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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

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Announcements

New ASCA Judges / Judge Move-Ups

Provisional Rally Judge - **Julie Ostberg** (Wisconsin)

New ASCA Committee Members

Dock Jumping Committee - **Alexi Staples** (Region 2)

Legislative Committee - **Mimi Nila** (Region 2)

Obedience Committee - **Ann McCabe** (Region 2)

From the ASCA Foundation

The Cee Hambo Scholarship was awarded to **Lindsey Lund** and **Madison Williams**.

Motions from the ASCA Board of Directors

BD.19.106 Emergency Motion to Choose New Lab for DNA Parentage Verification

Approve: Boone, Busquets, Creelman, Gann, King, Roberts, Silveira, Vest

Disapprove: Gray

Abstain: None

Non-Voting: None

Motion is approved (8-1).

Motion by Silveira

Second by Vest

I present the following motion as an emergency motion for the following reasons.

ASCA finds itself in a difficult transition of its DNA Parentage Verification Program from Therion to a new provider. ASCA immediately needs to decide on how to proceed in dealing with our twenty-year history of stored DNA samples. Therion has asked us to remove our samples. Without professional

assistance from a new provider our samples could be lost to ASCA. This could cause irrevocable harm to ASCA's DNA database and the Registry.

It is imperative that ASCA immediately develop a transitional plan from Therion to Paw Print Genetics to maintain the integrity of our Registry.

I move that ASCA immediately begin contract negotiations with Paw Print Genetics to join Certagen as ASCA's sole DNA Parentage Verification laboratories effective no later than 12:01 am CST on September 1, 2020. Should Therion, prior to September 1, 2020, be unable or unwilling to provide DNA Parentage Verification testing for ASCA per the written agreement or past practice for any period of time, all ASCA DNA testing shall be immediately sent to Paw Print Genetics or Certagen and ASCA's association with Therion shall be finished.

Paw Print Genetics and Certagen shall immediately be authorized to conduct any DNA testing as requested by the ASCA Board of Directors not already covered by ASCA's written agreement or past practice with Therion.

Comments/Rationale: As explained in the justification for emergency motion status.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

BD.19.109 Emergency Motion to Approve Budget for Conformation Committee Seminar

Approve: Boone, Busquets, Creelman, Gann, Gray, King, Roberts, Silveira, Vest

Disapprove: None

Abstain: None

Non-Voting: None

Motion is unanimously approved (9-0).

Motion by Boone

I move to approve the amount of \$300 to print handouts and purchase materials and refreshments for the Conformation Committee to host Conformation Education at Nationals. The Conformation Committee shall provide receipts for expenses.

Comments/Rationale: The motion is an emergency so it can be handled before Nationals. These funds will provide necessary materials to make the Conformation Seminar at Nationals a success.

Affected: Conformation Committee and all members interested in attending.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

Committee Recommendations

Hall of Fame Committee

HF.19.02 Heritage Preservation Kennel

Approve: Creelman, Vest

Disapprove: Boone, Busquets, Gray, King, Roberts, Silveira

Abstain: None

Non-Voting: Gann

Motion is not approved (2-6).

Comment from Busquets: I think that the committee needs to work a bit more if changes like these are going to be made. I've read many comments and what that tells me is that there may be enough membership support to make other changes rather than adding this award/recognition. While not necessarily opposed to the spirit behind this motion, I think more discussion needs to occur between the committee and the membership to gauge what the membership wants. If it is still decided that an recognition such as this one should be awarded, I think that another name should be considered. The titles required are also not quite balanced.

Comment from King: I only vote no because I think the motion needs some rework, but I support the idea and hope a better revision comes from the committee.

Comment from Silveira: Comments from the Membership are not supportive of this motion as written. I would like to return this motion to Committee for further consideration. This motion makes a significant change in the way ASCA will honor Breeders as Hall of Fame Kennels. I believe it is imperative for the majority of the Membership to approve this change. I have attached a file that will hopefully steer the discussion based on some observations made regarding this motion. ***See https://1drv.ms/b/s!Ap9VimWWpypAkj5dMqNfDxqT4d_j?e=nqhlv0 for attachment.

Motion by Creelman

I make a motion to approve the Heritage Preservation Kennel motion proposed by the Hall of Fame Committee.

Committee Recommendation:

Title of Motion: Add Heritage Preservation Kennel

Motion by: Cheryl Padgett

Second by: Jan Wesen

Proposal re Board of Directors Strategic Plan 2019-2020 due at 2019 Nationals.

Objective 3: Provide innovative programs showcasing the breed and providing expanded opportunities for competition. #6. Investigate possible HOF options for people & kennels who specialize in stock and performance dogs.

Heritage Preservation Kennel and Supreme Heritage Preservation Kennel - A special recognition program to recognize and honor the breeders/kennels working to keep the ASCA Mission and Vision Statements first and foremost in their breeding programs.

ASCA Mission Statement - The Australian Shepherd Club of America is dedicated to maintaining the integrity of its registry and to preserving and promoting the Australian Shepherd as an intelligent working dog with strong herding instinct.

