BCOA Bulletin Board December 2015

NOTICES

After much consideration in early 2015, the Basenji Club of Cincinnati Inc. reluctantly decided to dissolve. The BCC was established in 1969, and held many wonderful events in the Cincinnati Ohio area. All BCC assets were donated to 4 dog-related charities. They will be greatly missed!

A Thanksgiving week fire at the Iowa home of BCOA members Matt Gerdes and Scott Peach destroyed their home and they lost one of their beloved dogs, Belle. Our thoughts go out to them. Anyone interested in helping can donate to Friends of Matt Gerdes Fire Fund by Becky Blansett.

Membership Renewals will be mailed in December. Dues are payable by FEB 1; Grace Period ends Mar 1. If you need assistance or do not receive your renewal notice by mid-January, contact Laura Hesse at treasurer@basenji.org or Janet Ketz at jlketz@aol.com or 815-325-5908

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Basenji Pedigree Database: 90,000+ Records and Growing - with your continued help

As a reminder to everyone with puppies this year - Do not forget to send Sally Wallis information on your puppies for her database.
Already have dogs listed on the site? Don't forget to update any health information and submit a photo.
The database is an invaluable tool for all. Sending your information will help to keep the database updated and going strong.
Send questions or information to: sally.wallis@btopenworld.com
You can view the database at www.pedigrees.zandebasenjis.com

Canis Basenji

A whimsical book about life with a basenji, written and illustrated by Robert Vavra.
Originally published by the BCOA in 1958, the current 2015 Edition has been updated with a new introduction, additional drawings and updated printing techniques.
This was Mr. Vavra's first book and also the only one he illustrated with pen and ink.
To purchase your piece of basenji history, visit www.basenji.org and click on Shop Online.

For questions or information contact:
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Price: US: $18 (postage included) Includes AK, HI, US possessions and APO/FPO addresses.
Outside US: $23 (postage Included)
Volume discounts available to clubs - 10 or more - $7.50 each plus postage - Contact Carrie Jones

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The Bulletin Board Newsletter is published in conjunction with membership in the Basenji Club of America, Inc. Dues are $25 for single members; $35 for family memberships. All applications for membership require the signature of two BCOA members in good standing. Send membership inquiries to Janet Ketz, 34025 West River Rd., Wilmington, IL 60481. Phone 815-325-5908. E-mail jlketz@aol.com

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Submitting expenses to BCOA Treasurer:

Per BCOA Ballot 2004 – 48, published in January 2005 Bulletin Board:
"BCOA members incurring expenses covering BCOA budgeted items during the fiscal year shall submit invoices to the Treasurer on or before March 1st of the next year to be eligible for reimbursement. Expenditures incurred by members that are not covered by the Budget shall require Board approval. These bills shall be submitted to the Treasurer on or before February 1st of the next year. Committee Chairs shall be responsible for notifying committee members to submit receipts for expenses within this time frame." "The link to the reimbursement form is on the Members page on Basenji.org."

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BCOA Bulletin

To place ads or submit articles for the BCOA Bulletin, contact Mary Ellen Chaffin at BCOABulletin@gmail.com

Sunshine Committee

To ask the BCOA to send a card regarding an ILLNESS, BIRTH, MARRIAGE or DEATH of a member or a member's immediate family, notify Peg Grundman at mgrund1035@aol.com or 352-854-7144

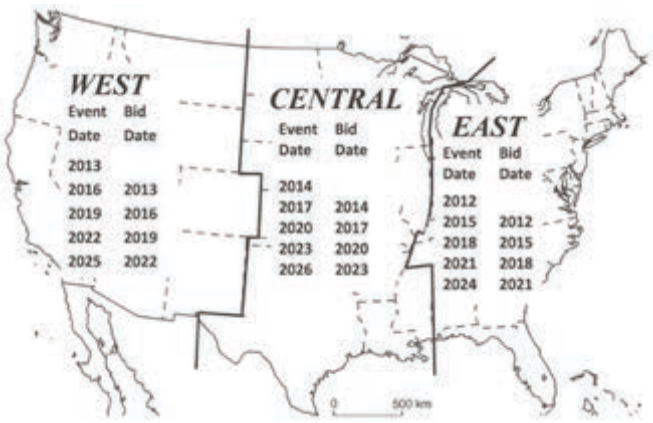
National Specialty Calendar

All dates & Judges pending AKC approval

2016 - August 10-14 - Longview, WA
Event Coordinator: Jackie Jones – dragnquest@gotsky.com
Show Chair: Donna Lubbe - karosel@gotsky.com
Judges: Regular Classes - William Shelton
Sweepstakes – Pat Marshall

