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# Tank

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**Next Available Front Cover: 2nd/3rd Quarter 2018**

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4th Quarter 2018 September 30, 2018  
1st Quarter 2019 December 1, 2018

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**10% Discount: Memorial Ads**

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1/4 Page Brag Section (No Photo). Brag about anything: 1st leg/pts, new title, rode in car and didn't get sick, etc.	\$20
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Dear ARC Members,

I would like to thank the membership for the honor of serving as ARC President for these past 4 years. Being reelected to my second term without opposition was truly an honor. I'm flattered that the Nominating Committee asked me to run for a third term, but it is time for me to focus on my family. During the next ARC presidential term, my daughter will begin high school at a new school nearly an hour's commute each way. I need to be available to help with this transition and decided that I don't have the time to commit to a third term as ARC President. I thank those who called to express sadness that I'm not running for reelection, and am honored to have been considered.



I am very pleased to report that the membership continues to embrace the “new” National Specialty Judge Nomination process in which members are allowed to nominate judges when they renewed their membership dues. The first year for the new system was 2015, and the number of members voting on the Judge ballot was double to triple the number of members who participated in the recent years under the old system. And I'm pleased to report that 2017 and 2016's participation exceeded 2015's! By allowing members to nominate judges for the ballot, all members have a chance of seeing at least one or two judges that they like on the ballot. Breeder judges, all-around judges, movement judges, head judges, green judges, blue judges. etc. We all have our preferences, and this is the best way to see that most members will like at least one judge on the ballot! However, this nomination system is labor intensive and might be discontinued in the future. If you like this system and want to retain it, I encourage you to write to the board.

I'd like to encourage all Purina Pro Club Members to turn in your weight circles to Purina. This is a wonderful program in which Purina donates money to parent clubs and this money MUST be used for health, education, and rescue. I'm sad to report that our participation has been declining each year. Please, let's stop ARC's declining participation in the PPCP program. To learn more about the PPCP program, visit <http://newscenter.purina.com/press-releases?item=122619>. If YOU care about Rottweiler health, education, and rescue, PLEASE submit your weight circles to Purina. You must mail them directly to Purina! **NOTE:** *Purina's Weight Circle submissions will soon be replaced with Digital Receipts. Learn more about the change to the Pro Club Rewards Program on our FAQ page (<https://receiptcapturestorageprd.blob.core.windows.net/files/FAQ.pdf>).*

I want to take this opportunity to invite ARC members to volunteer for any of the positions currently open. We need a newsletter editor, a National Specialty Fundraiser Chair, a National Specialty Auction Coordinator, Junior Showmanship and Junior Scholarship Committee Chairs, a Sieger Rules Committee Chair and others. If you are interested in any of these positions, please speak with a board member for more details.

I would like to close by thanking the membership for entrusting this beloved club to my leadership for the past four years. I wish the new leadership the best of luck going forward.

Sincerely,

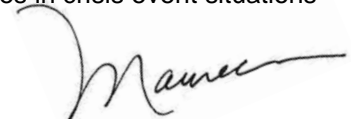
*Nancy G*

## From the ARK Editor's Desk

Hello! As the interim ARK editor, allow me to introduce myself. My name is Maureen Finn. I am a writer and editor with over 15 years of experience, as well as being a Rottweiler owner for the past 33 years. I know the breed, I love the breed, and have participated in many facets of dog sport with them, although for now I'm content with my dogs' main role being that of companion – and they are champion companions!

First of all, I want to thank the previous ARK editors and pinch hitters for their hard work on behalf of the club and the Rottweiler breed. They are to be applauded! (Also, a special shout out to Director Katie Maess for all her help on this issue.) My primary goal with the ARK is to get it back on schedule\* and coming out on time, every time. And, hand-in-hand with timeliness, I want the ARK—*your membership newsletter*—to provide you with important, up to date club and breed information, conformation and performance statistics, health news and training information, and a place to share experiences, brags, articles, and input. I welcome your participation in the newsletter – please feel free to contact me with your questions, ideas, and feedback about the ARK and its content, both current and future issues.

In this streamlined, combined issue we have, among other things, the usual, important nuts and bolts—Board meeting minutes with club news and business, membership lists, officers lists, and area and local club listings—as well as the last president's message from outgoing ARC President, Nancy Griego, who has worked selflessly on behalf of our breed; a reprinted article about osteosarcoma, the cancer too many of us have dealt with; a delightful update on Mercury, one the Texas 200 rescues; and an inspiring article about John Hunt and his therapy Rottweiler, Gunther, providing comfort and solace to victims and their families in crisis event situations all over the US. Check it out and let us know what you think.



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*\*In the effort to get back on schedule, we will be combining the upcoming 2nd and 3rd Quarter issues for 2018 and then get back to our normal quarterly issues with the 4th Quarter. Please note the following dates for ads, articles, and contributions you may have:*


**2nd/3rd Quarter submission deadline**  
**4th Quarter submission deadline**

**July 30, 2018**  
**September 30, 2018**

### Example Brag:

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*Thank you to Dr.  
Tommy Caisango,  
for recognizing  
our special boy,  
Kaleb, for this  
prestigious  
award !!!*



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## Officers and Directors of the American Rottweiler Club 2017–2018

(updated 7/1/17)

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Up for reappointment 2/19

## WELCOME New Officers and Directors of the American Rottweiler Club 2018–2019

There were no additional nominations received for the Board positions that were up for election this year. So per the ARC Bylaws:

*If no valid additional nominations are received by the Secretary by April 1st, the nominating committee's slate shall be declared elected on June 1st, and no balloting will be required.*

The following are declared elected and will serve a 2 year term from 2018 to 2020, beginning July 1st:

President:	Randi Garske
Vice-President:	Jeff Shaver
Director:	Teresa Bradley
Director:	Ellen Calnan
Director:	Tonya Williamson

**ARC BOARD MEETING MINUTES AND UNANIMOUS CONSENT MOTIONS**

<b>NG: Nancy Griego, President</b>	<b>RKM – Roberta Kelley-Martin, Vice President</b>	<b>AG: Ann Glynn, Secretary</b>
<b>NS: Nancy Stafford, Treasurer</b>	<b>TB – Teresa Bradley, Director</b>	<b>RG: Randi Garske, Director</b>
<b>JKM: Jill Kessler-Miller, Director</b>	<b>KM: Katie Maess, Director</b>	<b>JS: Jeff Shaver, Director</b>

**October 10, 2017: ARC General Board Meeting Minutes**

**Start Time:** 4:38 PM PDT. **End Time:** 6:27 PM PDT. The duration of meeting: 1 hour and 49 minutes. Minutes recorded by Secretary Ann Glynn.

**Roll Call:** RKM, AG, NS, TB, RG, KM, JKM, JS. **Nancy Griego joined the meeting in progress at 4:56 PM PDT.**

**Guest:** Alex Gebhardt report on new ARC website.

Motion to take meeting out of order after website report. Motion: Nancy Stafford; Second: Katie Maess. Unanimous

Website Report from Alex Gebhardt and Randi Garskie.

- ARC’s mission possibly use the section 2 from the Bylaws with additional information on why people should become a member.
- Goals of the club, scrolling banner, banner can be changed based on activities.
- What absolutely needs to be on the new site before going live. Committee Chairs need to please review what is needed on the new site. Transferring everything from the old site will not work, too much old information. Randi and Ann will go through the old site for relative links and what need to be achieved.

Alex Gebhardt was thanked by the Board for her work. Alex has left the meeting at 5:21 PM PDT.

**Minutes of the September 12, 2017 Board Meeting: Motion to approve as published.**

**Motion:** Jeff Shaver; **Second:** Roberta Kelley-Martin.

**Unanimous**

**President’s Report:** Nothing to report.

**Secretary’s Report:** Three self-reports to be discussed in executive session.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

US Bank - General Checking	\$ 4,545.75
US Bank - Nationals Account	\$ 48.16
Huntington Bank - Membership	\$ 24,614.20
CapitalOne 360 Savings	\$ 167,809.74
Schwab One Account	\$ <u>81,345.18</u>
Total Account Balances:	\$ 278,363.03

Interest Earned on the CapitalOne 360 Savings account September 30, 2017: \$55.06. Interest earned on the Schwab One Account (Patricia DeMarzo Tracking Fund) 08/16/17-09/15/2017: \$ .80. Qualified Dividends received in September 2017: \$292.35. Pending Qualified Dividends to be received in October 2017: \$132.60.

Note: the Schwab One Investment Account balance reflects the value of the stocks held in the account on the statement date, plus interest and dividends earned, less expenditures on tracking events.

Last week I registered the American Rottweiler Club as a Non-Profit Corporation with the State of Missouri. I also filed a Missouri Sales or Use Tax Exemption Application. If it is granted, most or all, ARC expenses incurred at Purina Farms will be non-taxable. A CPA will be consulted regarding what expenses are not taxable.

**Committee Reports:** Nationals Chair Roberta Kelley-Martin suggests we ask the members if we should reduce the number of Judges hired for Nationals Conformation and Sweeps.



**Unfinished Business:**

Mandatory Practice Revisions: The board is considering all submitted comments and the committee's proposal for a final draft to be submitted to the membership.

**New Business:**

9.11: Motion: Appoint a committee to investigate Temperament Testing for Rottweilers, possibly reviving the Rottweiler Character Test or using a similar test, such as the ATTS Temperament Test. Appoint Randi Garske as chair with committee members Karen Cannard and Rosemary Lenigan.

Motion: Randi Garske; Second: Jeff Shaver. Discussion.

Approve: NG, RKM, AG, NS, TB, RG, JKM, KM, JS.

Passed: 10/10/17

9.12: Motion: Donate \$500 to AKC Reunite to assist with hurricane relief, to be disbursed from the Purina Partnership fund.

Motion: Randi Garske; Second: Jill Kessler-Miller. Discussion.

Approve: NG, RKM, AG, NS, TB, RG, JKM, KM, JS.

Passed: 10/10/17

10.1: Motion to appoint Alexandra Gebhardt as our New Jersey Resident Agent for ARC Corporation correspondence.

Motion: Nancy Griego; Second: Roberta Kelley-Martin. Discussion.

Approve: NG, RKM, AG, NS, TB, RG, JKM, KM, JS.

Passed: 10/10/17

10.2: Motion to approve the Southwest Rottweiler Club of San Diego to hold two Independent Specialties on Friday February 23, 2018, these will be an AM and PM shows. Shows will be held during the Silver Bay Kennel Club all breed weekend event at the Del Mar Fairgrounds in San Diego. Events offered Conformation, and Sweepstakes during AM show. Conformation Judge: Mr. John Wade. Sweeps Judge: Kathi Horton. PM Show will be conformation only. Conformation Judge: Mr. Manuel Queijeiro. Contact person. Show Chair: Katie McCaese [kmccasey@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kmccasey@sbcglobal.net).

Motion: Ann Glynn; Second: Nancy Griego. Discussion.

Approve: NG, RKM, AG, NS, TB, RG, JKM, KM, JS.

Passed: 10/10/17

10.3: Motion to appoint Adam Gray as our Missouri Resident Agent for ARC Corporation correspondence.

Motion: Nancy Stafford; Second: Nancy Griego. Discussion.

Approve: NG, RKM, AG, NS, TB, RG, JKM, KM, JS.

Passed: 10/10/17

10.4: Motion to add Michelle Tribble to the Top 20 Committee.

Motion: Katie Maess; Second: Roberta Kelley-Martin. Discussion.

Approve: NG, RKM, AG, NS, TB, RG, JKM, KM, JS.

Passed: 10/10/17

Executive Session: Motion to move to executive session at 5:42 PM PDT.

Motion: Nancy Griego; Second: Roberta Kelley-Martin

Jill Kessler-Miller has left the meeting at 5:54 PM PDT. Returned to General Board Meeting at 6:25 PM PDT.

Next meeting Tuesday, November 14, 2017 4:30 PM PST.

Motion to adjourn: Roberta Kelley-Martin; Second: Ann Glynn.

Unanimous. Adjourn at 6:27 PM PDT.

Respectfully submitted, Ann Glynn, Secretary

**November 14, 2017: ARC General Board Meeting Minutes**

**Start Time:** 4:34 PM PST. **End Time:** 5:56 PM PST. The duration of meeting: 1 hour and 22 minutes. Minutes recorded by Secretary Ann Glynn.

**Roll Call:** NG, RKM, AG, NS, TB, RG, KM, JKM, JS.

**Minutes of the October 10, 2017 Board Meeting: Motion to approve as published.**

**Motion:** Nancy Griego; Second: Randi Garske

**Unanimous**

**President's Report:** I want to thank Roberta for covering for me during my recent travels. I move that we suspend the normal order of business and enter into Executive Session so that we can discuss a self-report of a Mandatory Practice Violation with the self-reporting member.

**Motion:** Nancy Griego; Second: Roberta Kelley-Martin.

**Executive Session:** Began at 4:36 PM PST. The board returned to the Open Meeting and resumed the normal order of business at 5:09 PM PST.

**Secretary's Report:** One self-report to review in executive session

**Treasurer's Report:**

US Bank - General Checking	\$ 3,876.35
US Bank - Nationals Account	\$ 46.16
Huntington Bank - Membership	\$ 29,961.20
CapitalOne 360 Savings	\$ 164,866.39
Schwab One Account	\$ <u>81,024.32</u>
Total Account Balances:	\$ 279,774.42

Interest Earned on the CapitalOne 360 Savings account October 31, 2017: \$56.65. Interest earned on the Schwab One Account (Patricia DeMarzo Tracking Fund) 09/16/17-10/15/2017: \$ .80. Qualified Dividends received in October 2017: \$132.60. Pending Qualified Dividends to be received in November 2017: \$138.78.

Correction to September 30, 2017 Treasurer's Report: Interest earned on the Schwab One Account (Patricia DeMarzo Tracking Fund) 08/16/17-09/15/2017: \$ .80. Qualified Dividends received in September 2017: \$292.35.

Note: the Schwab One Investment Account balance reflects the value of the stocks held in the account on the statement date, plus interest and dividends earned, less expenditures on tracking events.

The Income Tax Return for ARC for the year ended June 30, 2017 is due November 15, 2017. Lin Beenen, CPA has filed an extension on behalf of the ARC. The tax return will be submitted by the end of December 2017.

The annual Agreed Upon Procedures review will again be conducted by Doug Zandstra, CPA.

**Unfinished Business:**

Mandatory Practice Revisions: Discussed and in progress.

New Website Update: Randi Garske reported that Alex Gebhardt is working with the links provided by Randi and Ann.

Sieger Committee: Jill Kessler-Miller reports that we had one member who is interested in joining the committee. The 2018 Sieger is coming along nicely.

**New Business:**

10.5: Motion to approve Colonial Rottweiler Club to hold an Independent Specialty with additional events from May 4, 2018 to May 10, 2018. Events offered Conformation, Sweepstakes, Obedience, Rally, Agility, Herding, Barn Hunt, ATTS, CGC, Carting, Puppy Match and CGCA test. Schedule and location as follows:

May 4, 5 & 6	Agility, Palmyra, PA
May 5 & 6	Herding, Birdsboro, PA
May 7	Carting, Barn Hunt, Puppy Match, CGC, CGCA, ATTS, Lancaster, PA
May 8	Puppy & Veteran Sweepstakes, Obedience and Rally, Lancaster, PA
May 9	Conformation, Obedience and Rally, Lancaster, PA
May 10	Conformation, Lancaster, PA

Conformation Judge: Bitches and BOB, Mr. Bob Busby Conformation Judge: Dogs Sharon Marples, Sweepstakes Judge: George Chamberlin. Agility Judges: Mr. Scott Stock and Mr. Tim Pinneri. Herding Judges: Ms. Leida Jones and Ms. Terry Wofford. Barn Hunt: Ms. Kay Schauer-Truss. All other event Judges are currently Pending. Contact Show Chair is Karen L. Sims [simsarc@centurytel.net](mailto:simsarc@centurytel.net).



Motion: Ann Glynn; Second: Randi Garske. Discussion.

Approve: NG, RKM, AG, NS, TB, RG, JKM, KM, JS.

Passed: 11/14/17

10.6: MOTION: To update the ARC National Specialty Standing Rule B4 to read - The ARC Board will not approve any other Rottweiler Club Specialty to be held in the United States during the months of April, May or June. The only exception being that any club already having an established date for a Rottweiler Specialty (conformation and/or performance) shall be allowed to keep that date as their own, unless waived in writing by that club. Clubs wishing to host an ARC Regional will be considered on an individual basis depending on the dates of the National for that year.

Motion: Roberta Kelley-Martin; Second: Jeff Shaver. Discussion.

Approve: NG, RKM, AG, NS, TB, RG, JKM, KM, JS.

Passed: 11/14/17

REASONING: The ARC is limited to holding their National Specialty during the months of April, May or June. As such, there are already 5 Rottweiler clubs that have existing dates during these months; one of which is now six (6) days long. The ARC National is a week-long event (usually 8 or 9 days). During the month of May, 3 weekends are already taken with established club's dates. Trying to work within a time frame of available dates and venues open to us has proven to be extremely difficult.

EXISTING SR: B4. The ARC Board will not approve any other Rottweiler Club Specialty to be held in the United States on the same dates as the ARC National Specialty. The only exception being that any club already having an established date for a Rottweiler Specialty (conformation and/or performance) shall be allowed to keep that date as their own, unless waived in writing by that club.

PROPOSED SR: B4. The ARC Board will not approve any other Rottweiler Club Specialty to be held in the United States during the months of April, May or June. The only exception being that any club already having an established date for a Rottweiler Specialty (conformation and/or performance) shall be allowed to keep that date as their own, unless waived in writing by that club. Clubs wishing to host an ARC Regional will be considered on an individual basis depending on the dates of the National for that year.

10.7: Motion To stay consistent with the ARC National Standing Rule B4. ARC REGIONAL SPECIALTY STANDING RULES EXISTING SR: B4. Regional Specialties will be approved no more than 2 years in advance.

PROPOSED SR: B4. Regional Specialties will be approved no more than 2 years in advance. Clubs wishing to host an ARC Regional will be considered on an individual basis depending on the dates of the National for that year.

Motion: Roberta Kelley-Martin; Second: Nancy Griego. Discussion

Approve: NG, RKM, AG, NS, TB, RG, JKM, KM, JS.

Passed: 11/14/17

11.1: Motion to approve the ARC Judges Education Breed Study to be presented in conjunction with the National Specialty, from 8:00 am - 9:30 am on May 17, 2018, at Purina Farms. Nancy Griego will be the presenter. Ringside Mentoring will be available.

Motion: Nancy Griego; Second: Teresa Bradley. Discussion.

Approve: NG, RKM, AG, NS, TB, RG, JKM, KM, JS.

Passed: 11/14/17

11.2: Motion to approve Grand Canyon State Rottweiler Club to host two Carting Tests on January 13, 2018. Carting Chair: Sheila Hanna, Secretary: Betty Schultz, Judge 1 & 2: Debra Tabor

Motion: Randi Garske; Second: Roberta Kelley-Martin. Discussion.

Approve: NG, RKM, AG, NS, TB, RG, JKM, KM, JS.

Passed: 11/14/17

11.3: Motion to have Lin Beenen, CPA, file a tax return extension on behalf of the American Rottweiler Club for fiscal year-end 6/30/2017. Fees and mailing expenses to be reimbursed out of General Funds.

Motion: Nancy Stafford; Second: Jeff Shaver. Discussion.

Approve: NG, RKM, AG, NS, TB, RG, JKM, KM, JS.

Passed: 11/14/17

11.4: Motion to hire Doug Zandstra, CPA to perform the Agreed Upon Procedures review of the ARC financials, for the fiscal year ended 6/30/2017. Fee will be \$500, paid out of the General Fund. Lin Beenen will participate as the third party member.

Motion: Nancy Stafford; Second: Jeff Shaver. Discussion.

Approve: NG, RKM, AG, NS, TB, RG, JKM, KM, JS.

Passed: 11/14/17

11.5: Motion to include in the Top 10 Rally stats the new Intermediate and Master classes, effective with stats 11/1/17.

Motion: Katie Maess; Second: Jill Kessler Miller. Discussion.

Approve: KM; Disapprove: NG, RKM, AG, NS, TB, RG, JKM, JS.

Failed: 11/14/17

11.6: Motion to add to the National SR's a Medium Armetale to be awarded to Highest Triple Scoring Dog in Rally.

Motion: Katie Maess; Second: Randi Garske. Discussion.

Approve: NG, RKM, AG, NS, TB, RG, JKM, KM; Disapprove: JS.

Passed: 11/14/17

11.7: Motion to add to General SR I.21 the following awards: Preferred Obedience Champion (POC) and Rally Champion (RACH - dog's 1st RACH only).

