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AKC registrations are still falling. In 2011 individual dachshund registrations were 13,313, which are down from the 2010 number of 15,930. Dachshund registrations ten years ago were 50,478 and the high was in 1970 at 61,042. The decline is rapidly escalating. When will it stop?

If you would like to read the complete AKC Delegates' Minutes, they are located at:

http://images.akc.org/pdf/delegate_minutes/March2012.pdf

The new AKC Board elected a new Chairman of the Board, Alan Kalter and Vice-Chairman Bob Smith. All the current AKC officers were re-elected by the Board.

Excerpt from the Delegates' meeting I would like to call to your attention:

The minutes of the December 16, 2011 Delegate meeting were published in the online January 2012 Gazette, and the complete transcript was posted on the Delegates Portal on AKC's web site.

There was an error in the reading of the proposed amendment to Chapter 16, Section 1 of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*. The criteria for a major for reserve at the National Specialty for each breed is twice the number of the dogs required for a five point major, and not just a five point major, as read. This correction has already been noted in the online minutes and the transcript.

This proposal was recalled by the sponsor and will be back. I believe the initiative will pass, however it is not a guarantee. It will be read at the June meeting and voted on in September. If approved, I am not sure what the effective date will be. LLS

The next vote was on four amendments which were interrelated and also co-dependent, so they were voted upon as one item.

Chapter 6, Section 3 of *Rules Applying to Dog Shows -- Premium Lists and Closing Entries*, removes all reference to seven groups, eliminating a specific number; Chapter 3, Section 1 of *Rules Applying to Dog Shows -- Dog Show Classifications*, splits the Sporting, Hound and Working Groups, creating 11 groups; Chapter 3, Section 15 - 20 of *Rules Applying to Dog Shows -- Dog Show Classifications*, removes all references to seven groups, eliminating a specific number; and Chapter 2 of *Rules Applying to Registration and Discipline -- Registrable Breeds By Groups*, which splits the Sporting, Hound and Working Groups creating 11 groups. The proposal was brought forward by the AKC Board of Directors.

The Chair recognized Sherry Wallis, Delegate for the Akita Club of America, who spoke as follows: I'd like to propose an amendment to Chapter 3, Sections 15 through 20 and Chapter 6,

Section 3 and to insert into the new proposal 11, where 7 has been deleted. The motion was seconded and this amendment to the amendment was adopted.

A two-thirds affirmative vote was required to adopt the amendment. The motion as amended failed. There was a counted vote of 231 in favor and 165 opposed.

I truly believe eleven groups will come about someday however; AKC has more pressing problems to work on at this time. LLS

The Chair called on the Executive Secretary to read the proposed amendment to Chapter 11, Section 6 of *Rules Applying to Dog Shows -- Dog Show Entries, Conditions of Dogs Affecting Eligibility*.

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This proposal allows superintendents and show secretaries to correct obvious errors on the event entry forms. I believe this is a positive proposal. LLS

DCA's Delegate accomplishments during the last year:

- **Attended** all delegates' meetings
- **Was a candidate** for the AKC Board
- Serving on the Delegate's Parent Club Committee
- Currently working on the following proposals to the Parent Club Committee:
 - **PARENT CLUB OF EXCELLENT AWARD** is to recognize Parent Clubs that have excelled in the promotion and preservation of their breed. **I am the Chair of this committee.**
 - I forwarded the **CGC title as an AKC official award** to the AKC Board after the approval of the PCC. This initiative may spur the development of additional levels to the CGC program.
 - Breeder of Merit – Presented an initiative, which allows individuals who **are a Breeder of Merit to request their address not be published** on the AKC website. This initiative was approved and the BOM program is doing very well. I would like to see a large number of DCA members enrolled as BOM. DCA members please become a BOM.

It is a pleasure and honor to be DCA's Delegate.