



Conyers Kennel Club Newsletter

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CONYERS KENNEL CLUB JANUARY 2012 NEWSLETTER

Hello Everyone,

It is already 2012. We all had a good time at the Christmas Party with good food and fun with the gift exchange. Our next meeting is January 9, 2012 at IHOP as usual. We meet at 6:30pm to eat and the meeting starts around 7:30.

CONYERS KENNEL CLUB **MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 13, 2011**

Our meeting took place at the Bangkok Grill in Covington. A great thank you to the Gee and her family for hosting our annual Christmas Party.

Vice President, Randall McCurry began the meeting by welcoming all members and guests. He asked if all members had received the newsletter with the Minutes of November Meeting. With no corrections or additions to these minutes, a motion was made to accept the minutes as published by Audry Lycan, seconded by Mike Houchard.

The Nominating committee Chair, Jan Moore, read the Slate of Officers.

This slate is:

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The vote to accept this Slate of Officers will be held at the January meeting.

Linda Jackson read a note from President Don Watson, thanking all members for their hard work through out the year that has made the club and all events a success. Don and Renee were not able to make the party due to previous commitments to the Eukenuba show.

Secretary, Jerri Dandelske, mentioned the need for all members to get their dues paid as soon as possible so the membership roster can be updated for AKC. The Membership Renewal was sent with the newsletter.

With no further business to be discussed, Randall asked for brags:

Gaylord Cleveland announced that Luigi has achieved his UD Title! Luigi is the first Cane Corso to hold this Title!! Congratulations!!!

Chris Miller announced that Kate, AKC GCH/UKC CH River Rock Light My Way, CA, CDCA HCX is the first Canaan Dog to earn her AKC Coursing Ability Title! Kate is owned and bred by Chris Miller. Congratulations!!



CONYERS KENNEL CLUB
2011 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It is time to renew your membership in the Conyers Kennel Club
Please return the bottom of this form with your annual dues to:

Jerri Dandelske-Secretary
929 Summerset Place
Monroe, Ga. 30656

Or you may bring it to the Christmas Party

Please be sure all of your information is correct by filling out the form below, including your current e-mail address for the monthly newsletter and an updated address list will be sent to you.

Our website address is: www.conyerskennelclub.org

We now have a Facebook page!

Please send any updates/information/suggestion for the website to:

jerri@dandehomes.com

Name _____
Address _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____
Email _____
Breeds _____

Membership: Single \$10 _____ Family \$10 _____ Junior \$5 _____

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB CELEBRATES OWNER/HANDLERS IN THE SPORT WITH NEW SERIES

New York, NY— More than 80% of the dogs being exhibited in the show ring today are family dogs shown by their owners. To celebrate the dedication and enthusiasm of these exhibitors, the American Kennel Club has created a new AKC Owner/Handler Series, a non-titling competition that will showcase owner handled dogs at shows across the country.

“We're pleased to offer this special competition to celebrate AKC's owner/handlers, who are the core of our dog sport,” said Robin Stansell, AKC's Vice President of Event Operations. “We look forward to great competition in 2012 as the AKC Owner/Handler Series visits dog shows all over the country.”

The top-ranked dogs from the AKC Owner/Handler Series will be posted on www.akc.org and the top 10 owner-handled dogs of each breed and variety will be invited to compete at an “end of year” competition show. Rankings of the dogs competing in the series will be compiled based on the Best of Breed, Group and Best in Show placements in this specific series competition.

The first shows offering the AKC Owner/Handler Series are these January/February events:

- Dog Fanciers Association of Oregon Saturday, January 21, 2012
- Oakland County Kennel Club Saturday, January 21, 2012
- Sahuaro State Kennel Club Saturday, February 4, 2012
- Colorado Kennel Club Sunday, February 19, 2012
- International Kennel Club of Chicago Sunday, February 26, 2012

The AKC Owner/Handler competition will be conducted following Best of Breed judging in each breed ring. All dogs in the BOB competition (including WD & WB) will stay in the ring after the judge makes their placements in BOB competition. The ring steward will ask all professional handlers to leave the ring and then the judge will then select the Best Owner Handler (BOH). The dog and its owner will continue to accrue points for any group placements or Bests in Show.

