June 2003 Secretary’s Report

This report details the day to day activities of the ASCA Board of Directors and includes issues brought before the ASCA Board and communications done by mail, fax, e-mail and/or phone.

June 1 - 30, 2003

93:17 STOCK DOG RULES - CH 3 Sec. 3 - Divisions and C

Motion by Warren.
I move to accept the following SDC recommendation.

Comments: Items in *** and underlined are the only changes or additions to this motion all other is unchanged. This is more of a clarification than a change due to the tracking number requirement. KW

Motion by Barb Moe (4-1-2003) 2nd by Joan Holmes (4-2-2003) Sue Kelly (4-4-2003)
Motion: I move that CH. 3 Sec.3 be changed to read as follows.

CHAPTER 3
SECTION 3 - TRIAL DIVISIONS AND CLASSES

1. All dogs, whether competing for certification or not, must enter in the Started Division and progress through Advanced. *** Titles are earned in a division when two (2) qualifying scores are received under two different judges in each division and class AND when official notice is received from the ASCA Business Office. [ See CH 3, SEC. 5 DIVISIONS] After receiving two (2) qualifying scores in a division, regardless of whether the certificate has or has not been received from the Business Office, the dog may continue to compete in that division for up to sixty (60) days OR may move up immediately to the next division in the same class of stock. (See 2b. NOTE: for FEO exception)***

2. The host organization is required to offer the following divisions without priority to any division with the exception of the Post Advanced Division:
   a. Started Trial Dog is for dogs six (6) months of age or older on the day of the trial that have not earned a Started, Open or Advanced Trial Dog certification for the class being entered. Any dog that has received two (2) qualifying scores in the Started Division may continue to compete in this division for up to a sixty (60) day period after earning the second qualifying score regardless of whether the certificate has or has not been received. Prizes, placements, and points are still awarded during this sixty (60) day period.

   b. Open Trial Dog is for dogs that have been certified or have qualified for Started Trial Dog for the class being entered, but have not been certified for the Open or Advanced Trial Dog for the class being entered. Any dog that has received two (2) qualifying scores in the Open Division may continue to compete in this division for up to a sixty (60) day period after earning the second qualifying score regardless of whether the certificate has or has not been received. Prizes, placements, and points are still awarded during this sixty (60) day period.

   Note: In the started and open divisions, once a dog has earned two (2) qualifying scores in the division you may choose to *** move up to the next division immediately in that class of stock or you may choose to*** stay in that division for up to sixty days and
compete for points, placements and awards. After the sixty (60) day period has expired, a dog may compete in the division but it must be "For Exhibition Only". The owner or exhibitor must note on the ASCA entry form "FEO" and inform the judge they are running "FEO" before the start of their run.

c. Advanced Trial Dog is for dogs that have been certified ***or have qualified for*** Open Trial Dog for the class being entered. Any dog certified Advanced Trial Dog may continue to compete in the Advanced Trial Dog division for that class.

Comments: This is basically a clarification of pre-existing rules. There has been some confusion regarding when a dog may move up if they haven't yet received their certification of title from the business office.

Approve : Schvaneveldt, Walker, Mahoney, Myrick, Simmons, Kelly, Vest, Davies, Holmes, Moe  Disapprove : None. Abstain : None. Non Voting : Robinson, Baker, Kaye Harris (resigned, no vote)

Board voting: Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved.

**00:20** REGISTRY RULES - Kennel Name

Motion by Warren seconded by Berryessa.

I move to change Kennel Naming Regulations 1. to read: Applicant(s) must have been an ASCA full member in good standing for the two previous consecutive years. Applicant(s) must be 18 years of age or older. In order to continue the use of the ASCA Kennel name, the applicant must remain a full member, otherwise the kennel name will be considered abandoned.

Comment: The use of a kennel name should be restricted only to those who maintain full membership in ASCA"

Board voting: Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved.

**00:20** REGISTRY RULES - Hardship Registration

Motion by Warren seconded by Gray.

I move to update and clarify the Hardship Registry Clause revised 4/1/03. Replace it with the attached Procedure for Hardship Registration.

Comments: The current rules as written are very confusing. There are a number of spelling and wording changes. The major rewrite is Eligibility #5.

Procedure for Hardship Registration:

Form III Hardship Registration Application:

At the time of application, all dogs applying for Hardship Registration must meet the following requirements:

**Eligibility:**

1. Dogs must be purebred Australian Shepherds.
2. Dogs must be at least 12 months of age.
3. Puppies from any litter born prior to the Hardship Registration of the sire and/or dam will be treated as individuals; each puppy must meet the Hardship Requirements.

4. If an ASCA-registered kennel name is used to register the applicant dog, written permission from the owner of the kennel name must be included on the application form.

