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Third Quarter 2002 Delegates Report  
By Pat Laurans

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UPDATE:

"The "Regulations for Hunting Tests for Pointing Breeds" were amended in Chapter 2, Sections 3 and 4 to add a water test requirement for German Wirehaired Pointers to earn the Senior and/or Master titles. These changes are effective June 2, 2003. "

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The latest AKC Delegates Meeting was held in New York on Septemeber 9 and 10,2002

Some of the important items covered were:

On Monday

- 9 Delegates Committees met in open session to discuss and take questions and comments re: their areas of responsibility
- I chaired the two and a half hour Parent Club Committee Meeting-This committee is the 11 delegates who have been elected to represent the interests of all 146 National Breed (Parent) Clubs. Attending were the 11 committee members, 8 AKC Board and Staff members and over 60 delegates.
- Following the Parent Club Open Meeting I chaired the Parent Club Conference Committee Meeting where we continued to work on plans and programs for our up and coming conference.
- A general Caucus meeting was held where delegates discussed pending programs , decisions, votes and issues of concern
- A meeting of the Coordinating Committee (each of the Committee Chairs- I go as Chair of the Parent Club Committee) attend with AKC Board and Staff Representation to plan the next Delegates Meeting Forum and report what each committee is working on, is concerned about and needs

- A gathering to display 5 of the 106 AKC DogNY Statues that will be on display around NYC- these are part of the Fundraiser to raise monies for Search and Rescue Organizations all over the United States. To date a little over \$2,000,000. Has been raised from Parent Clubs, Kennel Clubs, Individuals and Companies and Corporations. It would be nice if the GWPCA sent in a donation

On Tuesday

- The Parent Club Committee Members (11) met to work on the Parent Club Conference we are sponsoring for representatives of all Parent Clubs. I chaired the meeting as Chair of the Conference and of the Committee. We have raised \$200,000. To pay for the room, board and ground transportation of the 300 attendees, speakers and panelists and for the necessary materials and equipment. The focus of this first ever Parent Club Conference is to bring representatives of Parent Clubs together so that they can learn from one another and from the speakers. The GWPCA is being represented by Judy Cheshire and Barbara Tucker. The conference will be in Cincinnati, Ohio on October 24,25 and 26, 2002

- Two other Delegate Committees met in open session

- A forum was held so that the High Volume Kennel Committee could share some of their deliberations re: AKCs relationship with High Volume Breeders, Dog Brokers, Pet Stores,etc. The Report must be sent to the AKC Board of Directors first and the delegates, myself included, asked that we have the opportunity to ask questions and make comments before final decisions are made. We were assured that this would be the case

- A report and discussion re: the Breed Specific bans that have been put into place by American Airlines - and suggestions how we, as the pure-bred dog community, can be helpful in getting this changed to Improved Airline Crate Requirements instead of Breed Specific bans - the discussion re: the problems with Breed Specific Legislation in any form

- Reading and Discussion re: two proposed changes to Dog Show Rules:

- 1.)enabling a dog who becomes lame at a show to keep awards already won, or compete in other types of competitions at the show if it becomes sound 2.)a proposal that would amend information that must be included on an entry form and when a dog can be transferred from one class to another

- A presentation by the AKC DogNY Committee - and presentation of of \$775,000 by Hartz Mountain Corporation to the AKC CAR Support and Relief Fund

- Reports from the President, Chairman and a Financial report were made and discussed

- Elections were held to elect members to the various(11) Standing Delegate Committees. After the General Meeting each Committee met to elect Officers. Once again I am on the

Delegate Parent Club Committee and the 11 members once again elected me to chair the committee. I am pleased and proud to add that this year I was elected unanimously.

During this meeting I had the opportunity to talk with Bill Speck, AKC VP of Performance Events regarding the GWPCA, desires regarding Water Tests and he has since spoken to our President, Judy Cheshire. Since the meeting, I have spoken with Bill again, and hopefully we have made some progress in some negotiations regarding this issue