

## **AKC DELEGATE'S REPORT**

### **December 2012**

The American Kennel Club Delegates meetings were held in conjunction with the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship, National Obedience and Agility Invitationals in Orlando, Florida December 13, 14, 15, 2012.

The National Championship had hundreds of dog from all 50 states and over 50 countries. The largest entry was the Sporting Group with 726. There were 53 Vizslas entered. In addition to the competitions there were several entertaining events called "Celebrate Dogs!" that included dock diving, soccer dogs and team races. Fun and entertaining to watch.

At the AKC Delegates meeting it was announced that litter and registration numbers are down. Proposed AKC Article amendments to be voted on at the March 2013 meeting were read. (1) Article III. Objects of the Club, the Charter and Bylaws of AKC will add an object which AKC has in effect espoused for decades with support of canine health research areas. (2) Article IV, Sections 1 & 3 of the Charter and Bylaws of AKC will expand the eligibility requirements for AKC membership to permit licensed agility clubs that meet the criteria to apply to become AKC member clubs. Fifty-five clubs are eligible to apply. (3) There is no AKC Board recommendation on the following: Article XVIII, Section 1, to reduce the number of yearly Delegate meetings from four to three and have two meetings expanded from two days to three in order to enable increased attendance at various Delegate Committee meetings. *This proposal is opposed by the Delegates By-Law Committee and Parent Club Committee.*

It was announced that AKC's PAC (Political Action Committee) has raised \$91,000 to date from member and parent clubs to support candidates that will protect canines.

It was announced that at the 2013 AKC/Eukanuba event there will be a Breeders Workshop which will be free to attend and will be conducted by breeders for breeders.

The following individuals were honored with AKC Lifetime Achievement Awards: Conformation – Patricia Craige Trotter (Norwegian Elkhounds); Companion Events – Sharon Redmer; Performance – Jean Dieden, DVM.

At the AKC Delegates Field Trial and Hunting Test Events Committee it was discussed a possible adaptation of conformation "New Exhibitor Mentoring Program" in field events. An update on Sporting and Hound parent clubs that have developed materials that are sent to new registered owners. Samples were passed around to the Committee. The Grand Champion field title was reviewed.

Prior to the Delegate general meeting, the individuals running for the AKC Board at the March 2013 election were introduced and answered questions. Those running are: Lee

Arnold, Southern Colorado Kennel Club; Carl Ashby III, United States Kerry Blue Terrier Club; Judith Daniels, Mount Baker Kennel Club; Dr. Thomas Davies, Springfield Kennel Club; Gail LaBerge, Atlanta Obedience Club; Harvey M. Wooding, Westminster Kennel Club.

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