Motion: Katie Maess; Second: Randi Garske. Discussion.

Approve: NG, RKM, AG, NS, TB, RG, JKM, KM, JS.

Passed: 11/14/17

11.8: Motion to approve sending Peter Piusz to the December, 2017 Delegates meeting in Orlando, FL. Expenses not to exceed \$750, from the general fund.

Motion: Katie Maess; Second: Jeff Shaver. Discussion.

Approve: NG, RKM, AG, NS, TB, RG, JKM, KM, JS.

Passed: 11/14/17

11.9: Motion to include in the Top Dog Rally stats the new Master class, effective with stats 1/1/18.

Motion: Katie Maess; Second: Randi Garske. Discussion.

Motion to table 11.9 until next meeting.

Motion: Jill Kessler-Miller; Second: Roberta Kelley-Martin. Discussion.

Approve: NG, RKM, NS, RG, JKM; Disapprove AG, TB, KM, JS.

Passed: 11/14/17

Next meeting December 12, 2017 4:30 PM PST.

Motion to adjourn: Nancy Stafford; Second: Ann Glynn.

Unanimous. Adjourn at 5:56 PM PST.

Respectfully submitted, Ann Glynn, Secretary

## **December 12, 2017: ARC General Board Meeting Minutes**

**Start Time:** 4:33 PM PST. **End Time:** 5:34 PM PST. The duration of meeting: 1 hour and 1 minute. Minutes recorded by Secretary Ann Glynn.

**Roll Call:** NG, RKM, AG, NS, TB, RG, KM, JKM, JS.

**Minutes of the November 14, 2017 Board Meeting: Motion to approve as published.**

**Motion:** Nancy Stafford; **Second:** Randi Garske

**Unanimous**

**President's Report:** I have formatted the letters to ADRK, FCI, and IFR requesting that their judges seek ARC approval prior to accepting judging assignments in the US. I will review the German translation and revise if necessary, and report to the board again before sending. I printed and signed the AKC application for scent work, and mailed to AKC. Thank you to Jim Runck and Roberta Kelley Martin for working on the requirements for this.

**Secretary's Report:** Nothing to report.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

US Bank - General Checking	\$ 4,721.02
US Bank - Nationals Account	\$ 46.16
Huntington Bank - Membership	\$ 34,574.14
CapitalOne 360 Savings	\$ 164,920.50
Schwab One Account	\$ <u>82,675.22</u>
Total Account Balances:	\$ 286,937.04

Interest Earned on the CapitalOne 360 Savings account November 30, 2017: \$54.11. Interest earned on the Schwab One Account (Patricia DeMarzo Tracking Fund) 10/16/17-11/15/2017: \$ .83. Qualified Dividends received in November 2017: \$216.13. Pending Qualified Dividends to be received in December 2017: \$198.90.

Note: the Schwab One Investment Account balance reflects the value of the stocks held in the account on the statement date, plus interest and dividends earned, less expenditures on tracking events.

The QuickBooks files for FYE 6/30/2017 have been submitted for the annual Agreed Upon Procedures review by Doug Zandstra, CPA.

### **Committee Reports:**

New Website update: Alex Gebhardt is continuing her work on the new site.

### **Unfinished Business:**

Mandatory Practice Revisions: The draft has been submitted by Jeff Shaver for Board review and comparison to current requirements.

Tabled from the November 14, 2017 meeting:

11.9: Motion to include in the Top Dog Rally stats the new Master class, effective with stats 1/1/18.

Motion: Katie Maess; Second: Randi Garske. Discussion.

Approve: NG, RKM, AG, NS, TB, RG, KM, JS; Abstain: JKM.

Passed: 12/12/17

### **New Business:**

11.10: Motion to remove Linda Baker from the ARC Regional and National Sweepstakes.

Motion: Nancy Griego; Second: Randi Garske. Discussion.

Approve: NG, RKM, AG, NS, TB, RG, JKM, KM, JS.

Passed: 12/12/17

11.11: Motion to approve Alexia Rodriguez, AKC Judge # 101475, to be added to the ARC Regional Sweepstakes Judge List. Ms. Rodriguez meets all of the requirements to be an ARC Sweepstakes Judge.

Motion: Nancy Griego; Second: Roberta Kelley Martin. Discussion.

Approve: NG, RKM, AG, NS, TB, RG, JKM, KM, JS.

Passed: 12/12/17

11.12: Motion to approve an Independent Specialty for Aloha State Rottweiler Club to be held on Sunday March 4, 2018 at the Neal S. Blaisdell Center, Honolulu HI. Event offered will be Conformation; Judge: Mr. David Bolus. Contact person Show Chair Douglas Adachi, douglas@adachiinc.com.

Motion: Ann Glynn; Second: Randi Garske. Discussion.

Approve: NG, RKM, AG, NS, TB, RG, JKM, KM, JS.

Passed: 12/12/17

11.13: Motion to approve the Associated Rottweiler Fanciers of Northern California permission to host two concurrent Independent Specialty Shows on June 8, 2018, and June 9, 2018, to be held with the Woofstock Cluster at the Solano County Fairgrounds, Vallejo, Ca. Events offered Conformation and Sweepstakes. June 8, 2018 Conformation Judge: Ms. Betty Cline. June 10, 2018 Conformation Judge: Mr. Eric Libes. Sweepstakes will be offered on June 7, 2018. Judges are pending. Contact person is Danielle Green daniellesdogs@aol.com.

Motion: Ann Glynn; Second: Roberta Kelley-Martin. Discussion.

Approve: NG, RKM, AG, NS, TB, RG, JKM, KM, JS.

Passed: 12/12/17

12.1: Motion to accept late membership renewals of Dana Agresta, Wendy & Tony Amos, Sue Bowman, Paula & Tony Carter, Marietta Christensen, Mary Ellen Czudak, Naomi Dianogly, Nancy Gannon, Alexandra Gebhardt, Carol Grossman, Mileah Kay, Kristi Kerr, Denise King, Deborah McIntyre, Mary Anne Morrison, Eileen Perez, Cheryl Pinkham, Barbara & Steve Thomas, Wesley Ulan & Debbie Haynes, Alex Vorbeck, Barbara Wiseman, Elizabeth Aymett, Karen Billings, Robin Billings, Mark Elvington, Deb & Blasé Listander, Vicki & Ian Mackenzie, Helen Nixon, Deb Saavendra, and Michelle Amtower.

Motion: Katie Maess; Second: Ann Glynn. Discussion.

Approve: NG, RKM, AG, NS, TB, RG, JKM, KM, JS.

Passed: 12/12/17



12.2: Motion to print 100 laminated copies of the Rottweiler Breed Summary Bookmark at Graphic Arts Solutions in Los Lunas, NM. Cost not to exceed \$125, with funds coming from the Purina Fund.

Motion: Nancy Griego; Second: Jeff Shaver. Discussion.

Approve: NG, RKM, AG, NS, TB, RG, JKM, KM, JS.

Passed: 12/12/17

12.3: Motion to approve the proposal submitted by Alexandra Gebhardt and Peter Piusz to coordinate and host the Meet the Breeds booth in conjunction with the Westminster Kennel Club in NYC on February 10, 2018. Booth theme as outlined in their written proposal. Budget not to exceed \$1500, any remaining funds shall be returned to ARC. Funds to be paid from the Purina Fund.

Motion: Nancy Griego; Second: Randi Garske. Discussion.

Approve: NG, RKM, AG, NS, TB, RG, JKM, KM, JS.

Passed: 12/12/17

12.4: Motion to Include Preferred obedience classes in the Top Dog calculations for obedience, beginning 1/1/18. Preferred classes would be combined with regular obedience classes.

Motion: Randi Garske; Second: Katie Maess. Discussion.

Approve: NS, RG, KM; Disapprove: NG, RKM, AG, TB, JKM, JS.

Failed: 12/12/17

12.5: Motion to accept Nancy Stafford's resignation from the By-Law Committee, and to add Ann Glynn onto the By-Law Committee.

Motion: Katie Maess; Second: Jeff Shaver. Discussion.

Approve: NG, RKM, AG, NS, TB, RG, JKM, KM, JS.

Passed: 12/12/17

12.6: Motion to approve the membership mailing for 2020 Judges vote, Bios, nomination slate and annual meeting notice. Cost to not exceed \$ 1100.00 to be paid for from the general fund.

Motion: Ann Glynn; Second: Jeff Shaver. Discussion.

Approve: NG, RKM, AG, NS, TB, RG, JKM, KM, JS.

Passed: 12/12/17

12.7: Motion to approve the Northstar Rottweiler Club to host a Concurrent Specialty on Friday June 22, 2018, with the Anoka County Kennel Club. The show will be held outdoors in Cambridge MN. Events offered: Conformation to be judged by Ms Wendy Paquette(AKC#7575). Junior Showmanship will be judged by Mr. Tim Peterson (AKC#92446). Puppy and Veteran Sweepstakes to be judged by Mr. Gary Griffin.

Motion: Ann Glynn; Second: Jill Kessler-Miller. Discussion.

Disapprove: NG, RKM, AG, NS, TB, RG, JKM, KM, JS.

Failed: 12/12/17

12.8: Motion to include Preferred obedience classes in the Top Dog calculations for obedience, beginning 1/1/18.

Motion: Randi Garske; Second: Katie Maess. Discussion.

Approve: NG, RKM, AG, NS, TB, RG, JKM, KM, JS.

Passed: 12/12/17

Next meeting January 9, 2018 4:30 PM PST

Motion to adjourn: Randi Garske; Second: Ann Glynn.

Unanimous. Adjourn at 5:34 PM PST

Respectfully submitted, Ann Glynn, Secretary

## **January 9, 2018: ARC General Board Meeting Minutes**

**Start Time:** 4:34 PM PST. **End Time:** 5:39 PM PST. The duration of meeting: 1 hour and 5 minutes. Minutes recorded by Secretary Ann Glynn.

**Roll Call:** NG, AG, NS, RG, KM, JKM, JS, at 4:34 PM telephone connections caused delay for RKM on at 4:36 PM and TB on at 4:38. All present at 4:38 PM PST.

Minutes of the December 12, 2017 Board Meeting have not been published as of 1/9/18, Nancy Griego to follow up. Will motion to approve at February meeting.

**President's Report:** I emailed the letters to ADRK, FCI, and IFR requesting that their judges seek ARC approval prior to accepting judging assignments in the US. The letter was in English and German. The Rottweiler Klub of North America (RKNA) president, Susan Peyton, has responded in cooperation and is seeking our approval for future judges. Also, the AKC approved our application for sanctioning to hold AKC Scent work events. Thank you to Jim Runck and Roberta Kelley-Martin for finding the ARC members who could help us meet the requirements for this.

**Secretary's Report:** Nothing to report.

**Treasurer's Report:**

US Bank - General Checking	\$ 3,598.59
US Bank - Nationals Account	\$ 46.16
Huntington Bank - Membership	\$ 34,826.14
CapitalOne 360 Savings	\$ 164,976.43
Schwab One Account	<u>\$ 84,213.98</u>
Total Account Balances:	\$ 287,661.30

Interest Earned on the CapitalOne 360 Savings account December 31, 2017: \$55.93. Interest earned on the Schwab One Account (Patricia DeMarzo Tracking Fund) 11/16/17-12/15/2017: \$ .83. Qualified Dividends received in December 2017: \$332.45. Pending Qualified Dividends to be received in January 2018: \$72.70.

Note: the Schwab One Investment Account balance reflects the value of the stocks held in the account on the statement date, plus interest and dividends earned, less expenditures on tracking events.

Doug Zandstra, CPA, has provided me the list of documents he needs to perform the Agreed Upon Procedures review for FYE 6/30/17. We hope to complete the review prior to publication of the next ARK.

**Committee Reports:**

The 2018 National Sieger will be a two-day event, Jill Kessler-Miller is checking on a printer rental, Purina loud speaker availability as well as having food available for the Sunday show.

New Website update: Ann Glynn and Randi Garske reviewed the current website and put together a spreadsheet of the main pages and the disposition of those pages for moving to the new website. Randi met with Alex Gebhardt on January 5th for an update on the new site. Alex created a google doc based on the spreadsheet to keep track of changes and updates for the new site. A few changes to make to the spreadsheet add content owner and category for the new site. Alex also created a google doc for entering local club information which is based on the form provided by Roberta Kelley-Martin.

**New Business:**

Jeff Shaver reports that a group in Florida would like to host a ARC Regional Sieger Show, paperwork is forthcoming. Roberta Kelley-Martin will follow up on Perpetual Trophy inquiry and report back to the board on the donor's response and wishes.

12.9: Motion to break out the classes in the Top Dog Herding Stats beginning January 1, 2018. Classes to be calculated would be Herding Started, Herding Intermediate, Herding Advanced.

Motion: Katie Maess; Second: Ann Glynn. Discussion.

Approve: NG, RKM, AG, NS, TB, RG, JKM, KM; Abstain: JS.

Passed: 1/9/18

12.10: Motion to approve the Northstar Rottweiler Club to host a Concurrent American Rottweiler Club Regional Specialty on Friday June 22, 2018 with the Anoka County Kennel Club. The show will be held outdoors in Cambridge MN. Events offered: Conformation to be judged by Ms Wendy Paquette(AKC#7575). Ms. Paquette will also judge 4-6 Puppy Competition. Northstar will offer four Award of Merits in Conformation. The ARC will offer \$50 toward trophies for each venue for a total of \$50. Contact person is Jim Runck quickfirerotts@aol.com

Motion: Ann Glynn; Second: Randi Garske. Discussion.

Approve: NG, RKM, AG, NS, TB, RG, JKM, KM; Abstain: JS.

Passed: 1/9/18

12.11: Motion to approve the Texican Rottweiler Club to host a Region III Independent Specialty on Thursday July 5, 2018 in conjunction with the Lone Star State Classic Cluster. The show will be held indoors in Dallas TX at Dallas Market Hall. Events offered: Conformation and Junior Showmanship to be judged by Ms A Patricia Sosa (AKC#45766). Puppy and Veteran Sweepstakes to be judged by Mr. Jeffrey Shaver. Texican Rottweiler Club will also offer Best Puppy, Award of Merits and NOHS. The ARC will donate \$50 per event toward trophies/prizes for a total of \$200. Contact person is Pam Petty ppetty1@hotmail.com

Motion: Ann Glynn; Second: Randi Garske. Discussion.

Approve: NG, RKM, AG, NS, TB, RG, JKM, KM; Abstain: JS.

Passed: 1/9/18

12.12: Motion to approve the Rottweiler Club of Alaska to host an Independent Region VI Regional Specialty on Sunday August 12, 2018. The show will be held at Sirius Ranch in Wasilla, AK. Events being offered are Conformation to be judged by Mrs. Nancy Griego (AKC#90264) ARC will donate \$50 toward each venue for trophies for a total of \$50.

Contact person is Cheri Hagen Stoneridgeak@gmail.com.

Motion: Ann Glynn; Second: Randi Garske. Discussion.

Approve: RKM, AG, NS, TB, RG, JKM, KM, JS; Abstain: NG.

Passed: 1/9/18

1.1: Motion to approve the Golden State Rottweiler Club to host a Designated Specialty on Sunday May 27, 2018, in conjunction with Antelope Valley All Breed Club. The show will be at the Pomona Fairplex in Pomona, Ca.

Conformation and Sweepstakes will be offered. Conformation Judge: Mr. Brian Meyer. Sweeps Judge: Ms. Adrienne Perry. Contact person is Jeremy Schuster jgschuster@aol.com.

Motion: Ann Glynn; Second: Jill Kessler-Miller. Discussion.

Approve: NG, RKM, AG, NS, TB, RG, JKM, KM, JS.

Passed: 1/9/18

1.2: Motion to approve RKNA's request to allow FCI Judges Mr. Ivan Ristic from Serbia and Mr. Fernando Lucas Martins of Portugal to judge at South Coast Rottweiler Club's shows April 14-15, 2018, in Norco, CA.

Motion: Katie Maess; Second: Ann Glynn. Discussion.

Approve: NG, RKM, AG, NS, TB, RG, JKM, KM, JS.

Passed: 1/9/18

1.3: Motion to have Doug Zandstra, CPA perform the Agreed Upon Procedures review for the ARC financials for the fiscal year ended 6/30/2017, for a fee up to \$500. The fee will be paid out of the general funds. Randi Garske will participate as the third-party member.

Motion: Nancy Stafford; Second: Jeff Shaver. Discussion.

Approve: NG, RKM, AG, NS, TB, RG, JKM, KM, JS.

Passed: 1/9/18

1.4: Motion to approve Dogwood Rottweiler Club of Greater Metropolitan Atlanta to host a Carting Test on April 13, 2018. Carting Chair: Sue Benkiser, Secretary: Greg Benkiser, Judge: Barry Roland.

Motion: Randi Garske; Second: Katie Maess. Discussion.

Approve: NG, RKM, AG, NS, TB, RG, JKM, KM, JS.

Passed: 1/9/18

1.5: Motion to approve Colonial Rottweiler Club to host a Carting Test on May 7, 2018. Carting Chair: Patricia "Tish" Edwards, Secretary: Dr. Tommy Caisango, Judge: Laura Bridges-Noll.

Motion: Randi Garske; Second: Katie Maess. Discussion.

Approve: NG, RKM, AG, NS, TB, RG, JKM, KM, JS.

Passed: 1/9/18

1.6: Motion to approve the following late renewals: Joe Bastyr & Cindie Mummert; Jennifer Bolles; Cheryl Breakshear; Valerie Castora; Tina & Joe Church; Brian Clouser & Linda Caudeane Killfoil; Debra DeBilis; Julie Dikeman; Patricia Edwards; Jimmy Gonzalez; Stephanie Goodrich; Charles & Nicola Guthrie; Margie Haralson; Donna & Scott McLaughlin; Christina Meacham; Steven Paschkewitz; Rhonda Pratt; Angie Ruiz & Mark Terbeek; Linda Spengler; Robin Stark & Jimmy Kranz; Kaylene Stoller; Hillary Stopera; Ashley Townsley; Teresa Williams; Jo Lynne York.

Motion: Randi Garske; Second: Nancy Griego. Discussion.

Motion to amend 1.6 by striking Jennifer Bolles name from the motion.

Motion: Randi Garske; Second: Nancy Griego. Discussion.

Approve: NG, RKM, AG, NS, TB, RG, JKM, KM, JS.

Passed: 1/9/18

1.6 New Main Motion: Motion to approve the following late renewals: Joe Bastyr & Cindie Mummert; ~~Jennifer Bolles~~; Cheryl Breakshear; Valerie Castora; Tina & Joe Church; Brian Clouser & Linda Caudeane Killfoil; Debra DeBilis; Julie Dikeman; Patricia Edwards; Jimmy Gonzalez; Stephanie Goodrich; Charles & Nicola Guthrie; Margie Haralson; Donna & Scott McLaughlin; Christina Meacham; Steven Paschkewitz; Rhonda Pratt; Angie Ruiz & Mark Terbeek; Linda Spengler; Robin Stark & Jimmy Kranz; Kaylene Stoller; Hillary Stopera; Ashley Townsley; Teresa Williams; Jo Lynne York.

Motion: Randi Garske; Second: Nancy Griego. Discussion.

Approve: NG, RKM, AG, NS, TB, RG, JKM, KM, JS.

Passed: 1/9/18

1.7: Motion to place Robert Evans on the Sieger National Show Committee. Committee chair is Jill Kessler Miller.

Motion: Roberta Kelley-Martin; Second: Nancy Stafford. Discussion.

Approve: NG, RKM, AG, NS, TB, RG, JKM, KM, JS.

Passed: 1/9/18

1.8: Motion to accept the updated 2018 Triathlon program.

Motion: Katie Maess; Second: Randi Garske. Discussion.

Approve: NG, RKM, AG, NS, TB, RG, JKM, KM, JS. Passed: 1/9/18

1.9: Motion to approve the late renewal of Jennifer Bolles.

Motion: Jeff Shaver; Second: Randi Garske. Discussion.

Motion to table motion 1.9 until the February General Board Meeting.

Motion: Jeff Shaver; Second: Randi Garske. Discussion.

Approve: NG, RKM, AG, NS, TB, RG, JKM, KM, JS.

Passed: 1/9/18

Next meeting February 13, 2018 4:30 PM PST.

Motion to adjourn: Katie Maess; Second: Jill Kessler-Miller.

Unanimous. Adjourn at 5:39 PM PST.

Respectfully submitted, Ann Glynn, Secretary

## **February 13, 2018: ARC General Board Meeting Minutes**

**Start Time:** 4:35 PM PST. **End Time:** 5:37 PM PST. The duration of meeting: 1 hour and 2 minutes. Minutes recorded by Vice President Roberta Kelley-Martin.

**Roll Call:** NG, RKM, NS, TB, RG, JKM, JS.

Motion to excuse Ann Glynn from tonight's meeting.

