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BCOA Announcement

NEW: Basenji Health Survey PARTICIPANTS NEEDED

In collaboration with the **OFA**, the **BCOA Health Committee** has designed a comprehensive survey of Basenji health. This survey is widely comprehensive, and includes every disease known in Basenjis, as well as quite a few unknowns.

The survey is time limited: it will end June 1, after which the data will be analyzed and presented to the Basenji public. All information is confidential and will be used only in the aggregate.

Update: It's been only 10 days since the BCOA and the OFA announced the **Basenji Health Survey**, and **we have already 562 dogs entered**, with some interesting results.

For example, it's obvious that Basenjis are a long-lived passion: approximately 60% of the respondents have owned a Basenji 10 years or more; 40% over 15 years.

A little over 50% of the dogs entered have produced 4 to 10 puppies, which sounds like 1 to 2 litters. Another 27% have produced 10 to 20 puppies. Only 3 dogs in the survey produced more than 30 puppies. *I think we have some breeders missing!*

Please take the time to enter your dogs, past and present, even if you don't enter all of them. We are seeing a wide variety of health disorders, but need greater numbers before we can make sense of them. The more dogs entered, the clearer and better the picture we will get of Basenji health.

[Click here to go to the Survey:](#)

<https://www.ofa.org/about/educational-resources/health-surveys>

Thank you!

Chris Maxka
Chair, BCOA Health Committee

Things to Do:

Basenji Heath Survey (see previous page)

Pay your Dues for 2021

Judge Selection Stage 2 Deadline Feb 15 (see pages 8 & 9)

Have you submitted your waiver for Electronic Balloting?

The [Waiver to Opt-in for electronic balloting](#) (pdf) can be printed, completed/signed and US or e-mailed to the Secretary, see page 3

Volunteer on a Host Committee for BCOA Nationals

Check out the new [FaceBook Page](#) for BCOA 2021

Submit your Roster Ad (by Feb 15)



President's Message

Looking forward to serving as your president and want you to know how much I appreciate the many volunteers working to keep this club functioning.

I am hopeful all committees will remain as stands and if they need any additional help please ask.

If any member would like to help in areas that they may have experience it would be greatly appreciated!

Pat Marshall, BCOA President

News From the Secretary

Janet Ketz, secretary@basenji.org
1912 Oakland Ave, Crest Hill, IL 60403

Opt-In Waiver for Electronic Balloting:

Per the AKC direction and the BCOA Bylaw: The Secretary will require members who choose Electronic Balloting to sign written authorization agreeing to use of the Electronic Balloting method, which the Secretary shall keep on file. The authorization is revocable by the Member with a 30 day advance written notice or by the Secretary and must state that the Member agrees to release the club from any liability should the ballot be received late or not received by the member due to circumstances beyond the club's control. Members who fail to provide a written authorization will continue to receive all materials via USPS mailed Paper Ballot. If Electronic Balloting is offered, the Secretary will keep two lists of members: one sent to the Electronic Balloting firm and the other for USPS mailed Paper Ballot.

https://www.basenji.org/ClubDocs/eBallot_Waiver.pdf

Just a Reminder

The Bulletin/Yearbook Magazine will not be published again in 2021 BCOA currently has no Editor or staff to put together the Bulletin Magazine. Anyone with interest and skills to work on our magazine should contact any Officer or Board member.

The Roster -membership listings for 2021 will be taking Ads (deadline was Feb 1), contact Laurie Gregory at newsletter@basenji.org for information. It will be US mailed to all members in April.

The Bulletin Board Newsletter will go out monthly electronically to most members. (some members do not have adequate electronic capabilities and will receive by US mail.) Committees and Affiliate Clubs are encouraged to send a column for BB publication at any time during the year to newsletter@basenji.org

BCOA on FaceBook

Keep up with the latest information on Social Media at:

<https://www.facebook.com/basenji.org/>



Quick Reference

Send address & email changes to:

Laura Mae Hesse, Treasurer@basenji.org

Sunshine Committee

To ask the BCOA to send a card regarding an ILLNESS, BIRTH, MARRIAGE or DEATH of a member or a member's immediate family, notify Linda Stillwell at 580-251-0930 or linda.stilwell71@gmail.com

Submitting expenses to BCOA Treasurer

Per BCOA Ballot 2004-48, published in January 2005 Bulletin Board:

"BCOA members incurring expenses covering BCOA budgeted items during the fiscal year shall submit invoices to the Treasurer on or before March 1st of the next year to be eligible for reimbursement. Expenditures incurred by members that are not covered by the Budget shall require Board approval. These bills shall be submitted to the Treasurer on or before February 1st of the next year. Committee Chairs shall be responsible for notifying committee members to submit receipts for expenses within this time frame."

