

The Staff recommended that due to the current World conditions caused by the global pandemic COVID-19, the AKC should plan to host an International Conference of Kennel Clubs, considerations include the fact that no kennel club is in a position

nces with stories that speak to positive qualities of purebreds/breeders. Distributed 10 press releases to appropriate media outlets.

-Tribune reaching 600 newspapers, including

essential to ensure the health and safety of pets, their owners, and essential workers needing alternate pet care options during the pandemic. AKC GR conducted outreach to key constituencies to urge their engagement on this issue as well.

GR established a COVID-19 resources page on the AKC Legislative Action Center (akcgr.org) that includes daily updates on the status of state legislatures, and rules impacting access to pet supplies and services. It also includes information and tips on what club members and dog owners can do from home to continue being effective advocates and potentially access federal relief as small businesses or private not-for-profit organizations.

Service Dog Pass/American Service Dog Access Coalition: AKC GR worked with colleagues at the American Service Dog Access Coalition to continue to develop all aspects of a new authoritative, voluntary and verifiable credential for service dogs that have met specific standards.

Economic Impact of Dog Shows: AKC GR released updated information on the 2019 economic impact of dog shows for all 50 states. One-page flyers providing specialized information for each state are available in the GR toolbox.

COMPANION and PERFORMANCE

Doug Ljungren, Executive Vice Pf

Following a motion by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Mr. Sweetwood, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to amend the Regulations for AKC Hunting Tests for Pointing Breeds, Chapter 1 Section 3A General Regulations - Test Levels to be Offered, by adding a new paragraph #3.

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Special Events.

special occasions or for unique purposes. A Special Event test is where the host club proposes

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Reinstatement for Dogs Disqualified for Attack by a Judge

The requirements associated for the potential reinstatement of a dog disqualified from competing due to aggression are approved by the Board and outlined in the *DISQUALIFICATION AND REINSTATEMENT* booklet.

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

Following a motion by Ms. Biddle, seconded by Mr. Tatro, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to approve the following proposals related to the Conformation Judging Approval Process to be effective immediately:

1. Increase the maximum number of permit breeds a judge may be approved by six (6) through 12/31/2020.
2. Increase the maximum number of CEU that may be attained in the categories of Attend Parent Club National Specialty; Attend Approved Seminar/Workshop; Mentors, Tutors and Kennel Visits; Sweepstakes or Futurity assignment; and Assignment to Judge the Breed by one (1) CEU through 12/31/2020
3. Modify the Judging Approval Process by revising the current allowance for Telephone Tutoring in Low Entry breeds to permit a Virtual Tutoring experience in all breeds with a parent club approved mentor or established breed expert (1 CEU), allowing for an additional Virtual Tutoring with unique mentor if the department determines that insufficient educational opportunities exist in the breed.

Report on Newly Licensed Clubs approved in March and April 2020
Carolina Scent Work Association, Winston-

Head: Proudly carried, large in proportion to the size of the dog but never so exaggerated as to make the dog seem top-heavy or to result in a low carriage. **Expression** - essentially scowling, dignified, lordly, discerning, sober and snobbish, one of independence. The scowl is achieved by a marked brow with a padded button of skin just above the inner, upper corner of each eye; by sufficient play of skin to form frowning brows and a distinct furrow between the eyes beginning at the base of the muzzle and extending up the forehead; by the correct eye shape and placement and by the correct ear shape, carriage and placement. Excessive loose skin is not desirable. Wrinkles on the muzzle do not contribute to expression and are not required.

Eyes - dark brown, deep set and placed wide apart and obliquely, of moderate size, almond in

muscles giving a level croup. **Tail** - set high and carried closely to the back at all times, following the line of the spine at the start.

Forequarters: Shoulders strong, well-muscled, the tips of the shoulder blades moderately close together; the spine of the shoulder forms an angle approximately 55 degrees with the horizontal and forms an angle with the upper arm approximately 110 degrees. Length of upper arm never less than length of shoulder blade. Elbow joints set well back alongside the chest wall, elbows turning neither in nor out. Forelegs perfectly straight from elbow to foot with heavy bone which must be in proportion to the rest of the dog. Viewed from the front, the forelegs are parallel and widely spaced commensurate with the broad chest. Pasterns short and upright. Wrists shall not knuckle over. The dewclaws may be removed. Feet round, compact, catlike, standing well upon the thick toe pads.

Hindquarters: The rear assembly broad, powerful, and well muscled in the hips and thighs, heavy in bone with rear and front bone approximately equal. Viewed from the rear, the legs are straight, parallel and widely spaced commensurate with the broad pelvis. Stifle Joint shows little angulation, is well knit and stable, points straight forward and the bones of the joint should be clean and sharp. Hock Joint well let down and appears almost straight. The hock joint must be strong, well knit and firm, never bowing or breaking forward or to either side. The hock joint and metatarsals lie in a straight line below the hip joint. Serious Faults Unsound stifle or hock joints. Metatarsals short and perpendicular to the ground. The dewclaws may be removed. Feet same as front.

Coat: There are two types of coat; rough and smooth. Both are double coated. Rough - In the rough coat, the outer coat is abundant, dense, straight and offstanding, rather coarse in texture; the undercoat soft, thick and wooly. Puppy coat soft, thick and wooly overall. The coat forms a profuse ruff around the head and neck, framing the head. The coat and ruff generally longer in dogs than in bitches. Tail well feathered. The coat length varies markedly on different Chows and thickness, texture and condition should be given greater emphasis than length. Obvious trimming or shaping is undesirable. Trimming of the whiskers, feet and metatarsals optional. Smooth - The smooth coated Chow is judged by the same standard as the rough coated Chow except that references to the quantity and distribution of the outer coat are not applicable to the smooth coated Chow, which has a hard, dense, smooth outer coat with a definite undercoat. There should be no obvious ruff or feathering on the legs or tail.