ASCA Vision Statement - The Australian Shepherd Club of America will preserve the Australian Shepherd as an intelligent working dog of strong herding and guardian instincts.

Current Wording: None.

Proposed Wording:

Heritage Preservation (HP) Kennel

A. Qualifying titles counting toward a Heritage Preservation Kennel/Breeder are as follows:

1. Stockdog: a dog is eligible for a or b, but not both
 - a. Ranch Dog Inspection - one (1) point or
 - b. Any competition title below - one (1) point each
 - i. ATDd (1 pt.) (Advanced Trial Dog Ducks)
 - ii. OTDc (1 pt.) (Open Trial Dog Cattle)
 - iii. OTDs (1 pt.) (Open Trial Dog Sheep)
 - iv. RTDc (1 pt.) (Ranch Trial Dog Cattle)
 - v. RTDs (1 pt.) (Ranch Trial Dog Sheep)
 - vi. AFTDc (1 pt.) (Advanced Farm Trial Dog Cattle)
 - vii. AFTDd (1 pt.) (Advanced Farm Trial Dog Ducks)
 - viii. AFTDm (1 pt.) (Advanced Farm Trial Dog Mixed)
 - ix. AFTDs (1 pt.) (Advanced Farm Trial Dog Sheep)
2. Agility: (1 pt.) RS-O (Regular Standard Open) or RV-O (Regular Veterans Open) or RJ-O (Regular Junior Open) - only one per dog to count
3. Obedience: (1 pt.) CDX (Companion Dog Excellent) or ODX (Open Dog Excellent) - only one per dog to count
4. Rally: RM (1 pt.) (Rally Masters)
REM (1 pt.) (Rally Excellent Masters)
5. Tracking: (1 pt.) TD (Tracking Dog) or TDU (Urban Tracking Dog) - only one per dog to count

B. A Kennel/Breeder must have accrued (25) qualifying titles on their progeny as follows:

1. Fifteen (15) stockdog titles, see A1
2. Ten (10) remaining points from A1-A5
3. Minimum of Three (3) dogs to Qualify

Supreme Heritage Preservation (SHP) Kennel

- A. Qualifying titles counting toward a Supreme Heritage Preservation Kennel/Breeder are as follows:
1. Stockdog: ATDc (1 pt.) Advanced Trial Dog Cattle
ATDs (1 pt.) Advanced Trial Dog Sheep
AFTDXc (1 pt.) Advanced Farm Trial Dog Cattle Excellent
AFTDXd (1 pt.) Advanced Farm Trial Dog Ducks Excellent
AFTDXm (1 pt.) Advanced Farm Trial Dog Mixed Excellent
AFTDXs (1 pt.) Advanced Farm Trial Dog Sheep Excellent
PATDc (1 pt.) Post Advanced Trial Dog Cattle
PATDs (1 pt.) Post Advanced Trial Dog Sheep
RTDsc (1 pt.) Ranch Trial Dog Sheep/Cattle (combined for 1 point)
 2. Agility: (1 pt.) (must earn all three (3) Open titles of Regular, Gamblers, and Jumpers combined)
 - a. Qualifying Regular titles are: RS-O or RJ-O or RV-O (Regular Standard Open or Regular Junior Open or Regular Veteran Open)
 - b. Qualifying Jumper titles are: JS-O or JJ-O or JV-O (Jumper Standard Open or Jumper Junior Open or Jumper Veteran Open)
 - c. Qualifying Gambler titles are: GS-O or GJ-O or GV-O (Gambler Standard Open or Gambler Junior Open or Gambler Veteran Open)
 3. Obedience: UD (1 pt.) Utility Dog
 4. Rally: RTX (1 pt.) Rally Trial Excellent
REMX (1 pt.) Rally Excellent Masters X
 5. Tracking: (1 pt.) TDX (Tracking Dog Excellent) or UTDX (Urban Tracking Dog Excellent)
- only one per dog to count
- B. Superior Working Performance Titles
1. PCH (1 pt.) Performance Champion
 2. ATCH (1 pt.) Agility Trial Champion - only one per dog to count
 3. OTCH (1 pt.) Obedience Trial Champion or OTCH-O Obedience Trial Champion Open - only one per dog to count
 4. WTCH (1 pt.) Working Trial Champion or WTCH M or WTCH X - only one per dog to count
 5. FTCH (1 pt.) Farm Trial Champion
 6. SDCH (1 pt.) Stockdog Champion
 7. SPCH (1 pt.) Supreme Performance Champion
 8. MTD (1 pt.) Master Tracking Dog
 9. RTCH (1 pt.) Rally Trial Champion - only one per dog to count
- C. A Kennel/Breeder must have accrued (30) qualifying titles on their progeny as follows:
1. Fifteen (15) stockdog titles, see A1

2. Ten (10) Titles of Superior Performance, see B1-B9, with a minimum of Seven (7) FTCH or WTCH or SDCH or any combination of stock superior performance equaling Seven (7)
3. Five (5) remaining points from A1-A5 and/or B1-B9, not previously used
4. Minimum of Six (6) dogs to Qualify

Comments/Rationale from Committee: Provide innovative programs showcasing the breed and providing expanded opportunities for competition. This proposal is regarding BOD Strategic Plan 2019-2020 due 2019 Nationals - #6 Investigate possible HOF options for people and kennels who specialize in stock and performance.

