SECRETARY'S PAGES

MISSION STATEMENT The American Kennel Club is dedicated to upholding the integrity of its Registry, promoting the sport of purebred dogs and breeding for type and function.

Founded in 1884, the AKC and its affiliated organizations advocate for the purebred dog as a family companion, advance canine health and well-being, work to protect the rights of all dog owners and promote responsible dog ownership.

8051 Arco Corporate Drive, Suite 100, Raleigh, NC 27617
101 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10178

Raleigh, NC Customer Call Center .....(919) 233-9767
New York, NY Office .....(212) 696-8200
Fax .....(212) 696-8299
Website ..... www.akc.org

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DR. THOMAS M. DAVIES, CHAIRMAN • DR. MICHAEL G. KNIGHT, VICE CHAIRMAN

CLASS OF 2026
CHRISTOPHER L. SWEETWOOD
HAROLD "RED" TATRO III
ANN WALLIN

CLASS OF 2028
DR. CARMEN L. BATTAGLIA
SALLY L. FINEBURG
DR. MICHAEL G. KNIGHT

CLASS OF 2027
DR. J. CHARLES GARVIN
STEVEN HAMBLIN
DANIEL J. SMYTH, ESQ.

CLASS OF 2029
DR. THOMAS M. DAVIES
EDUARDO FUGIWARA
ROBIN STANSELL
SYLVIA THOMAS

THE LATE RONALD H. MENAKER, Chairman Emeritus
GINA M. DINARDO, Ex Officio

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

GINA M. DINARDO
President
Chief Executive Officer

GORDON COMFORT
Chief Operating Officer

SHEILA GOFFE
Executive Secretary &
Vice President Government Relations

THEODORE E. PHILLIPS
Chief Financial Officer

DENNIS B. SPRUNG, President Emeritus

VICE PRESIDENTS

KIRSTEN BAHLKE, Marketing
KEITH FRAZIER, Executive Vice President, Business Support Services
RONALD FURMAN, Media, Broadcasting and Sponsorship
BRANDI HUNTER MUNDEN, Public Relations & Communications
ASHLEY JACOT, Education
DOUG LJUNGREN, Executive Vice President, Sports & Events
HEATHER MCMANUS, Vice President & General Counsel
MARI-BETH O'NEILL, Sport Services
PAULA SPECTOR, Corporate Services
DAPHNA STRAUS, Business Development
TIM THOMAS, Conformation

TRIAL BOARDS

APPEALS TRIAL BOARD
MARTHA FELTENSTEIN, ESQ., CHAIR
BARBARA W. MIENER, ESQ.
BARBARA PENNY, ESQ.

TRIAL BOARD CHAIRS
EUGENIA HUNTER, ESQ.
VINCENT INDEGLIA
SAM KOVITZ
LAURIE RAYMOND, ESQ.

TRIAL BOARD MEMBERS
DR. KLAUS ANSELM
KATHI BROWN
MEDORA HARPER
CARL HOLDER
DR. JOHN IOIA
LAURIE MAULUCCI
DR. ROBERT MYALL
ROBERT NEWMAN
HON. JAMES PHINIZY
DIANA L SKIBINSKI
BETTY-ANNE STENMARK
GLENDA STEPHENSON
MICHELE WRATH

PERFORMANCE TRIAL BOARD
JOSEPH BENAGE, ESQ.
TIM CARWILE, ESQ., CHAIR
JOHN RUSSELL

ALTERNATES
FRANK BARTON
REX GIBSON
ROBERT W. MONTLER

ATTENTION DELEGATES NOTICE OF MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Delegates will be held at the Doubletree Newark Airport Hotel on **Tuesday, September 9, 2025.** For the sole purpose of conducting the vote for the Delegate Standing Committees, the meeting will be called to order at 9:30 a.m. After those present at that time have voted, the Delegate Meeting will recess to begin the Forum (approximately 1 hour in duration). The Delegate Meeting will reconvene following the conclusion of the Forum at which time anyone who had not yet voted will have the opportunity to do so, then the polls will be closed.

DELEGATE CREDENTIALS

Frank E. Lavoie, Bois D'Arc, MO, Ozarks Kennel Club

Prof. Tom K. Lewellen, PhD, Port Ludlow, WA, Gig Harbor Kennel Club

Dawn Sealy, St. Augustine, FL, Tri-City Kennel Club

Cheryl L. Secondo, Brooksville, FL, Tampa Bay Kennel Club

Patricia A. Sosa, Madisonville, LA, Louisiana Kennel Club

gazette Click here to read the September 2025 issue!

NOTICE
REPRIMANDS AND FINES

Notification of fine imposed on Superintendent for failure to distribute ribbons within 60 days *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*, Chapter 5, Section 12.

Onofrio Dog Shows, LLC..... $1050

Notification of Reprimand imposed on Superintendent for acceptance of entry of breed ineligible to compete at the event, *American Kennel Board Policy Manual*.

MB-F, Inc. ..... Reprimand

Notification of fines imposed on club for late submission of *Event Records*, *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*, Chapter 17, Section 2.

American Lhasa Apso Club..... $50

York County Dog Training Club..... $50

Golden State Chinese Shar Pei Club $100

Greater Louisville Training Club $100

Notification of fines imposed on Performance Clubs for late submission of Results *Coursing Ability Test (CAT) and Fast CAT Regulations*, Chapter 2.

Kern County Kennel Club $50

San Luis Obispo Kennel Club..... $50

Atlanta Obedience Club $50

Caddo Kennel Club of Texas..... $50

Notification of fine imposed on Performance Clubs for late submission of Results *Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedure for Pointing Breeds*, Chapter 13, Section 3.

Weimaraner Club of the Washington DC Area $100

Notification of fine imposed on Performance Clubs for late submission of Results *Regulations & Guidelines for AKC Hunting Tests for Retrievers*, *Chapter 1*, Section 21.

Sand and Sage Hunting Retriever Club $50

Notification of fine imposed on Performance Clubs for late submission of Results *Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedure for Spaniels*, Chapter 14, Section 3.

Oklahoma Springer Spaniel Club..... $200

Notification of fines imposed on Performance Clubs for late submission of Results *AKC Herding Regulations*, *Farm Dog Certified (FDC) Test Regulations*, Chapter 1, Section 17.

AKC Judge Mariah Wood (FDC) Test $50

Ochlockonee River Kennel Club of Florida $50

NOTICE

At its July 2025 meeting, the American Kennel Club Board of Directors suspended the judging privileges of Ms.

Lynette Stewart for a period of three (3) months effective August 8, 2025, the cancellation of her August 2, 2025 judging assignments, and imposed a fine of $300.00 for *Failure to Follow Procedures/Rule/Guidelines, and Solicitation for wins or entries*.

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:

Ms. Sue Collands (Painesville, OH)
Ms. Justus Reichert (Aurelia, IA)
Mr. Quentin White (Angwin, CA)

NOTICE

Mr. Mark Gustavson (Mexico, NY). Action was taken by the New England St. Bernard Club for conduct at its May 10, 2025 event. Mr. Gustavson was charged with personal property damage. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the Event Committee's report and set the penalty as a one-year event suspension and imposed a $1,000 fine, effective June 18, 2025. (Multiple Breeds)

NOTICE

Ms. Sally Jensen (Wonder Lake, IL). Action was taken by the Corn Belt Kennel Club for conduct at its May 24, 2025 event. Ms. Jensen was charged with unauthorized removal of property at or in connection with an event. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the Event Committee's report and set the penalty as a five-year event suspension and imposed a $2,500 fine, effective July 9, 2025. (Multiple Breeds)

NOTICE

Ms. Karen Mikulin (Hermitage, PA). Action was taken by the Cleveland All Breed Training Club for conduct at its July 13, 2025 event. Ms. Mikulin 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 reprimand and imposed a $100 fine. (Rhodesian Ridgeback)

NOTICE

Mr. Richard Valentini (Midland, GA). Action was taken by the Baton Rouge Kennel Club for conduct at its May 31, 2025 event. Mr. Valentini 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 imposed a $300 fine, effective June 9, 2025. (Multiple Breeds)

NOTICE

On January 6, 2025, the Trial Board (Laurie Raymond, Esq., Chair, Dr. Robert Myall, Betty-Anne Stenmark) of The American Kennel Club heard charges against Mr. Adam McCabe (Plymouth, WI) for violating AKC's *Personal Conduct Policy*. On January 27, 2025, the Trial Board issued a Decision, sustaining the AKC's charges but seeking to impose a penalty outside of the Discipline Guidelines. On January 29, 2025, the Trial Board issued an Amended Decision sustaining the charges as to the convictions, however, finding that the conduct was not prejudicial to purebred dogs, purebred dog events or the AKC. On March 7, 2025, after reconsideration, the Trial Board issued a third and final Decision finding that McCabe's conduct was not prejudicial, and thus, the charges were not sustained. The American Kennel Club appealed the decision and the Appeal Trial Board (Martha Feltenstein, Esq., Chair, Eugenia Hunter, Esq., Barbara Delp, Esq.) granted AKC's appeal. The Appeal Trial Board found that the Defendant's conduct was prejudicial to AKC and imposed a penalty of suspension of all AKC privileges for a period of time coterminous with his listing on the Wisconsin Sex Offender Registry (currently to expire on October 28, 2041), a $1,000 fine, prohibited McCabe from being on the grounds of AKC events, and directed that AKC can administratively remove his name of registrations, effective June 28, 2025. (Dachshunds) .

