



Newfoundland Club of America, Inc.

**Board of Directors
August 15, 2013
8:00 p.m. Eastern Time**

Agenda

1. Approval of minutes

- Minutes of the April 18, 28-29, 2013 face-to-face meeting
- Minutes of the April 30, 2013 Annual Membership Meeting
- Minutes of the July 18, 2013 teleconference

2. AKC Delegate's Report (Mary W. Price)

- AKC policy change regarding catalogs

3. President's Report (Pam Saunders)

4. 1st Vice-President's Report (Pat Randall)

5. 2nd Vice-President's Report (Lynne Anderson-Powell)

6. Recording Secretary's Report (Mary Lou Cuddy)

- Prepared the minutes of the July 18, 2013 meeting and the August 15, 2013 agenda packet
- Report on NCA Applicant vote on Wiggió
- Report on membership application sponsors withdrawals
- Bulletin Board postings on NCA Website - there are Bulletin Boards going back to 2009 on the NCA Website. From a best practices standpoint, it may be better to have the unofficial summary available until the official minutes are posted and then remove it. (Marylou Zimmerman)

7. Corresponding Secretary's Report (Pam Rubio)

8. Treasurer's Report (Mary L. Price)

9. Committee Reports

- Health & Longevity Committee
- Juniors Committee
- Legislative Liaison Committee
- Breeder Education Committee
- Nominating Committee

10. Executive Session

- Approval of NCA Applicants
- Committee Business
 - Steering Committee appointments

11. Unfinished Business

- Judges Education Committee:
 - Review solicitation from the American Dog Judges Association for a sponsorship contribution to help defray the Dog Judges Institute expenses and report back to the Board by the June 2013 meeting (from 4/29/13)
- Publicity Committee:
 - Develop article on the value of NCA membership for distribution to regional clubs by NCA Regional Club Committee. (from 4/28/13)
- Specialty Show Coordinating Committee:
 - Review concept of uniform trophies and methods of fund-raising (from 4/28/13)
 - Review concept of a regional club opening ceremony at National Specialties and report back to the Board by the August 2013 Board meeting (from 6/20/13)
 - Review information regarding NCA international member breeder judges and report back to the Board by the August 2013 Board meeting (from 7/18/13)
- Technical Resources Committee:
 - Develop policy and procedures relating to the electronic information storage.
 - Report regarding the following motion referred to committee: "Resolved, that the Technical Resources Committee provide the board with a critical appraisal of whether the services supplied by Club Express would provide a viable alternative to incorporating membership and other "people" functions into our current database. URL=<http://www.clubexpress.com/> " (from 10/18/12)
 - Report back regarding using Zooza and Club Express services by February 7, 2013 Board Meeting deadline. (December, 2012) - partial report received February, 2013.
- Working Dog Committee:
 - Review qualifications for all levels of working test judges and report back to the Board (from 6/20/13)
- Ad hoc NCA Governing Documents Review Committee:
 - Evaluate the NCA Policy Manual for compliance with the NCA Bylaws and Connecticut statutes and report back to the Board (from 7/18/13)
- Motion: To ratify and/or implement the vote of the NCA membership, taken at the 2013 NCA Annual Membership meeting, regarding the National Specialty approved judges list. (Roger Frey)
- Discussion Item: Discussion of "Simply Voting" for NCA elections (from 4/28/13)

12. New Business

13. Adjournment

14. FYI

At the July teleconference of the Health and Longevity Committee, the committee voted unanimously on the following items:

Revision of CHIC requirements for cystinuria

Proposal: Change CHIC requirement for cystinuria testing to recommended for breeding stock, removing the requirement. Keep requirements for hip and elbow evaluations and cardiac auscultation performed by a cardiologist the same.

Rationale: The purpose of CHIC is to encourage health testing of dogs and posting all results of these tests in an open database whether these results are pass or fail. Knowing the results of phenotypic testing on all offspring are critical to minimizing that particular disease in future generations.

With genotypic tests, such as cystinuria, the test results of non-breeding offspring have no bearing on the health of the population as a whole.

Removing the CHIC and financial requirements for cystinuria testing may encourage more posting of hip, elbow and cardiac results from non-breeding individuals which will ultimately enhance the information provided by the CHIC database regarding those diseases.

