



BORZOI CLUB OF AMERICA AKC Delegate Report

January 22, 2011

The AKC Delegate Meeting was held on December 7, 2010 in Long Beach, California.

Six candidates for the March 2011 election were given an opportunity to address the Delegate body. Most have served on the AKC Board in the past. Three will be elected. A major point of their individual campaigns is the issue of the AKC's financial woes. The candidates are:

Robert Amen, Port Chester Obedience Training Club
Carmen Battaglia, German Shepherd Dog Club of America
Steve Gladstone, Reno KC
Karen Burgess, Greater Clark County KC
Ken Marden, German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America
John Ronald, Samoyed Club of America

The Grand Champion program has been well received. Breed entries have increased so far by a predicted 21,000! There is now discussion of the next level, to continue the excitement and interest, and to contribute to revenue enhancement. This may be patterned after the so called International Shows: Bronze level, Silver level, etc.

Eukanuba will be moving to Orlando for the next 5 years, starting December 17-18, 2011. The show this year was telecast on Sunday January 23, on ABC!

Regrettably, I will not be able to attend the March 8 Delegate meeting in Newark, NJ. Entries close for the National Specialty on Wednesday, March 9 and the week preceding that date is my priority in order to complete the catalog and make sure it is in Kansas.

Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara O'Neill

For your information as an addition to my AKC Delegate report.

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From: "Jim Crowley" <JXC@akc.org>
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> FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
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> AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB LAUNCHES NEW COURSING ABILITY TEST

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- > -- New Test Allows All Dogs the Chance to Experience the Fun and
- > Excitement of Lure Coursing --
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- > New York, NY - The American Kennel Club® (AKC®) is pleased to announce the
- > launch of a new titling event - the Coursing Ability Test - on February
- > 24, 2011 in Calhoun, GA. Open to all dogs, the Coursing Ability Test is
- > an introductory event fashioned after the sport of lure coursing and meant
- > to be a fun, healthy activity for dogs and their owners. Coursing Ability
- > Tests may be held by all licensed lure coursing clubs.
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- > Eligible dogs must be at least 12 months of age and individually
- > registered/listed with the AKC (registered purebred, Foundation Stock
- > Service (FSS), Purebred Alternative Listing (PAL) or AKC Canine Partner).
- > In order to pass the test, a dog running alone must pursue a lure,
- > completing the course with enthusiasm and without interruption within a
- > given time.
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- > "The Coursing Ability Test can provide a wonderful community outreach
- > opportunity, an enjoyable experience for dogs and owners and a way to
- > expose a wider audience to the sport, " said AVP Performance Events Doug
- > Ljungren. "Most dogs will chase a lure and have fun in the process."
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- > Dogs that pass the Coursing Ability Test three times will earn a Coursing
- > Ability (CA) title. Ten passes and a dog earns a Coursing Ability Advanced
- > (CAA) title and 25 passes results in a Coursing Ability Excellent (CAX)
- > title.
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- > Upcoming events include:
- > * Bluegrass Coursing Club, Feb. 24-25, Calhoun, GA
- > * Greyhound Association of North Georgia, Feb. 26-27, Calhoun, GA
- > * Alamo Area Whippet Club, Mar. 5-6, Hutto, TX
- > * Northwest Arkansas Kennel Club, Mar. 19-20, Rogers, AR
- > * Mid-Atlantic Hound Association of Central North Carolina, May 21-22,
- > Rocky Mount, NC
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- > These Coursing Ability Tests are being held in conjunction with the Club's
- > normal Lure Coursing trial. Coursing Ability Tests may be held with a
- > trial or as stand-alone events.
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- > A summary description of the test, the regulations governing the event and
- > a Coursing Ability Test application form, as well as a list of upcoming
- > events can be found on the AKC website at www.akc.org/events/performance.
- > Click on "Coursing Ability Test" on the left side of the page.
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- > If your club is interested in holding a Coursing Ability Test, please
- > complete the application form and submit to the Performance Events
- > Department. If you have questions, please contact Bob Mason at
- > RAM@akc.org or (405) 826-2929 or Lisa Carroll, Manager of Performance
- > Events at LAC@akc.org or (919) 816-3900.