Affected: Sent to Office on 8/22/2019: "I see nothing wrong with the motions. The only stipulation is I do not know when the computer system will be able to make these new levels."

Effective Date: June 1, 2020.

Results of Committee Vote:

Approve: 5

Disapprove: 1

Abstain: None

Non-Voting: 3

Dissent from Committee Member: After a great deal of thought and talking to various breeders I voted to disapprove this motion for various reasons. The HOF/HOFX breeders, recognizes breeders who have worked diligently to breed in accordance with the entire breed standard. I feel strongly that breeders that CHOOSE to breed for only 1 portion of the breed standard should not receive special recognition, no matter what the program is called.

HF.19.03 Add UTDX to Section 6.1 HOFX Breeder/Kennel Requirements

Approve: Boone, Busquets, Creelman, Gann, King, Roberts, Silveira, Vest

Disapprove: None

Abstain: Gray

Non-Voting: None

Motion is approved (8-0-1).

Motion by Creelman

I make a motion to accept the adding UTDX to HOFX motion as proposed by the Hall of Fame Committee.

Committee Recommendation:

Title of Motion: Adding UTDX to HOFX

Motion by: Jan Wesen

Second by: Kristina Churchill

Current Wording:

6 Hall of Fame Excellent Breeder/Kennel

6.1 Breeder and/or Kennel Requirements

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C. FIVE ADDITIONAL TITLES IN EITHER PERFORMANCE, STOCKDOG, OR CONFORMATION AS NAMED ABOVE. Qualifying performance titles are:

1. OBEDIENCE: UD (1 pt.) (Utility Dog in Obedience)
2. TRACKING: TDX (1 pt.) (Tracking Dog Excellent)
3. AGILITY: (must earn ALL THREE Elite titles of Regular, Gamblers, and Jumpers) (1 pt.)
 - i. Qualifying Regular titles are: RS-E or RJ-E or RV-E (Regular Standard Elite or Regular Junior Elite or Regular Veteran Dog Elite)
 - ii. Qualifying Jumper titles are: JS-E or JJ-E or JV-E (Jumper Standard Elite or Jumper Junior Elite or Jumper Veteran Dog Elite)
 - iii. Qualifying Gambler titles are: GS-E or GJ-E or GV-E (Gamblers Standard Elite or Gamblers Junior Elite or Gamblers Veteran Dog Elite)
4. RALLY: REMX (Rally Excellent/Masters X)

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Proposed Wording:

6 Hall of Fame Excellent Breeder/Kennel

6.1 Breeder and/or Kennel Requirements

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C. FIVE ADDITIONAL TITLES IN EITHER PERFORMANCE, STOCKDOG, OR CONFORMATION AS NAMED ABOVE. Qualifying performance titles are:

1. OBEDIENCE: UD (1 pt.) (Utility Dog in Obedience)
2. TRACKING: TDX (1 pt.) (Tracking Dog Excellent) or UTDX (1 pt.) (Urban Tracking Dog Excellent). Only one per dog to count.
3. AGILITY: (must earn ALL THREE Elite titles of Regular, Gamblers, and Jumpers) (1 pt.)
 - i. Qualifying Regular titles are: RS-E or RJ-E or RV-E (Regular Standard Elite or Regular Junior Elite or Regular Veteran Dog Elite)
 - ii. Qualifying Jumper titles are: JS-E or JJ-E or JV-E (Jumper Standard Elite or Jumper Junior Elite or Jumper Veteran Dog Elite)
 - iii. Qualifying Gambler titles are: GS-E or GJ-E or GV-E (Gamblers Standard Elite or Gamblers Junior Elite or Gamblers Veteran Dog Elite)
4. RALLY: REMX (Rally Excellent/Masters X)

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Comments/Rationale from Committee: Urban titles have been added to Tracking and we need to add to all VERSATILITY, PERFORMANCE, & HALL OF FAME Rules & Regulations.

Affected: Sent to Tracking Committee on 8/22/2019: "I think we are good Jan :)"

Sent to Office on 8/22/2019: "I see nothing wrong with the motions. The only stipulation is I do not know when the computer system will be able to make these new levels."

Effective Date: June 1, 2020.

Results of Committee Vote:

Approve: 5

Disapprove: None

Abstain: None

Non-Voting: 3

HF.19.04 Add UTDX to Section 2.1 Versatility Champion Requirements

Approve: Boone, Busquets, Creelman, Gann, Roberts, Silveira, Vest

Disapprove: King

Abstain: Gray

Non-Voting: None

Motion is approved (7-1-1).

Motion by Creelman

I make a motion to accept the adding UTDX to 2.1 motion as proposed by the Hall of Fame Committee.

