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PREZ'S MESSAGE

We had a great turn out for our September 26 general membership meeting due in large part to the wonderful program on Canine Enrichment that was presented by Elizabeth Soule. The program was recorded so we will link it on the website for those of you who could not make the meeting. Elizabeth's presentation was filled with useful ideas to help us keep our canines calm by providing them opportunities to engage in their instinctual behaviors.

Also at the meeting our club welcomed two new members, Linda Hall with Keeshonds from Maple Valley and Lara Schmauser with a German Shepherd and Border Collie. We are happy to have these two ladies join our club and look forward to seeing them at our events.

The budget committee recommended that the club use some of our funds for donations this year. If you have ideas for a worthwhile dog related charity please contact a member of the newly formed donation committee. So far the committee consists of Neil Evans, Karen Snee, Sue Cox and Jane Pitts. If you would like to participate in this committee contact Sue Cox. The funds



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CLUB UPDATES

will not be available for disbursement until after the annual budget is approved in October. Our preference is to stay relatively local in our donations.

Last but certainly not least thank you to the Audit and Budget committee for arranging their schedules to check the books and estimate expenses for next year. Scheduling a time to get together in person these days is tricky business so a big thank you to Don Rennick, Karen Snee, Jody Woodruff and our treasurer, Sue Cox. Job well done!

Terrie

UPCOMING CLUB MEETINGS

General Meeting

October 24 at 7pm
over Zoom

Board Meeting

October 12 at 7pm
over Zoom



At the 9/26 meeting, two new members joined the club as associate members. Lara Schmauser is from Auburn and has a German Shepherd and Border Collie. Linda Hall is from Maple Valley and has Keeshonds. Welcome!



HEARTS AND FLOWERS

Gloria Newby, chair

No new cards were sent in the last month.

CLUB COMMITTEES & CHAIRS

Agility: Linda Shea

Audit/Budget: TBD

Awards: Nancy Light

Hearts & Flowers: Gloria Newby

Insurance: Sue Cox

Membership: Cathy Soule

Newsletter: Elizabeth Soule

'C' Match: Terrie Sato

Programs: vacant

Property & Inventory:

Don Rennick

Obedience and Rally Trial

Spring: Amanda Buse

August: Kathy Lang

Tracking: Marta Brock

Website: Ane Brusendorff

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59 Clinton Ave

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CLUB UPDATES

Awards for Spring Obedience and Rally Trials

Planning is underway for the WSOTC Spring Trial, April 1-2, 2023. We have already received donations for some trophies and there are more available for sponsorship.

Awards on Saturday will again be handmade pottery from Stone Pony Pottery, beautiful and functional. <https://stoneponypottery.com/dog-shows/>. Each piece will have the club logo on it. On Sunday, awards will be cash.

SATURDAY awards available for sponsorship:

Preferred Obedience High Score in Trial - \$50
Preferred Obedience High Combined Open and Utility - \$50
Obedience Novice A First Place - \$20
Obedience Novice A Second - Fourth Placement \$15
Rally Novice A Second - Fourth Placement \$15

SUNDAY awards available for sponsorship:

Obedience High in Trial - \$80
Preferred Obedience High in Trial - \$50
Preferred Obedience High Combined in Open and Utility - \$50
Obedience Novice A First Place - \$20
Obedience Novice A Second - Fourth Place - \$15
Rally High Combined Advanced B and Excellent B - \$50
Rally Novice A Second - Fourth Place - \$20

Multiple sponsors for one award is another way to pool resources and contribute. If you or your breed club would like to support a trophy or entries not listed here, please let me know.

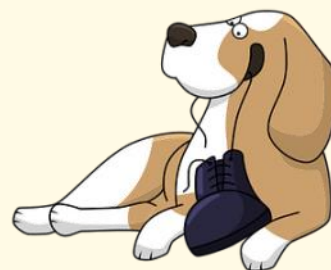
The trial is several months away but there are many moving parts to be coordinated. Donating early will help it all come together more smoothly.

