





**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

**FINANCE**

Ted Phillips, Chief Financial

Committee made further revisions to the proposed standard, and as a result Staff recommends that the revised standard be published for comment again.

Following a motion by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Mr. Powers, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to approve the revised standard for publication for comment in the \_\_\_\_\_ Page of the *AKC Gazette*.

### **Standard Schnauzer Proposed Breed Standard Revision**

The Board reviewed the proposed revisions to the Tail section of the Standard Schnauzer breed standard as submitted by the Standard Schnauzer Club of America, Inc. (SSCA). The standard was last revised and approved by the AKC Board February 9, 1991.

Following a motion by Mr. Tatro, seconded by Ms. Biddle, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to approve the standard revision for publication for comment in the \_\_\_\_\_ Page of the *AKC Gazette*.

### **Acceptance of Pedigrees from the Azerbaijan Kennel Club**

The Board reviewed a request from the Azerbaijan Kennel Club to be added to the list of registries with pedigrees acceptable for AKC registration. Kennel Union of the Republic of Azerbaijan (hereinafter referred as KURA) is a national non-profitable canine organization in Azerbaijan, which was established in 2001 and a member of FCI (Fédération Cynologique Internationale) since 2006, and FCI full member since 2015. KURA is the only all breed registry authority in the country. KURA issues Pedigrees and records registration records of all pure breed dogs in Azerbaijan.

In 2019, KURA registered approximately 2500 dogs. Since 2015, KURA organizes Crufts® Qualification shows 2 times per year and International Dog Shows inviting FCI international judges; and KURA conduct and participate in education programs, seminars.

Following a motion by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Mr. Tatro, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to add the Kennel Union of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the list of registries with pedigrees acceptable for AKC registration.

### **Sloughi Stud Book**

The Board reviewed a request from the American Sloughi Association to keep the Stud Book Open for the Breed. The Sloughi Book is scheduled to close January 1, 2021. Currently AKC will accept dogs registered with America Sloughi Association and United Kennel Club. Staff recommends the Sloughi Stud Book remain open until January 1, 2026. This will be discussed further at the February Board Meeting.

### **Danish-Swedish Farmdog Club of America Advance to Miscellaneous**

The Parent Club of the Danish Swedish Farmdog, the Danish-Swedish Farmdog Club of America (DSFCA), has requested approval for the breed to move into the Miscellaneous Class.

The Danish-Swedish Farmdog Club of America has met the requirements of the Recognition of New Breeds Board Policy approved in February 2017. Requirements include an active parent club, with serious and expanding breeding activity over a wide geographic area, and documented club activity. The Danish-Swedish Farmdog Club of America has an active membership participating in Companion Events and FSS Open Shows when available.

Following a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Sweetwood, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to consider the matter at this meeting, waiving the normal notice procedures. Following a motion by Mr. Carota, seconded by Mr. Sweetwood, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to advance the Danish-Swedish Farmdog to the Miscellaneous Class effective June 30, 2021

**New Breed for Foundation Stock Service ® Barbado da Terceira Parent Club**

The Board was advised that the Foundation Stock Service (FSS) Committee recently approved a petition for the Barbado da Terceira to be accepted into the FSS program. The Barbado da

island of Terceira in the Azores around the 15th century for the purpose of herding cattle and livestock.

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option while performing in the ring at ob

-qualifying score (NQ).

-year pilot basis in order to give the staff time to evaluate

its impact.

This will be discussed further at the February Board Meeting.

### **CONFORMATION**

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

### **Rules Applying to Dog Shows Chapter 16, Section 6 Grand Championship Points**

The Board reviewed a recommendation from the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee (DSRC) to modify Chapter 16, Section 6 of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*, which addresses the requirements for a dog to achieve the Grand Championship title at AKC Conformation dog shows.

The Delegate Body at its September 2020 meeting approved a proposal to modify Chapter 16, Section 6 of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*. During discussion at the September meeting, a motion to amend the proposal was made and approved, modifying the first sentence of the

dently held specialty shows and concurrent specialty

approved by the delegate body to be effective January 1, 2021.

