

**AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB  
DELEGATE MEETING  
AGENDA**

*Tuesday, September 10, 2024  
Doubletree Newark Airport Hotel  
Newark, NJ*

**Forum Presentation:**

**“Paws and Progress: Exploring Developmental Orthopedic Challenges and Sports Injuries in our Canine Companions.”**

**This session will explore key orthopedic concepts and advancements in canine orthopedics – including how developmental factors and physical activities can impact the overall musculoskeletal health of our canine companions.**

**It will examine the common clinical signs associated with these conditions such as changes in gait, behavioral cues, and physical symptoms.**

**The Forum will be presented by Dr. Bryan T. Thomas, Associate Professor, Orthopedics and Sports Medicine, College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Georgia.**

**Q&A to follow if time permits.**

Meeting will be called to order at 9:30 a.m. ET.

The ballot for the Delegate Standing Committees will be conducted.

Recess the Delegate Meeting to begin the Forum.

**Delegate Meeting will reconvene following the conclusion of the Forum.** Anyone who had not yet voted for the Delegate Standing Committees will be given the opportunity to do so, then the polls will be closed.

Introduction of persons on dais.

Delegates seated since last meeting; introduction of Delegates attending their first meeting.

Approval of minutes.

Vote on AKC Member Club.

Chairman’s Report

President’s Report

Financial Report

***To be voted as one amendment:***

***Chapter 9, Section 11 and Chapter 11, Section 12 of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows***

**Vote** on the proposed amendment to **Chapter 9, Section 11** of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows – Superintendents and Show Secretaries and **Chapter 11, Section 12** of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows – Dog Show Entries, Conditions of Dogs Affecting Eligibility*, which deletes “where there is no Superintendent” for greater clarity that Show Secretaries for any event, including one where the services of a Superintendent are also used by the club, must adhere to the eligibility requirements defined by Chapter 11, Section 12 of the *Rules*. It also deletes “where there is no Superintendent” for greater clarity that the eligibility restrictions for Show Secretaries and members of their household apply to any event they service, including one where the services of a Superintendent are also used by the club.

***To be voted as one amendment:***

***Chapter 10, Section 2 and Section 5 of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows***

**Vote** on the proposed amendment to **Chapter 10, Section 2** and **Section 5** of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows – Show Veterinarians*, which adds the obligation for the Show Veterinarian to examine a dog referred by the event committee for examination to those who may become ill or injured at a show and adds the obligation that any cost associated with the examination of a dog by the Show Veterinarian is to the owner or owner’s agent of the dog. It replaces veterinarians with Show Veterinarians for consistency. It deletes the requirement for a club to be responsible for any expenses incurred in the examination of a dog it remands to determine if its presence endangers the health of other dogs. It also assigns responsibility for any expenses to the dog’s owner or agent.

**Vote** on the proposed amendment to **Chapter 15, Section 1** of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows – Protests Against Dogs*, which inserts that a dog remanded for examination by an event committee may only return to compete that same day, weekend, circuit, or cluster if the Show Veterinarian has examined the dog and determined its presence does not endanger other dogs.

**Vote** on the proposed amendment to **Chapter 14, Section 4** of the *Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedure for Retrievers*, allows for the system of rotation to be standardized across all stakes.

**Read** on the proposed amendment to **Chapter 16, Section 2** of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows – Championships*, which inserts verbiage to award championship points to a class dog awarded Reserve Best in Show. Points earned would be based on the highest number of points awarded in any breed from all groups excluding that from which Best in Show advanced.

General Orders

New Business