Dogs owned or exhibited by professional handlers are not eligible for this competition. Professional handlers are defined as any person who belongs or has belonged to a professional handlers' organization, distributed rate cards, or otherwise advertised or represented themselves as handling dogs for pay.

For more information about the series or to find upcoming shows where the AKC Owner/Handler Series will be offered, visit www.akc.org.

If you have questions about hosting these events, please contact the AKC Events department at (919) 816-3514 or glt@akc.org

AKC/EUKANUBA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2012 JUDGING PANEL RELEASED

NEW YORK, NY (December 20, 2011) – The American Kennel Club® is pleased to announce the judging panel for the 12th Annual AKC/Eukanuba National Championship to be held in Orlando, Fla. on Saturday, Dec. 15 and Sunday, Dec. 16, 2012. The 2012 event will once again showcase the nation's top AKC-registered and international dogs as well as the popular Best Bred-by-Exhibitor competition, AKC Meet the Breeds® and the sixth Eukanuba World Challenge. The AKC National Obedience Invitational and AKC Agility Invitational will again be held in conjunction with the 2012 event. The Brevard Kennel Club, the Central Florida Kennel Club and the Space Coast Kennel Club of Palm Bay shows will precede the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship at the same site on Dec. 12-14, 2012.

Heading the panel as Best in Show judge for the 2012 AKC/Eukanuba National Championship is Mr. Edd E. Bivin of Fort Worth, Texas and Mrs. Patricia V. Trotter of Carmel, California will judge Best Bred-by-Exhibitor in Show.

Mr. Edd E. Bivin acquired his first purebred dog, a Pomeranian, at age 12. This introduced him to the sport of dogs and became the foundation of a breeding program that led to his breeding and exhibiting top-winning Poms. Additionally, he says, "My wife Irene and I enjoyed the breeding and exhibiting of Doberman Pinschers and Dachshunds during her lifetime."

Mr. Bivin first judged toy dogs at match shows at the age of 15. He was approved to judge Pomeranians at U.S. championship point shows in 1961 and is today approved for all sporting, working, terrier, toy, and non-sporting breeds, and several herding breeds. He served for 32 years as an administrator at Texas Christian University, with 18 of those years spent as Vice Chancellor for Administrative Services.

Mrs. Patricia V. Trotter has been a true dog person since her childhood in Virginia. Her Vin-Melca Norwegian Elkhounds are internationally famous as both show dogs and producers. They include the top sire and dam in the breed's history and an incredible 10 breeder-owner-handled group firsts at Westminster. Her famous Ch. Vin-Melca's Vagabond is enshrined in the AKC Museum of the Dog Hall of Fame.

Mrs. Trotter became an AKC judge in 1994, and has since judged at national specialty shows, the Westminster Kennel Club dog show, the 2000 Morris & Essex Kennel Club revival, and the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship. She is the author of the influential book *Born to Win*, and her breeding column for the AKC Gazette won a 1997 Maxwell Medallion from the Dog Writers Association of America. In 2004, the AKC named her Hound Group Breeder of the Year.

Mrs. Trotter is past president and show chairman of the Del Monte Kennel Club and has been a member of the Norwegian Elkhound Association of America for more than 40 years. A graduate of the college of William and Mary, with a master's degree from the Monterey Institute of International Studies, Mrs. Trotter spent 34 years teaching American history in Carmel, California.

Judges for each of the seven variety groups and the Miscellaneous Classes are:

SPORTING – Mr. Terry Stacy – Chapel Hill, NC

HOUND – Ms. Carla Molinari - Portugal

WORKING – Mr. Norman B. Kenney – Westford, MA

TERRIER – Ms. Peggy Beisel-McIlwaine – Ann Arbor, MI

TOY – Mr. Rey Burgos – Port Jefferson Station, NY

NON-SPORTING – Mr. Andrew Mills – Bonita, CA

HERDING – Mr. James E. Frederiksen – Knoxville, TN

MISCELLANEOUS CLASSES & BEST IN MISCELLANEOUS CLASS – Mr. Hiroshi Kamisato - Japan

BEST JUNIOR HANDLER – Mr. William P. Shelton – Pomona, CA

Judges for the seven Bred-by-Exhibitor variety groups are:

SPORTING – Mrs. Sheila DiNardo – West Hartford, CT

HOUND – Mr. Dana P. Cline – Rockford, IL

WORKING – Ms. Patricia W. Laurans – Newtown, CT

TERRIER – Mrs. Rosalind Kramer – Leesburg, VA

TOY – Mr. Timothy Catterson – New Castle, IN

NON-SPORTING – Mr. Carl E. Gomes – Bronx, NY

HERDING – Ms. Sheila Polk – Martinez, CA

Judges for the Eukanuba World Challenge are:

Eukanuba World Challenge Winner: Miguel Teixeira, Portugal

Section Judges:

- Mrs. Keke Kahn – Sarasota, FL
- Cristian Stefanescu - Romania
- Ramon Podesta - Chile
- Guy Spagnolo - Australia

SPORTING GROUP:

BREED ASSIGNMENTS:

Mr. Michael Faulkner Boykin Spaniels, Retrievers (Nova Scotia Duck Tolling), Retrievers (Chesapeake Bay), Setters (Irish Red & White), Spaniels (American Water), Spaniels (Clumber)

Mrs. Wendy Willhauck Brittanys, Pointers (German Wirehaired), Pointers, Retrievers (Flat-Coated), Spaniels (English Cocker)

Mrs. Mareth Kipp Pointers (German Shorthaired), Spaniels (English Springer)

Mr. Guy Spagnolo (Australia) Retrievers (Curly-Coated), Retrievers (Labrador), Setters (English), Spaniels (Irish Water)

Mrs. Elaine Mathis Setters (Gordon), Spaniels (Welsh Springer), Spinoni Italiani, Vizslas, Weimaraners

Dr. Bob G. Smith Retrievers (Golden), Setters (Irish), Spaniels (Cocker – ASCOB), Spaniels (Cocker – Black), Spaniels (Cocker – Parti Color)

Mr. Kenneth Buxton Spaniels (Field), Wirehaired Pointing Griffons

Mr. Andrew Brace (UK) Spaniels (Sussex)

HOUND GROUP:

BREED ASSIGNMENTS:

Mrs. Gretchen Bernardi Afghan Hounds, Borzoi, Irish Wolfhounds, Scottish Deerhounds, Whippets

Mr. William Shelton American English Coonhounds, Black and Tan Coonhounds, Harriers, Norwegian Elkhounds, Plotts

Ms. Anne MacDonald (UK) Basenjis, Greyhounds, Ibizan Hounds, Pharaoh Hounds, Salukis

Mrs. Sharon A. Dok Basset Hounds, Beagles (Both Varieties), Petit Basset Griffon Vendéens

Mr. Andrew Brace (UK) Bloodhounds

Mrs. Jackie Stacy Bluetick Coonhounds, Otterhounds, Redbone Coonhounds

Ms. Carol A. Reisman Dachshunds (All Varieties), American Foxhounds, English Foxhounds, Rhodesian Ridgebacks, Treeing Walker Coonhounds

WORKING GROUP:

BREED ASSIGNMENTS:

Mrs. Cindy Meyer Akitas, Anatolian Shepherd Dogs, Mastiffs, Portuguese Water Dogs, Siberian Huskies

Mr. Andrew Brace (UK) Alaskan Malamutes

Mr. Andrei Klishas (Russia) Bernese Mountain Dogs, Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs

Ms. Ann Ingram (Ireland) Black Russian Terriers, Boxers, Bullmastiffs, Newfoundlands

Mr. Alfred Ferruggiaro Cane Corso

Mrs. Wyoma Clouss Doberman Pinschers, Giant Schnauzers, Standard Schnauzers

Mr. James Noe Dogues de Bordeaux, Great Pyrenees, Leonbergers, Neapolitan Mastiffs, Samoyeds

Mr. Kenneth Buxton German Pinschers

Mrs. Barbara Alderman Great Danes

Mr. Brian Meyer Komondorok, Kuvaszok, Rottweilers, Saint Bernards, Tibetan Mastiffs

TERRIER GROUP: BREED ASSIGNMENTS:

Mr. Alfred Ferruggiaro Airedale Terriers, Norwich Terriers, Manchester Terriers (Standard)

Dr. Kirsi Saino (Finland) American Staffordshire Terriers, Scottish Terriers, Russell Terriers, Staffordshire Bull Terriers, West Highland White Terriers