Request that Marylou Zimmerman place the following statement above the link to the video link of Dr. Joshua Stern's presentation:

The Health and Longevity Committee of the Newfoundland Club of America applauds the research results of Dr. Joshua Stern DVM, DACVIM, of North Carolina State University and his collaborators, and we are excited about this important step in possibly helping to reduce the incidence of subaortic stenosis (SAS) in Newfoundlands. We must note, however, that this research

(1) has not yet been peer reviewed in appropriate journals and (2) has not yet been corroborated by other independent studies. The Health and Longevity Committee therefore recommends that current testing protocols continue to be followed: auscultation of puppies before sale, auscultation of all dogs after one year of age, and echo/Doppler of dogs that present with a murmur.

Breeders should continue to use the currently recommended protocols for screening of their breeding stock and not any current preliminary genetic studies. Breeders are encouraged to continue to enter their dogs in this and future genetic studies of diseases affecting Newfoundlands.

Juniors Committee - Concern regarding Board budget action

Action of Concern

Pam Rubio moved and Roger Frey seconded that the Board direct the donations to the Juniors Fund be used for the stipends given for juniors' participation in Westminster, AKC Eukanuba National Championship Show and the AKC National Juniors Obedience Competition. Without objection, the motion passed.

Lynne And Bill at ThreePonds

From: cissy sullivan <blackpawsx12@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 28, 2013 9:17 PM
To: Lynne Anderson
Cc: Pam Saunders
Subject: Concern/Issue

Hi Lynne,

I would like the Board to know that I have taken several phone calls and up to this time one email in regards to the highlighted statement I have enclosed below. Obviously I was contacted as the Chair of the Jrs. I stated to the callers and emailer when asked why did I suggest this action, I honestly said, "I did not, I too just read it in this posted Bulletin Board announcement". I will also admit that I was disappointed in reading this as well. My reason is that when people are donating to Jrs. it is their belief that the monies will be used to benefit ALL our Jrs. I do not wish to imply that the stipends are not important or deserved, they certainly are, but it is true that not all our Jrs. are in a position to obtain these, for many different reasons. One of the callers did state that she would be contacting Pam S. in regards to this to express her dislike of this decision. I realize that no matter what we can't please everyone all the time, but this has offended donors, people who we need to continue to count on for help, and unless we are independently wealthy I don't see how we can thumb our noses at generous donors.

I took it upon myself to contact Pam and give her a heads up and input about this.

I would like to request that the Board revisit this action/discussion. Considering the possibility of a change of language, or reversing this motion. Maybe just a statement that Jr.Stipends will be covered by the NCA Budget. All other donations made specifically for Jrs. will be placed in the General Jrs. Fund.

I, and the emphasis is on I, understand that this means the stipends would be taken out of the Jr. budget approved by the Board, if that drains the said budget, the Chair of the Jrs. committee will then have to appeal to the Board at such a time for more money to cover programs and etc. The Chair would need to be aware that it is not a "GIVEN" that monies would be available. If the request for more funds is denied, then opportunities for Jrs. would have to be cut back. NOT, what I wish to hear, or any other Chair for the Jrs. BUT I am also realistic and know that there are other committees just as passionate about their causes as the Jr's committee is about ours. Budgets are tight, and at times things need to be scaled back a bit. That being said, I do need to reiterate that any Special/Additional things that the Jrs. have had in the past were things all provided to them by generous friends, family members and committee members out of their own pockets. None of those things were paid for from the set budget.

I know without a doubt that this Board supports and believes in this Jr. cause. You have proved it many times over, I do not wish for one small statement or decision to put a shadow over this support, and cause donors to withdraw their help. Please consider revisiting this.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Teleconference Meeting of the Board

July 18, 2013

Legislative Committee – Updates

Lynne Anderson NCA 2nd VP

From: Debbie Dennison <debbiedennison@mindspring.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 23, 2013 8:52 AM
To: Marylou Zimmerman; Pam Rubio; Lynne Anderson Powell
Cc: denise h; ingriddavis@myfairpoint.net; Janice Anderson; 'Karen Railing'; Kathy Grim
Subject: Good piece of legislation in NC

Here's a good bit of legislation that has passed in NC for the web page:

The North Carolina House of Representatives unanimously approved a bill that would provide assistance to animal shelters and further benefit dogs in North Carolina.

[Senate Bill 626](#) would help relieve overcrowding at shelters and reunite lost pets with their owners by making several positive changes, including improving enforcement by moving the regulations to the state's animal welfare act. At the request of the AKC, an amendment was added to require North Carolina shelters that have microchip scanners to use them in order to help identify owners of lost pets and reduce the amount of time these dogs remain in the shelter. It would not require all shelters to have scanners, but simply require them to be used by those shelters that have one.

