

# KCAA

## KENNEL CLUB OF ANNE ARUNDEL



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### EDITOR'S MESSAGE

This month I will begin preparing a brief summary of the actions taken by the American Kennel Club, or AKC, at their Board and Delegates' meetings. Check out the column "What's Up with the AKC."

Please remember that we have offer advertising (1 year/12 issues for \$25 for a business card size ad). We will also include brags at no charge. But I need KCAA members' help to be effective. Email me your brags. Give me comments, suggest topics, or give me links to articles by email. Send me dog/show/club related questions, and I will find answers and print them. *Tom Masog, tmasog@gmail.com*

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*"None of Us is as Smart as All of Us"*

*Ken Blanchard, Author, THE ONE-MINUTE MANAGER*

Thirty. Half of sixty, two times fifteen. That is the number of households that KCAA needs to demonstrate to the AKC in order to get our final approval. But that is just a number that can be easily obtained. What is more important is the involvement of the people who make up that number. The KCAA board is just a fraction of the membership. It can do a lot, but not do everything. Your input and involvement is important to KCAA. As someone who spends 40% of the year on the road, I know about balancing KCAA with other obligations. However, I also know that one cannot assume that if one does not participate, others will participate. It doesn't work that way. The future is bright for KCAA ... but only if we have your participation. Remember, when we get the approval from AKC – and we intend to do everything to make that happen – you will be a founding member of this organization. You are KCAA.  
*Dan Strachan, danstrachan@comcast.net*

### Q & A

Q: I heard that the seven groups at the dog show were going to become 10 or 12 groups. Whatever happened to that discussion?

A: Several years ago, the AKC recognized with the number of new breeds being recognized, some groups were becoming unwieldy, and there needed to be a strategy to reclassify the seven groups. After extended discussions, a proposal was forwarded to AKC Board in November 2011 to reclassify the breeds into 11 groups. This proposal was approved by the AKC Board in January 2012, and forwarded to the AKC Delegates at their meeting on March 13, 2012. The proposal was a series of four major amendments to published AKC rules that were voted upon as one item. Needing a two-thirds majority, the delegates voted 231 to 165 to approve, falling 27 votes short of the required votes to adopt.

This proposal came along at the same time that many smaller clubs, especially in rural parts of the United States, are having continuing financial issues and declining entries. While the cost of an extra 16 rosettes is not a big factor for larger urban clubs, many AKC member clubs struggle to draw 400 entries per all-breed show, and the extra cost was a major burden. This combined with judging issues, group club concerns, and scheduling issues raised by superintendants to defeat the proposal. There has been no new formal discussion, but with the number of Miscellaneous and Foundation Stock Service breeds, the question of group realignment is sure to surface again.

### COMING EVENTS

**Sat. Oct. 5 DogFest.** Baltimore Humane Society, 1601 Nicodemus Road, Reisterstown. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (KCAA will not be participating, but it is a good opportunity to see vendors and benefit the Humane Society).

**Tues. Oct. 8 Board Meeting,** At JoAnn's, 1115 Delmont Road, Millersville. 7:30.

**Sat. Oct. 26 Bark-N-Bash.** Quiet Waters Park, Annapolis. KCAA will have a booth; we can use a couple more volunteers. 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (set up at 8:00 a.m.).

**Tues. Nov. 5 Board Meeting,** Time and location TBD.

**Tues. Nov. 12 KCAA General Meeting,** Time and location TBD.

### UPCOMING

#### NEARBY SHOWS

October 11/12/13. Catonsville KC and National Capital KC, Howard County Fairgrounds, West Friendship, MD.

October 18/19/20. Laurel Highlands KA and Upper Potomac Valley KC, Allegany County Fairgrounds, Cumberland, MD.

October 26/27. Middleburg KC, Oatlands Plantation, Leesburg, VA (entries close 10/9).

November 6/7/8/9/10. Talbot KC, Salisbury KC, and Mispillion KC, Wicomico Youth & Civic Center, Salisbury, MD (entries close 10/23).

November 22/23/24. Northeastern Maryland KC, Chesapeake KC of Maryland, and Upper Marlboro KC, Howard County Fairgrounds, West Friendship, MD (entries close 11/6).

# HEALTH TIPS: FALL IS HERE

A brisk fall breeze often feels good to people and dogs alike. Here are a few tips to make the transition into this new season enjoyable for everyone.

Seasonal allergies can kick in for dogs in the fall. These are most commonly skin allergies, but can also be allergic rhinitis, evidenced by sneezing, loud snorting or snoring, and clear discharge from your dog's nose. Your veterinarian can diagnose and prescribe antihistamines or other therapy to make your dog more comfortable.

As the weather gets cooler, think about putting a coat or sweater on your dog during walks. This is particularly true for hairless or short-haired breeds. Also, cooler weather can worsen arthritis in older dogs. Give appropriate supplements and pain medications when needed; your acetaminophen can cause liver damage to your dog, and ibuprofen is also highly toxic to dogs.

Dogs may need slightly more calories in cold weather if they spend time outdoors. This needs to be balanced against the likelihood that dog walks will be shorter and less frequent due to darkness, chill, and rain.