SRC voted, unanimously, to recommend the

fifty-plus years (50+), discussing the advantages and disadvantages of the current process and possible alternatives.

Staff will present options for consideration on ways to modify the current Board Policy for the Board to review.

**Preserving Corresponding Dates for Clubs**

Staff provided information on the preservation of corresponding dates for clubs when they have events cancelled or rescheduled due to COVID.

When a club notifies the AKC that they are cancelling an event due to COVID, AKC creates a new event for them on the corresponding date in the following year. If a club desires to reschedule later in the year,

**CLUBS**

Doug Ljungren, Executive Vice President, Sports & Events; and Lisa Cecin, Director, Club Relations, participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

*Mr. Tatro was not present for this portion of the meeting.*

**Club Relations 2020 Activity Report**

The Board reviewed a status report meant to communicate to the Board key information and trends regarding AKC clubs.

types of clubs, AKC member club status approvals, bylaw approval, territory approvals, sanctioned match program approvals, and informal guidance regarding club dispute resolution. In total, Club Relations receives approximately 375-400 emails received per month. It is an objective of Club Relations to make it as easy as possible for clubs to associate with the AKC within the rules and policies established by the Board.

Number of clubs as of December 3, 2020 (*\*Note: the total number of clubs in 2019 was 4969*)

Member clubs	638
Licensed clubs	4,140
Sanctioned Plan A clubs	90
Sanctioned Plan B clubs	<u>112</u>
Total	<b>4,980</b>

In 2020, AKC approved 32 new clubs and 10 clubs reported as dissolved. Over the past four years there have been no new Rally or Earthdog clubs.

New Parent Clubs in 2020: Small Munsterlander Club of America

New All-Breed Clubs in 2020: Dubuque Kennel Club; Kennel Club of North Mississippi and Wisconsin Kennel Club

New Group Clubs in 2020: Carolina Sporting Dog Association and Rocky Mountain Non-Sporting Club

New Member Clubs in 2020: Arrowhead Kennel Club and Sherwood Dog Training Club

Number of Specialty Clubs approved under the Reduced Sanctioned Match Program: **7**

Number of Group Clubs approved/advanced under the Reduced Sanctioned Match Program: **4**



**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 October and November 2020**

Del Monte Kennel Club, Monterey, CA (1938)

Del-Otse-Nango Kennel Club, Otsego and Delaware Counties, NY (1998)

Salisbury Maryland Kennel Club, Salisbury, MD, including Wicomico, Worcester and Somerset Counties (1967)

**Report on Newly Licensed Clubs approved in October and November 2020**

American Belgian Laekenois Association, 160 total households (57 households in 17 states west of the Mississippi River; 103 households in 21 states east of the Mississippi River.)

*Mr. Tatro was present for the remainder of the meeting.*

**COMPLIANCE**

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

**Approval of Annual Fees**

the Board of Directors set deposits annually for the submission of complaints pursuant to Article XII, Section 1; as well as deposits for appeals to an Appeal Trial Board pursuant to Article XIII, Section 7.

The current deposit to file a complaint pursuant to Article XII, Section 7(c)22(9(s)-4(\$5(t54(l)-4Q)13(a)-8(n)9



The following results were submitted:

## RESULTS

<b>Total number of Members Balloted</b>	<b>150</b>
<b>Ballots Returned</b>	<b>125</b>
<b>Yes Ballots</b>	<b>89 71.2%</b>
<b>No Ballots</b>	<b>36 28.8%</b>

The Board VOTED to approve the proposed standard revision to the Australian Terrier Breed Standard with an effective date of April 7, 2021

## GENERAL APPEARANCE

A small, sturdy, medium-boned working terrier, rather long in proportion to height with pricked ears and docked tail or undocked tail. Blue and tan, solid sandy or solid red in color, with harsh-

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and pads. Red coated dogs have black nails and pads. Red Sable dogs have black nails and pads. Red Brown dogs have brown nails and pads (darker color preferred).