NOTICE

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Ms. Aniya Bunch (Warren, OH) from registration privileges for five years and imposed a $2,000 fine, for violating AKC's *Personal Conduct Policy*, effective August 19, 2025. (Multiple Breeds)

NOTICE

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Mr. Duane Pinson (Milburn, OK) from all AKC privileges for a lifetime and imposed a $10,000 fine, for violating AKC's *Judicial or Administrative Determination of Inappropriate Treatment* policy, effective August 19, 2025. (Multiple Breeds)

NOTICE

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Mr. Mark Whitney (Concord, VT) from all AKC privileges for twenty-five years and imposed a $5,000 fine, for violating AKC's Judicial or Administrative Determination of Inappropriate Treatment policy, effective August 19, 2025. (Mastiffs)

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.

The American Kennel Club will, at the request of a judge or judge applicant, provide 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.

APPLICANTS

The following persons applications have been submitted for the breed(s) specified ***but they are NOT eligible to accept assignments.***

NEW BREED JUDGING APPLICANTS

Mrs. Lesa Bastow (117881) MI
(810) 278-2406
patientdanes@comcast.net
Great Danes

Mr. Richard Bumstead (117921) NM
(505) 508-2108
glenclark6517@yahoo.com
Scottish Terriers

Megan Esherick (7264) PA
(610) 203-3228
clancypbgv@gmail.com
Petits Bassets Griffons Vendeens

Mr.Edward J. Harris (117861) WA
(206) 818-3221
edharris@att.net
Bulldogs, JS Limited

Mrs. Valerie Metcalf (117897) AZ
(602) 708-9025
danedreamer@hotmail.com
Great Danes, JS -Limited

Jessica Viera (111633) AK
(719) 322-1397
bjviera@gmail.com
Cardigan Welsh Corgis

Ms. Jane Yates (117813) SC
(434) 470-1671
kaneddc2021@gmail.com
Akitas, Bullmastiffs

Ms. Karen M. Zimny (117896) MN
(507) 835-5660
karen@pantheonbulldogs.com
Bulldogs

ADDITIONAL BREED JUDGING APPLICANTS

Mrs. Vicki Allenbrand (91374) KS
(678) 429-4609
blackjackdogs@earthlink.net
Afghan Hounds, American English Coonhounds, American Foxhounds, Black and Tan Coonhounds, Cirnechi dell'Etna, Norwegian Elkhounds, Otterhounds, Plott Hounds

Mr. Gary L. Andersen (6176) AZ
(480) 323-0487
glandersen@cox.net
Balance of Herding Group (Bergamasco Sheepdogs, Finnish Lapphunds, Mudik, Pulik, Pyrenean Shepherds, Spanish Water Dogs, Swedish Vallhunds)

Ms. Shira Lee Barkon (108315) PA
(810) 587-5542
snocrest1@gmail.com
Newfoundlands, Rottweilers

Miss Jennifer Bell (109179) LA
(225) 933-6132
mystang50@yahoo.com
Anatolian Shepherd Dogs, Bernese Mountain Dogs, Komondorok, Portuguese Water Dogs

Mrs. Mary E. Benedict (66054) NY
(585) 747-5380
longacrecollies@yahoo.com
Bernese Mountain Dogs, Boxers, German Pinschers, Tibetan Mastiffs, Xoloitzcuintli

Dr. Albert Bianchi (5459) VA
(757) 672-4868
k4ux@cox.net
Balance of Hound Group (American English Coonhounds, American Foxhounds, Basset Hounds, Bloodhounds, English Foxhounds, Harriers, Sloughi)

Mr. Brian C. Bogart (100059) NY
(716) 984-0012
sumerwyndb@aol.com
Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs, Mastiffs, Tibetan Mastiffs

Louise Brady (67185) CA
(805) 581-1726
starweim@aol.com
Nederlandse Kooikerhondjes, Wirehaired Vizslas

Mrs. Peggy Browne (103759) TN
(770) 655-5757
peggybrowneakcjudge@gmail.com
Shetland Sheepdogs

Mr. James Conroy (95311) GA
(561) 400-2059
bluedane@mindspring.com
Greyhounds, Black Russian Terriers, Boerboels, Cane Corsos, Dogo Argentinos, Dogues de Bordeaux, Kuvaszok, Leonbergers, Newfoundlands, Portuguese Water Dogs, Siberian Huskies, Poodles

Ms. Terry Dennison (47424) AK
(907) 775-2913
katagnik@yahoo.com
Balance of Herding Group (Bergamasco Sheepdogs, Canaan Dogs, Lancashire

Heelers, Mudik, Polish Lowland Sheepdogs, Pyrenean Shepherds, Spanish Water Dogs, Swedish Vallhunds)

Ms. Mary Dukes (99597) NC
(951) 283-4770
putupyr@aol.com
German Wirehaired Pointers, Golden Retrievers, English Setters, Irish Red and White Setters, American Water Spaniels, Boykin Spaniels, English Springer Spaniels, Vizslas

Mr. Don L. Evans (5916) MD
(301) 494-3647
secattorney@msn.com
Dogo Argentinos, Dogues de Bordeaux, German Pinschers, Great Pyrenees, Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs, Tibetan Mastiffs, Silky Terriers, Tibetan Terriers

Mrs, Janet L. Fink (6374) WI
(608) 820-1686
janetfink@verizon.net
Barbets, Brittanys, Cavalier King Charles Spaniels, Bichons Frises

Mrs. Diann Flory (102063) VA
(703) 408-5088
diannflory@gmail.com
American Hairless Terriers, Bedlington Terriers, Glen of Imaal Terriers, Rat Terriers

Mrs. Sally George (82793) CA
(707) 321-8567
sg.gypsy@gmail.com
Australian Cattle Dogs, Australian Shepherds, Beaucerons, Belgian Malinois, Bouviers des Flandres, Briards, German Shepherd Dogs, Old English Sheepdogs, Polish Lowland Sheepdogs, Pulik, Swedish Vallhunds

Mr. Neal Goodwin (45218) CT
(626) 327-2311
doggone1@mindspring.com
Balance of Sporting Group (Irish Red and White Setters, American Water Spaniels, Boykin Spaniels, Field Spaniels, Wirehaired Vizslas)

Mrs. Lisa Graser (37267) TN
(608) 655-1993
bluhvns@msn.com
American Eskimo Dogs, Boston Terriers, Dalmatians, French Bulldogs, Lowchen, Norwegian Lundehunds, Tibetan Terriers, Xoloitzcuintli

Mr. Fred Hyer (94219) MI
(616) 874-3647
fred@hyerluv.com
American English Coonhounds, Bluetick Coonhounds, Harriers, Irish Wolfhounds, Redbone Coonhounds, Salukis, Treeing Walker Coonhounds

Mrs. Carol Lynn Johnson (108277) MI
(616) 490-5227
bellafleurcavaliers@outlook.com
German Wirehaired Pointers, Kerry Blue Terriers, Scottish Terriers, Chihuahuas

Ms. Pamela S. Lambie (96227) AZ
(760) 272-0625
pam@pamlambie.com
Balance of Working Group (Dan-

ish-Swedish Farmdogs, Giant Schnauzers, Neapolitan Mastiffs, Standard Schnauzers)

Mrs. Cindy Lane (65098) GA
(864) 316-6351
glane1464@yahoo.com
Balance of Hound Group (Afghan Hounds, Azawakhs, Cirnechi dell'Etna, Dachshunds, Ibizan Hounds, Irish Wolfhounds, Pharaoh Hounds, Salukis, Scottish Deerhounds, Sloughi, Whippets)

Ms. Patrice Loves (102871) PA
(717) 343-8619
lovesgold@comcast.net
Flat Coated Retrievers, English Cocker Spaniels

Mr. Joao Machado (110191) TX
(832) 345-2100
joao.machadotx@gmail.com
Golden Retrievers, Afghan Hounds, Dachshunds, Whippets, Airedale Terriers, Border Terriers, Smooth Fox Terriers, Kerry Blue Terriers, Scottish Terriers, Welsh Terriers, Bichons Frises, French Bulldogs