5. Registry Eligibility:
   a. Each parent and grandparent of the applicant dog must have been registered as an Australian Shepherd with AKC, CKC (Canadian Kennel Club), ASCA (see b below), or any combination of these registries. The ASCA Board of Directors must approve any exceptions.
   b. A dog who has only one ASCA-registered parent is eligible for Hardship Registration. **HOWEVER**, if both parents of an applicant dog are ASCA registered, the dog must be registered through an ASCA Litter registration application. **This dog is NOT eligible for Hardship Registration.**
   c. Registration of any applicant dog, its parents, or its grandparents with any registry as a breed other than an Australian Shepherd (e.g., a mini Australian Shepherd), whether prior to the date of this application or at any time subsequent to the date of this application, will result in the applicant dog being ineligible for registration in ASCA’s Registry. An ASCA registered dog shall not be registered now or in the future as any other breed; doing so will void the ASCA registration of the applicant dog and of any subsequent progeny of the applicant dog.

6. Owners of applicant dogs registered with registries not listed above must apply to the ASCA Board of Directors for approval of the registry.

7. Applicant dogs shall not have any disqualifying faults as listed in the ASCA Breed Standard (i.e., other than recognized colors, white body splashes, undershot bites, overshot bites exceeding 1/8 inch, monorchidism and cryptorchidism, Dudley nose).

8. Applicant dogs already registered as “NOT FOR BREEDING” by another registry will only be registered as “NOT FOR BREEDING” by ASCA.

9. All applicant dogs must be DNA profiled by an ASCA-approved laboratory.
   a. IF the applicant dog’s Sire and Dam are alive and available, the applicant dog MUST be profiled DNA-VP. The costs of DNA profiling are to be borne by the applicant. Documentation of attempts made to fulfill DNA-VP requirement should be provided with this application.
   b. IF the applicant dog’s Sire and/or Dam are deceased or unavailable, the applicant dog will then be profiled DNA-CP. A dog's Sire and/or Dam are considered unavailable if the owner refuses to allow DNA profiling, the owner cannot be found, or the owner refuses to cooperate with the collection of the samples needed.
   c. IF the applicant dog is to be registered as “NOT FOR BREEDING”, the protocol in 9a or 9b must still be followed.
   d. IF the applicant dog is DNA-CP profiled (under section 9b), the applicant must sign a release form acknowledging that all ASCA rights and registry privileges will be revoked should there be evidence of either (i) that the hardship applicant’s Sire or Dam were, in fact, available, or (ii) that any information supplied by the applicant was incomplete or inaccurate.
   e. All applications for dogs (either DNA-CP or DNA-VP) applying for Hardship Registration must include CERTIFIED pedigrees covering AT LEAST 3
generations, including all registration numbers, from all the registries in which the applicant dog, its parents, and its grandparents are currently or were registered. All certified pedigrees must state that the registered breed of the dog/bitch, its parents, and its grandparents is an Australian Shepherd. If none of the approved registries the dogs are registered with issues certified pedigrees, then the breeder of the dog/bitch must certify the authenticity of the pedigree and breed of the applicant dog.

Registration Requirements:
1. Complete and submit FORM H-III REGISTRATION APPLICATION.
2. Submit a photocopy of the applicant dog’s registration certificate and ASCA DNA profile certificate.
3. For applicant dogs to be DNA-VP Hardship Registered (see Section 9a) or DNA-CP Hardship Registered (see section 9b) submit three color photos: full body left side, full body right side, and full front view. Photos must be clear. No Polaroid photos will be accepted.
4. Submit the registration fee of $50.00 for full ASCA members or $100 for Service Members. If the applicant dog is not accepted for Hardship Registration with ASCA, the registration fee will be returned. Applications and photos will be retained by ASCA as part of the ASCA Registry files. (Service members must pay a $5.00 membership fee with the first service of each calendar year.)
5. If a dog is already registered with AKC or CKC (Canadian Kennel Club), that registered name will remain. The one exception to this rule is that the owner’s ASCA registered kennel name may be substituted for the surname of the owner if requested.

THE OWNER’S OF ANY DOG WHOSE APPLICATION FOR HARDSHIP REGISTRATION IS REFUSED MAY APPEAL TO THE ASCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Board voting: Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved.

98:11 OBEDIENCE RULES - Tracking Number
Motion by Hellmeister seconded by Warren.
I move to change the effective date for the Obedience Tracking Number changes to 1/1/04.

Comment: The original effective date was out of order as it would not have been in the Aussie Times for 30 days before it went into effect. Obedience Committee Chair concurred with this.

Board voting: Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved.

Approved:
Appointed Joan Armstrong for the Tracking Committee
Appointed Martha Ho for the Tracking Committee.
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