

## AKC DELEGATE'S REPORT June 2010

News from The American Kennel Club . . . . .

At the June 2010 AKC Delegates Meeting, the delegate body voted to approve the proposed amendment to Chapter 14 of *Field Trial and Standard Procedure for Pointing Breeds* which established minimum standards for National Championship events. While the Vizsla Club of America meets and exceeds these standards, this is most important for the pointing breeds that presently have no National Championships or are newly recognized by AKC. (A new pointing breed recently approved for admission is the "Drent" (Drentsche Patrijshond) which will become able to compete in January 2011). The only portion of the new standards to affect the VCA's National Championship is that the second series **must** be 45 minutes in length.

The AKC Board voted to allow pointing breed field trial clubs to offer 3 horseback trials per year. Entries in pointing breed trials to date are down 6 percent. The Spinone club has asked AKC to allow them to add a water test to their Senior and Master Hunting test titles.

Agility is the fastest growing dog sport in AKC. Twenty-nine clubs across the country held 75 events with more than 500 mixed breed entries in Rally, Obedience and Agility. (In order for a mixed breed to be able to compete, it must become an AKC Canine Partners enrollee.

All breed annual registration statistics for litters and dogs will no longer be published in the AKC Gazette. This information will be available to Delegates and will be archived on the Delegate Portal at [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org). AKC Gazette's Annual Statistics are available online at [www.akc.org/pub](http://www.akc.org/pub).

AKC is proud to announce the first AKC Grand Champion – a 4 year old Weimeraner – GCH Monterra's Best Bet MH – who finished his title in 6 consecutive shows.

Starting this summer, Companion events will offer a new Beginner Novice obedience title. This title is a competitive event for both the novice handler and dog and most exercises, a blend from Rally and Companion Dog, are completed on leash.

Again, anyone who has experienced "bad seed" troubles in the field, please get in touch with me as the Delegates Field Trial & Hunting Test Events Committee is moving forward with their study. Detailed information will become available in the near future.

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@aol.com](mailto:Lynhar@aol.com).

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