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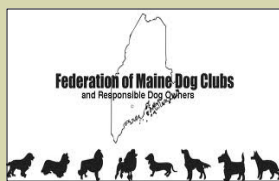
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## Message from the President

Fall is here, Jack Frost has brought an abrupt end to our gardens and flowers. The cooler, dryer air is a welcome change from summer's heat and humidity. The end of summer also brings to a close another outdoor show season. I hope that those members who are actively showing have earned some "bragging rights" to share with us.

Out Meet the Breeds was very successful and well attended. Even Mother Nature did her best and graced us with good weather. Thanks to all who supported this annual event.

Our next meeting will start early, at 7:00 PM. We are having our scholarship presentation and a guest speaker. It is also a pot luck supper. I hope we have a good turn out and see some of you that we don't see as often.

Our Newsletter Editor needs some input from the membership. Send Penny your brags, news of new puppies or notes from an event you've attended.

*Carroll*

## October 19 Meeting - Annual Carter Scholarship Presentation & Pot Luck Supper

### 7:30 pm Oct. 19

We will have a very special presentation this meeting: The Shirley and Clarence Carter Remembrance Scholarship is to be awarded to a deserving senior student in the Vet. Tech. program at [University College of Bangor](#). The award will be immediately followed by a presentation by [Laura A.](#)

[Buckley, DVM](#), Assistant Professor, Veterinary Technology, UCB / UMA, who will speak on a topic relating to small animals.

### 7:00 pm Oct. 19

Just prior to the presentation, guests and members are invited to a potluck supper.

A general meeting will follow our speaker's presentation.

### LOCATION:

Barron Center, 1145 Brighton Avenue, Portland, Me, 04103 just off Maine Turnpike Exit 48 [Westbrook].

### FOR MORE INFO:

Contact Peg Dille, 627-2291

**ALL MEMBERS:** Please bring a dish or light desert.

# Snip-its of Hairballs ... VDC roving reporters

## 2011 BCCA Nationals “Shine the Light on Maine”

Hey, what would you do if you heard there was a national specialty in your own back yard? So what if it was not your breed! You can probably tell a MinPin from a Pointer, right? And, it doesn't hurt at all that you know some of the exhibitors. Right, again!

Ye Ed and Ghost Writer actually did attended the 2011 Bearded Collie Club of America, October 7 at the Colony Hotel in Kennebunkport just in time for Veterans and Best of Breed judging. Is that timing it or what! There were 234 dogs in this show with a total of 330 plus 49 rally entries.

And, for you in the know, showing, handling, stewarding, clean-up, etc., would you be surprised that the BOB trophy went to GCH CH Tolkien Raintree Mister Baggins handled by Cliff Steele?

Mister Baggins or “Roy”, is the Top Ranking Beardie for 2011 and is owned by E. Charles, A. Stein, L Stein, S Ross and L Woodcock, and was bred by L. Woodcock, L. Stein, Robert Lamm and A. Stein.

We shant mention our exhibitor friend's name after being stood up for lunch ... *who would rather go to lunch with a non-doggie significant-other* after a week of being a intricate part of the hosting club, Bearded Collie Club of Maine.

But, at least one judge was spotted in the audience on their day off, along with many other non-beardie folk Rough Collie, Old English, Westies, etc.

So, here is the rest of the news:

