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PRESIDENT'S LETTER MAY/JUNE

Over the years in which we have shown I have seen only a really limited number of incidents in conformation shows in classes that did not appear to be right or fair under the AKC rules, and in which some action needed to be taken right then.

These incidents are not just the usual things we sometimes gripe about (such as - I don't think the dog that just won is the best: or that the judge missed the soft topline, the up-right tail, or the missing teeth or the judge should not have preferred the color he picked, or your dog moved better or had a better head)—those things that we would have surely noticed if we were the judge and done better. We all pay our entries for that judge's opinion on that day and either we did not know anything about what that judge liked or we did, but we entered anyway.

Despite the fact that we wanted to win and did not, there is nothing the matter with a judge who likes someone else's dog better on any given day. There are really only two reasons you lost, either they had a better dog that day or you simply got out handled. It happens a lot to all of us. Those choices and preferences which are never a problem when it's you that gets pinned; its only when you don't get pinned that you don't like it so much. As more than one handler has said you should never feel badly when you won and don't think you should have, you should just accept that for the many times you thought you should win and did not.

Matters of opinion and preference are all part of showing. You get to enjoy them when it goes your way and criticize the decision to your friends who will listen when it does not. Just like in baseball, the home team does not always win but just like baseball there is always another game soon. An old friend of mine used to say "The sun doesn't shine of the same dog's back every day." That is certainly true at the dog show.

However, there are some things that happen that should not. We should have an idea what we can do if we really need to. These things are contained in **THE RULES APPLYING TO DOG SHOWS**. You can download them from the AKC. (If you know this already you can stop reading now.)

There are registration violations and entry violations involving not the right information or



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the right class and the like. Those types of things are handled by the AKC usually without any involvement from the exhibitor. The ribbons which were awarded are sometimes recalled and given to someone else when certain rules are violated, but you do not have to do anything about it. The AKC will handle it. If there is a mistake in the judge's book you can request that it be changed if you can show you are correct. I can recall one incident in which the superintendent reported the wrong dog winning points although the ribbon was correctly given. The Judge's book correctly reflected the award and the AKC made the change. However, if there is an error in the Judge's book that is not caught, that book is the final word.

There are things are actual disqualifying in the ring and you CAN request the Judge do something about it. These things are contained in Chapter 11 and 15 of the rules applying to dog shows. You can protest them to the Judge only BEFORE ALL DOGS IN THE CLASS ARE INDIVIDUALLY INSPECTED AND INDIVIDUALLY GATED. After that it is too late.

In Section 8 of Chapter 11 it states that any dog that is changed in appearance by artificial means or has had anything done to alter its bite, temperament, appearance or gait is not eligible to compete and shall be disqualified. This includes any dog which is blind, deaf, castrated, spayed, or which has been changed in appearance by artificial means except as specified in the standard for its breed)

A dog is considered changed in appearance by artificial means if it has been subjected to any type of procedure, substance or drugs that have the effect of obscuring, disguising or eliminating any congenital or hereditary abnormality or any undesirable characteristic, or that does anything to improve a dog's natural appearance, temperament, bite or gait.

Even procedures, substances and drugs which are absolutely necessary to the health and comfort of a dog shall disqualify that dog from competition if the former had the incidental effect of changing or even improving the dog's appearance, temperament, bite or gait.

There is a whole list of these procedures in that section. They are not the only ones



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You can also protest a dog's height as either too big or too small. You can protest its color or markings under chapter 14 sections 3 and 6 AGAIN YOU MUST DO IT BEFORE ALL THE DOGS IN THAT CLASS ARE INDIVIDUALLY INSPECTED AND GAITED. The Judge will wicket the dog protested and either allow it or disallow it to compete. For color and markings the judge will pass on the color and markings and either disqualify the dog nor not. If disqualified, the owner and handler are subject to discipline. If a judge fails to disqualify a dog that he should have he is subject to discipline.

“SECTION 8-C. No dog shall be eligible to compete at any show and no dog shall receive any award at any show in the event the natural color or shade of natural color or the natural markings of the dog have been altered or changed by the use of any substance whether such substance may have been used for cleaning purposes or for any other reason. Such cleaning substances are to be removed before the dog enters the ring. If in the judge's opinion any substance has been used to alter or change the natural color or shade of natural color or natural markings of a dog, then in such event the judge shall withhold any and all awards from such dog, and the judge shall make a note in the judge's book giving his reason for withholding such award. The handler or the owner, or both, of any dog or dogs from which any award has been withheld for violation of this section of the rules, or any judge who shall fail to perform his duties under this section, shall be subject to disciplinary action.”