2017 – September 9-15 – Gray Summit, MO
Purina Farms. Show Chair: Lisa Marshall
Judge: Regular classes -- Laura Pond
Sweepstakes – Cecily Rappe

2018 – Oct 15-21 - Frankenmuth, MI
Show Chair: Suzanne La Croix
Judge: Lisa Warren



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BCOA BOARD BALLOTS

BALLOT 2015-37 APPROVED **SUBJECT: BHE Board of Directors for 2016**
Effective: November 10, 2015

Please indicate your vote to name the 2016 Basenji Club of America, Inc. Officers and Board of Directors as the 2016 Basenji Health Endowment Officers and Board of Directors, effective Jan 1, 2016 with term to end on Dec 31, 2016.

President: Bryan Gregory; Vice President: LeeBeth Cranmer; Secretary: Janet Ketz; Treasurer: Laura Mae Hesse; Board: Jon Curby, Karen Hutchison, Jackie Jones, Suzanne La Croix, Andrew Sawler, Denise Vertrees, Mike Work

Approved: Geoffroy, Gregory, Hutchison, Ketz, La Croix, Work
Not in attendance: Auerbach, Brown, Jones, Vertrees

BALLOT 2015-38 APPROVED **SUBJECT: 2017 National Specialty Host Group**
Effective: December 8, 2015

A National Specialty Central Region Host Group proposal was received for the 2017 National Specialty. The proposal was submitted by the Basenji Club of Southeastern Wisconsin. Lisa Marshall: Specialty Chair; Laura Hesse: Treasurer. The event will be held at Purina Farms, Gray Summit, MO, during the week of Sept 9 - 15, 2017.

Approved: Brown, Geoffroy, Gregory, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz, La Croix, Vertrees, Work
Not in attendance: Auerbach

BALLOT 2015-39 APPROVED **SUBJECT: Judge Selection Results**
Effective: December 8, 2015
Based on the 2015 Judge Selection Ballot Tally the following judges received the highest number of total points after weighted voting:

2018 Conformation Judge and Junior Showmanship: Lisa Warren
She has agreed to the requirements stated in the BCOA National Specialty Procedures, Section III, A, 1, d: *"Judging fees and expenses combined may not exceed $1000 US. BCOA Specialty Group will pay hotel expenses and meals for the duration of the judging assignment."*
She agrees not to judge basenjis in the USA and/or Canada for the six (6) months prior to the BCOA national specialty.
The assignment will be BASENJI – ALL CLASSES.
She is also entitled to attend all National Specialty activities (dinners, symposia, etc.) free of charge.

2017 Sweepstakes Judge: Cecily Rappe`
She has agreed to the requirements stated in the BCOA National Specialty Procedures, including Section III, A, 2, d: Expenses such as travel, meals may not exceed $400 US. BCOA Specialty Group will provide lodging and meals for the duration of the judging assignment - Sweepstakes Puppy & Veteran –All Classes.
We ask that she does not judge Basenjis sweepstakes for one (1) year prior to the specialty.
She is also entitled to attend all National Specialty activities (dinners, symposia, etc.) free of charge.

Please indicate your vote on issuing contracts, with terms as stated above, to both of these judges.

Approved: Brown, Geoffroy, Gregory, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz-Comment: [*For complete results of the Judge Selection Tally Report for 2015, see December 2015 Bulletin Board Newsletter. Ms. Warren will also judge Junior Showmanship as part of her assignment]*, La Croix, Vertrees, Work
Not in attendance: Auerbach

BALLOT 2015-40 APPROVED **SUBJECT: AKC Canine Ambassador Recommendation**
Effective: December 8, 2015

In a recent communication from AKC, a newly improved and enhanced Canine Ambassador Program was introduced providing clubs multiple opportunities to promote purebred dogs, responsible dog ownership and safety around dogs. In addition, it allows clubs to impact local policies by addressing issues relevant to purebred dog owners. With numerous updated lesson plans, new resources, and collaboration amongst Ambassadors, the program will provide the connection between clubs and purebred dog fanciers of tomorrow.

