

## **Supporting Documents Fall F2F 11/18/2023**

### **BCOA RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT August 2nd - November 6, 2023**

- 8/2- 11/16 Moderated and approved Member IO group posts.
- 8/7 Attended Board Meeting Part 1.
- 8/8 – 10/9 Prepared Draft Meeting Minutes from the four Summer Board Meetings held 8/7 - 8/29.
- 8/16 Received Officers & Regional Governors slate forwarded from R. Williams.
- 8/16 Attended Board Meeting Part 2.
- 8/21 Attended Board Meeting Part 3.
- 8/24 – 8/29 Offline due to power outage caused by 7 tornadoes in the local area.
- 8/29 Attended Board Meeting Part 4.
- 8/26 Received email from tabulator requesting verification of 2 members eligibility to vote.
- 8/31 Responded to tabulator that the 2 members she inquired about are ineligible to vote.
- 9/19 Prepared and sent draft letters to the Board to review for 3 new member applicants.
- 9/24 Received Board approval for new member applicant letters and sent them.
- 9/21 Prepared Nomination of Officers & Governors Form to send to the membership.
- 9/22 Posted 2025 Final Judges Ballot to Members IO group, mailed ballots to members without email accounts in the directory and notified tabulator that Final Ballots were sent to membership and that she should begin receiving them shortly.
- 9/25 Scheduled Special Meeting with new member applicant.
- 9/28 Attended Special Meeting with new member applicant.
- 10/9 Sent August Board Meeting Minutes to the Board for review, comments, and corrections.
- 10/9-10/15 Updated August Board Meeting Minutes and sent to Webmaster to post.
- 10/12 Received dues/application payment from L. Snyder Hoflin for Nyla Napariu.
- 10/15 Received final results for 2025 National Specialty judges from the tabulator.  
There were a total of 145 valid ballots received and 3 invalid ballots received.
- 10/15 Forwarded final results for 2025 National Specialty judges to President R. Williams and inquired as to what the process is for notifying the membership of the results. Received response from R. Williams that judges are not announced until the Spring Annual Membership Meeting.
- 10/16 Posted notification to Members IO group that August Board Meeting Minutes were available on the BCOA website.

- 10/17 Called K. Frary to discuss questions relating to membership enhancements and process changes she had recommended in her Membership report.
- 10/17 Called 2025 Specialty Judges with the most votes to notify them of the results.
- 10/19 Forwarded email inquiry from tabulator to R. Williams regarding record retention of 2025 National Judges ballots.
- 10/20 Notified 2025 National Judges' candidates not elected of the outcome of the vote.
- 10/20 Called R. Williams to confirm waiting until Olympia, WA National to announce the 2025 Judging Panel was correct. R. Williams confirmed.
- 10/21 Sent email to R. Williams and the Board to let them know that the 2026 National Specialty Judges Nomination form will be printed and mailed the first week of November to the membership and the nomination form must include the names of ineligible individuals based on the 5-year moratorium so this would reveal the 2025 judging panel. Received approval to post the results to the Members IO group and did so immediately after notifying the judges of the change in direction.
- 10/21 Mailed receipts for printing and mailing of Summer Board minutes & Final Ballots to members without email.
- 10/22-10/23 Prepared 2024 Membership dues form and 2026 Judges nomination forms and sent to the Board for their review as updates were made to both forms.
- 10/25 Prepared membership mailing list and emailed to printer along with Judges nomination form and membership dues notice for printing and mailing.
- 10/26-10/27 Prepared draft updates to Standing Rules ELJ 14, NAT 3 and NAT 18 and sent to the Board for review. Requested this be added to F2F agenda for review and approval.
- 10/27 Sent K. Frary info regarding deceased member Laura van Diest of Alaska and requested Rita Rice's name be changed to Rita Stackable.
- 10/30 Sent K. Frary info regarding AKC Marketplace's requests for membership validation of those who submit to this site.
- 11/1 Sent a follow up letter to John Sazy to confirm he received my previous letter regarding his membership application and how he wants to proceed.
- 11/1 Received notification from printer that Dues notice, and 2026 Judges Nomination forms were mailed to the membership on October 30, 2023.
- 11/1 Received Sponsor form from K. Horn Janek for new applicant Nyla & John Napariu.
- 11/3 Sent notification of confirmed Board Members for 2024 election year to the current Board and newly elected Board members.
- 11/3 Sent correction notice to the BCOA Members IO group for 2026 Judges Nomination Form revising return by date calendar year to 2024 from 2023.
- 11/3 Revised Membership dues form to remove erroneous information regarding memorials for National Specialty trophy donations.
- 11/4 Sent PM to John Sazy to confirm he received my 2 previous email letters regarding his application and inquired if he had any questions regarding the letter. Received reply that

he does not have time to read his email and that another club member contacted him to let him know he needed a home visit done for his application and asked me to contact Susan van de Water to obtain the form.

