

AKC Delegate's Report – Barbara O'Neill

The AKC Delegate Meeting on December 15 was well attended. It was announced that in 1884, the AKC began its all-breed purebred dog registry with just 9 breeds. As of December 30, they will recognize 164 breeds with the addition of the Bluetick Coonhound, Boykin Spaniel and Redbone Coonhound. After much discussion from the Delegate body which included suggestions for name change, the Grand Champion title was passed and will become effective May 2010.

As of April 1, mixed breed dogs will be permitted to compete in the same companion event classes with purebred dogs. Competition will be head to head for the same titles and awards. This change involves - Obedience, Rally and Agility.

There are three vacancies for Board positions for class of 2014. Incumbents are: Dr. J. Charles Garvin, Marion Ohio Kennel Club; Dr. William Newman, Mastiff Club of America; Patricia C. Scully, Obedience Training Club of Hawaii. Two additional candidates are: Dr. Carmen L. Battaglia, German Shepherd Dog Club of America; Steven D. Gladstone, Reno Kennel Club. Election will be held at the March 9 Delegate meeting held in Newark NJ, and I will need Board choices..