

## AKC DELEGATE'S REPORT March 2011

News from The American Kennel Club . . . . .

The American Kennel Club has launched several new competitive opportunities for exhibitors in Performance Events and Agility.

The Preferred Agility Championship title (PACH) will take effect July 1<sup>st</sup>. (It was originally scheduled for implementation in 2013.) Dogs must achieve a minimum of 750 championship points and 20 double qualifying scores from the Excellent Standard and Jumpers with Weaves classes to obtain the championship. This title is retroactive so that any dog that met the requirements prior to July 1<sup>st</sup> will have PACH prefix added to their AKC registered name in the registration database. A Coursing Ability Test fashioned after the sport of lure coursing may be held by all licensed lure coursing clubs.

The 15<sup>th</sup> annual AKC National Agility Championship will take place in Lexington, Virginia on April 1-3. It has a record breaking 1,136 entries including, for the first time, Canine Partners listed dogs.

According to AKC there has been a record number increase in overall entries for 2010. The growth of interest in the sport of Agility is essentially the base of these numbers. The new Grand Champion title has assisted Conformation shows with an increase in their entries.

Elected to the AKC Board of Directors at the March 2011 Delegates' meeting are: Robert A. Amen, Carmen L. Battaglia and Steve D. Gladstone.

The AKC Canine Health Research Projects includes *Identification of Epilepsy-Causing Mutations from the Associated Loci by Next-Generation Resequencing*. This project is taking place at the University of Helsinki and is expected to be completed in December 2011. The AKC Canine Health Foundation conference is scheduled for August 12-14, 2011 in St. Louis, Missouri. It will be focusing on cancer. Another grant project to be completed by December 2012: *Mechanistic Relationship of IL-8 in Cell Proliferation and Survival of Canine Hemangiosarcoma*. University of Minnesota.

Contact and search AKC – via Facebook and Twitter and iPhone application called “AKC Dogs” currently available for \$2.99 in the iTunes app store. This iPhone application provides the Meet The Breeds profile, breed standard, a breed illustration, photos and fun facts and history for each AKC breed. Navigating the app is easy: users can search for breeds by Group using the Group Preference Panel, add breeds to their “Favorites” list or share breeds with friends via e-mail or Facebook.

Another application AKC recommends is AOL Pawnations's app for iPhone, downloadable at [www.pawnation.com](http://www.pawnation.com). In addition to daily blogs, Pawnation's expert columnist Dr. Mary Burch answers questions from all dog lovers as part of her "Ask the AKC Animal Behaviorist" column. So . . . follow AKC: [www.facebook.com/americankennelclub](http://www.facebook.com/americankennelclub) and [www.twitter.com.akcdoglovers](http://www.twitter.com.akcdoglovers). These sites are updated daily.

The following AKC amendments were adopted at the AKC Delegates' meeting in March 2011: (1) Chapter 10 and Chapter 15, Section 1 of *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*: update of requirements for show veterinarians to better accommodate on-call veterinarians and to require clubs to inform them of their duties; and to include the event committee in the process of removing dogs from the show, to eliminate the requirement for a form, and to assign the fiscal responsibility for veterinary expenses. (2) Article VI, Section 5, (new paragraph addition) in *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*: create a common deadline for the application and judges panel in an effort to reduce confusion by clubs.

New breeds eligible for AKC registration: Entlebucher Mountain Dog, Norwegian Lundehund, Xoloitzcuintli (*one of the oldest and rarest breeds considered "healers" in remote Mexican and Central American Villages today.*) And – welcomed into the Miscellaneous Class six breeds and **Wirehaired Vizsla**.

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