- 11/4 Received email from Susan van de Water providing a form for home visit for John Sazy.
- 11/5 Received notification from H. Lee that she has set up my access and a BCOA Home Facebook page administrator.
- 11/6 Sent reply to Susan van de Water requesting her to sign the home visit form and resubmit it.

## **CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT**

### **8.2.23 – 11.14.23**

- Various Meetings with 2023 BCOA National Specialty Committees (finalization of National Specialty – open items and/or issues)
- Various Meetings with 2024 BCOA National Specialty Committees (hotel, scheduling, sales, coursing, contracts, and reviews).
- Various Correspondence with other National Parent Breed Clubs
- Various Special Committee Meetings as assigned.
- Various Worked with K. Horn Janek reconciling the BCOA National Specialty financials with the information provided by the BCOA Treasurer.
- 8.2.23 Received from AKC: Confirmation of BCOA Officer Update
- 8.2.23 Received Puppy Referral Request from A. Lignelli – requested additional information prior to providing the BCOA packet.
- 8.4.23 Received from AKC (Dennis Sprung) - To the Core: Updates from the American Kennel Club
- 8.4.23 Received from AKC Communications: The American Kennel Club Announces the creation of the “AKC Purebred Preservation Bank”
- 8.7.23 Attended BCOA Board Meeting via conference call
- 8.7.23 Received from AKC Government Regulations – Your Members of Congress Need to Hear Your Opposition to Anti-Breeder Legislation
- 8.11.23 Received from AKC Communications – AKC CHF Honors Dr. Gary Johnson with 2023 Asa Mays, DVM Excellence in Canine Health Research Award
- 8.12.23 Received from AKC (Peter Piusz) – Breeder Health Tool With Corrected Link
- 8.12.23 Received from AKC (Peter Piusz) – AKC Legacy Breeder Interviews
- 8.13.23 Received Puppy Referral Request from M. Wolff – requested additional information prior to providing the BCOA packet.
- 8.14.23 Sent Puppy Referral packet to M. Wolff (PA and surrounding states)
- 8.15.23 Received from AKC Judging Operations – Recent Conformation Judge Approvals
- 8.16.23 Attended BCOA Board Meeting via conference call
- 8.18.23 Received from AKC – Update to Clubs – August 2023
- 8.18.23 Received from AKC Communications – AKC Agility Premier Cup Jumps Onto ESPN
- 8.21.23 Attended BCOA Board Meeting via conference call.

