chewing usually starts to slow down. True, there are some dogs who are heavy chewers for years to come, but normally by adulthood they are discretionary to their toys and chews.

I have two pairs of old slippers. Pup loves them—grabs them, gums them, tosses them about. And it dawned on me: Who cares? They are not precious collectible items (in which case they would be put up and away), they are not Gucci shoes or a Louis Vuitton handbag (because who gets to have those items *and* dogs?). He chews what is available to him—toys, chews, more toys, and my slippers. They smell like me, they're soft and

fuzzy, and when he's done teething or they're destroyed—whichever comes first—they'll go into the trash and I'll get new ones. He has fun, I get new slippers down the line; it's a win-win.

Isn't it easier and kinder to have a long vision of the relationship with a dog? Instead of yelling, berating or physically correcting a puppy, just let it go? This too shall pass. Slippers wear out, we get new ones, sneakers and socks too. Is it worth possibly ruining a dog's trust as their caretaker? I hope this will be my next competition dog—I want him to feel I'm fair, even-tempered, and trustworthy. Only by managing his environment, training, consistency, and positive reinforcement will I make that happen. It's up to me. If it costs a pair of slippers, it's worth it.

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Samoyeds

This month we continue guest columnist Mary Drexler's account, begun in the July issue, of the successful journey in performance events of her one-eyed Samoyed, Hex—also known as Double Helix Love Will Thaw, UDX2, OM5, BN, GN, VER, RAE, MX, MXB, MXJ, MJB, OF, T2B, NJP.

Mary believes that the key to a dog's success is a trainer willing to figure out what the dog needs to understand its job.

HEX CAN DO ANYTHING! LESSONS IN COURAGE FROM A ONE-EYED DOG PART TWO

We began with obedience. To my shock, most things were unchanged. I learned to give my glove signal a little higher so she could catch it out of the corner of her left eye. I changed her article turn from a direct send to the right to a left pivot and then send. Jumping was no issue. Heeling was the hardest thing for her. I put her in a head halter to teach her to look up farther to find me if she started to lose position.

Hex responded so well that I decided to take a shot and enter an obedience trial the end of March, just six weeks after her glaucoma diagnosis. We entered Versatility, Open B, and Utility B. Our first time back was a little rough. Her heeling was still rocky and it was clear she still needed to gain confidence in the ring, but Hex qualified in all three classes, earning her Versatility title, her Utility title, and her first UDX leg. I was over the moon.

We stepped back into the ring on Sunday, hoping to build on the day before. But something was wrong; Hex seemed a little dazed. She failed Utility and then went down on her sit in Open, which was very unlike her. The bad

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One-eyed Samoyed Hex earned her MACH agility title on July 17.



eye looked like it was shrinking into her head. I learned that was a sign of a pressure spike.

I immediately began administering her pressure medication and headed for Iowa State University. During the two-hour drive I stopped to administer medication every 30 minutes. Hex's eye did not respond to the medication. The doctors at Iowa State captured her eye pressure at 72. The headache she must have had with pressure so high

would have been excruciating. Iowa State got her pressure down and sent us home, but I knew I couldn't put my girl through that pain ever again.

The next morning, I called my vet and scheduled surgery to remove her eye the following day. Removing the eye was the only guaranteed way to stop the pressure spikes and pain.

I was absolutely devastated. I sobbed. Hex

didn't see the problem, however. The only thing that bothered her was her favorite vet couldn't give her any pre-surgery cookies. As awful as it was to see her with only one eye, it quickly became clear that she had been having many spikes and had been hiding the amount of pain she was in. Without the offending eye my happy, bouncy girl was all the way back.

Ten days later, Hex's sutures were out, and we stepped into the obedience ring again.

She was so excited to be back in the ring. She picked up another UDX leg on Saturday. On Sunday she won Open for her first OTCh win. I sobbed again—but this time they were happy tears.

Now that Hex had just one remaining eye, we did a consultation at the University of Wisconsin. The ophthalmologist changed Hex's eye medication to timolol drops twice per day and suggested I save the latanoprost

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and dorzolomide for when her left eye begins to show signs of pressure spikes. There are differing opinions on how to treat glaucoma in dogs, and in Hex's case the thought is the medication is only effective for so long, so save the efficacy for when you really need it. So far this has been sound advice, as Hex has yet to have a spike in her left eye.

Hex had proven she could adapt in obedience, but was agility with one eye possible and safe? She was adapting so well with everything else and was complaining loudly that everyone but her was playing agility that I decided to let her try. Weave poles were first, and absolutely zero problem. Then we tried some jumps. I was expecting depth-perception issues, but other than being maybe a hair slower than before, there was no sign of trouble—no stuttering, very rare bar-knocking, just a happy dog. The dog walk was my biggest concern. I dropped ours low so that if she struggled and fell she wouldn't fall far. Again, Hex blew me away. She ran right over that dog walk as if she had always done it with one eye.

Agility practice was going so well that we decided to trial again. There were definitely some growing pains. I learned to keep a steady call of *pup pup pup pup* when I was on her right, so she could focus on obstacles and still know where I was. If the next obstacle is on her blind side, I need to tell her it's there (something I

still struggle with), or she'll go right by. I don't do many rear crosses, but obviously rear crosses from right to left are a challenge without a verbal cue. And I've learned she just can't see that well on brown dirt unless the sun is really bright, so we stick to grass and indoor trials. One thing hasn't changed: Hex may only have one eye, but I am still the weaker half of the team!

It is now March 2021, and Hex continues to defy the odds. While I understand that the other eye can be affected at any time, so far it has stayed healthy. Hex is now 6 years old, and we celebrate every day we have to do the things we love. At the time of this writing she has more than enough wins for her OTCh, and over 30 points, along with multiple all-breed HIT and HC wins. She was a finalist and second place in the Working Group at the 2020 National Obedience Championship. Hex has also been the number-one obedience Samoyed in 2018 and 2019. She has 17 QQs toward her MACH title and regularly places in the 20-inch classes. She also won Best in Working Sweepstakes at the 2018 SCA National Specialty. We have also recently started working on her RACH. Most importantly we are enjoying every step of our journey together.

Hex reminds me every day not to give up or let obstacles hold me down. She is always happy and always game for any adventure. Hex greets every day with a wagging tail and her song of

happy *woo-woos*. She may or may not achieve all the goals we originally held, but I believe she is fulfilling a higher purpose, and I am very honored to be part of her story. —M.D.

Thank you, Mary.

Update: Hex earned her MACH title under Terry Elger at the Muscatine Agility Club of Iowa trial on July 17!

—Heather LoProto, SCA Public Education Chair,

hloproto@comcast.net

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Siberian Huskies

URBAN MUSHING

Autumn is here, the weather is cooling, and training for the upcoming mushing season has begun here in Alaska. Even in the lower 48, chances are good your Siberian is restless with the cooler weather. If you live in an urban area or a snowless climate, you may think your opportunities to work your Siberian in harness are limited...but have you thought of urban mushing?

Urban (or "dryland") mushing has become a very popular pastime for those who may have only a few dogs (even just one!) or don't necessarily live in areas with miles of trails. It is a great opportunity to let your

Siberian do what he was bred for, and to experience the joy of seeing your working dog work. You don't need a lot of equipment to start: even just a well-fitting harness, a small set of lines, and your bicycle will get you and your dog started. But where do you begin?

Finding a Trail

If you live in an urban or suburban area, you may be able to find a trail at your local park. Ideally, the trail will be a dirt or gravel path with minimal distractions (less crowded times or places with fewer chances of meeting other, potentially off-leash, dogs). If a park isn't an option, you may need to load up and drive a bit to find the right place.

Finding Equipment

The most important piece of equipment is a well-fitting harness. There are several styles, some even developed for bikejoring (the "official" name for mushing with a bicycle). Many equipment websites include instructions and videos to help you correctly measure your dog for a harness (see the examples at the end of this article). These equipment websites also offer joring lines, typically a main line and one or two tug-lines that can be attached to your vehicle of choice.

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Although bicycles are the easiest vehicles to find, you can also find scooters and carts specifically designed for dryland mushing. Most manufacturers sell their scooters and carts online; you can also look for used equipment in urban/dryland mushing groups on Facebook.

Training Your Dog

The desire to pull is innate in most Siberian Huskies; however, you shouldn't expect your dog to immediately understand what you want the very first time. It's a good idea to do some ground work first. Once you have a well-fitting harness, teach your dog to pull



Urban or "dryland" mushing is a great pastime that provides opportunities for your Siberian Husky to practice skills he was bred for.

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out ahead of you by hooking the leash to the back of the harness and encouraging them with a command (“Let’s go!” or “Hike!” are some common ones). While directional commands (“Gee” for right, and “Haw” for left) are useful, the most important command is “On by,” or “Leave it.” Teaching your dog to ignore and pass distractions on the trail will help keep both of you safe during your run (think squirrels running across your path, or even the occasional loose dog). If you’re not sure how to teach these commands, look for urban/dryland mushing forums on the internet or—even better!—look for urban/dryland mushing groups and clubs in your area and meet up with like-minded people who can help.

With cool temperatures coming, it’s time to get out and do something with your Siberian. Remember: They were born and bred to run!

Urban mushing resources (for illustrative purposes only; no endorsement intended):

General information: <https://www.k9ofmine.com/urban-mushing/>

Harness-measuring videos: <http://www.adanacsleds.com>

<https://www.alpineoutfitters.net/pages/training-videos>

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Standard Schnauzers

EGGS—THE PERFECT FOOD

Dogs can eat eggs—in some ways “the perfect food.” Hard-cooked or scrambled, eggs make an easy meal for Standard Schnauzers and their humans. Stir in a few canine-approved veggies (no onions, please), cook in a non-stick pan without fats, *et voila!*—a delicious omelet to share with your Standard Schnauzer.

Nutrient-dense eggs are good for dogs, including their calcium-loaded eggshells. Organically raised, free-range birds who can peck at whatever’s in the barnyard contain the maximum nutrients—we are what we eat, after all. Hard-boiled eggs are loaded with nutrients, protein, and healthy fats.

Egg whites are almost exclusively protein; egg yolks not only contain protein, Vitamins A, D, E, K, and all the B vitamins (including the fatty-acid Vitamins B6, B9, and B12), but also such necessary minerals as calcium, iron, magnesium, manganese, phosphorus, potassium, sodium, and zinc. Furthermore, eggs pack all ten of the essential amino acids that dog bodies can’t produce (arginine, histidine, isoleucine, leucine, lysine, methionine, phenylalanine, threonine, tryptophan, and valine), all necessary for dogs to process protein, meaning eggs are a *complete* source of protein, vital for building muscle and bones and producing hor-



Standard Schnauzer Murphy with his Halloween scarf

mones and enzymes. (<https://www.healthline.com/nutrition/boiled-egg-nutrition#protein>)

Be aware, however, of these cautions:

- Inspect each egg in the carton; don’t buy eggs with cracked or broken shells.
- Refrigerate eggs at 35–40 degrees Fahrenheit in their carton, not in the egg-shaped holders in your refrigerator door. Fridge doors are too

warm to store eggs safely.

- Disinfect your hands, kitchen counters, and utensils after touching unrinsed eggshells or raw eggs.
- Be sure the egg whites are cooked: the enzyme Avidin in raw egg whites destroys biotin, a nutrient necessary for healthy skin, coat, and nails.

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- Raw eggs can cause infection with *Salmonella*, especially in elderly dogs, puppies, and dogs with compromised immune systems.

- One egg yolk contains about half the recommended daily amount of cholesterol for a medium to large dog, so for your dog's weekly egg intake, feed in moderation according to their size, age, and physical condition.

Eggshells when ground into a powder are good for your dog. Eggshells are similar to the composition of bones and teeth. Calcium carbonate (CaCO₃), the primary form of eggshell calcium, plus vitamins D and K sometimes can produce quick anti-stress effects when dog shows, performance events, or even ordinary travel upset your dog's equilibrium. One whole medium-sized eggshell pulverizes to about one teaspoon of powder, yielding about 750–800 mg of elemental (usable, absorbable) calcium, plus 27 other micro-elements such as magnesium, boron, copper, iron, manganese, molybdenum, sulphur, silicon, and zinc.