Ms. Kathryn Madden (92226) NY
(516) 885-4860
madterv@gmail.com
Bracci Italiani, Pointers, German Shorthaired Pointers

Mr. Bryan Martin (3207) OR
(847) 922-8735
bkmshows@aol.com
Golden Retrievers, Clumber Spaniels, Spinoni Italiani, Doberman Pinschers, Great Danes, Great Pyrenees, Portuguese Water Dogs, Samoyeds, Japanese Chins, Tibetan Terriers, Australian Shepherds, Polish Lowland Sheepdogs

Mr. John Mayhall (101705) OR
(928) 970-0969
mtndogsrule@live.com
Azawakhs, Basenjis, Beagles, Salukis

Ms. Bonnie Money (105681) IN
(317) 452-2204
blmoney@att.net
Balance of Herding Group (Polish Lowland Sheepdogs, Spanish Water Dogs)

Mrs. Hildegarde S. Morgan (7627) WY
(970) 449-3635
hildy.morgan@gmail.com
Berger Picards, Pyrenean Shepherds, Spanish Water Dogs

Mary B. Napper (62737) TX
(817) 458-1442
mbnapper@gmail.com
American Eskimo Dogs, Bichons Frises, Boston Terriers, Lhasa Apsos, Shiba Inu, Australian Shepherds

Mrs. Kimberly Norton (110967) FL
(352) 606-3328
phasionwpt@aol.com
Dachshunds

Dr. LeeAnn Podruch (106234) WI
(802) 238-0755
lgpodruch@gmail.com
English Setters, Gordon Setters, English

Cocker Spaniels, Field Spaniels, English Toy Spaniels, Russian Toys

Carol Pyrkosz (96273) TN
(352) 300-2711
cpyrkosz@yahoo.com
Black and Tan Coonhounds, Grand Bassets Griffons Vendeens, Norwegian Elkhounds, Plott Hounds, Scottish Deerhounds

Ms. Nancy E. Ridgeway (101703) TX
(972) 671-5000
nancyridgway@earthlink.net
Cane Corsos, Danish-Swedish Farmdogs, Great Pyrenees, Kuvaszok

Mr. Michael L. Savage (111869) WA
(509) 999-1800
irishbrook@yahoo.com
Greyhounds, Irish Wolfhounds

Ms. Ellen W. Schultz (110815) TX
(713) 899-2418
apollogoldens@att.net
Gordon Setters, Irish Setters, Vizslas, Wirehaired Pointing Griffons

Ms. Inge Semenschin (27410) CA
(510) 620-9688
ingeakc@gmail.com
Bluetick Coonhounds, Harriers, Plott Hounds, Sloughi, Treeing Walker Coonhounds

Mrs. Helene Stearns (101598) PA
(570) 595-3097
cairns@aberdeencairns.com
Glen of Imaal Terriers, Rat Terriers

Mr. Karl M. Stearns (101597) PA
(570) 595-3097
kstearns@kmstearns.com
Balance of Terrier Group (American Staffordshire Terriers, Manchester Terriers, Miniature Bull Terriers, Miniature Schnauzers)

Mr. Eric Steel (98787) NY
(646) 479-9177
ericsteel@mac.com
Borzois, Ibizan Hounds, Rhodesian Ridgebacks

Mr. Jon Titus Steele (55162) MI
(989) 860-9677
jonauroral@gmail.com
Chinese Shar-Pei, Dalmatians, Lowchen, Xoloitzcuintli, Entlebucher Mountain Dogs, Mudik

Mrs. Cindy Valko (110124) PA
(412) 780-6129
somersetsts@comcast.net
Akitas, Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs

Dr. Oleg N. Voloshin (101869) MD
(301) 379-8847
voloshino@yahoo.com
Lagotti Romagnoli, Xoloitzcuintli

Mr. Cledith M. Wakefield (80829) MO
(573) 760-3616
n2rotts@yahoo.com
Balance of Herding Group (Bearded Collies, Bergamasco Sheepdogs, Briards, Cardigan Welsh Corgis, Collies, Finnish Lapphunds, Mudik, Norwegian Buhunds, Spanish Water Dogs)

Berna H. Welch (110818) MA
(508) 364-7343
pebwin@comcast.net
Vizslas

Ms. Claire Wisch-Abraham (100709) VA
(571) 318-2768
outlawgwp@aol.com
Miniature Pinschers, Papillons, Pekingese, Toy Fox Terriers

Ms. Cynthia Woodward (105631) TX
(501) 425-3454
cyndrwood@yahoo.com
Akitas, Giant Schnauzers, Rottweilers, Saint Bernards, Samoyeds, Standard Schnauzers, Miniature Bull Terriers

Mr. Wood Wornall (95931) MO
(805) 264-3304
woodwornall@hotmail.com
Chihuahuas, Italian Greyhounds, Papillons, Pomeranians, Pugs, Shih Tzu, Silky Terriers

ADJUNCT APPLICANT

The following person application has been accepted for the breed(s) specified under the Adjunct System ***but they are NOT eligible to accept assignments.***

Mrs. Nancy Eilks (23143) WI
(920) 650-2299
eilks@gdinet.com
Teddy Roosvelet Teriers

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP JUDGING APPLICANTS

Ms. Myanna F. Blake (117843) CA
(951) 719-5191
myannablakeb@gmail.com

Miss Suzanne Garcia (107216) IA
(319) 429-1961
suzannegarcai42@yahoo.com

Lydia Joiner (107669) TX
lydiajoiner@yahoo.com

Ms. Kristin Pierson (117845) NJ
(201) 317-7305
piersonkn@hotmail.com

Mrs. Allison Corn Sunderman (112099) MI
(517) 688-3059
sunaoakknl@hotmail.com

PERMIT JUDGES

The following persons have been approved on a Permit basis for the designated breeds in accordance with the current judging approval process. ***They may now accept assignments*** and the fancy may still offer comments to Judging Operations.

NEW BREED PERMIT JUDGES

Mrs. Linda Brantley (116743) FL
(806) 786-8270
bhowell52@charter.net
Chow Chows

Mr. Michael Brantley (99249) FL
(806) 787-4545
bhowell52@charter.net
Chow Chows

Mrs. Annett Ilyev (117437) CA
(916) 825-8020
annettilyev@gmail.com
Poodles, JS-Limited

Ms. Tammie Sommerson-Wilcox (48244) WA
(206) 383-0981
jareaux@msn.com
Papillons, Pembroke Welsh Corgis

Mr. Michael Work (57012) TX
(615) 579-8875
natalie.scher@hotmail.com
Basenjis

ADDITIONAL BREED PERMIT JUDGES

Dr. Azalea Alvarez (97321) FL
(954) 600-5480
minsmere954@yahoo.com
Airedale Terriers, Australian Terriers, Bedlington Terriers, Cairn Terriers, Dandie Dinmont Terriers, Glen of Imaal Terriers, Lakeland Terriers, Parson Russell Terriers, Russell Terriers, Sealyham Terriers, Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers, Welsh Terriers

Mrs. Kathleen J. Brock (47792) WA
(253) 884-2920
toccatacockers@aol.com
Cirnechi dell'Etna, Harriers

Mrs. Regina (Regi) Lee Bryant (105299) CA
(209) 327-8778
catoriaussies@gmail.com
Belgian Laekenois, Bergamasco Sheepdogs, Finnish Lapphunds, German Shepherd Dogs, Pumik

Ms. Joanne Chaplek (97963) NY
(518) 796-1770
joanne.chaplek@gmail.com
Collies

Mrs. Lucretia Coonrod (111397) OK
(785) 217-5192
kanpoint@yahoo.com
Brittanys, Golden Retrievers, Cocker Spaniels, Field Spaniels, Dachshunds

Ms. Annella Cooper (15790) AK
(907) 694-0559
acooper@mtaonline.net
German Shorthaired Pointers, German Wirehaired Pointers, English Setters, Irish Setters

Mr. William deVilleneuve (4244) NY
(631) 586-3376
duffdescots@aol.com
Afghan Hounds, Basenjis, Borzois, Salukis

Karen L. Dewey (112481) NH
(603) 504-2813
pkdewey@comcast.net
Dachshunds, Rhodesian Ridgebacks, Salukis, Treeing Walker Coonhounds, Whippets

Mrs. Penny DiSiena (76729) SC
(330) 421-3618
pennyd1954@gmail.com
Chihuahuas, Papillons, Silky Terriers

Karrie Dollar (111131) WI
(715) 213-0017
karriedollar@gmail.com
Flat Coated Retrievers, Gordon Setters, English Cocker Spaniels

Mrs. Nancy J. Eilks (23143) WI
(920) 650-2299
eilks@gdinet.com
Barbets, Pointers, Labrador Retrievers, Boykin Spaniels, Clumber Spaniels, Cocker Spaniels