The American Kennel Club and American Kennel Club Companion Animal Recovery have committed to donate 20 universal microchip scanners to public shelters in North Carolina that could not otherwise afford them.

The bill [was further amended in the House of Representatives](#) to allow animal control officers, firefighters, rescue squad workers, and state-appointed animal cruelty investigators to enter motor vehicles in circumstances if there is probable cause that the animal confined in the vehicle is in circumstances that are likely to endanger or cause injury, suffering, or death. A reasonable effort must first be made to locate the owner or person responsible for the animal.

The American Kennel Club is pleased to support this measure that benefits North Carolina's shelters and dogs. Senate Bill 626 now goes back to the Senate for final approval.

Lynne Anderson NCA 2nd VP

From: Debbie Dennison <debbiedennison@mindspring.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 30, 2013 11:07 AM
To: Marylou Zimmerman; Pam Rubio; Lynne Anderson Powell
Cc: denise h; ingriddavis@myfairpoint.net; Janice Anderson; 'Karen Railing'; Kathy Grim
Subject: Recent legislation

Below is recent legislation we'd like to include on our web page - thanks:

Illinois:

[Senate Bill 1639](#) as introduced would have made many changes to the laws regarding the sales of dogs and cats. This included expanding the laws to apply to all sellers and likely requiring anyone who sells a dog to obtain a state license. The bill was amended to only apply to pet stores and to address several other concerns. This bill passed the legislature and is pending on the Governor's desk.

Maine:

[LD 1239](#) would create new definitions and require licenses for commercial boarding or training kennels, commercial breeder kennels, and personal kennels. It also would clarify when inspections of licensed entities may occur and remove a provision of current law that requires a person to obtain a vendor's license to sell a dog or cat. The bill was considered by the Joint Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, and Conservation on April 16. A work group to further study the issue was appointed by the committee, and included a representative of the Maine federation. Consideration of the bill was tabled for the remainder of the legislation session, pending further efforts by the work group. AKC GR and its Maine federation are both supporting the improvements to the law contained in LD1239.

Massachusetts:

[House Bill 1874/Senate Bill 401](#) would provide for breeder licensing, breeder regulation, and consumer protection provisions that, if enacted as introduced, would have far-reaching impacts on all Massachusetts breeders. Those impacts include licensing breeders the same as pet shops, considering hobby breeders as a type of pet dealer, and extending rulemaking authority to the Department of Agricultural Resources over kennels and persons otherwise selling, exchanging, or transferring the offspring of their personally-owned dogs. Both the AKC and the Massachusetts Federation of Dog Clubs oppose the bill. The bills have been heard by and are currently pending in the Joint Committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Michigan:

[House Bill 4168](#) makes updates to the licensing requirements in the state's "Dog Law of 1919". This includes removing the current provision requiring sheriffs to locate and kill all unlicensed dogs. Under current law, any sheriff that does not comply would be considered negligent in their duties. AKC GR and its state federation are supporting the repeal of this antiquated and egregious provision. The bill unanimously passed the House on May 16 and is pending in the Senate Committee on Local Governments and Elections.

New Jersey:

[Senate Bill 1804](#) and [Assembly Bill 3445](#) would permit pet owners to board public transportation with domesticated animals during emergency evacuations. The AKC applauds the New Jersey legislature's efforts to protect the Garden State's dogs — and owners who might otherwise not evacuate a dangerous area — by providing the means by which responsible owners and their pets can escape areas where the catastrophic impacts of storms are expected. AB 3445 passed the Assembly and has been assigned to the Senate Environment and Energy Committee.

New York update:

[Assembly Bill 740](#) / [Senate Bill 3753](#) would clarify that counties and municipalities can regulate “pet dealers,” so long as the laws are not less stringent than state law. “Pet dealer” is defined in current law as those who sell 9 or more dogs per year. Breeders who raise dogs on their residential premises are exempt, so long as they sell less than 25 dogs per year. AKC GR has expressed concerns with this bill. This legislation has passed the legislature and is pending on the Governor’s desk.

New York:

[Senate Bill 1495](#) would create the crime of pet theft in New York by including pet in the definition of property in the state’s penal law. This means that someone who steals a dog or cat from someone’s property would be committing fourth degree grand larceny. The bill has passed the Senate and is pending in the Assembly Codes Committee.

North Carolina:

[House Bill 930](#) would “establish standards of care for “large commercial dog breeding facilities”, which are defined as those who own 10 or more intact females over the age of six months. AKC GR has expressed concern with the definition of commercial dog breeder being based on ownership rather than actual sales or commerce. HB 930 has passed the House and is pending in the Senate Agriculture Committee.