To make eggshell calcium powder:

1. Rinse the eggshells and dry overnight (inner membrane included) on the kitchen counter.
2. To eliminate *Salmonella*, bake dried eggshells for 10 minutes in an oven pre-heated to 300 degrees F.
3. In a clean coffee-grinder reserved for grinding eggshells and spices, pulse the eggshells to the consistency of flour or baking soda. (Let it

settle before opening the grinder so the powder doesn't poof into your face.)

4. Add one-half teaspoon of ground eggshell for each pound of food fed. Eggshells that have not been ground thoroughly into powder will not be absorbed well, hence they would be less usable in the dog's metabolism.

(S. T. Smith, *Cooking for Your Dog*. ODJ Books, 2013)

According to a report by ESM Technologies, eggshell calcium is naturally low in heavy metals, so for canines it's an ideal source for calcium. Other natural calcium sources such as bone meal, oyster shell, and so forth are generally much higher in heavy metals (<http://www.nutraingredients-usa.com/Industry/Eggshell-calcium-tests-safe-for-heavy-metals-says-ESM>). Eggshell calcium is highly beneficial for people as well as dogs. Because it contains trace amounts of other minerals, eggshell calcium is both the best natural source of calcium and is easiest to digest and absorb.

“Dutch researchers have reported recently a highly positive effect of eggshell calcium (with added magnesium and vitamin D) on bone mineral density in a scientific study (double blind, placebo-controlled). Laboratory tests and measures of bone density were carefully made in these studies. The eggshell-supplemented group had measurable increases in bone density in their hip bones after one year.

“The ideal bone-building combination of eggshell calcium and vitamin D₃ was also well documented in Japanese studies. Researchers at the Japan Women's University, Tokyo studied a combination of vitamin D₃ and eggshell powder in animals with osteoporosis. Not only was the eggshell powder with vitamin D₃ able to improve bone mineral density, but also it did it without significantly increasing blood calcium levels” (<http://www.healingnaturallybybee.com/articles/supp2.php>).

A recent article by Kelsey Mulvey describes how to cook (and peel!) perfect hard-boiled eggs, which can be a time-saving nutritious supplement to both your SS's diet and your own breakfast-to-go (<https://www.aol.com/lifestyle/peel-hard-boiled-egg-092052644.html>).

Hector Joy, DVM, says dogs can become allergic to proteins in eggs. Signs that your SS is having an allergic reaction include vomiting, diarrhea, or skin itchiness around the ears, paws, and other areas. Consult your veterinarian if you notice these signs in your SS after feeding eggs. For more information about canine food allergies, Dr. Joy suggests referring to Cummings Veterinary Medical Center at Tufts University (https://www.petmd.com/dog/nutrition/evr_multi_eggs_for_pets2).

The Red River Standard Schnauzer Club of Texas will host the 2022 Standard Schnauzer

Club of America National Specialty June 29–July 3, 2022, at the Oklahoma City Fairgrounds. Publicity Chair Darcy Morgan says, “Here's what we have planned for you:”

- five days of conformation, agility, and Fast CAT/CABT!
- four days of obedience, rally, and dock diving!
- three days of Barn Hunt and scent work!
- two days of CGC/CGCA and Trick Dog certifications!
- one day dedicated to Standard Schnauzer performance.”

All you RVers should start planning your trip now—although there are three RV lots at the fairgrounds, they don't take reservations—their policy is “First come, first served.” Ninety-nine percent of the RV Parking information is available at <https://okcfairgrounds.com/visitors/rv-park> (405-948-6713). Show chair Rene Nunzir says the West and North lots are closest to the conformation building; bring mats for under your ex-pens. For more information, and to keep up on developments and announcements, go to <https://2022sscanational.com/>, or follow links from <https://www.rrssc.org/>.

—Suzanne T. Smith, 185 Laguna, Los Alamos, New Mexico

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ATTENTION DELEGATES

NOTICE OF MEETING

The next meeting of the Delegates will be held at the Rosen Centre Hotel, Orlando FL on **Friday**, December 17, 2021, beginning no earlier than 10:00 a.m. It will follow the Delegates Forum which will begin at 9:00 a.m.

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NOTICE

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

Sandra Bearce (Tremonton, UT)

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Mr. Jeff Howard (Colorado Springs, CO)
Ms. Sally Jensen (Elkader, IA)
Ms. Stephanie Lubbers (Morrow, OH)
Ms. Tina Starr (Gonzales, LA)

NOTICE

Mr. Phillip Moore (Dunnellon, FL) Action was taken by Citrus County Kennel Club for conduct at its August 14, 2021 event. Mr. Moore was charged with improper treatment in connection with an event. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the Event Committee's report and set the penalty as a three-month suspension of all AKC privileges and \$300 fine, effective August 15, 2021. (Tibetan Terrier)

NOTICE

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Ms. Brenda Fisher (Picayune, MS) from all AKC privileges for five years and imposed a \$2,000 fine, for non-compliance with AKC's record keeping and dog identification requirements. (Multiple Breeds)

NOTICE

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has reprimanded Mr. Jay Long (Sanbury, PA) and imposed a \$100 fine for physical contact of an insulting or provoking

nature against a judge. (Beagles)

NOTICE

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended the following individuals from all AKC privileges for life and imposed a \$10,000 fine, for conduct prejudicial to purebred dogs, purebred dog events, or the best interests of the American Kennel Club based on their violation of the AKC's Judicial or Administrative Determination of Inappropriate Treatment Policy:

Effective August 18, 2021:

Mr. Edison Davalos (Elmwood Park, NJ)
Doberman Pinschers, French Bulldogs, German Shepherd Dogs

NOTICE

The Board Appeals Committee considered Mr. James Moses' appeal of the suspension of his judging and application privileges and presented its recommendation to the Board at its October 2021 meeting. The American Kennel Club Board of Directors at its July 2021 meeting imposed a suspension of Mr. Moses' judging privileges for a period of six (6) months, a suspension of his application privileges for a period of three (3) years, and a fine of \$1000 for the Failure to Follow Procedures, Rules and Guidelines, Failure to Disqualify/Excuse as required by AKC Rules, Regulations and Policies, and Application Misrepresentation. As Mr. Moses elected to

appeal the Board's decision, the effective date for any disciplinary action was deferred until after his hearing with the Board Appeals Committee.

Based on its review of the record and Mr. Moses' appeal presented via videoconference, the Appeals Committee recommended to amend the disciplinary action. The Board of Directors voted to approve the Board Appeals Committee's recommendation, amending the disciplinary action to a suspension of Mr. Moses' judging privileges for a period of one (1) year, a suspension of his application privileges for a period of three (3) years, and imposed a fine of \$1500 effective October 12, 2021. In addition, the Board voted to remove regular status and designate permit status to the following breeds; American Eskimo Dogs, Bichons Frises, Boston Terriers, Bulldogs, Chow Chows, Cotons de Tulear, Finnish Spitz, Keeshonden, and Lhasa Apsos.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER AND BYLAWS OF THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB, INC. ARTICLE VII, NEW SECTION 3

The AKC Board has endorsed the following amendment to **ARTICLE VII, New Section 3** of the *Charter and Bylaws of the American Kennel Club, Inc.* proposed by the Delegate Bylaws Committee. This will be voted on at the December 17, 2021 Delegate Meeting.

ARTICLE VII

SECTION 3. (New Section) All elections

shall be by ballot; except, if no valid additional nominations are received by the Executive Secretary by November 15; the Nominating Committee's slate shall be declared elected at the annual meeting and no balloting will be required. If no valid additional nomination(s) are received by the Executive Secretary by November 15; for any partial term up for election, the partial term candidate shall be declared elected at the annual meeting and no balloting will be required.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER AND BYLAWS OF THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB, INC. ARTICLE VII, SECTION 8

The AKC Board has endorsed the following amendment to **ARTICLE VII, SECTION 8** of the *Charter and Bylaws of the American Kennel Club, Inc.* proposed by the Delegate Bylaws Committee. This will be voted on at the December 17, 2021 Delegate Meeting.

ARTICLE VII

SECTION 8. The unexplained and 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.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER AND BYLAWS OF THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB, INC. ARTICLE X, SECTION 7

The AKC Board has endorsed the following

amendment to **ARTICLE VII, SECTION 7** of the *Charter and Bylaws of the American Kennel Club, Inc.* proposed by the Delegate Bylaws Committee. This will be voted on at the December 17, 2021 Delegate Meeting.

ARTICLE X

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

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE RULES APPLYING TO DOG SHOWS CHAPTER 3, SECTIONS 2, 4 AND 5 – DOG SHOW CLASSIFICATIONS

The AKC Board has endorsed the following amendment to **Chapter 3, Sections 2, 4 and 5** of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*, proposed by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee. This will be voted on at the December 17, 2021 Delegate Meeting.

CHAPTER 3

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

For all classes, 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 six months of age on July 1st of the same year, 12 months of age on January 1st and 18 months of age on July 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 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 and under twelve months.

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. Clubs may further divide the Twelve-to-Eighteen Month Class into two age groups consisting of twelve months of age but under fifteen months, and fifteen months of age but under eighteen months.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE RULES APPLYING TO DOG SHOWS CHAPTER 3, SECTION 8 – DOG SHOW CLASSIFICATIONS

The AKC Board has endorsed the following amendment to **Chapter 3, Section 8** of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*, proposed by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee. This will be voted on at the December 17, 2021 Delegate Meeting.

CHAPTER 3

SECTION 8. 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 on the date of closing of entries for the show;
- Individually registered with The American Kennel Club as of the date of the show;
- Owned or co-owned by any of the breeders of record as of the date of the show.

Clubs may further divide the Bred-by-Exhibitor class into two age groups consisting of Puppy, for dogs that are six months of age but under twelve months, and Adult, for dogs that are twelve months of age and older.

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 or divisions of it becomes eligible, there are no restrictions as to who may handle.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE RULES APPLYING TO DOG SHOWS CHAPTER 3, SECTION 11 – DOG SHOW CLASSIFICATIONS

The AKC Board has endorsed the following amendment to **Chapter 3, Section 11** of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*, proposed by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee.

This will be voted on at the December 17, 2021 Delegate Meeting.

CHAPTER 3

SECTION 11. 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 the following classes and all divisions of: Puppy, Twelve-to-Eighteen Month, Novice, Amateur-Owner-Handler, 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 offered. All other regular classes are at the option of the Club. A member club holding a show with restricted entries may include Winners Classes, provided the necessary regular classes are included in the classification.