In Chapter 15 of the rules dealing with protests of dogs, SECTION 2 states. Any person who is handling a competing dog in the ring in any conformation competition may then verbally protest to the judge before every dog in the class has been individually examined and individually gaited, alleging that a dog being shown in the competition has a condition which makes it ineligible to compete under Chapter 11, Section 8, or Chapter 11, Section 8-C, of these rules or a condition requiring disqualification under the standard for the breed; except that a verbal protest alleging THAT THE HEIGHT OR WEIGHT OR NATURAL COLOR AND MARKINGS OF A DOG REQUIRING ITS DISQUALIFICATION UNDER THE BREED STANDARD OR A DETERMINATION OF ITS INELIGIBILITY UNDER THE CONDITIONS OF ITS CLASS MUST BE MADE UNDER



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CHAPTER 14, SECTIONS 3, 4 OR 6.

You can also require any dog that shows symptoms of any communicable disease at the show or kenneled where such condition exists or known to have been in contact with any dog that exhibited any such condition within 30 days prior to the show you are in to be examined by the vet at the show. The request must be in writing signed by you and delivered to the show chairman. See Chapter 15 § 1 of the rules and Chapter 11 § 9. If found to be ill it will be barred.

A dog that attacks another dog or person at a show resulting in injury and which represents a hazard to persons or animals may be disqualified by the event committee. A dog that attacks a person in the ring shall be disqualified by the judge. A dog that menaces or threatens a judge or is not one that can be approached for inspection shall be excused Chapter 11 section 8-A. You can certainly bring any of these Incidents to the attention of the judge for action.

There are other situations that are covered by the rules which can be dealt with but these are the basic one on what you can do if a serious situation arises.

There is also a pamphlet dealing with misconduct at dog shows which details how to protest to an event committee conduct prejudicial to the sport by exhibitors and others who are members of the AKC. The AKC delegates to the event committee of each show the powers of the AKC in dealing with misconduct at a dog show. In Section IV of that pamphlet it gives examples of what misconduct might be. One test in connection with any kind of scene or altercation occurring during an event is whether a family attending an event for the first time would be likely to decide, after witnessing such an incident, that the sport is not for them. This encompasses everything from foul language to bad sportsmanship to mishandling or abusing dogs and judges.

I have not yet had to make any such protests and do not pretend to be an expert on how to handle protests to protect the health and safety of dogs or exhibitors, but would highly recommend that everyone who has not yet done so take a look at the rules and know what to do if you really need to.



I would be happy to discuss any of this with any of you anytime, get your experiences and answer any questions you might have..



PRESIDENT'S LETTER JULY/AUGUST

The summer is winding down and the fall showing season is again upon us. Congratulations to our members who have done so well in showing already this year and best of luck to everyone as we enter the fall!

Our next meeting will be this Saturday at the Atlanta show 30 minutes after best of breed. You should receive an announcement. At that meeting we will be going over our progress for the Specialty in November and approving items that will be required to go forward. If you can be there please make plans to attend.

There are still plenty of opportunities for you to help with the specialty and we welcome whatever help you can give us with the show, hospitality or the raffle. Any small contribution of time or any donation will be gratefully welcomed and will be a great opportunity to be involved with the workings of the club. Please contact any board member.

We will soon be getting the final items and plans for the specialty under way and it won't be long before we are back at Shannondale. We are really looking forward to it.

As always, if you have suggestions for a program or information you would like to see presented at a meeting, please contact any board member.

See you Saturday.