- 8.23.23 Received inquiry from C. Dumaine regarding Twin Cities Regional Specialty – judge had to cancel. Advised her to check the panel for the weekend – more than one sighthound judge should be available – work with the kennel club in charge (they can maneuver judges to assist in scheduling) and AKC.
- 8.25.23 Received notice from various members that M. Richards posted on FB there were judge changes to the Twin Cities regional specialty.
- 8.25.23 Received from AKC Communications – Entries now closed for AKC Agility League’s First National Championship
- 8.29.23 Provided information to R. Drollinger (MBC Rec. Sec.) regarding AKC MTBs and posted the same information on BCOA I/O group for members.
- 8.29.23 Received from AKC (Don James) – Final Parent Club Best Practices Presentation
- 8.29.23 Attended BCOA Board Meeting via conference call.
- 8.29.23 Received a request for BCOA Puppy Referral packet from G. Mitchell – requested additional information prior to sending.
- 8.30.23 Received from AKC (Don James – Best Practices Webinar Reminder
- 8.30.23 Received questions from M. Wolff inquiring if certain members were in good standing with BCOA.
- 8.30.23 Invited potential new BCOA board members to join the Board at the F2F meeting on 11.18.23.
- 8.30.23 Received Puppy Referral request from B. Torres – requested additional information prior to sending.
- 8.31.23 Received from AKC – How to Know if Your Dog is Depressed
- 8.31.23 Received from AKC Government Regulations – Federal Anti-Breeder Proposals: Time is Running Out – Contact Your Member of Congress
- 9.1.23 Received from AKC Communications – AKC Museum of the Dog Combines Canines and Fashion with a new Exhibit.
- 9.2.23 Received from AKC Breeder of Merit Team – Verifying Membership of Keishla Brito, FL
- 9.3.23 Received from AKC Breeder of Merit Team – Acknowledged response from L. Hoflin.
- 9.6.23 Received from AKC Reunite – Hurricanes, Tornadoes, Floods and Fire – Is Your Pet Safe?
- 9.6.23 Received from AKC Government Relations – Comment Today on Rabies Importation Rules Proposed by CDC, Support Option 2.
- 9.7.23 Received from AKC (Peter Piusz) – Junior Coordinators names by AK Clubs to AKC
- 9.8.23 Received from AKC (Peter Piusz) – Parent Club Health Statements with Dates
- 9.8.23 Received from AKC (Peter Piusz) – Additional Information on Parent Club Health Statements
- 9.10.23 Received from AKC – Processing Complete for BCOA Events (National Specialty 2023)
- 9.12.23 Received from AKC Event Operations – Event Information Received for 2024 National Specialty
- 9.12.23 Received from AKC – 2023 AKC Lifetime Achievement Award Nominations – Due Date Extended to 9.30.23
- 9.12.23 Provided some BCOA information (Puppy Referral documents) to G. Snoddy for AKC MTBs in Columbus, OH.
- 9.12.23 Received Puppy Referral request from R. Casey-Ortiz – requested additional information prior to providing the packet.
- 9.13.23 Received from AKC (Peter Piusz) – 2022 Breeding Stats by Breed from September PCC Meeting
- 9.14.23 Received from AKC – AKC Marketplace Needs BCOAs Help
- 9.15.23 Received from AKC Communications – The Legacy of Hero 9/11 Dogs
- 9.18.23 Received from AKC (Dennis Sprung) – To The Core: Updates from the American Kennel Club

- 9.19.23 Received Puppy Referral request from D. Considine – requested additional information prior to providing the packet.
- 9.19.23 Received Puppy Referral request from C. DeBone – requested additional information prior to providing the packet.
- 9.19.23 Sent Puppy Referral packet to G. Mitchell (East coast States).
- 9.19.23 Sent Puppy Referral packet to A. Lignelli (East coast States).
- 9.20.23 Received from AKC Judging Operations – Recent Conformation Judge Approvals
- 9.21.23 Received from AKC Sports and Events – Event Approval Notice – 4.23.23
- 9.22.23 Received from AKC Sports and Events – Event Approval Notice – 4.25.23
- 9.22.23 Received from AKC Communications – Educational Enrichment for all Breeders: Breeder Symposiums
- 9.25.23 Received from AKC (Peter Piusz) – Survey for Parent Clubs on Usage of Pedigree Databases
- 9.26.23 Received from AKC (Peter Piusz) – AKC Website
- 9.27.23 Received from AKC Purebred Preservation Bank – Join Us For an Informational Webinar on the Purebred Preservation Bank
- 9.28.23 Received from AKC Government Regulations – USDA APHIS Proposed Rule Seeks to Formalize African Swine Fever-Related Dog Import Requirements
- 9.29.23 Received from AKC Communications – AKC Breeder Symposium Heads to Columbus
- 9.29.23 Received from AKC – Canine Respiratory Infectious Disease Awareness
- 9.29.23 Received from AKC – Your Ultimate Dog Halloween Costume Guide
- 10.3.23 Received postal mailing information from G. Gideon – forwarded to G. Jones – Recording Secretary handles mailings to members.
- 10.5.23 Contacted and responded to J. Zamowski regarding BCOA banner flag inquiry.
- 10.6.23 Received from AKC Communications – AKCs Good Dog TV Has Major Expansion.
- 10.6.23 Received a request for Puppy Referral packet from B. Gee – additional information was requested prior to providing.
- 10.10.23 Received from CGC Evaluator News – Announcing the New AKC Fetch Titles
- 10.13.23 Received from AKC Communications – Canine Influenza – What is it, How to Spot it and How to Treat it.
- 10.16.23 Received Puppy Referral request from S. Strobel – requested additional information prior to sending.
- 10.18.23 AKC Judging Operations – Recent Conformation Judge Approvals
- 10.18.23 Received inquiry from B. Ewing regarding regional medallions and responded.
- 10.18.23 Received Puppy Referral request from S. Strobel – additional information was requested prior to providing this information.
- 10.19.23 Received from AKC (Dennis Sprung) – To The Core: Updates from the American Kennel Club
- 10.23.23 Received a Puppy Referral request from V. Palmer – requested additional information prior to providing.
- 10.25.23 Received from AKC Club Development – Correction: AKC 101 Show Chair Seminar – Michigan
- 10.26.23 Received from R. Chylinski a proposal for the introduction of the AKC Fit Dog Program for consideration.
- 10.27.23 Received from AKC Communications – AKC Humane Fund, Inc.- SM Announces Winners of the 2023 Sir John D. Spurling Scholarship
- 10.29.23 Received a request for Puppy Referral packet from L. Leach – requested additional information prior to providing.
- 10.29.23 Responded to D. Ross regarding chairing BCOA Ready Borzoi and incorporating some of the changes she suggested earlier in the year on the BCOA website in regard to Ready Borzoi.