Mr. Mustapha El Khorchi (110865) FL
(561) 460-0461
musta@leongolden.com
Pointers, English Setters, Irish Setters, English Springer Spaniels

Marie Ann Falconer (51642) TN
(413) 433-6474
mylaone10@aol.com
Balance of Hound Group (American Foxhounds, Azawakhs, Basset Fauve de Bretagnes, English Foxhounds, Grand Bassets Griffons Vendeens, Harriers, Irish Wolfhounds, Petits Bassets Griffons Vendeens, Sloughi)

Mr. Kevin M. Flynn (66204) MA
(781) 378-0293
kevin.flynn3@comcast.net
Boston Terriers, Lhasa Apsos, Tibetan Spaniels, Tibetan Terriers

Mrs. Linda C. Flynn (66205) MA
(781) 378-0293
lcflynn@comcast.net
American English Coonhounds, Black and Tan Coonhounds, Bluetick Coonhounds, Plott Hounds, Redbone Coonhounds, Treeing Walker Coonhounds

Mr. Nicholas Frost (6726) NC
(828) 691-3175
dehra@aol.com
Bedlington Terriers, Bull Terriers, Cesky Terriers, Glen of Imaal Terriers, Manchester Terriers, Miniature Bull Terriers, Parson Russell Terriers, Sealyham Terriers, Skye Terriers

Mrs. Geri A. Gerstner Hart (6085) WI
(920) 251-6322
forharts@hotmail.com
Brittanys, Irish Setters

Mrs. Honey Anne Glendinning (6773) CN
(604) 943-4313
honeyanneg@icloud.com
Basenjis, Basset Hounds, Black and Tan Coonhounds, Bluetick Coonhounds, Cirnechi dell'Etna, Harriers, Rhodesian Ridgebacks, Treeing Walker Coonhounds, Whippets

Marlene Groves (108243) CO
(303) 621-1111
marlene@buffalgroves.com
Otterhounds, Petits Bassets Griffons Vendeens, Pharaoh Hounds

Mrs. Junko Guichon (111435) VA
(540) 247-1121
junko@guichonchi.com
English Toy Spaniels

Mrs. Michelle LaFlamme Haag (69404) AZ
(801) 560-8091
saluki76@me.com
American Foxhounds, Basset Hounds, Bloodhounds, Otterhounds

Mrs. Sandra Pretari Hickson (50017) CA
(650) 346-9912
sandra.pretarihickson@gmail.com
Whippets, American Staffordshire Terriers, Cairn Terriers, West Highland White Terriers

Jody (Jo Ann) Hill (112835) FL
(407) 353-6275
findjody2@gmail.com
Giant Schnauzers

Robin A. Hug (67358) CO
(303) 717-1702
robinahug@gmail.com
Basenjis, Bluetick Coonhounds, Plott Hounds, Redbone Coonhounds, Scottish Deerhounds, Whippets

Ms. Britt Jung (66281) TX
(703) 626-9149
brittej@gmail.com
Doberman Pinschers

Mr. Jeffrey Kestner (100655) OH
(614) 571-7524
kestnerj@aol.com
Balance of Toy Group (Biewer Terriers, Cavalier King Charles Spaniels, Chinese Cresteds, Manchester Terriers, Pugs, Russian Toys, Russian Tsvetnaya Bolonkas, Shih Tzu, Toy Fox Terriers, Yorkshire Terriers)

Mrs. Marianne C. Klinkowski (7135) CA
(408) 446-0604
naharin@comcast.net
Schipperkes

Mr. Dominic Koon (115351) GA
(865) 582-1044
dominic.koon@gmail.com
American Eskimo Dogs, Dalmatians, French Bulldogs, Xoloitzcuintli

Mrs. Jodi Koon (115353) GA
(865) 582-1023
jodi.l.koon@gmail.com
American Eskimo Dogs, Dalmatians, French Bulldogs, Xoloitzcuintli

Mr. George E. Marquis (5789) FL
(603) 770-9830
chiens@prodigy.net
Balance of Non-Sporting Group (American Eskimo Dogs, Cotons du Tulear, Finnish Spitz, Keeshonden, Lhasa Apsos, Lowchen, Schipperkes, Tibetan Spaniels, Tibetan Terriers)

Ms. Shelley Miller (102995) NC
(919) 525-5001
sunmagicclumbers@gmail.com
Bracci Italiani, English Toy Spaniels

Mr. James A. Moses (93094) GA
(770) 329-4768
jmoses0924@aol.com
Basenjis, Bloodhounds, Bluetick Coonhounds, English Foxhounds, Greyhounds, Otterhounds, Plott Hounds, Rhodesian Ridgebacks, Salukis, Scottish Deerhounds, Treeing Walker Coonhounds, Whippets

Mrs. Jean Pero (30743) CO
(303) 475-7302
jmpero3@gmail.com
Chihuahuas, Havanese, Italian Greyhounds, Miniature Pinschers, Silky Terriers

Cmdr. Pamela J. Rhyner Hirko (93132) TX
(361) 331-0030
dediciwhippets@yahoo.com
Azawakhs, Norwegian Elkhounds

Mr. Mark A. Russo (111871) CT
(860) 227-5570
townhillcorgis@charter.net
Cardigan Welsh Corgis

Mr. Thomas Schonberger (107485) AK
(907) 529-6693
yogi@mtaonline.net
Anatolian Shepherd Dogs, Boerboels, Danish-Swedish Farmdogs, Dogues de Bordeaux, Leonbergers, Neapolitan Mastiffs

Rhonda Silveira (100061) OR
(503) 428-2021
rsilveira.akcjudge@outlook.com
Anatolian Shepherd Dogs, Black Russian Terriers, Doberman Pinschers, Great Pyrenees, Chihuahuas

Mrs. Shelli Sinclair-Wood (24194) WA
(509) 995-0393
shelliwood2011@gmail.com
Leonbergers, Finnish Lapphunds

Angela Stevanus (112189) CA
(951) 640-6819
angeldotz@yahoo.com
Anatolian Shepherd Dogs, Danish-Swedish Farmdogs, Australian Terriers, Rat Terriers

Mrs. Sherry C. Webster (6863) TN
(901) 289-6239
swakc3@gmail.com
Balance of Toy Group (Miniature Pinschers, Russian Tsvetnaya Bolonkas, Silky Terriers)

Pamela Wilson (64914) TX
(512) 280-3103
wilscot@sbcglobal.net
American Eskimo Dogs, Boston Terriers, Bulldogs, French Bulldogs, Lowchen

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP PERMIT JUDGES

Ms. Shelly Henry (117505) FL
(813) 326-5561
marisolbostonterriers@gmail.com

Courtney Hynes-Robinson (117576) NY
(203) 945-9654
courtneymh317@gmail.com

Miss Chloe Elizabeth Peterson (112905) FL
(863) 289-4041
crosstownkennel@gmail.com

Nicole Ryan (117620) WI
(262) 620-1859
nikki.mad@hotmail.com

Mrs. Kimberlie Steele-Lopez (116736) CA
(951) 505-1324
ksteele1201@gmail.com

Ms. Lori Lynn Whitman (116727) CO
(970) 396-0512
acdlori@yahoo.com

Ms. Kimarie Wolf (116854) OR
(503) 858-4627
kimariewolf@yahoo.com

REGULAR STATUS APPROVED OBEDIENCE/RALLY/TRACKING JUDGES

The following persons have completed their Provisional Judging assignments, and their names have been added to the list of ***regular approved*** judges for the class indicated.