Committee Recommendation:

Title of Motion: Adding UTDX to 2.1 A

Motion by: Jan Wesen

Second by: Chery Padgett

Current Wording:

2 Versatility Champion Requirements

2.1 Eligibility

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B. Minimum Requirements to be met for the VCH (Versatility Champion) title:

a. CH or A-CH (Regular Class Breed Championship)

b. Two OTD (Open Trial Dog Sheep & Cattle) and one ATD (Advanced Trial Dog Ducks) in working

c. One of the following five:

- i. CDX (Companion Dog Excellent in Obedience) or ODX (Open Dog Excellent in Obedience). Only one per dog to count.
- ii. CD/TD (Companion Dog in Obedience/Tracking Dog)
- iii. TDX (Tracking Dog Excellent)
- iv. Three Open Agility titles: Regular, Jumpers and Gamblers (Standard, Junior or Veteran Dog)
- v. REM (Rally Excellent/Masters)

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Proposed Wording:

2 Versatility Champion Requirements

2.1 Eligibility

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B. Minimum Requirements to be met for the VCH (Versatility Champion) title:

1. CH or A-CH (Regular Class Breed Championship)
2. Two OTD (Open Trial Dog Sheep & Cattle) and one ATD (Advanced Trial Dog Ducks) in working
3. One of the following five:
 - i. CDX (Companion Dog Excellent in Obedience) or ODX (Open Dog Excellent in Obedience). Only one per dog to count.
 - ii. ~~CD/TD (Companion Dog in Obedience/Tracking Dog)~~ or TDU (Tracking Dog Urban)
 - iii. TDX (Tracking Dog Excellent) or UTDX (Urban Tracking Dog Excellent)
 - iv. Three Open Agility titles: Regular, Jumpers and Gamblers (Standard, Junior or Veteran Dog)
 - v. REM (Rally Excellent/Masters)

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Comments/Rationale from Committee: Urban titles have been added to Tracking and we need to add to all VERSATILITY, PERFORMANCE, & HALL OF FAME Rules & Regulations.

Affected: Sent to Tracking Committee on 8/22/2019: "I think we are good Jan :)"

Sent to Office on 8/22/2019: "I see nothing wrong with the motions. The only stipulation is I do not know when the computer system will be able to make these new levels."

Effective Date: June 1, 2020.

Results of Committee Vote:

Approve: 5

Disapprove: None

Abstain: None

Non-Voting: 3

Junior Committee

JR.19.02 Change to 7.2 500 Club Tier Programs

Approve: Boone, Busquets, Creelman, Gann, Gray, King, Silveira

Disapprove: Roberts

Abstain: Vest

Non-Voting: None

Motion is approved (7-1-1).

Dissent from Roberts: The language isn't clear. If the effective date is June 2020, it cannot start with Nationals 2020 because the points for that Nationals are being earned now. We cannot get that programmed "right now". The cost for programming is not in the motion. Also, states " We would like all juniors to be recognized equally with this new program". Probably should say all Juniors in the conformation program. The other programs still do not have the ability to earn points and jackets.

Motion by Creelman

I make a motion to accept the motion to add the tier levels to the Junior Rulebook, as proposed by the Junior Committee.

Committee Recommendation:

Motion by: Andrea Bair

Second by: Shelby Shank

I, Andrea Bair, make the following motion to become effective June 1, 2020:

Current Wording:

7.2 500 Club Tier Programs

Any junior who earns 500 points and over in any of the eligible programs will be recognized as being a member of the "500 Club".

7.2.1 Eligibility

Junior Handling is the only eligible program. Juniors who earn over 500 points within a single merit year are eligible for the 500 club and the tiers as outlined in Section 7.2.2.

7.2.2 Program Tiers

Only the highest level each year will be awarded per junior per program. The tier earned will be listed on the award.

500 Club - 500 points earned

500 Club Bronze Tier - 1000 points earned

500 Club Silver Tier - 1500 points earned

500 Club Gold Tier - 2000 points earned

7.2.3 500 Club Tier Awards

500 Club Tier Program winners will have their name, level and the merit year earned on the "500 Club" Trophy. They will also receive a jacket. Jackets are to have the ASCA logo on the back and the junior will get their choice of wording on the front. Jacket ordering is handled by the ASCA Business Office and are awarded at the National Specialty.

Proposed Wording:

7.2 500 Club Tier Programs

Any junior who earns 500 points and over in any of the eligible programs will be recognized as being a member of the "500 Club". The 500 Club is our main program. 500 Club Tier Levels are a recognition program for those juniors who have earned additional points.

7.2.1 Eligibility

Junior Handling is the only eligible program. Juniors who earn over 500 points within a single merit year are eligible for the 500 club and the tiers as outlined in Section 7.2.2.

7.2.2 Program Tiers

All juniors earning at least 500 junior merit points for the year will be awarded as part of the 500 club.

The highest tier earned will be listed on the award.

500 Club - 500 points earned

500 Club Bronze Tier - 1000 points earned

500 Club Silver Tier - 1500 points earned

500 Club Gold Tier - 2000 points earned

7.2.3 500 Club and 500 Club Tier Awards

500 Club Tier Program winners will have their name, tier level and the merit year earned on the "500 Club" Trophy. Each junior will also receive a jacket. Jacket ordering is handled by the ASCA Business Office.

Jackets are to have the following: ASCA logo on the back with the tier level (if earned) listed below it.