BCOA Member, Katie Campbell, WA has volunteered with AKC for the program. Requirements include a recommendation letter from the Parent Club. Please indicate your vote to recommend Katie Campbell and her canine partner "Chief" for the AKC Canine Ambassador Program.

Approved: Brown, Geoffroy, Gregory, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz-Comment: [*For more information on this AKC program, go to http://www.akc.org/public-education/canine-ambassador-program/ or contact the AKC Public Relations department at publiced@akc.org]*, La Croix, Vertrees, Work
Not in attendance: Auerbach

BALLOT 2015-41 APPROVED **SUBJECT: 2106 AKC Meet the Club Show Guide Listing**
Effective: December 8, 2015

As an AKC Member Parent Club, we have been offered to be featured in the 2016 AKC Meet & Compete Show Guide, distributed to over 30,000 dog lovers with additional exposure on www.MeetTheBreeds.com for 6 months, with a FREE live web link to our club's website.

The specially-titled section, "Meet The Clubs," is a great way to boost interest in our club, educate the public about your breed and let them know about upcoming events or initiatives your club has. This will include a high-visibility page that will include our club's logo, along with contact information, a description, and our Club's website, all in an editorial format.

To participate, there is a nominal production fee of $95 to help offset production expenses. This fee covers the print guide and online exposure as well as a free live web link.

Please indicate your vote to participate in the Show Guide.

Approved: Brown, Geoffroy, Gregory, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz, La Croix, Vertrees, Work
Not in Attendance: Auerbach

BALLOT 2015-42 APPROVED **SUBJECT: Regional Specialty Procedure Revisions**
Effective: December 8, 2015

In an effort to advance the interest of the breed and to encourage sportsmanlike competition at dog shows, BCOA developed a Regional Specialty Policy in Ballot 2014-33. In an effort to offer more opportunities for BCOA regional Specialty Shows the Policy will be revised to include 6 rather than just the 3 original regions. Please indicate your vote on the revised Policy.

Approved: Brown, Geoffroy, Gregory, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz-Comments: [*Changes noted in yellow. Pending Document Committee Review]*, La Croix, Vertrees, Work
Not in attendance: Auerbach

REGIONAL SPECIALTIES, OFFERED BY BCOA IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN AKC ALL BREED SHOW *[2015-42]*

BASENJI CLUB OF AMERICA will allow one (1) Regional Specialty to be held in conjunction with an AKC all-breed show per region (North East, South East, North Central, South Central, North West & South West) per year by its affiliated clubs or five (5) BCOA members in good standing. If additional Regional Specialty events are requested in a region, the BCOA Board must approve each additional Regional Specialty.

A request to offer a regional specialty to be held in conjunction with an AKC all-breed show shall be sent to the Event Coordinator/Liaison.
Note: Per AKC Rules Applying to Dog shows: *Chapter 2 SECTION 12. Where a specialty club wishes to consider as its Specialty Show the breed classes at an all-breed show, written application must be made to The American Kennel Club and a fee of fifteen ($15.00) dollars sent with application. Consent of the parent member specialty club must be secured by the non- member specialty club and forwarded to The American Kennel Club.*

BCOA Medallions shall be offered as prizes for Basenjis in the following manner:

1. BCOA will supply Antique Gold Tone Medallions for a **BCOA Regional Specialty** held in conjunction with an AKC ALL BREED SHOW **SPONSORED by a BCOA AFFILIATED CLUB**. Providing a SIGNED WRITTEN REQUEST for the Event has been received and is APPROVED by the Events Chairperson. However, if the event is held by the Affiliated club no medallions will be provided.

