



THE MIDWEST BORZOI CLUB BULLETIN

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5 days of Trophy Supported Entries at Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds, Kalamazoo MI.

MBC Specialty Show with Puppy & Veteran sweeps, Sunday May 25, 2014

Entries close May 7, 2014. Send entries to MB-F Inc. P O Box 2217, Greensboro NC 27420.

Entry fee \$29. Puppy Classes \$25 Bred By Exhibitor \$25. Each additional entry of same dog \$22.

Sunday only - Puppy & Veteran sweepstakes, entry fee \$22 (but note that each dog will get a \$5 cash prize from MBC, so the entry fee is really only costing you \$17).

Sunday - **MBC Membership Meeting**, during lunch or after the judging, depending on judging schedule.
Lunch will be available ringside \$7 (associated sandwiches and salads with chips, cookies and soft drinks. Please make a reservation with Laura Hyatt, 53366 Bent Road, Marcellus MI 49067-9327.
Judging will be outdoors. We will try to arrange for ringside parking and grooming.

Dates, judges, borzoi trophies offered and special classes listed below for this 5 day cluster

Pontiac Kennel Club – Thursday, May 22, 2014, borzoi judge Kimberly Meredith-Cavanna.

Best of Breed. Borzoi Tile and \$20 gas card.

Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed. Borzoi Tile

Winners Dog & Bitch. Framed Borzoi Picture

Holland Michigan Kennel Club, Friday, May 23, borzoi judge Ray Filburn.
Best of Breed. Borzoi Address Book by Mike McCartney
Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed. Borzoi Address Book by Mike McCartney
Winners Dog & Bitch. Borzoi Towel

Grand Rapids Kennel Club, Saturday, May 24, borzoi judge Anne Midgarden.
Best of Breed. Borzoi Tile
Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed. Borzoi Tile
Winners Dog & Bitch. Borzoi Ornament

Kalamazoo Kennel Club, Sunday, May 25 - ***Midwest Borzoi Club designated Specialty Show.***
borzoi judge Shirley McFadden, borzoi puppy & veteran sweepstakes judge Dr Gary Nash.

Non-regular Classes Involving Single Dog Entries
FOR BORZOI - SUNDAY ONLY

Veteran Classes - Class for dogs and class for bitches seven (7) years & under 10 years.
Veteran Classes - Class for dogs and class for bitches ten (10) years & over.

Non-regular Classes Involving Multiple Dog Entries
FOR BORZOI - SUNDAY ONLY

Stud Dog Class - For Stud Dogs and at least two of their Get, but no more than 4 of their Get. Stud Dogs must be entered in the Stud Dog Class and must be shown in the ring with their Get. Owner of the Stud Dog need not necessarily be the owner of the Get. Entry fee is \$22.00. Get **MUST** be entered in one of the regular classes. Brood Bitch Class - Same as the Stud Dog, except substitute Brood Bitch for Stud Dog and Produce For Get.

The following prizes are offered by the members of the Midwest Borzoi Club.

SWEEPSTAKES

Judge Dr Gary E. Nash

Midwest Borzoi Club Puppy Sweepstakes Classes. The sweepstakes is open to all Borzoi, who are at least 6 months of age and under 18 months of age at the time of this show. All dogs entered in a sweepstakes class must also be entered in a Regular Class at this show at the regular entry fee. Sweepstakes Entry Fee: \$22.00.

Classification

Puppy Dogs, 6 months & under 9 months Junior Dogs, 12 months & under 15 months
Puppy Dogs, 9 months & under 12 months Junior Dogs, 15 months & under 18 months (Same Classes for Bitches)

Prize Money

The Club shall retain 35% for expenses.

Best In Sweepstakes15%.
Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Sweepstakes10%.

The remaining will be divided in each class as follows:

First place 30%. Second place 20%. Third place 15%. Fourth place 10%.

SWEEPSTAKES PRIZES

Best in Sweepstakes.

MBC Medallion mounted on Engraved Plaque and Large treat jar.

Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Sweepstakes.

MBC Medallion mounted on Engraved Plaque and Large treat jar.

Each Sweepstakes Entry will receive a Five Dollar (\$5) cash prize and a Toy.

VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES

Judge: Dr Gary E. Nash

The sweepstakes is open to all Borzoi, who are at least 7 years of age or older. Dogs entered in Veteran Sweepstakes need not be entered in a Regular class. **Dogs may be neutered and bitches spayed** but must otherwise be sound. Veteran Sweepstakes will be judged prior to the Regular Classes. Indicate "Veteran Sweepstakes" and age division on the regular entry form under "Additional Classes". Sweepstakes Entry Fee: \$22.00.