Ohio update:

[Senate Bill 130](#) regulates “high volume” dog breeders in Ohio, defined as those who produce 9 litters of puppies and sell 60 puppies in a calendar year. Those who meet this definition are required to obtain an annual license and inspection. The inspections may be conducted by local veterinarians. Standards of care will be established by the state Department of Agriculture and reviewed by an advisory board. Rescues will also be required to register with the state, but will not have to comply with the same regulations as high volume breeders. The law went into effect on March 13, and the Ohio Department of Agriculture will require high volume breeders and rescues to register as soon as the regulations are finalized.

Pennsylvania update:

[House Bill 82](#) addresses payment and care for animals seized when the owner is accused of cruelty. If the owner fails to pay the amount required by the court at any time during the proceedings, then ownership rights would be permanently forfeited — even if the owner is eventually found not guilty or charges are dismissed. Costs would be limited to \$15 per day, per animal as well as “reasonable medical expenses”, which must be documented by a veterinarian. AKC GR still believes that this could be very cost-prohibitive for some owners. The bill has passed the General Assembly and is pending on the Governor’s desk.

Pennsylvania:

[Senate Bill 82](#) would make positive changes to the commonwealth’s consumer protection laws. Among other changes, it clarifies that a dog cannot be declared “unfit for purchase” if the dog has intestinal or external parasites (unless the dog is clinically ill or dies), if the dog has an injury or illness likely contracted after the sale, or if the dog has a health problem that is disclosed in writing by the seller prior to the sale. The bill would also make reasonable changes to the timeframe for when a dog may be declared unfit for purchase and when the seller must be notified. AKC GR and its Pennsylvania federation are supporting this measure, which had unanimous support in the Senate and is pending in the House Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee.

Washington update:

[House Bill 1202](#) / [Senate Bill 5204](#) would create a civil infraction for “failure to provide care” in cases where behavior does not amount to animal cruelty in the first or second degree. These bills also would remove economic distress as a defense to second degree animal cruelty. House Bill 1202 has passed the House Judiciary Committee and has been re-referred to the House Rules Committee. Senate Bill 5204 has been assigned to the Senate Committee on Law and Justice; however, a hearing has not been scheduled.

South Bend, IN:

The South Bend Common Council has formed a committee to update the city's animal control laws and find ways to decrease shelter population and euthanasia rates. The committee has expressed a willingness to repeal the city's breed-specific laws and 3-dog ownership limits to address these concerns. A formal draft is expected soon.

Los Angeles, CA update:

The Los Angeles City Council has adopted modifications to the current mandatory spay/neuter ordinance to require spay/neuter for any licensed dog that is impounded twice, and which removes exemptions in current law for dogs that have earned or are being trained for and are in the process of earning agility, carting, herding, hunting, working or other titles. It also requires anyone who holds a breeding permit to submit to an inspection by the Los Angeles Department of Animal Services, requires breeders to implant all dogs sold with a microchip, "to maintain the breeder's identity as well as that of the new owner's" on the microchip.

Lee County, FL:

The Lee County Board of Commissioners will soon consider major revisions to their animal control code including breeder licensing, warrantless inspections, mandatory spay/neuter and restrictions on keeping dogs outside (even in fenced yards). The measure will likely be heard by the commission in July. AKC has contacted county officials and local fanciers regarding our opposition to this burdensome and ineffective proposal.

Macon County, IL update:

In late 2012, the Humane Society of Decatur and Macon County sought to collect 1,000 signatures on two petitions that asked lawmakers to impose mandatory spay/neuter provisions on both the City of Decatur and Macon County. The first petition asked for a law that would require sterilization for all dogs 5 months of age or older. The second petition proposed that any dog or cat considered a "stray" should be sterilized at the owner's expense prior to release from the shelter. It is presumed that this could have included any dog or cat found at large even one time. With both petitions, exemptions would be made for those with breeding licenses (which are already required for anyone breeding a dog), "proven show dogs or cats" (although this is not defined), and for owners who obtained a letter from their veterinarian stating their dog is not healthy enough for the procedure. These petitions are being circulated again and AKC GR is working with the Illinois Federation of Dog Clubs and Owners to educate local officials and oppose these proposals.

Bay City, MI:

The Bay City Commission has postponed a vote on a proposal that would have limited ownership to three dogs and three cats and banned all farm animals from city limits. City staff has been asked to revise the proposal prior to consideration by the commission.