Motion: Roberta Kelley-Martin; Second: Randi Garske.

Passed - Unanimous

Minutes of the December 12, 2017, Board Meeting have been published on the members only section of the ARC website.

Motion to approve: Nancy Stafford; Second: Jill Kessler-Miller.

Passed - Unanimous

Minutes of the January 9, 2018, Board Meeting have been posted on the members only section of the ARC website.

Motion to accept: Randi Garske; Second: Nancy Stafford.

Passed – Unanimous

**President's Report:** Due to time constraints for tonight's meeting, I suggest we suspend the normal order of business so we can address motions and the Executive Session first, then resume with officer and committee reports.

Motion: Nancy Griego; Second: Randi Garske. Discussion.

Passed – Unanimous

UCF 1.13: Motion: to approve release of foreign judges Vladimir Zec and Vincio Italo Di Paolo for the AIRK Sieger events scheduled for 3/31 and 4/1 2018 to be held in Hollywood Florida.

Motion: Jeff Shaver; Second: Roberta Kelley-Martin. Discussion.

Passed – Unanimous: 1/26/18

UCF 1.15: Motion to approve the Agreed Upon Procedures Report, dated January 25, 2018, submitted by Doug Zandstra, CPA EA for FYE 6/30/2017.

Motion: Nancy Stafford, Second: Jeff Shaver. Discussion.

Passed – Unanimous: 1/29/18



**Secretary's Report:** Submitted in advance by secretary Ann Glynn. We have received a grievance for a Mandatory Practice Violation. Grievance will be discussed in executive session during tonight's meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:**

US Bank - General Checking	\$ 31,001.11
US Bank - Nationals Account	\$ 46.16
Huntington Bank - Membership	\$ 3,206.66
CapitalOne 360 Savings	\$ 165,032.38
Schwab One Account	<u>\$ 84,428.47</u>
Total Account Balances:	\$ 283,714.78

Interest Earned on the CapitalOne 360 Savings account January 31, 2018: \$55.95. Interest earned on the Schwab One Account (Patricia DeMarzo Tracking Fund) 12/16/17-1/15/2018: \$ .98. Qualified Dividends received in January 2018: \$72.70. Pending Qualified Dividends to be received in February 2018: \$100.38.

Note: the Schwab One Investment Account balance reflects the value of the stocks held in the account on the statement date, plus interest and dividends earned, less expenditures on tracking events.

The Agreed Upon Procedures review for FYE 6/30/17 has been completed by Doug Zandstra, CPA. Please find his report in this issue of the ARK. We are happy to report that no exceptions were found!

**Committee Reports:**

New Website update: none

Mandatory Practices: Discussion. Will soon have update for inclusion in the ARK for comment by the membership.

Local & Area Club update: Nancy Stafford – Two clubs have been removed; one by request and one by non-reply. The updated, formatted Local & Area Clubs page for the ARK newsletter will be sent to Katie Maess and Kathi Wilson.

ARK Newsletter Editor: Jill Kessler-Miller reported a possible lead for an Editor. She will follow up. Nancy Griego will also reach out to Marilyn Piusz, past newsletter editor, asking for an outline and/or breakdown to explain/describe what is involved in producing the ARK for potential new editors.

**Unfinished Business:**

Tabled from the January 9, 2018 Board Meeting:

1.9: Motion to approve the late renewal of Jennifer Bolles

Motion: Jeff Shaver; Second: Randi Garske. Discussion

Disapprove: NG, RKM, NS, TB, RG, JKM, JS; Excused: AG, KM.

Failed: 2/13/18

**New Business:**

1.10: Motion to accept Sharon Marples resignation as Sweepstakes Judges coordinator.

Motion: Randi Garske; Second: Roberta Kelley-Martin. Discussion.

Approved: NG, RKM, NS, TB, RG, JKM, JS; Excused: AG, KM.

Passed: 2/13/18

1.11: Motion to appoint Laura Wright-Smith as the Sweepstakes Judges coordinator.

Motion: Randi Garske; Second: Roberta Kelley-Martin. Discussion.

Approved: NG, RKM, NS, TB, RG, JKM, JS; Excused: AG, KM.

Passed: 2/13/18

1.12: Whereas OFA assigns a number to both JLPP Clear and JLPP Carrier (Affected being the only 'abnormal' result), JLPP results should be automatically published whether they carry the DNA mutation or not. This is in the same manner that eye exam results are posted when they have a Breeders Option.

Motion to ask OFA to treat JLPP testing of Rottweilers as passing results whether the results come back clear or carrier.

Motion: Teresa Bradley; Second: Jeff Shaver. Discussion.

Approved: NG, RKM, NS, TB, RG, JKM, JS; Excused: AG, KM.

Passed: 2/13/18

1.13: UCF (see above)

1.14: Motion to approve to release foreign judge Prof. Dr. Peter Friedrich (ADRK-Germany) for RKNA Fall Klubsieger and IPO Meisterschaft held on October 19, 2018, in Akron, OH, USA.

Motion: Roberta Kelley-Martin; Second: Randi Garske. Discussion.

Approved: NG, RKM, NS, TB, RG, JKM, JS; Excused: AG, KM.

Passed: 2/13/18

1.16: Motion to transfer the 2017 Year End balance (approximately \$4,013) in the ARC's AKC Canine Health Foundation Donor Advised Fund to the Rottweiler Health Foundation's Donor Advised Fund.

Motion: Nancy Stafford; Second: Katie Maess. Discussion.

Approved: NG, RKM, NS, TB, RG, JKM, JS; Excused: AG, KM.

Passed: 2/13/18

2.1: Motion to approve a Regional Sieger Show hosted by Medallion Rottweiler Club on September 8, 2018, at the Blackwell Forest Preserve Hawthorne Grove. Events offered will be puppy classes, adult classes and Junior handler class. Judge: Mr. Michael Conradt. Entries through Zooza. ARC support of \$150 for events. Contact Show Chair: Francine Luchsinger [faluchsinger@gmail.com](mailto:faluchsinger@gmail.com).

Motion: Jill Kessler-Miller; Second: Nancy Stafford. Discussion.

Approved: NG, RKM, NS, TB, RG, JKM, JS; Excused: AG, KM.

Passed: 2/13/18

2.2: Motion to approve the Northstar Rottweiler Club in conjunction with the ARC to host two Carting Tests on May 14-15, 2018 for the 2018 ARC National Specialty. Carting Chair: Dr. Tommy Caisango, Secretary: Dr. Tommy Caisango, Monday Onsite Secretary: Laura Wright-Smith, Test 1 Judge: Dr. Tommy Caisango, Test 2 Judge: Jane Dyar.

Motion: Randi Garske; Second: Nancy Stafford. Discussion.

Approved: NG, RKM, NS, TB, RG, JKM, JS; Excused: AG, KM.

Passed: 2/13/18

2.3: Motion to approve an Independent Specialty Show hosted by The Rottweiler Club of Alaska on August 11, 2018, at Sirius Ranch, Wasilla, AK. Judges are to be Juan Griego (AKC# 90265)- Conformation; Judy Heller - Sweepstakes; Carol A. Nash (AKC# 6663) - Junior Showmanship. Club will be offering Judges' Award of Merits.

Motion: Roberta Kelley-Martin; Second: Jill Kessler-Miller. Discussion.

Approved: RKM, NS, TB, RG, JKM, JS; Abstain: NG; Excused: AG, KM.

Passed: 2/13/18

2.4: Motion to accept Sue & Stuart Larsen's offer to provide a Challenge Trophy to be won by the Best of Opposite Sex to the Best of Breed winner at the American Rottweiler Club National Specialty. In order to retire this trophy, it must be won 3 times by the same owner, not necessarily with the same dog. The Larsen's will provide a yearly memento to the winner. This trophy will be available at the 2018 ARC National.

Motion: Roberta Kelley-Martin; Second: Randi Garske. Discussion.

Approved: NG, RKM, NS, TB, RG, JKM, JS; Excused: AG, KM.

Passed: 2/13/18

2.5: Motion to approve the Rottweiler Club of Alaska to add Junior Showmanship, to be judged by C. Michael Benson (AKC# 6535), to their previously approved (motion 12.11) Independent Region VI ARC Regional Specialty on Sunday, August 12, 2018. The show will be held at Sirius Ranch in Wasilla, AK. ARC will donate \$50 toward Junior Showmanship for trophies, in addition to the previously approved \$50 for conformation, for a total of \$100 for trophies.

Motion: Roberta Kelley-Martin; Second: Nancy Stafford. Discussion.

Approved: NG, RKM, NS, TB, RG, JKM, JS; Excused: AG, KM.

Passed: 2/13/18

Motion to enter Executive Session for the purpose of determining jurisdiction of a grievance for a Mandatory Practice violation.

Motion: Nancy Greigo; Second: Teresa Bradley.

Approved: NG, RKM, NS, TB, RG, JKM, JS; Excused: AG, KM.

Passed: 2/13/18

Executive session: 5:10 PM, PST. Return to regular meeting 5:13 PM PST.

Jeff Shaver left the meeting at 5:14 PM PST.

Business continued with Committee Reports.

Next meeting March 13, 2018 4:30 PM PST

Motion to adjourn: Nancy Stafford; Second: Jill Kessler-Miller.

Unanimous: Adjourned at 5:37 PM PST

Respectfully submitted, Roberta Kelley-Martin, Vice-President, for Ann Glynn, Secretary

### **March 13, 2018: ARC General Board Meeting Minutes**

**Start Time:** 4:33 PM PDT. **End Time:** 5:52 PM PDT. The duration of meeting: 1 hour and 19 minutes. Minutes recorded by Vice President Roberta Kelley-Martin.

#### **Roll Call: NG, RKM, AG, NS, TB, RG, JKM, KM, JS.**

Minutes of the February 13, 2018 Board Meeting have been posted on the members only section of the ARC website.

Motion to accept: Jeff Shaver; Second: Nancy Stafford.

Passed – Unanimous

#### **President's Report:**

UCF 3.1: Motion to change National Specialty SR B.12.n to read:

- n. The Contracts for Conformation and Sweepstakes judges will contain the stipulations that they will not accept an assignment to judge Rottweilers at an All-Breed Kennel Club show or Working Group Show in the six (6) months preceding the National Specialty, and they will not accept an assignment to judge Rottweilers at a Rottweiler Specialty in the nine (9) months preceding the National Specialty.

Motion: Roberta Kelley-Martin; Second: Randi Garske.

Passed: 3/4/18

**Secretary's Report:** Self report to be discussed in executive session.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

US Bank - General Checking	\$ 4,879.73
US Bank - Nationals Account	\$ 167.00
Huntington Bank - Membership	\$ 3,203.66
CapitalOne 360 Savings	\$ 189,088.71
Schwab One Account	\$ <u>78,510.28</u>
Total Account Balances:	\$ 275,849.38

Interest Earned on the CapitalOne 360 Savings account February 28, 2018: \$56.33. Interest earned on the Schwab One Account (Patricia DeMarzo Tracking Fund) 1/16/18 - 2/15/2018: \$1.06. Qualified Dividends received in February 2018: \$184.78. Pending Qualified Dividends to be received in March 2018: \$259.05.

Note: the Schwab One Investment Account balance reflects the value of the stocks held in the account on the statement date, plus interest and dividends earned, less expenditures on tracking events.

#### **Committee Reports:**

New Website update: Randi Garske reporting: Walter Connor has transferred the files to Alex Gebhardt. Alex will begin work on these files this coming week.

Mandatory Practices: The current set of Mandatory Practices that have been under review and having adjustment made are now ready for the comment phase, will be published in the next ARK for member feedback.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

The ARK newsletter is still being produced, Katie Maess and Kathi Wilson continue to get the information readied for printing; still looking at having the newsletter professionally produce to eliminate time delays and improve consistency. Jill Kessler-Miller will follow up on quotes for having newsletter done by outside sources.

#### **New Business:**

2.6: Motion to approve the Mile High Rottweiler Club to host two Carting Tests on April 22, 2018. Carting Chair: Jenny Lind, Secretary: Ghislaine Griswold, Test 1 Judge: Randi Garske, Test 2 Judge: Christine Mann.

Motion: Randi Garske; Second: Nancy Stafford. Discussion.

Approve: NG, RKM, AG, NS, TB, RG, KM, JKM, JS.

Passed: 3/13/18

- 2.7: Motion to approve the Medallion Rottweiler Club to host two Carting Tests on October 10, 2018. Carting Chair: Marianne Noble, Secretary: Karen Haberkorn, Test 1 Judge: Dr. Tommy Caisango, Test 2 Judge: Dr. Tommy Caisango. Motion: Randi Garske; Second: Nancy Stafford. Discussion.  
Approve: NG, RKM, AG, NS, TB, RG, KM, JKM, JS. Passed: 3/13/18
- 2.8: Motion to approve the Northstar Rottweiler Clubs Independent Specialty on Thursday August 23, 2018 to be held indoors at the Washington County Fairgrounds. We only offer Obedience and Rally this day to be judged by Mr Phil Rustad (AKC#7067). Show contact Jim Runck [quickfirerotts@aol.com](mailto:quickfirerotts@aol.com)  
Motion: Ann Glynn; Second: Roberta Kelley-Martin. Discussion.  
Approve: NG, RKM, AG, NS, TB, RG, KM, JKM, JS. Passed: 3/13/18
- 2.9: Motion to approve the Northstar Rottweiler Clubs Independent Specialty on Friday August 24, 2018 to be held both indoors (obedience and rally) and outdoors (conformation) at the Washington County Fairgrounds. We will offer Conformation to be judged by Ms. Mary Speer (AKC#22531). Sweepstakes Puppy and Veteran to be judged by Mr. Joe Deleo and Obedience and Rally to be judged by Ms. Joanna Yund (AKC#3603). Show contact Jim Runck [quickfirerotts@aol.com](mailto:quickfirerotts@aol.com)  
Motion: Ann Glynn; Second: Roberta Kelley-Martin. Discussion.  
Approve: NG, RKM, AG, NS, TB, RG, KM, JKM, JS. Passed: 3/13/18
- 2.10: Motion to approve the Mile High Rottweiler Club's 30th Independent Specialty. The Mile High Rottweiler Club will be hosting its 30th independent specialty on Friday, October 26, 2018, at Island Grove Regional Park in Greeley, CO. Our judging slate is: Conformation and Juniors: Sharon Marples, Puppy and Veteran Sweepstakes: Jim Runck, Obedience: Anna Lorenz and Rally: Anna Lorenz. Show committee: Show Chair: Randi Garske, Secretary: Sue Scott, Obed/Rally Chair: Julie Thomas, Chief Steward: Sandy Reynolds.  
Motion: Randi Garske; Second: Roberta Kelley-Martin. Discussion.  
Amend Motion 2.10: Motion to Amend to list Conformation and Junior Showmanship judge as "To Be Determined."  
Motion: Randi Garske; Second: Roberta Kelley-Martin. Discussion.  
Approve: NG, RKM, AG, NS, TB, RG, KM, JKM, JS. Passed: 3/13/18
- New Main Motion 2.10: Motion to approve the Mile High Rottweiler Club's 30th Independent Specialty. The Mile High Rottweiler Club will be hosting its 30th independent specialty on Friday, October 26, 2018, at Island Grove Regional Park in Greeley, CO. Our judging slate is: Conformation and Juniors: to be determined, Puppy and Veteran Sweepstakes: Jim Runck, Obedience: Anna Lorenz and Rally: Anna Lorenz. Show committee: Show Chair: Randi Garske, Secretary: Sue Scott, Obed/Rally Chair: Julie Thomas, Chief Steward: Sandy Reynolds.  
Motion: Randi Garske; Second: Roberta Kelley-Martin. Discussion.  
Approve: NG, RKM, AG, NS, TB, RG, KM, JKM, JS. Passed: 3/13/18
- 2.11: Motion to revise the first sentence of the American Rottweiler Club Sieger Show Procedure, Hosting the Show, paragraph 17:  
"ARC will provide \$50 towards trophies for an ARC Regional Sieger Show *for Puppy classes and \$50 for Adult classes*".  
Motion; Nancy Stafford; Second: Roberta Kelley-Martin. Discussion.  
Approve: NG, RKM, AG, NS, TB, RG, KM, JKM, JS. Passed: 3/13/18
- 2.12: Motion to include a medium Armetale for the winner of NOHS at all ARC Nationals effective immediately.  
Motion: Randi Garske; Second: Jeff Shaver. Discussion.  
Approve: NG, RKM, AG, NS, TB, RG, KM, JKM, JS. Passed: 3/13/18
- 2.13: Motion to approve a Group of Members in Good Standing (Teresa Bradley, Ellen Calnan, Becky Sumner, and Thom Woodward) to host a Concurrent American Rottweiler Club Specialty on Saturday September 22, 2018, in conjunction with the Helena Montana Kennel Club. The show will be held indoors at the Lewis and Clark County Fairgrounds in Helena, MT. Events offered:



Conformation to be judged by Ms. Wendy Maisey (AKC#17233). There will be no Sweepstakes or Junior Showmanship offered. They will offer Award of Merits. The ARC will offer \$50 toward trophies for each venue for a total of \$50.

Contact Person for this event Show Chair: Ellen Calnan [ellen.calnan@outlook.com](mailto:ellen.calnan@outlook.com)

Motion: Ann Glynn; Second: Roberta Kelley-Martin. Discussion.

Approve: NG, RKM, AG, NS, TB, RG, KM, JKM, JS.

Passed: 3/13/18

2.14: Motion to approve two Independent Specialties hosted by Medallion Rottweiler Club on October 11, 2018, and October 12, 2018, at the Kane County Fair Grounds St. Charles, Il. October 11, 2018, show will be Conformation, Sweepstakes, Futurity, Jr. Showmanship, Obedience and Rally. Conformation Judge: Ms. Corinne Walker. Sweepstakes Judge: Ms. Doreen Luhrs. Futurity Judge: Ms. Lynette Landry. Jr. Showmanship, Obedience and Rally Judge: Ms. Sharon Ann Redmer. October 12, show will be Conformation, Sweepstakes, Obedience and Rally. Conformation Judge: Ms. Beverly Capstick. Sweepstakes: Mr. Mark Tichenor. Obedience and Rally Judge: Mr. Randy Capsel. Contact person: Chandra Klem Haluczak [showchair@mrcrottweiler.org](mailto:showchair@mrcrottweiler.org)

Motion: Ann Glynn; Second: Roberta Kelley-Martin. Discussion.

Approve: NG, RKM, AG, NS, TB, RG, KM, JKM, JS. Passed: 3/13/18

3.1 (UCF see above)

3.2: Due to the tardiness of the ARK newsletter holding up the membership renewal process, I make a motion to allow Versatility awards for 2017 to be awarded to any new membership applicant who has applied by December 31, 2017.

Motion: Teresa Bradley; Second: Katie Maess. Discussion.

Approve: NG, RKM, AG, NS, TB, RG, KM, JKM, JS.

Passed: 3/13/18

3.3: Motion to update ARC National Specialty Standing Rule B.13.v. to include National Trophy storage, clarify that the cost of storage, engraving and shipping is the responsibility of the ARC and to include The American Rottweiler Club National Specialty Best of Opposite Sex Challenge Trophy. ARC National Specialty Standing Rule B.13.v. will now state:

ARC will provide Commemorative Plaques for the following Perpetual Trophies: Best of Breed; the Haserway Trophy; the President's Trophy. These trophies, as well as the Bruce Billings Plaque, the Freeger-Cannon River Statue and The American Rottweiler Club National Specialty Best of Opposite Sex Challenge Trophy will be stored, engraved and shipped by the ARC Board appointee to the following year's Show Chairman, for display at the National Specialty. Cost of storage, engraving and shipping is the responsibility of the ARC.

Motion: Nancy Stafford; Second: Roberta Kelley-Martin. Discussion.

Approve: NG, RKM, AG, NS, TB, RG, KM, JKM, JS.

Passed: 3/13/18

3.4: MOTION: To approve Greater Cincinnati Rottweiler Club to hold an Independent Specialty with Sweepstakes (both Puppy & Veteran), plus a Concurrent Specialty, to be held on Friday, October 19, 2018, in conjunction with Clermont County Kennel Club's All-Breed Shows in Wilmington, OH. Judges to be advised. Show Chair is Katie Maess

[ktm@embarqmail.com](mailto:ktm@embarqmail.com)

Motion: Katie Maess; Second: Jeff Shaver. Discussion.

Approve: NG, RKM, AG, NS, TB, RG, KM, JKM, JS.

Passed: 3/13/18

3.5: Motion to designate the 2018 ARC National as a Crufts Qualifying Event.

Motion: Jeff Shaver; Second: Roberta Kelley-Martin. Discussion.