Classification
Veteran Sweepstakes Dogs, 7 years & under 9 years Veteran Sweepstakes Dogs, 9 years & under 11 years
Veteran Sweepstakes Dogs, 11 years & older (Same classes for Bitches)
Prize Money

The Club shall retain 35% for expenses. The remaining 65% will be divided in each class as follows: First place 100%.

VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES PRIZES

Best Veteran in Sweepstakes.

MBC Medallion mounted on Engraved Plague and Large treat jar.

Best of Opposite Sex to Best Veteran.

MBC Medallion mounted on Engraved Plague and Large treat jar.

Each Veteran Sweepstakes Entry will receive a Five (\$5) Dollar cash prize and a Toy.

BREED PRIZES

The Midwest Borzoi Club offers Rosettes for Best of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed, Select Dog, Select Bitch, Best of Winners, Winners Dog, Winners Bitch, and 4 Awards of Merit.

Best of Breed.

MBC Medallion mounted on Engraved Plague and Wash N Zip Dog Bed

Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed.

MBC Medallion mounted on Engraved Plague and Wash N Zip Dog Bed

Winners Dog & Bitch.

MBC Medallion mounted on Engraved Plague and Borzoi Clock

Reserve Winners Dog & Bitch.

Borzoi Pillow

Select Dog & Bitch. Borzoi Tile.

First Place in each Regular & Non-Regular class. Leash

Second Place in each regular & non regular class. Borzoi ID Tag by Mike McCartney

Third Place in each regular & non regular class. Borzoi Magnet

Fourth Place in each regular & non regular class. Roll of disposable clean-up bags.

Award Of Merit. The judge at her discretion, may present an Award of Merit rosette to no more than four (4) Dogs and/or Bitches who have competed in the Best of Breed judging at this Specialty show. Best of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex, Winners Dog and Winners Bitch are not included in the four Awards. A signed Certificate & Rosette will be awarded.

Greater Muskegon Kennel Club, Monday, May 26, borzoi judge Loraine Boutwell

Best of Breed. Borzoi Mug

Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed. Borzoi Mug

Winners Dog & Bitch. Borzoi Tote Bag

Future MBC EVENTS - pending AKC approval -

Saturday August 9, 2014, MBC concurrent Specialty show outdoors, at the Cudahy all-breed show, Grant park, South Milwaukee Wisconsin. Borzoi judge Patricia Murphy (Oaklara borzoi), puppy and veteran sweepstakes judge Veni Harlan (Far Field borzoi). Roy Jones superintendent

Sunday, May 17, 2015, MBC Independent Specialty, indoors, at Sawmill Creek Resort, Huron Ohio (on the shores of Lake Erie between Sandusky and Cleveland). To be held the day after the Borzoi Club of America's National Specialty (same site). Borzoi judge: Lisa Warren. Sweepstakes judge: Jon Reimer.

Midwest Borzoi Club

Ordering Form: T-Shirt
Picture by Lucie Langlois
MAY 1 deadline for ordering



Gilden Brand 50/50 T-Shirt

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|------------|---|----|------|---|
| Light Gray | Small Medium Large X-Large 2X (additional charge of \$2.50) 3X (additional charge of \$3.50) | OR | Pink | Small Medium Large X-Large 2X (up charge) 3X (up charge) |
|------------|---|----|------|---|

Price per T-Shirt: \$18.00 (add up charge for large sizes)

Price if mailed (USA): \$23.00

Pick up at MBC Specialty in Kalamazoo

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone for questions: _____

Email contact: _____

Questions: bbqueenk@aol.com

Mail with payment (check payable to MBC) to: Barb Benjamin 2837 Jodore Toledo, OH 43606

DEADLINE for orders and payment

MAY 1, 2014

MIDWEST BORZOI CLUB CONFORMATION STATISTICS
09/01/12 THRU 08/31/13

DOGS:

1. GCH Jubilee Tadbit O'Brindle Mist, Cindi Gredys, Amelia Gredys & Robin Stachon, 227 pts
2. GCH Soyara's The Flying Dutchman, Prudence & Greg Hlatky, 188 pts.
3. GCH Avalyn's Magnum Force, Lynne Bennett & Barbaranne Benjamin, 154 pts.
4. GCH Eclipse Mild-Mannered Reporter, Chris Moyer & Kelly Brunarski, 112 pts
5. CH Majenkir Regal Heir, Karen Staudt-Cartabona, Karen & Howard Spey, 81 pts
6. GCH Avalon Oxota Katana Swift And Silent, MaryLee Jenko & Sandra Moore, 71 pts
7. GCH and DC LaVerite Texas Hold 'Em, Pat Hardy, 69 pts
8. GCH Dana Dan Silversmoke, Adrietta & Dana Thompson, 64 pts
9. GCH Paradise Spirit Torch Song Enchante, Mary Sue Marcyn, 55 pts
10. GCH Laureate Adrienne Executive Decision At Mystique, Ameera Hoffman & Raphael Finkelstein, 44 pts

BITCHES:

1. GCH Majenkir Bookstor Vintage Glamour, Karen Staudt-Cartabona, Karen & Howard Spey, 359 pts
2. GCH Majenkir Bookstor Glamour Girl, Karen Staudt-Cartabona, Karen & Howard Spey, 346 pts
3. CH Edenrock Ice Maiden At Calaron, Delores Swan & Penny Keiffer, 122 pts
4. CH Windrift Incantation, Jon & Nancy Reimer, 58 pts.
5. GCH Soyara's Karmen Fantasy, Prudence & Greg Hlatky, 37 pts
6. GCH Chihawk Echovesna I Luv You, Tami & Peggy Marshall, 35 pts
7. GCH Auroral's Jasmine Oonzova, Jon & Jennifer Steele, 26 pts
8. CH Nonsuch Lac Du Bay, Karen & Kalen Dumke, 26 pts
9. Avalyn's Regal Tatianna, Barbaranne Benjamin & Lynne Bennett, 24 pts
10. Windrift Tahoe Cassandra SC, Steve & K.C. Artley, 23 pts
10. GCH Avalyn Nakai Regal Enchantress, Lynne Bennett & Nancy Katsarelas, 23 pts

New AKC titles (dogs owned by MBC members, or bred by MBC members)

AKC Conformation Champion (CH).

CH Anotak Polar Icecap (D) HP36858107, 27-Dec-2009
by CH Majenkir Nearctic x CH Anotak Essence Of A
Dream, br/ow: Joyce & Roger Katona.

CH Anotak Arctic Frost BN RN CGC (D) HP36858104,
27-Dec-2009, by CH Majenkir Nearctic x CH Anotak
Essence Of A Dream, br: Joyce & Roger Katona, ow:
Robin Clancy.

CH Anotak Brilliance JC (B) HP33709705, 19-Jan-2009,
by GCH Anotak Luxor x CH Anotak Komet's Haley Of
Ravenna JC, br/ow: Roger & Joyce Katona.

CH Avalyn's Regal Tatianna (B) HP34331404, 11-May-
2009, by CH Majenkir Regal By Design x CH Avalyn
Nakai Kishka, br: Lynne Bennett & Nancy Katsarelas,
ow: Barbaranne Benjamin & Lynne Bennett.

CH Bon Ami Perfect Angel Howff Carbonel (B)
HP38429504, 27-July-2010, by GCH Zharkov Teine
Jansen x Nickolai Olovo Kalseru, br: Kelly Patti, ow:
Leigh & Vickie R Littleton.

CH Dipauls Calamity Jane (B) HP32633802, 3-July-
2008, by CH Rising Star Dipauls Brigadoon x CH
Risingstar Ont Wings Ofa Dove, br/ow: Paul & Diane
Spohn.

DC Highgarden Teine K-C Viking Voyage SC FCH (B) HP42162801, 18-Dec-2011 by GCH DC K-C Windsheer Stayin' Alive CD RN SC FCH CGC TDI x DC Baruschka's Krassiwaja SC, br: Amy Sikula & Anne Midgarden, ow; Kasey & Dale Parks & Leah Thorp.

CH Konstantin's Summer Solstice JC SC (D) HP40693904, 22-Jun-2011, by CH Paradise Spirit Me N' Bobby Mcgee UD RAE x CH Calaron Charley's Angel UDX BN RE SC, br/ow: Karen Haberkorn.

CH Lothlorien Make Mine Black Zharkov JC (D) HP33749401, 18-Jan-2009 by CH Lothlorien Darius Zharkov x Teine Cosmic Connection, br: Katie Kaltenborn & Shirri Peak, ow: Anne Midgarden & Katie Kaltenborn.