Ronnie Sue Leith (90304) WA
(360) 344-2033
rsleithmd@sbcglobal.net
Rally - All

Lisa Klein (111467) WA
(360) 798-7079
bignlildogs@gmail.com
Tracking – Tracking Dog Excellent

Kyla Smay (47191) OR
(707) 537-7687
ksmaydogs@aol.com
Tracking – Variable Surface Tracking

NEW PROVISIONAL OBEDIENCE/RALLY/ TRACKING JUDGES

The following persons have been approved as a judge on a ***Provisional*** basis for the class/test indicated in accordance with the Provisional judging system. ***They may now accept assignments.***

Deborah Hankins (101845) CA
(925) 335-9610
deborah_hankins@comcast.net
Obedience - Utility

EMERITUS OBEDIENCE/ RALLY/ TRACKING JUDGES

Joanna Yund - Obedience & Rally
Jill Jones - Obedience, Rally, & Tracking
Sharon Hodgens-Wood - Obedience & Rally
Tom Masterson - Obedience

DECEASED OBEDIENCE/RALLY/ TRACKING JUDGES

Lori Moffa - Obedience & Rally
Dr. Jose Martienez – Obedience & Rally

APPLICATION FOR BREED-SPECIFIC REGISTERED NAME PREFIX

The following applications for a breed-specific Registered Name Prefix have been submitted to The American Kennel Club. Letters in regard to these applications should be addressed to Sheila Goffe, Executive Secretary:

AMANDUS – Standard Schnauzers – Cary L. Geihs

ASHLAN – French Bulldogs – Mary DeLisa

CEMCADE – Dachshunds – Emily A. Goodrich

HETLAND CREEK – Labrador Retrievers – Denise R. Hetland

J&J'S – Vizslas – Joyce A. Jackson

JUSTART – Borzoi – Stuart A. McGraw & Justine S. Spiers

KNUCKLEHEAD – Cane Corso – Julie A. Walker & Nicholas Sculac

MARIKI – Whippets & Greyhounds – Raymond A. Johnson

MICONS – Labrador Retrievers – Constance L. Muellerleile & Tabitha R. Whitaker

MYSTIC ESTATE – Poodles – Helen Khom

POINTER POINT – German Shorthaired Pointers – Lacey N. Atha & Clifton B. Atha

SHEROC – Poodles – Sheryl Bleich

STRONGHEARTS – Bichon Frise – Nancy A. Brown & Gary P. Brown

STORYLINE – Cavalier King Charles Spaniels – Stephanie R. Deaver

TRE RUN – Boston Terriers – Laurie A. Cowhig

TAMALPAIS – Golden Retrievers – Kathy Krebs-Dean

WATERSEDGE – Labrador Retrievers – Kathy R. Weaver

ZABAVA – Borzoi – Kristina Terra & Irina Terra

REGISTERED NAME PREFIXES GRANTED

The following applications for a breed-specific Registered Name Prefix have been granted

INDIAN ACRE – Poodles Jean M. Colvin & Lynn D. Colvin

KIMPAWSIBLE – Olde English Sheepdogs – Kimberly Crutchfield & William Crutchfield

JUNIPER MTN. -Chesapeake Bay Retrievers – Samantha A. Peyrollaz

REGALO – Greyhounds – Michelle R. TeVelde & Arieca R. Devery

RIVER VALLEY – Mastiffs – Rebecaa K. Davia

ROAN POINT – German Shorthaired Pointers – Erin L. Whitt

SILVER SUMMIT – Cane Corso – Shane P. Barger

SUGAR KISSED – Australian Shepherds
– Marleina R. Storey

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB, INC.
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AKC OFFICES AT 8051 ARCO CORPORATE DR. RALEIGH, NC
AUGUST 11-12, 2025

The Board convened on Monday, August 11, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. Eastern Time.

Present at the Meeting: Dr. Thomas Davies (Chairman), Dr. Michael Knight (Vice Chairman), Ms. Gina DiNardo (President & CEO), Dr. Carmen Battaglia, Ms. Sally Fineburg, Mr. Eduardo Fugiwara, Dr. Charles Garvin, Mr. Steven Hamblin, Mr. Daniel Smyth, Mr. Robin Stansell, Mr. Christopher Sweetwood, Mr. Harold Tatro, Ms. Sylvia Thomas, Ms. Ann Wallin.

The Chief Operating Officer (Mr. Gordon Comfort), Chief Financial Officer (Mr. Ted Phillips) and Executive Secretary (Ms. Sheila Goffe) were also present.

Copies of the July 7-8 2025, Board Meeting minutes had previously been provided to all Directors for review. Upon a motion by Mr Sweetwood, seconded by Dr. Battaglia, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to approve the July 2025 Board Meeting minutes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ms. DiNardo reported that the 2026 AKC Meet the Breeds® event will take place on February 7-8, at the Javits Center in New York City.

She recently returned from the World Show in Helsinki, Finland, where she had very positive meetings with other national kennel clubs, many of whom are eager to work with the AKC.

AKC staff have completed work on an updated AKC Code of Sportsmanship for the Board's review. To better acknowledge the value of respectful and courteous behavior, the title has been expanded to the AKC Code of Sportsmanship and Civility. The Code of Sportsmanship and Civility expands AKC core values and is designed to foster an environment of fair play, respect, integrity and courtesy that is welcoming to all.

Legal Update

The Board reviewed the Legal Department update as of July 2025.

AKC Code of Sportsmanship and Civility

Doug Ljungren, EVP Sports & Events participated in this portion of the meeting

in person. Brandi Hunter Munden, VP of Public Relations and Communications, participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

Staff recommended updates to the AKC Code of Sportsmanship. The Board reviewed the following:

AKC Code of Sportsmanship and Civility Preface:

The tradition of competitive purebred dog events predates 1884 – the year the American Kennel Club (AKC) was founded. Those involved in these sports share core values, including a strong commitment to sportsmanship and a welcoming, respectful culture that embraces the diverse community united by a love of dogs. These values are evident across all aspects of the sport: Conformation, Performance, Companion, and family dog activities. Many believe that the enduring principles of sportsmanship and civility are key reasons the sport has thrived for over 140 years.

Recognizing that periodically reaffirming our shared values strengthens our community, the revised code will be shared widely to highlight the foundational values and principles that define the sport.

- Sportspeople always place the welfare of their dog above all else.
- Sportspeople prioritize the long-term health and preservation of their breed, making decisions that reflect a deep commitment to responsible breeding and ownership.
- Sportspeople respect the history, traditions and integrity of the sport of purebred dogs.
- Sportspeople conduct themselves in a manner that reflects positively on the sport, the American Kennel Club, and themselves.
- Sportspeople appreciate, encourage and support all who associate with and participate in the sports by fostering an environment where respect, equity, inclusion, and courtesy are foundational.
- Sportspeople understand, uphold and abide by all AKC bylaws, rules, regulations and policies.
- Sportspeople contribute to a positive atmosphere at events by avoiding negative gossip, disparagement, or unsportsmanlike behavior.
- Sportspeople extend their values of civility, fairness, and respect to all digital and social media platforms.
- Sportspeople actively support the education and mentorship of newcomers, helping them learn the rules, values, and traditions of the sport in a respectful way.
- Sportspeople recognize that they are role models in the sport, and strive to lead by example through humility, kindness, and ethical conduct.

- Sportspeople treat fellow exhibitors, judges, officials, volunteers, spectators, and AKC staff with dignity and respect, regardless of experience, background, or differences in opinion.
- Sportspeople are committed to fair play, honesty, courtesy, and competition, approaching both winning and losing with grace.
- Sportspeople understand that strong competition and civility can – and should – coexist. They appreciate the quality of their competitors, and the effort put forth by others.
- Sportspeople uphold their responsibilities to the sport of purebred dogs and refuse to let personal gain or self-interest influence their decisions or behavior.
- The sportsperson judges only on the merits of the dogs and considers no other factors.
- The sportsperson judge or exhibitor accepts constructive criticism.
- The sportsperson exhibitor declines to enter or exhibit under a judge where it might reasonably appear that the judge's placements could be based on something other than the merits of the dogs.
- The sportsperson exhibitor refuses to compromise the impartiality of a judge.
- Sportspeople are willing to share honest and open appraisals of both the strengths and weaknesses of their breeding stock.
- Sportspeople decline to exploit any positions of authority or recognition for personal advantage.
- Sportspeople appreciate those that have gone before them and realize they are responsible for maintaining and enhancing the sport for future generations.

Upon a motion by Mr. Tatro and a second by Mr. Hamblin, the board VOTED (unanimously) to consider approval of the code of conduct and civility.

Upon a motion by Mr. Tatro and a second by Mr. Stansell, the board VOTED (unanimously) to approve of the code of conduct and civility.

Quarterly Information About Communications, Social Media & Digital Content

Mrs. Munden provided a quarterly update on AKC Communications department media coverage totals and activity highlights, as well as the social media and digital content totals and activity highlights.

AKC Communications Q2 Report

Clips Evaluated in Q2: 8,759 (+34% from 6,502 in 2024).

Q2 Performance Highlights:

- 5.19% increase in media relations and press coverage in Mandarin language and Spanish language publications; slight decrease due to the lack of con-

sumer facing press releases which is what is generally sent to these audiences.
- 9% increase in the media visibility of our Chief Veterinary Officer (1% decrease from Q2 2024).
- Maintained a 96% positivity rating (on par with Q2 2024).
- Increased McClatchy pick up (up to over 700 newspapers weekly) (on par with 2024).
- Media coverage of AKC Affiliates (AKC Reunite, AKC MoD, AKC Humane Fund and AKC CHF) on par with Q2 2024.