- 11.1.23 Received from AKC Communications – Donate to the AKC Reunite Adopt A K9 Cop Program
- 11.2.23 Received from AKC – Member Club Dues Notice
- 11.2.23 Received from AKC Library and Archives – AKC Library and Archives Book Sale
- 11.3.23 Received from AKC Club Development – AKC 101 Show Chair Seminar – Michigan
- 11.3.23 Received from AKC Club Development – The Canine Flyball CanAm Classic Races onto ESPN
- 11.6.23 Attended BCOA Special Committee Meeting via conference call.
- 11.6.23 Received Puppy Referral request from E. Lowe – additional information was requested prior to sending.
- 11.7.23 Reached out for additional information from Puppy Referral requestor – D. Considine.
- 11.7.23 Received regional specialty applications (Borzoi Club of Delaware Valley and Greater New York Borzoi Club) from E. Szymanski and responded that missing information must be provided prior to the application being approved.
- 11.7.23 Sent Puppy Referral packet to E. Lowe (NC and surrounding States)
- 11.7.23 Sent Puppy Referral packet to B. Gee (TN and surrounding States)
- 11.7.23 Sent Puppy Referral packet to V. Pamer (OR and surrounding States)
- 11.7.23 Sent Puppy Referral packet to L. Leach (WI and surrounding States)
- 11.7.23 Sent Puppy Referral packet to R. Casey-Ortiz (TX and surrounding States)
- 11.7.23 Sent Puppy Referral packet to C. DeBone (TX and surrounding States)
- 11.7.23 Received Officer and membership list of Borzoi Club of Delaware Valley from A. Duncan.
- 11.9.23 Responded to D. Ross regarding BCOA Ready Borzoi – questions regarding implementing changes and having those changes approved by the BCOA Board.
- 11.9.23 Received an inquiry from B. Ewing regarding the Turquoise Trail Borzoi Club regional specialty in May of 2024 – why it wasn't listed on the BCOA website. She was informed that I have not received a regional specialty application for TTBC for any dates in May to date.
- 11.10.23 Received from AKC Communications – AKC Reveals Most Popular Dog Names of 2023.

## **AKC DELEGATE REPORT**

November 2023

Prudence G. Hlatky

This report will cover the September 2023 Delegates Meeting and the items of interest for the December 2023 meetings. The minutes from both the June Delegate meeting and the AKC Board of Directors meetings are available on the AKC site. Please take time to read the AKC Secretary's Page in the Gazette to see what changes may have been made in your areas of interest.

### Delegate Meeting (September)

Passed Amendment - Voted on at the September Delegate Meeting:

A proposed amendment to the Chapter 2, Section 14, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows – Dog Show Entries, Conditions of Dogs Affecting Eligibility, inserts “or access to”, to recognize the acceptance of digital copies of required booklets at events. . It modifies the list of required

references, removing The Complete Dog Book. It also replaces the list of documents to have available “when applicable” with the generic statement of “any other applicable rules, regulations and/or guidelines for the competitions being held.” in recognition of the greatly expanded and changing list of competitions held with Conformation dog shows.