### BEST OF WINNERS:

Aberlour's Lovely to Look At

### BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX:

CH Dunhill Inspired Roxanne for Stuart

### SELECT DOG:

GCH Brigadoon Daybar Believe it or Not

### SELECT BITCH:

CH Briarpatch Kit 'N Kaboodle

### VETERAN DOG:

CH Thymewinds Hocus Pocus

### VETERAN BITCH:

CH Ha'penny Harwood Heartthrob

### BEST PUPPY:

Raintree Whistle a New Song

### AWARD OF MERIT:

CH Strathearn's Hart and Soul

CH Tailwind Papaw Ride 'em Cowboy

CH Ha'Penny Mirimar Deja as You Like it

GCH Briarpatch Just One Look

CH Papaw Tailwind Shock'n Ya'll

GCH Dunhill Celebration

Britannia Top Spot, RN

CH Stonebay Life is Good

CH Ha'Penny Harwood Heartthrob

CH Wigglesworth Full Throttle, MX, MXJ

GCH Ha'penny Deja Aphrodite

CH Highlander Macbean at Burlesque

CH Dunhill Dedication

CH Ha'penny Mirimar the Fab Fawn

Ha'penny Deja Oliver Wendel Woofer

### Judges:

- Confirmation Reg. Classes & BOB: Chris Walkowicz (Walkoway)
- Confirmation: Sweepstakes: Béla Szecsy (XTC)
- Confirmation: Futurity: Lisa Voss (Headline)
- Confirmation Juniors & Beginner Puppy: Susan Parson
- Herding: Gérard Baudet & Anne Marie Ely
- Agility: Kathleen Rupprecht
- Obedience: Nancy Withers & Joanne Williamson
- Rally: Nancy Withers



## Bearded Collie Club of America



# AKC Report from Delegate, Iris Frankel



## . Changes in AKC Publications—akcgazette now digital

We are pleased to announce that the new Online AKC Gazette will be available in two versions. You will be able to view it as a simple PDF or choose to see it in a more enhanced "digital magazine" format.

The PDF format may be preferred with slower internet connections. The digital format will permit you to "flip" the pages rather than scrolling through them. With either format you can view the issue, print pages, or download the entire document to your computer as a PDF.

The Online Gazette will be free to all regardless of which format you choose.

Look for the October issue this Friday October 7. Subsequent issues will be available on the first Friday of each month.

Links to the Online AKC Gazette will be posted on our web site in the delegate's portal and on the "AKC Magazines" web page. This page will also provide links to an archive of past issues. A link to each new issue will also be attached to the AKC Weekly Winners Gallery email once a month.

We trust you will be well served with these innovative new options

[http://images.akc.org/pdf/gazette/October\\_2011.pdf](http://images.akc.org/pdf/gazette/October_2011.pdf)

<http://viewer.zmags.com/publication/57f0dbe8#/57f0dbe8/1>

## . Important Changes in AKC Group Alignment

The Delegate Realignment Committee has finalized the proposal for Group Realignment. The 2 documents attached (both PDF files) are:

1. The Proposal and Q&A.
2. The Committee suggested placement of breeds within the groups.

We will be presenting the proposal to the AKC Board of Directors for consideration, in order to have it read to the Delegate Body in anticipation of a vote at a subsequent meeting. The major change from our previous work is the additional split of the Working Group into three. The recognition of many new breeds into that current group, as well as those anticipated to be added in the fairly near future, warrants the split.

There are two important things to keep in mind. First, the only thing that the Delegate body will be called upon to vote is the additional groups (along with their designations). If that change is approved, the Board of Directors will have the responsibility of making the actual group assignments for the breeds. The attached listing is the Committee's initial recommendation for that assignment. In the end, however, it will be up to the Board to populate the groups.

We consider our listing to be evergreen. That is, we expect that the Board will take into consideration, reasoned recommendations from the Parent Clubs and from the fancy. We will make your comments known to the Board to aid in their deliberations. It is important to understand that it will be at least two to three years before the changes come into play.

We hope that you will take the time to read the proposal and make your thoughts known. With that in mind, we have included a link below to a Comment Form for your use.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dDjJMG9pQ3MyZEpGayIIdWpIQzQ0OFE6MQ>

Please use it and have your voice heard. We will try to address any questions and will continue to keep everyone informed as this progresses. Thank you for your interest and participation in the process.