Social Media Aggregate Performance
(2025 YTD through Q2)
- Impressions: 166,368,337 (+29.6% YoY)
- Engagements: 8,850,325 (+13.7% YoY)
- Link clicks: 493,361 (+6.4% YoY)
- Net audience growth: 153,299 (+26.1% YoY)
- Audience 5,656,714 (+6.8% YoY)

Communications/PR Activities
- Ongoing media pitching executed to key audiences with stories that speak to positive qualities of AKC purebreds and breeders. Distributed 15 press releases to appropriate media outlets.
- Continued raising the visibility of the Chief Veterinary Officer as an expert in an increasing number of media requests.
- Promoted all major AKC events and broadcasts on ESPN with press releases and media alerts.
- Continued positioning the American Kennel Club and its spokespeople as the expert on all things dog.
- Weekly "AKC Tips" articles written for McClatchy-Tribune reaching 700 newspapers, including the Chattanooga Times Free Press, Dayton Daily News, Duluth News-Tribune, Fresno Bee, Idaho Statesman, Kingsport Times-News and Rochester Democrat and Chronicle, among others.

Reddit Kick-Off
Reddit is a social news website with a large and active user base that is increasingly important in the context of online search. AKC has begun implementing a community engagement and owned community (/r/AKC) strategy to establish, build, and grow our presence there.

AKC Education – Q2 Review
The Board reviewed an update on the educational activities of the Education Department.

AKC Canine College
In Q2 2025, the AKC Canine College (AKC CC) developed and published 3 new courses. The Learning Management System (LMS) now hosts 481 courses, totaling 1,274 modules. Over 300 customer phone calls and emails were responded to by the AKC CC team.

AKC Canine College Virtual Canine Training Center

From June 11-20, the AKC Canine College Multimedia Team, Aidan Gerety, Susu Hauser, and Misha Abbenhouse, captured footage for over 60 short videos designed to teach training basics geared toward adult dogs, giving pet owners expert guidance from the comfort of their homes. This course will serve as an accessible entry point, encouraging dog owners to find trainers, join clubs, and engage more deeply with the AKC community. Now entering post-production, videos will be edited and produced throughout 2025, with a full program launch anticipated in 2026.

Future courses will introduce foundational skills for AKC Sports such as Fast CAT®, Scent Work, and Fetch and AKC Titles like STAR Puppy and CGC. This effort underscores the value of cross-department collaboration with AKC Sports and Events, building pathways for first-time dog owners and inspiring experienced fancy members to explore new sports and titles within the AKC family

Canine + Kids Program

AKC Canine College is entering the production phase of the Canine + Kids eLearning program, designed to help families safely integrate dogs and young children into their homes. The AKC Canine College Multimedia Team are scheduled to film from July 15–20 in Cary, NC, capturing both instructional and lifestyle footage with featured families, dogs, and on-camera trainer talent.

AKC Puppy Training Series

The AKC Canine College team, with the support of Marketing, has successfully launched its first paid media campaign for the AKC Puppy Training Series. In collaboration with the Marketing Department and Leap agency, updated creative assets and promotional videos were developed in video, carousel, and static formats for Facebook and Instagram. These ads highlight core training topics such as crate training, puppy socialization, and play-based enrichment.

The American Kennel Club proudly announced the launch of the AKC Canine College branded mobile app, now available on the App and Google Play Stores. To date the app has 1,500+ downloads.

In Q2, two breed-specific courses were updated, three breed courses are under Parent Club review, and four new breed courses are in development or undergoing updates. In Q2 of 2025 there were 335 course enrollments.

Required Judge's Exams

In Q2, 2,684 exam enrollments were purchased, which included 1,316 breed exams, 205 judge recertification exams, 297 performance exams, and 866 CGC Eval-

uator exams. Three new breed exams for judges were launched in Q2: Basset Fauve de Bretagne, Russian Tsvetnaya Bolonka, and Teddy Roosevelt Terrier. In collaboration with Judging Operations, we updated the Recertification exams for Conformation judges.

AKC Education hosted eight webinars for 2,227 participants, bringing the total number of participants to 82,394 since March 2020.

FINANCE

Ted Phillips, Chief Financial Officer, presented unaudited interim financial results as of June 30, 2025.

Net operating loss (NOL) is $3.1 million, excluding investment income and spend rate allocation, primarily due to lower registration revenue. This NOL is 7% of operating revenues as compared to 2024 net operating income of 2%. Registration revenues from both litters and dogs total $16.6 million and trail prior year by 6%. Recording and event service fees, title recognition and event application fees total $8.9MM, is consistent with prior year. Advertising, sponsorship, and royalties total $8.4MM, is lower than prior year by $1.4MM (14%).

CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

Gordon Comfort, COO and Tim Pursell, Director of IT, participated in this portion of the meeting in person.

Mr. Comfort and Mr. Pursell reported that AKC's IT Division has made progress in modernizing its operations, but legacy systems and a fragmented architecture, continue to limit agility and alignment with business goals. As a data-centric organization, AKC's success depends on a reliable, scalable, and strategically aligned IT function.

To address current challenges, staff provided updates and made recommendations on the following:

- Conduct a comprehensive IT assessment.
- Define a clear vision for the future of IT.
- Deliver quick wins by fiscal year-end 2025.
- Develop a multi-year transformation roadmap.
- Present a draft plan to the Board in October 2025 for input and alignment.

Mr. Comfort also provided updates on the website, registration, and the AKC strategic plan.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Sheila Goffe, Executive Secretary and VP of Government Relations, and Mari-Beth O'Neill, VP of Sport Services participated in this portion of the meeting in person.

Parent Club Designation for Barbado da Terceira Club

The Barbado da Terceira Club USA has requested designation as the Parent Club for the breed, allowing them to hold FSS Open Shows.

The Barbado da Terceira Club USA has an active membership participating in Companion Events and FSS Open Shows when available. The club provides regular updates on club activities and Board Meetings.

Staff recommended the Barbado da Terceira Club USA be designated as the Parent Club representing the Barbado da Terceira with the AKC.

This will be discussed further at the October Board meeting.

Government Relations Q2 2025 Update

All 50 state legislatures, Congress and many cities and counties have already met in 2025. The majority of state legislatures have either adjourned for the year or are on summer recess. Congress, and legislatures in 6 states (California, Massachusetts, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin) are in session.

In the second quarter, GR monitored more than 1,700 legislative bills that could impact responsible dog ownership, the health and wellbeing of dogs, the rights of dog owners, and/or the interests of the sport and the American Kennel Club.

GR prepared and published 66 geo-targeted legislative alerts, and provided direct advocacy to lawmakers, or written and/or oral testimony or official comments on the same.

Legislative Monitoring & Advocacy: Through Q2, the largest proportion of legislation tracked by GR fell into the category of cruelty & breeder regulations. Categories are determined by keywords assigned by legislatures, based on bill text, which is why breeder regulations often fall into the same category with cruelty.

By volume, the most common types of bills (federal and state combined) monitored related to:

- Breeder regulation/cruelty (276)
- Working Dogs (261)
- Veterinary (199)
- Hunting/field/land use (189)
- Animal Control (165)
- Service Dogs (114)
- Other (108)

Regulatory Monitoring: Hunting and land use policy continues to be the most common regulatory issue tracked, comprising 53.77% of GR's regulatory tracking. Proposed regulatory changes in this area may impact the conduct of, or participation in AKC sanctioned events, or training for them, primarily on public lands (some do apply to private properties). The other categories

comprising the five most common are:

- Veterinary Medicine: 14.93%
- Dogs in Public: 6.90%
- Service Dogs/Working Dogs: 3.85%
- Breeding Regulations and Restrictions: 2.73%.

An overview of legislative alerts and successes was provided.

Other project and program highlights included:

Congressional Briefing
On April 28, 2025 GR staff presented an educational briefing at the U.S. Capitol to Members of Congress and U.S. House and Senate Agriculture Committee staff on the federal Animal Welfare Act (AWA), its current requirements, and impact on dog ownership.

AKC Legislative Conference, St Louis, MO. GR staff conducted a small but successful Legislative advocacy conference and educational day on June 14. Twenty Legislative Liaisons and federation leaders gathered to sharpen their advocacy skills for dogs, learn about legislative trends, and network with other advocates.

New Resources:

- Updated AKC Impact/Economic Benefits by State. GR updated expanded surveys of dog show exhibitors in April. The new report features data from 2024 and includes updated information for all 50 states and national specialties. The data gathered serves as the basis for a series of new reports and resources that highlight the economic benefits of AKC dog shows, and further, the overall positive impact that AKC, its clubs and affiliates have in the U.S. on a state-by-state basis.
- New Research Shows Mixes are Not Healthier Than Purebred Dogs
- Flying Pets in Cargo: What you Need to Know for 2025
- New Policy Explainer Video: Mandatory Spay/Neuter. This new 90-second educational video explains AKC policy and the problems with Mandatory Spay/Neuter Laws. This is part of a comprehensive packet of information in which AKC offer legislative/ policy alternatives to address common concerns about shelter populations and irresponsible ownership.