Delegate Meeting: Six amendments (September Reading) for voting in December 2023. (See supporting Documents)

## Delegate Committee Meetings

Delegate Committee Members Election – of the candidates supported by the BCOA Board, all but two were re-elected.

### AKC Parent Club (PC) Items of Interest for BCOA BOD review

Statistics presented: 22 Breeds make up 80% of dogs breed. The next 20 breeds are 10% of the dogs breed. All other breeds are the final 10%. 80% of breeders are casual breeders (one time pet litter). Only 22% of all dogs registered are by PC members. 80% of show dogs are handled by their owners.

As PC Preservation Breeders we need to emphasize the uniqueness of our breed. We need to sell our breeds best features.

Jr Showmanship – emphasis on mentoring Juniors and young adults. Unfortunately, most of them work for handlers. They don’t want to breed; they want the excitement of the win. But they are a breed’s future. Parent Clubs need to develop a Junior Mentoring Program.

Parent Club Breeder’s Development: To be discussed as part of BCOA Member Education Committee Report:

Consists of the following areas of interest:

Breeder Education Coordinator: Committee has developed the Suggested Guidelines for Establishing a Breeder Education Coordinator.

Iconic Breeder Interviews: Parent Club has developed list of questions to be used. Previously provided to BCOA BOD

Mentoring – Current membership, new members, Juniors

EDDY Award: [www.akc.org/breeder-programs/breeder-education/akc-eddy-award/](http://www.akc.org/breeder-programs/breeder-education/akc-eddy-award/)

All-Breed Committee –

Legislative Update ( Parent Club & All-Breed Committees): The current farm bill, Puppy Protection Act and Goldie’s Act which removes the distinction between paperwork and care and conditions. The House Agricultural Committee Staff is being worked with very closely on this. We have good support to be sure and remove any animal rights language from the bill. It is necessary for people to contact their own legislators and let them know that these bills should be opposed. The U.S. Center for Disease Control, which monitors dogs being imported from high-risk countries has a regulation that would prohibit dogs under the age of six months from being imported in. The Legislative department is working with them on alternatives to this, so breeders importing puppies for themselves may continue to do so. There is currently a QR code available which provides certificates for veterinary inspection requirements by state, such as rabies certificates, etc. It allows exhibitor transporting dogs across state lines to be aware of which vaccines are required in each state. This information is very important for clubs to consider including on premium lists.

Companion Events Committee: Status by Sport Jan. thru July: 2023 versus 2022 trivia (from the committee minutes)

Fast Cat entries up 25.8%

Scent Work entries up 15.8%

Rally entries up 13.1%

Obedience entries up 2.5%

AKC Temperament Tests up 3.0%

Tracking entries down -0.8% •

Total Entries – all AKC Events were up 3.8% •

Total Number of Events were up 6.1%

Herding-Earthdog-Coursing-Scent Work Committee (from the committee minutes)

Lure Coursing Nationals-December 1-3, 2023, in Ardmore, OK. The Trinity Valley Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of TX will be the host club.

Many coursing judges need judging seminars. Prefer online seminars which currently are not available. Judges may not know they need to contact AKC for clubs offering seminars and clubs may not know they need to approach AKC to offer seminars.

Agenda and meeting materials for the December 2023 meeting are not yet available.

During the months of August through September 760 Delegate emails were received. (See supporting documentation)

Please contact me if you have any questions.

#### Supporting Documents

December 2023 Amendment Votes (with the exception of Chapter 16, Sec 1, these are housekeeping items, not major policy changes)

Article XIII, Section 2, of the Charter and Bylaws of The American Kennel Club, which adds clarity and describes the current practice for a Trial Board notice of charges being filed.

Article XIII, Section 7, of the Charter and Bylaws of The American Kennel Club, which removes the italics that do not affect the meaning of the sentence about an appeal of a Trial Board decision.

Article XIV, Section 1, of the Charter and Bylaws of The American Kennel Club, which adds clarity and describes the current practice for an Event Committee suspension by a club or association.

Chapter 11, Section 13, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows – Dog Show Entries, Conditions of Dogs Affecting Eligibility, removes the reference to sweepstakes and futurity judges from the rule as any restrictions have historically been defined by Board policy. It also replaces the third paragraph of the current rule with a general statement that directs individuals to the Rules, Policies and Guidelines for Conformation Judges for information concerning exhibiting restrictions for sweepstakes, futurity and special attraction judges as they are defined by Board policy.