NOTICE REPRIMANDS AND FINES

Notification of fine imposed on superintendents for late publication of a premium

list, *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* Chapter 4, Section 2
 Onofrio Dog Shows, LLC\$5500
 Jim Rau Dog Shows.....\$200

Notification of reprimand imposed on secretaries for advertising and publishing judges prior to approval, *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* Chapter 4, Section 1
 Nina Fetter\$100

Notification of fine imposed on secretaries for late distribution of judging program, *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* Chapter 7, Section 12
 Richard DiMarco\$250
 Susan Chiari\$250
 Beth VanRavenswaay.....\$500

Notification of fine imposed on secretaries for scheduling a judge for more than about 25 dogs per hour, *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* Chapter 7, Section 12
 Richard DiMarco\$50

Notification of fine imposed on secretaries for scheduling more than 175 dogs to a judge, *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* Chapter 7, Section 13
 Chari Patterson\$50

Notification of fine imposed on secretaries for late submission of results, *Rules*

Applying to Dog Shows Chapter 17, Section 2
 Richard DiMarco\$60
 Susan Chiari\$50
 Beth VanRavenswaay.....\$115
 Nina Fetter\$135

Notification of fine imposed on secretaries for failure to include required information in the catalog, *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* Chapter 12
 Richard DiMarco\$250
 Susan Chiari\$250
 Beth VanRavenswaay.....\$500
 Val McNelis.....\$500
 Chari Patterson\$500

Notification of fine imposed on clubs for late submission of results, *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* Chapter 17, Section 2
 Greater Louisville Dog Training Club ..\$130

Notification of fine imposed on clubs for cancelling entries for Conformation after the entry was closed, *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* Chapter 1, Section 4
 Southern New York Beagle Club\$500

Notification of fine imposed on performance clubs for late submission of results, *Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedure for Beagle Field Trials* Chapter 10, Section 15
 Harrisburg Beagle Club\$170

Notification of fine imposed on performance clubs for late submission of results, Regulations for Lure Coursing Tests and Trials, Coursing Ability, and Fast CAT Chapter 10
 Greater Racine Kennel Club (Fast CAT)....\$170
 Doberman Pincher Club of Columbus Ohio (Fast CAT)\$145
 Greater Chicago Whippet Club (Fast CAT)\$170
 Dogwood Rottweiler Club of Metropolitan Atlanta (Fast CAT)\$105
 Sheboygan Dog Training Club (Fast CAT)\$160
 Kettle Moraine Kennel Club (Fast CAT) ...\$50

Notification of fine imposed on performance clubs for late submission of results, AKC Regulations for Farm Dog Certified Test Regulations Chapter 9, Section 10
 German Shepherd Dog Club of Greater Washington \$50
 Greater Los Angeles Scent Work Club ..\$175

Notification of fine imposed on performance clubs for late submission of results, Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedure for Pointing Breeds Chapter 13
 Northwest Pointing Dog Association ...\$165

Notification of fine imposed on performance clubs for late submission of results, Field Regulations & Guidelines for AKC Hunting Tests for Retrievers

Chapter 1, Section 21
 Keystone Retriever Club.....\$160

Notification of fine imposed on performance clubs for accepting and entry after closing, Field Regulations & Guidelines for AKC Hunting Tests for Retrievers Chapter 1, Section 16
 Keystone Retriever Club.....\$500

Notification of fine imposed on performance clubs for failure to comply with benching regulations
 Shamokin Beagle Club\$200

Notification of reprimand on clubs for publishing catalog information prior to the release of the catalog AKC Club Board Policy Manual, Section 4, Paragraph VII.C
 German Shepherd Dog Club of the San Gabriel ValleyReprimand

CONFORMATION JUDGES

Letters concerning judges and provisional judges should be addressed to the Judging Operations Department at PO Box 900062, Raleigh, NC 27675-9062. Letters concerning Agility, Obedience, Rally, Tracking, and VST applicants should be addressed to the Companion Events Department in North Carolina.

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vide that individual with copies of letters received regarding their judging qualifications. As a result, it should be understood that any such correspondence will be made available, upon request, to the judge or judge applicant.

It is the responsibility of all Conformation and Junior Showmanship 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 by email at judgingops@akc.org.

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PRESTIGE-Dalmatians-Beth A. Johnson and Jason Rudolph

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SHOWME- German Shorthaired Pointers- Julie C. Steinbeck

STORMY RIVERS- Labrador Retrievers- Derek M. Stoker

T9- Giant Schnauzers-Adam E. Duke

TREE STARR-Australian Shepherds-Rebecca S. Androff

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CHANEL'S- Pomeranians-Elaine Griffin

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Cedar Rapids Kennel Association, Inc.—*Robert E. Tainsh, M.D.*

Channel City Kennel Club, Inc.—*Anita R. O'Berg*

Charlottesville-Albemarle Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mr. John J. Lyons*

Chihuahua Club of America, Inc.—*Mr. Joao Machado*

Chinese Shar-Pei Club of America, Inc.—*Marge B. Calltharp*

Clackamas Kennel Club—*Tami D. Worley*

Clearwater Kennel Club—*Daniel T. Stolz*

Columbia Terrier Association of Maryland—*Leslie A. Jaseph*

Conroe Kennel Club—*Jane Bates*

Conyers Kennel Club of Georgia—*Michael Houchard*

Dachshund Club of America, Inc.—*Larry Sorenson*

Dalmatian Club of America, Inc.—*Dr. Charles Garvin*

Dandie Dinmont Terrier Club of America, Inc.—*Karen Dorn*

Dayton Dog Training Club, Inc.—*Sherri Swabb*

Del Monte Kennel Club, Inc.—*Carey Fayram*

Del-Otse-Nango Kennel Club—*Stephanie A. Crawford*

Delaware Water Gap Kennel Club—*Dr. A. D. Butherus*

Des Moines Kennel Club, Inc.—*John D. Hughes*

Doberman Pinscher Club of America—*Glen Lajeski*

Durham Kennel Club Inc—*Mr. Jack E. Sapppenfield, II*

Eastern German Shorthaired Pointer Club, Inc.—*Robert Rynkiewicz*

Elm City Kennel Club—*Dr. Gregory J. Paveza*

English Springer Spaniel Club of Michigan, Inc.—*Barbara J. Gates*

English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Association, Inc.—*Susanne Burgess*

Finger Lakes Kennel Club, Inc.—*Margaret B. Pough*

Finnish Spitz Club of America—*Mrs. Cindy Stansell*

First Dog Training Club of Northern New Jersey, Inc.—*Mary D. Curtis*

Flat-Coated Retriever Society of America, Inc.—*Neal Goodwin*

Forsyth Kennel Club, Inc.—*June Guido*

Fort Worth Kennel Club—*Harold Tatro III*

Furniture City Kennel Club, Inc.—*Merry J. Millner*

Garden State All Terrier Club, Inc.—*Mr. Richard L. Reynolds*

Genesee Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—*Virginia Denninger*

Giant Schnauzer Club of America, Inc.—*Chris Reed*

Gig Harbor Kennel Club—*James R. Dok*

Golden Retriever Club of America—*Ellen Hardin*

Gordon Setter Club of America, Inc.—*Nance O. Skoglund*

Great Dane Club of America, Inc.—*Jean Highlands*

Greater Clark County Kennel Club Inc—*Ms. Karen J. Burgess*

Greater Collin Kennel Club, Inc.—*Barbara Shaw*
 Greater Miami Dog Club—*Dr. Azalea A. Alvarez*
 Greater Sierra Vista Kennel Club—*Ms. Charlotte I. Borghardt*
 Greenville Kennel Club—*Gloria Askins*
 Greenwich Kennel Club—*Donna Gilbert*
 Hatboro Dog Club, Inc.—*Sally L. Fineburg*
 Havanese Club of America—*Shirley A. Petko*
 Heart of the Plains Kennel Club—*Patricia M. Cruz*
 Hockamock Kennel Club, Inc.—*Nancy Fisk*
 Holyoke Kennel Club, Inc.—*Jane Wilkinson*
 Hungarian Pumi Club of America —*Marilyn Piusz*
 Huntingdon Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—*Dick Blair*
 Huntington Kennel Club, Inc.—*Ms. Marile A. Waterstraat*
 Ibizan Hound Club of the United States—*Michelle Barlak*
 Irish Setter Club of America, Inc.—*Ms. Karolynne M. McAteer*
 Kanadasaga Kennel Club—*Christine Cone*
 Keeshond Club of America, Inc.—*Richard Su*
 Kenilworth Kennel Club of Connecticut, Inc.—*Doreen Weintraub*
 Kennel Club of Beverly Hills—*Thomas Powers*
 Kennel Club of Buffalo, Inc.—*Margaret Doster*

Kennel Club of Niagara Falls—*Daniel Petko*
 Kennel Club of Northern New Jersey, Inc.—*Dr. Suzanne H. Hampton*
 Kennel Club of Riverside—*Sylvia A. Thomas*
 Kettle Moraine Kennel Club, Inc.—*Jacquelyn Fogel*
 Key City Kennel Club, Inc.—*Melissa Lembke*
 Labrador Retriever Club, Inc.—*Tony Emilio*
 Lackawanna Kennel Club, Inc.—*Ms. Kimberly Van Hemert*
 Lakeland Winter Haven Kennel Club—*Mary McDaniel, D.V.M.*
 Lancaster Kennel Club, Inc.—*Carolyn M. Vack*
 Land O'Lakes Kennel Club, Inc.—*Jan Croft*
 Lawrenceville Kennel Club, Inc.—*Robert N. LaBerge*
 Lehigh Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—*Cindy Meyer*
 Leonberger Club of America—*Don James*
 Louisville Kennel Club, Inc.—*Debra H. Owen*
 Magic Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—*Ruth Crumb*
 Mahoning-Shenango Kennel Club, Inc.—*James P. Henshaw*
 Manatee Kennel Club—*Mr. Daniel R. Dahlberg*
 Marion Ohio Kennel Club, Inc.—*Lynn Garvin*
 Montgomery County Kennel Club—*Ms. Ida E. Weinstock*

Monticello New York Kennel Club, Inc.—*Barry A. Hoovis*
 Mountaineer Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mary Yoders*
 National Beagle Club—*Eddie Dziuk*
 National Shiba Club of America—*Maggi Strouse*
 New England Beagle Club, Inc.—*Blaine Grove*
 Newtown Kennel Club, Inc.—*Susan Marucci*
 Norfolk Terrier Club—*Susan Schneider*
 North Shore Kennel Club—*Richard F. Coletti*
 Old English Sheepdog Club of America, Inc.—*Sheila Kenyon*
 Olympic Kennel Club, Inc.—*Tim Ufkes*
 Otterhound Club of America—*Joellen Gregory, D.V.M.*
 Pacific Coast Pekingese Club—*Frank Meister*
 Parson Russell Terrier Association of America—*Gary Koepfel*
 Pekingese Club of America—*Steven Hamblin*
 Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club of America, Inc.—*Mrs. Anne H. Bowes*
 Pharaoh Hound Club of America—*Dominic P. Carota*
 Philadelphia Dog Training Club, Inc.—*Larry Wilson*
 Plainfield Kennel Club—*Linda A. Deutsch*
 Port Chester Obedience Training Club, Inc.—*Kathy Gregory*

Ramapo Kennel Club—*Jeffrey D. Ball*
 Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of the United States, Inc.—*Judith Lichtman*
 Richland Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mr. Christopher R. Abraham*
 Rockford-Freeport Illinois Kennel Club—*Barbara L. Burns*
 Rubber City Kennel Club—*Cathy Gaidos*
 Salisbury Maryland Kennel Club—*Karen Cottingham*
 Salisbury North Carolina Kennel Club—*Leslie Puppo Rogers*
 Saluki Club of America—*Monica H. Stoner*
 San Mateo Kennel Club, Inc.—*Harvey M. Wooding*
 Santa Barbara Kennel Club, Inc.—*Abbe R. Shaw*
 Saw Mill River Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mimi Winkler*
 Scottish Terrier Club of America—*Helen A. Prince*
 Shoreline Dog Fanciers Association of Orange County—*Susan L. Hamil*
 Somerset Hills Kennel Club—*Harvey Goldberg*
 South Windsor Kennel Club—*Mrs. Laurie Maulucci*
 Southern Colorado Kennel Club, Inc.—*Carey Moreschini*
 Space Coast Kennel Club of Palm Bay—*Glenda Stephenson*
 Spinone Club of America—*Karen Luckey*
 Springfield Kennel Club, Inc.—*Dr. Thomas M. Davies*

St. Bernard Club of America, Inc.—*Susan Weigel*

St. Petersburg Dog Fanciers Association—*Jan Ritchie Gladstone*

Standard Schnauzer Club of America—*Dr. Harvey Mohrenweiser*

Suffolk County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mr. Robert Eisele*

Sun Maid Kennel Club of Fresno, Inc.—*Marcy L. Zingler*

Superstition Kennel Club, Inc.—*Dana Alexander*

Sussex Hills Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Florence Duggan*

Swamp Dog Club—*Dr. Timothy Carrion*

Taconic Hills Kennel Club, Inc.—*Marylyn DeGregorio*

Tampa Bay Kennel Club—*Mary Stolz*

Tennessee Valley Kennel Club—*Mrs. Richella M. Veatch*

Texas Kennel Club, Inc.—*Dr. Michael Knight*

Topeka Kennel Club, Inc.—*Diana J. Komarek*

Trap Falls Kennel Club, Inc.—*Christopher L. Sweetwood*

Trenton Kennel Club, Inc.—*Karen Gunzel*

Tucson Kennel Club—*Dr. Kenneth H. Levi-son*

Two Cities Kennel Club—*Eduardo T. Fujiwara*

Union County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Jennifer V. Modica*

United States Australian Shepherd Association—*Jeff Margeson*

United States Lakeland Terrier Club—*Maria Sacco*

Utah Valley Kennel Club—*Kelly D. Reim-schiessel*

Valley Forge Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Carol Fisher*

Virginia Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Sandie Friend*

Vizsla Club of America, Inc.—*Mrs. Kathy A. Rust*

Wampanoag Kennel Club, Inc.—*Rachel A. Wilson*

Washington State Obedience Training Club, Inc.—*John J. Cadalso, Jr.*

Waterloo Kennel Club, Inc.—*Cindy Miller*

Welsh Springer Spaniel Club of America, Inc.—*Richard Rohrbacher*

Welsh Terrier Club of America, Inc.—*Bruce R. Schwartz*

West Highland White Terrier Club of America—*Tracy J. Pancost*

Wilmington Kennel Club, Inc.—*Bonnie Bieber*

Windward Hawaiian Dog Fanciers Association—*Mrs. Karen Mays*

Winston-Salem Dog Training Club, Inc.—*Jane Fitzin*



AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB DELEGATES MEETING SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

Dennis B. Sprung, President in the Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. ET.