The link to the reimbursement form is on the Members' page of www.Basenji.org

BCOA BULLETIN BOARD

BCOA Bulletin Board Subscription information

The Bulletin Board Newsletter is published in conjunction with membership in the Basenji Club of America, Inc. Dues are \$30 for single members; \$42 for household memberships. All applications for membership require the signatures of two BCOA members in good standing. Send membership inquiries to Janet Ketz, Secretary@basenji.org

Send submissions to:

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BCOA Board Ballots

BCOA BALLOT 2021-01 APPROVED

SUBJECT: Judge Selection Tallier

Effective: January 11, 2021

The current Judge Selection section of the National Specialty Procedure requires the Judge Selection Committee to use a separate Judge Selection Tallier. To streamline the process for the tally, please indicate your vote to allow Judge Selection Committee Chair, Diana Sanders to do the Tally for the Stage 3 judge selection weighted ballot Tally.

APPROVED: Curby, Hamilton, Hartigan, Hesse, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz, Nagy, Sapios, Work

BCOA BALLOT 2021-02 APPROVED

SUBJECT: BCOA Membership List information

Effective: 1-20-21

Circulated at the request of the President.

Based on a request from the Mid Atlantic Basenji Club of Maryland, please indicate your vote to send the name, address and e-mail address of BCOA members to Julie Hartigan, point of contact for the MABCMD 2021 Specialty and the Show Superintendent Joy Brewster. The membership information will be shared on a 1 time use basis only and is not to be forwarded, shared or otherwise communicated in any way other than for the 2021 MABCMD Specialty Event.

Approved: Curby, Hamilton, Hartigan, Hesse, Hutchison, Ketz, Nagy, Sapios, Work



*Please contact our **Sunshine Committee Chair, Linda Stilwell**, by email, linda.stilwell71@gmail.com, with information on illness, accident or loss of members or their immediate family. This will help Linda send out the appropriate card. Thanks to Linda for cheering us when we are low.*

Upcoming Events

Date:	Club:	Specialty Type	Location
3/26/2021	DFWBC	Independent	Fort Worth, TX
5/15/2021	BCOA hosted by MABCMD	Supported	Carlisle, PA
6/11/2021	BCONC	Designated	Vallejo, CA
6/12/2021	BCONC	Designated	Vallejo, CA
6/13/2021	MABCMD	Independent	Norwalk, CT
7/23/2021	WVBC	Independent	Gresham, OR
10/06/2021	BCOA	Regional	Colonial Park, NJ

National Specialty Dates

Any questions or volunteers for any of the upcoming National Specialty Events should contact **National Specialty Advisory Committee (NSAC)**, Jon Curby at jcurby@offa.org

All judges are pending AKC approval.

2021 – October 12—15 Lebanon, TN

Show Chair: Tondalea Wright

Judges: Conformation classes - Michael Canalizo

Sweepstakes – Carole Kirk

2022 Purina Farms October 9-15

BCOA will share facility with another club.

Currently managed by BCOA board.

Looking for members willing to take on any or all of the planning and management of this event.

2023

Accepting proposals from any affiliate club or 8 members in good standing from any region of the USA. Final deadline for Proposals will be February 15, 2021. After that deadline the BCOA board will make arrangements for the event.

2024 East Region

A deposit has been made for Purina Farms with dates planned for October 7-14, 2024.

2025

The west region will have first option to host the 2025 National Specialty. Per Procedure, this host bid is not due yet but if your affiliate club or 8 BCOA members in good standing are interested, please let the NSAC know ASAP.

https://basenji.org/ClubDocs/NS_Procedures_Rev_P.pdf

Region, Year of Event and Bid Year

West 2025	Bid 2022
Central 2026	Bid 2023
East 2027	Bid 2024
West 2028	Bid 2025
Central 2029	Bid 2026
East 2030	Bid 2027

BCOA Board Ballots—continued

BCOA BALLOT 2021-03 APPROVED **SUBJECT: Regional Specialty Procedure** **Updates-Definitions**

Effective: February 1, 2021

To better define Designated Specialty the following information has been added to the BCOA Regional Specialty Procedure. BCOA Regional Specialty Procedure will be limited to Designated Specialty only - A specialty club may designate the regular breed judging at an all-breed or group show as its specialty show.

The revision history will be updated with approval of this ballot and the new revision will be available on the website. Please indicate your vote on the additions to the Procedure included below.

AKC's definition of types of specialty shows:

Designated Specialty: A specialty club may designate the regular breed judging at an all-breed or group show as its specialty show.

Concurrent Specialty: A specialty club may offer an independent specialty on the same date and at the same site as an all-breed or group show.

Independent Specialty: A specialty club may offer an independent specialty independent from any all-breed or group show.

NOTE: The BCOA Regional Designated Specialty program is for Designated specialties only as defined in the purpose.

APPROVED: Curby, Hamilton, Hartigan, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz, Nagy, Sapios, Work



Per the BCOA Bylaws, 2021 dues are *payable on or before the first day of February* (February 1). Paying by Feb 1 will ensure you will be listed in the 2021 membership roster.

A grace period for late renewals will be after February 1 but before March 1.

If your dues arrive after that grace period expires, you will need to re-apply for membership using the membership reinstatement application.



CANIS BASENJI
BY ROBERT VAVRA

A delightful book that deals with the comical reality of living with basenjis.