Chapter 16, Section 1, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows – Championships, which removes verbiage related to the Parent Club designating one specialty as its National Specialty show as this text was inserted with the amendment to allow Parent Clubs the option to offer a 3-pt. major for Reserve Winners at its National Specialty and it would no longer be relevant for purpose of this section. It replaces Parent Club with breed club and National Specialty with specialty show to reflect the ability for a 3-pt. major to be awarded for Reserve Winners at any specialty show. It



also rearranges text for better understanding and comprehension as well as removes the provision which only applied to the 2021 calendar year.

BCOA BOD has previously instructed the Delegate to vote in favor of this amendment.

Chapter 14, Section 29, of the Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedure for Pointing Breeds, which removes the restriction that if the club fails to hold the horseback championship, it may lose the ability to hold the walking championship.

Delegate emails (760)



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## October 2023 Update to Clubs

### Modification to Recording and Service Fees for Agility, Conformation, Obedience, and Rally

The recording and service fee structure has been modified for Agility, Conformation, Obedience, and Rally events. The fees for the first entry for each dog are unchanged. The fees for each additional entry for a dog will increase by fifty cents. This change makes the fees for Agility, Conformation, Obedience, and Rally events match the fees that are currently required for performance events.

| Sport                    | Current   | New as of 1/1/2024                              |
|--------------------------|---|---|
| Agility & Rally          | \$3.50 for the first entry of each dog and \$3.00 for each additional entry of the same dog | \$3.50 for each entry                           |
| Conformation & Obedience | \$.50 recording for the first entry of each dog   | \$.50 recording for the first entry of each dog |

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|  | \$3.00 service fee for the first entry of each dog and a \$3.00 service fee for each additional entry of the dog | \$3.00 service fee for the first entry of each dog and a \$3.50 service fee for each additional entry of the dog |
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These changes are effective for events occurring on or after January 1, 2024. The post-event reports for each sport will be modified and included in the event kits for post-January 1, 2024 events and they will be available on the AKC website in mid-December 2023.

### **Age Limit for Conformation Sweepstakes and Futurities Increased to Up to 24 Months**

The age limit for Conformation Sweepstakes and Futurities has been increased from 18 months to up to 24 months of age. Following COVID, the AKC temporarily allowed clubs to hold Sweepstakes and Futurities for dogs up to 24 months of age. Based on the feedback from clubs and the success of their events, the age limit has been permanently increased to up to 24 months of age. The use of the increased age limit is an option for the club. This is effective immediately.

### **Class Catalog Order for Obedience Trials**

The Obedience Regulations will be modified to state that the Regular and Preferred Open and Utility class entries *may* be listed together in the catalog. This will allow the catalog to be consistent with how the class entries are required to be listed in the judging program and the judge’s book. This will be effective for Obedience trials on or after January 1, 2024.

### **Clarification to Junior Showmanship Judging Guidelines**

The Junior Showmanship Judging Guidelines have been modified to clarify that the show qualities, including breed standard disqualifications and/or defined faults, of the dog being exhibited are not to be considered when evaluating the junior.

## **Judging Programs for Multi-Day Events**

The *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* (“*Rules*”), Chapter 11, Section 6 defines the conditions for which a correction or change of class may be made. For dogs who have completed their championship after the close of entries and are unconfirmed, the transfer must be made with the superintendent/show secretary at least one half-hour prior to the scheduled start of any regular conformation judging at the show. Chapter 11 Section 6 continues to specify that a transfer to Best of Breed/Variety must be made at least one half-hour prior to the start of judging on the first day of the show.

For single shows with multiple days of judging, the first day of a show is the first day on which there is judging for the regular conformation classes with Sweepstakes and Futurities not considered regular conformation classes (*Rules* Chapter 3, Section 2). For most events, the “first day of the show” equates to the day the puppy dogs class, or first class defined in *Rules*, Chapter 3 Section 3 with entries, is scheduled to be judged.

Exactly when a transfer to Best of Breed/Variety must be completed at shows with multiple days of judging has been a source of confusion and misinterpretation for experienced and novice exhibitors. To aid exhibitors and superintendents/show secretaries participating in single events with multiple days of judging, the date and time that all transfers to Best of Breed (or Variety) must be made with the superintendent/show secretary must be published in the judging program. This requirement is effective for events held on or after January 1, 2024.

