

# DECISION 2000

## National Canine Association Throws Hat Into The Race

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Many of us are in transition. We're on the move. Things are changing all around us and change brings on anxiety.

The Danish philosopher, Soren Kierkegaard, once wrote that life is better understood looking backwards, but it must be lived looking forward.

Now as we look ahead, we see not only a new year, a new decade or even a new century but a new millennium. For some this is frightening; for others, exciting. For all of us, though, this should be challenging.

Life is unpredictable. If you are in the dog game you already know this. What has happened at shows over the last twelve months you did not expect this time last year?

Our sport is full of surprises, isn't it. Actually I am glad. I prefer life to be like a good book or movie, with a twist or turn I was not expecting.

Remember the words of Forrest Gump, "Life is like a box of chocolates and you never know what you are going to get."

One new surprise for our sport in the year 2000 is that we are getting a new kennel club, the National Canine Association. A Delaware corporation founded in August of 1997, the National Canine Association lists its executive officers as Joseph E. Gregory and Col. Wallace Pedé. Incorporated as a "for profit" Chapter S corporation. Its goal is within five years to go public and be owned by the members and participants within the sport.

During the Florida Circuit I sat down with Wally Pedé to discuss the new organization. Here is what he shared with me.

"We want to offer people an alternative with a completely different view of dog shows."

Pedé is currently a dog show judge recognized by the American Kennel Club. He is also vice-president and executive secretary for the Senior Conformation Judges Association of which he was one of its founders seventeen years ago. Joe



Col. Wally Pedé explaining concepts of his National Canine Association to Linda Ayers Turner Knorr

Gregory, an AKC all-breed judge, also serves as a vice-president of the SCJA.

"Linda, after being part of the dog game for well over forty years, I found that in heading the SCJA for the past seventeen years, I have worked with seven different presidents at our American Kennel Club in New York. I believe the sport will welcome having another choice. I want you to read a poem I wrote:

***For Those That Say It Can't Be Done***

*The people who miss all the fun,  
Are those that say, "It can't be done."  
They sit around and just complain,  
Yet they greet new ventures with disdain.  
Had they the power, they'd erase  
All the accomplishments of the human race.  
There would be no radio or motor cars,  
No Hubble telescope to look at stars.  
The postal service would be the only way,  
to send a letter in the USA.  
Since there'd be no company called Federal Express,  
Or the other one called UPS.  
Ma Bell would still be in command.  
We'd all be paying what they demand.  
Since there'd be no Sprint or MCI,  
As a choice for you and I.  
There would be no sitting by a TV set  
To say nothing of the internet.  
Recall the fellow who took on NBC & the rest of the bunch.  
Wall Street and the bankers thought he was out to lunch.  
When a network he wanted for his very own,  
Lucky for him, he didn't need a loan.  
Now CNN is on the front burner.  
Where would the world be without guys like Ted Turner.  
We'll tell you where.  
Our knives would still be made of bone.  
We'll all be living in the age of stone.  
The world would sleep if things were run,  
By folks who say, "It can't be done."*

Next, Wally gave me a sneak preview of a rough draft of his yet to be printed brochure announcing the National Canine Association.

I thought you might be interested in the highlights of the new pamphlet.

Their concept for the new millennium is the following:

- To establish a new canine registry
- A more relaxed atmosphere at events
- More camaraderie
- No occupational eligibility restrictions for our judges
- Provisions for all dogs and dog lovers



**Joseph E. Gregory is CEO of the National Canine Association**

• Realizing for the non-professionals, showing is a hobby; while for the professionals, it is a business. Both elements are essential for a complete and meaningful event. National Canine Association has leveled the playing field making the events more competitive and more interesting.

The new club's mission is to provide at the national and international level, a venue that allows for the challenge and excitement of competition in a more relaxed and enjoyable atmosphere and on a more level playing field. To provide separate competition for owner handlers with unique provisions which allow the "best" of the non-professionals (owner-handlers) to compete with the "best" of the professionals at every level from winners dog and bitch through group and best in show. Each advances within his (non-professional and professional) irrespective of winning over the other at the previous level.

The national canine association plans

to establish a new and different canine registry utilizing and taking advantage of the latest technology involving the internet and all of its interrelated components.

