

APPROVED

Durham Kennel Club Member Meeting

Monday, January 20, 2020

Durham Kennel Club Building, Durham, NC

6:30 pm Membership Meeting Dinner

7:15 Meeting Program

Meeting 7:45

Program: Trish Koontz – Introduction and demonstration of Canine Freestyle  
Canine Freestyle Federation

Overview: We will be illustrating how much fun canine Freestyle is for all levels and abilities. The audience will also see how this sport can work for senior dogs, dogs who have orthopedic issues that might prevent other sports, dogs with space issues...really, almost all dogs. They will see many different types of movement and hopefully think about joining a class.

Here is the program format to illustrate what we do in class, specifically, the many benefits of freestyle: the beauty of teams in motion, uniqueness of each team's movement, sport accommodates all skill levels, can work with many dogs with space issues can be beneficial for dogs recovering from orthopedic issues, senior dogs can still participate, it's okay to make mistakes, we need each other to do this sport, etc.

- 1) Short intro (Trish).
- 2) Demo of several teams working a floor pattern from one of our classes at their individual skill level (Levels 1-4). Narration by Trish.
- 3) Questions and wrap up.

Call to Order: 8:15

Approval of the minutes from the November 18, 2019 member meeting as published. Nancy Akers moved to accept. Gail Kanas second. All approved.

Report of the President:

Email sent to membership 1.20.2020 Thomas Wrath reported.

I would like to start out the 2020 DKC year by giving thanks to all the DKC members. I'd also like to thank each and every one of our wonderful volunteers for an extremely successful year. Your support is greatly appreciated. Because of your commitment, we are poised for one of our most successful years ever.

In January many of us feel the energy of a fresh start and the opportunity to think about the year ahead. We often think of those New Year's resolutions. What are our New Year resolutions for the Durham Kennel Club?

As you all know, in an effort to empower our members – new and tenured - and to enable them to play a more active role in the Durham Kennel Club, we created and put in place the new Working Group management structure. I'd like to ask that each of the Working Groups focus on initiatives that will help us improve and promote

training, classes, seminars and clinics and that we focus on developing areas that the group has determined are deficient and will provide greater value to the group and DKC.

It is also time to consider where our club has been this past year, and where we are heading. We also need to build our club membership. As club members, we are all club ambassadors and can help to promote the positive aspects of our club and can help with new membership recruitment. New members will help support our club's ambitious goals moving forward. We all have a unique opportunity as club members to encourage participation and help our new members and future members that have the same interests.

I am ending my first year as President and I want to thank you again for the opportunity to serve you. I promise to continue to work hard for the success of the Durham Kennel Club.

Report of the Recording Secretary: NA

Report of the Corresponding Secretary: NA

Report of the Treasurer: Available on request.

Report of the AKC Delegate: Linda Wozniak reported. See below.

Reports of the Committees:

DKC Awards: Lisa Roberts reminded members of the Awards Luncheon, Saturday, February 29.

Yard Sale: Sharon Pitz reported yard sale is April 4<sup>th</sup>. Set up Friday, sale Saturday.

Linda Wozniak reported she is holding a temperament test on Feb. 22 at DKC building. Will need volunteers.

Linda Wozniak reported on the March show in Raleigh. Need some volunteers. Please contact Linda or Shelly.

Scent work Sniff and go this Saturday. Trial is the next weekend in Sanford.

Conformation: Thomas Wrath reported.

DKC is now offering Drop-in Show Handling Classes on Thursday. Starting promptly at 12:00 pm. Daytime instructor Judy Harris.

We are also excited to announce we are now offering Junior Handling Classes. These classes are tailored made to provide positive show handling instruction to participants under the age of 18 or new to dog showing in general are invited to attend. Program Director: Kate Bremser and Assistant Director; Linda Wozniak.

We will continue to offer Show Handling Classes on Thursday nights starting promptly at 7:00pm. We have also recently added some really good instructors as well and will continue provide a positive training and learning experience. The Conformation Working Group has also created Durham Kennel Club – Conformation Handling Facebook page in an effort to improve our community outreach. If you're on Facebook, please join our Conformation Facebook page and share with your friends.

Report New Members: Terri Toohil

Proposed Members for the January 20, 2020 Membership Meeting

Candidate Membership:

Nicole Moore; Durham, NC; Springer Spaniel and Staffy; participates in Obedience and Agility; learned about the club by participating in dog sports; seeking membership to continue attending classes and to help at events.