CH Majenkir The Sorceress Of Avalyn (B) HP21517101, 04-Jun-2006 by CH Majenkir Tretiak Of Avalyn x CH Majenker My Faith Of Avalyn SC, br: Lynne Bennett & Karen Staudt-Cartabona, ow: Lynne Bennett & Rachel Bennett.

CH Melockoff's Miss Ain'T Behavin' (B) HP36471001, 22-Dec-2009 by CH Leicro's Russian Ztarstrike JC x Rajalinjan Dessislava, br/ow: Gale Snoddy.

CH Nickolai Maviam Darkside Of The Moon (B) HP34500718, 8-May-2009, by CH Teine Fire & Brimstone RN JC x CH Nickolai Pavlip Kahlua CD JC, br: Sandra Hilbert & Bonnie Nichols, ow: Louise O'Bryan.

Grand Champion (GCH).

GCH Auroral's Artemus (D) HP32925001 18-Dec-2008 by CH Auroral's Ajax x GCH Auroral Rising Star Iroquois, br/ow: Jon & Jennifer Steele.

GCH Avalyn Nakai Regal Enchantress (B) HP34331401, 11-May-2009, by CH Majenkir Regal By Design ROMX-C x CH Avalyn Nakai Kishka, br/ow: Lynne Bennett & Nancy Katsarelas.

GCH Jubilee Renaissance Visions SC (D) HP40366906, 21-Mar-2011 by Jubilee Glacier Tinman x CH Renaissance Stones Of Iron, br: Chris Swilley & Robin Casey & Cynthia Gredys, ow: Cindi Gredys.

GCH Melockoff's Status Symbol (B) HP22787706 19-Jul-06 by CH Melockoff's Soul Man x Anuschka Od Nebeskeho Rybnika JC, br/ow: Gale Snoddy.

Beginner Novice Obedience (BN).

CH Anotak Arctic Frost BN RN CGC (D) HP36858104, 27-Dec-2009, by CH Majenkir Nearctic x CH Anotak Essence Of A Dream, br: Joyce & Roger Katona, ow: Robin Clancy.

Utility Dog (UD).

CH Paradise Spirit Me N' Bobby Mcgee UD RAE (D) HP30293801, 01-Apr-2008 by DC Sylvan Seabury Virago SC FCH ROMX-C x CH Iskra Kalinow, br: Susan Motisi & Kristi Arnuist, ow: Karen Haberkorn.

Canine Good Citizen (CGC)

Starswift Let Freedom Ring CGC (D) HP44209802, 11-Nov-2012, by DC Teine Twist Of Fate SC FCH x GCH DC Avalon Victoria Cross BN RN SC LCM, br: Jamie Bobrowski, ow: Martine Burton & Stewart Burton.

Starswift Justice For All CGC (B) HP44209801, 11-Nov-2012, by DC Teine Twist Of Fate SC FCH x GCH DC Avalon Victoria Cross BN RN SC LCM, br: Jamie Bobrowski, ow: Kathleen Lucy

Field Champion (FC).

FC Highgarden Teine K-C Viking Voyage SC (B) HP42162801, 18-Dec-2011 by GCH DC K-C Windsheer Stayin' Alive CD RN SC FCH CGC TDI x DC Baruschka's Krassiwaja SC, br: Amy Sikula & Anne Midgarden, ow; Kasey & Dale Parks & Leah Thorp.

FC Highgarden Teine K-C Viking Voyage SC (B) HP42162801, 18-Dec-2011 by GCH DC K-C Windsheer Stayin' Alive CD RN SC FCH CGC TDI x DC Baruschka's Krassiwaja SC, br: Amy Sikula & Anne Midgarden, ow; Kasey & Dale Parks & Leah Thorp.

FC Jubilee Drop Of Golden Sun SC (B) HP42178205, 20-Nov-2011 by CH Zabava Mars JC x GCH Jubilee-Katushka Ebel, br/ow: Cynthia Gredys.

DC Jubilee Millionairess At Val-Thor SC (B) HP38823701, 19-Jul-2010 by GCH Katushka-Jubilee Movado x CH Jubilee's Dunamai Sozo CD RE, br: Cynthia Gredys & Joyce Law & Amelia Gredys, ow: Betty De La Rosa & Cynthia Gredys.

GCH DC La Verite Texas Hold 'Em SC (D) HP39714006, 11-Jan-2011 by GCH Aria's Ain'T No Angel x CH La Verite Nacogdoches SC, br: Richard Terry, ow: Pat Hardy.

