

AKC DELEGATE'S REPORT
June 12, 2013

At the AKC's Delegate Meeting(s) on June 11 and 12, 2013 the following was voted on: *Proposed Amendment to Article VII, Section 1 of AKC Charter – to preclude any former AKC employee from serving on the Board of Directors.* **Defeated.**

Amendment to Chapter 14, New Section 18A – Rules for Pointing Breed Trials of the Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Pointing Breeds which would allow the Irish Setter Club of America to hold a Gun Dog Championship open to walking handlers only. **Approved.**

There was a presentation entitled “*Not Dead Yet*” which dealt with *Pet Trusts* and *Pet Protection Agreements*. It was fairly detailed and encouraged dog owners to think about having a plan for what would happen to the dogs after the owner's death. It was given by Debra Vey Voda-Hamilton from Hamilton Law and Mediation – *Helping resolve animal conflicts without litigation*. To get detailed information contact Ms Hamilton at 914-273-1085 or e-mail: dhamilton@hamiltonlawandmediation.com. There will be a “Pet Home Alone App” available in August 2013.

The 2013 Show Point schedule is available on the AKC website: www.akc.org. It covers 15 geographic divisions.

The April 2013 AKC Board of Directors meeting dealt with the following: (1) Creation of an AKC Rally National Championship. The first championship will be held in the spring of 2014 in conjunction with the National Obedience Championship and the National Agility Championship. (2) Approval to establish a minimum event application fee of \$25 for Rally, stand-alone obedience and agility. For Rally trials with over 30 entries (based on the previous year's corresponding trial), the application fee will be lowered from \$100 to \$50. This makes Rally consistent with Obedience. (3) Establishment of an application fee of \$25 for Tracking events, effective January 2014.

The AKC Board voted to award titles to Wilderness Search and Rescue dogs. The title awarded will be: SAR-W. Dogs that meet the criteria back in January 2000 are eligible to apply for the title. Program is effective June 1, 2013.

The Wirehaired Vizsla has become eligible to compete in the Sporting Group and will be moved from Foundation Stock Service into the Stud Book of AKC in June 2014.

The AKC Board voted to allow Agility trials to be held within 100 miles of each other if the club desiring to hold a new trial obtains the written permission of the club holding an established trial on the same dates. This will become effective September, 2013.

The AKC Board voted to allow any AKC club to become licensed to hold Rally and permit all clubs licensed for Rally to hold up to 12 trials in a calendar year. This is effective June 2013.

After the tornado in Moore, Oklahoma, the AKC designed official special trailers with crates, bowls, leashes, pet microchips and scanners to help pets displaced by storms. This will allow AKC to immediately get to necessary areas that need assistance. This is under the AKC CAR Canine Support & Relief Fund which supports K9 Search and Rescue teams working in needed areas. Donations to AKC CAR are being asked for.

AKC's Congressional Newsletter *In Session* encourages the printing and sharing of the issues with federal representatives. See: doglaw@akc.org.

AKC has launched *AKC Dog Lovers* the official blog of the AKC. See www.akcdoglovers.com and interact with AKC and other readers by commenting.

DOGDOM'S FINAL FIVE. *Final Five* will feature unique breeds, amazing athletes and special bond dogs have with their people. It will be part of the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship. Visit for more information: www.akc.org/invitational.

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