**The Realignment Committee**



Memorandum for AKC BOD and AKC Delegates

Subject: Group Realignment - The time has come

In October, 2007, the AKC Board of Directors appointed a committee to evaluate the existing alignment of breeds within the seven variety groups and determine if a different alignment would better serve the Sport.

In 2009, the committee reported its recommendations to expand the number of groups from seven to ten and to move breeds from the current groups to the new groups. The proposal was scheduled to be voted on at the March 2010 Delegate meeting.

At the March, 2009 Delegate meeting, the Committee recommended that the proposal be referred back to the BOD, as additional information had rendered a vote premature. The BOD subsequently referred the action back to a re-formed Realignment committee, which began its work in 2010.

In accomplishing its task the Realignment Committee met in person, via conference call and through email coordination. In its study, the committee considered the current groupings, the previous comments from all stakeholders, the development of AKC record keeping and event management software, the numbers of breeds in the recognition pipeline and AKC plans for streamlining the breed recognition process, and the parallel work of the AKC Judging Approval Process committee. A composite of Frequently Asked Questions (and Answers) that provide detail is included in this summary

Significant changes in the Groups include splitting the Working Group into three groups, the Hound Group into two groups and the Sporting Group into two groups. A listing of proposed Groups as well as a suggested composition is included in this summary.

Note that this is a two-step process. The first step will be the approval by the Delegate Body for the addition of four groups. The Board of Directors will then be tasked with the placement of breeds within those groups. It is expected that the reasoned input of the fancy will be an integral part of the placement.

The committee recommends the addition of four groups to the listing currently in place (7 groups). This change which requires Delegate approval to amend Chapter 3, Sections 1, 15, 17, 18, 19 and 20, and Chapter 6, Section 3 of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows. Concurrently, the committee notes that it may be useful to remove the reference to the number of groups from all of the above sections, except Chapter 3, Section 1.

In addition, Chapter 2 of the Rules Applying to Registration and Discipline refers to the number of groups, and would require Delegate approval to amend.

The committee, by submission of this report, requests the Board of Directors of the American Kennel Club, in accordance with Article XX of the Bylaws of the American Kennel Club, propose and submit the necessary amendments to the Delegate body, to be read at the December, 2011 meeting of the Delegate Body, published in two issues of AKC Gazette, and voted upon at the March, 2012 meeting of the Delegate Body.

Respectfully submitted,

*The Realignment Committee*



## REALIGNMENT FAQ

### Why realign the groups?

The proposed Group Realignment will

- Align breeds that are similar in conformation, structure or function
- Improve judges' education by building on similarities
- Accommodate new breeds within the groups
- Increase entries/enhance exhibitor experience by providing additional opportunities for group placement
- Improve spectator understanding of dog shows

### Why now, when the proposal two years ago was set aside?

A number of factors influenced the decision to postpone the Realignment Initiative. Most of those issues are now resolved, or are on parallel timelines to implement solutions. Revision is inevitable, or the current scheme becomes unmanageable.

### With entries declining, how can AKC justify enlarging the number of Groups?

AKC recently revised the process for accepting new breeds. As these breeds gain full recognition, and begin appearing in our events, the current groups will become unmanageable. Additional groups bring additional positive competitive opportunities for our exhibitors.

### If we do nothing what happens to sizes of the Groups?

As of 7/1/2011	Current	2014 Projected (adding Miscellaneous)
Sporting	29	39
Hound	28	41
Working	28	42
Terrier	29	31
Toy	23	25
Non-Sporting	20	23
Herding	26	38

### Can't we just divide fix the large groups and avoid moving other breeds around?

Incremental solutions only solve half of the problem, but not at half of the cost. After reviewing the comments from the previous proposal, and understanding the impact that new breeds will have, the committee felt that a comprehensive revision now would mean we should not have to revisit the groups in 3, 5 or 10 years.

### What's different about this proposal?

A major concern with the 2008 proposal was that the projected size of the working group was not addressed. This proposal answers that concern.