The front right shall consist of the ASCA logo followed by their Award (with Tier level if earned). Any text listing a tier level is to be done in the corresponding tier color. Juniors will get their choice of what wording/colors is used on the left.

All 500 Club and Tier Awards will be presented upon the completion of the ASCA Junior Finals in the ring in level order. Each junior earning the 500 Club will be announced and presented with their jacket. Each junior earning a tier level will be presented with their jacket and a certificate for the tier earned.

Comments/Rationale: We put this motion forward to serve as better clarification of the intended awards and recognition to the juniors earning the 500 Club Tiers. We would like all juniors to be recognized equally with this new program starting with the ASCA 2020 Nationals and following.

Effective Date: June 1, 2020.

Results of Committee Vote:

Approve: 6

Disapprove: None

Abstain: 1

Non-Voting: 3

Obedience Committee

OB.19.03 Change to Novice Exercises

Approve: Boone, Busquets, Creelman, Gann, Gray, King, Roberts, Silveira, Vest

Disapprove: None

Abstain: None

Non-Voting: None

Motion is approved unanimously (9-0).

Comment from King: I'd like to see the wording clarified when the exercise is finished and points are no longer deducted. The wording has the judge saying exercise finished but points still deducted for pulling or jumping when leaving the ring. Maybe better would be a command to exit the ring and a command exercise finished at the ring gate.

Motion by Roberts

I move to approve the following recommendation from the Obedience Committee.

Committee Recommendation:

Motion to Change Novice exercises; adding sit, stay, get your leash and changing sit and down stays to be 1 minute each and have the dog on a 6' leash at all times.

Motion by: Betsy Coleman

Second by: Marilyn Cherry

I move to approve changing novice exercises; adding sit, stay, get your leash exercise worth 30 points and changing long sit to and Long down stays to one minute each with the dogs on leashes at all times. Dogs will be lined up approximately 4' from the ring gates with no more than 7 dogs in a stay group at one time. There is an EXCEPTION for Novice Finals only, with 7 or fewer dogs competing, dogs will be lined up on one long side of the ring; with 8-10 dogs competing, dogs will be lined up in 2 facing rows, with up to 5 dogs lined up on each of the long sides of the ring positioned 4' off the ring gates

The rulebook changes are highlighted.

Current Wording:

3.3 Novice Exercises and Scores

The exercises and maximum scores in the Novice classes are:

EXERCISES	MAXIMUM SCORES
Heel on Leash and Figure Eight	40 points
Stand for Examination	30 points
Heel Free	40 points
Recall	30 points
Long Sit	30 points
Long Down	30 points
Maximum Total Score	200 points

3.12 Group Exercises

The principal feature of the group exercises is that the dogs remain in the position required. Orders are: "Sit your dogs" or "Down your dogs," "Leave your dogs," and "Back to your dogs."

Groups in the ring for Group Exercises must include no more than seven (7) dogs in Novice spaced a minimum of 6' apart and no more than ten (10) dogs in Open spaced a minimum of 4' apart and positioned 4' off any adjacent ring gates in both levels. If there are more than 7 dogs in Novice or 10 dogs in Open competing, the judge will divide the class into approximately equal sections. At the discretion of the judge, groups for Novice A and B and for Open A and B can be combined or separated. However, when Open B orders III and V are used, Open B groups cannot be combined with other classes. The dogs will be lined up in catalog order along one side of the ring. In Novice, dogs will be on a six (6) foot leash during the group stays. Each handler will leave the leash attached to the collar and lay the rest of the leash and their armband - weighted, if necessary - in between the dog and the handler. In Open, each handler will remove the leash and place the leash and their armband, weighted as necessary, behind their dog. The judge should stand so that he can see all the dogs and all the handlers without having to turn around.

A dog may earn a qualifying score even if it is the only dog participating in the Group Exercises. The person who handles the dog in the individual exercises must also handle that dog in the Long Sit and Long Down unless the person handled more than one dog in the class and the class will only have one group of stays. If this occurs, the owner must have additional handlers standing by to handle the additional dog(s) during the Group Exercises.

When the last Group Exercise has been completed and the judge has said, "Exercise Finished," Novice handlers must pick up the leash; Open handlers must leash their dogs. Dogs must be kept under control while exiting the ring.

Dogs moving from the place where they were left in the first group exercise shall be excused from the remaining group exercise.

LONG SIT: Novice dogs are required to sit for one minute. The dogs must be in heel position either standing or sitting beside their handler. The judge will ask if everyone is ready. Upon command from the judge to "Sit Your Dogs," the handlers will command and/or signal their dogs to sit. On the command, "Leave your dogs," handlers will place their leashes on the ground between themselves and their dog, command and/or signal their dogs to stay, walk directly across the ring, and then turn and face their dogs. On the command, "Back to your dogs," handlers will walk back to and around their own dogs counterclockwise to heel position. The judge shall not give the order "Exercise Finished" until the handlers have returned to the heel position. Dogs will remain in position until the judge commands, "Exercise Finished." Time begins when the judge commands, "Leave your dogs." After one minute, timing ends, at which time the judge will command, "Back to your dogs."