The medallions allowed as prizes for a **BCOA Regional Specialty** held in conjunction with an AKC ALL BREED SHOW, **sponsored by an Affiliated Club will be:**
Best of Breed
Best of Opposite Sex **NOTE: Best of Winners NONE**
Winners Dog
Winners Bitch
Select Dog
Select Bitch
Best Veteran dog (If offered by Kennel Club)
Best Veteran Bitch (If offered by Kennel Club)
Best Bred-By Exhibitor Basenji (If offered by Kennel Club)

Best Basenji Brace (If class offered by Kennel Club)
Best Basenji Puppy (If class offered by Kennel Club)
Best Puppy in Sweepstakes (If class offered. 1 only)
Best Veteran In Sweepstakes (If class offered. 1 only)

2. BCOA will supply Antique Gold Tone Medallions for a **BCOA Regional Specialty** held in conjunction with an AKC ALL BREED SHOW **SPONSORED by FIVE (5) BCOA MEMBERS**. Providing a SIGNED WRITTEN REQUEST for the Event has been received and is APPROVED by the Events Chairperson. Five persons must sign the petition but they need not be a member of an affiliated club.

The medallions allowed as prizes for a BCOA REGIONAL SPECIALTY held in conjunction with an AKC ALL BREED SHOW, sponsored by Five (5) BCOA Members will be:
Best of Breed
Best of Opposite Sex **NOTE! Best of Winners NONE**
Winners Dog
Winners Bitch
Select Dog
Select Bitch
Best Veteran Dog (If class offered by Kennel Club)
Best Veteran Bitch (If class offered by Kennel Club)
Best Bred -By-Exhibitor Basenji (If class offered by Kennel Club)
Best Basenji Brace (If class offered/allowed by Kennel Club)
Best Basenji Puppy (If class offered/allowed by Kennel Club)
Best Puppy in Sweepstakes (If class offered. 1 Only)
Best Veteran in Sweepstakes (If class offered.1 Only)

3. BCOA Affiliated Clubs that have point shows shall provide their own Medallions if they have them. This is NOT a BCOA event, and NO Medallions will be provided by BCOA.

4. ALL unclaimed BCOA medallions will be returned to the BCOA Medallions Chair.

BALLOT 2015-43 APPROVED **SUBJECT: Self Evaluation Survey**
Effective: December 8, 2015

AKC has circulated a self-evaluation survey/study to AKC Breed Parent Clubs. It offers Parent Clubs an opportunity to identify and consider their strengths and weaknesses, in regard to AKC suggested criteria. Please indicate your vote to submit the study/survey to AKC.

Approved: Brown, Geoffroy, Gregory, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz-Comment*:[a sample of the 5 sections and points available on the survey is included below]*, La Croix, Vertrees, Work

CLUB ORGANIZATION AND STRUCTURE
Constitution and By-Laws in compliance with AKC recommendations—5 points
Code of Ethics - 5 points.
Club incorporated – 5 points

MEMBERSHIP AND AWARDS
Current Membership compared to the previous year:
1% increase – 5 points
5% increase – 10 points

AKC Breeder of Merit Program (BOM) - encourages* members to become BOMs - 10 points
Encourages* full litter registration - 5 points
Achievements Program -- 4 points
Juniors' Scholarship Program - 2 points
Recognition Program for Juniors – 3 points

EDUCATION
Judges Education Presentations - 5 points for each seminar (max of 20 points)
Breeder and/or Mentoring Program - 10 points
Judges Mentoring Program - 5 points
Parent Club Brochure, included with the AKC registrations packet - 2 points

CANINE HEALTH AND WELFARE
Health Program - 10 points
Rescue Program - 5 points
Recommends Health Screening -5 points
Fund Health Research - 4 points
Newsletter/Magazine - 3 points
A monitored e-list for members - 2 points

BREED APPOPRIATE EVENTS
AND FUNCTIONS
AKC Recognized Events - 10 points max.
Conformation - 2 points
Obedience - 2 points
Rally- 2 points
Tracking - 2 points
Agility - 2 points
CGC - 2 points
Field trails - 2 points
Hunt test -2 points
Lure Coursing - 2 points
Herding - 2 points
Earthdog test - 2 points

BALLOT 2015-44 APPROVED **SUBJECT: Vavra Book Sales**
Effective: December 8, 2015

The 2015 Edition of the Robert Vavra book, Canis Basenji will now be available for sale on the BCOA Shop Online page. Please indicate your vote on the following costs, distribution and sales agent:

To purchase your piece of basenji history, visit www.basenji.org and click on Shop Online.
For questions or information contact:
Carrie Jones, 12701 65th St NE, Eyota, MN 55934-2105. Email: ankusenjis@gmail.com