In the **Online Store** at basenji.org
\$18 for U.S. Addresses
\$23 for non-U.S. addresses



ONLINE STORE

BCOA Financials - 2020 Year End

The Basenji Club of America, Inc.
Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 2020

	Accrual Basis <u>Dec 31, 20</u>
ASSETS	
Checking/Savings	
Chase Bank-Checking (BCOA*5469)	16,305.21
Chase Bank-Savings (BCOA*4624)	
National Specialty AGILITY	504.71
African Stock Project	1,780.71
Archive Maintenance	112.17
Contingency Fund	42,079.15
Public Education Program	466.41
National Specialty Reserve	587.98
Rescue Fund	6,974.38
Chase Bank-Savings (BCOA*4624) - Other	-8.84
Total Chase Bank-Savings (BCOA*4624)	<u>52,496.67</u>
Total Checking/Savings	68,801.88
Other Current Assets	
Federal Income Tax Withheld	8.84
Petty Cash - Bulletin Board	-0.13
Total Other Current Assets	<u>8.71</u>
	68,810.59
Equipment	
Club Projector	472.49
Total Equipment	<u>472.49</u>
	472.49
National Specialty Advance	
National Specialty Advance-2017	0.00
National Specialty Advance - Other	10,000.00
Total National Specialty Advance	<u>10,000.00</u>
	10,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>79,283.08</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Opening Bal Equity	22,259.76
Retained Earnings	42,737.75
Net Income	<u>14,285.57</u>
	<u>79,283.08</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>79,283.08</u>

Profit & Loss

January through December 2020

	Accrual Basis <u>TOTAL</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Committee	
Judges/Public Education(Income)	
Basenji Cards	12.00
Total Judges/Public Education (Income)	12.00
African Stock Project	11.00
Total Committee	23.00
Events	727.10
Membership (Income)	
Affiliated Club Dues	375.00
Membership Dues	12,118.00
Membership Application Fee/Dues	378.00
Total Membership (Income)	12,871.00
National Specialty Income	
National Specialty Income 2019	
NS-2019 DVD Shipping Income	32.00
NS-2019 DVD Sales	603.00
National Specialty Income 2019 - Other	26,695.82
Total National Specialty Income 2019	<u>27,330.82</u>
Total National Specialty Income	27,330.82
Publications (Income)	
Canis Basenji Book Sales	18.00
Illustrated Standard	67.50
Bulletin Income	
BCOA Bulletin Ads	0.00
Total Bulletin Income	0.00
Roster Income	
Roster Advertising	160.00
Total Roster Income	160.00
Total Publications (Income)	245.50
Miscellaneous Income	
Contributions	
Miscellaneous	50.00
Purina Parent Club Partnership	111.02
Total Contributions	161.02
Breeders' Webpage Income	1,225.00
Miscellaneous Income - Other	12.00
Total Miscellaneous Income	<u>1,398.02</u>
Total Income	<u>42,595.44</u>
Gross Profit	42,595.44

Expense

Regional Events-Not Nationals	599.69
Membership Ballots	
Member Ballots - MISC	
Printing	142.50
Envelopes	90.73
Postage	239.90
Member Ballots - MISC - Other	15.20
Total Member Ballots - MISC	<u>488.33</u>
Elections	
Envelopes	34.92
Printing	283.05
Postage	219.70
Elections - Other	246.00
Total Elections	<u>783.67</u>
Total Membership Ballots	1,272.00
Committees	
Native Stock Project	13.80
Education	
Public Education	
Meet The Breeds	37.25
Outreach Program	167.13
Public Education - Other	37.23
Total Public Education	241.61
Total Education	241.61
Total Committees	255.41
Website	
Web site hosting - basenji.org	311.78
Total Website	311.78
Conferences	
ASFA Delegate	20.00
Total Conferences	20.00
Contributions/Donations	1,715.00
Dues and Subscriptions	
AKC Annual Dues	25.00
ASFA Annual Dues	60.00
Total Dues and Subscriptions	85.00
Insurance	
Events Insurance	600.00
Surety/Fidelity Bond	223.00
Total Insurance	823.00
Membership (Expense)	56.89
Miscellaneous Expense	
Bank Fees	
Checks, Deposit Slips, etc	55.55
Bank Service Charges	0.95
Bank Fees - Other	12.00
Total Bank Fees	<u>68.50</u>
Total Miscellaneous Expense	68.50
National Specialty Expense	
National Specialty Expns - 2020	19.99
National Specialty Expns - 2019	26,033.78
Total National Specialty Expense	26,053.77
Officers' Expenses	
Treasurer	510.40
Total Officers' Expenses	510.40
PayPal Fees	602.68
Postage and Delivery	31.88
Professional Fees	
Accounting	515.00
Total Professional Fees	<u>515.00</u>

BCOA Financials - 2020 Year End (continued)