Please send donations in a check made out to WSOTC and mail to:

Jane Pitts
3028 W Blaine St
Seattle, WA 98199

Thank you for supporting the club and the trial!

Jane Pitts
Trophy and Awards Chairperson
WSOTC Spring Trial 2023
jrpitts@mac.com



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 31, 2022

Call to order - The meeting was called to order at 7:07 by President Terrie Sato. In attendance: Terrie Sato, Nancy Light, Neil Evans, Sue Cox, Rhonda Forman, Ingrida Robinson, Lee Ann McNeil, Cathy Soule, Kelli Armstrong, Laura Burns, Pat Lindquist, Sandy Burr, Betty Winthers, Jayne Walker, Arlette Davison, Elizabeth Soule
Guests: Chelsea Bloomberg, Lara Schmauser, Tain Rose

Minutes of the last meeting 6/15/22 were approved as printed in the Canine Post.

Report of the Board - The board continues to meet at this time via zoom. Acknowledgements go to Kathy Lang and Ingrida Robinson for breaking new ground and chairing the WSOTC fall trial along with their committee of Geri Orta, Jane Pitts, Bev May and Christine Swinehart. A chair is needed for 2023. Contact the board if you are willing to chair in August 2023.

Report of the President - Terrie - AKC has been updated as to the change in our officers. Once again, much appreciation to Janice Bergman for serving as secretary for so many years and thank you Rhonda Forman for taking on the secretary duties.

Report of the Secretary- Rhonda – The July agility trial results have been processed by AKC. The August rally and obedience trial results have also been processed by AKC.

Report of the Treasurer – Sue – the updated treasurer’s report is available on the website under the “Members Only” section.

Committee Reports:

Membership - Cathy Soule – First reading for Lara Schmauser as associate member. Lara has a German Shepherd and a Border Collie puppy.
First reading for Linda Hall as associate member. Linda has Keeshonds

Spring Trial 2023 - Amanda Buse is working on the budget, judges are set.

Hearts and Flowers – Gloria – No report

Agility - The agility - Nancy/Linda – financial report has been sent to the board. The trial netted about \$3,500.

Fall Trial 2022 - wrap up – Ingrida gave a report on the trial, which was a success. The trial netted about \$2,500. Terrie will send a thank you note to OKC and Sammamish KC.

Seminar - Terrie - Connie Cleveland-Nolan is available Feb 10 & 11 of 2024. It would be nice to find someone of interest to the Club available for 2023 - motion was approved to pursue a seminar with Connie for 2024.

Audit/Budget committee – No report

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Unfinished Business

By-laws – Terrie sent a revised version to the board. We will then find an attorney to review the by-laws to ensure we are not in conflict with any state laws

Standing Rules – question posed if the club should change the rules that we can only have 1 trial per year that comes in at a loss.

New Business

Match Jan. 7 – It was voted on and approved to hold a fun match at Julie Germano's building. Terrie Sato will chair the match.

For the Good of the Order – Betty asked that the club send a thank you to Chuck from Baray who is retiring.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05

Submitted by Rhonda Forman, Club Secretary

UPCOMING WESTERN WASHINGTON EVENTS

Pacific Northwest Shetland Sheepdog Club (Agility) 10/21-23 at Clark County Fairgrounds

Wenatchee Kennel Club (Obedience, Rally) 10/21-23 at Chelan County Expo Center

Evergreen Afghan Hound Club (Agility) 10/28-30 at Fun Fur Paws

Portland Dog Obedience Club (Obedience, Rally) 10/29-30 at Clark County Fairgrounds (Sat: 1 Obed 2 Rally, Sun: 2 Obed 1 Rally)

Puget Sound Labrador Retriever Association (Agility) 11/5-6 at Argus Ranch

Chuckanut Dog Training Association (Obed, Rally) 11/5-6 at Northwest Washington Fairgrounds in Lynden - double obedience and rally trials on Saturday