The Chair reminded the Delegates that face masks covering the nose and mouth were required to be worn at all times in the meeting room and in public areas.

The first order of business was the vote for the Delegate Standing Committees.

(Voting.)

The Meeting recessed for the Delegate Forum. The topic was “Bringing Juniors to the Sport – What can your club do?” developed by members of the Juniors Subcommittee.

The Chair called the meeting back in session at 10:05 a.m. ET.

The first order of business was the remaining votes for the Delegate Standing Committees.

(Voting.)

The Chair introduced the persons with me on the dais: Chairman, Dr. Thomas Davies; Vice Chairman, Dominic Palleschi Carota; Joan Corbisiero, Professional Registered Parliamentarian; Gina DiNardo, Executive Secretary; Ruthanne Ungerleider, the Court Reporter.

The Executive Secretary read the names of the Delegates seated since the June Meeting.

Christopher R. Abraham, Pasco, WA to represent Richland Kennel Club

Dana L. Alexander, Chandler, AZ, to represent Superstition Kennel Club

Melissa Lembke, Le Sueur, MN, to represent Key City Kennel Club

Brian P. Meindl, Hampton Bays, NY, to represent American Cesky Terrier Fanciers Association

Jennifer V. Modica, Cape May Court House, NJ, to represent Union County Kennel Club

Kathy A. Rust, Walcott, ND, to represent Vizsla Club of America

Mark S. Stempel, Bohemia, NY, to represent American Shih Tzu Club

Betty Winthers, Lynnwood, WA,
to represent Pasanita Obedience Club

The following Delegates, who were attending their first meeting in-person since their approval were introduced from the floor:

Christopher R. Abraham to represent Richland Kennel Club

Dana L. Alexander to represent Superstition Kennel Club

Jane Bates to represent Conroe Kennel Club

Mayno Blanding to represent Bichon Frise Club of America

Carey Fayram to represent Del Monte Kennel Club

Glen Lajeski to represent Doberman Pinscher Club of America

Melissa Lembke to represent Key City Kennel Club

Brian P. Meindl to represent American Cesky Terrier Fanciers Association

Jennifer V. Modica to represent Union County Kennel Club

Carey Moreschini to represent Southern Colorado Kennel

Anita O'Berg to represent Channel City Kennel Club

Leslie Puppo Rogers to represent Salisbury North Carolina Kennel Club

Kathy Rust to represent Vizsla Club of America

Sherri Swabb to represent Dayton Dog

Training Club

Timothy Ufkes to represent Olympic Kennel Club

Rachel Wilson to represent Wampanoag Kennel Club

The minutes of the June 8, 2021 Delegate Meeting were published in the online July 2021 *AKC GAZETTE*, and the complete transcript was posted on the Delegate Portal on AKC's website. There were no corrections and the minutes were adopted as published.

Fargo-Moorhead Kennel Club and Jackson Tennessee Dog Fanciers Association were duly elected as members of The American Kennel Club.

Dr. Thomas Davies delivered the Chairman's Report as follows:
Good morning, fellow Delegates. Before I begin, I have a question for you all. How great is it to be together in person once again?

Big thanks to Paula, and to Gina and Dennis for arranging our first in-person meeting in a year and a half – and a special thanks to all of you for participating in this long-awaited event.

Even with all of the progress that technology brought us to weather the pandemic, let me just say this again: It is great to see

you all at last. We are back. AKC is back! We are not only back; we are back and better than ever before.

I am delighted to report that this October will mark the strongest month for AKC Events in the history of our organization. October events outnumber all previous Octobers by 24%.

This October, Specialties, 4-6 month Puppy, Rally, Agility, Scentwork and FastCAT® together mark an all time, record high for AKC. The driving force behind this record is very simply a huge desire among our clubs to hold events. We want our Sports back. And indeed, they are back.

Let's put October in a larger context. AKC Events have been steadily increasing. May was the first month this year when we were at par with 2019 Events. During the five months from May through September, AKC Events exceeded those in 2019 by 3%. 2019 was the largest year ever for AKC Events. So, a 3% increase is quite significant. Now we are on the cusp of the peak in October with over 3,200 Events. This represents an increase over the same month in 2019 by an astonishing 24%.

The pandemic has caused losses, tragedies and hardship for so many. The camaraderie

and community that define our lives as exhibitors was put on hold. We had to hold out hope that we could one day enjoy our dogs together once again. We are nearly at that point at last.

Let me paraphrase John F. Kennedy, who said, "Victory has a thousand parents, but defeat is an orphan." We have many parents – this incredible comeback would not be possible without the dedication, expertise and hard work of our Clubs. Delegates, please extend this message of sincere thanks to your membership from the entire purebred dog fancy. You came through for all of us.

I would also like to acknowledge our Club Development Department for their role in the remarkable recovery of Events. Guy Fisher and Glenn Lycan have worked tirelessly to assist clubs and fanciers through every logistical aspect of event planning and protocols. The team has implemented a weekly report to identify All-Breed events with late applications. They reach out proactively to these clubs to check in and offer assistance. In March of 2021, they were managing through approximately thirty events per week with late applications, and by August, that number reduced by half. The number of All-Breed Clubs delaying their application submissions has de-

clined by 50% since the height of the pandemic, proving once again that our constituency is committed to bringing our sports back and we have a stellar staff to help make it happen.

Certainly, our Events and Registry rely on the protection of our rights as breeders and exhibitors. The Government Relations department, guided by Sheila Goffe, has made tremendous strides in long-term strategy and effective near-term action. In the first half of 2021, the department established a record-setting pace of legislative analysis, advocacy and outreach that outpaced records set the year before. Sheila and her team achieved a number of major victories – from proactive legislation in Congress in the area of service dogs, canine imports and expanding government support for U.S.-bred explosive detection dogs to major victories in states ranging from California and Texas to Tennessee, Rhode Island and New Jersey. These efforts make it possible for us all to breed and show dogs. Our Sport depends on Government Relations and our Club members who participate in this important canine legislation work. Thank you all.

Our Education Department has continued to provide wonderful services for our core and younger constituencies. Under the

leadership of Ashley Jacot, the department provides webinars on various topics of interest such as Breed Education for Judges, judging procedures, tips for Show Chairs, Government Relations updates and more. The schedule of upcoming webinars is available on the Education page of akc.org under “AKC Education Webinar Series.” Always striving to engage our youth and foster the next generation of dog lovers, the Public Education team launched a new program for high school students. The “AKC Leader of the Pack” program is designed to get high school students involved in their communities with a variety of volunteer opportunities relating to dogs.

AKC Canine College has developed and manages over six hundred courses and exams for Conformation and Performance Judges, Breeders, Groomers, the fancy and the general public. There are a total of 54 breed courses available now. This is vital work that benefits us all, and I urge you to take advantage of all that AKC offers. After all, Albert Einstein said “Wisdom is not a product of schooling but of the lifelong attempt to acquire it.”

Also busy on the educational front – albeit “edutainment” – is the AKC.tv Announcers team led by the incomparable Gina DiNardo and Bill Ellis. AKC Companion

Events on ESPN continue to grow our audience, expanding female viewership for the network and exposing tens of thousands more people to the wonders of AKC Events and purebred dogs. Tune in for our next programs and you will be quickly reminded of the spark you felt when you first got in the game!

As we head towards the end of the year, with so many events blissfully back in our schedule once again, let us remember all that it took to get us to where we are today. Caution, dedicated management, patience, empathy, and an unwavering belief that our events would one day return. We have done it together. In the words of Oliver Wendell Holmes, “Where we love is home; home that our feet may leave, but never our hearts.” Welcome back. Welcome home.

Mr. Sprung delivered the President’s Report as follows:

Saturday was 9/11, and a great deal has changed in each of our lives as a result of that day.

Many Delegates are new. I will share some of what occurred and AKC’s accomplishments in that area. First, please stand for a moment of silence in memory of the attack on our nation, which occurred during the Delegates meeting in this very hotel on 9/11.

(Moment of Silence.)

Mr. Sprung: Thank you. Staff helped me put together a video in remembrance for you to share with your clubs.

Video played with narration as follows:

That morning – and Ron will tell you, nobody believes us – but that morning we were in the lobby of this very hotel when “Blackie” approached us to say that a plane had hit the World Trade Center. We walked over to the deserted bar area, where there was a large television; just one gentleman was seated. As Ron and I approached, he looked at us and said, my son is in the armed forces, he called last night. One of our planes is missing, and they are coming to get us. We looked at one another and dismissed what the man said. Within a few moments, the second plane hit. We turned around; the gentleman was gone. That day, we were together. There were 288 Delegates in attendance. 71 continue to serve. Naturally the meeting bordered on chaotic. We hugged and reassured each other outwardly; inside, many of us felt fear and anger. There were valid but opposing thoughts of what to do. After an agenda discussion and a vote for the standing committees, we adjourned, helping one another begin going home or finding safe haven for the night.

In reflecting upon the 20th anniversary of 9/11, the thought that resonates with me is the type of special people that make up our community. I recall how the DOGNY project came about, allowing the American Kennel Club to honor search and rescue dogs that helped in New York City, Pennsylvania and Washington and will provide some behind-the-scenes facts.

It was very much a shared success. Chairman Dr. Tom Davies and the Springfield Kennel Club stepped up as the very first of 11 sponsors, and many clubs followed. FedEx, Iams, JP Morgan and Hartz became major corporate sponsors. Before long, other businesses heeded our call for support and we received help from many household names. It took until the following evening for me to leave NJ. CBS Radio began broadcasting a plea for the donation of a portable X-ray machine for search & rescue dogs that were hurt working through the rubble. Members of the Ladies Kennel Association were holding a meeting in my house. I knew dog people could provide help, so I asked the ladies to post an online request to purchase an X-ray machine. About 9:00 p.m. a call came in from a salesman in West Virginia, and we were on our way.

Our next challenge was transporting the X-ray machine and many cartons of film,

aprons, and gloves, so another request went out to relay those materials to Ground Zero. Dozens of dog people called throughout the night, volunteering, and by early morning the race was on. From West Virginia to Maryland to Pennsylvania, ending up in New Jersey with Afghan Hound breeders Bob and Angela DeNicola, who passed it off for the final delivery. Luckily, AKC had presented one of our first ACE Awards to a member of the K-9 unit at the Queensboro Kennel Club through the courtesy of Linda Lacchia and Ray and Viola Burgos. A call was made to Lieutenant Donadio; he instructed us to have the equipment brought through the Lincoln Tunnel and to proceed on 11th Avenue until we were stopped. Well, indeed, we were stopped but allowed one phone call. Within minutes we were surrounded by unmarked and marked police cars, sirens blasting and escorted to the very street corner of Ground Zero. Just as the car was coming to a stop, veterinarians from Suffolk County SPCA came running over and started to assemble the X-ray machine. We weren't there long enough to see it in use; with the smoke still rising we were escorted out of Ground Zero. But I knew then and there the American Kennel Club did the right thing. It was one of the most emotional moments of my life. The streets lining our departure had tens of thousands of people waving flags

and cheering us. But I knew a lot better – they weren't cheering us; they were cheering the AKC family.

I had another thought: We could do more. My idea for DOGNY actually evolved just two days after 9/11, eventually raising over three and a half million dollars for search and rescue organizations throughout our nation, as we worked with fanciers, corporations and the public. In fact, it was with these funds that the AKC CAR Canine Support Relief Fund was begun (now AKC Reunite).