Full Membership:

Susan Bankauf; Timberlake, NC; Border Collies and Papillon; Has requirements; Sponsors: Tracy Fletcher and Roger Akers.

Laurence Gesquiere; Durham, NC; Border Collies; Has requirements; Sponsors: Tracy Fletcher and Roger Akers.

Penny Leigh; Graham, NC; Border Collies and Flat-Coated Retrievers; Has requirements; Sponsors: Nancy Akers and Roger Akers.

Dale McElrath; Graham, NC; Border Collies and Flat-Coated Retrievers; Has requirements; Sponsors: Nancy Akers and Roger Akers.

Debbie McClellan; Raleigh, NC; Tibetan Terrier; Has requirements; Sponsors: Nancy Akers and Roger Akers.

Judith Schaier; South Boston, VA; Toy Poodle; Has requirements; Sponsors: Lisa Roberts and Mary Whorton.

All voted in unanimously.

Reinstated:

Irena Pulkstenis

Unfinished Business:

Thomas Wrath reported:

Still need a delegate for NC Federation of dog clubs

Bylaws and articles of incorporation are with AKC. We are waiting on them to return.

Working on the issue regarding life members having voting privileges and holding office.

Nelson Hobbs asked about status on the police dog we donated money for Hillsborough PD.

Bob Wisniewski was working on this. Thomas will contact and get an update. Possibly the dog could come to DKC for a program.

New Business: NA

Braggs

Adjournment: 8:49

Delegate's report:

### **AKC DELEGATE'S UPDATE — JANUARY 2020**

Linda C Wozniak

**Recap of 2019 accomplishments** by Dennis Sprung • Sports and Events revenue was \$567,000 above budget and \$604,000 higher than 2018. • Total Entries across all events was 3,300,000. The largest number in AKC history • 2019 AKC National Championship was the largest event held in AKC's 135-year history – 11,008 entries • Registration: Dogs up 1.2% to 587,777. This is the sixth (6th) consecutive year of year-over year increases Litters up 3% to 258,362. This is the fifth (5th) consecutive year of year-over year increases Unique breeders up 5% • Registration revenue was \$1MM below budget but \$1.5MM higher than 2018. • AKC.org 72 million users, a 10m increase, up 16%. Page views +6% and time spent +7% • Social Media Instagram up 11.7% • E-commerce traffic increased by 9.6% traffic and revenue was above budget • AKC Marketplace 31,600 breeders advertised 53,000 litters vs. 28,200 breeders from 44,700 litters in 2018 • Parent Club tool used by 105 parent clubs • Public Relations – The PR department obtained more than 2,000 media placements for the opening of the AKC Museum on the Dog in New York City. • AKC.TV – over 6.5m views with more than 3.5m new users • 2019 budget of \$4.19m net operating will achieve approximately \$5.1.

The AKC has revised its statement on the **Proper Care and Humane Treatment of Dogs**: *Dog owners bear a special responsibility to their canine companions to provide proper care and humane treatment at all times.*

*Proper care and humane treatment include an adequate and nutritious diet, clean water, safe and clean living and travel conditions, regular veterinary care, kind and responsive human companionship, and training in appropriate behavior. The*

*American Kennel Club® believes that dogs should not be kept in circumstances or numbers where these needs cannot be adequately fulfilled. No dog should be left in a vehicle if its comfort, health, and safety is in question. Good Samaritan legislation must provide a balanced approach that protects both the health and safety of dogs and the interests of responsible dog owners*

The AKC has published a new **canine legislation policy position statement on the rehoming of research dogs**. The American Kennel Club ® (AKC) recognizes that protecting biomedical research practices is crucial to developing new ways to identify, prevent, treat, or eradicate disease, and to improve human and animal health. Where appropriate, retired healthy research and teaching animals should be rehomed, either through rehoming programs at the university/research facility, by groups with special expertise in rehoming research animals, or by qualified outside groups selected by the animals' owner.

Eight changes have been approved to the **Regulations for Fast CAT effective February 1 2020**. Two are new requirements – (1) host clubs must award ribbons to each dog that completes the 100yard dash, and (2) clubs holding a Fast CAT event in conjunction with another event are required to fence the course, including the run-out area. The other six changes are clarifications to existing Regulations pertaining to the course and equipment. All these changes are intended to bring greater consistency between events and address issues that have arisen in the field.