Sno-King Agility Club (Agility) 11/12-13 at Argus Ranch

Chuckanut Dog Training Association (TD and TDX) 11/13 at Chuckanut Farm in Bow

Mount Hood Doberman Pinscher Club (Agility) 11/18-20 at Clark County Fairgrounds

Whidbey Island Kennel Club (Obed, Rally) 11/19-20 at Evergreen State Fairgrounds in Monroe

Samoyed Club of Washington State (Agility) 11/25-26 at Fun Fur Paws

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 14, 2022

Call to Order – Meeting was called to order at 7:01 by President Terrie Sato via Zoom. In attendance: Terrie Sato, Nancy Light, Sue Cox, Rhonda Forman, Neil Evans, Karen Snee

Minutes: Minutes were approved from the 8/10/22 board meeting as printed in the Canine Post

Report of the President: We had a discussion on encouraging volunteers and supporting them as a board.

Report of the Secretary: Rhonda – No report

Report of the Treasurer: Sue - No report

Committee Reports

Spring Trial 2023: Amanda - The new budget was submitted and approved by the board and will be passed on to the general membership for approval

Membership: Cathy Soule – No report

Agility: Nancy – the final report is available on the website under the “members only” section.

Audit/budget report: Don, Karen, Sue and Jody - will meet on the 21st

Hearts and Flowers: Gloria Newby - No report

Connie Cleveland Seminar: Terrie – The budget was approved for the seminar and will be presented at the general meeting for approval.

Jan. 7 Match: Terrie – the match is on track and the contract for the venue will be signed as soon as received.

Old Business

Bylaws: contact attorney

New Business

Recruiting volunteers – we had a discussion regarding inclusivity and encouraging new members.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09

Submitted by Rhonda Forman, Club Secretary

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 26, 2022

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by President Terrie Sato via Zoom. In attendance: Terrie Sato, Sue Cox, Nancy Light, Karen Snee, Neil Evans, Rhonda Forman, Elizabeth Soule, Cathy Soule, Jane Pitts, Pat Lindquist, Jayne Walker, Lee Ann McNeil, Sandy Burr, Holly Krohn, Kelli Armstrong, Veronica Ness, Dix Dixon, Reggi Gausman; Guests: Tain Rose, Linda Hall, Joleen Borg, Debby Warden, Peggy Caldwell

Report of the Board: The Board has reviewed and is passing on the budgets for the Spring 2023 trial and the Feb. 2024 Connie-Cleveland Nolan Seminar for the club to review and approve. We are looking for a volunteer to chair the August Obedience/Rally trials at the OKC Cluster in 2023. The Audit/Budget committee met and the 2023 annual budget will be reviewed at the next Board meeting before being sent to the membership for voting in October.

Report of the President: Terrie -Thank you to the Audit/Budget committee for checking the Club books and sending their report to the Board. The committee of Don Rennick, Karen Snee and Jody Woodruff met with treasurer, Sue Cox, on Sept.21. They recommended the Club make a donation this year.

Report of the Secretary: Rhonda – No report

Report of the Treasurer: Sue presented an updated report which will be available on the website under the “members only” section.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Cathy Soule - There was a second reading and affirmative vote for Linda Hall and Lara Schmauser. There was a first reading for both Karen Parkey and Debby Warden.

Spring Trial 2023: Amanda Buse - the budget was reviewed and approved by the membership.

Hearts and Flowers: Gloria – No report

Audit/Budget: Report - the committee found the books all in order. The report will be posted on the website under the “members only” section.

Seminar: Terrie - The contract has been signed and sent with a deposit to Connie. The budget was presented and approved by the membership

Awards: Nancy – Awards will be handled the same as in prior years. Applications will be due in January.

Jan. 7 match: Terrie - looking for a co-chair. Reggie Gausman volunteered to co-chair with Terrie.

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Unfinished Business

By Laws – in the process of finalizing and sending to AKC. It was decided to follow suit with OKC and not have an attorney review the bylaws.