LONG DOWN: This exercise is performed exactly like the long sit with these exceptions. Novice dogs are required to down for two minutes. The judge will order, "Down your dogs," instead of "Sit your dogs." The dogs must lie down instead of sit. Dogs must be facing directly across the ring. Dogs will remain in position until the judge commands, "Exercise Finished", and the handler will then pick up their leash.

3.13 Group Exercises, Scoring

During these exercises the judge shall stand in such position that all the dogs are in his line of vision, and where he can see all the handlers in the ring without having to turn around.

Scoring of the exercises will not start until after the judge has ordered the handlers to leave their dogs, except for such things as rough treatment of a dog by its handler or resistance by a dog to its handler's attempts to make it sit or lie down. These shall be penalized substantially; in extreme cases the dog may be excused.

A dog may earn a qualifying score even if it is the only dog participating in the Group Exercises.

A handler whose dog assumes a position in such a manner that it could interfere with an adjacent competing dog shall be required to reposition his dog and shall also be substantially penalized; in extreme cases the dog may be excused.

A score of non-qualifying (NQ) is required for the following: the dog's moving at any time during either exercise a substantial distance away from the place where it was left, or going over to any other dog, or staying on the spot where it was left but not remaining in whichever position is required by the particular exercise until the handler has returned to the "Heel" position, or repeatedly barking or whining.

A substantial deduction shall be made for a dog that moves even a minor distance away from the place where it was left or that barks, or whines only once or twice or that changes its position after the handler has returned to the heel position and before the judge has given the order "Exercise finished." Depending on the circumstance, a substantial or minor deduction shall be made for touching the dog or its collar in getting the dog into the "down" position.

When dogs have been released from their sit and down position after the judge says, "Exercise Finished," Substantial or minor deductions may be made for misbehavior on overly exuberant releases. Any dog that interferes with another dog shall be excused from the class.

13.5.5 Division Details

Novice:

- One Novice class per ring
- Group stays take place first thing in the morning with staggered times for each ring

Reference Sheet

Group Exercises

- A dog may earn a qualifying score in Novice and Open even if it is the only dog participating in the Group Exercises. Dogs may begin Novice and Open Group Exercises by standing or sitting in heel position beside their handlers.
- Dogs must be placed a minimum of four feet (4') apart from each other and a minimum of four feet (4') from the side and back ring gates. A maximum of ten dogs are allowed in the ring at one time for group exercises.

2.8 Re-Judging

If a dog has failed in a particular part of an exercise, it shall not ordinarily be re-judged nor given a second chance; but if in the judge's opinion the dog's performance was prejudiced by peculiar and unusual conditions, the judge may at his own discretion re-judge the dog on the entire exercise. Should the judge find it necessary to re-judge a dog or dogs from the Group exercises, the dog or dogs shall be re-judged with the next scheduled group within that class. The limits on the number of dogs allowed in the ring for the group exercise contained in Chapter 3, Section 12 (Group Exercises) shall apply. Should there be no further group within that class, the dog or dogs to be re-judged shall immediately do the exercises alone. The dog or dogs involved will be re-judged only on the exercise in question.

Proposed Wording:

3.3 Novice Exercises and Scores

The exercises and maximum scores in the Novice classes are:

EXERCISES	MAXIMUM SCORES
Heel on Leash and Figure Eight	40 points
Stand for Examination	30 points
Heel Free	40 points
Recall	30 points
Long Sit Sit Stay - Get Your Leash	30 points
Long Sit & Long Down	30 points

Maximum Total Score	200 points
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3.12 Sit Stay - Get Your Leash

The principal feature of this exercise is that the dog remains in the sit position. The Orders are: "Sit your dog," "Leave your dog to get your leash," and "Back to your dog."

The judge will instruct the steward to place the leash at the designated location after the Heel on Leash and Figure Eight exercise. The handler and dog will be positioned at least 30 feet from and facing the direction of the gate entrance. The handler will stand with the dog sitting in heel position in a place designated by the judge. The judge will ask "Are you ready?" before giving the first order. On the judge's order to "sit your dog," the handler may command and/or signal the dog to sit without touching either the dog or the dog's collar. On further order to "Leave your dog and get your leash," the handler may give a command and/or signal to stay and will walk forward immediately to the place designated by the judge for the leash, pick up the leash, turn, and face the dog. The handler will wait for the judge to give the order "Back to your dog." The handler must return directly, walking around and in back of the dog to heel position. The dog should not move from the sitting position until after the judge has said "Exercise finished." The judge will tell the handler "Attach your leash and maintain control of your dog." The handler is then required to exit the ring with the dog under control and without jumping, tugging or pulling on the leash.

3.13 Sit Stay - Get Your Leash Scoring

A non-qualifying score (NQ) is required for the following: The dog barking or whining repeatedly during the exercise, moving a substantial distance away from where it was left during the exercise, or not remaining in the sit position until the judge says "Exercise Finished." Substantial deductions should be made for a dog that moves a short distance from where it was left in sit position, or a dog that barks or whines only once or twice. A substantial deduction should be made for a dog that does not remain under control while leaving the ring.