Price: US: $18 (postage included) Includes AK, HI, US possessions and APO/FPO addresses.
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Not in attendance: Auerbach

BALLOT 2015-45 APPROVED **SUBJECT: 2015 Annual Membership Meeting Minutes**
Effective: December 8, 2015

Our 2015 parliamentarian, Harry Rosenthal, suggested that rather than wait an entire year to approve the minutes of our annual membership meeting, the Board of Directors should approve the minutes in a timelier manner. He noted, Parliamentarian procedure allows the minutes to be approved by the Board. The minutes of the 2015 Annual Membership meeting were published in the November Bulletin Board Newsletter. No comments or corrections were received.
Please indicate your vote to approve these meeting minutes as published.

Approved: Brown, Geoffroy, Gregory, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz-Comment:*[these minutes will be added to the website archive in the members only section]*, La Croix, Vertrees, Work
Not in attendance: Auerbach

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The 2015 BCOA National Specialty DVD is now available to order online!

The BCOA enjoyed a wonderful week at the Eisenhower Hotel in Gettysburg, PA and Purebred Studios was there to capture all the excitement. All Regular and Sweepstakes Classes plus Obedience, Rally, Agility, African Stock Exhibition and the Top 25 competition are available for purchase.

Ordering information:

Dog Classes	$35
Bitch Classes	$35
Best of Breed	$35
(Includes Veterans and Junior Showmanship)	
African Stock Exhibition	$35
Sweepstakes Puppy and Veteran	$35
Obedience and Rally	$35
Agility	$35
Top 25	$35

Complete Set prior to Jan 1, 2015 $135

Order online at www.basenji.org

Judges Tallying Committee 2015

On November 28th 2015, the Judges Tallying Committee met to count the ballots for the 2018 Regular Classes Judge and the 2017 Sweepstakes Classes Judge. The committee received 207 ballots. Two ballots were received with a postmark after November 15th and were thus ineligible. Six ballots were ineligible due to failure to use the 1, 2, 3 ranking system. This left 199 eligible ballots for tallying.

For the Regular Classes Judge, the order from highest number of total points after weighted voting to lowest is Lisa Warren (462 points), Jeff Gillespie (426 points), Ed Hall (397 points), Pamela Bruce (302 points) and Dan Harrison (204 points).

For the Sweepstakes Classes Judge, the order from highest number of total points after weighted voting to lowest is Cecily Rappe (510 points), Mary K Quinette (399 points), Laurie Gregory (363 points); Chris Frost (318 points), and Wendy Anderson (201 points.

I have included the table with the breakdowns for total numbers of first, second and third place votes prior to weighted totaling in the attached table.

Laurie Stargell, Chair
Steffie Cheng
Jolene Krohn

BALLOT POSTMARKED November 15, 2015

2018 REGULAR CLASS JUDGE CHOICES MUST Vote for THREE - by using numbers 1, 2, 3

Judge	First choice "1" (x 5 pts)	Second choice "2" (x 3 pts)	Third choice "3" (x 1 pt)
Pamela Bruce	19	46	69
Jeff Gillespie	66	23	27
Ed Hall	51	37	31
Dan Harrison	13	37	28
Lisa Warren	50	56	44

2017 SWEEPSTAKES CLASS JUDGE CHOICES MUST Vote for THREE - by using numbers 1,2,3

	First choice	Second choice	Third choice
Judge	"1"(x5pts)	"2" (x 3 pts)	"3" (x 1 pt)
Wendy Anderson	21	21	33
Chris Frost	32	36	50
Laurie Gregory	39	44	36
MaryK Quinnette	37	58	40
Cecily Rappe	70	40	40
Invalid Ballots:			
After Postmarked date:	2		
Not using the 1,2,3:	6		

AKC Canine Ambassador Program

Are you and your dog right for the AKC Canine Ambassador Program? Have you and your dog already worked at AKC *Meet the Breed* events? Does your dog have an AKC Canine Good Citizen or Therapy Dog title? Would you and your dog like to promote purebred dogs, responsible dog ownership, and safety around dogs? Yes, you say...then you may wish to investigate the AKC Canine Ambassador Program.