New Business

Donations committee – Neil Evans, Karen Snee, Sue Cox and Jane Pitts volunteered to research appropriate places to donate the \$2000 suggested by the budget committee. Terrie asked that everyone who has a suggestion for organizations to be considered, to contact one of the committee members.

For the Good of the Order: Presentation by Elizabeth Soule on Canine Enrichment. Elizabeth gave a wonderful Power Point presentation.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25

Submitted by Rhonda Forman, Secretary

Celebrations!



Arlette Davison + Menta + Breya + Aubrey

Menta had a good day at the Pacific Northwest Sussex Spaniel Club show in Olympia on September 11. She earned her 2nd Utility leg and 1st place, out of Utility B, with a score of 188.5/200. Then, in Rally Master she earned her Rally RM7 title and first place, with a score of 99/100. RACH2 Sunshine Butterfly Ornamenta CDX PCD BN GN RM7 RAE5 CGCA CGCU TKA

Breya earned her 2nd leg toward her CDX and 1st place, with a score of 190.5, at the TVDFA show in Chehalis on September 16. GCH CH Ezee's Princess Royal Breya CD PCD BN RI CGCA TKA

Aubrey, my almost 10 month old bred-by-me puppy, was selected RWB in Conformation at the TVDFA show on September 17. Aubrielle Giselle Fleur Royale

Alex Robinson

Competition Obedience Training Workshop

Three-Day Workshop: Friday, November 25 – Sunday, November 27, 2022

One-Day Problem Solving Workshop: Monday, November 28, 2022

Location: Donida Farm in Auburn, WA



The Three C's: Confidence, Commitment and Connection

I thought I would write a bit about myself without any of that advertising fluff so you get a feel for who I am as a person, a trainer, and what you may get out of attending a training workshop of mine!

Long story short dogs saved my life in my teenage years.

Dogs have given me so much throughout my life, it is not lost on me how incredibly privileged I am to get to travel the world doing something I love. I have met amazing people and have developed deep and treasured friendships because of dogs.

My motivator for training, is for the dogs. Teaching people how to be better trainers, better relationship builders, essentially better teammates for their dogs is my way of giving back to dogs who I owe so much to.

As a presenter my goal is to empower you, the handler, with information. When you understand the what, the why, and the how, you are independent as a dog trainer. Not only will you be able to implement and use the techniques learned with confidence; you'll understand the underlying and overarching concepts and be able to extrapolate these and be able to troubleshoot and problem solve independently.

I want anyone who trains with me to be independent! I'm not there every time you train and for you to give your dog the highest quality of training - you need to be able to react and act in the moment. If you as a trainer are reliant on me to tell you what to do each step of the way, I have failed!

Truth be told, I can't lay out an exact step by step program, because the reality is that the dog training journey is not a linear path. It's a crawl forwards, a leap sideways, falling backwards into a hole, hauling yourself out, powering forward toward your goal, only to find yourself running backwards, you hit the wall and bounce forward, you can see the finish line, but out of no where BLIZZARD, you can't see up from down, left from right. Just as you're about to give up, the storm eases and then finally you have arrived at your goal...



Instead of a step-by-step method I have identified concepts that every successful obedience team has mastery of. My training now revolves around teaching trainers and their dogs how to master these concepts.

Introducing the three C's: Confidence Commitment Connection

I would like you to think of these concepts as ingredients that you need to mold and create a successful and harmonious obedience team. The majority of your training sessions should be focused on nurturing mastery of the three C's instead of focusing on the specific competition obedience exercises. If you and your dog have mastered the three C's, the obedience, or to be honest, any dog sport world is your oyster!

Join me for this three-day workshop. I will empower you with the information and skills to be able to in turn empower your dog with mastery of the three C's.

Day 1: Connection - building a connected team member that has the motivation to stay engaged on you no matter the circumstances or environment. (Think engagement!) We will work on engagement, attention and drive-building games, along with reward delivery and placement, full body awareness and ring entry.

Day 2: Confidence - building a confident team member that has the motivation to throw every fibre of their being into the job at hand no matter the circumstances or environment. (Think drive!) This is the day for position changes, articles, retrieves, go outs, broad jump, directed jumping and linking exercises together in the ring.

