

## AKC DELEGATE'S REPORT July 2008

AKC rule changes allows owners to rename their dogs. AKC registered dog owners can change the official name of their pet if they were born in the U. S., have never been bred, or have not won any awards at an AKC event. A dog name containing a Registered Kennel Name cannot be changed without the written consent of the owner(s) of that Registered Kennel Name. Any name change must comply with all AKC requirements. The service fee for a name change is \$25. The Dog Name Change Authorization form is located online at: [www.akc.org/pdfs/ADCG01.pdf](http://www.akc.org/pdfs/ADCG01.pdf).

The AKC/Eukanuba National Championship to be held in Long Beach, California on December 12-13, 2008 will commemorate AKC's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by holding this show as an open show, offering all regular classes and awarding AKC championship points. This format will follow in the tradition of AKC's 1926 show celebrating the nation's Sesquicentennial and AKC's own Centennial show in 1984. It is expected that this historical event will draw thousands of dogs from around the country and the world. AKC will continue to offer the same special events that have been held in the past: Best Bred-by-Exhibitor competition, Eukanuba World Challenge, a Limited Junior Showmanship Competition, AKC National Obedience Invitational and Agility Invitational, AKC Meet the Breeds and the Breeder of the Year and ACE Award presentations. AKC welcomes breed Parent Clubs to hold a National or Regional Specialty show or support the entry at this event. (AKC will consider a request from a local specialty club in the Long Beach area to hold a show at this event if the Parent Club declines to participate.) For more details contact Robin Stansell at AKC: [rls@akc.org](mailto:rls@akc.org).

If your club is hosting a microchip clinic this year, be sure you use the **AKC CAR ID System** microchip. AKC has a special club pricing. Call 1-800-252-7894 for more information and assistance in setting up a clinic.

AKC Pet Healthcare Plan offers a new "Accident Plus" Plan to cover catastrophic and unexpected emergencies. Any dog may be enrolled as long as it is at least 8 weeks old. There are a range of plans. For more information, contact: [www.akcphp.com](http://www.akcphp.com).

Tom Maneely, from Leigh, Nebraska, is a new Performance Events Field Representative. He has been involved with pointing breed field events for over 20 years and trained and handled dogs to field, amateur field championships and hunting test titles.

AKC has announced the appointment of Andy Hartman to Director of Agility.

AKC Canine Health Foundation announced the appointment of Terry T. Warren, PH.d., J.D., as Executive Director and General Counsel.

AKC welcomes a new dog to the Working Group . . . . Dogue De Bordeaux.

Highlights from the June 2008 Delegates Meeting: (1) Resolved: It is the consensus of the AKC Delegates in attendance at the June 9, 2008 meeting, that the Board of Directors take no final action regarding the listing, enrolling, or registering of mixed breed dogs and the sponsoring of competition events for mixed breed dogs without the approval of the AKC Delegates. (2) Amendment to Chapter 11, Section 6, of Rules Applying to Dog Shows, to permit the transfer of a dog from a class for which it is determined to be ineligible to an Open Class prior to judging of any regular Conformation Class within the sex of that breed or variety. Any fee differential between the classes must be paid. This change is effective for all shows held on or after January 1, 2009. (3) A possible Group re-alignment was discussed. This would increase from 7 to 10 by dividing present Groups and adding a “Northern Breeds Group”.

At the Delegates’ Dock and Crop Committee meeting it was announced that CVC judges will **not** penalize dogs that are not docked and cropped – in spite of the breed standard. Dogs that are docked or cropped will not be given preference.

Remember, I represent you with The American Kennel Club. Please feel free to contact me anytime. Phone and fax: (434) 374-4051. E-mail: Lynhar@verizon.net.

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