BCOA Profit & Loss continued

Publications (Expense)	
Announce Expense	
Announce Printing	13.50
Total Announce Expense	13.50
Illustrated Standard	
Illust. Stand Postage/ Mailing	2.80
Total Illustrated Standard	2.80
Roster Expense	
Roster Postage	21.99
Roster Printing	40.00
Total Roster Expense	61.99
Bulletin Board Expense	
Bulletin Board Printing	271.11
Bulletin Board Postage	154.40
Total Bulletin Board Expense	425.51
Total Publications (Expense)	503.80
Total Expense	33,424.80
Net Ordinary Income	9,170.64
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
Interest Income	13.65
Other Income	6,007.42
Total Other Income	6,021.07
Other Expense	
Sales Tax	339.33
eBay Fees	566.81
Total Other Expense	906.14
Net Other Income	5,114.93
Net Income	14,285.57



The Basenji University (BU) is a practical education concept. The goal is to provide home-study programs in Basenji breed education. The University is designed as an on-going school of learning in which courses on owning, breeding, competing with and judging Basenjies are available year round.

The Basenji University is dedicated to preserving the past and educating future breeders, owners, exhibitors and judges of the Basenji.

The Basenji Health Endowment, Inc. Balance Sheet As of December 31, 2020

	Accrual Basis Dec 31, 20
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
AnchorBank-Money Market	0.00
AnchorBank - Checking	0.00
CHASE - Checking (BHE*3905)	22,141.59
CHASE - Savings (BHE*0599)	46,353.67
Contingency Fund	23,930.48
Midge Greenlee Education Series	161.33
CHASE - Savings (BHE*0599) - Other	70,445.48
Total CHASE - Savings (BHE*0599)	92,587.07
Total Checking/Savings	92,587.07
Total Current Assets	92,587.07
TOTAL ASSETS	92,587.07
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	150,615.81
Unrestrict (retained earnings)	-61,641.36
Net Income	3,612.62
Total Equity	92,587.07
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	92,587.07

The Basenji Health Endowment, Inc. Profit & Loss January through December 2020

	Accrual Basis TOTAL
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Contributed support	
BCOA Contribution	1,715.00
Indiv/business contribution	1,946.04
Total Contributed support	3,661.04
Earned revenues	
Interest-savings/short-term inv	16.58
Total Earned revenues	16.58
Total Income	3,677.62
Expense	
Business expenses	
Organizational (corp) expenses	10.00
Total Business expenses	10.00
Non-personnel expenses	
Postage, shipping, delivery	55.00
Total Non-personnel expenses	55.00
Total Expense	65.00
Net Ordinary Income	3,612.62
Net Income	3,612.62

Members Notice

Selection for National Specialty Conformation Judge for 2023 and Sweepstakes Judge for 2022 continues. Please see the nominees below and submit your selections by February 15, 2021 to the Judge Selection Committee Chair, Dianna Sanders at dianna487@hotmail.com or USPS address below.

Judges Selection – Stage 2 – Candidate List Refinement Stage

In Stage 2, any voting member in good standing may select up to five (5) names from each of the 2 lists. The top 5 from each list (and ties) will be placed on the final weighted ballot that will be sent to all members for a final vote in March 2021.

Deadline for Stage 2 voting is February 15, 2021.

Stage 3 voting will be US mailed to all members after the final membership renewal deadline for 2021.

You may select up to 5 judges in each category.

<i>Bo Bengston</i>	<i>Federico R. Fernandez - DOR</i>	<i>Paula Nykiel</i>
<i>Joy Brewster</i>	<i>Nicholas Frost</i>	<i>Barbara Pepper</i>
<i>JoAnne Buehler</i>	<i>Jeffrey Gillespie</i>	<i>Deirdre Petrie</i>
<i>Marge Calltharp</i>	<i>Rusty Grayson</i>	<i>Scott Pfeil</i>
<i>Dana Cline</i>	<i>Edward Hall</i>	<i>Donnelle Richards</i>
<i>Susan Coe</i>	<i>Trish Hallaman - UK</i>	<i>Robert Robinson</i>
<i>John Constatine-Amodei</i>	<i>Denise (Dee) Hardy - UK</i>	<i>Sharon Sakson</i>
<i>Cathy Daugherty</i>	<i>Dan Harrison</i>	<i>Paula Steele - UK</i>
<i>William Daugherty</i>	<i>Carolyn Herbel</i>	<i>Helen Winski Stein</i>
<i>Kalen Dumke</i>	<i>Alan Hunt - AUS</i>	<i>Harold Tatro III</i>
<i>Glen Dymock - UK</i>	<i>Pamela Lambie</i>	<i>Charles Trotter</i>
<i>Eddie Dziuk</i>	<i>Mia Lowbeer - SWD</i>	<i>Patricia Trotter</i>
<i>Dr. Rene' Echevarria-Cofino</i>	<i>Edna K (Midge) Martin</i>	<i>John Wade</i>
<i>Kay Eldred</i>	<i>Kimberly Meredith</i>	<i>Joe Walton</i>
<i>Espen Engh - NOR</i>	<i>Pattie Widick Neale</i>	<i>Claire Abraham-Wisch</i>