Mrs. Mareth Kipp Australian Terriers, Miniature Schnauzers, Parson Russell Terriers

Mrs. Wyoma Clouss Bedlington Terriers

Mr. Bruce Schwartz Border Terriers, Cairn Terriers, Norfolk Terriers, Sealyham Terriers, Welsh Terriers

Mr. Andrei Klishas (Russia) Bull Terriers (Both Varieties), Miniature Bull Terriers

Ms. Ann Ingram (Ireland) Cesky Terriers

Mr. Robert Hutton Dandie Dinmont Terriers, Skye Terriers, Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers

Mr. Harry O'Donoghue (Ireland) Fox Terriers (Smooth), Fox Terriers (Wire), Glen of Imaal Terriers, Irish Terriers, Kerry Blue Terriers, Lakeland Terriers

TOY GROUP: BREED ASSIGNMENTS:

Mrs. Keke Kahn Affenpinschers, Brussels Griffon, Havanese, Pekingese, Yorkshire Terriers

Dr. John Ioia Cavalier King Charles Spaniels, English Toy Spaniels (King Charles & Ruby), Maltese, Shih Tzu

Mr. Chuck Scott Chihuahuas (Both Varieties), Chinese Crested, English Toy Spaniels (Blenheim & Prince Charles), Italian Greyhounds

Mr. Hiroshi Kamisato (Japan) Japanese Chin

Mr. Alfred Ferruggiaro Miniature Pinschers

Mrs. Jackie Stacy Papillons

Mr. Robert Hutton Pomeranians, Pugs

Mrs. Barbara Alderman Poodles (Toy), Silky Terriers

Mr. Charles Trotter Toy Fox Terriers

Mrs. Wyoma Clouss Manchester Terriers (Toy)

NON-SPORTING GROUP:

BREED ASSIGNMENTS:

Mr. Richard Beauchamp American Eskimo Dogs, Bichons Frises, Bulldogs, Dalmatians, Finnish Spitz

Mr. Robert Hutton Boston Terriers

Mr. Hiroshi Kamisato (Japan) Chinese Shar-Pei, Chow Chows, Tibetan Terriers, Xoloitzcuintli

Ms. Ann Ingram (Ireland) French Bulldogs

Mr. Charles Trotter Keeshonden, Lowchen, Shiba Inu, Tibetan Spaniels

Dr. John Iola Lhasa Apsos

Mrs. Keke Kahn Norwegian Lundehunds

Mrs. Barbara Alderman Poodles (Miniature), Poodles (Standard), Schipperkes

HERDING GROUP:

BREED ASSIGNMENTS:

Mrs. Jackie Stacy Australian Cattle Dogs, Belgian Malinois

Mr. Kenneth Buxton Australian Shepherds, Finnish Lapphunds, Icelandic Sheepdogs

Mr. Paul Willhauck Bearded Collies, Collies (Rough), Collies (Smooth), German Shepherd Dogs, Shetland Sheepdogs

Mrs. Arlene Davis Beaucerons, Border Collies, Bouviers des Flandres, Caanan Dogs, Norwegian Buhunds, Swedish Vallhunds

Dr. Robert D. Smith Belgian Sheepdogs, Belgian Tervuren, Old English Sheepdogs, Polish Lowland Sheepdogs, Pulik

Mr. Andrew Brace (UK) Briards, Pyrenean Shepherds

Mr. William Shelton Cardigan Welsh Corgis, Pembroke Welsh Corgis

Mr. Andrei Klishas (Russia) Entlebucher Mountain Dogs

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP PRELIMINARY JUDGES:

Mrs. Jan Swayze-Curry – Columbia, KY

Mrs. Karen Mammano – Webster, NY

The 2012 AKC/Eukanuba National Championship will mark the 12th event in AKC's premier showcase for dogs, which is presented with Eukanuba.

QUALIFYING DATES:

The qualifying dates for the 2012 AKC/Eukanuba National Championship will be October 12, 2011 – October 10, 2012.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- Highlights of 2011 -

New York, NY – It was a pleasure to be with many of you in Florida this weekend as we enjoyed the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship, AKC Agility Invitational, AKC National Obedience Invitational and the surrounding festivities. We hope you enjoyed the incredible series of events that unfolded over the weekend.

