

## ECSCA BOARD MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** 15 September 2010  
**TO:** ECSCA Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Barbara A. Penny/AKC Delegate  
**RE:** September 2010 AKC Delegates Meeting (Newark, NJ)

### AKC DELEGATE'S REPORT September Meeting 2010

#### I. Enhancements to Conformation Events

- ✚ "Reserve Best In Show"
- ✚ Group Placements increased from 4 to 5 or 4 to 6 (no longer "4<sup>th</sup> for Friends")
- ✚ 4-6 mos. puppy class in regular shows, but non-competitive
- ✚ Owner Handler Competition (patterned after Eukanuba's Bred-by Competition)

#### II. Breeder of Merit Pilot Program

- ✚ Program designed to recognize breeders in fancy
- ✚ Goals
  - Pay tribute to breeders
  - Differentiate breeders of fancy from other breeders
  - Elevate status
  - Solidify relationship with the AKC
- ✚ Requirements
  - 5 yrs. involvement with AKC events
  - Earned at least 4 AKC titles (Conformation or Performance) on 4 individual dogs they have bred
  - Member of AKC club
  - Applicable health screenings performed on sire and dam as recommended by Parent Club
  - 100% of puppies registered on litters born as of start of program
- ✚ Benefits
  - Registration applications and Registration Certificates for dogs bred by Breeder of Merit bear a BOM designation and gold border
  - Complimentary access to \$20 value per month for free online reports in AKC online store
  - Access to AKC Direct toll free number
  - Online Record support
  - BOM will receive a frameable certificate of distinction
  - Free Online Breeder Classified listings with special BOM designation
  - Acknowledgement on special page of AKC Gazette and website
  - Free or discounted fees on all secondary transactions
  - BOM web banners for display on personal website
  - BOM lapel pin

### III. Canine Health and CHIC Update

- ✚ DNA Bank – Over 11,350 samples from 150+ breeds
  - 2/3rds of samples are blood-based vs. swabs
  - Have learned that blood-based samples are overwhelmingly preferred by researchers and most will not accept swabs
  - Most collections take place at National specialties from usually young, healthy dogs
  - Need to update samples on these dogs as they mature and encounter health problems – would be enormously beneficial to program
  - Pin # on DNA certificate permits online access to Bank for updating
  - 1,000 research institutions have received samples from DNA Bank, to include the Animal Health Trust in the UK
- ✚ \$265,000 ACORN Grant to Univ. of WY to perform study of “mean seeds” – [www.meanseeds.com](http://www.meanseeds.com)
- ✚ Dual Sire Litters – Stay tuned!
  - Canine Health Committee requesting a waiver by the Board on \$200 penalty charge for dual sired litters on voluntary participation (not on those caught through compliance checks)
  - Now considered the wave of the future

### IV. Amendments

- ✚ **Voting on 7 Proposed Amendments – 6 of 7 adopted**
  - A. Term Limits – failed (151 voted in favor of eliminating, 220 opposed);
  - B. Adopted:
    - 1. Amendment to Chapter 7, New Section 1, of *Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedure for Dachshunds – Entry Requirements and Eligibility*, to specify: Dachshund Field Trials shall be open to dogs six months of age or over on the first day of the event.**
    - 2. Amendment to Chapter 7, New Section 1, of *Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedure for Basset Hounds – Entry Requirements and Eligibility*, to specify: Basset Hound Field Trials shall be open to dogs six months of age or over on the first day of the event.**
    - 3. Amendment to Chapter 7, New Section 1, of *Beagle Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedure for Large Pack Field Trials– Entry Requirements and Eligibility*, to specify: Beagle Field Trials shall be open to dogs six months of age or over on the first day of the event.**
    - 4. Amendment to Chapter 7, New Section 1, of *Beagle Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedure for Small Pack Option and Two-Couple Pack Hunting Tests Field Trials – Entry Requirements and Eligibility*, to specify: Beagle Field Trials and Two-Couple Pack Hunting Tests shall be open to dogs six months of age or over on the first day of the event.**
    - 5. Amendment to Chapter 5, Section 1, of *Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedure for Dachshunds – Judges and Their Decisions*, to delete wording to allow officers of the club to judge, becoming consistent with other ACK venue and increasing the judges’ pool. The proposed wording is as follows: No member of the Field Trial Committee, or the Field Trial Secretary, will be approved to be advertised as a judge of the club’s licensed or member trial.**
    - 6. Amendment to Chapter 5, Section 1, Paragraph 2, of *Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedure for Basset Hounds – Judges and Their Decisions*, to specify: The Judges’ book and a full report of the trial shall be sent to The American Kennel Club in time to be received**

by them no later than seven (7) days after the closing date of the trial. Entry forms will be retained by the host club for 12 months in case questions arise.

✚ **Reading of Proposed Amendment (included in its entirety in attachment because there was a great deal of discussion by Delegates and conflicting viewpoints)**

**A. Chapter 7, Section 12 – Schedule of Judges, of *Rules Applying to Dog Shows***, which would allow Superintendents and Show Secretaries to schedule after lunch assignments without dividing them into hourly periods unless requested by the Show Chairman. This amendment was brought forward by the Delegate Dog Show Rule Committee. This change permits the show chair flexibility in scheduling afternoon judging periods.

**V. AKC CAR (Companion Animal Recovery) Update**

- ✚ History: 1997 to 2004 Partnered with Home Again (Schering-Plough)  
2005 to 2006 Recovery Service continued but without Home Again (contract with Schering-Plough not renewed)  
2007 to Present Launched new micro-chip
- ✚ Universal scanners now read all
- ✚ Market shifting to ISO micro-chip (European standard)
- ✚ Discounts offered for Club Micro-chip clinics (substantial savings)
- ✚ Website: [www.Petmicrochiplookup.org](http://www.Petmicrochiplookup.org)

**Respectively submitted,**

**Barbara A. Penny  
AKC Delegate**

**RULES APPLYING TO DOG SHOWS JUDGES**  
(To be read at the September 14, 2010 Delegates' Meeting)  
Rule (Bylaw or Regulation)  
(Line Out)

CHAPTER 7

SECTION 12. Any club or association that holds a dog show must prepare, after the entries have closed and not before, a judging program showing the time scheduled for the judging of each breed and each variety for which entries have been accepted. If a substitute or additional judge has been approved Chapter 7, Section 8 or Chapter 7, Section 13, as appropriate, will be quoted listing the changes. The judging program shall indicate the number of dogs entered and state the time for the start of group judging, if any. The program shall be based on the judging of about 25 dogs per hour by each judge. Each judge's breed and variety assignments shall be divided into periods of about one hour, except in those cases where the entry in a breed or variety exceeds 30. The total number of dogs assigned each judge will be indicated. Forty-five minutes to one hour must be allowed for rest or meals if a judge's assignment exceeds five hours. A copy of the program and identification slip for each dog entered shall be mailed to the owner no later than one week before the date of the event. Two copies of the program shall be mailed to the Show Plans Department at the same time they are mailed to exhibitors. *Electronic correspondence may be utilized at the exhibitor's request.*

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Proposed (Line In)

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## Comments

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