

# Lines From Linda

BY LINDA AYERS TURNER KNORR

## Breaking News from Louisville



**“S**pring Fever” is on the way! If you haven’t caught it yet, when you drive past the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center’s magnificent blooming ornamental pear trees into the entrance of the Kentuckiana Cluster Dog Shows it will surely hit you! A side effect of “Spring Fever” disease is “March Madness”. The combi-

nation of both in addition to being surrounded by thousands of “AKC Addicts” will produce a state of euphoria.

Medical experts advise that the disease only worsens with the accumulation of colored ribbons, especially those in combinations of purple and gold and red, white and blue. Knowing the great number of you who will be affected, I can only wish you the best!

Long known for being among of the most exciting clusters of the year, the Mid Kentucky Kennel Club, Louisville Kennel Club and the Evansville Kennel Club joined by the Greater Louisville Training Club join forces to include many of our sport’s most popular events! With the backdrop of a city filled with legendary sites such as Churchill Downs, their success is guaranteed.

AKC Executive Vice President Doug Ljungren’s team continues to work to enhance our sport’s many events. The latest changes and items passed by our AKC Board of Directors have been announced by Bri Tesarz, AKC Event Operations Program Manager. Please take the time to read what’s next.

### TWO SHOWS IN ONE DAY— MANAGING SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS

The Board has approved a change to this policy that makes approval of future events held in this format contingent on successful management of any offered special attractions. Clubs offering two shows in one day should be aware of how special attractions will impact their schedule. Unnecessary delays to the regular show or special attraction or the same regular and NOHS groups conflicting would be considered mismanagement of the event. The complete policy can be viewed here: <http://www.akc.org/rules/policy-manual/policy-manual-shows/>.

### NOHS POINTS AT NATIONAL SPECIALTY

Effective October 11, 2018 (the start of the new NOHS Qualifying Period), NOHS Best of Breed/Variety awarded at the National Specialty will earn 10 points. This is a change that gives this win more prestige than a win at any other specialty event throughout the year.

### CHANGES TO EVENING SPECIALTY POLICY

Changes to this policy allow clubs more flexibility in having a specialty after an all-breed/group club’s event. Effective March 1, 2018, clubs hosting an evening specialty are limited to 50 entries per ring per judge provided the rings are run concurrently. The full policy can be viewed here: <http://www.akc.org/rules/policy-manual/policy-manual-shows/>. Should you have any questions, email [eventnews@akc.org](mailto:eventnews@akc.org).



Bri Tesarz, AKC Event Operations Manager Dog Show Rules & Programs, assisted by “Ember”, her Portuguese Water Dog, Rough Seas’ Midsummer Bonfire at Gablynn BN RN CGC TKA WWD..

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Judy and Linda at Churchill Downs

## **SWEEPSTAKES ENTRY FEE RETENTION**

The Board approved a change to the percentage of the entry fee a club can retain from sweepstakes. Club will be allowed to retain up to 50% of the sweepstakes entry fee in order to cover their expenses associated with the sweepstakes classes.

Also this month are our super charged AKC Board elections! There is a buzz in the air as the candidates offer very different options for the Delegates.

No matter who your own personal favorites may be, we owe a great deal of debt to these ladies and gentlemen who are running for these important positions. Each of them shares a passion for our American Kennel Club and it's future. Once they are elected, it remains our responsibility to communicate with them and do our part to help them succeed in achieving their goals of growing a passion for Purebred Dogs!

Two amazing personalities of the Dog World celebrate in a big way this month. Happy Birthday to Judy Cooper! And after recovering from his very big fall, our legendary Clint Harris (last seen driving around in his Jaguar) will be on hand to enjoy the Kentuckiana shows! Now that's breaking news from Louisville! ■