We are all aware of the trying economic times and their effect on so many aspects of our lives these days, and yet I can say unequivocally that we have a great deal to be thankful for as dog lovers and as members of the wonderful community we know as “the fancy.” In 2011 we saw many exciting developments in our sports and in our organization’s educational programs.

Many devoted dog fanciers got their start in the obedience ring, so it is fitting to begin a summation of the year’s highlights by acknowledging a special milestone in that challenging and rewarding sport: In 2011, AKC Obedience celebrated its 75th anniversary. As one of our foundation sports, Obedience remains today what it was created to be – a proud demonstration of our dogs’ instinctual capabilities and talents as companions, and the embodiment of the human-canine bond.

Our cherished traditions in Conformation saw an infusion of new enhancements in 2011. In April of this year we introduced the Grand Championship Achievement Levels to spotlight our highest achievers in the conformation ring. Over two thousand dogs have earned bronze, silver, gold and platinum Grand Championships to date.

We also conceived the AKC Owner Handler Series, a competition specifically designed to celebrate the joys of showing one’s own dog. The series will comprise competitions at several dog shows across the country and will culminate with an award for the year’s Best Owner/Handler. We feel this is an exciting way to recognize the hobby exhibitor and inspire more people to become involved in our sport.

In unwavering support of our breeders, who remain the backbone of our Registry and the sport of purebred dogs, AKC continued to provide enhanced services through our Breeder of Merit program. Now with more than 6,900 breeders participating in this important program, we are delighted to see growing numbers of breeders joining us in our quest to ensure the growth and integrity of our Registry.

In the world of AKC Agility, we introduced two new titles, the “Time to Beat” titling class and the Preferred Agility Champion title. By creating ongoing enhancements to Agility, we have seen the sport rise to new heights: In 2011 AKC logged its one millionth agility entry. Of course quantity cannot be outdone by quality. I am proud to say that our AKC agility team representing the USA won many accolades including a gold medal at the Agility World Championships in France this year.

It has been said by many a Performance fancier that there is nothing quite like the thrill of witnessing a dog do what it was originally bred to do. Naturally, most of our performance activities are designed for specific breeds, with function and instinct in mind. But in 2011, the AKC Performance Department gave all dogs and their owners an “equal opportunity” program with the new Coursing Ability Test. This introductory lure coursing event is a fun, healthy activity open to all breeds and offers three new titles.

Adding another link in the chain of the human-canine bond, AKC brought our new Therapy Dog program to fruition in 2011. So far more than 1600 dogs have achieved our new therapy dog title which proudly recognizes those dogs who bring comfort and love to so many people in need.

AKC clubs did an incredible job of spreading our message about the joys of owning a purebred dog and the importance of responsible ownership. Together with our parent clubs, AKC welcomed over 40,000 people to the Javits Center for AKC Meet the Breeds. Sponsored by Pet Partners, the event was a record-breaking success, thanks to our hardworking clubs and staff.

Clubs remained hard at work educating the public year round, with a terrific showing in September with our largest set of Responsible Dog Ownership Days to date. More than 600 RDO Day events were celebrated locally and a record-breaking number of Canine Good Citizen tests were a key part of the program. We are so grateful to our clubs for all your hard work and support.

I wish you all a healthy, happy holiday season. Here's to another year of great shows, quality dogs and wonderful friends. And please remember to watch the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship on television if you couldn't make it to Orlando. The show will be broadcast on ABC during Superbowl Weekend, on February 4th.

Sincerely,

Ron Menaker
Chairman

The biographical information prepared by the seven candidates for the AKC Board vacancies to be filled at the March, 2012 Meeting is attached. All information was provided by the candidates themselves. The submissions were only checked for word count, and there was no fact check done.

The printed copy of this document is usually sent with the call letter for the March meeting. By also sending it now, two months earlier, you will have more time to share it with and to get the input and preference of your clubs. In March, you will be permitted to vote for up to three of the nominees. Anticipating the possibility of multiple ballots, there is no Forum in March, and the regular delegate meeting will begin at 9:00am. The first ballot will be cast at the beginning of that meeting.