### How long will this take to implement?

Current estimate is 3 years from approval to implementation. Assuming approval would occur in/before mid-2012, implementation would be mid-2015.

### How do these groups align with other organizations?

There was no attempt to mirror any other organization's structure. There are similarities - and differences - to FCI and others.

### What input do Parent Clubs have in this process? Will they have opportunity to determine what which group their breed is assigned?

The committee took into consideration the previous comments of all stakeholders. Cogent, well-supported Parent Club inputs will be given due weight by the AKC BOD in placing breeds into groups. In the long term, however, the groups will be based on an overall plan to enhance the Sport.



#### **Eleven groups?**

- Group 1: Sporting - Pointer & Setter
- Group 2: Sporting - Retriever & Spaniel
- Group 3: Scent Hounds
- Group 4: Sight Hounds
- Group 5: Working – Utility
- Group 6: Working – Molosser
- Group 7: Working – Spitz
- Group 8: Terriers
- Group 9: Toy
- Group 10: Non-Sporting
- Group 11: Herding

- Sporting group: Divided into Pointer/Setter and Retriever/Spaniel breeds by considering both physical form and function
- Hound group: Divided into Sight and Scent by function and the physical characteristics related to each
- Working group: Divided into Working-Utility (multi-purpose breeds which vary in ancestry and function), Working-Molosser (generally dogs of the Mastiff type) and Working-Spitz (breeds which have common physical characteristics and ancestry.)
- Terrier Group: Unchanged
- Toy Group: Toy Group: one breed moved to another group and one breed added.
- Non-Sporting Group: Based on similarity of form and function, Spitz-type breeds were moved to Working-Spitz. Non-Sporting name is retained
- Herding Group: Several breeds moved to other groups. Remainder of composition unchanged

**With this many groups won't shows take longer?** The administrative time to move additional groups in and out of the ring(s) should not add more than five to ten minutes. Groups can also be judged concurrently. Of course, more entries resulting from realignment could mean shows would become longer—and that would be a good thing.

#### **How much more will this cost for AB clubs?**

The club determines actual costs based on what it decides to award. Should the club opt for rosettes, estimated pricing is \$35-\$50 per each additional group. Prizes are also at the discretion of the show-giving club. Note: Rosettes and/or prizes are not required by the Rules.

#### **How will realignment affect the approval of judges?**

AKC has developed a favorable package for judging approval which relaxed some requirements and enables judges to attain approvals on a compressed time frame.

#### **What about existing group clubs?**

When realignment is implemented, Group Shows may only offer competition for breeds in the new groups. A breed or variety may only be eligible to compete in one group and that would be the new group to which it is assigned. Existing Working, Hound, Sporting and Non-Sporting clubs eligible to hold AKC events at the time of implementation, may concurrently hold shows for the two new Sporting or Hound Groups, the three new Working Groups, and the Non-Sporting Group may hold shows for the Non-Sporting and Working-Spitz groups. There may be no inter-group competition, nor Best in Show at these events. When a club offers competition within the new groupings, they would be treated as two separate, but concurrently held, Group Shows. There are currently nine approved Sporting, eighteen approved Hound, ten approved Working and seven approved Non-Sporting Group Clubs.

The Groups – projections with breeds currently in the Groups, Miscellaneous Class *and Foundation Stock Service*  
(numbers based on inclusion of new breeds and some movement within the groups, as some breeds are recommended for reassignment)

**Group 1: Sporting – Pointers & Setters**  
(18 breeds)

Bracco Italiano  
Brittany  
Drentsche Patrijshond  
Pointer  
Pointer (German Shorthaired)  
Pointer (German Wirehaired)  
Portuguese Pointer  
Setter (English)  
Setter (Gordon)  
Setter (Irish)  
Setter (Irish Red & White)  
Small Muensterlander Pointer  
Spinone Italiano  
Stabyhoun  
Vizsla  
Weimaraner  
Wirehaired Pointing Griffon  
Wirehaired Vizsla