Pedé plans to work with affiliated associations to provide a means for the hard working and dedicated individuals at the show giving level to incorporate and to exercise greater input into their own local events. . . . to encourage the local clubs to use their own imagination, initiative and resources to incorporate various entertaining events at their shows to further enhance participation and attendance by the public and enjoyment by everyone. . . . to provide a means to have them share in the profits of their labors in the true American tradition.

Both judges for many years themselves, Gregory and Pedé feel that our



**Joe Gregory has spent most of his life participating in American Kennel Club events... first as a professional handler and presently as an all-breed judge.**



**Col. Pedé presently serves as Vice-President and Executive Secretary of the Senior Conformation Judges Association**

judges play a key role in the success of any show. They have provided means to allow judges to be immediately recognized for all breeds and groups which they are presently approved for by any recognized national or international kennel club or association. The National Canine Association has also provided means for the judges, at the same time, to apply for additional breeds and/or groups based on their years of experience and seniority. NCA judges will be treated as an important part of the National Canine Association family. There will be no occupational eligibility restrictions on judges. Provisions have also been made for the dedicated and

responsible breeders to start their judging careers with the National Canine Association.

An increasing interest in rare breeds throughout the world is evident. A majority of the rare breeds are owned by individuals who also own recognized breeds. The National Canine Association will provide a means for the individuals to show both the recognized and rare breeds at the same national all-breed show. Again, the National Canine Association has provided a unique opportunity by providing a separate "rare breed group." The rare breeds will compete within their respective breeds for best of breed. Each rare breed best of breed will compete in the "rare breed group."

This will allow the first through fourth group placements (if not champions) to gain further championship points. The National Canine Association rules will guarantee for the first time that a "rare" breed will be represented in every all-breed best in show lineup.

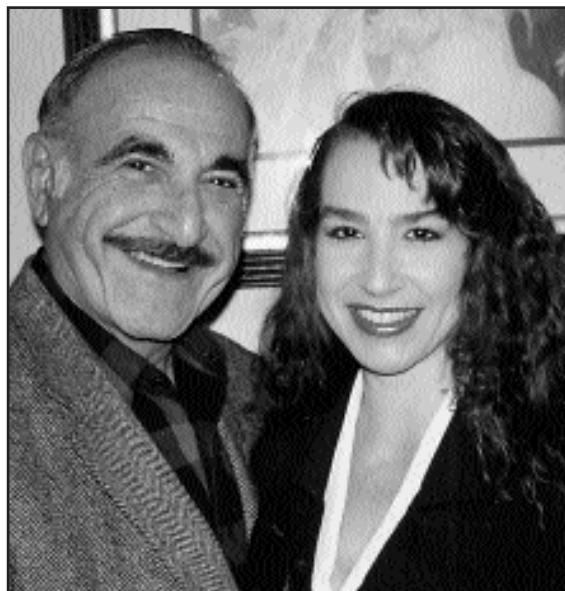
National Canine Association requires

that a dog attain 100 points to be certified as a champion. The quality of a dog can be demonstrated, not only by winning within the breed, but also by defeating best of breed winners in the group and best in show competition. This should prove beneficial to those quality dogs in breeds in which entries are generally more limited.

A maximum of twenty-five points may be awarded at any one show inclusive of group and best in show wins.

Conformation competition is divided into two tiers non-professional and professional.

The determining factor to distinguish between non-professional and professional is the status of the handler and not the dog, for all classes, best of breed, group and best in show.



While judging in Florida, Col. Pedé was joined by his lovely granddaughter.

The new organization will recognize the following breeds and groups:

#### SPORTING GROUP - GROUP I

Braque Francais (Gascogne)  
Braque Francais (Pyrenees)  
Brittany  
Pointer  
German Longhaired Pointer  
German Shorthaired Pointer  
Germ-An Wirehaired Pointer  
Pudelpointer  
Chesapeake Bay Retriever  
Curly-Coated Retriever  
Flat-Coated Retriever  
Golden Retriever  
Labrador Retriever  
Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever  
English Setter  
Gordon Setter  
Irish Setter  
American Cocker Spaniel  
American Water Spaniel  
Blue Picardy Spaniel  
Clumber Spaniel  
English Cocker Spaniel  
English Springer Spaniel  
Field Spaniel  
French Spaniel  
Irish Water Spaniel  
Sussex Spaniel  
Welsh Springer Spaniel  
Smooth Vizsla  
Wirehaired Vizsla  
Weimaraner  
Wirehaired Pointed Griffon