Jim Crowley

Biographical Information on Candidates for Vacancies on the AKC Board - Class of 2016

as submitted by those candidates

Patricia M. Cruz – Coram, NY

Today, the American Kennel Club faces many challenges and opportunities. We need problem solvers, innovators, and communicators on the AKC Board to achieve the success that is so necessary for our sport, our breeders, our puppy buyers, and our dogs. I have a unique combination of hands-on experience, specialized expertise, and a proven track record – plus over 40 years in the world of dogs.

As the former president of the civilian employee union in one of the largest police departments on the east coast and secretary of the county-wide union representing over 10,000 employees, I know how to create solutions that eliminate barriers to success and enlist the strong support of all parties. The AKC needs more outcomes like those.

As one of the founders of the Owner Handler Association, I know how to create innovative thought leadership by consolidating a force in the fancy that had not been effectively harnessed previously and create positive change. As a professional journalist and author, I know how to create communications that yield understanding and motivation.

And as a former AKC Field Representative, an active member of the Afghan Hound Club of America, an officer of Ladies Kennel Association of America and Riverhead Kennel Club, the Heart of the Plains KC Delegate, and an internationally-experienced judge, I know how to effectively address the issues we face in the sport we all love so dearly.

I have the know-how to make a difference for the AKC. I am deeply committed to making that difference.

William J. Feeney – Cotati, CA

My involvement in our sport spans 33 years, largely found at www.birnamwood.com.

Although I have enough life experience to know the value of a dollar and benefits of a balanced budget, I cannot offer the AKC specific business experience and skills. There are fine Directors with business experience and skills; another business person is not needed on the Board. I am a lawyer, but the Board doesn't need another lawyer. Rather, different thinking is necessary.

Part of the AKC's business model needs change. Casting a wide net to capture registrations has brought little change in the status quo. Instead, the AKC should consider making registrations more exclusive by a stronger commitment to quality control points. A concomitant marketing program would tell the world the AKC doesn't register every dog, only those meeting its high standards.

The success of such an approach is not without precedent. Consider the experience of Apple, Inc., which was once teetering on the brink of existence with stagnant sales and limited market share. Following demanding standards and different thinking, Apple is now the world's most valuable company.

A new class of non-voting, individual membership in the AKC should be considered as an additional source of support. Also, a true ear to constituents' concerns, and vigilance for fair and equal discipline will confirm for all that the AKC is a dependable ally.

In the end, AKC's success is tied to the public's confidence it can get a good dog and a fair shake from the venerable AKC.

Thomas S. Powers – Northridge, CA

I am a second generation dog fancier. Both my parents were active in our sport as breeders, exhibitor's club presidents, show chairs and as delegates. I have held all of those positions and have served on the Board's Constitution and Bylaws Committee, and currently as Chair of the South West Trial Board.

My wife and I continue to breed and exhibit Irish Wolfhounds and have exhibited and finished a number of Dachshunds, Beagles, Mastiffs and Harriers, including the number one Harrier in 1990, Ch. Powerscourt Patience DeAmo.

I have practiced law in California for 35 years. I have represented individuals in matters as "simple" as co-ownership disputes and as complex as serious criminal or personal injury or contract/ workplace disputes. I have represented major corporations, including fortune 500 companies in all manner of controversies. I have provided legal and consulting services to corporate clients, and high net worth individuals, some with strong businesses and some with failing business models.

Additionally I have owned and operated a chain of dry cleaners, a chain of retail pet supply stores and a veterinary hospital. For each business I compiled the business plan, managed the businesses, made the payroll and developed and implemented the exit strategy.

I have purposely reduced the volume of my practice in the last few years and have time and energy for the Director position.

John L. Ronald - Myersville, MD

Delegate Background

- Delegate, Samoyed Club of America - 24 years
 - My motion created the Delegate Committees
 - Chaired the Special Committee for the Future Nature of the Delegate Body
 - Current member of the All Breeds Committee
 - Former member: Board appointed Bylaws Committee.
 - Former member: Coordinating, Strategic Planning and Parent Club Committees
 - Edited Perspectives – 6 years

Professional Background:

- Retired Bank executive – Vice President, Head of Institutional Trust Department – Comerica Bank
- Management, financial analysis, investments, employee benefits, Not for Profit corporations
- Managed a unit dedicated to administering not for profit corporations. Sat on Boards of Trustees, prepared tax returns, participated in asset allocation decisions.
- Undergraduate degree: Marquette University, Graduate studies: University of Colorado Graduate School of Business
- Naval Officer

