







**New Breed for Foundation Stock Service® - Japanese Terrier**

The Board was advised that the Foundation Stock Service (FSS) Committee recently approved a petition for the Japanese Terrier

the Regulations and may be made by a vote of the Board. If approved, this change will be effective January 1, 2021.

(3) Waiver of Judge Distance and Time Regulation – The recommendation is to extend this accommodation through December 31, 2021. (Previous limitation was a judge could not judge again within 30 days and 100 miles of a trial.) This waiver will be reevaluated prior to December 31, 2021.

This will be discussed further at the November Board meeting.

**Assisting the Sports Extending Obedience, Rally and Tracking Modifications that Expire at Year-End**

Four (4) Regulations were suspended or modified until year end 2020 for obedience, rally and tracking, that provide clubs and exhibitors flexibility due to COVID-19. The Board reviewed recommendations on how to handle these four modifications in 2021. The four modifications are – (1) Two judges required to earn a title, (2) Waiver of 30 days and 100 miles restriction for judges, (3) Distance between exhibitors in obedience Novice group exercises, and (4) Tracking test certification expiration dates.

(1) Two-Judge Requirement to Title – The Staff recommendation is to continue this waiver for ten obedience and four rally titles through December 31, 2021. With judges less inclined to

changes, (5) Modifying the obedience Figure Eight exercise, and (6) Publishing the rally course maps.

1. Closing Dates – The recommendation is to permanently change the Regulations to allow clubs holding obedience and rally trials, at their option, to close the events at a specified closing date and time no later than 11:59PM seven (7) days prior to the event. This is a change to the Regulations and may be made by a vote of the Board. If approved, this change will be effective for all trials held on or after January 1, 2021.
2. Eligibility Restrictions for Exhibitors – The recommendation is to permanently change the obedience, rally and tracking Regulations affecting an exhibitor's eligibility from thirty days to ten days prior to an event. This is a change to the Regulations and may be made by a vote of the Board. If approved, this change will be effective for all trials held on or after January 1, 2021.

**CAT and Fast CAT Dogs with Coloring to Participate**

The Board reviewed a recommendation to allow dogs with coloring to participate in AKC Coursing Ability Tests (CAT) and Fast CAT events. The purpose of allowing dogs to have coat coloring is to add an element of fun to events by allowing clubs to adopt themes or to encourage dogs to “run for the cause” in support of a local activity

At their September meeting, the HEC Delegate Committee discussed the idea of allowing dogs with coloring to participate in CAT and Fast CAT. It was well received with unanimous support.

This will be discussed further at the November Board meeting.

**Dalmatian Club of America - Two Additional Road Dog titles**

The Board reviewed a request from the Dalmatian Club of America. The Dalmatian Club of America (DCA) is requesting their breed be eligible to apply for Road Dog Champion (RDCH) and Road Dog Excellent Champion (RDXCH) suffix titles through the AKC Parent Club Title Recognition Program.

The DCA provides an extensive road trial program for individuals seeking to engage and expose their Dalmatian for the work in which he was bred to do. Exhibitors compete as a handler on horseback or in a horse-drawn cart/carriage with dog(s) off leash. Dogs must display endurance and speed while coaching or following the horse. This program offers various levels ranging from a basic pass/fail test to a very challenging and rigorous series of exercises.

AKC currently recognizes three suffix Road Dog titles for the Dalmatian – Coaching Certificate (CC), Road Dog (RD), and Road Dog Excellent (RDX). Each one a higher level of achievement than the other. Coaching tests a dog’s ability to coach or follow while Road Dog tests both coaching ability and endurance. Road Dog Excellent evaluates coaching and extended endurance.

The DCA would like to offer two additional titles, the Road Dog Champion (RDCH) title and the Road Dog Excellent Champion (RDXCH) title. To earn a RDCH, a dog must have earned a RD by qualifying in five judged off-leash exercises in the field with handler on horseback and completing a 12.5-mile timed trail ride. The dog must then qualify again in the RD class with scores of 80% or higher three more times at three different trials under two different judges. To earn a RDXCH, a dog must have earned an RDX and 3 RDXCH legs under 2 different judges and complete longer distances of 25 miles.

This will be discussed further at the November Board meeting.

**CONFORMATION**

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

**Assisting the Sports Extending Conformation Modifications That Expire at Year-End**

In 2020 the Board approved several modifications to event policies through year-end to provide clubs greater flexibility to hold events and provide increased opportunities for exhibitors. The Board reviewed a Staff recommendation that six modifications be extended through December 31, 2021.

The following six (6) Actions were approved through 12/31/2020 to provide clubs greater flexibility to hold conformation events and provide increased opportunities for exhibitors.