- 1 – Clubs must award a ribbon to dogs that successfully complete the course. Currently it is an option.
- 2 – Start box – must be marked on the ground.
- 3 – Start box – provide enough space behind the start box for the dog's body.
- 4 – Timing – a person cannot time a dog which they or a member of their immediate family/household own/co- own.
- 5 – Return string – cannot be run in front of the run-out area exit gate.
- 6 – Course – course must be straight, including the start box and run-out area.
- 7 – Retrieval devices – for clubs that use retrieval devices to return the drag to the start line, the devices must be located at least 30 yards behind the finish line.
- 8 – Fencing – clubs holding Fast CAT in conjunction with another event must fence the course and run-out area. Currently this is suggested but not required. In addition, clubs are advised to provide sufficient distance between events to minimize interference and disruption

The Dalmatian Club of America has requested that **Dalmatians to approved to participate in AKC Herding events**. This request will be studied and reviewed in February/March 2020.

The American Whippet Club (AWC) has requested the AKC to require that **Field Champion (FC) titled Whippets be measured at the time of roll call at Lure Coursing events**. At the time of roll call an inspection committee examines each entry for possible breed standard disqualification(s). Current regulations require all Whippets except Field Champion Whippets must be measured. The measuring of a Field Champion Whippet is only required "on request". The language "on request" is equated to mean in cases of a competitor protesting a dog. this recommendation which would require that all Whippets be measured at each AKC lure coursing trial. All Whippets would include both Field Champions and non-Field Champions. The Herding Earthdog Lure Coursing Delegate Committee met in December and was

unanimously in favor of this recommendation. The AKC Board approved the request and all FC titled Whippets will be measured at the time of roll call.

Separate **CAT/Fast CAT Regulations Book** from the Lure Coursing Regulations Book will be available to clubs by Summer 2020. from the Lure Coursing Regulations book.

\$30,000 in additional spending in the 2020 Budget has been approved for **Junior Showmanship scholarships**. The \$30,000 will be divided equally between companion, performance and conformation event program. A new Companion Events Scholarship Program will receive \$10,000, a new Performance Events Scholarship Program will receive \$10,000 and \$10,000 will be added to the funds approved and allocated for the Scholarships that are offered as awards to the Finalists at the AKC National Championship increasing the amounts offered. Scholarship Awarded to Junior Finalist at the AKC National Championship: First Place will be \$5,000 in 2020 (up from \$2000)<sup>[L]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub> Second Place will be \$4,000 in 2020 (up from \$1500)<sup>[L]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub> Third Place will be \$3,000 in 2020 (up from \$1200) Fourth Place will be \$2,000 in 2020 (up from \$1000 Remaining Finalists (8) will be \$500 in 2020 (up from \$0)

Total award to be \$18,000 in 2020 (up from \$5700)

AKC Total Scholarship Program for 2020 is \$402,700.

1. Junior Scholarships (existing program open to all Juniors) \$22,700 <sup>[L]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub>
2. Junior Finalists at AKC National Championship \$18,000 <sup>[L]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub>
3. Companion Events Scholarship Program \$10,000 <sup>[L]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub>
4. Performance Events Scholarship Program \$10,000 <sup>[L]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub>
5. Veterinary Student Scholarship Program \$35,000 Total Funded Exclusively by the AKC \$95,700 <sup>[L]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub>
6. Versatility Scholarships offered by donations to the AKC Humane Fund \$7,000 <sup>[L]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub>
7. Theriogenology Residency funded 85% by AKC jointly with CHF a 15% \$300,000 Contribution. <sup>[L]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub>

The All-Breed Delegates Committee discussed and supported the idea of **NOHS Levels of Achievement** in order to provide exhibitors with tangible goals and encourage continued participation. Staff presented a formal recommendation to implement NOHS Levels of Achievement to include Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum awards to exhibits obtaining a predetermined number of NOHS points based on the current NOHS point system. The primary owner of a dog achieving these levels will receive an appropriately colored NOHS pin and will be emailed a Certificate of Achievement. Recognition Level Minimum Level of NOHS Points: Bronze 250, Silver 500, Gold 1,000, Platinum 2,000 .