DC Teine Lord Of The Isles JC SC FCH (D) 16-Mar-2006 by DC Mufasa's Knight In Armour MC LCM x CH Teine Abracadabra SC, br: Anne Midgarden, ow: Melissa Pearce & Rebecca Peters-Campbell.

Senior Courser (SC)

Highgarden Teine Septimus Severus SC FCH (D) HP42162807, 18-Dec-2011, by GCH DC K-C WindSheer Stayin' Alive CD RN SC FCH CGC TDI x DC

Baruschka's Krassiwaja SC, br: Amy Sikula & Anne Midgarden, ow: Marilyn Kivela.

Baruschka's Krassiwaja SC, br: Amy Sikula & Anne Midgarden, ow; Dale & Kasey Parks.

Highgarden Teine K-C King Of Sparta SC (D) HP42162802, 18-Dec-2011, by GCH K-C Windsheer Stayin' Alive CD RN SC FCH CGC TDI x DC

FC Jubilee Drop Of Golden Sun SC (B) HP42178205, 20-Nov-2011 by CH Zabava Mars JC x GCH Jubilee-Katushka Ebel, br/ow: Cynthia Gredys.

MEMBER NEWS

The Borzoi Club of America's National Specialty was held April 6 - 12 in Albuquerque New Mexico. The sweepstakes judge was Chere Hunchak and the breed judge was Jon Steele. Anne Midgarden handled Riju Enjoy The Ride to first in Open, and Winners Dog (bred by June Mintchell and Sandra Hilbert, and co-owned with June Mintchell). Majenkir Firelily won the open class, won Winners Bitch and Best of Winners, owners Karen Staudt-Cartabona & Cynthia Allen. Majenkir Eureka won 2nd in the Bred-By bitch class, owner Karen Staudt-Cartabona. FC Jubilee Drop of Golden Sun SC won 3rd in the Bred-By Exhibitor bitch class, owner Cynthia Gredys. DC Teine Twist of Fate won 3rd in the regular Veteran male 7 - 10 years class, owner handled by Anne Midgarden. CH Jubilee Dunamai Sozo CD RE won 3rd in the regular Veteran bitch 10 years and over class, owner Cynthia Gredys. Sozo also won first in the veteran sweeps class for bitches 10 years and older. Leigh and Vicki Littleton's two males, Akanni's Prince Madoc Howff Carbonel and Akanni's Amarak Howff Carbonel went 2nd and 3rd in the 9-12 month class (bred by Amy Balthrop and Anne Midgarden). These boys also won 3rd and 4th in their sweepstakes class. Making the cut in Best of Breed males, were GCH Avalon Oxota Katana Swift and Silent owners Marylee Jenko and Sandra Moore, GCH Jubilee Renaissance Visions SC owners Cynthia Gredys and Emma Gauthier, and CH Jubilee Glacier Ozlandia SC owners Cynthia Gredys, Amelia Gottsch and Emma Gauthier. Making the cut in Best of Breed females were CH Rising Star Amber owner Nadine Johnson handled by Laurie Countney, DC Jubilee Millionairess At Val-Thor SC owners Betty De la Rosa and Cynthia Gredys, and DC Avalon Oxota Cinquedeia SC owners Leigh and Vicki Littleton, handled by Kari McCloskey. Winning BOS was GCH Majenkir Bookstor Vintage Glamour, owned by Karen & Howard Spey, co-owned by Karen Staudt-Cartabona and handled by Stuart McGraw. For the first time, there was a Dual Champion Sweepstakes competition. Judge Susan Mallonee awarded Best Dual Champion to DC Jubilee Millionairess At Val-Thor SC owners Betty De la Rosa and Cynthia Gredys.

AKC NEWS

New Point Scales, effective May 14, 2014.

Number of Males/Females needed

| Region # for states | 1 point | 2 points | 3 points | 4 points | 5 points |
|---------------------------------|---------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 1 - CT Mass NH RI VT | 2/2 | 3/3 | 4/5 | 5/7 | 6/9 |
| 2 - DEL NJ NY PA | 2/2 | 4/4 | 5/5 | 8/10 | 16/18 |
| 3 - Maryland NC TENN VA WV | 2/2 | 3/3 | 5/5 | 7/8 | 12/13 |
| 4 - FL Georgia SC | 2/2 | 3/4 | 4/5 | 6/6 | 9/8 |
| 5 - Ohio KY Indiana | 2/2 | 4/4 | 5/6 | 6/8 | 9/11 |
| 6 - Iowa, KS MISS NEB | 2/2 | 3/4 | 5/5 | 7/8 | 10/13 |
| 7 - Colorado TX OK | 2/2 | 4/5 | 6/8 | 9/11 | 14/15 |
| 8 - Oregon Washington | 2/2 | 4/5 | 5/6 | 8/9 | 13/13 |
| 9 - Arizona California | 2/2 | 4/5 | 7/8 | 10/12 | 16/20 |
| 13 - ID MT NEV NM ND SD MT | 2/2 | 3/4 | 4/5 | 6/7 | 8/9 |
| 14 - AL ARK LA MISS | 2/2 | 3/4 | 4/6 | 5/7 | 6/8 |
| 15 - Illinois Mich Wisconsin MN | 2/2 | 4/4 | 5/6 | 8/9 | 12/15 |