Finally, fall is the time of two major food-centered holidays – Halloween and Thanksgiving. Regarding Halloween candy, don't do it! Refined sugars are never good for dogs. This is especially true of chocolate, which contains ingredients, like theobromine, that are toxic to dogs.

## WHAT'S UP WITH THE AKC

*This is a summary of the July AKC Board meeting. The Board does not meet in August.*  
The AKC Board approved a three-year schedule for Board/Delegate meetings with March, June and September Delegate meetings held in the New York City area and the December Delegate meetings held in Orlando, FL.

Every Specialty, Group and All-Breed dog club that does not hold a benched show must fulfill certain criteria to maintain its eligibility to hold dog shows. The criteria were discussed and will continue to be reviewed at the September 2013 meeting. Stay tuned!

The Board voted to amend the Rules Applying to Dog Shows Chapter 3, Section 22, to provide for the awarding of additional Certificate of Merit titles. CM title initials will be followed by a numeric designation indicating the quantity of times the dog has earned the requirements of the CM title as defined in Section 22. Currently the Certificate of Merit Title requires earning 15 points.

The Board voted to amend Rules Applying to Dog Shows Chapter 3, Section 22, to add a Bred-By Exhibitor Class for each sex of each Miscellaneous Class breed. This will be read at the September Delegates meeting for a vote at the December Delegate meeting.

The Board voted that AKC will record Schutzhund titles earned by Bouvier des Flandres at DVG America events. DVG America is an all-breed schutzhund organization. The AKC will record the following titles – BN, IPO1, IPO2, IPO3, SchH1, SchH2, SchH3, SchHA, FH1, FH2. The recording of these titles is at the request of the owner, who fills out a form developed by the Performance Events Department and pays a fee. The titles must be confirmed prior to being recorded by the AKC. AKC will acknowledge titles earned back to January 1, 2000. This is effective August 1, 2013.

The Board VOTED to amend Chapter 5, Section 6, of the Retriever Hunting Test Regulations and to add a new paragraph #5 to Chapter 2, Section 1 of the Retriever Hunting Test Regulations. These changes are meant to bring greater consistency to the sport. Chapter 5, Section 6 - the wording regarding walk-ups was modified in the Senior test to state "at least one of the hunting situations shall include a walkup", The word "should" was changed to "shall" to eliminate inconsistency between tests caused by some judges interpreting "should" as meaning it is not required. Chapter 2, Section 1, - new paragraph 5 was inserted to require a judge to fill out the score sheet. These changes are effective September 1, 2013.

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## BRAGS

Tom Masog & Dan Strachan's Damien, a Chow Chow, won veteran Best of Breed and veteran Group at the Newton Kennel Club in Augusta, NJ. This was the first appearance ever for a black smooth-coated Chow Chow in any Best In Show ring at an all-breed show.

## SPECIAL REMINDER:

If you are free on Saturday October 26, come on out to Quiet Waters Park and contribute an hour of your time to help staff the KCAA booth at the Bark-N-Bash. It's great fun seeing so many dog owners with their dogs! Even a few dogs in costume!

## FYI

The Langley KC is hosting a seminar by noted AKC judge Dr. Carmen Battaglia entitled "Making of the Super Dog." The seminar will be all day Saturday and Sunday March 8 and 9, 2014 at the Great Wolf Lodge in Williamsburg, VA. We understand this seminar will feature hands-on demonstrations with dogs as a means of illustrating the major points of discussion. Check the Langley Kennel Club home page for more details.

# WHAT'S UP WITH THE AKC (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2)

The Board voted to amend the Board Policy on event catalogs to allow individual clubs to combine multiple events into a single catalog even if there are different secretaries/superintendents and to allow multiple clubs to combine multiple events into a single catalog if they utilize a single secretary/superintendent for managing entries. The policy used for combined catalogs also applies to the premium lists and judging programs for the events. The combined catalog can be designated as the official catalog of record for all or some of the AKC events contained within it. If the catalog contains AKC event and entry information for which it is not the official catalog of record, the catalog must include a disclaimer prior to each AKC event for which the catalog is not the official catalog of record. The disclaimer must designate that the information is unofficial and must identify the secretary/superintendent responsible for the content.

The Board has granted standing written approval for certain Special Attractions that are held according to AKC rules, regulations, and policies. Individual clubs will no longer have to seek written AKC approval on an event-by-event basis for the following Special Attractions:

Competitions: Best Bred-By Exhibitor, Best Puppy, Best Veteran;

Parades: Champions, Rescue Dogs, Title Holders, Veterans;

Demonstrations: Agility, Carting, Dock Dogs, Drill Teams, Earthdog, Flyball, Herding, Lure Coursing, Non-contact Police Dog Demonstrations, Obedience, Rally, Terrier Races;

Testings: Canine Good Citizen, Community Canine.

The Board reviewed proposed revisions to the Border Collie standard as submitted by the Border Collie Society of America. The proposed breed standard revision will be published on the Secretary's Page for comment.



*KCAA's Responsible Dog Owners Days activities at the county's animal shelter in Millersville.  
(see the web page for more details)*

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