

Bulletin Board

September -October 2009

ASCA[®] Dog Bite Policy

- 1) A judge shall disqualify any dog that attempts to attack any person in the ring/trial arena, as determined by the judge. The judge shall excuse a dog that attacks another dog or appears to the judge to be threatening other dogs in the ring/trial arena. The judge shall mark the dog "disqualified" or "excused" in accordance with this Rule, shall state the reason in the Judge's Book or score sheet, and shall give the Show/Trial Secretary a brief report of the dog's actions using the Disqualified or Excused Dog form, which shall be submitted to ASCA[®] with the report of the show/trial. The entry form for any Disqualified or Excused dogs must be submitted with the Show/Trial Results. Any dog which has been excused on two (2) occasions pursuant to this Rule shall be disqualified to compete in any subsequent ASCA[®] event unless and until it is reinstated by the Board of Directors. Notice of disqualification will be sent to the owner by the Business Office after review by the Board of Directors.
- 2) A dog that, in the opinion of the judge, menaces, threatens or exhibits any sign that it may not be safely approached or examined by the judge in the normal manner may be excused from the Show/Trial arena and be subject to this Rule.
- 3) The Affiliate or its Show/Trial Committee must perform an investigation of any incident where a dog has bitten either a person or another dog, whether it occurred in the ring or merely upon the Show/Trial grounds. The report, entry forms, and findings shall be forwarded to the Executive Secretary by the Business Office. If the dog was not disqualified, the report shall explain why not.
- 4) The reports of the Affiliate and judge shall be forwarded by the Executive Secretary to the Board of Directors and to ASCA[®]'s General Counsel.
- 5) ASCA[®]'s Counsel shall review the reports and make recommendations to the Board.
- 6) If the dog was excused, the Board of Directors will take such action, if any, as it deems appropriate with respect to allowing the dog to continue to compete.
- 7) If the dog was disqualified, the dog shall be ineligible to participate in any ASCA[®] event in any discipline, unless and until such dog is approved for further competition and reinstated by the Board of Directors.

General Membership Meeting – Please be certain to have your membership card available for admittance to the General Membership meeting at the National Specialty

What you can do online at the ASCA[®] website

After completing the sign-up procedure you may choose any of the following:

1. Member Information Update: Choose this option to update your membership address and other personal information. You can also print a copy of your Membership Card.
2. Membership Renewal: Choose this option to renew your ASCA[®] membership online with a credit card. Lifetime members can also renew their Aussie Times subscriptions.
3. Dog and Show Results: Choose this option to view results from ASCA[®]-sanctioned events and show results for ASCA[®] registered dogs.

The Legislative Affairs Committee

The Legislative Affairs Committee investigates animal rights legislation and provides information to the membership via the ASCA[®] website, e-mail group list and/or Aussie Times. In April the BoD appointed Margi Floyd chair and Gina Larson and Jarilyn Pusz to the committee. Libby Graham joined the committee in June. Denise Sharp joined the committee in July. The committee is tasked to gather information on pending state and federal legislation and make that information available to our members. The committee also prepares ASCA[®] position papers on those legislative bills for use by our membership. If you are interested in participating in this effort please submit your resumé to the Executive Secretary.

The History Committee

The BoD has established the History Committee, whose goal is to foster preservation and documentation of ASCA[®], its role, and the Australian Shepherd. The BoD temporarily appointed Patrick MacRoberts as liaison and Jeanne-Joy Hartnagle as chair until the committee has an opportunity to elect the positions. If you are interested in participating in this effort please submit your resumé to the Executive Secretary.

Changes to Registry Forms and Documents

The BoD directed removal of any reference to tail length from registration forms and documents. Until the litter registration form is modified please leave the tail length table blank. Until the litter registration application is modified please leave the tail length boxes blank.

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Important Business Office payment information:

Effective June 1, 2009, the recording fees (event membership dues) for Agility, Conformation, Obedience, and Tracking increased from \$.50 to \$1.00. These fees are per dog, per exhibition (per run for Agility).

Effective January 1, 2010, the Stockdog recording fee (event membership dues) increases to \$1.00 per run -- coupled with \$.50 per run (additional membership dues) dedicated to defraying Stockdog Finals expenses -- for a total of \$1.50 per run.