Color: Clear colored, solid or solid with lighter shadings in the ruff, tail and featherings. There are five colors in the Chow: red (light golden to deep mahogany), black, blue, cinnamon (light fawn to deep cinnamon) and cream. Acceptable colors to be judged on an equal basis.

Gait: Proper movement is the crucial test of proper conformation and soundness. It must be sound, straight moving, agile, brief, quick, and powerful, never lumbering. The rear gait shorter and stilted because of the straighter rear assembly. It is from the side that the unique stilted action is most easily assessed. The rear leg moves up and forward from the hip in a straight, stilted pendulum-like line with a slight bounce in the rump, the legs extend neither far forward nor far backward. The hind foot has a strong thrust which transfers power to the body in an almost straight line due to the minimal rear leg angulation. To transmit this power efficiently to

the front assembly, the coupling must be short and there should be no roll through the midsection. Viewed from the rear, the line of bone from hip joint to pad remains straight as the dog moves. As the speed increases the hind legs incline slightly inward. The stifle joints must point in the line of travel, not outward resulting in a bowlegged appearance nor hitching in under the dog. Viewed from the front, the line of bone from shoulder joint to pad remains straight as the dog moves. As the speed increases, the forelegs do not move in exact parallel planes, rather, incline slightly inward. The front legs must not swing out in semicircles nor mince or show any evidence of hackney action. The front and rear assemblies must be in dynamic equilibrium. Somewhat lacking in speed, the Chow has excellent endurance because the sound, straight rear leg provides direct, usable power efficiently.

Temperament: Keen intelligence, an independent spirit and innate dignity give the Chow an of aggression or timidity are unacceptable. Because of its deep set eyes the Chow has limited peripheral vision and is best approached from the front.

Summary: Faults shall be penalized in proportion to their deviation from the standard. In judging the Chow, the overall picture is of primary consideration. Exaggeration of any characteristic at the expense of balance or soundness shall be severely penalized. Type should include general appearance, temperament, the harmony of all parts, and soundness especially as seen when the dog is in motion. There should be proper emphasis on movement which is the final test of the Chow's conformation, balance and soundness. **Disqualifications:** Drop ear or ears. A drop ear is one which breaks at any point from its base to its tip or which is not carried stiffly erect but lies parallel to the top of the skull. The top surface or edges of the tongue red or pink or with one or more spots of red or pink.

Approval of Annual Fees

the Board of Directors set deposits annually for the submis(a)-8(r)7(y)17(co)7(s)22()-4(se)-8(tW* [st])T4)-8(ct)

Michael Capozzi, Manorville, NY
To represent Riverhead Kennel Club

Luanne K. Dunham, Newnan, GA
To represent Newnan Kennel Club

Chereen M. Nawrocki, East Bangor, PA
To represent English Cocker Spaniel Club of America

Susan Soviero, Little Silver, NJ
To represent Bayshore Companion Dog Club

Grace Wilkinson, Barrington, RI
To represent Rhode Island Kennel Club

Emergency Contact Number in Judging Schedules – Chapter 7 Section 2

The Board VOTED to adopt the following policy requiring clubs to include in judging programs an emergency contact number of a club official at the show effective January 1, 2021.

Wording will be added in italics to *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* Chapter 7, Section 12 beneath the first paragraph.

In case of emergency, the contact phone number of a club official at the show, with or without

Mandatory Ramp Examination – Clumber Spaniel

The Board VOTED to approve the request from the Clumber Spaniel Club of America to add the Clumber Spaniel to the list of breeds expected to be judged on the ramp through all levels of conformation competition.

AKC Title Recognition of French Herding Titles Earned at Parent Club Events

The Board VOTED to recognize titles earned in French Herding events administered by the American Belgian Tervuren Club (ABTC) and the Belgian Sheepdog Club of America (BSCA).

These titles will be recognized as part of the Parent Club Performance Events Title Recognition Program. Belgian Tervuren, Belgian Sheepdog and Belgian Laekenois owners will be able to start applying for French Herding titles on August 1, 2020.

Match Regulations – Option to Hold Fun Matches Open to the Public

The Board VOTED to modify the Match Regulations to allow and encourage AKC clubs to hold fun matches to introduce the public to the sports.

This Regulation applies to clubs licensed for conformation, obedience, rally, tracking and agility. The change is effective as of June 1, 2020.

Pointing Breed Field Trials – “Walked to the Line” Does Not Count as a Starter

The Board VOTED to approve a clarification in Chapter 8, Section 11 of the *Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Pointing Breeds*. A dog that is walked to the line without being released or that is released and then quickly picked up in a Pointing Breed field trial does not count as a starter. Handlers that do this plus judges and event committees that allow this to occur may be disciplined

Pointing Breed Field Trials – 45 Minute Derby Stake

The Board VOTED to allow licensed derby stakes to be run up to 45-

June 2020 Delegate Zoom Webinar Session and voted on at the September 2020 Delegate Meeting. If approved by the delegate body, the effective date will be January 1, 2021.

NEW BUSINESS

Video Conference Meeting for Delegates

Dr. Davies asked the Staff to