~~3.12~~ 3.14 Group Exercises

The principal feature of the group exercises is that the dogs remain in the position required. Orders are: "Sit your dogs" or "Down your dogs," "Leave your dogs," and "Back to your dogs."

Groups in the ring for Group Exercises must include no more than seven (7) dogs in Novice spaced a minimum of 6' apart and ~~no more than ten (10) dogs in Open spaced a minimum of 4' apart and positioned 4' off any adjacent ring gates in both levels.~~ If there are more than 7 dogs competing in Novice ~~or 10 dogs in Open competing,~~ the judge will divide the class into approximately equal sections. At the discretion of the judge, groups for Novice A and B ~~and for Open A and B~~ can be combined or separated. For Novice Finals only, with 7 or fewer dogs competing, dogs will be lined up on one long side of the ring; with 8-10 dogs competing, dogs will be lined up in 2 facing rows, with up to 5 dogs lined up on each of the long sides of the ring positioned 4' off the ring gates. ~~However, when Open B orders III and V are used, Open B groups cannot be combined with other classes.~~ The dogs will be lined up in catalog order ~~along one side of the ring.~~ In Novice, dogs will remain ~~be~~ on a

six (6) foot leash during the group stays. ~~Each handler will leave the leash attached to the collar and lay the rest of the leash and their armband—weighted, if necessary—in between the dog and the handler. In Open, each handler will remove the leash and place the leash and their armband, weighted as necessary, behind their dog.~~ The judge should stand so that he can see all the dogs and all the handlers without having to turn around.

A dog may earn a qualifying score even if it is the only dog participating in the Group Exercises.

Group exercises may be performed prior to or after individual exercises; the order must be specified in the premium.

The person who handles the dog in the individual exercises must also handle that dog in the Long Sit and Long Down unless the person handled more than one dog in the class and the class will only have one group of stays. If this occurs, the owner must have additional handlers standing by to handle the additional dog(s) during the Group Exercises.

When the last Group Exercise has been completed and the judge has said, "Exercise Finished," ~~Novice handlers must pick up the leash; Open handlers must leash their dogs.~~ Dogs must be kept under control while exiting the ring.

Dogs moving from the place where they were left in the first group exercise shall be excused from the remaining group exercise.

LONG SIT: Novice dogs are required to sit for one minute. The dogs must be in heel position either standing or sitting beside their handler. The judge will ask if everyone is ready. Upon command from the judge to "Sit Your Dogs," the handlers will command and/or signal their dogs to sit. On the command, "Leave your dogs," handlers will ~~place their leashes on the ground between themselves and their dog,~~ command and/or signal their dogs to stay, walk directly across the ring from their dog to the end of their leash, without jerking or tightening the leash, and then turn and face their dogs. The leash must remain loose with slack throughout the entire exercise. On the command, "Back to your dogs," handlers will ~~will~~ must return directly, walk back to and around their own dogs counterclockwise to heel position. The judge shall not give the order "Exercise Finished" until the handlers have returned to the heel position. Dogs will remain in position until the judge commands, "Exercise Finished." Time begins when the judge commands, "Leave your dogs." After one minute, timing ends, at which time the judge will command, "Back to your dogs."

LONG DOWN: Novice dogs are required to down for ~~two~~ one minutes. This exercise is performed exactly like the long sit with ~~these~~ this exceptions. The judge will order, "Down your dogs," instead of "Sit your dogs." The dogs must lie down instead of sit. Dogs must be facing directly across the ring. Dogs will remain in position until the judge commands, "Exercise Finished", ~~and the handler will then pick up their leash.~~

~~3.13~~ 3.15 Group Exercises, Scoring

During these exercises the judge shall stand in such position that all the dogs are in his line of vision, and where he can see all the handlers in the ring without having to turn around.

Scoring of the exercises will not start until after the judge has ordered the handlers to leave their dogs, except for such things as rough treatment of a dog by its handler or resistance by a dog to its handler's attempts to make it sit or lie down. These shall be penalized substantially; in extreme cases the dog may be excused.

A dog may earn a qualifying score even if it is the only dog participating in the Group Exercises. A handler whose dog assumes a position in such a manner that it could interfere with an adjacent competing dog shall be required to reposition his dog and shall also be substantially penalized; in extreme cases the dog may be excused.

A score of non-qualifying (NQ) is required for the following: **leash consistently tight**, the dog's moving at any time during either exercise a substantial distance away from the place where it was left, or going over to any other dog, or staying on the spot where it was left but not remaining in whichever position is required by the particular exercise until the handler has returned to the "Heel" position, or repeatedly barking or whining.

A substantial deduction shall be made for a dog that moves even a minor distance away from the place where it was left or that barks, or whines only once or twice or that changes its position after the handler has returned to the heel position and before the judge has given the order "Exercise finished." Depending on the circumstance, a substantial or minor deduction shall be made for touching the dog or its collar in getting the dog into the "down" position, **and any jerking or tightening of the leash during the exercise.**

When dogs have been released from their sit and down position after the judge says, "Exercise Finished," Substantial or minor deductions may be made for misbehavior on overly exuberant releases. Any dog that interferes with another dog shall be excused from the class.