Approve: RKM, NS, TB, RG, KM, JKM, JS; Disapprove: NG, AG.

Passed: 3/13/18

3.6: Motion to purchase sixteen (16) black polyester table cloths to be used at all ARC Nationals not to exceed \$250.00 from the general fund.

Motion: Jeff Shaver; Second: Jill Kessler-Miller. Discussion.

Approve: NG, RKM, AG, NS, TB, RG, KM, JKM, JS.

Passed: 3/13/18

3.7: Motion to Upgrade QuickBooks Premier Desktop 2015, One User to QuickBooks Premier Desktop 2018, One User for \$349.95. Funds to be paid out of the General Fund.

Motion: Nancy Stafford; Second: Randi Garske. Discussion.

Approve: NG, RKM, AG, NS, TB, RG, KM, JKM, JS.

Passed: 3/13/18

Motion to enter Executive Session at 5:48 PM PDT.

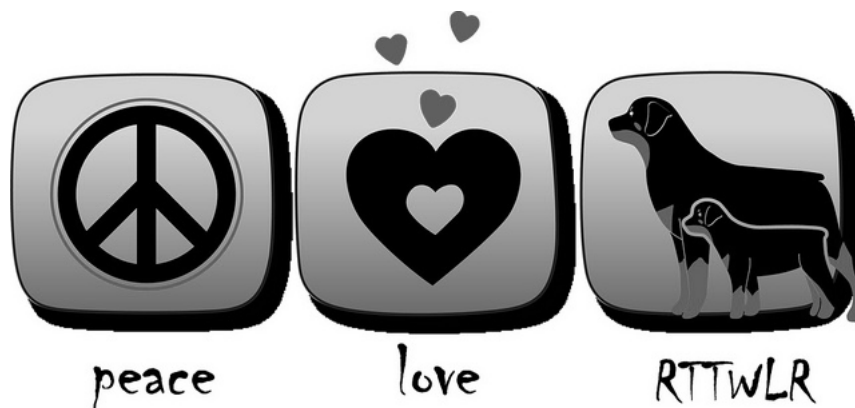
Motion: Randi Garske; Second: Ann Glynn. Returned to regular meeting 5:51 PM PDT.

Next meeting April 10, 2018, 4:30 PM PDT

Motion to adjourn: Jill Kessler-Miller; Second: Randi Garske.

Unanimous: Adjourned at 5:53 PM PDT

Respectfully submitted, Ann Glynn, Secretary



#### ARC By-Laws, Standing Rules, Procedures & Forms

The following will no longer be printed in the ARK. All of this information is available to download at: [www.amrottclub.org](http://www.amrottclub.org).

Hard copies may be obtained by contacting: Marilyn E. Piusz, 339 Co Hwy 106, Johnstown, NY 12095-3757 518-883-5806

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Agreed Upon Procedures - Annual Exam Treasurer's Books (7/10)	Longevity Program & Application (4/11)
ARC Constitution & Bylaws (6/10)	Mandatory Practices (4/13)
ARC Job Descriptions (4/15)	Membership Application (2/17)
ARC General Standing Rules (8/17)	National Specialty Application (3/11)
ARC National Specialty Standing Rules (2/17)	Production Awards List (12/14)
ARC Regional Specialty Standing Rules (6/14)	Production Awards Requirements (5/16)
Board Nomination Form (2/09)	Regional Specialty Application (1/11)
Board Resume Form (11/11)	Rottweiler Breeder Education Committee (2/08)
Breed Referral List Policy (3/14)	Rottweiler Measurement Survey Rules (1/04)
Canine Ambassador Program (CAP) (2/16)	Rottweiler Measurement Survey: Evaluator Certification (2/04)
Carting Rules (9/10 - Scoresheet updated 7/15)	Sieger Show Procedure (3/17)
Education Grant Procedure (2/09)	Sweepstakes Judge Applications (2/17)
Education Grant Application (DUE 7/1/18)	Sweepstakes Judges Guidelines (8/10)
Jenifer Lind Kelley Memorial Triathlon Program (2/16)	Sweepstakes Judges List (7/17)
Judges Education Program (10/16)	Top 10 Awards Effective 1-1-16
Judges Education Mentor/Presenter Application (10/16)	Top 20 Judges Selection Procedure (9/14)
Judges Education Mentor & Presenter Policies (6/14 & 10/16)	Top 20 Judging Procedure (12/14)
Junior Carting Title Certification Form (4/08)	Top 20 Score Sheet (1/11)
Junior Showmanship Program (3/15)	Top Dog Evening Procedure (1/13)
Junior Questionnaire (3/06)	V & VX List (12/15)
Junior Scholarship Application	V & VX Requirements (10/16)

**AKC Delegates Report – Peter G. Piusz, Delegate  
September 2017 – Newark, New Jersey**

**SEPTEMBER 11, 2017**

**Delegates' Parent Clubs Committee**

**Parent Club Conference L, Pat Laurans:** This list is actually growing. It is not only composed of people who have attended the conferences themselves, but also a lot of the new breeds that are being mentored to become approved breeds. This provides a liaison between members of parent clubs and each other. One of the things we found out at our conferences is, whether it be a question or a particular club's solution, we can share our knowledge and do not have to reinvent the wheel. If you have not yet signed up for the list and would like to be a part of it, sign up with John Nielsen, [nielsenjp@yahoo.com](mailto:nielsenjp@yahoo.com) or Peter Piusz, [ppiusz@nycap.rr.com](mailto:ppiusz@nycap.rr.com).

**CGC Title Numbers, Rita Biddle and Bill Feeney:** Rita stated that as of the end of August they have 66,723 CGC Titles. This is a wonderful program that continues to grow.

**Dock and Crop, Peter Piusz:** The Committee is trying to formulate a grant to do an analysis on procedures. Peter also will be doing a presentation at a Legislative Conference in upstate New York. A lot of people are asked to talk at local meetings about crop and dock, how it should be formulated and what issues should be brought up. The meeting will be held at the same time as the Coordinating Committee Meeting.

**Legislative:** A new article, "Five Things Your Parent Club Can Do to Impact Dog Laws and Protect Members Rights" was published and posted to the Parent Club Liaison page on Facebook in August. This is the first in a series of several articles specifically for parent clubs, members and legislative liaisons.

**Archives, Helen Prince:** Helen has been working with Brynn White who made a presentation at our June meeting. Helen reached out to Brynn for this meeting and she stated she had devised a survey to help clubs with their archiving. More responses are needed to give Brynn a better idea of what she is facing.

**Pet Disaster Trailer and Hurricane Harvey Drive, Pat Laurans and Alan Kalter:** Close to a quarter of a million dollars has been raised from the fancy at this point, coming from around 120 clubs and 1250 individuals. Unfortunately, there were no trailers in Houston. A trailer was deployed to a shelter in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area and a National Tennessee trailer was deployed to Texas. Tom Sharpe, with AKC Reunite, went to Houston and when he saw what was going on sent two trailers that were delivered to the Houston area last week for any problems that might arise in the future. Pat Laurans added that there are currently 63 trailers that have been disbursed with 4 more on the way. AKC Reunite has established a Pet Disaster Relief Fund so that donations can continually be made to be used for disasters such as hurricanes, wildfires, floods, tornados, etc. Any donations to this fund, just like Harvey, will go 100% to relief so that every dollar will be put to good use.

**Parent Club Self-Evaluation, Larry Sorenson and Connie Butherus:** To date the committee has 63 parent clubs that have completed the evaluation. With the possible score being 130, the mean score is 94 with the median being 98.

**Parent Club Health Statements for AKC Online Classifieds, Peter Piusz:** Peter thanked the AKC Staff, Liz Sorota, VP of Marketing; Alexandra Aleskovsky, Chief Growth Officer; and Steve Pessah, Senior Project Manager. After years of working on this, the health statements are finally online and this has been a complex issue. In terms of total numbers, at the end of August they were at 154. Since that time they have added Gordon Setters, Sloughis and Flat-Coated Retrievers, so they are up to 157. Forty-six of the statements were sent back because they need to be reformatted. The breeds that have not come back are: Collies, Dachshunds, Giant Schnauzers, Irish Setters, Irish Terriers, Maltese, Parson Russell Terriers, St. Bernards, Sussex Spaniels, Alaskan Malamutes, Beagles, Borzoi, Irish Wolfhounds, and Norwegian Buhunds.

**Parent Club Rescue Placement on the AKC Marketplace, Peter Piusz:** There are approximately 100 breeds that are on the Parent Club email Rescue List. The problem is with individual emailers, we can tell which breed they are, but we cannot tell which specific rescue organizations they are from. So, we do not know the representation on the list of all of the organizations on the AKC Rescue Network. To get on the Rescue Network, all that is required is

that the parent club writes a letter to the AKC acknowledging that they accept that rescue organization. If you are on the AKC Rescue Network, you are also eligible for grants from the AKC Humane Fund in three out of five years. Basically, every other year you could apply for a \$1,000.00 grant for your rescue organization, so there is obviously a big benefit to doing this. The benefit to AKC is that they are showing a network of purebred rescue. If people don't want to buy a dog, and would rather rescue a dog, all they have to do is go to the AKC Network, go to the breed, and they can find the organizations that are working for that end.

**AKC Marketplace, Peter Piusz, Liz Sorota and Steve Pessah:** Liz Sorota was excited to report that the matrix on the AKC Marketplace continues to improve. When they first started the Marketplace approximately 9% of all litters opted in. Our litter opt-in now ranges between 21% and 24%. This means between 1 in 4 to 5 breeders are listing their litters on Marketplace. That's a big accomplishment for us as an organization as well as a team. They continue to update Marketplace so that it is more useful to our breeders. There have been a number of changes made recently and they continue to make changes. Steve Pessah indicated they are working on an improved messaging system so that breeders can communicate with prospective puppy buyers. A buyer questionnaire is coming out in the future so that you can prequalify buyers. Most recently the parent club tool has been updated so that you can use that tool to put your breeder referral contact onto Marketplace. They wanted to get this out as quickly as possible since they realized how important this issue was to this group. Mark Dunn stated they have about 84 breeder referral contacts listed on the individual breed pages. They have a parent club tool which helps the clubs to manage the breeders listed in Marketplace to remove breeders who are misrepresenting themselves. You can log in and identify who your club Breeder Referral contact is and the best way to contact them. You contact Steve directly at [sbp@akc.org](mailto:sbp@akc.org). Alan Kalter asked how many litters are actually listed at any given time. Steve noted that as of last Friday they had 7,300 litter listed and over 8,000 breeders. When they first started Marketplace they were at 3,500 litters. We've come a long way since December of 2015. Steve stated there is a \$29.00 fee to list your litter on Marketplace. If you have a subscription the listings are free. If you are a Breeder of Merit your listing is also free.

**Future Parent Club Conferences – Possible Avenues, Alan Kalter and Peter Piusz:** Peter stated the Board of Directors has issued a proposal to the Parent Club and All-Breed Committees to hold a one-day event in conjunction with some future Delegates' Meeting - an educational event similar to what the Parent Club Conference was. Topics would basically be AKC Staff topics. A subcommittee consisting of Alan Kalter, Peter Piusz, Helen Prince, Karen Burgess, Don James and Pat Laurans was formed to work on this. A conference call was held to discuss how they would respond. Ideas will be submitted to the Board and then published on the Parent Club Delegate E-list so that everyone is on the same page. While on the Board, Alan Kalter proposed that AKC sponsor this as a means to bring clubs together to share ideas. The Board and Staff agreed to pursue this and the committee looks forward to working with them. They feel this is a terrific opportunity to grow this into an event that happens every couple of years. Peter stated that at this time this is just a concept.

**Campaign to Get More Parent Clubs to Join, Karen Burgess:** Karen chaired this committee and she was not able to attend this meeting due to the hurricane. Mari-Beth O'Neill has discussed this with Karen and the AKC Staff and they continue to work with the 25 parent clubs that are advancing through the system. Recognized members of the subcommittee have been assigned to work with the individual clubs and she feels they have made great progress with several clubs becoming member clubs and others becoming licensed clubs.

**Juniors, Mari Beth O'Neill:** Mari-Beth stated that she has had Staff attend some of the State Fairs in order to reach out to 4-H. We did the Ohio State Fair and the New York State Fair. We had other staff representation at state fairs in Illinois and Indiana and we will have someone at the Big E which is the New England event coming up in the next week. The main thing they are offering is that 4-H themselves can now conduct CGC's and Trick Dog so this is a great opportunity for them to participate in AKC events that they can actually put on. The AKC Junior Recognition Program is basically a versatility award. We will be awarding the first scholarships in December to the highest scoring Juniors. There are many actively competing in three events and we have reached our goal to increase our Junior numbers by 20% as of the end of August.

**Veterinary Outreach, Mari Beth O'Neill:** We were absolutely thrilled at the response for the Parent Club Conference. There were 33 veterinary students attending the conference. OFA sponsored the travel expenses. The Board approved a special budget so that AKC Vet Outreach covered the majority of the rest of the expenses for the students to attend. All four area residents attended the conference as well. This provides a great opportunity to



continue to have students directly involved with helping to coordinate the program that has been going on in each of the veterinary schools. We've had 12 luncheons conducted so far this year with four currently scheduled for the fall. They intend to rotate among the fairs in the future.

**Group Realignment, Karen Burgess:** Speaking in Karen's absence, John Nielsen stated the committee consists of Tom Davies, Karen Burgess, Maggie Strouse, and himself. The next order of business for the committee is a questionnaire that will go to the delegates. The subject will be "Varieties." They have to address varieties before they can go forward on this and they will be asking interesting questions regarding your breed and what you think about varieties – whether we should have more, less, or no varieties.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Breed Club Participation in Veterinarian Education Process, Mari Beth O'Neill:** Mari-Beth indicated there has been no response.

**Spayed and Neutered – Pembroke Welsh Corgi Letter, Anne Bowes:** Anne read a letter from the Pembroke Welsh Corgi club requesting a change to the AKC Rules which would give spayed/neutered veterans who are AKC Champions of Record the option of entering the BOB class at independent specialties. The proposal states, **Neutered Veteran dogs and spayed Veteran bitches who are Champions of Record shall be allowed to enter the Best of Breed Class at independent specialty shows. The show-giving club may opt in and notification must be printed in the Premium List only if the club is offering this option. If the club will offer this option, the Premium List must specify a minimum Veteran age.** Reasons for proposing this Rule Change are that at Independent Specialty Shows there are often multiple quality dogs in the Veteran classes. Many of these dogs would be competitive in the Best of Breed ring, but under the current system only one from each Veteran class may advance to the Best of Breed classes.

**Proposed DQ By-Law, Peter Piusz:** This topic concerns the changes in Chapter 11, Section 8A, in the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*. This is something that impacts everyone because anyone can have a dog that is DQ'd and needs to be evaluated for reinstatement. There are three parts: (1) Dog on Dog Aggression becomes a disqualifying fault. There are a number of breeds in the Terrier Group in which dog on dog aggression is acceptable. (2) The second part says you must permanently identify the dog before the event occurs because, if at the time the dog is DQ'd you cannot identify the dog, the dog cannot be reinstated. This means if the dog is microchipped and there is not a microchip reader at the show, the dog cannot be reinstated. Keep in mind, you could have a puppy in the puppy class that is DQ'd, it means the dog is out for life and it cannot be shown at AKC events. It has been talked about that this does not apply to performance events. There is one book for AKC for misconduct that applies to **all** AKC events. (3) The last part is the reinstatement. The concept is that, rather than using judges and dog show venues to evaluate the dogs, this can be done as a separate process. First of all, the reservoir for people who are experts on dog temperament are the AKC judges. The AKC does not have experts on staff to evaluate temperament. When you set this aside, who is going to do this work or is this just a new path to eliminate dogs from competition?

**Discussion: Number of Events a Specialty Club Can Hold, Karen Burgess and Peter Piusz:** Karen Burgess has been working on this and because of her expertise we will have to leave this topic until the next meeting when she is able to attend.

**Limited Registration, Alan Kalter, Peter Piusz and Pat Laurans:** Alan Kalter noted that for the eight years he served on the Board he has heard conversations about Limited Registration so it would be useful to confront some of the myths about this issue. There seems to be a feeling that Limited Registration is controlled by the Board. Limited Registration as a rule was voted in by the delegate body in 1989 by a 2/3 vote in the affirmative. Nobody can do this to you. It is up to you. Registrations are on the increase. With AKC Staff encouraging breeders to register their puppies this is working. Any puppy on Limited Registration can be shown in all other events except conformation.

**DCA Outreach, Larry Sorenson:** Larry talked about the Dachshund Club's effort at their national and regional specialties to bring in the public, educate them on the breed, and make resources available to help them find Dachshunds.

**Club Funding For Disaster Relief, Helen Prince:** Is investigating how to organize and fund a permanent fund to provide support during all types of disasters.

**Suggested Request to Add Information on Parent Club Breed Websites, Marge Calltharp:** Marge explained that there was a suggestion that came from a judge that was brought to her attention regarding parent clubs and their websites. If your breed has what is acceptable as color or coat type, this information needs to be posted in a public area versus your private membership-only area. If you are a judge and you are questioning a color you have seen you can go to the website. This may also help people who are looking for a puppy. A rare color may not be an acceptable color and this may help educate them further without being negative. This is a suggestion that you may take back to your clubs. Peter Piusz stated this brings us back to the issue of parent club websites and what is there for the public and what is there for your members. He has asked Liz Sorota and Steve Pessah to write up something as guidelines for the parent clubs to identify what their expectation is of parent club websites. One of the things in Marketplace is that your parent club has a single page list on their website of all their rescue organizations, so the Marketplace could be directly linked to that but very few of the parent clubs have that. With the health statements, does the parent club have more detailed information that should be provided to potential buyers? What the AKC needs is public information to be readily available to the public from the parent club websites, which means the information is organized that way and presented that way and is out front so that people logging onto your website can see it. For example, who is your breed referral representative? Who should they contact if they want to buy a puppy?

Peter stated there is more than wanting to know what the dog looks like. After 40 years in Rottweilers, Peter purchased a Pumi. He is a performance person and is more interested in what a dog does and wants to know the temperament. He loves his Pumi, but it is the loudest dog he has ever worked with in his life. He never realized that, comparatively, Rottweilers are quiet dogs. It would be nice if the public were aware of this before they buy one.

#### **Delegates' Canine Health Committee**

1. Canine Influenza and Hurricane distribution. We will not see the impact until 2018.
2. Committee wants a rule change to allow reaction for health emergencies like Canine Influenza. Working on it.
3. Canine Health Conference discussion on contact with vet students and the use of break outs to educate on pure bred dogs.
4. CHF Update. Handout and solicitation for contributions from new or lapsed club members and participants in Tick-Borne Disease Initiative and Epilepsy Initiative.
5. Discussion of health statements in marketplace.
6. Discussion of impact of Breeder of Merit levels starting 10/1 and how it will show in marketplace.
7. Harmonization of health testing (knowing all labs use the same protocol for same testing and evaluation). Right now voluntary participation. No regulatory compliance. Transparency is enforcement mechanism using open access databases.
8. CHIC. Now 117,000 dogs with 25,000 blood samples.
9. Otterhound Semen bank. Discussion of legal aspects of a NFP corporation owning the semen and how this mechanism will work as time goes on. Goal is to preserve the breed.

#### **Delegates' Companion Events Committee**

1. Discussion of new programs - AKC Scent Work, AKC Trick Dog program, and AKC Achiever Dog pilot program. Details of all programs on akc.org.
2. **Obedience/Rally – changes to apparel in the ring.** At the August AKC Board meeting, the Board approved a change to the obedience and rally regulations regarding apparel in the ring effective September 1, 2017. “Club clothing, AKC event clothing, or breed clothing may be worn by anyone exhibiting a dog or by ring stewards. Clothing may display the person’s name, the dog’s call name and/or the dog’s picture. Titles may not be displayed. Writing or graphics on the clothing must not be in poor taste or contain profanity. Clothing must not display any information that would be in conflict with a sponsor of the trial.”
3. **Obedience/Rally – changes to group exercises.** Committee was not unanimous in supporting the coming changes.

4. A discussion was held concerning the proposed amendment to Dog Show rules concerning reinstatement of dogs disqualified. This proposed amendment does affect Companion Events. Doug Ljungren stated that AKC would prefer one reinstatement process across the board.

### **Delegates' Dock Crop Group**

Peter Piusz was to speak at the Legislative Conference in Western New York in November. He asked the group to identify topics that should be covered to have a complete presentation to the uninitiated or more importantly, those opposed.