Day 3: Commitment - building a committed team member that has unwavering focus to the job at hand no matter the circumstances or environment! (Think focus and problem solving!) Day three is all about heelwork - precision turns, halts, continued drive building and duration. We'll also have a mini competition.

Mastery of the three C's will result in an engaged, driven, focused dog that also has the ability to problem solve!

Over the course of this three-day workshop you will learn the framework of how I train competitive obedience exercises. You will learn the importance of thoughtful reward placement and delivery. You will learn how to build incremental and achievable proofing challenges!

Day 4: Problem Solving/Private Lessons – Bring your unique dog problems and challenges. All topics are open for review, analysis and I promise to give you ideas for moving forward.

~Alex Robinson

Alex is a successful obedience competitor and trainer hailing from New Zealand. Alex is an in demand and world renown seminar presenter. Alex has achieved many national level wins with his dogs and has coached teams to national level wins and obedience championships.

Alex's current pack consists of Fix (Ob Ch Jalain Quick Fix CDX JD) a 12 year old Border Collie, ASAP (Ticotonic Come Quick TCQ) a 8 year old Border Collie, Sushi (Maccabee Arigatou Trifecta IMP USA) a Golden Retriever, Chewie a Chihuahua x Pekingese, and Vodka (Wesenhund Exceed and Excel) a Belgian Malinois.

REGISTRATION OPTIONS:

Working spots for all three days: \$350.00

Auditing spot for one day: \$75.00

Audition spot for two days: \$150.00

Auditing spot for all three days: \$200.00

Private lessons on Monday: \$60.00

WORKING SPOTS:

Working teams will be limited to 15. At this time there is no option for single-day working spots. (Working teams may bring a maximum of two dogs and choose which dog to work during each session.) The workshop is appropriate for puppies, dogs in training and seasoned competitors. Working teams may crate inside the facility.

This format will allow Alex to cover as much material as possible and ensure working teams get plenty of floor time. Working teams will be sent a pre-workshop questionnaire.

PRE-WORKSHOP VIDEO: Working teams will also receive a video from Alex demonstrating a few introductory/foundation skills he would like working teams to review (and begin training) prior to the workshop.

AUDITORS:

Auditor spots are limited to 30. If you register for one or two days, please email the office to let us know which day(s) you will attend: Office@Familydogonline.com

Auditors are permitted to bring one dog and crate inside the facility, provided the dog is not aggressive, reactive or noisy. Auditors may work their dogs during breaks (in a small section of the arena), but not during the actual workshop or when working teams are on the floor. Alex will not be able to provide feedback to auditors regarding their dogs as that would not be fair to the teams who paid for working spots. Auditors wanting specific feedback from Alex should consider signing up for a private lesson. Copy and paste this URL in your browser if the link does not work:

<https://familydogonline.dogbizpro.com/public/registration/events.aspx?event=8111&key=7146d681-148c-417c-8044-16d94f937d68>

Auditors will also receive a video from Alex and are encouraged to review it prior to the workshop.

PRIVATE LESSONS ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28:

There will be a morning session and an evening session. Private lessons are 30 minutes long and \$60 per lesson. Additional details and options for auditing the private lessons can be found using this link:

<https://familydogonline.dogbizpro.com/public/registration/events.aspx?event=8111&key=7146d681-148c-417c-8044-16d94f937d68>

WAITING LISTS:

Yes, we will maintain a waiting list in the event the workshop fills. If your registration choice is not available (below), that means it's full. Email the office at Office@Familydogonline.com to be placed on the waiting list.

DOGS:

Disruptive dogs will need to remain in the owner's vehicle.

No dog or people aggressive dogs are allowed at the Farm. No exceptions.

REFRESHMENTS & LUNCH:

Coffee, tea, soda and bottled water will be available throughout the day. Light snacks will be available throughout the day. A hot lunch will be provided. (If you have special dietary needs, we will attempt to accommodate you.)