Staff also provided updates on:

- The Detection Dog Task Force
- Legislative Seminars and Training Events
- Lawmaker/ Policymaker Conference participation
- In-State Advocacy
- The AKC PAC
- Op Eds/Externally Published articles (3)
- Policy Blogs & Updates (16)

COMPANION and PERFORMANCE

Doug Ljungren, EVP of Sports & Events; Mari-Beth O'Neill, VP of Sports Services; and Caroline Murphy, Director of Performance Events, participated in this portion of the meeting in person.

Employee Participation in AKC Sports

Employees and members of their household should be encouraged to participate in AKC sports provided their job responsibilities do not result in a potential conflict of interest.

Staff recommends a change to the Employee Participation in AKC Sports policy to update the policy and more clearly state under what conditions employees may participate in the sports.

This recommendation modifies the existing policy in three ways:

1. Eliminates the "highest title" in a sport limitation.
2. Clarifies restrictions on judging.
3. Allows all employees to participate in and act as an evaluator for Family Dog activities and to participate in Fast CAT®, where there is no judge.

This will be discussed further at the October Board meeting.

Retriever Hunting Tests – Timing of Qualifying Ribbons

Staff recommends a change to the *Regulations & Guidelines for AKC Hunting Tests for Retrievers* that will allow clubs the option to award qualifying ribbons following each dog's run during the hunting test rather than waiting until the entire test has concluded.

This is a change made to the *Regulations & Guidelines for AKC Hunting Tests for Retrievers* and may be made by a vote of the Board. If approved, these changes will become effective for events taking place after November 1, 2025.

This will be discussed further at the October Board meeting.

CONFORMATION

Doug Ljungren, EVP of Sports & Events; Mari-Beth O'Neill, VP of Sports Services; Tim Thomas, VP of Conformation; Glenn Lycan, Director of Event Operations Support; and Mark Desrosiers, Director of Event Programs, participated in this portion of the meeting in person.

Limited Registration - *Rules Applying To Dog Shows* – Chapter 11, Section 1

Chapter 11, Section 1 of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* specifies those dogs eligible to be exhibited in a licensed or member dog show, prohibiting a dog with an AKC Limited Registration from competing.

The Board discussed a recommendation to modify Chapter 11, Section 1 of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* to allow Limited Registration dogs to compete in Conformation dog shows. Dogs must still be intact to compete. The topic will be brought to the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee at the September Delegate meeting.

This will be discussed further at the October Board meeting.

If the Board approves it at that time, the proposal will be read at the December 2025 Delegate meeting and voted at the March 2026 Delegate meeting. If approved by the Delegate Body, the effective date will be July 1, 2026.

Specialty Shows – *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* – Chapter 2, Chapter 3 and Chapter 16, Section 2

Chapter 2, Section 7 and Chapter 2, Section 8 of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* defines that a specialty club may hold a show confined to the breed which it sponsors. The Board discussed a recommendation to:

1. Insert a new Chapter 2, Section 9 of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* to allow specialty clubs to hold events to include classes for breeds of similar purpose or origin; and
2. Insert a new Chapter 3, Section 17 of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* to establish the awarding of Best in Event at a show held by specialty clubs where classes for breeds of similar purpose or origin are offered.
3. A proposed amendment to Chapter 16, Section 2 of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* would articulate that if a dog awarded winners is awarded Best in Event at a show held by a specialty club where classes for breeds of similar origin, background or purpose are offered, it shall be awarded the greatest number of championship points awarded to winners in any breed or variety competing at the event.

This will be discussed further at the October Board meeting.

If the Board approves it at that time, the proposal will be read at the December 2025 Delegate meeting and voted at the March 2026 Delegate meeting. If approved by the Delegate Body, the effective date will September 2, 2026.

Bred-By Exhibitor Medallion Ranking System

Staff has recommended the addition of a BBE Platinum recognition level for individuals who are the breeder-owner-handler of 25 different dogs that have become champions of record and received an original Bred-By Medallion through their participation in AKC Events, and the

addition of Rally Champion and Tracking Champion to the list of AKC titles credited toward the BBE recognition.

Upon the motion of Dr. Battaglia, and a second by Mr. Smyth, the board VOTED (unanimously) to consider the recommendation immediately.

Upon a motion by Mr. Sweetwood, and a second by Mr. Smyth, the board VOTED (unanimously) to approve the recommendation.

The tentative implementation date is January 7, 2026. The actual date of implementation may be delayed due to priorities for projects that require programming by IT.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was an EXECUTIVE SESSION to discuss business matters. The Board approved increasing the event service fee across all sports. Beginning January 1, 2026, the AKC event fee will see its first adjustment since 2008 – an increase of $1.00 from $3.50 to $4.50 per entry. The following year, on January 1, 2027, it will adjust again, moving from $4.50 to $5.50 per entry.

Scottsdale Dog Fanciers Association 3rd Show Request

Scottsdale Dog Fanciers Association requested approval to hold a 3rd show at the WestWorld of Scottsdale site on week 19 (2nd week in May). WestWorld of Scottsdale is 295 straight line miles and 363 driving miles from the Del Sur Kennel Club, Inc. shows in Lakeside CA.

This will be discussed further at the October Board meeting.

NOHS Regionals 2025 - 2026

Staff provided the Board with the 2025 – 2026 National Owner Handler Show Regional host clubs and schedule.

Club	Date	State
Austin Kennel Club	9/19/2025	TX
Warren County Kennel Club of Ohio, Inc.	3/27/2026	OH
Kern County/San Luis Obispo Kennel Club	3/28/2026	CA
Mid-Continent Kennel Club of Tulsa, Inc.	4/24/2026	OK
Spokane Kennel Club	5/22/2026	WA
Bryn Mawr Kennel Club	6/20/2026	PA
Greater Monroe Kennel Club	7/18/2026	NC
Topeka Kennel Club	8/21/2026	KS

AKC Event Information Provided to Superintendents

Staff have implemented a process to limit the event information that is provided to the superintendents to only the events that the superintendent is involved with. Prior to this change, superintendents received information for all Conformation, Obedience and Rally events.

This sound business practice was communicated to the superintendents and implemented in mid-July. There has been no objection from the superintendents.

Fines and Reprimands

Staff updated the Board on recent fines and reprimands.

(Fines and reprimands are reported on the Secretary's Page.)

Events and Entries

Staff updated the Board on event and entry numbers.

JUDGING OPERATIONS

Tim Thomas, VP of Conformation, and Doug Ljungren, EVP of Sports & Events, participated in this portion of the meeting in person.

Mandatory Ramp Examination – English Springer Spaniel

The English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Association ("ESSFTA") has requested that the Board of Directors mandate the use of a ramp for the examination of the English Springer Spaniel through all levels of Conformation competition. Currently, English Springer Spaniels may be judged either on the ground or the ramp at the discretion of the judge.

Staff recommends the Board approve the ESSFTA's request for the English Springer Spaniel to be added to the list of breeds required to be judged on the ramp through all levels of Conformation competition. If the Board should vote to approve the ESSFTA's request at its October 2025 meeting, the effective date will be January 1, 2026.

This will be discussed further at the October Board meeting.

AKC Educational Requirements Policy Update

Staff provided the Board with updates on implementation progress of the AKC Educational Requirements Policy adopted in April 2024 which requires all judges to complete the Stewards of Children® course from Darkness to Light®.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

CLUBS

Lisa Cecin, Director of Club Relations, participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

Club Relations Portal

Ms. Cecin informed the Board that the Club Relations Portal is now available on AKC.org under the Clubs and Delegates tab and is listed under Helpful Links. The portal will allow the public to engage with AKC to Apply for Accreditation and License status online through the submission of electronic forms and uploaded documents for club presentations.

Report on Member Club Bylaws Approved in June and July

Greater Kingsport Kennel Club, Kingsport, TN (1992)

Salina Kennel Club, Salina County, KS (1972)

Report on Newly Licensed Clubs Approved in June and July

Deer River Retriever Club, Jackson, TN (including communities north to Greenfield, south to Henderson, in proximity to Route 45), 24 total households, 12 local.

Leonberger Club of Texas, greater Huntsville, TX (including communities north to Dallas, south to Alvin, west to Midlothian and southeast to Humble), 50 total households, 19 local.

National Redbone Coonhound Club, 29 total households (4 households in 4 states west of the Mississippi River, 25 households in 12 states east of the Mississippi River).

Red River Sporting Society, greater Gainesville, TX (including communities north to Route 70, south to Route 20, west to Route 154 and east to Route 283, including Athens, TX), 26 total households, 12 local.

Scissortail Agility Club of Stillwater, Stillwater, OK (including communities in proximity to Route 177. south to Interstate 44 and north to Route 64), 30 total households, 12 local.

Compliance

Heather McManus, VP & General Counsel, Bri Tesarz, Director of Compliance & Inspections, and Jessica Lopez, Compliance Manager, participated in this portion of the meeting in person.