1. Describe what is meant by the terms and show at least 4 breed photos for each (with and without).
2. Provide a list of docked / cropped breeds by their standards.
3. Review AKC policy. Role of standards and parent clubs.
4. Impact of AVMA at vet practice level. Impact of AVMA at vet school level.
5. Docking
  - a. When: 1 to 3 days.
  - b. Band tail or cut
  - c. Vets or not.
  - d. Anesthesia or not. Stitches or not.
  - e. Adults with anesthesia and vets. Rare occurrence.
  - f. Basis is compliance with standard and description
6. Cropping.
  - a. When: 7 to 8 days to 14 weeks or when weight > 12 lbs.
  - b. Vets or Specialist. Anesthesia
  - c. Style is a function of breed and breeder choice.
  - d. Getting hard to find competent people.
7. Basis for cropping and/or docking: personal choice. Property. Health issues. Safe and Humane medical procedure. Compliance with standard. Maintain traditional appearance of a breed. Comply with public perception so easier to sell puppies.
8. Legislative view of where we are nationally and locally.

### **SEPTEMBER 12, 2017**

#### **Legislative Caucus**

Presentation by Mike Houchard: "Legislative Triage and How You Can Make a Difference in Local Politics." There is a rapid expansion in the amount of local legislation that can threaten our rights as dog owners. That is the basis for this presentation. It was filmed and may be available on akc.org.

There was an appeal to make the AKC Legislative offices (Sheila Goffe) aware of any local, county, or state initiatives and we should never assume that they already know.

#### **Delegates' Forum**

"AKC Scent Work – A New Opportunity for All Dogs," presented by Stephanie Kennerley, AKC Sports & Events Coordinator, and Doug Ljungren, AKC Vice President Sports & Events.

#### **Delegates' Meeting**

1. Newly elected Delegates: Gregory Benkiser to represent Sawnee Mountain Kennel Club of Georgia
2. President's Message. AKC Reunite Chairman Alan Kalter to update us on the multiple efforts already achieved as well as the future initiatives.

Alan Kalter: "The AKC community was there before with our donated pet disaster relief trailers. We stepped up with donations during and after and we will continue to be there to help during the recovery. Heartfelt thank yous to all who joined in to contribute to the recovery. Special thanks to Barbara and Bob Amen, the Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club of America Charitable Trust, the Shih Tzu Club Charitable Trust, Assisi Animal Health, and the Retriever Master National Club Foundation. Through their efforts and the open hearts of 120 AKC clubs and 1,250 individuals, we have raised nearly a quarter of a million dollars to date.

The AKC Humane Fund in addition donated \$10,000 to the Houston Hurricane Relief Fund and donated an AKC pet disaster relief trailer to Houston. Up until that time Houston didn't have one. Speaking of the trailers, so far we have raised, through the good efforts of all those involved, and a tip of the hat to Pat Laurans, \$1.6 million for trailers. "

3. Financial Report. Joseph Baffuto, AKC Chief Financial Officer. Thru 7/31/2017, operating income of \$4.7 million which is reasonably above the comparative operating income of \$4.0 million at the same time last year.

Taking a year over year comparative analysis of our Core Registration Volumes, we can really see our outstanding successes for 2017. Our Litter Volume for the year so far is 140,000, an increase of 7%. Our Dog Registrations are currently at 335,000, also 7% above the 7 month period in 2016.

4. Votes on Bylaw or Rule Changes.
  - a. Today's first vote is on the proposed amendment to Chapter 16, Section 6, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Championships. This amendment would include the dog awarded Select Dog or Bitch in the calculation of Grand Championship points for that award. There are two-thirds in the affirmative and the amendment is adopted.
  - b. Today's second vote is on the proposed amendment to Chapter 14, Section 22-A, new paragraph, of the Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Pointing Breeds. This new paragraph would allow for a National Gun Dog Championship for Gordon Setters. The event is limited to walking handlers. There are two-thirds in the affirmative and the amendment is adopted.
  - c. Today's last vote is on the proposed amendment to Chapter 11, Section 8-A, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Dog Show Entries, Conditions of Dogs Affecting Eligibility. This amendment would require permanent identification for a dog that is disqualified if it is ever to be considered for reinstatement. Reinstatement would be conducted by AKC staff. Judges would not participate in the process. No reinstatement procedure would take place on the grounds of, or in any building, hotel or venue connected to a dog show or event. The name, AKC number and owner's contact information would be conveyed to the show superintendent. The amendment was brought forward by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee. The AKC Board of Directors unanimously disapproved the amendment. The Dog Show Rules Committee is requesting that this amendment go forward to the Delegates for a vote, as per the AKC Bylaws.

Sue Goldberg, Delegate for the Lewiston-Auburn Kennel Club and Chair of the DQ Reinstatement Committee spoke as follows: I respectfully move that we withdraw the amendment of Chapter 11, Section 8-A, because after speaking with the Parliamentarian, the enhancements that our committee voted yesterday to add today to benefit dogs, people, and the fancy at large, are not within the scope of what's been noticed to the Delegates. In order to provide a comprehensive amendment, we will resubmit to the Board, and we thank you for your understanding and look forward to your approval. The motion to withdraw has passed.



**AMERICAN ROTTWEILER CLUB**  
**Statement of Financial Position**  
**Previous Year Comparison**

	Sept 30, 17	Sept 30, 16	\$ Change	% Change
<b>ASSETS - Current Checking/Svings</b>				
CapitalOne Savings	167,809.74	164,124.94	3,684.80	2.25%
Cash A/C - Renewals	605.92	391.29	214.63	54.85%
Checking - Huntington	33,399.23	0.00	33,399.23	100.0%
Checking - US Bank General	3,691.31	26,985.69	-23,294.38	-86.32%
Checking - US Bank Nationals	48.16	0.00	48.16	100.0%
Checking - PNC	0.00	200.00	-200.00	-100.0%
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<b>205,554.36</b>	<b>191,701.92</b>	<b>13,852.44</b>	<b>7.23%</b>
<b>Other Current Assets</b>				
Charles Schwab One	81,345.18	76,637.85	4,707.33	6.14%
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>286,899.54</b>	<b>268,339.77</b>	<b>18,559.77</b>	<b>6.92%</b>
<b>Fixed Assets - Equipment</b>				
Equipment - Accum Depreciation	-4,486.85	-4,486.85	0.00	0.0%
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Other Assets - Deposits</b>				
2017 Nationals Deposits	0.00	5,000.00	-5,000.00	-100.0%
2019 Nationals Deposits	5,133.75	0.00	5,133.75	100.0%
<b>Total Deposits</b>	<b>5,133.75</b>	<b>5,000.00</b>	<b>133.75</b>	<b>2.68%</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>292,033.29</b>	<b>273,339.77</b>	<b>18,693.52</b>	<b>6.84%</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Due to Rott Health Foundation	3,046.00	0.00	3,046.00	100.0%
Due to Rott Rescue Disaster Fnd	771.25	0.00	771.25	100.0%
Due to Rott Rescue Foundation	1,854.25	0.00	1,854.25	100.0%
Prepaid Dues	415.00	100.00	315.00	315.0%
Raffle Payable	0.00	160.00	-160.00	-100.0%
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>6,086.50</b>	<b>260.00</b>	<b>5,826.50</b>	<b>2,240.96%</b>
<b>EQUITY - Temp. Restricted Net Assets</b>				
ACL Fund	24,747.46	23,725.46	1,022.00	4.31%
Dock/Crop Fund	12,578.91	11,926.91	652.00	5.47%
Education Grant Fund	2,779.00	2,687.00	92.00	3.42%
Jenifer Lind Kelley Memorial Fd	24,827.70	24,986.26	-158.56	-0.64%
Junior Scholarship Fund	17,422.26	18,104.94	-682.68	-3.77%
Junior Trophy Fund	2,043.39	2,071.70	-28.31	-1.37%
National Support	275.00	1,931.82	-1,656.82	-85.77%
Patricia DeMarzo Tracking Fund	81,345.18	76,637.85	4,707.33	6.14%
Purina Partnership Fund	3,424.50	2,918.82	505.68	17.33%
Top 20 Fund	9,201.80	9,301.24	-99.44	-1.07%
<b>Total Temp. Restricted Net Assets</b>	<b>178,645.20</b>	<b>174,292.00</b>	<b>4,353.20</b>	<b>2.5%</b>
Unrestricted Net Assets	80,328.22	75,252.88	5,075.34	6.74%
Net Income	26,973.37	23,534.89	3,438.48	14.61%
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b>285,946.79</b>	<b>273,079.77</b>	<b>12,867.02</b>	<b>4.71%</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>292,033.29</b>	<b>273,339.77</b>	<b>18,693.52</b>	<b>6.84%</b>



**Changes in Restricted and Designated Fund Balances  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017**

Anti-Canine Legislation Fund		
<b>Beginning Balance</b>		<b>\$23,153.19</b>
Income		
Contributions	396.00	
ACL Challenge	1,004.00	
Total Income		1,400.00
Expenses - AKC Legislative Conference		744.73
Change in Fund Balance		655.27
<b>Ending Balance</b>		<b><u><u>\$23,808.46</u></u></b>
Dock/Crop Fund		
<b>Beginning Balance</b>		<b>\$11,174.91</b>
Income		
Contributions	802.00	
Total Income		802.00
Expense		0.00
Change in Fund Balance		802.00
<b>Ending Balance</b>		<b><u><u>\$11,976.91</u></u></b>
Education Grant Fund		
<b>Beginning Balance</b>		<b>\$2,576.00</b>
Income		
Contributions	111.00	
Total Income		111.00
Expenses		0.00
Change in Fund Balance		111.00
<b>Ending Balance</b>		<b><u><u>\$2,687.00</u></u></b>
Jenifer Lind Kelley Memorial Fund		
<b>Beginning Balance</b>		<b>\$24,946.66</b>
Income		
Interest	117.21	
Total Income		117.21
Expenses - 2016 Triathlon Trophy	260.95	
Total Expenses		260.95
Change in Fund Balance		(143.74)
<b>Ending Balance</b>		<b><u><u>\$24,802.92</u></u></b>

<b>Junior Scholarship Fund</b>		
<b>Beginning Balance</b>		<b>\$17,671.86</b>
Income		
Contributions	405.00	
Interest	<u>83.02</u>	
Total Income		488.02
Expenses - Scholarship		<u>1,000.00</u>
Change in Fund Balance		<b>(511.98)</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>		<b><u><u>\$17,159.88</u></u></b>
<b>Junior Trophy Fund</b>		
<b>Beginning Balance</b>		<b>\$2,068.42</b>
Income - Interest	<u>9.66</u>	
Total Income		9.66
Expenses		
Mail Top 10 Jr. for 10 Years Certificate	<u>36.75</u>	
Total Expenses		<u>36.75</u>
Change in Fund Balance		<b>(27.09)</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>		<b><u><u>\$2,041.33</u></u></b>
<b>National Support Fund</b>		
<b>Beginning Balance</b>		<b>\$1,380.82</b>
Income		
Contributions	852.00	
Interest Income	0.00	
2017 Silent Auction	2,348.00	
2017 Raffle Income	470.00	
2017 Top Dog Income	<u>352.00</u>	
Total Income		4,022.00
Expenses - Allocated 2017 National Specialty Expenses		<u>5,402.82</u>
Change in Fund Balance		<b>(1,380.82)</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>		<b><u><u>\$0.00</u></u></b>

<b>Patricia DeMarzo Memorial Tracking Fund</b>		
<b>Beginning Balance</b>		<b>\$76,846.99</b>
Income		
Dividend Income	1,888.00	
Interest Income	8.87	
Unrealized Gain in Investment	675.55	
Total Income	<u>2,572.42</u>	
Expenses		
Investment transaction Fees	117.76	
2017 National Specialty Tracking Expenses	120.99	
Total Expenses	<u>238.75</u>	
Change in Fund Balance		2,333.67
<b>Ending Balance</b>		<b><u><u>\$79,180.66</u></u></b>
<b>Purina Partnership Fund</b>		
<b>Beginning Balance</b>		<b>\$4,943.82</b>
Income - Check from Purina (weight circles)		3,720.28
Expenses		
Judges Education	396.42	
Meet The Breeds	1,610.00	
Website	490.00	
Total Expenses	<u>2,496.42</u>	
Change in Fund Balance		1,223.86
<b>Ending Balance</b>		<b><u><u>\$6,167.68</u></u></b>
<b>Top 20 Fund</b>		
<b>Beginning Balance</b>		<b>\$9,176.24</b>
Income		
Contributions	405.00	
Top 20 Entries	890.00	
Catalog Sales	335.00	
Rosettes	140.00	
Rottweiler Health Foundation	300.00	
Total Income	<u>2,070.00</u>	
Expenses		
Winner Prize	500.00	
Food	518.80	
Trophies and Rosettes	965.22	
Other	190.42	
Total Expenses	<u>2,174.44</u>	
Change in Fund Balance		(104.44)
<b>Ending Balance</b>		<b><u><u>\$9,071.80</u></u></b>

**American Rottweiler Club  
Statement of Financial Position  
June 30, 2017**

**Assets**

Petty Cash for Renewals	605.92	
Checking		
General	3,709.01	
National	138.42	
Membership	0.00	
Total Checking	4,453.35	
CapitalOne 360 Savings	170,640.66	
Total Checking/Savings	175,094.01	
Other Current Assets		
Charles Schwab One	79,180.66	
Total Current Assets		254,274.67
Fixed assets		
Equipment	4,486.85	
Accumulated Depreciation	-4,486.85	
Net Fixed Assets		0.00
Other Assets - Deposits		
2019 Nationals	5,133.75	
Total Other Assets		5,133.75
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>\$259,408.42</b>

**Liabilities**

Prepaid Dues	435.00	
Raffle Payable	0.00	
Total Current Liabilities		435.00

**Equity**

Temporarily restricted and board designated net assets		
Anti-Canine Legislation Fund	23,808.46	
Dock/Crop Fund	11,976.91	
Education Grant Fund	2,687.00	
Jenifer Lind Kelley Moemorial Fund	24,802.92	
Junior Scholarship Fund	17,159.88	
Junior Trophy Fund	2,041.33	
National Support	0.00	
Patricia DeMarzo Memorial Tracking Fund	79,180.66	
Purina Partnership Fund	6,167.68	
Top 20 Fund	9,071.80	

Total temporarily restricted and board designated net assets	<u>176,896.64</u>
Net Income	8,878.54
Prior Year Unrestricted Net Assets*	<u>73,198.24</u>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	<b><u><u>\$259,408.42</u></u></b>

Total unrestricted assets of \$77,378.03 includes cash of \$72,244.28 and deposits of \$5,133.75.

\*Prior year unrestricted net assets adjusted by 2017 fiscal year activity; see report of Changes in Restricted and Designated Fund Balances for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017.

# *Thanks!*



**A huge debt of gratitude to outgoing ARC President of 4 years, Nancy Griego (L), and Vice President for the past 6 years, Roberta Kelley-Martin (R) – thank you both for your years of hard work and dedication on behalf of Rottweilers everywhere!**

**American Rottweiler Club**  
**Statement of Activities**  
**July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017**

**Income**

Membership Dues - Renewals	\$27,388.93
Membership Dues - New	3,530.00
Late Fees	590.00
Contribution Income	
Amazon Smile	93.74
Anti-Canine Legislation Fund	1,375.00
Dock/Crop Fund	802.00
Education Grant Fund	111.00
Junior Scholarship Fund	405.00
National Support Fund	852.00
Purina Partnership Fund	3,720.28
Top 20 Fund	<u>125.00</u>
Total Contributions	7,484.02
AKC Delegate Income	800.00
Auction Income	1,159.41
Judges Education Income	490.00
Member Pins Purchased	5.00
National Sieger Income	11,733.50
Newsletter Advertising Income	368.00
PayPal Fee Income	417.16
Postage Income	458.45
Top 20 Income	1,945.00
Top Dog Income	583.00
Ways & Means/Publications	<u>15.00</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$56,967.47</b>

**Expenses**

AKC Delegate Expense	2,192.86
AKC Dog Breeding Record Report	85.00
AKC Flyers	402.60
AKC Award Reports	1,260.00
ARC Awards	605.44
AKC National Championship Medallions	215.00
Armetale Expense	7,621.50
Bank and PayPal Fees (net)	400.98
Conferences - AKC Legislative Conference	744.73
Conference Calls	37.51
Dues (AKC and state)	95.00
Insurance	2,904.00
Investment Transaction Fees	111.30
Judges Education	581.66
Meet the Breeds	2,878.75



Member Pins/Medalions		2,780.00
National Specialty Expenses		
2016 National Show Expense	-129.86	
2017 National Show Expense	120.99	
2017 National Sieger Expense	<u>10,590.11</u>	
Total National Specialty Expenses		10,581.24
Newsletter Expense		
Printing	4,519.84	
Postage	<u>1,893.77</u>	
Total Newsletter Expense		6,413.61
Parliamentarian		1,279.79
Postage & Delivery		1,194.15
Printing		1,421.71
Professional Fees - Accounting		600.00
Regional Trophies		1,850.00
Scholarship		1,000.00
Supplies		505.10
Top 20 Expense		2,174.44
Top Dog Expense		792.88
Triathlon Expense		260.95
Website		<u>510.17</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>		<b>\$51,500.37</b>
<b>Other Income</b>		
Dividend Income	1,888.00	
Interest Income	<u>847.89</u>	
<b>Total Other Income</b>		<b>\$2,735.89</b>
<b>Net Income Ordinary Income</b>		<b>\$8,202.99</b>
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>		
Unrealized Change in Investment		<u>\$675.55</u>
<b>Net Income</b>		<b><u>\$8,878.54</u></b>
<b>Collected and sent to:</b>		
<b>Rottweiler Health Foundation</b>		\$5,381.00
National Silent/Live Auction Proceeds		\$2,086.27
		<b>\$7,467.27</b>
<b>Rottweiler Rescue Foundation</b>		\$2,336.00
National Silent/Live Auction Proceeds		385.69
		<b>2,721.69</b>
<b>Rottweiler Rescue Foundation Disaster Fund</b>		810.00
Hurricane Harvey Rescue		2,000.00
		<b>2,810.00</b>

January 25, 2018

Board of Directors  
American Rottweiler Club

Re: Engagement for Services for the Board of Directors of American Rottweiler Club, Inc.

To the Board of Directors,

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by the management of the American Rottweiler Club (ARC), solely to assist you with respect to the determination that during the fiscal year July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017, the ARC's checking accounts have been reconciled, expenses appear to have been properly classified, invoices have been paid, invoices to Officers and their families are documented, authorized and certain pre-determined questions have been asked to the Treasurer to make a limited assurance that the Club's books and records are being kept up to date. The Board of Directors of the American Rottweiler Club, are responsible for these the representations.

This agreed-upon procedures engagement was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of those parties specified in this letter.

Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below, either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

Below are the procedures and the results that we obtained.

1. We verified that the balances on the bank statements were reconciled to the year end balance sheet
2. We selected random disbursements and ascertained that the invoices were authorized, and were able to trace several authorizations directly to the Board Meeting Minutes.
3. We reviewed checks payable to Nancy Greigo, Board President, and Nancy Stafford, Board Treasurer, and determined that each payment was authorized.

January 25, 2017 at approximately 3:00 pm (EST), Nancy Stafford (Treasurer) 505-235-3702 and Randi Garske 303-663-6382, (Board Director) and Doug Zandstra conducted a teleconference to facilitate the remainder of the engagement.

Below are the procedures and the results that we obtained.

1. Deposits were being deposited timely
2. Income and expenses are being accounted for in Quickbooks accounting.
3. The Treasurer is keeping a running balance of funds in the ARC's checking accounts
4. Bills are paid in a timely manner
5. The Treasurer reports to the Board monthly, and provides additional information to board members, upon request.
6. There is no delinquent debt.
7. The board has not expressed the need for any changes to be made to the current method of reporting.

There were no additional items that were discussed beyond the scope of the engagement.

Based upon the information that I reviewed, and the results attained from performing the above limited procedures, as well as giving consideration to relative size and scope of the procedures already performed, I did not feel that expanding our testing, sampling or scope of the engagement would yield different results.

We would like to thank you, the Board of American Rottweiler Club, for the opportunity to provide you with these limited services. We also want to thank Nancy Stafford, Treasurer, for her time and diligence in gathering the necessary documentation and for her prompt responses to our inquiries and we also want to thank Randi Garske, for donating her time, efforts and insights as a Member of the Board of Directors.

We look forward to working with you again in the future.



Doug Zandstra CPA, EA, Inc



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American Rottweiler Club  
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December 11, 2017

Dear American Rottweiler Club,

AKC Reunite would like to sincerely thank you for your donation of \$500 to help the pets affected by Hurricane Harvey. Your gift will go toward the general pet care and supplies needed to safely shelter displaced animals while their families rebuild and find themselves in a better situation to care for their beloved pets.

Like you, many have generously responded to help the victims of Hurricane Harvey. The long recovery is just beginning for Texas, and the cash grants and equipment AKC Reunite has already provided is making a difference in helping first responders and shelters in Houston and surrounding counties care for the affected pets.