13.5.5 Division Details

Novice:

- One Novice class per ring
- Group stays take place first thing in the morning with staggered times for each ring
- **Group stays will have up to 5 dogs on each of the long sides of the ring, spaced 8 feet apart and with their backs approximately 4' from the gate. If 7 or fewer dogs are competing, dogs will be lined up on one long side of the ring; for 8-10 dogs, they will be lined up in 2 facing rows, up to 5 per side.**

Reference Sheet

Group Exercises

- A dog may earn a qualifying score in Novice and Open even if it is the only dog participating in the Group Exercises. Dogs may begin Novice and Open Group Exercises by standing or sitting in heel position beside their handlers.
- **Novice Dogs must be placed a minimum of ~~four~~ six feet (4' 6") apart from each other and a minimum of four feet (4') from the side and back ring gates. A maximum of ~~ten~~ seven Novice dogs are allowed in the ring at one time for group exercises, **except during Novice Finals.****

2.8 Re-Judging

If a dog has failed in a particular part of an exercise, it shall not ordinarily be re-judged nor given a second chance; but if in the judge's opinion the dog's performance was prejudiced by peculiar and unusual conditions, the judge may at his own discretion re-judge the dog on the entire exercise. Should the judge find it necessary to re-judge a dog or dogs from the Group exercises, the dog or dogs shall be re-judged with the next scheduled group within that class. The limits on the number of dogs allowed in the ring for the group exercise contained in Chapter 3, Section 42 14 (Group Exercises) shall apply. Should there be no further group within that class, the dog or dogs to be re-judged shall immediately do the exercises alone. The dog or dogs involved will be re-judged only on the exercise in question.

Comments/Rationale: This is for safety and to decrease the possibility of dogs interfering with one another.

Affected: All novice participants. Business Office - Judges books will need to be changed to add the additional sit/Stay get your leash exercise. Long sit and down are combined into one exercise worth 30 points.

Effective Date: June 1, 2020.

Results of Committee Vote:

Approve: 8

Disapprove: None

Abstain: None

Non-Voting: 1

Minutes of the ASCA Board of Directors' Teleconference Meeting

A meeting of the Board of Directors (the Board) of the Australian Shepherd Club of America (ASCA) was held on THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2019, via online meeting service GoToMeeting.

Directors Present: President Liz Busquets, 1st Vice President Rick Gann, 2nd Vice President Cindy King, Treasurer Jean Roberts, Secretary Judy Boone (joined at 6:12 pm), Director Denise Creelman, Director Linda Gray, Director Ken Silveira (joined at 6:26 pm), Director-elect Pete Dolan, and Director-elect Jan Wesen.

Also Present: Executive Secretary Kalla Jaco.

Directors Absent: Director Rachel Vest.

CALL TO ORDER

President Busquets called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm CDT and Executive Secretary Jaco recorded the minutes. A quorum of Directors was present, and the meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed with business.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board was in Executive Session from 6:05 pm - 7:00 pm to discuss the below topics.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report for period ending September 30, 2019, was presented to the Board by Treasurer Roberts. Ending balance is \$149,290.70.

Negotiations with Paw Print Genetics

The Board will hold a teleconference meeting with Paw Print Genetics to begin negotiating an agreement and transition plans to become a DNA parentage verification provider for ASCA beginning September 1, 2020.

Registration Request

The Board discussed a registration request from a member.

Parentage Discrepancy

The Board received notification of a discrepancy in ASCA's registry. The Business Office will comply with the registry rules to correct.

OPEN SESSION

The Board was in Open Session from 7:00 pm - 7:11 pm to discuss the below items. A recording of this part of the meeting may be listened to on ASCA's:

Website: <https://www.asca.org/home/news/bod-meetings-audio>

YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC490D1qEJtV7oiDp6KOHEvA>

Last Month's Email Business

Due to the requirements of Washington State Law, all legal business of ASCA must be conducted via face-to-face meetings or telephone conference call meetings. To meet this requirement and continue to conduct business via e-mail, each face-to-face meeting or conference call meeting includes a motion to ratify all business conducted via e-mail since the last face-to-face meeting or conference call meeting.

BD.19.108 September Email Business

Approve: Boone, Busquets, Creelman, Gann, Gray, King, Roberts, Silveira

Disapprove: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Vest

Motion is approved (8-0).

Motion by Silveira

Second by Creelman

I move to ratify all business conducted over email in September 2019.

System Liaison's Report

Board System Liaison Vest provided an email update to the Board since she was unable to attend the meeting. The Windows upgrade with ADMS that was already in progress was severely delayed when Windows did a complete upgrade in the middle of the process. That hampered Inventive's effort with the ADMS upgrade and resulted in the process being started over.

Nationals Entry Form

Director Creelman will work with the Registrar to create a Nationals entry form. The form should then be included in the National Specialty Rules.

Ms. Creelman also suggested having all entries for ASCA Finals sent to the Business Office. Currently, entries for Junior Finals are sent to the Entry Clerk, which has caused confusion.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kalla Jaco, Executive Secretary