**Group 2: Sporting - Retrievers & Spaniels**  
(21 breeds/varieties)

Barbet  
Koolkerhondje  
Lagotto Romagnolo  
Retriever (Chesapeake Bay)  
Retriever (Curly-Coated)  
Retriever (Flat-Coated)  
Retriever (Golden)  
Retriever (Labrador)  
Retriever (Nova Scotia Duck Tolling)  
Spaniel (American Water)  
Spaniel (Boykin)  
Spaniel (Clumber)  
Spaniel (Cocker) ASCOB  
Spaniel (Cocker) Black  
Spaniel (Cocker) Parti-color  
Spaniel (English Cocker)  
Spaniel (English Springer)  
Spaniel (Field)  
Spaniel (Irish Water)  
Spaniel (Sussex)  
Spaniel (Welsh Springer)

**Group 3: Scent Hounds**  
(21 breeds/varieties)

American Foxhound  
American English Coonhound  
Basset Hound  
Beagle (13 in)  
Beagle (15 in)  
Black & Tan Coonhound  
Bloodhound  
Bluetick Coonhound  
Dachshund (Longhaired)  
Dachshund (Smooth)  
Dachshund (Wirehaired)  
English Foxhound  
Grand Basset Griffon Vendeen  
Harrier  
Otterhound  
Petit Basset Griffon Vendeen  
Plott  
Portugese Podengo Pequeno  
Redbone Coonhound  
Treeing Tennessee Brindle  
Treeing Walker Coonhound

**Group 4: Sight Hounds**  
(15 breeds)

Afghan Hound  
Azawakh  
Basenji  
Borzoi  
Cimecco dell'Etna  
Greyhound  
Ibizan Hound  
Irish Wolfhound  
Italian Greyhound  
Pharoah Hound  
Rhodesian Ridgeback  
Saluki  
Scottish Deerhound  
Sloughi  
Whippet



**Group 5: Working-Utility  
(19 breeds)**

Anatolian Shepherd  
Appenzeller Sennenhunde  
Bergamasco  
Bernese Mtn. Dog  
Black Russian Terrier  
Dalmatian  
Doberman Pinscher  
German Pinscher  
Giant Schnauzer  
Greater Swiss Mountain Dog  
Great Pyrenees  
Entlebucher Mountain Dog  
Komondor  
Kuvasz  
Newfoundland  
Portuguese Water Dog  
Saint Bernard  
Slovensky Cuvac  
Standard Schnauzer

**Group 6: Working-Molosser  
(20 breeds)**

Boerboel  
Boxer  
Bullmastiff  
Cane Corso  
Caucasian Ovcharka  
Central Asian Shepherd Dog  
Chinook  
Dogo Argentino  
Dogue De Bordeaux  
Estrela Mountain Dog  
Great Dane  
Leonberger  
Mastiff  
Neapolitan Mastiff  
Perro de Presa Canario  
Rafeiro Do Alentejo  
Rottweiler  
Spanish Mastiff  
Tibetan Mastiff  
Tosa

**Group 7: Working-Spitz  
(24 breeds)**

Akita  
Alaskan Malamute  
American Eskimo Dog  
Chinese Shar-Pei  
Chow Chow  
Eurasier  
Finnish Lapphund  
Finnish Spitz  
German Spitz  
Icelandic Sheepdog  
Jindo  
Kai Ken  
Karelean Bear Dog  
Keeshond  
Kishu Ken  
Norbottenspets  
Norwegian Buhund  
Norwegian Elkhound  
Norwegian Lundehund  
Samoyed  
Schipperke  
Siberian Husky  
Shiba Inu  
Swedish Vallhund