(editor's note: the number of borzoi needed for majors continues to drop)

AKC News - February 2014:

The American Kennel Club (AKC) lauds the US Senate for passing a new five-year Farm Bill today that addresses some of the AKC's concerns regarding recent regulatory changes to the Animal Welfare Act (AWA) by the USDA/APHIS Retail Pet Stores and Licensing Exemptions rule. The House of Representatives passed the bill last week.

AKC outlined to Farm Bill negotiators from the Senate and House Agriculture committees that although the intent of the changes to the rule was to regulate large-scale breeders and Internet pet sellers, it also would have required some small hobby breeders who maintain more than four "breeding females" and transfer an occasional dog sight unseen, to be licensed and regulated as commercial pet dealers. The regulation also would have required small hobby breeders who provide foster homes for rescue dogs to be licensed as commercial breeders if they maintain more than four female dogs and occasionally use an intermediary to transfer a foster dog to its new home.

The changes in the Farm Bill (HR 2642) will reduce the number of breeders and dealers otherwise required to obtain a license if the size of their business is determined to be "*de minimis*" (minimal). The Farm Bill Conference Report also allows USDA to "determine if the number of animals they breed or sell or the gross annual dollar amounts earned are so minor as to merit disregard."

The measure's conference report states that this will free up more USDA resources and recommends that APHIS finalize a rule regarding this change within the year.

"We believe these changes will be welcome to responsible small breeders who not only breed occasionally, but also provide foster homes for rescue dogs," said AKC Government Relations Director Sheila Goffe. "Without these changes, many could have been forced to give up their rescue activities unless they could obtain a USDA pet dealer license."

A second measure supported by the AKC directs APHIS to clarify the term "breeding female". This term is currently used in AWA regulations to define who should be regulated as a pet dealer, but it lacks authority because it does not appear in the underlying statute. The conference report urged APHIS to clarify *that only those female animals capable of reproduction and actively being used in a breeding program should qualify as breeding females.*

A third measure in the Farm Bill also codifies the regulatory changes made by USDA/APHIS in the Retail Pet Stores and Licensing Exemptions rule in late 2013.

AKC News - December 11, 2013: The AKC Board reviewed a recommendation for a pilot program which will allow clubs with relatively small entries (500 or less) to hold two shows in one day. The shows may be held by the same club or multiple clubs. The number of point shows for an individual breed is limited to two per day. No concurrent or evening specialties may be held in conjunction with the shows. Junior Showmanship competition is allowed. Obedience and Rally competitions are allowed, but must have their own ring(s) for competition. Club(s) may hold two all-breed shows in one day, two group shows of the same group in one day, or a combination of all-breed and group shows. All-breed shows must offer group and best in show competition. Group shows must offer group competition. Consecutive days of multiple shows in one day are allowed. After one year of implementation, the success of the pilot program will be assessed and a report will be presented to the Board with a recommendation for future shows.

AKC News - Changes effective 1 May 2014 for **obedience group exercises**: If a dog has non-qualified in an individual exercise and, in the opinion of the judge the dog demonstrated uncontrolled behavior, the judge must release the dog from performing the group exercises. Dogs must be spaced with a minimum of 4 feet between each dog on one side of the ring. Dogs shall be a minimum of 4 feet from the ring barrier. If a dog leaves the place where it was left during the group exercise, in Novice the judge must promptly instruct the handler to remove their dog from the ring. In Open, if a dog leaves the place where it was left during the group exercise, the judge has the option of either asking that the handler be recalled to remove the dog or promptly instructing a steward to remove the dog, depending on the nature of the occurrence. The judge's decision shall be guided by consideration for the safety of all involved. Any dog that leaves the place where it was left during the first group exercise must be excused from the remaining group exercise.