Canine Ambassadors are the connection between clubs and the purebred dog fanciers of tomorrow. According to AKC, the Canine Ambassador Program is a network of volunteers from local AKC-affiliated dog clubs who make presentations to children on various topics related to the world of purebred dogs. Canine Ambassadors contribute to their clubs' public education efforts though these presentations, often with the help of their AKC-registered, PAL, or AKC Canine Partner dog. Once you decide you want to become a Canine Ambassador, complete the AKC online sign-up form and include the name of a club officer willing to recommend you. Canine Ambassadors must be members in good standing with an AKC-affiliated club. As a Canine Ambassador, you represent your club; you are not a direct representative of the AKC.

Once accepted as a Canine Ambassador, AKC will add your name to a state-by-state directory of Ambassadors and send you tips on how to get started. Lesson plans, guidelines for developing your program, and reproducible materials can be found in the Canine Ambassador Resource Center.

The AKC sends Canine Ambassador Directories to teachers and educators upon request. These directories can help you establish contact with people interested in the program. Of course, you need not wait for a school to contact you, and in fact AKC encourages Ambassadors to make an effort to reach out to their local schools or youth groups to introduce themselves.

Current BCOA Canine Ambassadors include Suzanne La Croix [MI] and Katie Campbell [WA]. According to Suzanne, volunteers need to objectively asses their dog(s) for participation in public education events. Dogs must be under control at all times, respond to commands, and have a confidence and enthusiasm for meeting and interacting with strangers in a safe manner. Further, unless you and your dog are specifically registered with a national organization (like Therapy Dogs International, Inc. or Delta Society Pet Partners) which provide liability insurance to their registered volunteer teams, you will want to check your homeowners' liability policy to verify that your volunteer activities will be covered.

For more information on this AKC program, go to http://www.akc.org/public-education/canine-ambassador-program/ or contact the AKC Public Relations department at publiced@akc.org Qualified volunteers may contact a BCOA Officer or Director to be considered for a recommendation to AKC.

A Reminder to all Breeders:

With puppy placement time fast approaching and perspective owners visiting your kennel looking for their new basenji, remember the care and condition of your dogs and your facility are of utmost importance. That first impression of your facility is an important contact with both long time basenji owners and folks new to the breed. This initial visit could lead to a lifelong association or unfavorable comments regarding your dog care and facility conditions.

The AKC H.E.A.R.T. program (Health, Education, Accountability, Responsibility and Tradition) requires a commitment to the AKC Care and Condition of Dogs Policy. This Policy is a good guideline for breeders. To learn more about the specific commitments that an AKC Bred with H.E.A.R.T. breeder makes to the health and well-being of their dogs go to http://www.akc.org/dog-breeders/bred-with-heart/

BCOA encourages all its breeder members to read the policy guidelines, and follow the recommendations, whether seeking listing with the H.E.A.R.T. program or not.

The AKC Care and Condition of Dogs Policy:
The Care and Conditions of Dogs Policy reflects the American Kennel Club's values in promoting the responsible ownership and maintenance of dogs. These guidelines are meant as a basis for helping individuals ensure that dog care practices are performed and housing facilities are maintained in a safe, humane and responsible manner.

The guidelines are not intended to be all-inclusive or definitive, but rather are intended to serve as a working basic outline that can be expanded and refined as needed while lending uniform application of this policy. In addition to guidelines set forth in this policy, individuals are expected to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations regarding the ownership and maintenance of dogs.

Care of Dogs
Dogs should have play and exercise in an area sufficient for all dogs housed in the facility to be able to engage in those activities on a daily basis. Exercise area should be a solid surface.
Dogs must have access to fresh water as appropriate.
Dogs must have access to fresh food provided at appropriate intervals to maintain a healthy weight.
Appropriate health care, including routine and preventative care, must be provided for all dogs.
Dogs should be provided with daily positive human contact and socialization.
Each dog should have its overall health and behavior assessed daily. Any deviation in health condition must be addressed expeditiously and appropriately.
Dogs should be free from internal and external parasites.
Dogs should be afforded regular grooming to ensure health and comfort.
When euthanasia is necessary, it must always be performed humanely.