Thank you for trusting AKC Reunite as the recipient of these funds!

Yours Truly,

Thomas W. Sharp  
President and CEO  
AKC Reunite

**For Your Tax Records:**

EIN: 13-3904402    Donation Amount: \$500    Donation Date: 10/18/2017

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Dear Members of the American Rottweiler Club:

As you know, the proposed revisions to the mandatory practices for the American Rottweiler Club have been under discussion for many months. A committee was formed and previously made an initial recommendation, followed by a by-law required comment period. The committee then made additional revisions and submitted that revision for publication with additional comments. The committee has finished their work.

The Board has reviewed the comments of the membership and the information submitted by the committee and made additional changes and recommendations. The final proposal is noted below. This is being published as required by the by-laws of the American Rottweiler Club for a final comment period by the membership. Please direct all comments to the Secretary, Ann Glynn, blackthorna@netscape.net.

**DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS: June 10, 2018**

A great many of the changes, particularly those made by the committee, related to reorganization and an attempt to make the format simpler to read and understand. The mandatory practices are essentially now under “Mandatory Provisions for Breeding” and “Recommended Practices Regarding Breeding and Other Matters for All Club Members.” The Board has tried to balance a need for continued testing of issues that are pertinent to the Rottweiler and of significance to overall health, while at the same time not being overly restrictive keeping in mind that as the parent club, the American Rottweiler Club has a duty to be educational and welcoming to all members who own the breed and are willing to comply with our mandatory practices. The Board has considered a great deal of input from the committee and individual members in making the recommended changes as noted below. Some of the changes are actually just simplification of language, while others are of a substantive nature. The issue of juvenile laryngeal paralysis and polyneuropathy (JLPP) has been addressed, as well as the issue of use of foreign dogs and foreign health clearances. Prior to changes of the mandatory practices in 2008, foreign clearances were accepted. While requiring full disclosure of those tests, some of the new provisions relate to returning to pre-2008 in terms of the mandatory practices which are acceptable for breeding to foreign dogs. It is very important for us to keep as diverse a gene pool as possible, allowing members some freedom to make choices, as long as the primary areas are being tested and published, namely heart, eyes, hips and elbows, as well as JLPP under the new provision.

The Board appreciates your patience and welcomes any further comment prior to the creation of a ballot for membership vote on these issues.

Sincerely,

The Board of the American Rottweiler Club

**DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS: June 10, 2018**

**MANDATORY PRACTICES PROPOSED REVISIONS:**

**These Mandatory Practices and Recommendations are established in accordance with the objectives of the American Rottweiler Club. There are 2 sections in this document: Mandatory Practices and Recommended Practices. Mandatory Practices MUST be adhered to and Recommendations are strongly encouraged. These Mandatory Practices whether under the Mandatory or Recommended sections apply to all ARC Members and any dogs that they own, co-own or any dogs which they breed to, even if the dogs being bred to are not owned by members of the American Rottweiler Club.**

**SECTION 1. MANDATORY PRACTICES**

1. Maintain the highest possible standards of health, cleanliness and care of all Rottweilers. Rottweilers shall be safely contained when the breeder/owner cannot personally supervise their safety.
2. Observe the highest standards of sportsmanship and good will at all dog events. Assist all newcomers to the breed so that they may be guided in the ways that can best conserve and improve the Rottweiler.
3. Any docking of tails shall be done within 7 days of birth. This does not apply to re-docking of an already docked tail. Rottweilers whose tails are left undocked, by 7 days of age, may only be docked at a later date as a result of a medical necessity certified by a Veterinarian.

4. Study and strive to conserve and improve the breed in structure, health, temperament and working ability, never sacrificing one for the other.
  5. Unless required to do so by law, no puppy/adult Rottweiler bred or owned by an ARC member shall be disposed of in an animal shelter or pound or knowingly be allowed to remain in the care of a rescue organization. Rottweilers shall not be given as prizes, offered in raffles, or sold at auctions, nor shall Rottweilers be exploited in any detrimental manner.
  6. Plan all litters with the goal of improving the Breed giving consideration to individual health benefits and concerns. Breed only Rottweilers having stable temperament and no disqualifying physical faults according to the AKC Rottweiler Standard (entropion, ectropion, overshot, undershot, wry mouth, 2 or more missing teeth, unilateral cryptorchid or cryptorchid males, long coat, any base color other than black, absence of all markings). Any Rottweiler used for breeding that is a resident of the United States must be AKC registered. Any Rottweiler residing outside the United States used for breeding must meet all the requirements to be eligible for registration with AKC.
- 6a. Exception: Missing Teeth – A Rottweiler that is missing more than one adult tooth may be bred only if the owner, prior to the loss of a second tooth, has proof of an OFA Dental Certification Number showing only one missing tooth at the time of the exam.

**7. The following is required of all the Rottweilers owned/co-owned by an ARC Member and the breeding partner(s), whether owned by an ARC Member or not.**

**No Rottweiler born after 1/1/2008, owned or co-owned by a member of the American Rottweiler Club may be bred or bred to any dog or bitch unless ALL mating partners meet the following requirements:**

- a. **Must have OFA Hip Certification Number from x-rays taken at 24 months of age or older (Excellent, Good, or Fair).**
- b. **Must have elbows x-rayed at 24 months of age or older and submitted to OFA for evaluation. Results must be released, regardless of pass or failure, and recorded by OFA prior to being bred.** It is strongly recommended to breed only normal elbows to normal elbows, or Grade 1 DJD to Normal elbows.
- c. **Must be OFA Cardiac Normal at 24 months of age or older and results must be submitted to and recorded by OFA prior to being bred.** It is strongly recommended that the evaluation be performed by a Board Certified Cardiologist and also strongly recommended that the certification be done by echocardiogram.
- d. **Must have an OFA or CERF Eye Certification Number based on an exam performed at 24 months of age or older by an ACVO Board Certified Ophthalmologist. Re-examination/certification must be performed at a minimum of every 3 years and must have a valid certification dated within 3 years prior to being bred. In the case of frozen semen being used from a dog born on or after January 1, 2008, the Certification must have been within 3 years to the date of collection. Results of the initial and re-examinations must be submitted to and recorded by OFA prior to being bred.**
- e. **Must be permanently identified (Microchip or Tattoo) at the time all x-rays and evaluations are performed.**
- f. **Must have a CHIC Number PRIOR TO BEING BRED. All x-rays and evaluations must be performed at 24 months of age or older and results of all evaluations, regardless of pass or failure, must be released.**
- g. **At least one parent of any breeding must be clear of carrying the DNA mutation known to produce Juvenile Laryngeal Paralysis and Polyneuropathy (JLPP). Proof must be on OFA with either an LPP# or CBP# issued by OFA or a progeny of two parents BOTH CLEAR by LPP#'s issued by OFA, meaning that both the mother and father of the dog/bitch being bred have LPP#'s with results published as CLEAR. Rottweilers that are carriers MUST only be bred to those that are CLEAR and ARC members are required to disclose results. The test can be done at any age, but must reflect the AKC number and dog's name. This applies to all breedings done by ARC members after \_\_\_\_\_.** (\*if approved, date will be



3 months after the deadline for voting.) A JLPP CLEAR may be bred to an untested dog, a carrier, or another clear dog. A JLPP Carrier **MUST ONLY** be bred to a clear.

**h. FOREIGN DOG (those residing in countries other than US and Canada).**

The requirements in subsection 7a through g above apply to all dogs used for breeding by ARC members living in the United States or Canada for more than 3 months. Foreign dogs born after 1/1/2008 bred to by an ARC member shall not be required to have a CHIC# and shall be governed by the following requirements at the time of breeding:

(1) Must have certification for hips and elbows issued by the foreign counterpart listed on the OFA website. The ratings can be issued by OFA, ADRK, FCI or foreign counterpart. Copies of the certificates must be sent to OFA with the appropriate fee to be listed for public review. If not OFA excellent good or fair, hips must be rated by ADRK as HD Frei or HD+/-, OR rated by FCI as HD A or HD B. If not OFA, elbows must be rated by ADRK as ED Free or ED+/-, OR by FCI as ED 0 or ED 1. The certification age of hips and elbows shall be as allowed by the certifying foreign agency of the country the dog resides in, however, dog **MUST** be over 24 months of age at the time of breeding. Hip and Elbow Certifications must be submitted to OFA for public review, used in any advertisement, and copies must be obtained by the ARC member.

(2) Must have EYES Certified NORMAL by an exam performed at 24 months of age or older and listed on OFA. If not OFA, Certification must be done by a EVCO (European College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists) Certified Ophthalmologist or other ECVO Diplomate. If the exam is performed using the International Ophthalmic Exam, OFA will not issue a certificate or number but normal results will be listed by OFA on their database.

(3) Must have HEART Certified NORMAL by an exam performed at 24 months of age or older and listed on OFA. If not OFA, certification should be by ECVIM (European College of Veterinary Internal Medicine). It is strongly recommended that the evaluation be performed by a Board Certified Cardiologist and also strongly recommended that the certification be done by echocardiogram.

(4) Must have Juvenile Laryngeal Paralysis & Polyneuropathy (JLPP) DNA Test Performed and a COPY obtained by ARC member involved with breeding prior to breeding.

REGARDING SECTION h. Foreign dogs are defined as living outside of US or Canada. Once a dog is imported to US or Canada, it **MUST** have requirements completed as listed in 7a through g PRIOR to breeding. The only exception is IF the dog being imported has already met ALL requirements listed in h, then there is a 3-month grace period where the dog may be bred, to get all clearances redone as needed to comply with section 7a through g.

8. Rottweilers born prior to January 1, 2008 and being used for breeding must conform to the health requirements from the 1999 Mandatory Practices\*\*.
9. Offer at stud, with a signed written contract, only mature, healthy dogs, free of communicable diseases, and meeting ALL of the above requirements. Refuse stud service to any bitch not meeting the same requirements.
10. A bitch should not be bred without signed written breeding contract from stud dog owner. Both bitch and stud dog must meet ALL of the above requirements.
11. A bitch shall not be allowed to produce litters in more than 2 consecutive seasons. Bitches bred to more than 1 sire during a single season must adhere to the AKC regulations: (<http://www.akc.org/dna/multisire.cfm>)
12. Sell all Rottweilers with a signed, written contract. All adults/puppies sold must be guaranteed to be in healthy condition, including adequate protection against known diseases. Keep and provide buyers with up-to-date and accurate health, breeding and registration records and pedigree records of at least 3 generations. Registration papers may be withheld or breeder's rights retained only by mutual agreement in writing, signed by both parties. All Rottweilers not purchased as show and or breeding stock shall only be provided with the limited AKC registration form (AKC allows Breeders to remove limitation at a later

date if warranted). Release puppies to their new home only after they reach a minimum of 7 weeks of age.

13. Evaluate honestly according to the AKC Rottweiler Standard, and state clearly to the Buyer the quality of any Rottweiler sold. All advertising shall be honest and informative and shall in no way misrepresent the stock offered. Prices shall be based on individual merit and shall not be included in any advertising.
14. Sell only to responsible persons and not knowingly sell to anyone or any entity who engages in any activity which might exploit the breed.
15. Breeders recognize that they have a LIFETIME responsibility for puppies produced by their brood bitch or stud dog. Breeders and stud dog owners recognize the inherent obligation to provide a stable environment that protects each puppy's physical and emotional well-being. This includes helping to relocate to a new home a puppy/adult with which the owner is dissatisfied or is returning that puppy/adult. Any provisions for refunds or reimbursement of expenses shall be handled in the contract between breeder and owner.

## **SECTION 2. RECOMMENDED PRACTICES.**

1. Encourage working titles to retain the Rottweiler's correct working temperament. Encourage the showing of future breeding animals in the conformation ring, keeping in mind that the purpose of such shows is to improve the breed by objective evaluation of the animals in competition according to the Breed Standard.
2. Encourage participation in health studies which are listed by the Rottweiler Health Foundation. ([www.rotweilerhealth.org](http://www.rotweilerhealth.org))
3. Encourage all Rottweilers, even those not being used for breeding, to be tested for the various health clearances, signing authorization to release abnormal result, in order to provide better statistical results. It is suggested that any of these tests be performed at the same ages required by CHIC (Section 1.9.).
4. It is strongly recommended that ALL Rottweilers, especially those used for breeding, have a Canine Good Citizen Certification and/or pass an ATTS test.
5. It is strongly recommended that Stud dog owners should disclose any health and potential Standard disqualification problems in the dog's pedigree, which are known to them, to any bitch owner requesting stud service. And Bitch owners should disclose any health and potential Standard disqualification problems in the bitch's pedigree, which are known to them, to any stud dog owner from whom they are requesting stud service.
6. It is strongly recommended that any known health and potential Standard disqualification problems in the pedigree be disclosed to a puppy/adult Buyer.
7. It is strongly recommended that puppy contracts require that the registration form, full or limited, must be submitted to AKC.
8. It is strongly recommended that prior to breeding, consideration be given to disorders that may have a genetic component including, but not limited to, cruciate ligament injuries, von Willebrand disease, hypothyroidism, and orthopedic disorders such as osteochondritis. Consideration should also be given to potential Standard disqualifications, such as missing teeth, long coat, etc.

9. It is strongly recommended that prospective breeding candidates and their immediate relatives be tested for any hereditary disease/Standard disqualifications for which there is diagnostic testing; e.g. Coat length, Degenerative Myelopathy; Uric Acid (Hyperuricosuria).
10. It is strongly recommended that dogs be limited to 24 or fewer breedings (resulting in 3 or more live puppies) in a 12-month period to allow opportunity to realize their contribution (both positive and negative) to the gene pool.
11. It is strongly recommended that Rottweilers being used for breeding should have an AKC DNA profile or OFA/CHIC DNA repository number completed. This may be done at any age but is strongly recommended to be done and reported prior to being bred.

As a member of the American Rottweiler Club, I have read and understand that I shall be required to abide by the above MANDATORY PRACTICES in all ways. I understand that these MANDATORY PRACTICES are applicable to all Rottweilers owned, co-owned or leased by or from me, as well as any breeding partners. I further agree to abide by the above RECOMMENDED PRACTICES to the best of my ability.

I understand and agree that upon receipt of sufficient written proof of violations of these MANDATORY PRACTICES, the Board of Directors will proceed according to the American Rottweiler Club Bylaws, Article VI. Discipline. I further understand and agree that should I, through no fault of my own, be in violation of any of the aforementioned provisions, I shall have recourse to the Board of Directors.

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**\*\* Health Requirements from 1999 Mandatory Practices – For Dogs and Bitches born before January 1, 2008**

Dogs and bitches must have OFA certified hips (or HD-free hips as certified by foreign counterparts of the OFA). Imported Rottweilers must have OFA hip certification within six months after arrival in U.S.A. If frozen semen is used from an imported Rottweiler, the dog must be x-rayed and certified by the OFA or foreign counterpart at no less than 24 months of age.



Our hard working ARC Secretary, Ann Glynn, at the 2017 Nationals.

## CURRENT ARC MANDATORY PRACTICES

These MANDATORY PRACTICES and RECOMMENDATIONS are established in accordance with the objectives of THE AMERICAN ROTTWEILER CLUB. There are 4 sections in this document: Mandatory Practices for ALL Members; Recommendations for ALL Members; Mandatory Practices for BREEDERS, and Recommendations for BREEDERS. Mandatory Practices MUST be adhered to and Recommendations are strongly encouraged.

INTRODUCTION: The Rottweiler is above all a working dog and must exhibit the temperament, intelligence and structure of a working companion. The physical appearance should be as described in the current AKC Rottweiler Standard.

### SECTION 1. MANDATORY PRACTICES FOR ALL ARC MEMBERS.

AS AN ARC MEMBER, I SHALL ADHERE TO THE FOLLOWING MANDATORY PRACTICES:

1. Maintain the highest possible standards of health, cleanliness and care of all dogs. Dogs shall be contained within safe restrictions when the breeder/owner cannot personally supervise their safety.
2. Choose names for AKC registration which do not use prefixes or kennel names associated with other recognized breeders of Rottweilers in the U.S., Canada, Germany or any other foreign country, unless written permission is obtained from the original user of the name.
3. Observe the highest standards of sportsmanship and good will at shows, obedience and herding trials, and at any other event involving Rottweilers. Assist all newcomers to the breed so that they may be guided in the ways that can best conserve and improve the Rottweiler.
4. Any docking of tails shall be done within 7 days of birth. This does not apply to re-docking of an already docked tail. Dogs whose tails are left undocked, may only be docked as a result of a medical necessity.
5. The ARC membership list is for members' personal and club use only. It is not to be sold or given away, nor is it to be encompassed into any business database.

### SECTION 2. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ALL ARC MEMBERS.

AS AN ARC MEMBER, I SHALL ENCOURAGE THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDED PRACTICES:

1. Encourage working titles to retain the breed's correct working temperament. Encourage the showing of future breeding animals in the conformation ring, keeping in mind that the purpose of such shows is to improve the breed by objective evaluation of the animals in competition according to the Breed Standard.
2. Encourage members to participate in health studies which are listed by the Rottweiler Health Foundation. ([www.rotweilerhealth.org](http://www.rotweilerhealth.org))
3. Encourage members who are not using their dogs/bitches for breeding to have them tested for the various health clearances in order to provide better statistical results.
4. It is strongly recommended that ALL dogs/bitches, especially those used for breeding, have a Canine Good Citizen Certification and/or pass an ATTS Test.

### SECTION 3. MANDATORY PRACTICES FOR BREEDERS

AS AN ARC MEMBER, WHOSE DOG OR BITCH IS USED FOR BREEDING PURPOSES, I SHALL ADHERE TO THE FOLLOWING MANDATORY PRACTICES.

1. Study and strive to conserve and improve the breed in structure, health, temperament and working ability, never sacrificing one for the other.
2. Plan all litters with the goal of improving the Breed giving consideration to individual health benefits and concerns. Breed only mature dogs and bitches which are no less than 2 years of age, have passed all required health tests, have stable temperament and no disqualifying physical faults according to the AKC Rottweiler Standard (i.e. entropion, ectropion, overshot, undershot, wry mouth, 2 or more missing teeth, unilateral cryptorchid or cryptorchid males, long coat, any base color other than black, absence of all markings). Any dog or bitch that is a resident of the United States, as well as any litters whelped here, must be AKC registered. Any dog/bitch residing outside the United States used for breeding must meet all the requirements to be eligible for registration with AKC.
- 2.a. Exception: Missing Teeth – A dog or bitch ("dog") that is missing more than one adult tooth may be bred only if the owner, prior to the loss of a second tooth, has proof of either an OFA Dental Certification or an OFA report showing only one missing tooth at the time of the exam.
3. In the interest of full disclosure of any identified health issues, any dog or bitch to be bred, (born after January 1, 2008) must have a CHIC certificate which provides a source of health information for owners, breeders, and scientists that will assist in breeding healthy dogs. CHIC is meant to encourage health testing and sharing of all results, normal and abnormal, so that more informed breeding decisions can be made in an overall effort to reduce the incidence of genetic disease and improve canine health. CHIC requires permanent identification (Microchip or Tattoo) and requires that certain evaluations are done and results released, regardless of pass or failure. (See [www.caninehealthinfo.org](http://www.caninehealthinfo.org) for required Rottweiler evaluations). See Sections 7 & 8.
4. Dog and bitch to be bred, (born after January 1, 2008) must be OFA Cardiac "Normal" at 2 years of age or older. It is strongly recommended that the evaluation be performed by a Board Certified Cardiologist. See Sections 7 & 8.
5. Dog and bitch to be bred, (born after January 1, 2008) must have a CERF (Canine Eye Research Foundation) OR OFA (Orthopedic Foundation for Animals) eye certification number completed at 2 years of age or older, and within 3 years of the breeding. In the case of frozen semen being used from a dog born after January 1, 2008, the certification must have been within 3 years of the date of collection. See Sections 7 & 8.