Recommendation has been presented to create a **Bred-By-Exhibitor Puppy (BBEP) class in conformation**. Many exhibitors are motivated to earn the Bred-By-Exhibitor medallion. Currently they are inhibited from showing in the Puppy classes on the chance that they earn Championship points, which would eliminate them from earning the medallion. Offering BBEP classes will be at the option of the host club. The recommendation is consistent with AKC's focus on the importance of breeders and the Board's decision to dedicate 2020 as the "The Year of the Breeder".

The Staff has documented procedures that will be utilized should the change to **Rules Applying to Dog Shows, Chapter 11, Section 8-A** be approved by the Delegates at the March 2020 meeting. This change would allow a dog to be disqualified in an altercation even if there is no injury to dog or person. Currently a dog can only be disqualified by an Event Committee if there is an injury to a dog or person. There are cases where a dog attacks but there is no injury due to quick reactions or simply by luck. The recommended change is to allow the Event Committee to determine if a dog that attacks presents a hazard and, if so, it may disqualify a dog for aggression without an injury. There has been some concern that the revised rule could be misused. To mitigate these concerns, exhibitors need to be confident that the AKC has a solid review process in place to confirm that the Event Committee acted properly, and the facts of the matter support the conclusion of the Event Committee. **Event Committee Review Process** The Review must include written documentation describing the incident along with signed eyewitness statements. This documentation must be submitted to the AKC. **Internal Staff Review Process** The AKC Sports & Events Department will create a Staff DQ Review Committee consisting of three staff members with significant event experience to review the documents submitted, assure that the Event Committee properly investigated the complaint, and confirm that the facts support the conclusion of the Event Committee.

The Marketing department in conjunction with Sports & Events administered a **survey to AKC sport participants to assess and update information regarding demographics of the sports**. The results of this survey indicate that AKC sports are diverse, with each sport having its own demographics and culture. However, in a broader sense, participants in AKC sports do not reflect the diversity of the US population. The survey indicates that AKC's new sports/activities are attractive to new segments of the dog-owning public. However, there are opportunities to further expand AKC's reach by developing activities that appeal to dog owners that are currently not engaged. Sports & Events should continue to develop AKC activities that fit the interests, resources and life styles of this underserved segment of the dog-owning public. The Sports & Events staff believes understanding the demographics across AKC's wide variety of sports is important to successfully managing and growing these sports.

#### **AKC's breeder initiatives for 2020:**

- **Breeder of Merit Registration Rate Improvement Campaign:** This email campaign celebrates the work that Breeders of Merit do. It also encourages all program participants to ensure that the puppies they breed are individually registered, as all breeders promised when they sign up to be a Breeder of Merit. [SEP]
- **Parent Club Statistics and Data Support:** This on-going effort to supply Parent Clubs with informative data, including ad hoc special requests, will continue in 2020. [SEP]
- **Parent Club Reproduction Semen Bank Toolkit:** Staff is working with Dr. Gregory and Dr. Greer to document the requirements and best practices to establish a Parent Club Reproduction Semen Bank similar to the Otterhound Club of America's bank. [SEP]

- Best Bred-by Exhibitor Free Litter Registration: This is a program for breeders where AKC will award a Best Bred-by Exhibitor Free Litter Registration Award to every Best BBE at All-Breed, Group and Parent Club shows. In order to participate, a club must apply, and every winner has 12 months to redeem the certificate. [SEP]
- Breeder Development: Breeder Field Reps will continue to work with breeders to encourage health testing and event participation. [SEP]
- Online Breeder Education: The Registration Department is working with the AKC Education Department to update AKC Online Education Courses available for free in AKC Canine College. [SEP]
- AKC Bred with H.E.A.R.T. Marketing Campaign: AKC Marketing staff is working with the Registration Department to improve awareness and participation in this important program. [SEP]
- New Breeder Toolkit: This initiative will update our Online Record Keeping system, creating a more useful and easily used tool for AKC breeders. [SEP]
- Online Foreign Registration: This initiative will allow dog owners to electronically submit all the documents and pictures required for AKC Foreign Registration, improving the speed and accuracy of foreign applications. Currently all applications and documents must be physically mailed to AKC. [SEP]

The AKC will recognize the Quality Westie program of the West Highland White Terrier Club of America (WHWTCA) by awarding the suffix Certificate of Conformation Assessment (CCA) title to any dog that passes the QW evaluation. The owner must apply for the title and pay a \$25 application fee. The Quality Westie program is a non-competitive event to evaluate conformation. In the QW event, dogs are judged against the breed standard rather than against each other, and owners receive both verbal and written feedback regarding the traits of their dog.