You may email your selections to dianna487@hotmail.com or snail mail this form to: Dianna Sanders, 1819 Sawdust Rd. Spring, TX 77380

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BCOA National Specialty 2022 SWEEPSTAKES NOMINEES

Alain Alaerts	Julie Hartigan	Mary K Quinnett
William Alexander	Karen Hutchinson	Tom Rabbitt
Harry Bennet	Carlos Jimenez	Erin Roberts
Russella Bowen	Kathy Jones	Cindy Russell
Graeme Burdon	Jan Kahl	Dianna Sanders
Kim Byrd	Sue Kite	Stella Sapios
Brenda Cassell	Julie Leicht	Cali Shattuck
Doris Daniels	Tracy Leonard, DVM	Linda Daves Siekert
Nina Fetter	Nancy Lovelady	Sarah Smith-Falkner
Lisa Dube Forman	Holly Lumanauw	Savio Steele
Chris Frost	Susan Kamen Marsicano	Tiina Taavitsainen
Pamela Geoffroy	Louise Marsden	Rita Webb
Bryan Gregory	Chris Maxka	Aaron Wilkerson
Laurie Gregory	Barbara Naddy	Sally Wuornos
Lisa Hart	Scott Osborne	

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BCOA 2021 National

Pickin' & Grinnin' in Tennessee!

The illustration depicts four anthropomorphic dogs playing instruments: a black dog on a guitar, an orange dog on a violin, a brown dog on a drum, and a black and white dog on a harmonica. Musical notes are floating around them.

FaceBook Page

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From the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine

Diabetic Dogs and Cats Needed for Microbiome Study

By College of Veterinary Medicine

Veterinarians at the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine are looking for dogs and cats that have been diagnosed with diabetes to investigate a promising treatment for the disease, one that acts via the microbiome. The treatment is called “fecal microbiota transplantation,” and yes, that means exactly what it sounds like: the “good bacteria” from the poop of a healthy animal is transplanted into the gastrointestinal tract of the diabetic pet.

To read more go to:

https://vetmed.illinois.edu/pet_column/diabetic-dogs-and-cats-needed-for-microbiome-study/



AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS DEPARTMENT

Year in Review: 2020 Was Record Legislative Year for AKC Government Relations 2021-01-12

AKC Government Relations had another record year in 2020, with the team tracking some 4,211 bills in 2020. This is an 83% increase over the 2,300 bills tracked in 2019.

The largest category of new bills tracked (716 total) were related to COVID-19, many of which had the potential to impact dog owners and ownership, dog services (such as pet food retailers or groomers) and AKC sports. Proposed legislation not directly related to COVID-19 on key issues such as animal cruelty, breeder regulation, pet sales, working dogs, animal control also increased by record levels to 3,495 bills – an increase of 51% over 2019. In addition, the department monitored approximately 800 regulations at the state and federal level, providing official comments and constituent alerts as appropriate. The increase demonstrates the continued interest that lawmakers are taking in animal issues – and the successes achieved again show the tremendous value in state federations, local clubs, and breeders partnering together and with the AKC to advocate for dogs in their local communities.

2020 Legislative Successes

AKC Government Relations, along with local federations and dog

clubs, achieved dozens of successes across the country, amending or pushing back against harmful proposals and supporting bills of benefit to dogs and dog owners. Many of these successes were the direct result of dog owners communicating with their lawmakers and providing them with the facts, science, and expertise needed to truly educate them on these important issues. These successes prove that when constituents like you get actively involved, you can make a major impact on policy that affects you!

One example is Washington Senate Bill 6300, which sought to change the definitions of animal cruelty. The language used was broad and open to multiple interpretations, making it difficult to enforce. In addition, the language could have also been used to subject responsible dog owners to unreasonable intrusions and accusations of abuse and neglect, even when engaging in normal, accepted, everyday humane and safe activities with dogs. AKC, sportsmen, veterinarians, and dog owners worked to educate lawmakers of the many unintended consequences. This work resulted in a reasonable law signed by the governor that strengthened cruelty laws without the negative impact to dogs

and responsible owners.