Kennels and Housing
The primary enclosure must be large enough so the dog(s) can sit, stand, lie down, or turn around comfortably, with no overcrowding.
The primary enclosure shall be constructed and maintained so that dogs are securely confined and does not cause injury to the dogs.
Protection from adverse or extreme weather conditions must be provided.
While flooring that provides solid footing is preferred, if perforated or non-solid flooring is used in the primary enclosure, it should be comprised of a material featuring a protective coating, be appropriate for the size and weight of the dog to prevent injury (especially to feet), and must be kept in good

repair. If perforated or nonsolid flooring is used, a solid platform of sufficient size should be provided to allow the dog(s) to attain solid footing and to offer a space for resting.
Facilities must be lighted to provide a regular lighting cycle for the dogs.
Bedding material made available to dogs should be clean and not pose a risk to the dogs.

Operations
A sufficient number of staff must be provided to carry out appropriate levels of care and conditions for the number of dogs kept.
Facility and primary enclosures should be clean, free from debris and odor, and feces should be picked up and disposed of as frequently as necessary so as not to pose a threat to the health of the dog(s).
Each kennel should maintain an emergency preparedness plan adequate for the type of facility owned and breed(s) of dogs maintained therein.

The above is in addition to the policy adopted at the July 1990 Board meeting to notify federal, state or local agencies of unsanitary and/or unhealthy conditions found by AKC Inspectors during inspection of kennels; that the US Department of Agriculture (APHIS) will be notified when such conditions prevail at kennels regulated by that department under the provisions of the U.S. Animal Welfare Act; and that other state/local governmental or humane agencies will be notified when such conditions are observed at kennels not regulated by federal law.
In instances when dog(s) are found in conditions that place them in immediate danger, the Inspector will immediately notify agencies with jurisdiction regarding the danger to the dogs.

During the course of an inspection, if an AKC Inspector determines that an individual is not maintaining his/her dogs or facility in a manner that is compliant with the AKC's Care and Conditions Policy, the individual's AKC privileges may be placed on temporary referral. The individual will be notified, in writing, of specific deficiencies and what steps need to be taken to come into compliance with the Care and Conditions of Dogs Policy. The individual shall be given 45 days to correct deficiencies and request a re-inspection.
In cases where deficiencies are not corrected or re-inspections are not requested, the AKC may proceed with disciplinary action leading to suspension of all AKC privileges.

https://images.akc.org/governmentrelations/documents/pdf/Care_Conditions_Policy.pdf

The AKC Political Action Committee – AKC PAC

The American Kennel Club has taken the lead in supporting legislation across the country that protects the rights of responsible dog owners. The AKC Political Action Committee gives an additional tool with which to interface with legislators. Through this non-partisan PAC, dog owners can demonstrate a unity of purpose that helps to advance a positive legislative agenda.

The AKC PAC collects voluntary contributions from individuals and uses these donations to support candidates who defend dog owners' rights and can effectively influence legislation impacting animal owners. Donations from AKC club members across the country are pooled to strengthen support for reasonable, enforceable laws that protect the health and welfare of purebred dogs and do not restrict the rights of breeders and owners who take their responsibilities seriously.

In a recent correspondence from AKC, they note they have monitored more than 1,700 dog-related bills this year. Many of these bills undermine American dog ownership, unjustly restrict responsible dog breeding, and threaten the future of purebred dogs. Many of the legislators who supported these bad bills are running for re-election. The AKC Political Action Committee (AKC PAC) needs your help to send the message that good dog owners will not support lawmakers who attack purebred dog ownership and responsible breeding.

AKC relies on the members of AKC clubs to donate to the AKC PAC. Even $30, the cost of a dog show entry, can make a real difference. Donations to the AKC PAC are used to support the campaigns of candidates who share the commitment to fair and reasonable legislation that protects dogs and the rights of responsible dog owners.

For questions or assistance on the AKC PAC, please contact AKC at 919-816-3720 or email AKCPAC@akc.org. For complete information on the AKC PAC or to make a donation go to the AKC website: www.apps.akc.org/apps/pac/index.cfm

Our BCOA Legislative Liaison is Vickie Jacobs. She can be reached at vickiejacobs47@gmail.com or 785-379-5430.

IMPORTANT TRAVEL NOTICE:

Thinking of flying your dogs as checked baggage? Something to keep in mind: Delta airlines will no longer accept pets as checked baggage, but will continue to transport allowable pets in all cabins of service except Delta One, effective March 1, 2016.