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Delegate Report September Delegates Meeting 2010
Held in Newark, NJ

This was the annual election for the AKC Standing Committee. Your delegate was elected to the AKC Parent Club Committee. Serving on this committee will allow your delegate an enhanced opportunity to represent and serve DCA. This delegates' meeting had a history making decision, the upholding of the AKC Board term limits.

AKC Delegates voted on two changes to the Dachshund Field Trial Rule, both passed. Both rules were proposed and approved by the DCA Board.

The complete Delegates' Meeting Minutes are located at:
http://www.akc.org/pdfs/about/delegates_meeting/sept10.pdf

Following are the interesting points from the Delegates' Meeting Minutes:

Announcements:

AKC/Eukanuba National Championship. We want you to be the first to know that the show will be televised on ABC. This has come about to enable us to potentially reach up to 4 times the viewing audience.

Financial Report:

*James Stevens, gave the financial report. A summary follows:
Total revenues for the eight months ended August 2010 were \$38.1 million or 7% lower than the prior year. Total operating expenses of \$38.4 million during this period were 4% below 2009. This resulted in an operating deficit of \$287,000 for eight months. Our investments generated a year-to-date gain of \$275,000 for the first eight months of this year.*

The first vote was on the proposed amendment to Article VII, Section 1, of the Charter and Bylaws of the American Kennel Club which would eliminate AKC Board term limits. The proposal was read to you at the June 2010 meeting. It was published in two issues of the AKC Gazette. The proposed amendment was submitted by the Delegate Bylaws Committee and approved by the Board of Directors.

The vote failed. There was a standing vote counted with 151 in favor of the amendment and 220 opposed.

Barbara Shaw, Delegate for the Greater Collin Kennel Club, reported that pursuant to Article VII, Section 1 of the Charter and Bylaws of the American Kennel Club, the members of the Greater Collin Kennel Club was proposing the following amendment regarding term limits for the Board of Directors of the American Kennel Club: Proposed, no person shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms on the Board. A term of service shall be four years. A Board member who has served more than half a term is considered to have served a full term. **If a director has served two consecutive terms he or she becomes ineligible for reelection to the Board of Directors for the length of one full term of four years.** Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Greater Collin Kennel Club.

The 2nd vote was on the proposed amendment to Chapter 7, new section 1, of the Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedure for Dachshunds - Entry Requirements and Eligibility, which would specify a minimum age of six months. The Delegates voted with a two-thirds affirmative vote so that the amendment was adopted.

The next vote was on the proposed amendment to Chapter 5, Section 1 of the Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Dachshunds - Judges and Their Decisions, which would allow officers of the club to judge, becoming consistent with other AKC venues and increasing the judges' pool. The Delegates voted with a two-thirds affirmative vote so that the amendment was adopted.

Delegate's comment: These two rule changes will be effective October 1, 2010.

The Chair called on the Executive Secretary to read the proposed amendment to Chapter 7, Section 12 of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Judges. Mr. Crowley spoke as follows: This amendment is to Chapter 7, Section 12 of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Judges, which would permit the show chair flexibility in scheduling afternoon judging periods. This amendment was brought forward by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee and approved by the AKC Board of Directors. It will be published in two issues of the American Kennel Club Gazette and you will be asked to vote on it at the December 2010 meeting.

Delegate's comment: We need to think this proposed change through before the vote at the December Delegates' Meeting. What this amounts to is the judging time in the afternoon of individual breeds or groups of breeds would not be separately schedule. The afternoon schedule would be listed with a start time and all breeds to be judged would be listed with no other judging times scheduled. This would be optional for the clubs to do it either way.

What does your delegate see by looking into the future?

- *Group realignment is BACK.*
- *4 to 6 months puppy classes.*
- *6 group placements instead of 4 group placements.*

- *Reserve Best In Show.*
- *Reserve Best Junior Showmanship.*
- *Owner-Handler competition all the way to BIS.*
- *A much smaller annual Judges' Fee is still in play.*
- *Associate individual membership in AKC.*

*These are the things that will be talked about as AKC tries to think outside the box.
This does NOT mean they will be forwarded or approved.*

AKC Standing Committee Election Results

Standing Committee for Obedience, Tracking & Agility.

Dr. Joyce Dandridge, Gail LaBerge, Barbara Mannm, Patricia Sample, Kathrynann Sarvinas

Dog Show Rules Committee

William Green, Sue Goldberg, David Powers, Nancy Perrell

Field Trial & Hunting Test Events

Harold Gierman, Nelson, Sills, Christopher Sweetwood, LynnWorth-Smith

All Breed Club Committee

Robert Black, John Ronald, Crecia Closson, Ann Wallin

Parent Club Committee

Constance Butherus, Steven Gladstone, John Nielsen, Larry Sorenson

Bylaws Committee

Rita Biddle, Judith Daniels, John Ioia