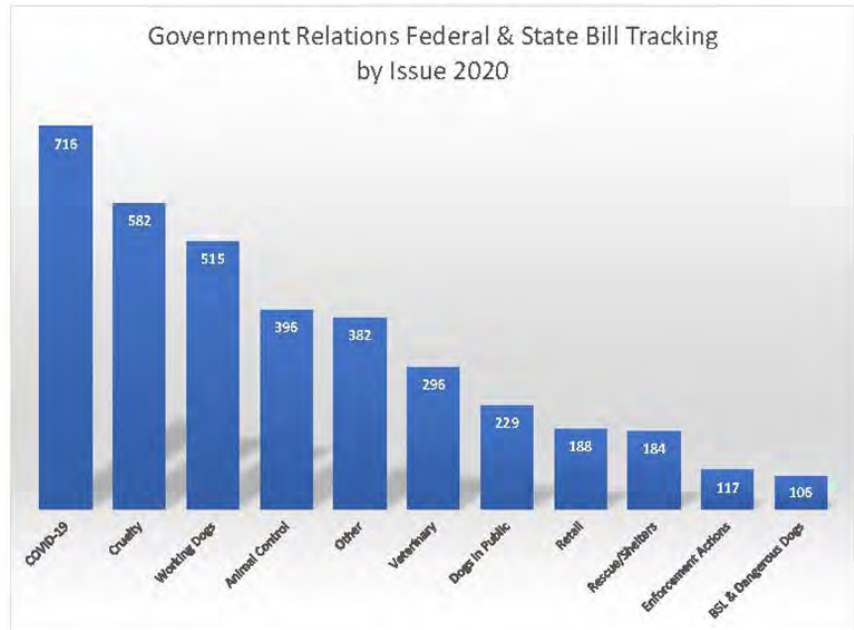
Massachusetts House Bill 1822, a measure designed to address concerns about animal hoarding and cruelty, would have essentially banned all outdoor kennels. AKC GR worked with local breeders, sportsmen, and police K9 handlers to educate and advocate for changes that recognize the importance of responsible kenneling practices and acclimatization. Thanks to these efforts, the language prohibiting outdoor kennels was removed. This was one of many bills introduced this year across the country to regulate dogs kept outdoors. Many of these bills were introduced as the result of specific concerns in communities where dogs had been harmed when left outside in inclement weather in violation of negligence and cruelty laws. AKC and constituents worked to improve enforcement of existing laws, while preventing the passage of counterproductive new approaches. In New York and Michigan, overly restrictive bills were held in committee. In Maryland, AKC GR staff, the state federation, and local club members and sportsmen worked together to amend HB 406 and SB 627 to exempt activities such as hunting, sledding, and training from counterproductive temperature restrictions. Although the Maryland bills did not ultimately pass, the bills have been reintroduced for the 2021 session with these exemptions.

These are just a few of the many successes achieved throughout the United States throughout 2020. Visit the AKC Legislative Action Center to view a full list.

Federal Overview:

The political stalemate in Congress impacted canine and other legislative initiatives in 2020. AKC GR focused on several key legislative/regulatory issues at the federal level including COVID-19 protections, healthy dog importation issues, service dog issues, USDA breeder licensing, and breed-specific legislation. COVID-19 Advocacy – AKC advocated at the federal as well as state level to limit legal liability for clubs and events related to COVID-19 transmission when events were held in compliance with CDC and other jurisdictional health and safety recommendations. AKC GR worked with members of Congress and staff on these issues, along with a number of other not-for-profit groups sharing similar concerns about their events.

In addition, AKC advocated for financial protections for non-political not-for-profit organizations [primarily 501(c)(7) (clubs) and 501 (c)(4) organizations] harmed by the pandemic. AKC also worked with the pet industry to ensure that pet supply businesses be included in essential businesses. This helped prevent



a shortage of food, veterinary or other crucial pet supplies. Information about these initiatives is available on the AKC Legislative Action Center COVID-19 Resources and Legal Liability key issues pages.

Breeder Regulations – AKC GR continues a very strong emphasis on educating and advocating for responsible dog ownership and breeding, and federal regulations that respect and encourage such activities. At the federal level, these issues are primarily overseen through the Animal Welfare Act, which is administered by the USDA. AKC was pleased that after two years of effort, new breeder licensing requirements finalized by USDA incorporated many recommendations and comments provided by AKC. AKC GR was also active in educating about problematic measures that could harm small hobby breeders and breeders involved in responsible breed rescue. Key measures opposed as introduced included HR 2442/S 4757, HR 5715, HR 4211, and HR 1002 among others. None of these bills advanced.

Pet Importation – The AKC is very concerned about increasing numbers of dogs being imported into the United States with fraudulent or invalid health records. This has resulted in increased reported incidents of imported dogs bringing contagious diseases including rabies, distemper, canine influenza, brucellosis, and many others into the United States. With an estimated one million dogs imported into the United States every year, fraud and lax health checks represent a significant threat to public, pet, and livestock health. AKC worked with members of congress and allied organizations including NAIA

and AVMA to educate about and assure introduction of the Healthy Dog Importation Act (HR 6921) to require that all dogs entering the United States are healthy, fully vaccinated with a health certificate from an accredited veterinary authority in the country of origin, and that each dog is microchipped so individual health records can be verified upon arrival in the country. For more information, visit AKC GR's key issues page www.akcgr.org/pet-import.

Service Dogs – Issues relating to access and use of properly-trained service dogs were a key issue for AKC GR in 2020 as well. In early December, the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) announced final revisions to its Air Carrier Access Act (ACAA) regulations pertaining to the transportation of service animals. The final rule accords with recommendations and comments made by AKC on the issue over the previous 2 years. AKC was pleased that the rule change now defines a service animal as a dog, regardless of breed or type, that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of a qualified individual with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability.