**Group 8: Terriers  
(31 Breeds/varieties)**

Airedale Terrier  
American Staffordshire Terrier  
Australian Terrier  
Bedlington Terrier  
Border Terrier  
Bull Terrier (Colored)  
Bull Terrier (White)  
Cairn Terrier  
Cesky Terrier  
Dandie Dinmont Terrier  
Fox Terrier (Smooth)  
Fox Terrier (Wire)  
Glen of Imaal Terrier  
Irish Terrier  
Kerry Blue Terrier  
Lakeland Terrier

Manchester Terrier (Standard)  
Miniature Bull Terrier  
Miniature Schnauzer  
Norfolk Terrier  
Norwich Terrier  
Parson Russell Terrier  
Rat Terrier  
Russell Terrier  
Scottish Terrier  
Sealyham Terrier  
Skye Terrier  
Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier  
Staffordshire Bull Terrier  
Welsh Terrier  
West Highland White Terrier

**Group 9: Toy  
(23 breeds/varieties)**

Affenpinscher  
Brussels Griffon  
Cavalier King Charles Spaniel  
Chihuahua (Long Coat)  
Chihuahua (Smooth Coat)  
Chinese Crested  
English Toy Spaniel (B& PC)  
English Toy Spaniel (KC & R)  
Havanese  
Japanese Chin  
Maltese  
Manchester Terrier (Toy)

Miniature Pinscher  
Papillon  
Pekingese  
Pomeranian  
Poodle (Toy)  
Pug  
Russian Toy  
Shih Tzu  
Silky Terrier  
Toy Fox Terrier  
Yorkshire Terrier



**Group 10: Non-Sporting  
(14 breeds/varieties)**

Bichon Frise	Lowchen
Boston Terrier	Poodle (Miniature)
Bolognese	Poodle (Standard)
Bulldog	Peruvian Inca Orchid
Coton de Tulear	Tibetan Spaniel
French Bulldog	Tibetan Terrier
Lhasa Apso	Xoloitzcuintli

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**Group 11: Herding  
(30 Breeds/varieties)**

Australian Cattle Dog	Collie (Rough)
Australian Shepherd	Collie (Smooth)
Bearded Collie	Czechoslovakian VicaK
Beauceron	German Shepherd Dog
Belgian Lakenois	Lancashire Heeler
Belgian Malinois	Mudi
Belgian Sheepdog	Old English Sheepdog
Belgian Tervuren	Pembroke Welsh Corgi
Berger Picard	Polish Lowland Sheepdog
Border Collie	Puli
Bouvier des Flandres	Pumi
Briard	Pyrenean Shepherd
Canaan Dog	Schapendoes
Cardigan Welsh Corgi	Shetland Sheepdog
Catahoula Leopard Dog	Spanish Water Dog

*The Realignment Committee*

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# Event Committee Bulletin

A Publication of the AKC Event Operations Department



Fall 2011 or after July 3, 2012.

## From the Editor

### Dog Show Veterinarians

Every club that holds a licensed or member show must provide one or more qualified veterinarians in attendance or contact information for one or more qualified veterinarians "on call."

"On call" veterinarian must be available to treat any dog that becomes ill or injured at the dog show during show hours. It will be the responsibility of the owner or owner's agent to transport the dog to the veterinarian and for any cost associated with the dog's illness or injury. "On call" veterinarians are not required to be present at the event.

At Benched shows at least one of these veterinarians must be in attendance during the entire show hours. [Read more.](#)

### Ring Stewards

Most people know that a good ring steward makes a world of difference in the experience of the exhibitors, spectators, and even the judge! The ring steward has a large responsibility that goes beyond what many people realize. Ring stewards are sometimes the first person an exhibitor encounters when preparing their dog for the ring. These hard working individuals help keep the ring working efficiently. Finally, the books marked by the ring steward assist AKC when placements are called into question. [Read more.](#)

### Rule Changes

Read about changes to the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* and *Dealing with Misconduct* [here](#).