### **HINDQUARTERS**

Seen from the rear, the hind legs are straight and parallel, but standing a little bit wider than the forelegs. Stifles and hocks are sufficiently bent. *Angulation* Hindquarters should be sufficiently angulated. The upper thigh muscles are lean and developed. The upper and lower thighs are of the same length. Hocks should be vertical. There should be no rear dewclaws. Serious fault Short legs.

### **SKIN**

The skin should be dry and tight-fitting.

### **COAT**

*Hair* There exists two types for the breed: smooth-coated and long-coated. Smooth coat dogs have short, close-lying, shiny hair, without undercoat or bald patches. Long coat dogs have bodies covered with moderately long (one inch to three inches) straight or slightly wavy hair, close-lying, which does not hide the natural outline of the body. Hair on the head and on the front part of limbs is short and close-lying. There are distinct feathers on rear side of limbs. The feet have long, silky hair which completely hides the nails. Long coated dogs have ears that are covered with thick, long hair forming a fringe. Dogs of more than three years have such a fringe which should completely hide the outer edges and tips of the ears. Body hair should not look tousled nor be too short (less than ½ inch). Disqualification Long coat dogs: absence of any fringes on ears and presence of curly hair. (Dogs younger than 18 months may have sparse or few fringes).

### **COLOR**

Russian Toy coats may be Black and Tan, Chocolate and Tan, Blue and Tan, Red, Red Sable, or Red Brown. Black and Tan coats are jet black with rich, bright tan markings over eyes, on cheeks, inside ears, on chest, legs, and on underside of tail. Chocolate and Tan coats are rich chocolate brown with tan markings over eyes, on cheeks, inside ears, on chest, legs, and on underside of tail. Blue and Tan coats are blue based grey coloring with tan markings over eyes, on cheeks, inside ears, on chest, legs, and on underside of tail. Red coats are whole-colored red that may range from rich ruby to lighter hues, but deeper saturated color is preferred. Red Sable coats are red with black-tipped hair on body and ears. Red Brown coats are red with brown-tipped hair on body and ears. Faults Presence of bald patches in smooth coat dogs. Too long or too short hair on body of long coat dogs. Small white spots under ½ inch on chest and toes. Solid black, brown and blue colors. Tan markings too large or with dark shadings. Any white spots on the head, abdomen and above metacarpus. Severe fault Large white patches over ½ inch on chest and throat. Disqualification Presence of brindle markings.



**AKC Household Requirements**

(August 1, 2017; amended May 2020 and January 2021 Board meeting)

Clubs applying for member, licensed or sanctioned status shall meet the following minimum household membership requirements:

All-Breed Clubs: 30 households / 25 local

Specialty Clubs and Group (Limited Breed): 20 households / 12 local

Agility, Obedience and Rally Clubs: 20 households / 12 local

Field Trial, Hunting, Lure Coursing, Herding and Earthdog Clubs: 20 households / 12 local

Scent Work Clubs: 20 households / 12 local

Tracking Clubs: 12 local households

Coonhound Clubs: 15 households / 8 local

**Conformation Junior Showmanship, Canine Partners**

The Board VOTED to modify the Junior Showmanship Regulations to permit an 18-month pilot program to allow Juniors with AKC Canine Partners-listed dogs to be eligible to compete in Conformation Junior Showmanship. The implementation of allowing Juniors to handle AKC Canine Partners will allow new young people and their families into the AKC, which will support the future of clubs and events. The effective date is July 1, 2021.

**The Board VOTED to approve the following Clubs for Membership:**

American Boerboel Club

American Cesky Terrier Fanciers Association

Miniature American Shepherd Club of the USA

**The Hon. David C. Merriam Resolution**

NOW THEREFORE, be it,

RESOLVED, that the Directors of The American Kennel Club extend to him their most sincere best wishes upon his retirement from dog show judging, and their deep appreciation for his past and continuing dedicated service to the sport of purebred dogs, his breed, and The American Kennel Club.

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Dr. Thomas M. Davies

AKC Board Chairman

It was VOTED to adjourn Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 3:16 p.m. Eastern Time.

Adjourned

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Gina M. DiNardo, Executive Secretary