The changes also clarify that emotional support animals (ESAs), comfort animals, companionship animals, animals being trained to be service animals, and species other than dogs are not considered to be “service animals”. Instead, airlines may recognize and accommodate ESAs as pets. The DOT rules also clarify that airlines are prohibited from refusing to transport a service animal solely based on breed. Airlines may continue to assess each animal individually to determine whether it poses a direct threat to the health or safety of others. AKC also supported several federal measures to improve access and training for veterans in need of PTSD (psychiatric service dogs). For more information visit AKC's new key issue page at www.akcgr.org/servicedogs.

Breed-Specific Regulations – Finally, for more than a decade, AKC GR has educated about and advocated for the removal of breed-specific bans on military bases. H.R. 7617 (Fiscal 2021 Defense of Department (DoD) Appropriations) contains language to require the Veterinary Service of the DoD to establish a standardized, non-breed-specific policy to regulate dangerous dogs in military communities. AKC has long advocated for these changes to military housing policy. Implementing regulations would emphasize non-breed specific dangerous dog behavior and chronically irresponsible owners; enforcement of animal control regulations such as leash laws/stray animal control policies; promotion and communication of resources for spay/neuter and investment in community educational initiatives.

State and Local Legislation Overview:

It was a busy year at the state and local level as well, with 47 state legislatures and thousands of county and municipal governments meeting across the United States. View our charts to see the variety of issues AKC monitored over the past year.

Service/Working Dogs – Issues related to service and working dogs continue to be of concern. This was the second most prominent topic among the state bills we monitored in 2020. These

bills included proposals for creating penalties for misrepresentation of service animals and task forces to examine issues associated with service dogs in the community.

Civil and social pressures contributed to the emergence of new proposals and regulations in the second half of 2020 regarding the use of police K9s. In Massachusetts, bills were introduced that grossly misrepresented the use and purpose of police working dogs. AKC GR staff partnered with police K9 officers to educate lawmakers and work to amend these bills. The final version included amendments that protect the appropriate use of properly trained working dogs.

Cruelty – As in previous sessions, the issue of animal cruelty was again the most prominent animal concern brought forward in state legislatures. Bills referenced as “cruelty” can comprise a variety of proposed regulations including breeder licensing or limits, ownership limits, animal husbandry issues including tail docking or bark softening, kennel engineering, and arbitrary care requirements.

In 2020, many of these bills sought to address the issue of dogs kept outside in what was deemed to be unsafe weather conditions, as mentioned above. Other bills sought to redefine the term “cruelty”. This includes Iowa Senate File 737, which as introduced could have impacted ear cropping and tail docking, as well as choice regarding veterinary care of pets. AKC and clubs worked with the sponsor and key legislators to amend most of the problematic provisions. While some unclear provisions remained in the final version, the grassroots efforts ensured more protections for dog owners were included.

Breed-Specific Legislation (BSL) – As in past sessions, Missouri and Michigan introduced legislation to prevent localities from enacting breed-specific laws. Unfortunately, these laws did not ultimately pass despite significant support, but they both advanced further than they have in any previous year – setting up the opportunity to build on this support in 2021, when the bills will be reintroduced.

Breed-specific laws continue to be an issue at the local level. Most notably, residents in Denver, Colorado, voted overwhelmingly in November to replace their 30-year breed ban with special breed-specific licensing and other requirements. While still restrictive, this was an important first step in finally restoring the rights of responsible dog owners in the city. As a result of this vote, the neighboring city of Aurora is now considering revisions to its breed-specific laws, and it is hopeful this trend will continue to other localities as well.

It's evident, however, that education and advocacy are still needed about BSL. In Barrow County, Georgia, for example, the county manager recommended the designation of 12-15 breeds as inherently dangerous. AKC GR and local dog owners educated the county on the many problems with BSL, and the recommendation was withdrawn. The same was true in Detroit, Michigan, where the city withdrew their proposal to regulate dogs based on its size, and replaced it with numerous new dangerous dog

laws.

To assist lawmakers – and local dog owners – in communicating on breed-specific legislation and dangerous dog laws, AKC GR updated our key issue page in the Legislative Action Center. The updated page has a new policy analysis with model legislation, talking points, and other resources to help educate on the problems with BSL and provide more effective solutions. To view the resources, visit www.akcgr.org/bsl

Retail – Animal rights activists continue to seek to limit pet choice and consumer protection by limiting pet stores to only sell or showcase animals from shelters or rescues and/or further regulate stores. This includes state bills in Wisconsin, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, Pennsylvania, and New York – as well as numerous municipalities.

Where retail bans have already been enacted, an emerging trend is to seek to prevent rescues from being affiliated in any way with a breeder. AKC has expressed concerns with this trend, as it rejects the invaluable role breeders and breed clubs have in rescue and the care of rescue dogs. In California, AKC was successful in getting an amendment to AB 2152 to instead state that the rescues could not breed rescue dogs. The City of Chicago has also proposed language to limit rescues sourcing to pet stores, and AKC continues to work to address concerns.

The issue of limiting pet choice continues to be prominent on both the state and local levels. In 2020, AKC GR created a new key issue page in the Legislative Action Center to provide more information, such as an issue analysis, talking points, model legislation and other resources for clubs, policy makers and the public. To view the resources, visit www.akgr.org/petchoice.

