

AKC DELEGATE'S REPORT

December 2010

News from The American Kennel Club

AKC sent a team to the FCI Agility World Championships in Germany and returned with many placements including a silver medal.

In addition to the newly launched Grand Championship program, AKC has created new titles in the companion and performance arenas with Beginner Novice in obedience and Endurance Earthdog. For retrievers that pass Master National Retriever test three times, a new suffix title – Master National Hunter – has been established.

AKC now records parent club performance event titles – such as the VCA Versatility Certificate. Recently acknowledged were: Bloodhound Club of America's application for a "man-trailing event" and the Novia Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever's Working Certificate.

AKC Humane Fund Awards for Canine Excellence received media coverage in People magazine, New York Times, Wall Street Journal and New York Daily News acknowledging canine heroes that worked in Haiti, assisted autistic children and rode surfboards in the ocean to raise money for children's foundations. AKC Companion Animal Recovery donated \$400,000 in 2010 to assist organizations across the country with Search and Rescue Grants and disaster preparedness.

Two articles were published in the AKC Delegates' newsletter *Perspectives* by VCA members. One by Lynda Ruffini, VCA Standing Health Chairman, entitled "Our Breed's Snapshot in Time: An Overview of the Vizsla Club of America Welfare Foundation Health Survey. Another by myself entitled "The Achievement of True Performance" encouraging AKC to invest as much time, energy and money in Performance as in Conformation.

AKC will be allowing spaniels into retriever hunting tests and retrievers into spaniel hunting tests in the Junior category. Titles will be JHU for participants in upland bird hunting and JHR for retrieving.

Update for Field Trial Rules for Pointing Breeds, Procedure 4 – Drawing and Bracing: 4-H. Option Regarding Number of Entries. A club hosting a licensed or member field trial may choose from three options regarding the number of entries they are willing to accept. The option selected is at the discretion of the club based on the resources available and consideration for participants. (1) Fixed Format Trial. Limit entries to the number that can be run under the format shown in the premium. (2) Unlimited Trial. Accept all entries. (3) Flexible Format Trial. Specify a maximum number of entries –

reserve the right to rearrange running order. For details on the three above formats, contact AKC's Performance Events Department at: fieldtrials@akc.org.

Hungarian judge Dr. Tamas Jakkel is designated to judge Vizslas at the 2011 Akc/Eukanuba Invitational Show to be held in Orlando, Florida on December 17 – 18, 2011.

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