Interestingly, the government chose to keep secret which search and rescue organizations came to the three cities but staff researched and identified over 90 amateur and professional groups. Each was sent several thousand dollars as a thank-you and a way of defraying their costs. Remember, this could occur again – where you live.

Looking back, the project almost never happened. Daphna Straus was hired as a consultant and did brilliant work. Today, she is a Vice President and along with our Legal Staff began working through the maze of red tape for the City to give us contractual permission to display statues to commemorate the very first anniversary of 9/11. For some unknown reason, the newly-elected Bloomberg administration,

taking over from then everybody's hero, Mayor Rudy Giuliani, seemed to concentrate on things other than the AKC. Can one imagine? Almost two months into the project, it was time to call Co-Chair Karen LeFrak and talk with her about my frustration, saying this project may not go anywhere as I felt it was a worthy one.

Surprisingly, early the next morning I received a phone call from the first deputy mayor stating the City was ready to sign. After patting myself on the back a hundred times – I mean this was like going “Best in Show” – I called Karen to tell her about this coincidentally good news, and there was absolute silence. So, I repeated myself, and there was more silence. “Okay, what’s going on?” She said, “Well, you were so upset, I went over to Mayor Bloomberg’s townhouse, and I left him a personal note on the kitchen table.”

We had to figure out how to transport 111 raw sculptures from the Long Island foundry to different artists’ studios throughout the city, then have each one individually packaged, picked up and brought to another company for cement bases to be applied. We reached out to fancier Honi Reisman who arranged a phone call with Ken May, Senior Vice President of FedEx. Again, AKC was lucky, perhaps because we

were doing the right thing. He said, “We can do this.” But I misunderstood his meaning, as my response was “I know you can do it, but can we pay for it?” Ken’s answer was rather astounding. He said, “Your company is a hero. You are not paying for anything. We are just going to help; and they did, providing tens of thousands of dollars in free shipments and logistics.

I will also tell you about a guarded secret for a while with another member of the AKC family. The police department called us because some of the approximately 300 teams of dogs that came to New York were being treated at an animal hospital, and their owners were being charged so I called a member of their Board to ask who I could speak with. The response was, “Dennis, I’ll make you a deal. I will pay for the care of every single dog, if you keep it a secret between the two of us.” Well, that deal is long over and the angel is Tony Sosnoff, another example of the quality people with whom we are blessed to share our passion.

The cooperation amongst clubs, fanciers, corporate America and media was extraordinary, growing into our largest public outreach up until that time. However, without passionate dog people, it simply would have been another Dennis idea. I am going to stop my talk for a moment because I want

everyone to take a good look at this statute. This is a handsome German Shepherd in good coat, just what it should look like. But there is a lot of emotion behind this statute. The coat is made up of the name, age, city and state of every person in America who perished on that day. I am very proud to state that AKC’s board of directors instantly supported this public art exhibition and fundraiser. Rubenstein Associates, America’s premier PR firm, required a presentation before agreeing to work on the project. Midway through, they proclaimed, “We’re in.” With the efforts and hard work of AKC staff, we benefited by a wide variety of media appearances. Sculptures bearing AKC’s name that were displayed for the first anniversary still remain in some places: Pace University, Fire Department Museum, Veterans Administration Hospital, Purina Farms, Station One of Portland Fire Department, AKC headquarters and Museum, plus one we visited on July 31st at the 9/11 Memorial Museum. Statues were painted live on the Today Show during numerous segments and the NASDAQ screen in Times Square repeatedly featured our program, day after day.

In Georgia, Governor Sunny Perdue unveiled a bronze statute at the Atlanta State Capitol building with Delegates Ann Wallin, Carmen Battaglia, and Karen and Asa Mays

representing 32 clubs and associations. In Oklahoma, Onofrio Superintendents and four all-breed clubs dedicated a statue near the site of the bombing of the Federal building. Bronze versions mark the entrance to the world headquarters of Hartz in New Jersey, and one welcomes visitors to AKC’s operations center in North Carolina.

The American Kennel Club was made appealing and relevant to the public from a canine perspective as well as a human one. For shoppers and tourists, when Saks Fifth Avenue blackened out 32 of their 34 windows for a month to commemorate the first anniversary, both windows that remained open only displayed DOGNY dogs. Broadway buffs saw a pair of sculptures over a three-month period guarding the way in and out of Shubert Alley, where two-and-a-half million people visit every single week. In the sports arena, we were fortunate that the three-year wait for a special event at Yankee Stadium was handled in two weeks for DOGNY Day and 25,000 special edition pin-stripe “Help A Hero” toys donated by Hartz were distributed. A statute purchased by breeder/exhibitor Amy Kiehl Green bears the signatures of the entire Yankees team. Major League Baseball contributed, as well as the New York Mets organization and their owners, Judy and Fred Wilpon, who are obedience enthusiasts. Plush mementos carry-

ing AKC’s logo and messaging appeared in over 12,000 stores across the country. Some will recall that the president of Hartz, Robert Devine, attended the Delegates Meeting in September 2002 as a guest when he presented a check to Ron Menaker for \$775,000. Soon after, Hartz donated an additional \$500,000. Ron did a great amount of work as Co-Chair throughout the entire project.

TFH published a commemorative book and after the public art display Sotheby’s Auction House donated their main gallery along with the services of Vice Chairman, Benjamin Doller, as auctioneer, and famed columnist and dachshund fancier Liz Smith served as guest auctioneer and graced us with yet more publicity.

This gives a bit of history about DOGNY and its accomplishments during a time of crisis in our nation and the numerous reasons to be proud of AKC, its Delegates, clubs and the many special people in this community. I am very proud to impart this history, so we never forget 9/11. Thank you.

(Standing ovation.)

Mr. Sprung: Thank you. At the end of that video you saw at the bottom of the statue a special commemorative pin. We have one

for everybody here. When you leave, please pick it up.

Is Daphna Straus here? Daphna please stand up. As the video said Daphna's work was absolutely brilliant.

There's another item to present to you, something else that is important. It is 20 years later, and your Great American Kennel Club continues to do the right thing. I am proud to share with you photos and a message of the AKC assisting the Miami search and rescue efforts after the building collapsed.

Immediately following Chris Sweetwood's text to me, on that very day we sent hundreds of items; although their original request was for only 12-15 cooling mats, we supplied 50. I suggested toys, treats and towels; lessons learned from 9/11 to which they agreed, and we sent multiple cartons. Staff on their own added 25 of each – cooling collars, water bottles, cooling vests with collars and extra ice packs. Cartons were delivered by FedEx the next morning and many more the following day, even towels embroidered overnight with the AKC logo. This is Fire Department Captain Shawn Campana's message:

"Hey, Dennis, how are you? This is Shawn

Campana down in Florida. I needed to thank you. I went down to the Miami warehouse. I got everything loaded. I got some awesome pictures and videos of all the teams when we were dispersed and brought their dogs out and you know play with the toys and trying their best to see what size they need it. I got to thank you so much again, what a blessing. A lot of the guys were surprised, they weren't expecting it. So I'm wondering if I can get an email that we can get you the pictures and videos and you know say, thank you to you guys again, thank you so much for everything, we got it, we dispersed and we were going to set up a little canine relief area for all the other teams working tomorrow. All of the teams really needed this relief, they are all using the equipment and are very grateful! Thank you so much for being our blessing! Have a great night, bye."

(Video played.)

Mr. Sprung: That was first a clip from the fire captain in Florida after the collapse of the building thanking AKC, and then Lieutenant Pappas who is now the Commanding Officer of the New York City Police Department K9 unit, giving his appreciation to AKC.

Going back to Florida for a second time, Kirsten's Marketing Staff, Brandi's Public Relations Department as well as Gina, Mary,

Wlad, Amy and Mark addressed this crisis immediately and hundreds of items were sent overnight. Whenever the Board asks, we act; collaboration at its best; but the winners are people in distress and the search and rescue organizations.

Also, just a few weeks ago at the suggestion of Ann Wallin, AKC's Board in cooperation with The Kennel Club's Charitable Trust made a donation to Nowzad to assist with the humanitarian eviction of dogs from Afghanistan to the UK.

I just received an email from The Kennel Club's Chief Executive, Mark Beazley, and he along with the Chairman, Tony Allcock, and our many friends over the pond expressed their warmest regards to the AKC constituency, knowing this is an incredibly difficult time in our history. I also want to tell you that the Museum of the Dog is hosting a 9/11 remembrance about search and rescue dogs as a tribute. Please visit that online or, if possible, in person.

Chief Financial Officer, Ted Phillips, gave the Financial Report as follows: I have to say, you know, since starting at AKC, one of the things I did notice when I walked into the lobby in NY the first time was the DOGNY statue and it was pretty impressive. I think we all know where we were

on 9/11/2001, thank you Dennis. So good morning, Delegates. It's nice to actually see you in person and not speak to you as a little black box on a wall somewhere on the other side of a conference room. For those who I have met, it's a pleasure. I would like to meet all of you if possible and express my gratitude for the work that you do.

Today I'm presenting some key performance indicators and financial results for the six-months ended June 30, 2021. And we'll compare that to the same period of the 2021 budget. And when relevant, I'll include references to the same period actual expenses for the six-months ended June 30, 2020.

Let's begin with some non-financial key performance indicators because these data points are essential to tell the story of the AKC net operating results for the six-months ended June 30, 2021.

This chart provides a comparison of both litter and dog registrations for the six-months ended June 30, 2021, 2020, and the current year to-date. Please note that the green columns on this slide are a review of litter registration results. For the six-months ended June 30, 2021 litter registration totaled 164,520. This excellent result is 23.4 percent higher than the budget for the six-month period ended June 30, 2021, and

19.6 percent higher when compared to the same period in 2020. These results continue a double-digit trend in growth we have seen in over the past three fiscal quarters. Litter registrations represent 12 percent of total revenue for the six-months ended June 30, 2021. So they do have a significant impact on our total revenue.

Now, moving onto dog registrations. Please take note of the blue columns on this slide for your review of the dog registration results. For the six-month period ended June 30, 2021 dog registrations totaled 426,484. Again, this excellent result is growth of 31.9 percent, which is ahead of the year-to-date budget, and 21.6 percent ahead of the same period last year. Dog registrations represents 33 percent of total revenue year-to-date. When combined, these two areas make up 46 percent of total revenue for the six-months ended June 30, 2021. In addition, AKC's online presence is essential and is the principal method for the registration process. As of June 30, 2021, 84 percent of litter registrations and 82 percent of dog registrations occur online. We would like to express our thanks to the Registration Staff, who contribute to these results, as they serve our customers.

In closing this section, we would like to

thank our breeders and the entire Delegate Body, our Board of Directors, and AKC Staff for these outstanding achievements, and we look forward to continuing success in the future.

Turning to events and entries, as Dr. Davies said earlier, we are seeing the return to normal. I will remind you, because the finance guy always has to, that in the six-month numbers presented we do still have an impact of the pandemic, but it's a declining impact, so we see improvements. As of June 30, 2021, the total number of events is higher than the same period in 2020 by 109 percent, climbing to 9,782 from 4,671.

Following this good news, there is growth in the total number of entries. We see the total number of entries at 1.4 million, which is 86 percent higher than the same period in 2020. Looking ahead, our Sports & Events Staff has reported that our current projection for October indicate that the path back continues at a greater pace than our best year of 2019. We expect that 2021, at least for the second six-months of the year, may be the best in AKC's history. We look forward to reporting these results in our third and fourth quarter reports, and, as always, we're pleased to hear when club events are increasing! So, we look for-

ward to better times.

Next, let's take a look at the financial operating results for the six-months ended June 30, 2021 with comparison to budget in the prior year of the same period. At June 30, 2021, net operating income was \$17.4 million, which was realized on total revenue of \$52.1 million. These results were generated principally by increased registration revenues, registration related revenues –things that are sold with that registration and also events and entries. In addition, we have deployed an effective cost control methodology across all categories and have kept levels based on appropriate business needs. If we look at the six-month results comparing 2021 budget versus actual, we can see that our total revenue exceeds the budget by 36 percent. Controllable expenses for the same period are 4.6 percent lower than budget. These variances are due to cautious budgeting due to the pandemic's uncertainty and a slow return to business in the first six-months of 2021.