Purebred Dog Background:

- 4th generation Purebred dog fancier
- Served in elected positions for Samoyed Club of America - 36 years
- AKC Breeder of Merit
- Judge - Working Group & most of the Non-Sporting Group – 24 years
- Board member / Treasurer, American Dog Show Judges – 7 years
- Successfully owner-handled and bred BIS & BISS Samoyeds & Tibetan Terriers – 40 years

Important Assets:

My professional experience in management, finance, employee benefits and supervising the administration of non-profit organizations gives me a unique skill set to contribute as AKC's Board manages the current decline in AKC's financial health. My management experience will complement the existing Board in its decision making process in a collegial and consultative manner.

Robert A. Schroll - Clarksville TN

BS in business administration from Southern New Hampshire University. Began showing Morgan horses in eighth grade and then onto Saddle breeds, eventually campaigning the top gaited horse in 1977. I became Ted Young's farm manager and it was at Tedwin Farm that I was introduced to the dog fancy. While working there I met many of the greats of our sport. I then continued working in transportation, running school buses for two districts and managing about 75 employees.

At Tedwin I met John Gammon and we moved to Tennessee in 1977 with an old Yorkie and even older Afghan [Shirkahn daughter]. I worked for both the Senate and House Engrossing of offices for several years. We got our first Cavaliers in 1977 and so began Ravenrush Cavaliers, known worldwide.

We have produced over 50 champions, four breeder-owner-handled National Specialty winners, two of the breeds top stud dogs, a dozen LOM and ROM sires/dams and more all-breed BIS winners than anyone in America.

I am a founding director of my breed's parent club, wrote the breed standard with two others, the clubs bylaws with Hazel Arnold, filmed the breed video at Giralda and was the first Judges Education coordinator. I have belonged to my local KC for 30 years, held every office except treasurer, show chairman for 15 years, worked to make us a member club and have been its only Delegate. For 12 years I have never missed a single meeting and have served on the DRS Committee for nine years.

Larry Sorenson – Clayton, NC

I am asking for your vote to become a member of the AKC Board of Directors because I want to ensure a bright future for our organization. If we are to continue as a successful, strong brand, we must re-imagine our direction as an organization, increase revenues and revenue sources, and become more relevant to dog owners, breeders, and handlers who are our customers and followers.

Fortunately, AKC has strong resources, assets and options that can make that happen. But we are at a crossroads, and the next two years will make a fundamental difference in the life of AKC. I want to bring my fresh ideas, leadership experience and strong respect for the history and traditions of AKC, to the organization I love. If we are smart and strategic, we can both honor the past and change with the times to meet our challenges.

I have shown dogs since 1962 and have finished many dogs to their AKC titles in conformation, obedience, field trial, earthdog, and CGC. I was a PHA member and an AKC licensed handler. I am a BOM and I judge conformation, field trial, earthdog, and will soon judge in obedience. I have held leadership positions in Dachshund Club of America, local specialty clubs, all-breed kennel clubs, and a group club.

I retired from the U.S. Navy as a Master Chief Petty Officer and from AKC as Director of Public Education and Director of Club Education.

Lynn Worth-Smith – Clarksville, VA

Dog Breeder and Exhibitor in Vizslas since 1970.

Have bred: Best in Show and Vizsla Club of America Hall of Fame dogs, Top Ten Sporting Breed dog, two VCA National Specialty Best of Breeds, sire of the first Vizsla Best in Show bitch in the U.S.,

Have bred and owned: Dual Champions, Top Ten Field Dogs (VCA). Personally finished 4 Amateur Field Champions with placements in the VCA National Amateur Field Championships.

Have served: (1) Vizsla Club of America Board of Directors since 1979.

(2) AKC Delegate since 1993.

(3) Secretary AKC Delegates Field Trial & Hunting Test Events Committee.

(4) Editorial Staff of *Perspectives*.

(5) Founder & President – Connecticut Valley Vizsla Club.

(6) President – Vizsla Club of Greater New York

(7) President -- Vizsla Club of America Welfare Foundation.

Editor of the Virginia Hunting Preserve Association's newsletter.