Staff Event Committee Report of Actions Taken

The Board received a report of actions taken.

Summary of Actions by Management Disciplinary Committee – Charges Preferred - Non- Inappropriate Treatment

The Board received a report of preferred charges.

Summary of Actions by Management Disciplinary Committee – Charges Preferred - Inappropriate Treatment

The Board received a report of preferred charges.

Summary of Finalized Disciplinary Actions as of July 18, 2025

The Board received a report of finalized disciplinary actions as of July 18, 2025.

Compliance Status Report

The Board received a report of compliance actions for the second quarter of 2025.

Inspections Status Report

The Board received a report on inspections activity for the second quarter of 2025.

(Final Board Disciplinary actions are reported on the Secretary's Page.)

Registration Development

Linda Duncklee, Director of Registration Development, joined this portion of the meeting in person.

The Board discussed the current ban on the registration of Russian dogs, how other registries handle Russian dogs, estimates of registration and revenue loss, and customer concerns.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was an EXECUTIVE SESSION to discuss business matters. The Board approved to allow dogs born in Russia that have been exported to other countries, with registrations recognized by the American Kennel Club (AKC) and registered in that country before being imported into the United States, to be registered with the AKC.

The following restrictions remain in place:

- Judges licensed by the Russian/Belarusian Kennel Federations will not be able to judge at American Kennel Club events.
- Entry to American Kennel Club events will not be allowed by dog owners living in Russia and Belarus.
- Judges and exhibitors are strongly advised not to judge or exhibit at canine events in Russia/Belarus.

MARKETING

Kirsten Bahlke, VP of Marketing, and Jacqueline Taylor, Director of Marketing, participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

The Board received an update from staff and the LEAP Group on the performance of the AKC digital marketing campaign. Compared to early benchmarks and historical data, the campaign is providing a lower cost per conversion, which is a direct result of campaign strategy, optimizations and execution. The presentation outlined brand tracker results, brand campaign media strategy, brand campaign launch and Always On results, impact of awareness on conversion, registration campaign results and next steps.

CONSENT

Upon a motion by Mr. Sweetwood, seconded by Ms. Wallin, it was VOTED (unanimously) to approve the following Consent items:

Jackson TN Dog Fanciers Association (JTDFA) 3rd Show Request

As an exception to Board Policy given the Limited Number of Events isolated criteria for distance, the Board VOTED to approve Jackson TN Dog Fanciers Association request to hold a 3rd show at the Jackson Fairgrounds Park on week 12 (3rd week in March). From Jackson Fairgrounds Park, it is 458 straight line miles and 545 driving miles from the closest shows in Maquoketa IA.

Sanctioned Four-to-Six Month (Beginner Puppy) Competition Regulations

The Sanctioned Four-to-Six Month (Beginner Puppy) Competition Regulations defines that judges for the Four-to-Six Month Puppy competition must be individuals with an AKC Conformation judge's number (approved breed or FSS/Open Show Judge). The Board VOTED to approve the modification to the regulations allowing non-approved individuals approved to judge a specialty show, to also judge the Four-to-Six Month (Beginner Puppy) Competition when held in conjunction with the specialty show they are assigned to judge.

This is effective immediately.

Fast CAT® – Public Display of Run Times

The Board VOTED to approve the addition of a regulation to the Coursing Ability Test (CAT) and Fast CAT® Regulations to require clubs to publicly post the run time of each dog during a Fast CAT® event.

The change is effective October 1, 2025.

Retriever Hunting Tests – Judges Must Score All Abilities

The Board VOTED to approve a change to the *Regulations & Guidelines for AKC Hunting Tests for Retrievers* to emphasize that judges are required to assign a numeric score for each of the four abilities – Marking, Style, Perseverance and Training as part of their evaluation of a dog's performance.

This recommendation was communicated to the Field Trial and Hunting Test Events Delegate Committee in June 2025 and there was no objection.

These changes are effective for events taking place on or after October 1, 2025.

Scent Work – Dogs with Coloring

The Board VOTED to approve a change to the Regulations for AKC Scent Work, allowing dogs with coloring to participate in Scent Work trials. The purpose of allowing dogs to have coat coloring is to add an element of fun to events by allow-

ing clubs to adopt themes or to encourage dogs to "run for the cause" in support of a local activity.

The change is effective September 1, 2025.

Scent Work – Revised Specs on Buried Searches

The Board VOTED to approve a change to the Regulations for AKC Scent Work on the amount of sand that must be used in Buried Classes as well as redefine what constitutes a "scent vessel" for Buried Classes where water is required. Specifically, this change would allow Buried Classes where sand is the substrate, to use one inch of sand covering the scent vessel. The scent vessel can range from one inch to two inches. This recommendation will reduce the weight of the buried container.

The change is effective October 1, 2025.

Acceptance of Pedigrees from Canine Owners and Breeders Association (COBA)

The Board VOTED to approve the Canine Owners and Breeders Association (COBA), Nigeria's national kennel club, be added to the list of registries with pedigrees acceptable for AKC registration. Staff provided background information to accept COBA pedigrees for the AKC Foreign Registration of dogs born in Nigeria.

Delegate Approvals

James Conroy
To represent Boca Raton Dog Club
Published July, August 2025

Michael Faulkner
To represent Westminster Kennel Club
Published June, July 2025

Sandie Friend
To represent Boston Terrier Club of America
Published June, July 2025

Lisa Giannone
To represent Kennel Club of Northern New Jersey
Published June, July 2025

Mark Francis Jaeger
To represent English Toy Spaniel Club of America
Published July, August 2025

Lisa Leffingwell
Belgian Sheepdog Club of America
Published June, July 2025

Alejandro Lima
To represent Fort Lauderdale Dog Club
Published June, July 2025

Jennifer Martin
To represent Weimaraner Club of America
Published June, July 2025

Susan Patterson
To represent Greater Lowell Kennel Club
Published June, July 2025

Janine Rose
To represent Parson Russell Terrier Association of America
Published July, August 2025

Rhonda Shifferd
To represent Greater Ocala Dog Club
Published June, July 2025

Bruce Van Deman
To represent Hawaiian Kennel Club
Published June, July 2025

The Board recessed for the day at 5:01 p.m. Eastern Time.

The Board reconvened on Tuesday, August 12, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. Eastern Time.

Present: Dr. Thomas Davies (Chairman), Dr. Michael Knight (Vice Chairman), Ms. Gina DiNardo (President & CEO), Dr. Carmen Battaglia, Ms. Sally Fineburg, Mr. Eduardo Fugiwara, Dr. Charles Garvin, Mr. Steven Hamblin, Mr. Daniel Smyth, Mr. Christopher Sweetwood, Mr. Harold Tatro, Ms. Sylvia Thomas, Ms. Ann Wallin. Absent: Mr. Robin Stansell.

The Chief Operating Officer (Mr. Gordon Comfort), Chief Financial Officer (Mr. Ted Phillips) and Executive Secretary (Ms. Sheila Goffe) were also present.

Training

The Board participated in a training on harassment prevention as required annually by New York State law.

Foundation Stock Service® Guidelines

Mari-Beth O'Neill, VP of Sport Services, participated in this portion of the meeting in person.

The AKC Foundation Stock Service®, was established in 1995 to serve individuals with rare or developing breeds by providing a method to maintain registration records and a studbook, streamlining the transition of the registry once the breed obtains full recognition status with the American Kennel Club. The Guidelines provide the requirements that a breed must obtain to move to establish a Parent Club, request to move into the Miscellaneous Class and then to full recognition.

Staff recommended the approval of updated guidelines to expand the requirements for a Parent Club requesting full recognition to reflect active involvement by the club in holding an Open Show, an increased number of CM titles from 10 to 20 to be earned by a minimum of five Parent Club members, a minimum of 20 litters bred and enrolled within a three year period while the breed is in Miscellaneous, establishment of at least one local specialty club, and other requirements.

Upon the motion of Mr. Hamblin, and a second by Mr. Tatro, the Board VOTED (unanimously; Absent: Mr. Stansell) to consider the recommendation immediately.

Upon a motion by Mr. Hamblin and a second by Mr. Smyth, the Board VOTED (unanimously; Absent: Mr. Stansell) to approve the recommendation of staff, effective immediately.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Canine Health Foundation Presentation

Dr. Stephanie Montgomery, CEO of the AKC Canine Health Foundation, and Ms. Andrea Fiumefreddo, Chief Operating Officer of the AKC CHF, briefed the AKC Board on the successful AKC CHF Conference in the previous week (August 7-9, 2025) in Durham, NC.

It was VOTED to adjourn on Tuesday, August 12, 2025, at 12:15 p.m. Eastern Time.

Adjourned

Attest:_____
Sheila H. Goffe, Executive Secretary