When comparing the first six-months of 2021 to the same period of 2020, we report that total revenues increased by 30 percent, while total controllable expenses are flat for the same period. So, let's dig a little bit deeper here and look at revenue. This slide has a breakdown of total revenue, which

comprises significant lines, or groups of revenue. I'll refer to the groups and provide comments on significant elements in each group.

The group titled "Registration and Related Fees," reports actual revenue of \$31.167 million. This group is principally comprised of registration revenues of \$23.7 million and \$5.5 million of registration related revenues. Looking further into these totals, we compare year-to-date registration revenues against budget for the six-months ended June 30, 2021. For this period, revenues for this group are 31 percent higher, or \$5.6 million higher. When compared to the same period in 2020, revenues were 25 percent higher, or \$6.3 million. Revenues from litter and dog registrations comprise 46 percent of total revenue, so this is our key driver of business. When you compare that to the same prior year period, it's 47 percent. It's sustaining itself as it should.

When we look at dog registrations, we see that line by itself exceeded the year-to-date budget by 30 percent, or \$4.1 million, and in 2020 exceeded it by 25 percent, or \$3.4 million. Earlier I mentioned something called "Registration Related Revenues". These are things such as sales of certified pedigrees. As of June 30, 2021, they exceed

year-to-date budget by 65 percent, or \$1.5 million. Online certificate transfers exceed budget by 36 percent, or \$207,000. AKC GoodDog! Helpline revenues exceed budget by 65 percent, or \$380,000.

Moving on from Registration, let's look at "Events and the Other Fees" segment, which combine revenues for reporting, service fees, title registration fees, and event application fees. Total revenues in this section are \$6.4 million at the end of June, which exceed budget by 52 percent, or \$2.2 million. So, clearly, we've got a good realization on where we see this activity that we talked about earlier. Revenues from event service fees lead this group and in total of 3.8 million for the six-months ended June 30, 2021, and exceed budget by 52 percent, or \$1.9 million. This total also exceeds the same period in 2020 by 65 percent, or \$1.5 million. This is excellent news, which we approach with a cautious view.

Product and Service Sales group, year-to-date revenue totals \$6.1 million, which is 31 percent and \$1.4 million ahead of budget. Looking at this area, I would like to focus briefly on merchandise sales of \$1.5 million, which while ahead of budget is comparable to the prior year. This is supported by both E-Commerce and traditional order fulfillment sales. DNA services of \$1.1 mil-

lion are ahead of budget and the prior year by 22 percent and 42 percent respectively.

Next, let's look at Advertising, Sponsorship and Royalties. Total revenues of \$7.8 million are ahead of both budget and prior year totals. This section is led by new and renewed sponsorships, which total \$3.8 million for the six-months ended June 30, 2021. This total exceeds budget by \$1.2 million, or 48 percent. Significant efforts are required each year to renew and further develop these agreements, which speak to the strength of the AKC brand. Advertising revenues total \$2.5 dollars, and exceed budget by 33 percent, fortunately on strong demand. When compared to 2020, advertising revenues are 54 percent higher, by \$856,000.

Moving onto controllable expense lines. Total controllable expenses for the six-month period ended June 30, 2021 was \$1.4 million less than budget and comparable for the same period in 2020. These lines are related to operating needs, and as our business demands increase, whether it be Staff or other expense lines, budget dollars are deployed to ensure that we appropriately use the AKC funds in meeting our business requirements. Here are some significant variances. Staff costs are lower than budget by 4 percent, or \$654,000, and are

comparable to the 2020 actuals. Next we'll take two sections on here and look at them together, service and professional fees and promotion and public relations, because comparing the two has the same analysis in this case. Each of these are lower by anywhere from 10 to 20 percent, and this is principally due to the planned timing of when these dollars will be spent. All of this is driven by our best estimates when we prepared the 2021 budget, and while we made estimates during that process, the impact of the pandemic in the first six-months would cause timing changes for when we would spend the dollars, but all budgeted programs and activities have available funds. Also, please note at our federal and state levels AKC Government Relations Staff continues to provide support for legislation and promoting the AKC mission. One area of cost increase is fulfillment costs, as we incurred additional activity and merchandise sales. So this expense line is 13 percent ahead of budget.

This section called "Event Occupancy Expense," which is facility rentals for AKC events, is lower. This is principally due to not holding a 'meet the breeds' event in the first six-months of 2021. The last one was held in January of 2020. Which is in the right most column, is over \$1 million. The left column in that section is only \$321,000.

Our travel section is 51 percent lower than year-to-date budget and 24 percent lower than the same period in 2020. And this section, where we've titled, "Grants to Other Organizations," which are donations from AKC, we continue that support as authorized by our annual budget. Donations to the Canine Health Foundation and Museum of the Dog are consistent with our budget and prior year actuals.

In addition to the Nowzad donation Dennis mentioned, the Board approved an additional donation of a \$100,000 to an organization called Take The Lead. Next let's review investment performance, and here we take a look at this as of the end of June 30, 2021. There is a bar graph that presents performance, and there is a pie chart, which talks about asset allocations. Investment performance, which follows our Board approved investment policy statement, is very positive, at 8.83 percent, beating the Balanced Index by 30 basis points. The one and three year trailing return, beat the benchmark. So, the portfolio is functioning well and doing what it's supposed to do for us. Asset allocation is key to diversify market risk.

Current allocation is equity investments in domestic category of 58 percent, international equity investments of 16 percent, and

fixed income cash around 22 percent. There are private equity assets, which total 4 percent. Overall, this is a very good asset allocation strategy and good performance in a volatile market.

Finally, we want to show you our balance sheet. This is presented as of June 30, 2021, with a comparison to December 31, 2020. For June 30, 2021, I have total assets of \$179 million, or \$27 million higher than December 31, 2020. This increase is principally due to our positive net operating results, cost control and increased investments. The liabilities and commitment side of the balance sheet is generally comparable at June 30, 2021 with where it was on December 31, 2020. Therefore, the overall financial condition of AKC continues to be healthy thanks to the combination of increase in registration and other mission-related revenue generating activities. But remember, at the same time, we continue to assess risks using good governance, including tools, as I mentioned the investment policy statement, risk analysis reviews, and we also are considering the future impact of post retirement and pension plan obligations.

Thank you for your time. We appreciate your dedication. Thank you to our Board of Directors for their continuing support of AKC's mission and supporting our Staff.

Obviously, we've all worked through many challenges, and we're definitely ready to move forward. Our combined efforts, you, the Delegates, our Board, our Staff, are the building blocks that will continue to make us successful.

I'm available to answer any questions at your convenience. On the last slide I have given you my contact information. Thank you, and I wish you a good day.

There was one vote on an amendment to the Charter and Bylaws of The American Kennel Club, **Article VII, Sections 5, 6, and a New Section 7**, which affirmatively sets forth the ability of AKC's Board to meet virtually in whole or in part and clarifies the other sections related to Board meetings. As a result of the Bylaw amendment approved at the June 2021 Delegate Meeting, these section numbers were changed accordingly. This amendment was proposed by Staff and brought forward with approval from the AKC Board of Directors.

There was a two-thirds vote in the affirmative, and the amendment was adopted.

The Chair called on the Executive Secretary to read the proposed amendment to the Charter and Bylaws of The American Kennel Club, **Article VII, New Section 3**.

Ms. DiNardo: This amendment is to the Charter and Bylaws of The American Kennel Club, **Article VII, New Section 3**, which, moves the statement concerning the Board elections from Article VIII, which discusses the Nominating Committee, to Article VII, which addresses the election of the Board members.

This amendment was proposed by the Delegate Bylaws Committee and brought forward with approval from the AKC Board of Directors. It will be published in two issues of the *AKC GAZETTE* and you will be asked to vote on it at the December 2021 meeting. The full text is on the worksheet previously emailed.

The Chair called on the Executive Secretary to read the proposed amendment to the Charter and Bylaws of the American Kennel Club, **Article VII, Section 8**.

Ms. DiNardo: This amendment is to the Charter and Bylaws of The American Kennel Club, **Article VII, Section 8**, which removes language that is superfluous and not necessary to understand the specific power entrusted to the Board.

This amendment was proposed by the Delegate Bylaws Committee and brought forward with approval from the AKC Board of

Directors. It will be published in two issues of the *AKC GAZETTE* and you will be asked to vote on it at the December 2021 meeting. The full text is on the worksheet previously emailed.

The Chair called on the Executive Secretary to read the proposed amendment to the Charter and Bylaws of the American Kennel Club, **Article X, Section 7**.

Ms. DiNardo: This amendment is to the Charter and Bylaws of The American Kennel Club, **Article X, Section 7**, which removes language that is superfluous and not necessary to understand the specific power entrusted to the Board.

This amendment was proposed by the Delegate Bylaws Committee and brought forward with approval from the AKC Board of Directors. It will be published in two issues of the *AKC GAZETTE* and you will be asked to vote on it at the December 2021 meeting. The full text is on the worksheet previously emailed.

The Chair called on the Executive Secretary to read the proposed amendment to the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*, **Chapter 3, Sections 2, 4 and 5** – Dog Show Classifications.

Ms. DiNardo: This amendment is to the

Rules Applying to Dog Shows, Chapter 3, Sections 2, 4 and 5 – Dog Show Classifications, which inserts language from Chapter 3, Sections 4 and 5, into Chapter 3, Section 2, pertaining to how age is calculated for the purpose of entry into an AKC event. It removes language from Chapter 3, Sections 4 and 5, as to how age is calculated to eliminate redundancy. As a determination of age for entry relates to all classes and not just puppy and 12-18 months, insertion into Section 2 applies it globally. This also provides examples for benchmark ages, 6 months, 12 months, and 18 months.

This amendment was proposed by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee and brought forward with approval from the AKC Board of Directors. It will be published in two issues of the *AKC GAZETTE* and you will be asked to vote on it at the December 2021 meeting. The full text is on the worksheet previously emailed.

The Chair called on the Executive Secretary to read the proposed amendment to the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows, Chapter 3, Section 8* – Dog Show Classifications.

Ms. DiNardo: This amendment is to the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows, Chapter 3, Section 8* – Dog Show Classifications, which provides clubs the opportunity to divide the

Bred-by-Exhibitor Class by age, puppy and adult. This follows the same logic as the puppy and the 12-18 month classes. Dividing the Bred-by-Exhibitor Class by age would be an option for clubs and not a requirement. An entry from any division of class awarded winners would be counted toward the Bred-by-Exhibitor Class medallion as it advanced from the Bred-by-Exhibitor Class.

This amendment was proposed by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee and brought forward with approval from the AKC Board of Directors. It will be published in two issues of the *AKC GAZETTE* and you will be asked to vote on it at the December 2021 meeting. The full text is on the worksheet previously emailed.

The Chair called on the Executive Secretary to read the proposed amendment to the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows, Chapter 3, Section 11* – Dog Show Classifications.

Ms. DiNardo: This amendment is to the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows, Chapter 3, Section 11* – Dog Show Classifications, which revises language for consistency, defining that 1st place undefeated dogs of the same sex from the classes defined by the rules and all division of them, age, color, markings, et cetera, are eligible to compete in the Winners Class. It adds language to clar-

ify that the only required classes to be offered are American Bred and Open, and all others are at the option of the club.

This amendment was proposed by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee and brought forward with approval from the AKC Board of Directors. It will be published in two issues of the *AKC GAZETTE* and you will be asked to vote on it at the December 2021 meeting. The full text is on the worksheet previously emailed.

Dr. Charles Garvin, AKC Board Member and Delegate for the Dalmatian Club of America, gave a presentation about the AKC Purebred Preservation Bank as follows:

Good morning, everyone. It's really nice to see everyone's smiling faces here, alive and in person. Although I guess in this day and age, it's nice to see everyone's smiling eyes. So today we're going to talk about the AKC Purebred Preservation Bank, and for many of you this is going to be familiar material, and others not so much.

We'll talk about why does semen preservation matter, various solutions, what has been done, and what are the next steps. You have all heard about the problem of low entry breeds. Of our 196 recognized breeds, literally half, 98 of the breeds, are considered low entry breeds. And there is a

correlation between low entry breeds and low breeding breeds. For example, 14 breeds in 2020, a year where registrations surged, 14 breeds registered fewer than ten litters during the entire year.

