

AKC DELEGATE'S REPORT October 2010

At the AKC Delegates' meeting in September 2010, the delegate body defeated a proposal that would eliminate AKC Board term limits.

The AKC/Eukanuba Invitational Dog Show will be shown live on ABC TV stations December 4 – 6, 2010.

AKC Group re-alignment is being re-constituted and will be an important part of AKC business in 2011.

AKC is considering reducing the Delegate meetings from 4 to 3 meetings per year.

An AKC Breeder of Merit program is in the pilot stages and is designed to recognize the core breeders of AKC. It began October 1, 2010. The following requirements must be met to qualify: (a) a history of 5 years involvement with AKC events (b) earned at least 4 Conformation and/or Performance titles on dogs they have bred (c) member of AKC licensed club (d) certifies that applicable health screens are performed on the sire and dam as recommended by the Parent Club (e) demonstrate a commitment to ensuring 100% of puppies produced are AKC registered enabling AKC to maintain accurate records. There will be benefits to those breeders awarded a Breeder of Merit. To get more detailed information and to join, contact Tina Yuhl at AKC: 919-816-3932 or txy@akc.org.

The first 10 AKC Grand Champions in each breed will receive a special medallion from AKC. It will be a special blue enamel medallion and mailed to the owners.

The AKC Board voted to amend *Regulations for AKC Hunting Tests For Pointing Breeds*, Chapter 3, Sections 4 and 6 to allow "gallery wagons" at Pointing Breed Hunting Tests, effective immediately. **Section 4:** Motorized Vehicles. Birds may be liberated from horseback and/or All Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) on the back course, as long as it can be done without interference to the working dogs. With the exception of ATVs and vehicles used in connection with gallery wagons, motorized vehicles are prohibited. ATVs must meet all applicable state and federal government requirements. ATVs are not allowed in bird fields but may be driven around their perimeters. A gallery wagon to allow spectators a better view of the action is allowed if it is permitted by the land owner/managing agency. A gallery wagon may be a motorized vehicle used to haul spectators or a wagon pulled by a vehicle. The gallery wagon must be approved by the event committee. It must be handled in a manner that will not interfere with the working dogs, judges or gunners. A gallery wagon is not allowed in the bird field. **Section 6:** In testing for Junior, Senior and Master Hunting Tests, all handling must be on foot. Horses may be used only by the Judges, Apprentice Judge, the Judge's Marshall and the bird liberator. Judges must either ride horses or walk.

The AKC Board voted unanimously to award AKC Special Award Medallions to dogs awarded a Conformation Championship title as a result of advancing from the Amateur Owners Handler class.

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