Promoting ASCA®

The BoD is looking for a volunteer to coordinate and work on promotion of ASCA® in other publications. This person could also help solicit advertising for the *Aussie Times*. If you have time to give to ASCA® in either or both of these capacities, please contact the Executive Secretary (executive.secretary@asca.org).

National Specialty Updates

Please see the March-April 2009 issue of the *Aussie Times* for the premium list for the 36th Australian Shepherd Club of America National Specialty to be held in Greeley, Colorado from September 26 to October 3, 2009.

The Southwest Working Australian Shepherd Association (SWASA) will host the 2010 National Specialty at the Heart of Texas Fairgrounds, 4601 Bosque Boulevard, Waco, Texas 76710 from October 20 through October 28, 2010.

Rock River Valley Australian Shepherd Club (RRVASC) will host the 2011 National Specialty at the Washington County Fairpark, West Bend, Wisconsin, from September 17 through September 24, 2011.

The ASCA® Board of Directors is accepting applications for calendar year 2012 and beyond. If your affiliate is interested in hosting a National Specialty please contact the Executive Secretary for an application.

Reminder from the Registrar – Sires, Dams and DNA

Applications for Litter Registration from **Sires and Dams** producing their third litter will not be processed until the **Sire and Dam** has been DNA profiled with an ASCA® approved lab and recorded as DNA-CP or DNA-VP with the Registrar. This requirement means that **Sires and Dams** must be DNA profiled before their third litter can be registered. Registrations of litters may be held up while this DNA requirement is being fulfilled.

Effective January 1, 2010 Sires and Dams must be DNA profiled before their second litter.

Effective January 1, 2011 Sires and Dams must be DNA profiled prior to the registration of their first litter. Please send a copy of your registration or litter registration to Therion with the DNA samples. This will help Therion decipher handwritten applications without having to contact the Business Office for assistance.

Registry fees (and other fees) have gone up. Please check the rates sheet that appears in every issue of the *Aussie Times* on the "How & how much" page.

Hardship Registry:

Effective **January 1, 2011**, the Hardship Registry is closing. In its stead the more rigorous foreign registry (non-ASCA[®]) may be used. Check future issues of the Aussie Times for educational material and information.

Affiliate Clubs have free space

What do you, mean free space? Affiliate Clubs have space in the **Aussie Times** once a year for a club report to be included in *Affiliate News*. This update for the membership is the responsibility of the Affiliate Representative for each Club. The Affiliate Club is responsible for ensuring that what is submitted by its Affiliate Representative is accurate.

Affiliate clubs in the following states are scheduled for space in the **November-December 2009** issue (deadline September 15, 2009): **New England, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware, West Virginia, and Virginia**. To allow planning, clubs in the following locations are scheduled for space in the issue **January-February 2010** (deadline November 15, 2009): **Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, and Alaska**.

Please send your reports to the **Aussie Times** editor at: cynthia@parchmentfarm.com.

The ASCA[®] Foundation

By your donation to **Epilepsy Research** or the **Phenome Project** through the **ASCA[®] Foundation**, you can help ASCA[®] benefit our breed immeasurably. Please send your donation check made to **The ASCA[®] Foundation** to the Business Office, 6091 E. State Highway 21, Bryan TX 77808 and be sure to indicate that your donation is for **Epilepsy Research** or the **Phenome Project**.

Along with these two projects, the Foundation is also the home of the **Cee Hambo Education Trust**. You may make donations to that Fund as well. The Education Trust is in memory of Cee Hambo and provides scholarships for ASCA[®] members. Information about the scholarship and applications for this year's \$500 award are available from the Business Office or at www.asca.org under "Forms and Rulebooks."

ASCA[®] Program Rule of the Issue – Did you know?

REGISTRY RULES: NEW NAME

A dog's registered name can be changed **one time** if the following conditions are met:

1. The dog must not have earned any points in conformation or earned a qualifying or passing scores in any of the other ASCA[®] programs.
2. The dog may not have produced offspring.
3. The breeder must give permission for the name change.
4. The fee as set by the ASCA[®] Board of Directors must be enclosed with the application.