DINNER WITH ALEX:

Plan to join us for a no-host dinner at a local restaurant after the workshop on Friday and/or Saturday.

SEMINAR LOCATION:

Donida Farm & Equestrian Center
16600 SE 376th
Auburn WA 98092

<https://www.donidafarm.com/> -- for driving directions

The seminar will be held indoors in a dressage arena on packed dirt. The footing will be specifically rolled for the seminar. Alex will have access to a professional PA system and headset so everyone can easily hear him. This arena has "real" bathrooms and a kitchen where refreshments and lunch will be served. The arena is heated with portable propane heaters. Parking is very close to the arena on gravel.

On-site RV parking without hook-ups is available at no cost. There are showers available. Electricity is \$10 cash, payable on arrival to Donida. Contact Gwen at go410s@aol.com to make a reservation.

Motels (and a casino) are located within a 15-minute drive.

The Farm is approximately 40 minutes from SeaTac Airport.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Seminar hours are 9:00 am to 4:30 pm each day. The building will open at 8:00 am each day.

Bring your own comfortable chair and dress in layers.

No audio or video recording is allowed.

No refunds unless we have a waiting list; however, you may sell your spot to a friend provided you give us written confirmation.

HOW TO REGISTER:

The best way to register is online, via our website. You may register online and pay with a credit card or check; however, your registration will not be confirmed until your payment is received and processed. We will confirm your registration via email, along with additional details and reminders as we get closer to the workshop. (If you need a paper registration form, email our office: Office@FamilyDogOnline.com.)

Use this link for the workshop:

<https://familydogonline.dogbizpro.com/public/registration/events.aspx?event=8110&key=40078f18-e8d4-4d56-a684-0ac5ae4ea909>

Use this link for private lessons:

<https://familydogonline.dogbizpro.com/public/registration/events.aspx?event=8111&key=7146d681-148c-417c-8044-16d94f937d68>

Workshop and private lesson coordinator:

Kathy Lang / KathyL@Familydogonline.com -- Contact Kathy for questions not related to registration.

Information for the Companion Events Delegates Committee

September 2022

1) Status by Sport –

Status by Sport - Number of Events					
As of Friday, Aug 19					
		January - August			
		<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>% change from 2021</u>
4-6 mth BPUP		534	784	250	47%
AB/Group Shows		829	1103	274	33%
AKC Temperament Test		118	157	39	33%
Rally		1363	1765	402	29%
Obedience		1279	1630	351	27%
Specialty Shows		1598	1974	376	24%
Fast CAT		1133	1407	274	24%
Scent Work		729	905	176	24%
Coursing Ability Test (CAT)		212	257	45	21%
Tracking		183	205	22	12%
Hunting Tests		662	742	80	12%
Agility		2440	2697	257	11%
Field Trials		919	995	76	8%
Herding Trials		416	421	5	1%
Lure Coursing		209	212	3	1%
Earthdog		87	87	0	0%
Total of Above		12,711	15,341	2,630	21%

1) **Agility Invitational and Junior Agility Competition**

Dates: Friday – Sunday, Dec 16-18

Location: Orlando

Status: Entries opened on August 8th and are on track based on prior years. The Junior Agility Competition will be held on Friday, December 16 in the morning. This year the Juniors can enter Time2Beat and run it as their warm-up run PRIOR to the start of the Junior Agility Competition. We think this will be a good change that will help those whose dogs have not been in that type of show environment. The top 5 Jrs. win a spot in the Agility Invitational for the rest of the weekend. Last year one of the Jrs. went on to win their height in the Agility Invitational. On Sunday the finals will be filmed to air later on ESPN.

2) **2022 Rally National Championship and National Obedience Championship**

Dates: July 8–10, 2022

Location: Wilmington, OH

Recap: The two events were well attended, and a good time was had by all. It was announced that the 2023 RNC will be a two-day event. The RNC will be on Friday & Saturday, June 16 & 17, and the NOC will be on Sunday and Monday, June 18 & 19.