Other Local Issues – The most prominent concern among constituents at the county and local level was the regulation of breeders. Breeder regulations comprised more than 25 percent of the total local proposals tracked by AKC GR in 2020. Success in fighting arbitrary, counterproductive proposals have been the direct result of local clubs, breeders, and federations being willing to work with AKC GR to communicate and educate lawmakers. In many cases, GR only learns about the proposals when contacted by local dog owners in the communities. An example is Burke County, North Carolina, where a local fancier contacted AKC GR after learning about proposed breeder permits. GR has worked with local breeders and sportsmen to communicate concerns, and in December, the county agreed to table the permits and work with AKC on other alternatives. The same is true in Desert Hot Springs, California, which currently has a breeder ban. Local clubs and dog owners are working with the city to address this issue, while ensuring that breeder regulations are not too overbearing.

COVID-19 and Canine Legislation:

AKC GR worked throughout 2020 to help dog owners and breeders address legislative issues during the pandemic. The GR team

remains active in tracking COVID-19 policy issues impacting AKC and dog owners throughout the pandemic. This ranges from advocacy to ensure that dog owners continue to be able to access pet supplies and essential services and providing information on how AKC can stay open during the pandemic; to liability information related to the holding of events, and advocacy for targeted liability limits related to virus transmission for events in compliance with recognized health and safety guidelines. The AKC Legislative Action Center’s COVID-19 Resources Page (www.akcgr.org/covid19) provides the latest information on state regulations impacting dog owners, events, and businesses. The resources page also includes timely blogs and tips on what club members and dog owners can do from home to continue being effective advocates.

COVID-19 Liability – GR is continuing to advocate for federal and state laws to limit liability for clubs and events related to COVID-19 transmission when events are held in compliance with CDC and other jurisdictional health and safety recommendations. Information about these efforts, the status of various proposals, a sample letter for lawmakers, and other information on how clubs/individuals can get involved is available on the AKC Legislative Action Center COVID-19 Liability key issue page at www.akcgr.org/covidliability.

Looking Ahead:

In the coming year, all 50 state legislatures will be in session, and there will be many new legislators to educate. Within legislatures, there will significant changes in leadership, party majority status and committee leadership. In addition, legislatures are changing protocols for in-person meetings and hearings as the pandemic continues. Now is the time to reach out to legislators to introduce yourself and your club.

Many of the successes and advances made in 2020 were the result of local advocates reaching out directly to their legislators as constituents. AKC GR was pleased to partner with local clubs and dog owners to provide assistance and resources to help advocate on behalf of dogs and responsible ownership and breeding. Developing ongoing relationships with lawmakers and working to educate them about how canine legislation impacts their constituents and community are essential and effective actions that will continue to be key in fighting canine legislation in 2021. Finally, AKC GR is pleased to offer extensive new resources for you in 2021. In 2020, AKC GR developed more than 7 new one-stop policy-based key issues pages in the AKC Legislative Action Center on the following topics: COVID-19 Resources, COVID-19 Civil Liability Limit Legislation, Service Dogs, Pet Imports: Protecting Pet & Public Health, Detection Dogs, Dogs in Vehicles: Avoiding Unintended Consequences, and Pet Choice/Pet Store Restrictions.

Five existing pages also received significant overhauls: Breeder Regulations and Restrictions, Breed-Specific/Dangerous Dog Laws, Consumer Protection/“Puppy Lemon Laws”, Legal Status of Animals, Limit Laws. Together this accounts for 25 newly published stand-alone policy resources for constituents, lawmakers

and the general public on a wide variety of helpful topics. Be sure to visit the AKC Legislative Action Center (www.akcgr.org) often as new resources continue to be added and updated. All of these materials, as well as existing resources are designed to make it easy for you to get involved to protect your dogs and your rights.

The AKC GR team is here to help you every step of the way. Reach out to AKC Government Relations at doglaw@akc.org if you learn of an issue or need assistance on fighting canine legislation in your community. AKC GR will continue to work with you to fight for purebred dogs and responsible dog ownership throughout the country.

From AKC Communicates Newsletter

Virtual Home Manners (VHM), presented by GoodPup, tests for the 10 skills all well-mannered dogs need in the home setting. Part of the AKC Family Dog Program, VHM can get you started on the practical skills needed before your first training class.

For More Info: https://www.akc.org/sports/akc-family-dog-program/?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=20210129_prcomms_akc_communicates&utm_term=AKC%20Communicates%20Optins

Clinical Trials Enrolling Dogs with Osteoarthritis

NC State College of Veterinary Medicine Translational Research in Pain program is now recruiting for 3 osteoarthritis clinical trials.

NC State is a public research university located in Raleigh, North Carolina. Participant dogs must visit the University.

<https://cvm.ncsu.edu/research/clinical-trials/list/?species=dogs>

Young dogs with OA:

- **FULLY FUNDED!**
- Dogs between the ages of 8 months to 4 years Diagnosed with OA

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