Licensed AKC Field Trial Judge and Hunting Test Judge.

Judged many show sweepstakes.

Chairman of 3 Vizsla Club of America National Field Championships

Freelance Writer: I have a degree in Journalism and have been published in several magazines relating to the canine world: *Dog and Kennel*; *The Sporting Life*; *The Vizsla News*; *AKC Pointing Breed Field Trial News*; *AKC Gazette – Vizsla columns*; *Gun Dog* and others.

Past Work Experience: Time Magazine & other related publications; local newspapers; publicity for several organizations including League of Women Voters, Girl Scouts of America; Public Relations assistant Silver Hill Foundation, Connecticut; Chairman Greater Bridgeport (Connecticut) Area Urban Coalition for inter-community educational practices, governor's campaign.



AKC Government Relations



January 3, 2012

http://www.akc.org/news/index.cfm?article_id=4543

The American Kennel Club and our Washington, D.C.-based advocacy team continue to closely monitor the federal Puppy Uniform Protection and Safety (PUPS) legislation introduced last spring as Senate Bill 707 ([S.707](#)) and House Bill 835 ([H.R. 835](#)). Each of the bills has been assigned to the Agriculture Committees of their respective chambers. To date, no hearings have been scheduled and no formal action has been taken on this bill.

PUPS would purportedly require anyone who *owns or co-owns* dogs that produce 50 or more puppies offered for sale in a 12-month period to be regulated under existing USDA dog “dealer” regulations. **These regulations are designed for high-volume commercial kennels that produce puppies for wholesale**, and require a USDA commercial license, maintenance of specified commercial kennel engineering standards and regular inspections.

The AKC does not oppose the general concept of reasonable regulations for high volume breeder/retailers. However, the PUPS bill is misleading because such regulations would hurt responsible small breeders who raise only a few litters of puppies each year in their homes, while also reducing the availability of resources needed to enforce against abusive or negligent operations.

The AKC also has a number of *serious concerns with the bill as introduced and does not support this measure*. These concerns include:

Definition of “breeding female” as an intact female dog aged 4 months or older. This definition is misleading because female dogs are not sufficiently mature at 4 months of age to be bred. Additionally, such a definition should not be necessary if a “high volume retail breeder” is to be based on sales, rather than the number of dogs owned.

Definition of “high volume retail breeder” as someone with “an ownership interest in or custody of one or more breeding female dogs.” This definition is overly broad and does not take into account the tradition of co- and joint ownerships common among dog show participants, sporting dog trainers, hunting club members, and other hobbyists. Additionally, a reference to the number of dogs owned by a breeder is unnecessary and potentially misleading in legislation that does not limit ownership rights per se.

Current exercise language is overly vague and should be clarified to ensure that the daily exercise requirements do not preclude use of legitimate training or exercise equipment or other types of physical activity.

This legislation calls for exponentially expanding the numbers of breeders regulated and inspected by the Animal Care division of the United States Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Animal, Plant and Health Inspection Service (APHIS). However, a May 2010 audit of this program by the USDA’s own Inspector General demonstrated that the existing inspections program is insufficient to carry out current responsibilities. The AKC believes these issues and full funding for the current program should be addressed before attempting to exponentially expand the program’s responsibilities and workload.

AKC Government Relations and our Washington-based advocates will continue to closely monitor the activities of key members of Congress, policy committees, and their staff for any developments regarding PUPS. We are committed to keeping our constituents updated via email and the AKC website. Updated information about PUPS and other legislation is available online at http://www.akc.org/news/sections/legislative_alerts.cfm or by clicking on “US Fed” on [AKC’s online legislative tracking system](#).

The AKC encourages all responsible dog owners and breeders to stay active in your community as a role model for responsible dog ownership and breeding and to educate your legislators about potentially misleading legislation that could harm responsible dog owners and breeders.

Although PUPS is not actively being considered in Congress at this time, we encourage responsible dog owners and breeders to share their concerns about this measure with their federal representatives. Use the following links to find out the names and contact information of your member of [Congress](#) and your [Senators](#). For more information on effectively communicating with your legislators and other tools and information to help you, please visit the AKC Government Relations Toolbox and AKC GR newsletters links on the [AKC Government Relations webpage](#).

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