



## **BORZOI CLUB OF AMERICA AKC Delegate Report**

July 25, 2011

The AKC Delegate Meeting was held on June 13, 2011.

In May, it was announced that effective with the October, 2011 issue, the AKC Gazette will no longer be printed and will only be available in a electronic version. It will include the Chairman's and President's letters, AKC Updates, the Parent Club breed columns ( these columns will be enhanced with links to the Parent Clubs' web sites), and the Secretary's Pages. This electronic version will be available for free with access to all. All club members and fanciers will have regular free access to the very popular breed columns. Subscribers who currently pay for the print edition will have the subscription converted to Family Dog or the option of a pro-rata refund. The AKC believes that this change will be a highly cost effective way to perpetuate the most vital Gazette content and make it available to a significantly wider audience.

The Show Awards CD will be replaced by equivalent online reports that will be available through the web site. This transition will be effective in January 2012.

At the June meeting, Ron Menaker, AKC Board Chairman, announced the new title open to all AKC dogs. The AKC Therapy Dog title, or "THD," will launch June 27th as an official AKC suffix title and will reward dogs and their owners that have provided ongoing community service to help improve the well being of others. Currently it is estimated that there are 50,000 certified and active therapy dogs in the United States.

I received a letter concerning this new title from Joy Windle. Her concern was that the AKC is charging \$20 to receive the title and certificate. This new title did not come though the Delegate body and was recommended by the AKC Staff to the AKC Board

For the September meeting in Newark, NJ, I will be attending and there are a few amendment votes coming up that needs Board direction.

- 1) A proposed amendment would make a provision that when the AKC Board has determined that a seated Delegate is ineligible to serve under Section 5 that the Delegate's club may appeal to the Delegate body. Currently the Bylaws only provide an appeal for a Delegate candidate and not for a seated Delegate.
- 2) A proposed amendment to Chapter 3, Section 17 of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows, Dog Show Classifications*, which would establish a Reserve Best in Show Award.
- 3) A proposed amendment to Chapter 1, Section 5 of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Dog Shows Defined*, which removes references to the distinct "closing date" being used to determine eligibility for the Novice class.
- 4) A proposed amendment to Chapter 2, Sections 11 through 15 of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Making Application to Hold a Dog Show*, which would remove reference to American bred specialty show

Respectfully Submitted,  
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