3) Obedience & Junior Classic Orlando

Date: Saturday & Sunday, December 17 & 18, 2022

Location: Orlando, FL

Status: Entries opened September 12. In addition to offering the Classic Obedience Tournament and the Junior Obedience and Rally Showcase trials, we will also be adding a Rally Special Attraction Class on Saturday, "Rally Two-Step Relay." *Let's have some fun. The course will be designed for two team members to complete. One team member will be positioned 1/3 of the way on the course from the start, while the other team member is at the start. The first team will perform a series of signs individually. Once they reach the second team, a toy will be exchanged and the two teams will perform the next several signs together, side by side. After performing those signs, the first team will wait while the second team performs the next series of signs individually. As the second team completes the next to last sign, the teams will meet up, exchange toys again and cross the finish line together. Fun and costuming will be encouraged, and prizes awarded for 1st – 4th. There will be no jumps or sit stay on the course, all other signs may be used.*

4) COVID Provisions – The following three COVID provisions were made permanent.

- In all Agility, Obedience and Rally classes that require three qualifying scores to earn a title, the three scores may be earned under the same judge.
- Date and mileage restrictions for judges
 - Obedience & Rally: There are no mileage restrictions for judging Obedience or Rally trials.
 - Agility: 30 days/100 miles between assignments. (Effective January 2, 2023)
- The judge's assignment limitation to judge the same classes – There are no restrictions on the number of times an individual can judge a class at Obedience or Rally trials in a cluster.

5) Rally Novice A Class Eligibility – In July, the Board approved to allow dogs that have earned the Obedience BN title to be eligible to enter the AKC Rally A classes.

6) Allow Prizes for Club Members or Breed Owners to Be Published in the Premium – In July, the Board approved the following revision to the Obedience and Rally Regulations: Prizes offered only to members of certain clubs or owners of specific breeds may appear in premium lists.

7) Obedience Optional Classes to one-half Jump Height – In October, the staff will be making a recommendation to allow handlers the option of jumping their dogs at half the height of the dog at the withers in the Graduate Novice, Graduate Open and Versatility classes. This will allow more opportunities for dogs just starting their obedience careers to gain ring experience and for veteran dogs to continue to compete as requested by the fancy.

8) Rally Choice Class – In October, the staff will be making a recommendation to add a new optional titling class to Rally named Rally Choice (RC). Rally exhibitors have frequently asked for a class where veteran dogs can compete without jumps in order to retain their participation in the sport. All rally signs, except jumps and the stay sign, may be used to design the course. The course will be judged with the dog off leash. All dogs will be eligible to enter this class and may continue to compete indefinitely. To earn the RC title, the dog must receive ten qualifying scores under at least two different judges. A numeric designation will indicate the number of times the dog has met the RC title requirements, i.e. RC2, RC3, etc. Clubs will be required to offer this class.

- 9) National Obedience Championship invitation process** – In October, the staff will be making a recommendation to change the number of dogs invited in each breed by OTCH points from three to six. This increase may encourage more exhibitors to show their nontraditional breeds more in obedience with the hopes of earning some OTCH points to get invited and should eliminate the need for a second round of invites to reach a minimum entry of 125.
- 10) Judges Education and Recruitment** – In an effort to not delay approval of judging panels for clubs, staff increased seminar requirements extension for obedience and rally judges to January 1, 2024. We continue to expect the obedience seminar will be available in early 2023. Work on the rally judges’ seminar will be delayed and staff will begin work on a webinar to fill that gap. In the meantime, applicants that meet the requirements, aside from attending a seminar, are encouraged to contact us and we will work with them on a case-by-case basis to assist them in applying. Email us at obedience@akc.org or rally@akc.org. Additionally, staff has begun a mentoring program for new applicants and provisional judges. This program includes one of the field representatives being personally assigned to each person under this category. The Obedience, Rally and Tracking staff are working on developing this new program named “ROM” (Recruit-Outreach-Mentor). Additional information will be presented at the December Delegates meeting.