Example:

**All transfers to Best of Breed MUST BE MADE with the Show Secretary by 12:30 PM, Wednesday February 7, 2024.**

## **Judges Panel Management (JPM) Tool Available for Clubs to Manage Their Judges Panels**

The new [Judges Panel Management](#) (JPM) tool enables clubs to manage the judges panels for multiple events simultaneously and supports the easy and efficient assignment of a judge to multiple classes/breeds/stakes. Since its release in mid-May, we have received overwhelmingly positive feedback from our users. We recommend all user to review the [Tips for using the JPM Tool](#) before using the tool. The JPM tool is available within the [Online Event Management](#) system.

## **Information for Clubs Holding FSS Open Shows**

Clubs must offer two groups of competition:

- FSS breeds eligible to compete in the Miscellaneous Class
- FSS breeds not eligible to compete in the Miscellaneous Class

Four group placements are available for each of the two groups in FSS Open Shows. There have been instances where clubs/judges have only awarded a Group First for each of the two groups. That is not correct. Based on entries, clubs should be prepared to award up to four group placements for each of these two groups.

The following breed classes must be offered at all FSS Open Shows:

- 4-6 Month Puppy Class
- 6-9 Month Puppy Class
- 9-12 Month Puppy Class
- Bred-By Exhibitor Class
- Open Class

No further division of classes by age is allowed, most notably classes for exhibits 12 months of age or older. Additionally, the consolidation of puppy classes by age is prohibited.

Clubs may elect to divide or combine classes by sex. Division of sexes must be uniformly applied to all breeds and must be published in the premium list.

For more information, the [FSS Open Show Regulations](#) are available on the AKC website at this [link](#).

## AKC Event Operations Blog

The AKC Event Operations team maintains a blog that contains these, as well as other, updates to clubs. The blog is a useful resource of information and can be found at <https://akceventoperations.wordpress.com/>.

Please contact the Event Operations department at [eventnews@akc.org](mailto:eventnews@akc.org) with any questions.



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Date: Mon, Oct 16, 2023 at 1:18 PM

Subject: Breed Spotlight Program (December) at the AKC Museum of the Dog in NYC

To: [pres@borzoiclubofamerica.org](mailto:pres@borzoiclubofamerica.org) <[pres@borzoiclubofamerica.org](mailto:pres@borzoiclubofamerica.org)>, [corsec@borzoiclubofamerica.org](mailto:corsec@borzoiclubofamerica.org) <[corsec@borzoiclubofamerica.org](mailto:corsec@borzoiclubofamerica.org)>, Prudence G. Hlatky <[akcdel@borzoiclubofamerica.org](mailto:akcdel@borzoiclubofamerica.org)>

Hello!

I'm Sarah Moshenberg, the Education Manager at the AKC Museum of the Dog in NYC. Nice to e-meet you!

I'm writing to inquire about our Breed Spotlight program and the possibility of featuring the Borzoi in December. As part of this feature, we host a meet and greet opportunity for our visitors to get up close with live dogs as well as talk to owners/breeders about what it's like to live with and care for the highlighted breed. I am hoping you would be able to recommend some local-to-NYC folks who would be able to come to the Museum with their dogs and talk to our visitors on a weekend afternoon. The full details of the program are listed below. Please let me know if you have any questions. We are really excited to showcase Borzois since they are a featured breed in our current special exhibition [Fashionable Dogs](#) opening through December 31, 2023 .

Breed Spotlight: Borzoi

Date: Saturday, December 9 or Sunday, December 10 (one of these based on dog availability)

Time: 12:00-2:00pm

Program structure: Dogs and their owners will be stationed in the Museum's library space to be available to interact with visitors. It would be great to have a short talk prepared with some visuals on a slide show but that is not required. The audience also loves to see objects related to the breed such as grooming tools, show ribbons, etc. Also in the space will be a themed craft project and coloring station with themed coloring sheets. We have a TV in the space that can be used to display a rotating slide show with images and/or information or we use a cover slide I create for the program.

The Museum will cover the cost of parking in the parking garage located in the building for the duration of the program.

It would be a real treat to have Borzois as part of our program for December. I hope to hear from you soon!

Thank you!

Best,  
Sarah