In the past, there have been episodes of grave concern. There were devastating effects during World War II in the 1940s. Rotweilers had five consecutive years of fewer than ten dogs registered per year. Bernese Mountain Dogs had five years in a row of zero dogs registered. Think what that does to your gene pool. These are not low entry breeds. Alaskan Malamutes and Flat-Coats had three consecutive years of zero dogs registered. When you have numbers like that, it makes your gene pool fragile.

Frozen semen was first used successfully in dogs in 1969 and has proved to be very successful. However, there is a significant amount that is forgotten, abandoned, or destroyed.

You heard about Juniors this morning, and if you think about it, even the best Junior eventually ages out. But, in the same way, even the best breeders are going to age out, where their breeding program will come to an end. The owners are no longer interested or able to pay for storage. They may become incapacitated or pass on. Their ex-

ecutors and heirs really don't appreciate the value, really don't care about that frozen semen that they're asked to pay for.

If you happen to have a great, great, great granddaughter that is intent on carrying on your line, you're in luck. Other people, probably not so much.

We're losing the genetic influence of our historic breed superstars every day. How much of this is lost? Well, that is a difficult number to come by. I do want to clarify a number that was mentioned yesterday, but our best estimate is that approximately 1,000 breeding units are destroyed every month.

So, what's the solution? We can prioritize preservation. Not just focusing on the low entry breeds, but any breed that could have a genetic bottleneck. New diseases crop up and are discovered. Unanticipated crises occur. Imagine, if you will, some novel, never seen before virus, that comes in and wipes out a significant portion of the population. Gosh, if something like that happened to our dogs!

If we look at the definition of preservation it is the carefully maintaining and protection of something valuable, especially in its natural state. But if we don't do that, then we look at the opposite. Ruin, waste, squan-

der, neglect and dereliction. We recognize that preservation is critically important, but how can we put preservation into action?

The Otterhounds have taken a lead here, and in 2017 the AKC Board at their request approved a procedure so the AKC Parent Club could create an individual entity, a separate entity, for the use of frozen semen. The Otterhound Club of America successfully developed their own 501(c) organization for preservation purposes.

However, four years later, no other club has completely launched an operational reproduction bank. There are a few that are in process – Akitas, Boxers, Goldens, for example. And the reason is because it's difficult. There are significant barriers that individual clubs need to overcome to create a new organization. As you can imagine, significant legal issues, procedural, financial, and of course the biggest one is political issues inside the club.

So, our Mr. Idea, our key man, Dennis Sprung, suggested, what about if AKC established an all-encompassing, all breed preservation bank, that could benefit all Parent Clubs. AKC agreed with this and created a working group to explore this idea. I recognize you may have a hard time seeing some of these names, but they're all famil-

iar to you, Dr. Joellen Gregory, Dr. Marty Greer, Dr. Jerry Klein DVM, Mark Dunn, Mari-Beth O'Neill, Ted Phillips, and me as Chair. Vanessa Skou on AKC Staff has been tremendously helpful in doing a lot of the leg work for us. I would like to take this time to thank the members of the work group who have put in a tremendous amount of time and effort in working on this project.

The things we explored – we surveyed the Parent Club leadership, we conducted outreach to theriogenology veterinarians and semen storage companies, we reviewed the Otterhound success. This topic, as you know, has been discussed at Delegate Committee Meetings, there is an article in *Perspectives* about this, and we've had extensive consultation with outside legal counsel. Some of the valuable findings from the Parent Club survey, where we had 80 percent of the Parent Clubs responding, which is a gratifyingly high number: one of the key questions, "What if the AKC were to set up such a bank? Do you think it's a good idea?" On a one to ten scale, 30 percent thought it was a ten out of ten, a great idea; and conversely, only 4 percent thought it was a bad idea. That is without knowing any of the details. We used such information to develop a detailed proposal.

In July of this year the AKC Board officially approved both the creation and the funding of an AKC Purebred Preservation Bank to be a new separate 501(c)3 organization with a ten-year budget and business plan.

Now, strictly speaking, this is not a semen bank, rather, we will be dealing with the semen banks that now exist and use them as vendors for us. The bank is also designed to be sure it does not compete with current breeders in any way. So now the real work begins.

We have broken it out into five main categories. Developing the governance structure and organization, that is, creating the 501(c)3, developing Bylaws, the Board and so forth. Second, to develop policies, procedures, and processes regarding coordination with Parent Clubs. This is the real key, where the devil is in the details. We'll work with Parent Clubs to help them develop semen donation approval processes and semen distribution approval processes. Third, is to develop storage cost optimization plan. What that means is to try to work with the existing semen banks to figure out where we can get the best deal. We have already located a low cost but high-quality provider. But we also need to make sure that they are in a safe situation to mitigate the potential risks of what could possibly go wrong. We need to develop an extensive

database describing the sires that are available, and we hope to have this on an interactive website. Finally, we need to develop a communication and public relations plan. We need to explain the process. We need to promote it. We recognize that Parent Clubs are going to be integral and key to the success of this. We're dedicated to the concept that Parent Clubs will have options, they'll have choices to make, but they'll not have mandates. As far as timeline, we hope to be up and running in 6 to 9 months.

We recognize that this is a long-term project and will require a shift in thinking. A shift from what benefits the breeders of today and today's breeding programs, to what is best for the breed itself in 25, 50, or 100 years. My prediction, and predictions are always a challenge, but I would predict that in 50 years there are very few of us sitting in this room that are going to still be breeding dogs actively.

What's going to be needed from the Parent Clubs? Obviously, first is a desire to participate, but second is developing the criteria for the acceptance and the use of the frozen semen. The third is developing a decision-making process; that is, who in the Parent Club is going to be making the decisions and how will those decisions be made. Finally, having a point person to work with

the AKC bank. Now, the Purebred Preservation Bank is not going to leave the Parent Clubs out on an island all by themselves. We're going to be providing guidance and help in making these decisions and providing recommendations, alternatives, best practices, and frequently asked questions.

In summary, we're developing this AKC Purebred Preservation Bank to assist Parent Clubs to preserve the genetic heritage of their individual breeds. Parent Clubs themselves will be providing the decisions in the selection criteria. The Bank will be providing the organization, the infrastructure, the funding and the implementation.

Again, the focus is not on today's breeders, or breeding programs, but rather, the long-term future of your breed. Along the way we have always welcomed your questions, comments, and suggestions. My email is easy to remember, charles.garvin@gmail.com. We thank you very much for your attention. (The presentation will be posted on the Delegate Portal).

The Chair called on Jason Spiegel of KPMG to read the Teller's report results of the vote for the Delegate Standing Committees.

Mr. Spiegel: Thank you, Dennis. Good morning, everyone. It's great to see everyone here. The results of the voting of the Delegate

Standing Committees are as follows: For the **All-Breed Clubs Committee**, the following four candidates were elected for three-year terms: Margaret DiCorleto, Michael Houchard, Laurie Maulucci and Frances Stephens.

For the **Bylaws Committee**, the following three candidates were elected for three-year terms: Sylvia Arrowwood, Jan Ritchie Gladstone and Dr. Gregory Paveza.

Also, for the **Bylaws Committee**, the following candidate was elected for a two-year term: Eugenia Hunter.

In addition, for the **Bylaws Committee**, the following candidate was elected for a one-year term: Frederick Vogel.

For the **Delegate Advocacy and Advancement Committee**, the following four candidates were elected for three-year terms: Dick Blair, Marylyn DeGregorio, Mary Lou Olszewski, and Marile Waterstraat.

For the **Dog Show Rules Committee**, the following four candidates were elected for three-year terms: Cindy Miller, Tom Pincus, Johnny Shoemaker and Grace Wilkinson.

For the **Field Trial and Hunting Test Events Committee**, the following three can-

didates were elected for three-year terms: Susanne Burgess, Florence Duggan and Karen Luckey.

Also, for the **Field Trial and Hunting Test Events Committee**, the following candidate was elected for a one-year term: Timothy Carrion.

For the **Herding, Earthdog and Coursing Events Committee**, the following three candidates were elected for three-year terms: Carol Fisher, Kathleen Gregory and Maria Sacco

Also, for the **Herding, Earthdog and Coursing Events Committee**, the following candidate was elected for a one-year term: Joyce Rowland.

For the **Parent Clubs Committee**, the following four candidates were elected for three-year terms: Don James, Pat Laurans, Peter Piusz and Harvey Wooding.

Also, for the **Parent Clubs Committee**, the following candidate was elected for a one-year term: Douglas Johnson.

The Chair read the names of the Delegates who will serve on the committees that did not require a vote:

Delegates who self-nominated and will serve on the **Canine Health Committee** are: Susan Hamil and Robert Tainsh.

Delegates who self-nominated and will serve on the **Companion Events Committee** are: Jack Cadalso, Stephen Hersey, Gail LaBerge and Patty Sample.

Delegates who self-nominated and will serve on the **Perspectives Editorial Committee** are: Sylvia Arrowwood, Alyson Casper, Blaine Grove, Sharyn Hutchens, Don James, Margaret "Peggy" Wolfe, Erika Wyatt.

The Chair called on the Vice Chair, Dominic Palleschi Carota, to recognize AKC Delegates who have served for 25 years.

Mr. Carota: Good morning, everyone. We will now honor Delegates that served for 25 years. This medallion is in recognition of meritorious and long-term contributions to the sport. This program enables us to recognize our core constituency and allows a grateful American Kennel Club the opportunity to honor our own. This is the 23rd time that AKC has had the privilege to present Delegates medallions. These individuals join 129 previously recognized Delegates.

The following Delegates were called forward: **Marcia Sherman Adler**, Delray Beach,

Florida, Indianapolis Obedience Training Club (not present)

Linda C. Flynn, Scituate, Massachusetts, South Shore Kennel Club (not present)

Dr. Sophia Kaluzniacki, Green Valley, Arizona, Akita Club of America and Canada Del Oro Kennel Club (not present)

Sally J. Nist, Alexandria, Virginia, Rapid City Kennel Club (not present)

Please join me in congratulating the honorees. I don't believe they're here today, so we will mail their medallions accordingly.

The Chair called on Chairman, Dr. Thomas Davies, to recognize the clubs celebrating 100 years of membership in The American Kennel Club.

Dr. Davies: Good morning again. The following clubs are celebrating 100 years of AKC membership:

Bryn Mawr Kennel Club, Delegate - Victoria Glickstein.

Doberman Pinscher Club of America, Delegate - Glen Lajeski.

San Antonio Kennel Club, Delegate - Nancy J. Shaw.

If any of these Delegates are present, please come forward to the front of the room to receive a plaque commemorating their club's century of AKC membership. *Dele-*

gate Glen Lajeski accepted the award for the Doberman Pinscher Club of America.

The Executive Secretary read the report on the Nominating Committee as follows:

Ms. DiNardo: At the July 2021 meeting, the Board of Directors appointed the following Delegates to the Nominating Committee to select three candidates for the Class of 2026:

Melanie Steele, Chair, Delegate for the Abilene Kennel Club

Pamela Stacey Rosman, Delegate for the Canaan Dog Club of America

Patti Strand, Delegate for the Dog Fanciers Association of Oregon

Maggi Strouse, Delegate for the National Shiba Club of America

Marilyn Vinson, Delegate for the South-eastern Iowa Kennel Club

Alternates:

Marge Calltharp, Delegate for the Chinese Shar-Pei Club of America

Connie Clark, Delegate for the American Fox Terrier Club

The recommendations of the Nominating Committee must be submitted by October 15, 2021.

The Chair called on Gail LaBerge, Delegate

for the Atlanta Obedience Club, who spoke about AKC's PAC initiatives. Chris Sweetwood, Delegate for the Trap Falls Kennel Club joined her for the PAC update.

Ms. LaBerge: Good morning. First, we want to show you a video that some of you have seen, but it was quite some time ago, and then we have a couple of brief announcements.

(Video played.)

Mr. Sweetwood: Many of you have seen this video before. You may be thinking it's the same old news. And it is. The problem is, the threat is real, and it doesn't go away. It's politics. It's always ongoing. It will be with us forever. That is why we really, really need your support on a long-term basis. We need your ongoing support. Please donate. Please consider becoming an ongoing supporter. Please see Sheila Goffe outside and make a donation. Remember, this isn't a lot, but it helps us with access and gets the AKC's message in the legislature's ear. Thank you.