6. Breed only dogs and bitches which have OFA certified hips. See Sections 7 & 8.
7. Dog and bitches being imported into the United States must have all of the above required health clearances before being used for breeding.
8. The following applies to both dogs and bitches which reside outside of the U.S. and are being used for/bred to, either via a natural, fresh or frozen semen breeding; must be certified for hips and hearts as required in #s 4 & 6 above. Neither CERF nor OFA eye certification is required; however the dog or bitch would be required to have certification from EVCO (European College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists) or another recognized registry. Because a CHIC # requires CERF/OFA eye certification, the dog or bitch would be exempt from this requirement.
9. Dog and bitches born before January 1, 2008 and being used for breeding, must conform to the health requirements from the previous Mandatory Practices (1999). \*\*
10. If a bitch is bred consecutively, it shall be on no more than 2 consecutive seasons. Bitches bred to more than 1 sire during a single season must adhere to the AKC regulations (<http://www.akc.org/dna/multisire.cfm>)
11. Offer at stud, with a signed written contract, only mature (no less than 2 years of age) healthy dogs, free of communicable diseases, and meeting all of the above requirements. Refuse stud service to any bitch not meeting the same requirements.
12. Sell all dogs with a signed, written contract. All dogs/puppies sold must be guaranteed to be in healthy condition, including adequate protection against known diseases. Keep and pass on to buyers accurate health, breeding and registration records and pedigree records of at least 3 generations. Registration papers may be withheld or breeder's rights retained only by mutual agreement in writing, signed by both parties. Require that all Rottweilers not purchased as show and breeding stock be made incapable of reproducing, and require that limited AKC registration forms be provided, or that registration papers be withheld until a veterinarian's certificate is received as proof of sterilization. Release puppies to their new home only after they reach 7 weeks of age.
13. Evaluate honestly according to the AKC Rottweiler Standard, and state clearly to the Buyer the quality of any Rottweiler sold. All advertising shall be honest and informative and shall in no way misrepresent the stock offered. Prices shall be based on individual merit and shall not be included in any advertising.
14. Sell only to responsible persons and not knowingly sell to anyone or any entity who engages in any activity which might exploit the breed. Rottweilers shall not be given as prizes, offered in raffles, or sold at auctions, nor shall Rottweilers be exploited in any detrimental manner.
15. Breeders recognize that they have a LIFETIME responsibility for puppies produced by their brood bitch or stud dog. Breeders and stud dog owners recognize the inherent obligation to provide a stable environment that protects each puppy's physical and emotional well being. This includes helping to relocate to a new home a puppy (or adult dog) with which the owner is dissatisfied, or returning that puppy (or adult). Any provisions for refunds or reimbursement of expenses shall be handled in the contract between breeder and owner. Unless required to do so by law, no puppy or adult dog bred or owned by an ARC member shall be disposed of in an animal shelter or pound or knowingly be allowed to remain in the care of a rescue organization.

### SECTION 4. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BREEDERS

AS AN ARC MEMBER WHOSE DOG OR BITCH IS USED FOR BREEDING PURPOSES, I SHALL ABIDE BY THESE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY.

1. In an attempt to lower the incidence of elbow dysplasia in Rottweilers, it is strongly recommended to breed only normal elbows to normal elbows, or Grade 1 DJD to Normal elbows (for the purpose of maintaining a broader gene pool).
2. It is strongly recommended that all dogs and bitches used for breeding should have an AKC DNA profile.
3. It is strongly recommended that prior to breeding, consideration be given to disorders that may have a genetic component, including, but not limited to, cruciate ligament injuries, von Willebrand's disease, hypothyroidism, and orthopedic disorders such as osteochondritis.
4. It is strongly recommended that prospective breeding candidates and their immediate relatives are not affected with (or not carriers of) hereditary disease for which there is diagnostic testing.
5. It is strongly recommended that Dogs be limited to 24 or fewer breedings (resulting in 3 or more live puppies) in a 12 month period to allow opportunity to realize their contribution (both positive and negative) to the gene pool. Note: Dogs' semen can be collected and stored allowing them to produce puppies long after their life has ended.

As a member of the American Rottweiler Club, I have read and understand that I shall be required to abide by the above Mandatory Practices in all ways. I understand that these Mandatory Practices are applicable to all dogs owned, co-owned or leased by or from me. I further agree to abide by the above Recommended Practices to the best of my ability.

I understand and agree that upon receipt of sufficient written proof of violations of these MANDATORY PRACTICES, the Board of Directors will proceed according to the American Rottweiler Club Bylaws, Article VI. Discipline. I further understand and agree that should I, through no fault of my own, be in violation of any of the aforementioned provisions, I shall have recourse to the Board of Directors.

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Dogs and bitches must have OFA certified hips (or HD-free hips as certified by foreign counterparts of the OFA). Imported Rottweilers must have OFA hip certification within six months after arrival in U.S.A. If frozen semen is used from an imported Rottweiler, the dog's hips must be certified by a foreign counterpart at no less than 24 months of age.

## Proposed Mandatory Practices --- Comments & Responses

The Board of Directors of the American Rottweiler Club thanks the Mandatory Practices committee for the time they invested to develop proposed revisions to the MPs. The Board also thanks the membership for their interest in improving the MPs as new tests are developed and new information comes to light about our breed.

The Board feels the proposed revisions will continue to advance safeguards of the health of Rottweilers, both individually and the breed as a whole. There have been significant advances over the years, and with the advent of DNA testing, we expect there are more to come.

It is worth noting that coupled with several of the Mandatory Practices provisions are “strong recommendations”. The Board feels that these “strong recommendations” give responsible breeders options they may – or may not—choose to exercise when selecting breeding pairs. In some cases – such as the age of health clearances accepted by foreign registries – there is evidence to support diverse conclusions. “Strong recommendations” give breeders the latitude to make informed, but still individual, choices as they feel best.

During the comment period concluded June 10, 2018, the Board received four comments. The four comments have been discussed by the Board. The comments and our responses are below.

A ballot will soon be mailed to each member to allow voting on each individual provision. We sincerely hope that members will carefully consider each proposed revision and vote in the affirmative.

### **Comment 1: Concern about Board of Directors’ ability to change CHIC requirements without member approval**

**Judi Wilson, Arizona**

One of the strongest parts of the document is the requirement of a CHIC number prior to any breeding. Assuming that is not changed from the proposed document to the final document.... the OFA requirements for CHIC are determined by the BOD. That would mean that this could be changed by the BOD and not require a membership vote.

Please correct me if I am wrong. If I am not mistaken, please respond as to how membership can be assured that the CHIC requirements would be protected as they stand at the time of the vote.

### **Board Response:**

The minimum requirements for assignment of a CHIC number are not determined by the Board. Rather, they are determined by the ARC Mandatory Practices as adopted by ARC membership vote. By long-standing practice, the Board, in its capacity as the CHIC-recognized health committee for ARC, will relay member-adopted Mandatory Practices changes to CHIC. This practice will not change.

### **Comment 2: Prefer cardiac clearance be by echocardiogram**

**Lisa Higham, California**

After having reviewed the mandatory practices I would like to add my opinion on one section in particular.

Section 3: Mandatory practices for breeders, #4. I would like to see the echocardiogram by a board certified cardiologist become mandatory rather than recommended. I strongly believe it belongs both here and in the CHIC requirements.

My history in dogs is founded in 4 decades of Doberman Pinschers. I'm sure their cardiac issues are well known. Having an echocardiogram at 2 years old seems realistic and attainable.

Thank you for your time and service.

### **Board Response:**

The Board feels that the current mandated checks for cardiac clearance examinations and an additional strong recommendation that the evaluation include echocardiogram is the wish of the majority of the membership. There are no significant changes to this section other than reorganization.

### **Comment 3: Foreign clearances, age requirements, grace period for imports**

**Laura Wright-Smith, Colorado:**

I have a few concerns about the proposed changes to the mandatory practices, specifically section 7, h. The section of foreign dogs brings up concerns on the age of hip certification in other countries. I have seen hips certified at ages under 24 months in other countries. In the US we do use the specific age of 24 months or older. I believe there is scientific evidence that shows why OFFA suggests the 24 months for x-rays to determine canine hip dysplasia (CHD). If we are so specific on 24 months in the US, and we would reprimand members using hips x-rayed before the 24 months, how can we say it is ok to use foreign dogs x-rayed before 24 months? It is not a fair policy for US members who have to follow OFFA guidelines.

There is research showing the decline in CHD in Rottweiler’s in the US, one such article is cited in Journal of the South African Veterinary Association, using data on over 1100 Rottweilers. I believe this data is showing how our US breeding policies have decreased CHD in our breed. So why would we change our standards and perhaps reintroduce CHD in our breed?

There is other evidence cited by OFFA on the percentage of dogs who OFFA normal at 12 months and do not pass at 24 months. Some think this is due to the lack of bone maturity at 12 months. The journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association did studies on prelim done before 24 months and the results after 24 months where they did change significantly, especially in fair, mild and moderate CHD. This evidence proves the need for evaluation after 24 months of age.

My point is, there is evidence supporting x-raying for CHD at or after 24 months, we can use foreign dogs only if they meet these criteria. I am very opposed to using dogs that have had the x-rays before 24 months. That is the OFFA standard and that is what we need to follow.

On the same note I have issue with allowing a dog who is now in the US a 3 month grace period where if I read this correctly can breed for 3 months before they have to meet the US standards. What if they breed 6 times and then fail hips in the US- why would we allow this?

I believe there is scientific research that backs the evidence-based practice of x-rays after 24 months to rule out CHD, and we should, as guardians of the breed, follow this evidence-based practice without exception.

I would ask the board to not allow these changes in our mandatory practice.

**Board Response:**

The goal of this section of revisions for the mandatory practices related to foreign-born dogs is to return the American Rottweiler Club to its position prior to changes in 2008. Prior to that time, foreign hip and elbow clearances were able to be used for individuals in the American Rottweiler Club. The Board believes that genetic diversity is of the utmost importance for the continued good health and survival of the Rottweiler in this county and around the world. The current mandatory practices require dogs living abroad, but used for breeding in the United States, to meet all CHIC requirements. This is essentially impossible for dogs not residing in this country. Under the proposed revisions, all required health testing must be performed for foreign dogs prior to their being used, including eyes, heart, hips, elbows and JLPP (if that provision passes), the only difference being that the veterinary and Rottweiler communities in those countries have determined varying ages for evaluations of hips and elbows that differ from those at OFA. The Board believes that the proposed revisions to this section of the mandatory practices will allow informed and educated breeders in the American Rottweiler Club to use information from foreign clearances, and OFA clearances if a dog is imported, to make informed decisions in their breeding programs for purposes of genetic diversity. Any member of the American Rottweiler Club wishing to not utilize dogs with foreign clearances prior to their being imported certainly has the option of relying only upon dogs tested through the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals. The Board, however, believes that others may choose to utilize the same tests but performed in different countries to include in their breeding programs. This is an individual decision that should be left to individual breeders based upon information that is still required to be published for all breedings by American Rottweiler Club members.

The statistics for changes between preliminary x-rays and 24 months of age are somewhat misleading in that preliminary x-rays and the statistics using those numbers include puppies down to six months of age. While there can be some changes on radiographic evidence, say between 18 months and 24, the

vast majority of those changes expressed as a concern in the letter above happen when the dog is of a younger age, under 12 months. It is believed that whatever small statistical possibility of changes in radiographs from the age at which they are conducted by, for example, ADRK and 24 months of age are more than offset by positive benefits of inclusion in our gene pool of a larger and more diversified group of dogs to choose from.

The three-month grace period for imported dogs prior to their being required to meet all OFA/CHIC requirements is a window the Board feels necessary to allow those dogs time to obtain their clearances in the United States as set forth elsewhere in the mandatory practices. If the dog has already met clearances in foreign countries for eyes, heart, heart, hips, elbows and JLPP, there seems to be no valid reason for not allowing them to be used on a temporary basis in this country until they have met domestic testing requirements. Again, this will allow members to make informed choices in their breeding decisions while still requiring all of the basic testing under the American Rottweiler Club mandatory practices.

**Comment 4: Clarification of CERF/OFA eye certification**

**Brandi Lewis, Kansas**

I have read/reviewed the recommended revisions to the Mandatory practices. I agree with all except the black & white pass fail recommendation for a CERF. I think all dogs/bitches should be tested just like elbows & all results reported. However I think that it should be up to the breeder on how to use the results. I don't think all of the reasons for a dog not to pass a CERF are harmful enough to warrant completely eliminating them from our gene pool if they have all other positive attributes and temperament matching our requirements and breed standard. Especially if it is not a life threatening reason.

Otherwise I think the committee did a good job with the revisions. I just think they should be a tool to help guide breeders in making good sound decisions in their breeding program.

**Board Response:**

CERF (now OFA) evaluations do not necessarily result in a black or white, pass or fail certification. Several different conditions in dogs' eyes will result in the issuing of a certification number but with a "breeder option". This provision in the proposed mandatory practices is unchanged from the current mandatory practices, and as noted in the comment, allows breeders to consider the certification, with or without "breeder options", in balance with other decisions.



**AMERICAN ROTTWEILER CLUB MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL NOTICE 2018 / 2019**

Dues are payable by **July 1st** . After **September 29th** unpaid memberships are considered lapsed.

Renewals **RECEIVED after September 29th** shall be charged a \$10.00 Reactivation Fee and subject to approval by ARC Board.

**No renewals will be accepted after December 31, 2018**

Any member whose dues are **not RECEIVED by then** shall have to reapply for membership.

**Renew on-line thru PayPal at [www.amrottclub.org/Members Only/Membership](http://www.amrottclub.org/Members Only/Membership). Please read ALL the instructions.**

**In order to nominate Judges for 2021 National Specialty (see reverse side), dues AND nominations must be RECEIVED by September 29, 2018**

DUES*		DONATIONS**	
Individual Membership	\$40.00 _____	Rottweiler Health Foundation (RHF)	_____
Family Membership (2 people)	\$55.00 _____	Rottweiler Rescue Foundation (RRF)	_____
Additional Family Member (each person)	\$15.00 _____	Rottweiler Rescue Foundation (RRF) Disaster Relief Fund	_____
Individual Senior Membership ***	\$20.00 _____	ARC Education Grant Program	_____
Family Senior Membership ***	\$27.50 _____	Kalyn Rae Bastyr Memorial Jr. Scholarship Fund	_____
Associate Membership	\$40.00 _____	Fund to Preserve Docking/Cropping	_____
Foreign Postage (MANDATORY ****) ADD: \$25.00	_____	Fund to Fight Anti-Canine Legislation	_____
1st Class Postage (Optional - U.S. only) ADD: \$20.00	_____	ACL Challenge (\$50 minimum per person - see ARKs)	_____
<b>Dues RECEIVED after September 29th</b>		National Specialty Support Fund (for Member Pins, Top Dog Evening, Armetale, etc.)	_____
ADD: \$ 10.00	_____	Top 20 Fund	_____
TOTAL ENCLOSED		\$ _____	

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## Form for Nomination of 2021 National Specialty Judges

There is no Host Club for 2021, so members have the opportunity to nominate 2 Conformation and 2 Sweepstakes Judges. The nominations received by the Membership Chair on or before September 29th will be forwarded to the ARC secretary for tabulation. Once results are tabulated a Ballot will be sent with the Top 8 Conformation and Sweepstakes Nominees.

**Nominees are subject to the following:**

**Conformation Judges:** Effective with the selection of the 2020 judges, once a judge has judged any regular conformation class (or classes) at the National Specialty, 7 National Specialties must pass before that judge is again eligible to judge any regular conformation class (or classes) at the National Specialty. (Example: if a judge judges any regular conformation class (or classes) at the National Specialty in 2015, he/she cannot judge any regular conformation class (or classes) until the year 2023.)

Foreign judges' (non-AKC judges) names may be nominated no sooner than 2 years following the election and acceptance of a judging assignment by a foreign judge. (Example: if a foreign judge was elected in 2015 (to actually judge in 2018), the next time a foreign judges could be nominated would be for the 2021 National Specialty.)

**Sweepstakes Judges:** Once a judge has judged the Sweepstakes, 3 National Specialties must pass before that individual is again eligible to judge the Sweepstakes at the ARC National Specialty. (Example: if an individual judges the National Sweepstakes in 2014, he/she will not be eligible to judge the National Sweepstakes again until 2018.)

**Conformation Judges ineligible** to be nominated (judge's name is followed by year in which they judged):

Berberich, Linda (2015)	Leininger, Betty Regina (2016)
Capstick, Beverly (2016)	Liebes, Nancy (2020)
DiCicco, Anthony (2018)	Marples, Sharon (2019)
Felske-Jackman, Ann (2017) **	Olson, Lew (2015 & 2017)
Griego, Juan (2019)	Porpora, Angela (2014)
Haddock, David (2020)	Thompson, Catherine (2014)
Hinz, Connie (2018)	

\*\* Foreign Judge; therefore no Foreign Judges are eligible to judge until the 2020 National Specialty.

The AKC Judges Directory is available at: [www.apps.akc.org/apps/judges\\_directory/index.cfm](http://www.apps.akc.org/apps/judges_directory/index.cfm)

**Sweepstakes Judges ineligible** to be nominated (judge's name is followed by year in which they judged):

Callahan, Ann (2018)	Payson, Perry (2019)
Green, Danielle (2020)	Saavardo, Debra (2018)
Mitchell, Daviann (2019)	Shaver, Jeff (2020)

A complete list of ARC approved and eligible National Sweepstakes Judges is enclosed.

**MEMBER #1**

Conformation Judge Nominees (please print):

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_

Sweepstakes Judge Nominees (please print):

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_

Member's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Member's Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**MEMBER #2**

Conformation Judge Nominees (please print):

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_

Sweepstakes Judge Nominees (please print):

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_

Member's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Member's Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Families having more than 2 members should make a copy of this page in order for all to be able to make nominations.

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## American Rottweiler Club Approved Sweepstakes Judges

Listed below are approved Sweepstakes judges who have submitted an ARC application substantiating their credentials to meet the ARC Board Guidelines for National Specialties.

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Lane, Diana

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**James Nixon      7/3/17**

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**Dr. Janet Ruckert      2/24/17**

**The ARC Board and Membership**





Only the following information will be printed: Sire and Both parents have at least a championship or working title (Name, and titles only); whelp date and contact person with address and telephone number. **All claims of BIS, BISS, Select, Award of Merit must be accompanied by the name of the show and year that this was achieved.**

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**Sire: Trapper (MBIS MRBIS 11xBISS Select2 Platinum GCH Hemlock's Jack of Hearts BN RE HIC TT CGC)**

RO-71104G24M-VPI; RO-PA348/24M/P-VPI; RO-TH628/24M-VPI; RO-DE152/45M-VPI; RO-350342;  
RO-CA3971/48M/C-VPI-ECHO; RO-LPP87/99M-PI; CHIC 72615

- \*\* 2013 – #1 Rottweiler in Breed (AKC and ARC) and #2 in All-Breed (AKC & ARC)
- \*\* 2012 – #2 Rottweiler Breed and All-Breed (AKC and ARC)
- \*\* 2013 – ARC Top 20 Winner
- \*\* 2012 – ARC Select2
- \*\* 2013 and 2014 – ARC Select
- \*\* 2014 – Westminster Best of Breed winner
- \*\* 2012 and 2013 - AKC National Championship/Eukanuba - Best of Breed Winner
- 11 Best in Specialty Show Wins
- Multi Best in Show and Multi Reserve Best in Show

**Dam: Khandi (CH Jernan's She's all That vom Hawks BN RN CGC)**

RO-75969G32F-VPI; RO-EL10944F32-VPI; RO-DE1063/32F-VPI; RO-CA7265/31F/S-VPI-ECHO;  
RO-EYE1415/31F-PI; CHIC 116440

**Whelped:** 8 puppies - (2 males, 6 females) - April 10, 2018

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# ROTTWEILERS WIN THE WORKING GROUP FOR BEST BOOTH AT 2018 WKC

On February 10, 2018 several members from ARC & CRC (Colonial Rottweiler Club) participated in this year's Westminster Meet the Breeds Booth representing the American Rottweiler Club. We were over the moon excited when they were handed a Group 1 Blue Ribbon for Best Booth in the Working Group!! Over 100 breeds partici-



2018 Booth Participants L-R; Lauren & Dream, Alex & Talos, Peter, Marilyn & Katie, Donna & Maverick, Hollee & Josey Jo

pated, and over 10,000 visitors came to Pier 92/94 to see and learn about dogs and of course watch the Agility Championships.

disguised as policemen, nurses, cowboys, and athletes – this year they were joined by Wonder Woman, Captain America, Batman, and our very own Master Chef! Last year's visitors enjoyed stopping and posing for photos with the pups, so this year we set the stage for a proper red carpet event with a large step & repeat banner and velvet rope designed to bring in the PuppaRottzi!

There was a line waiting for photos most of the day which went from 10:00am to 5:00pm. Our hard-working booth staff included;

- Alex Niles & "Talos" (NYPD & Batman)
- Peter & Marilyn Piusz & "Katie" (Master Chef)
- Hollee Russell & Diana Shearer & "Josey Jo" (Nurse, Security & Wonder Woman)
- Lauren Jorgensen & "Dream"
- Donna & Patrick Worthington & "Maverick" (James Bond & Captain America)



Alex Niles (Booth Designer) & Talos along with Hollee & Josey Jo accepting our winning ribbon.