### 4-6 Month Puppy Competition Update

The 4-6 Month Beginner Puppy Competition has been an overwhelming success with clubs, exhibitors, judges, and spectators. All-Breed clubs offering this competition in conjunction with their event typically see an average of 5% of their total entry competing in this class! Some Specialty clubs have seen participation as high as 30% with an average of about 7% in this class. Many of these entries are from new exhibitors to the Sport who will need extra guidance from patient, enthusiastic, and experienced club member. With the success of the class, the AKC Board of Directors will be evaluating how best to continue this program. Please watch the AKC Board minutes for updates. If you have any questions about the class please contact Bri Tesarz at [gt@akc.org](mailto:gt@akc.org).

### Questions & Answers

**Q:** When can clubs begin awarding Reserve Best in Show?

**A:** Reserve Best in Show must be awarded at all-breed events held on

**Q:** When will I receive my Grand Champion Level Medallion?

**A:** The list for achievement levels are run monthly. Grand Champion Level Medallions are mailed separately from the Achievement Level certificates in order to protect your certificate.

**Q:** Does AKC have materials or information that can be given to spectators and new exhibitors regarding dog shows?

**A:** Clubs may order "A Beginner's Guide to Dog Shows" by contacting the Order Desk at (919) 233-9767 or via email at [OrderDesk@akc.org](mailto:OrderDesk@akc.org). Additionally, the "Dog Show Etiquette" flyer may be downloaded [here](#).

### Friendly Reminders

In the rush to complete event registrations, submit applications, judging panels, and show results, or deal with the multitude of issues that are involved with hosting an event, it is easy to forget a few things. Below are some friendly reminders regarding some common misunderstandings or misconceptions that the Event Operations department sees on a regular basis.

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### [Vote for the AKC Canine Health Foundation](#)

The AKC Canine Health Foundation is one of six charities selected to participate in a fundraising contest sponsored by TruckVault and promoted by Scott Linden on his television show, Wingshooting USA.

In order to help the Foundation, you simply vote every day for CHF. CHF will receive a cash donation in proportion to the number of votes we receive. Your email will be collected, but it will only be passed on to CHF (and we have most of your email addresses already).

Please pass this on to your clubs and friends who can help vote for the AKC Canine Health Foundation. Hunters and field trial participants will be especially interested in the prizes being given out to voters.

Click here to vote and to learn more about the contest:

<http://www.truckvaultcares.com/index.php?#>

### **Dogs and their owners enjoyed AKC's Responsible Dog Ownership Day event in Raleigh, NC**



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# VDC MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of this club is to encourage and promote the raising, general care and training of purebred dogs; to promote harmony, fair play and good sportsmanship in the best interests of purebred dogs; to encourage the novice owner and breeder in his approach to the raising, general care and training of purebred dogs; to assist all members in the showing, breeding and general care and training of their dogs; to assist the general public to understand dogs of all origins and learn to better care for and enjoy them through educational and instructional programs, projects and exhibitions, obedience and field trials, all under the rules and regulations of the **AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB**

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## 2011 Calendar

**January**  
 18 FMDC meeting  
 19 Awards Banquet

**February**  
 15 FMDC meeting  
 16 General meeting

**March**  
 15 FMDC meeting  
 16 General meeting

**April**

19 FMDC meeting  
 20 General meeting

**May**  
 11 General meeting  
 17 FMDC meeting  
 18 VDC Show Setup  
 19-22 Cluster Show

**June**  
 10 Annual Banquet  
 16 General meeting

21 FMDC meeting  
**July**  
 No general meeting  
 19 FMDC meeting  
 24 Equipment Clean-up

**August**  
 No general meeting  
 15 FMDC meeting

**September**  
 20 FMDC meeting

21 General meeting  
**October**  
 18 FMDC meeting  
**19 General meeting**

**November**  
 15 FMDC meeting  
 16 General meeting

**December**  
 21 FMDC meeting  
 21 **Holiday Party**



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