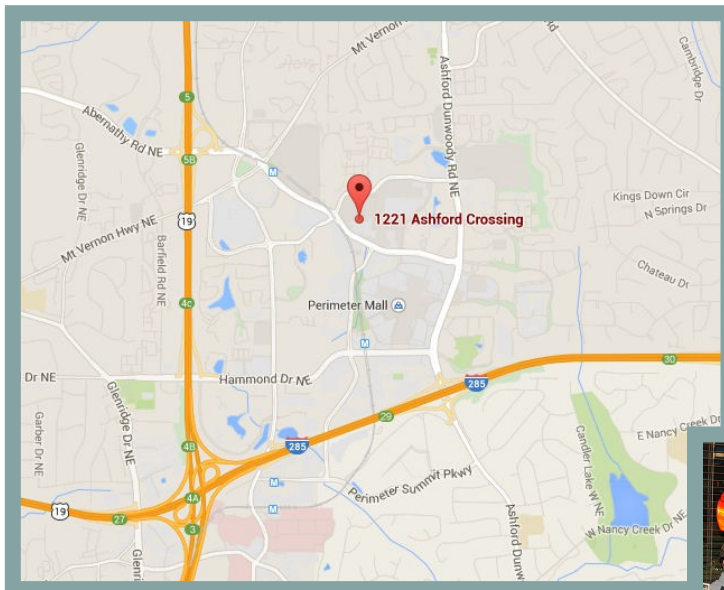
MONTHLY CLUB MEETING

OUR NEXT 2 MEETINGS WILL BE HELD ON JULY 27TH AND AUGUST 26TH (PAST DATES)

July Location: Mimi's Café at the Perimeter Place.

Address: 1221 ASHFORD CROSSING. ATLANTA, GA 30346. (770) 351-8444

August Location: Atlanta expo center. 30 minutes after BOB.



[Directions](#)



Regular monthly meetings are held on the Fourth **Thursday** of each month at 6:30 p.m. As always, all club members are invited. Date might change due to conflict with near by shows or holidays.

We hope to see you there!



MEMBERSHIP

Membership Dues Reminder

Our membership dues for 2018 are due on 11/1/17.

Please completely fill out this form and return it with your check so that we can keep our records up to date.

\$20.00 individual ~ \$25.00 family ~ \$15 Associate

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

Please make checks out to GALRC and mail to:

Jim Griffin

130 Hickory Pointe Dr.

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**Remember to support our club by
renewing your membership!**

Member's breeder directory

To be included in the breeder's directory of the club's website, please e-mail the following information to our Website master: [Jean McLain](#)

Kennel name, Contact person, Website URL address, e-mail address, phone number and a brief description of your practices. You may include any updated information about current litters.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

20% discount on all website design/redesign – marketing/internet marketing to GALRC members/friends. Personal or Business

It's more important than ever for Google search results that websites are responsive (resize for smartphones and tablets) as over 50% of searches are now done on mobile devices. Very reasonably priced.

Please email me, Jean McLain, jean@Business-Solutions-Center.com and let me know how I can help.

Thanks,

Jean

jean@emailjrm.com

Educational presentations:

October Meeting.

Carol Quaif will make a presentation on Health clearances including the genetic tests that are available to Labradors today, hips, elbows, eyes, cardiac, EIC, PRA, PRA-prcd, HNPK, Long coat gene, etc . With the increasing number of DNA tests available, it is important you understand each of them and how they can impact your dogs and breeding program.



BRAGS

Carriage Hill is proud of our girls...

New Champion!!! CH Carriage Hill's Twist of Fate (aka Olive) (Ch. Carriage Hill's Oliver Twist, JH x Carriage Hill's Ellie Mae) finished her championship at the Roanoke, VA shows in early August. Olive is off for hunt training in Sept to run for Junior Hunter title later this Fall.

New Grand Champion!!! GR CH Carriage Hill's Dilley Dalley (aka Didi) (GCH. Carriage Hill's Home Grown x GCH. Carriage Hill's Whoops A Daisy) finished her Grand Championship at the Perry, GA shows in May under Charles Olvis.

5 pt. Major!!!! Carriage Hill's Penelope (aka Penny) (GCH. Shalimars the Animator x Carriage Hill's Lying Eyes) earned her first points from the 12-18 class at the Shelby, MS shows in July. These were Penny's first points. She was Best in Sweepstakes this past February at the LRC Piedmont shows - her first show.



AVAILABLE

CH Epoch's Carries the Torch for Banner x Lachlan's Lucie Lu

Lucie had 7 puppies on October 2nd. 3BG, 2BM, 1CG, & 1CM

I have one puppy available, not sure sex or color, depends on ultimately what I keep.

Lucie is OFA Excellent, elbows and heart clear, clear on the same genetic test as Ryder but by parentage. Uno is a young dog with his OFA prelims.

Contact Tom OHern

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