Congratulations to everyone who made this event such a success for Rottweilers. All our breed ambassadors were amazing and really seemed to enjoy all the attention they were getting. They spent the entire day with the biggest Rottie smiles on their faces patiently posing for photos, and sharing laughs with all who stopped by. Thank you to all who participated, we wonder what next year's booth will be.... stay tuned!



Peter & Top Master Chef Katie (L) - Our booth was full of visitors from open to closing time! See the winning booth setup in the photo on bottom right.



Wonder Woman Josey Jo & Dream enjoyed a visit and photo opportunity with the AKC Dog.

In 2017, the Seminole Rottweiler Club's Linda Garvie & Tonya Williamson provided their award-winning booth graphics used at Eukanuba to Alex Niles who incorporated the images to fit a New York City theme.

This year they expanded the theme and displays from last year and pulled out all the stops by rolling out a red carpet to show everyone how amazing and versatile our breed is. Our booth theme this year turned New York "Gotham City" into "New Rott City" with both Superheroes and everyday heroes. Last year we showed off our working dogs



Donna & Maverick aka Captain America (top) and our booth security guard Josey Jo

## Rottweilers May Benefit From Advances In Osteosarcoma Research

“Benelli,” or “Benny” for short, was 5 years old in 2007 when he was diagnosed with osteosarcoma in his right front leg. The gregarious Rottweiler, titled in conformation, obedience, carting, and as a therapy dog, seemed to have a bum leg from the start. At 18 months old, Benny, painfully lame, had surgery for elbow dysplasia.

When the lameness came back three years later, owners Kelly and Dr. Anthony Skiptunas of Wrightsville, Pennsylvania, took Benny to be examined at Cornell University Companion Animal



*A certified reading education assistance dog, Benny was adored by children because he listened attentively and patiently as they practiced reading aloud.*

Hospital. Rottweiler owners since 1988, they adored the intelligence and versatility of the working breed. Benny, one of four male Rottweilers who shared their home, had a special gift as a certified reading education assistance dog.

“We wanted to know what was going on with Benny’s leg,” says Kelly Skiptunas. “Benny was unbelievably smart and intuitive. Everyone loved him. He loved all people, especially children.”

Initially diagnosed with severe osteoarthritis in his leg and elbow, Benny, they learned a few months later, also had early-stage osteosarcoma, a tiny

lesion invisible on a radiograph but apparent on a bone scan. Their options were dismal.

A tough, complicated cancer, no one knows exactly what causes osteosarcoma. Standard treatment for the aggressive, most common bone cancer in dogs is amputation of the affected leg followed by chemotherapy to help reduce the risk of metastasis. About 50 percent of dogs receiving the standard treatment survive nine to 11 months after diagnosis and surgery, about 20 percent survive two years, and about 5 percent survive three years. When dogs are treated with amputation alone, the median survival is six to seven months. More than 90 percent of dogs receiving no treatment or alternative holistic treatments die from metastatic disease within three to five months.

Efforts to better understand osteosarcoma have been challenging. Recent advances include a new canine osteosarcoma vaccine developed at the University of Pennsylvania that shows promise in extending survival following surgery and chemotherapy. At the University of Minnesota, investigators are using gene expression profiling to help them understand the biological behavior of osteosarcoma tumors. Insights may help them learn how quickly the disease progresses locally, how quickly it spreads to other sites, and what factors may accelerate or delay disease progression.

Meanwhile, the surgery team at Cornell evaluated Benny’s case, and determined he was an ideal candidate for a limb-sparing surgery known as longitudinal bone transport. The procedure removes the affected portion of the bone and then forms new bone, or a free transport segment, via osteotomy, eventually fusing the defective area with healthy bone.



“We didn’t want to amputate his leg, he was so young,” Kelly Skiptunas says.

Post-surgical care involved Benny wearing an external fixator daily for two months. Every four hours, the family adjusted the fixator to help stretch the bone so it would grow, and every night, Dr. Skiptunas unwrapped the bandages and carefully cleaned the surgical site to reduce the risk of infection. Benny breezed through chemotherapy with no side effects and continued his important job at read-to-a-dog programs, where children gathered around him to take their turns reading aloud. He and Kelly Skiptunas also visited hospitals, rehabilitation centers and assisted-living facilities.

When he was 10 years old in 2012, Benny became the first Rottweiler to receive the American Kennel Club’s ACE (Award for Canine Excellence) Award for Pet Therapy honoring his many contributions as a therapy and reading education assistance dog. It was a proud day when he and Kelly Skiptunas received the honor at the AKC National Championship. Three months later — five years after being diagnosed with osteosarcoma — Benny passed away from another, unrelated cancer, hemangiosarcoma.



**Kelly Skiptunas and “Benny” (AM/CAN CH Oakview’s Roughrider v Esmond RN, CI, TT, CGC, RTD, TDI, R.E.A.D certified), wearing a brace on his front leg treated for osteosarcoma, receive the American Kennel Club’s ACE (Award for Canine Excellence) Award for Pet Therapy in 2012.**

## **A Promising Vaccine**

Greater understanding about how tumors and the immune system interact have contributed to the development of a promising osteosarcoma vaccine immunotherapy, says Nicola Mason, BVetMed, PhD, DACVIM, associate professor of medicine and pathobiology at the University of Pennsylvania.

A pilot study of 18 dogs treated with a live recombinant, HER2- expressing *Listeria* (ADXS31-164) vaccine showed it doubled the survival rate compared to an historical control group. The dogs in the study had surgery to remove their primary tumor followed by four chemotherapy treatments, and then they received three doses of the vaccine every three weeks. The median survival was 956 days compared to 423 days for the control group.

Funded by Advaxis Inc., a human biotechnology company, the phase-one study conducted at the University of Pennsylvania included two Rottweilers. “One was a 7-year-old male and the other was a 6 1/2-year-old bitch,” says Dr. Mason. “Both had forelimb lesions and underwent amputation, follow-up chemotherapy and then received the vaccine. Both dogs did very well; the male lived 956 days following the vaccine treatment, and the female lived 886 days.”

The vaccine uses a genetically modified *Listeria* to deliver a tumor-associated antigen to stimulate the immune system and activate cytotoxic (killer) T cells. These killer T cells specifically recognize cancer cells that remain in the body after standard of care treatment and eliminate them, thus delaying or preventing relapse.

*Listeria monocytogenes* is a bacterium that triggers a strong cellular immune response. Although in

people unmodified *Listeria* can cause a serious and sometimes deadly infection when contaminated food is ingested, the bacteria in this vaccine has been genetically attenuated, or weakened, so as not to cause infection or disease.

Explaining the rationale behind the vaccine, Dr. Mason says, “most dogs relapse with metastatic disease after chemotherapy, suggesting that not all cancer cells are eliminated by chemotherapy. The *Listeria* vaccine essentially wakes up the immune system and directs it to specifically eliminate remaining tumor cells by delivering a target tumor molecule into the system.

“Immune cells that have been educated by the vaccine will then seek out cells that express the target molecule and specifically kill them. Essentially, we are aiming to generate an effective anti-tumor immune response.”

A phase-two clinical trial, sponsored by Morris Animal Foundation, has begun at 11 university hospitals across the U.S. and Canada using the ADXS31-164 vaccine. The study, performed through the Comparative Oncology Trials Consortium, aims to treat 80 dogs with the vaccine following standard of care amputation and chemotherapy and determine whether these promising results are also seen in a larger group of dogs. The trial also aims to evaluate immune parameters that might predict “responders” versus “non-responders.”

Aratana Therapeutics, a company that markets innovative therapies for dogs and cats, has received a conditional license for a lyophilized, or freeze-dried, version of this vaccine. The company hopes to receive full licensure in the next year.

To be eligible to participate in the clinical trial, dogs cannot have evidence of metastatic disease at the time of amputation surgery. If dogs develop metastatic disease during their chemotherapy and before receiving the vaccine, owners have the option of fast-tracking their dog to receive the vaccine.

“About one-third of dogs develop metastasis

### **Rottweilers with Osteosarcoma May Be Candidates for Vigor Trial**

A novel oncolytic immunotherapy for treatment of canine osteosarcoma is being investigated at the University of Minnesota. The study is designed to learn more about how well a genetically modified vesicular stomatitis virus (VSV) kills cancer cells.

Dogs chosen for the study will receive either the VSV treatment or a placebo. Neither the owner nor the investigators will know which treatment the dogs are given. Owners and dogs will benefit because the participants will receive the best available standard of care for this disease, including amputation of the affected leg and chemotherapy. Additionally, advanced imaging studies will allow veterinarians caring for the dogs to determine disease progression at an earlier time when other treatment alternatives still can be considered.

To participate, owners must cover the cost of a screening appointment and diagnostics to determine if their dog is a good candidate for the study. Once accepted, owners must be able to take their dogs for periodic recheck visits. The study covers up to \$8,600 in care, which includes the VSV treatment, surgery and part of the costs for chemotherapy.

To be eligible, dogs must:

- Be diagnosed with osteosarcoma in a limb bone
- Weigh more than 44 pounds
- Be healthy, with no significant health concerns
- Be spayed or neutered
- Be current on vaccinations, flea and tick prevention, and heartworm protection
- Have no evidence of metastasis on a chest X-ray
- Have had no previous treatment for their tumor

For information about participating in the study, please contact Andrea Eckert, research study technician, at 612-625-3157 or [aleckert@umn.edu](mailto:aleckert@umn.edu).

before their fourth chemotherapy treatment,” says Dr. Mason. “By including the fast-track group in this study, we can determine whether this approach can delay the progression of grossly evident metastatic disease.”

In addition to improving the standard of care for dogs with osteosarcoma, the long-term goal of the University of Pennsylvania researchers is to learn whether the same vaccine could be used to help children with bone cancer. In humans, the majority of osteosarcoma cases occur in children.

“Taking a comparative oncology approach, we believe that our canine patients may help to guide a pediatric human clinical trial so we can learn whether this approach might benefit both species,” says Dr. Mason.

### **A Potential Cancer Diagnostic Test**

Cancer researchers at the University of Minnesota are working to identify the molecular properties of various tumor types, including osteosarcoma, in an effort to gather information that will help them diagnose cancer risk and predict disease behavior more accurately. Their ultimate goal is to develop effective strategies to treat and eventually prevent osteosarcoma in both dogs and children.

A recent University of Minnesota osteosarcoma study, published in the January 2018 issue of *Cancer Research*, reported on evaluating the transcriptional profile of osteosarcoma tumors in dogs, humans and mice.<sup>1</sup> Also known as gene expression profiling, a transcriptional profile quantifies the abundance of messenger RNA (mRNA) molecules for every gene in cells or tissues.

RNA, which is short for ribonucleic acid, acts as a messenger in cells, transcribing genetic information from DNA into amino-acid sequences that become the protein products of gene expression. The differential patterns of gene expression in tumors from individual patients allow researchers to categorize cancers, such as osteosarcoma, into subgroups with different behaviors and different prognoses.

The comparative medicine approach used by the University of Minnesota researchers, gleaning information from dogs, mice and humans, provides opportunities to better understand osteosarcoma. The study team was made up of scientists with diverse backgrounds, including bioinformatics, genetics and genomics, pathology, immunology, molecular biology, cancer biology, and stem-cell biology.

One of the study investigators, Jaime Modiano, VMD, PhD, the Perlman Endowed Chair of animal oncology at the University of Minnesota, says, “Human, dog and mouse osteosarcoma tumors share certain clinical and molecular similarities, but they also have important species-specific differences. Insights gained from each species help us improve our overall understanding of the disease.”

A rare cancer in people, with 400 to 600 new cases diagnosed annually in the U.S.,<sup>2</sup> osteosarcoma is much more common in dogs. The small number of human tumors available for study compounds the ability of researchers to study the rare but deadly cancer. In children, adolescents and young adults, the five-year survival for osteosarcoma is around 80 percent, and the 10-year survival is 50 to 60 percent.

“One of our goals has been to define peculiar genetic traits that may contribute to osteosarcoma in dogs and whether any of these traits may also contribute to this disease in people,”

Dr. Modiano explains. “Our present goal is to understand how specific mutations help tumors mold their environment and evade the immune system. Identifying such mutations, in dogs or humans, will help us develop tools to diagnose the disease earlier when interventions are more likely to produce long-term benefits and to design effective strategies that are better tailored to each individual patient.”

The researchers used next-generation sequencing to analyze all of the mRNA in human, dog and mouse tumors. “Our hypothesis was that despite the highly complex karyotypes (chromosomal variation) seen in osteosarcoma, transcriptional profiles would allow us to categorize this cancer into distinctive, clinically relevant subtypes,” says Dr. Modiano.

Samples from newly diagnosed human and dog osteosarcoma patients that had not yet received any therapy were included in the study. The dogs’ samples came from a large number of breeds, including many Rottweilers and Golden Retrievers, obtained between 1999 and 2012.

The most exciting development from the study was the creation of the gene cluster expression summary score (GCESS) methodology to categorize tumors. The GCESS captures information from many genes that are turned on and off coordinately, likely by the same mechanisms, says Dr. Modiano.

“Because of the sheer size of the clusters and their tight correlation, the GCESS method is significantly more powerful to achieve this classification than biomarkers that use a single or even a few genes or molecules,” he says. “While the GCESS method was developed using osteosarcoma as a model, we found it is widely applicable to virtually any type of tumor where genome-wide sequencing information can be obtained.”

Using the GCESS method, the research team identified three clusters that were conserved across all three species and that had clinical significance in at least one species. One cluster, discovered by the team as part of an earlier study, was strongly associated with genes that control cell division and DNA repair. The investigators confirmed their previous observation that the relative expression of this cluster was highly predictive for overall survival in dogs with osteosarcoma independent of treatment.



A conformation champion, Benny also was active in obedience, carting, and working as a therapy dog.

The other two clusters were indicative of immune cells being present within the tumor. “Interestingly, the relative abundance of immune-cell transcripts was a strong predictor for outcome in human patients, but not in dogs with osteosarcoma,” says Dr. Modiano. “The reasons for this are unclear, but they provide a stark illustration of species differences that must be considered when dogs are used as models for human cancer causation or cancer treatments. Most importantly, these differences do not negate the utility of comparative approaches. To the contrary, understanding these differences makes it possible to design better experiments and to obtain more



robust answers.”

Reflecting on her experience with Benny’s osteosarcoma, Kelly Skiptunas says, “The surgery doubled his life span. Now, looking back at what we went through, I don’t know if we could do it again. I am so thankful for the extra years we had with him. He was special to us and to so many other people through his gentle, unassuming nature as a therapy dog.”

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### **Things To Know About Canine Osteosarcoma**

- It is the most common bone cancer in dogs
- It can occur in any bone, but the legs account for 75 to 85 percent of cases
- Virtually all dogs from large and giant breeds, as well as large and giant mixed-breed dogs, are at greater risk for this disease
- Signs include lameness, swelling at the tumor site and pain
- Irritability, aggression, loss of appetite, weight loss, whimpering, sleeplessness, and reluctance to exercise often relate to pain
- Standard treatment involves amputation of the affected leg and chemotherapy

*Source: The National Canine Cancer Foundation*

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### **UPCOMING 2018 ROTTWEILER SPECIALTIES**

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September 2	Aloha Rottweiler Club - Honolulu, HI
September 22	American Rottweiler Club - Prescott Valley, AZ
September 22	American Rottweiler Club - Helena, MT
September 28	American Rottweiler Club - Carson City, NV (2 specialties)
September 28-29	American Rottweiler Club - Millwood, VA
October 11-12	Medallion Rottweiler Club - St. Charles, IL
October 19	Greater Cincinnati Rottweiler Club - Wilmington, OH (2 specialties)
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## *Update on Mercury --- one of the Texas 200 rescues*

Well, it has been a little over a year since we last checked in with all of his fans, so we wanted to let everyone know what Merc (formerly of the Texas 200) has been up to this last year or so.

He finished his RAE...not without some difficulty, as he felt the judge would appreciate a good game of Scary Growl Zoomies during an Excellent leg, and his not professional "Handler" forgot she had a sausage link in her back pocket in another Excellent leg. Ummmmm, oops! But we got it done!

He then went on to do a couple legs in Veterans Obedience at the local Rottweiler Specialty, getting a respectable 187 1/2 after being put out to pasture for 6 months because the "spark" was gone in his competing, and he really wasn't enjoying it, but it was the Rottie Show, so he had to come play!

Since he didn't seem to love the obedience ring anymore, we started doing more therapy dog visits, and reached his TDIA title, which means 50 or more visits accomplished. (He would have had lots more, but I have three therapy dogs, and they need to all share in the love).

We got him certified in the new AKC Farm Dog title last fall, and that was big fun. He ran a couple more lure trials, just for fun, while he still can. (None of us are getting any younger!) But we needed something more...his mind is always whirling, and he will really try anything, so we tried Trick Dog and he got his Trick Dog Novice lickity-split. This month we are testing him at Trick Dog Intermediate and Trick Dog Advanced, since he now has enough tricks to get both of these done, no problem. He needed to learn a few more than he had on board to get to the Advanced though, so we started working on six new tricks. He learned them all in less than a week. Boom!

These last few months, he has also had to deal with a new little brother Rottie, which he was not a fan of at first, but has since decided he loves him and that he can stay and they will learn more tricks together and share all of their things. Even the yogurt spoon.

This dog never ceases to amaze me. He is my biggest snuggler, my best thinker, my boldest adventurer, my sassiest talker and my fiercest protector. I will never be able to thank all the people involved in the Texas 200 Rescue enough to even begin to express how much he means to me. No matter how many Rotties I have, he will always be my Heart Dog.

And to ice the top of his lifetime cake, we are going to Nationals! I don't know what we will do there, but we are going! And we are going to march in that Parade of Rescues with our heads held high and me crying like a baby!

Oddly enough, those jerks in that Hoarding Texas Mess made one hell of a dog for me, so I guess I owe them a thank you too. Right after I punch them in the face.



See you all at Nationals in May!

*Mercury Sacksteder CGC/TDIA ,CDX, RAE, BN,CA, TDK, FDC .... (and his mom )*





# CRISIS RESPONSE TEAM ROTTWEILER "GUNTHER" BRINGS COMFORT TO PARKLAND, FL SHOOTING VICTIMS

The incredible work of **John Hunt and Gunther (Bang's Aleutian Sky CD RN RA RE THDD - Trapper x Emmy "A" Litter)** continues to provide comfort and support to our nation's latest mass shooting crisis. On February 18th, only days after the horrific school shooting in Parkland, FL this very special support team received their request to deploy to Florida to provide comfort for the victims and their families. For the past 3 years Gunther & John - a former NJ State Police Officer & now Corporate Director of Security for AtlantiCare - have volunteered hundreds of hours as not only a Therapy Team, but a certified crisis response team specializing in active shootings as part of the Tri-State K-9 Crisis Response Team based near Atlantic City, NJ.



Sadly, this is the 4th major deployment John & Gunther have had to participate in - comforting families following the June 12, 2016, Pulse nightclub shooting in Orlando, Florida; the Oct. 1 Route 91 Harvest music festival shooting in Las Vegas and, most recently, the Nov. 5 shooting at First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, Texas.

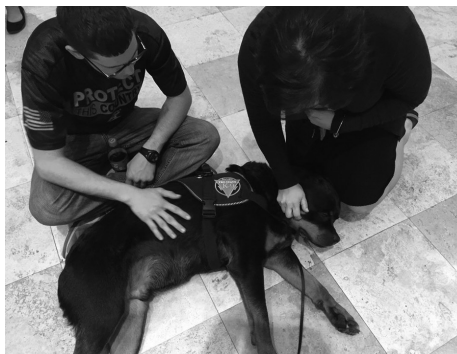
John and Gunther are a highly requested team who participate in memorials, vigils, meetings, presentations in addition to helping comfort the victims enough so that they can share their testimony and stories with the proper investigation teams. John would say that Gunther does all the "work", he instinctively knows who in the room needs him the most and is drawn to them.

We know John is an integral part of how and why Gunther is so good at what he does as not every therapy team could do what they do at such a mass scale.

John and his family also have a 2nd Bang Rottweiler pup, Luther (Trapper x Emmy "C" Litter) who has recently gained his certification for Therapy work and will soon be joining his big brother on visits. When they aren't traveling around the country on special assignment, John, Gunther, and now Luther are regular visitors to AtlantiCare facilities comforting families and patients including Atlantic City Police Officer Josh Vadell who was shot in the line of duty in Sept. 2016 - the Vadell family, thanks to his love of Gunther now have their very own Rottweiler to love on throughout the year!

John, Gunther, & Luther also spend time at schools, hospitals, and universities providing instruction and training on crisis/active shooting response. Words simply cannot describe their contribution to the community or work as Rottweiler breed ambassadors. They are the only Rottweilers on the Tri-State team.

Here is a recent article about their FL deployment: <http://bit.ly/GuntherFL>





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