Ms. LaBerge: Thank you. Chris Sweetwood is not only a member of the AKC Board of Directors, but he is Vice Chairman of the AKC PAC Board, and I'm thrilled to have him. He does great work for us. Thank you.

I want to announce, to some of you it's not a kept secret, that we are kicking off our AKC sweepstakes fundraiser today for the PAC. The grand prize will be an Impact Dog Crate® and the person who wins the crate gets to choose the size of the crate for their dog. Other prizes will be offered as we go along, but I can announce that we have two tickets for both nights of the Groups and Best in Show at Westminster. We also have a full-page ad in *Showsight Magazine*. That will be another one of our sweepstake prizes. So how can we help? Well, for a \$25 donation to PAC you get one ticket to put in for the drawing; for a \$100 donation, you get five tickets.

Do that today, take this back to your clubs, because if they give online, your members, they will be entered in the drawing. So, it's very important that you share the sweepstakes information. Sheila Goffe is at the Government Relations table at the top of the steps, and I will assist her, and we will take your money for your tickets today. Thank you. Thank you for your generous support of PAC, it means a lot, and it also helps Government Relations by opening some doors for them.

The Chair informed the Delegates that the December 17, 2021 Delegate Meeting will be held in Orlando, Florida at the Rosen

Centre Hotel. More detailed information will be emailed to the Delegates as soon as it becomes available.

Lunch will be served following this meeting on the Terrace, which is on this floor, and in the Essex Ballroom on the lobby level. Delegates are reminded to leave their badges at the desk following lunch, and please pick up your 9/11 Memorial pin.

The Chair advised that the organizational meetings of the newly elected Standing Committees will take place at 1:30 p.m. Committees will be meeting in the Salem/Warren Room. Staff will be outside the meeting room to direct you.

The following Delegates spoke during New Business:

Dr. Gregory Paveza, Delegate for Elm City Kennel Club announced that due to a lack of quorum, the Bylaws Committee would hold their organizational meeting at the beginning of the December Delegate Meeting. Harvey Goldberg, Delegate for Somerset Hills Kennel Club read a letter on behalf of the Somerset Hills Kennel Club Board that had been sent to the AKC Board of Directors regarding their opposition to the policy amendments for FastCAT® events. They

made a request for a stay to the policy changes until the Herding, Earthdog and Coursing Events Committee can give ample opportunity for input and suggestions by AKC Member Clubs and Delegates.

Steven Hamblin, Delegate for Pekingese Club of America, asked for the acknowledgement of all the new Delegates who had never been to an in-person meeting by having them stand up and be recognized.

Don James, Delegate for Leonberger Club of America proudly reported that as of 2020 the Leonberger Health Foundation joined the AKC CHF as a sponsoring member of a study put on by Dr. Jaime Modiano of the University of Minnesota that was designed to find early markers for both hemangiosarcoma and osteosarcoma. It was expected that it would take 3 years to raise the \$70,000 to support this study, but it only took 3 months.

Ann Wallin, Delegate for Atlanta Kennel Club gave an update from Tom Sharp on the AKC Reunite trailers in Pat Laurans' absence. One of the trailers donated to Harris County Animal Services deployed in Houston, stationed at NRG Arena for Tropical Storm Nicholas. They expected the emergency shelter to open by the next day. AKC Communications/PR will release a media

alert. AKC Reunite is thankful to the Houston Kennel Club and the AKC Humane Fund, who helped to fund the two trailers for Harris County. The Texas and Louisiana coasts were being monitored for storm developments.

Geno Sisneros, Delegate for American Pomeranian Club asked that articles for the December issue of *Perspectives* be submitted to him as the coordinator or Sylvia Thomas, Editor, by October 15, 2021.

Mary Lou Olszewski, Delegate for American Bloodhound Club and Chair of the Delegate Advocacy and Advancement Committee shared that the online Delegate Handbook was posted to the Delegate Portal – a product of collaborative hard work by the committee, Delegates, Mr. Sprung and AKC Staff. She encouraged the Delegates to utilize this tool and provide feedback.

Susanne Burgess, Delegate for English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Association thanked the Board, the Staff, and all of AKC for the tremendous job that was done during the pandemic in promoting and providing inventive ways for clubs to continue on many of their activities. She recommended continuing the virtual events in the future as they appeal to the young peo-

ple across the United States.

Hearing no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting.

(One sharp rap of the gavel.)

(Time noted: 12:15 p.m. ET.)

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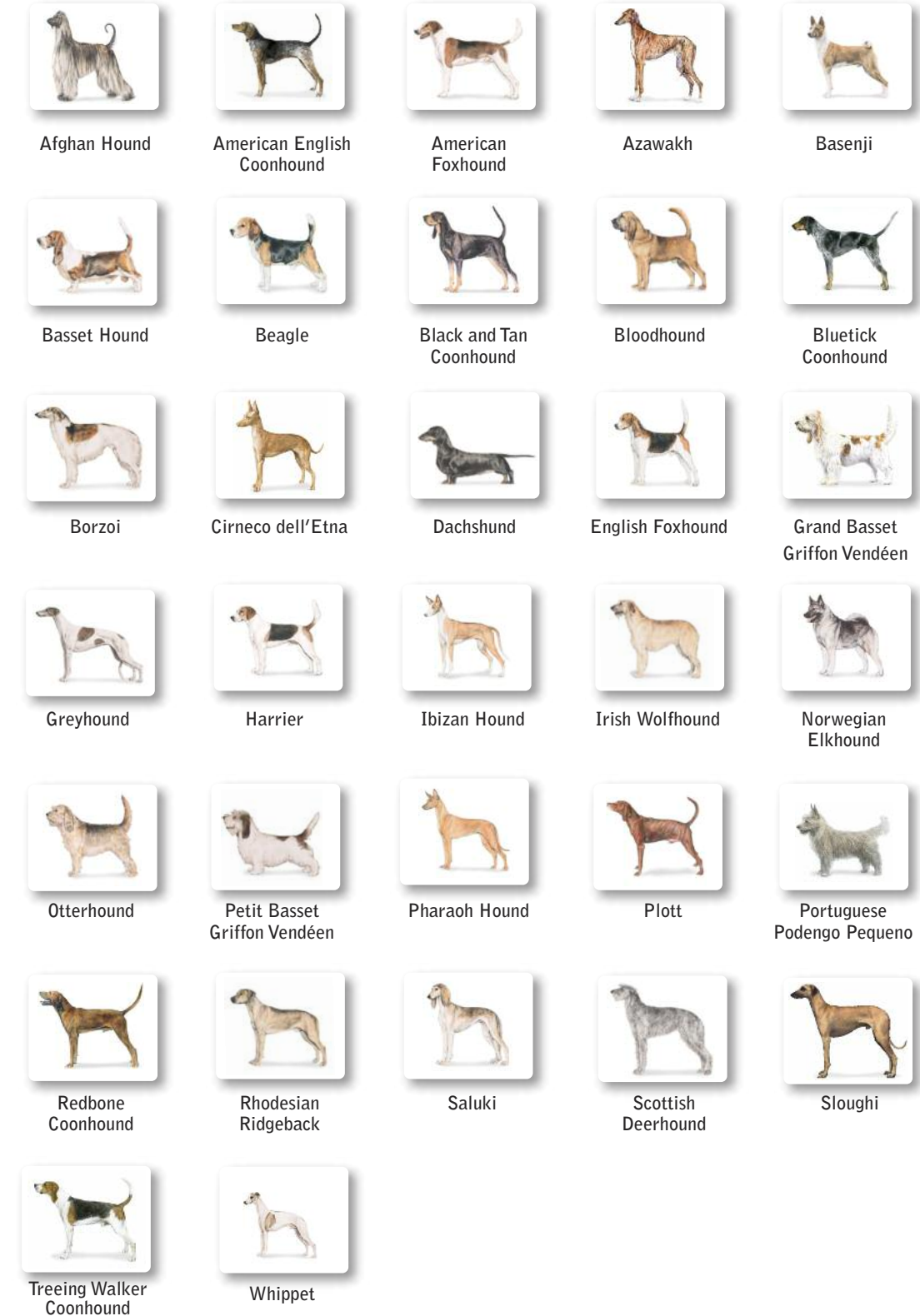
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SPORTING GROUP



HOUND GROUP



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WORKING GROUP



Akita



Alaskan Malamute



Anatolian Shepherd Dog



Bernese Mountain Dog



Black Russian Terrier



Boerboel



Boxer



Bullmastiff



Cane Corso



Chinook



Doberman Pinscher



Dogo Argentino



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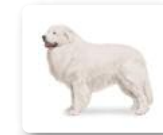
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Giant Schnauzer



Great Dane



Great Pyrenees



Greater Swiss Mountain Dog



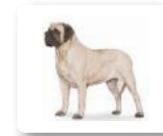
Komondor



Leonberger



Kuvasz



Mastiff



Neapolitan Mastiff



Newfoundland



Portuguese Water Dog



Rottweiler



Saint Bernard



Samoyed



Siberian Husky



Standard Schnauzer



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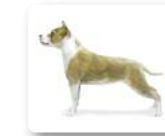
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Airedale Terrier



American Hairless Terrier



American Staffordshire Terrier



Australian Terrier



Bedlington Terrier



Border Terrier



Bull Terrier



Cairn Terrier



Cesky Terrier



Dandie Dinmont Terrier



Fox Terrier (Smooth)



Glen of Imaal Terrier



Irish Terrier



Kerry Blue Terrier



Lakeland Terrier



Manchester Terrier



Miniature Bull Terrier



Miniature Schnauzer



Norfolk Terrier



Norwich Terrier



Parson Russell Terrier



Rat Terrier



Russell Terrier



Scottish Terrier



Sealyham Terrier



Skye Terrier



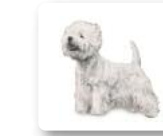
Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier



Staffordshire Bull Terrier



Welsh Terrier



West Highland White Terrier



Wire Fox Terrier

PARENT CLUB LINKS



TOY GROUP



Affenpinscher



Biewer Terrier



Brussels Griffon



Cavalier King Charles Spaniel



Chihuahua



Chinese Crested



English Toy Spaniel



Havanese



Italian Greyhound



Japanese Chin



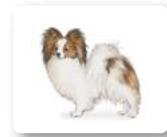
Maltese



Manchester Terrier (Toy)



Miniature Pinscher



Papillon



Pekingese



Pomeranian



Poodle (Toy)



Pug



Shih Tzu



Silky Terrier



Toy Fox Terrier



Yorkshire Terrier

NON-SPORTING GROUP



American Eskimo Dog



Bichon Frise



Boston Terrier



Bulldog



Chinese Shar-Pei



Chow Chow



Coton de Tulear



Dalmatian



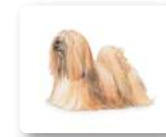
Finnish Spitz



French Bulldog



Keeshond



Lhasa Apso



Löwchen



Norwegian Lundehund



Poodle (Miniature)



Schipperke



Poodle (Standard)



Shiba Inu



Tibetan Spaniel



Tibetan Terrier



Xoloitzcuintli

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HERDING GROUP



Australian Cattle Dog



Australian Shepherd



Bearded Collie



Beauceron



Belgian Malinois



Belgian Sheepdog



Belgian Tervuren



Bergamasco



Berger Picard



Border Collie



Bouvier des Flandres



Briard



Canaan Dog



Cardigan Welsh Corgi



Collie (Rough)



Collie (Smooth)



Entlebucher Mountain Dog



Finnish Lapphund



German Shepherd Dog



Icelandic Sheepdog



Miniature American Shepherd



Norwegian Buhund



Old English Sheepdog



Pembroke Welsh Corgi



Polish Lowland Sheepdog



Puli



Pumi



Pyrenean Shepherd



Shetland Sheepdog



Spanish Water Dog



Swedish Vallhund



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The American Kennel Club Registered Handlers Program establishes criteria and standards for responsible, knowledgeable professional handlers. All handlers enrolled in the Program have met these criteria and made the commitment to follow the guidelines and Code of Ethics as set forth by the AKC.

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For information on upcoming RHP Handling Clinics

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<http://www.akc.org/events/handlers/adult-clinics/>