1. Premium lists - Must be published at least 72 hours prior to the opening of entries.
2. Indoor/Outdoor Ring Requirement - Allow clubs to publish in their premium list that the location of the rings, indoors or outdoors, will be determined on the day of the event. Refunds will not be granted based on the final location.
3. Additional Events - Allow up to three events offering Championship points at the same site on the same day. At least one of the three competitions must be held by a specialty club.
4. Distance an All-Breed or Group Club May Travel - Allow all-breed clubs to hold their events up to 200 miles from their territory and up to 300 miles when there are extenuating circumstances.
5. Distance a Specialty Club May Travel - Allow specialty clubs to join other specialty clubs of the same breed up to 300 miles from their territory.
6. Assignment Conflicts for Conformation Judges – Waive the 30 days and 200 miles judge's restriction policy. Applies only to conflicting weekends not events held on the same weekend, circuit or cluster.

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

Following a motion by Mr. Sweetwood, seconded by Mr. Carota, the Board VOTED (unanimously) extend the modifications of Actions #1 - #5 until 12/31/2021 and to extend the Assignment Conflicts for Conformation Judges modification until 7/31/2021.

**Assisting the Sports Making Permanent Conformation Modifications That Expire at Year-End**

The Board reviewed modifications to regulations and policies made in 2020 for conformation to provide clubs and exhibitors flexibility due to COVID-19.

This Staff recommends making two modifications permanent in 2021. The modifications are – (1) allowing specialty clubs to hold up to four designated specialties in a calendar year in addition to the current two specialties or two days of specialties, (2) allow judges assigned to NOHS Groups/Best in Show to exhibit on the same day.

This will be discussed further at the November Board meeting.





**Analysis of Majors in Low Entry Breeds**

Alan Slay, Director, Event Programs, presented these findings. Low entry breeds are defined as breeds in which there were less than 3,500 dogs in competition in a calendar year. The evaluation of the breeds that meet the criteria is performed annually and a Low Entry Breed list is posted on the AKC website within the Conformation Judging Resource Center section. In 2020 there are 99 breeds/varieties on the Low Entry Breed list.

The AKC Board of Directors requested an analysis of the frequency that low entry breeds earn



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**FINAL REVIEW ACTION SUMMARY**
**2020 NEW BREED JUDGING APPLICANTS**

	APPLICATIONS						BREEDS		
	Total	Fully Appr.	Limited	Denied	Wthdrn	Held	Req.	Appr.	Pend.
<b>January</b>	4	4	0	0	0	1	6	6	0
<b>February</b>	7	7	0	0	0	1	7	7	0
<b>March</b>	7	6	1	0	0	0	11	9	0
<b>April</b>	5	5	0	0	0	0	7	7	0
<b>May</b>	4	4	0	0	0	0	4	4	0
<b>June</b>	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	0
<b>July</b>	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
<b>August</b>	3	3	0	0	0	0	5	5	0
<b>September</b>	6	6	0	0	0	0	6	6	0
<b>AB TOTAL</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>0</b>



**Delegates and Member Clubs**

The Board reviewed a report on the prospective Delegate credentials to be published in two issues of the AKC *Gazette*, requests for AKC membership applications, and a report on Member Club Bylaws approved and newly licensed clubs.

**Report on Member Clubs Bylaws Approved in August and September 2020**

Bull Terrier Club of America (1897)  
 Roanoke Kennel Club, Roanoke, VA (1938)  
 Greater Fredericksburg Kennel Club, Fredericksburg, VA (1999)

**Report on Newly Licensed Clubs approved in August and September 2020**

Bristle Nose Scent Work Club of Utah, greater Salt Lake City, UT area (including communities north to Ogden, south to Orem in proximity to Interstate 15, 28 total households, 23 local.

East Texas Scent Work Club, greater Longview, TX area (including communities east to Marshall and TX/LA state line, west to Dallas in proximity to I-20), 21 total households, 14 local.

Heart of Ohio St. Bernard Club, greater Wilmington, OH area (including communities southwest to Cincinnati, northeast to Columbus, north to Interstate 70), 44 total households, 15 local.

**COMPLIANCE**

Bri Tesarz, Director, Compliance participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

**APPEALS COMMITTEE**

There was an EXECUTIVE SESSION with the following action reported out of this session: Mr. Wayne Cavanaugh was previously denied reinstatement of his judging privileges by the Board. He appealed and the Board voted to approved the Board Appeals Committee's recommendation to reinstate Mr. Cavanaugh's Judging privileges conditional on the 12 breeds previously approved being reactivated in permit status, pending the satisfactory completion of the requirements as defined within the *Judging Approval Process* which include the successful completion of the AKC Procedural and Anatomy exams, to be interviewed on current Rules, Regulations, Policies, Guidelines and Breed Standards, and the remittance of a \$35 fee.

**CONSENT**

Following a motion by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Dr. Battaglia it was VOTED (unanimously) to approve the following Consent item:

Request for Special Application of Hardship Policy  
 Chinook Breed Standard Revision  
 Delegate and Club Approvals

**Request for Special Application of Hardship Policy**

The Board VOTED to approve a request for a special application of the Hardship Policy to Ms. Susan Krouse's AKC records to allow for the transfer of dogs and frozen semen out of her ownership.

**Chinook Breed Standard Revision**

The Board VOTED to approve th

The Board asked Staff