#### HOUND GROUP - GROUP II

Afghan Hound  
Basenji  
Basset Hound  
Beagle  
Black & Tan Coonhound  
Bloodhound  
Dachshund

Smooth Dachshund  
Drever. Foxhound, American  
Foxhound, English  
Greyhound  
Harner  
Ibizan Hound  
Irish Wolfhound  
Norrbottnenspets  
Norwegian Elkhound  
Norwegian Lundehund  
Otterhound  
Petit Basset Griffon Vendeen  
Pharoah Hound  
Plott Hound  
Rhodesian Ridgeback  
Saluki  
Scottish Deerhound  
Whippet

#### WORKING GROUP - GROUP III

Akita  
Alaskan Malamute  
Anatolian Shepherd  
Bernese Mountain Dog  
Boxer  
Bullmastiff  
Doberman Pinscher  
Entlebucher Mountain Dog  
Eurasier  
Giant Schnauzer  
Great Dane  
Great Pyrenees  
Greenland Dog  
Greater Swiss Mountain Dog  
Karelian Bear Dog  
Komondor  
Kuvasz  
Leonberger  
Mastiff  
Newfoundland  
Portuguese Water Dog  
Rottweiler

Saint Bernard  
Samoyed  
Siberian Husky  
Standard Schnauzer  
**TERRIER GROUP - GROUP IV**  
Airedale Terrier  
American Staffordshire Terrier  
Australian Terrier  
Bedlington Terrier  
Border Terrier  
Bull Terrier  
Cairn Terrier  
Dandie Dinmont Terrier  
Smooth Fox Terrier  
Wire Fox Terrier  
Irish Terrier  
Kerry Blue Terrier  
Lakeland Terrier  
Standard Manchester Terrier  
Miniature Bull Terrier  
Miniature Schnauzer  
Norfolk Terrier  
Norwich Terrier  
Scottish Terrier  
Sealyham Terrier  
Skye Terrier  
Soft-Coated Wheaten Terrier  
Staffordshire Bull Terrier  
Welsh Terrier  
West Highland White Terrier

#### TOY GROUP - GROUP V

Affenpinscher  
Brussels Griffon  
Cavalier King Charles Spaniel  
Chihuahua  
Chinese Crested Dog  
English Toy Spaniel  
Havanese  
Italian Greyhound  
Japanese Chin  
Maltese

Toy Manchester Terrier  
Mexican Hairless  
Miniature Pinscher  
Papillon  
Pekingese  
Pomeranian  
Toy Poodle  
Pug  
Shih Tzu  
Silky Terrier  
Yorkshire Terrier

#### NON-SPORTING GROUP - GROUP VI

American Eskimo  
Bichon Frise  
Boston Terrier Bulldog  
Chinese Shar Pei  
Chow Chow  
Dalmatian  
Finnish Spitz  
French Bulldog  
Japanese Spitz  
Keeshond  
Lhasas Apso  
Lowchen  
Miniature Poodle  
Standard Poodle  
Schipperke  
Shiba Inu  
Tibetan Spaniel  
Tibetan Terrier  
**HERDING GROUP - GROUP VII**  
Australian Cattle Dog  
Australian Shepherd  
Bearded Collie  
Belgian Shepherd, Groenendael  
Belgian Shepherd, Laekenois  
Belgian Malinois  
Belgian Tervuren  
Berger Picard (Picardy Sheepdog)  
Berger Des Pyrenees (Pyrenean

Shepherd Dog)  
Border Collie  
Bouvier Des Flandres  
Briard  
Canaan Dog  
Rough Collie  
Smooth Collie  
German Shepherd Dog  
Norwegian Buhund  
Old English Sheepdog  
Puli  
Shetland Sheepdog  
Swedish Vallhund  
Cardigan Welsh Corgi  
Pembroke Welsh Corgi

**RARE BREED GROUP - GROUP VIII**

**SUB GROUP I**

**HERDING/FLOCK GUARDIAN**

Akbash  
Appenzeller Mountain  
Australian Shepherd - Miniature  
Australian Kelpie  
Beauceron  
Bergamasco  
Cao Da Serra De Aires  
Cao Da Castro Laboreiro  
Cao De Fila De Miguel  
Catalonian Sheepdog  
English Shepherd  
Entlebucher  
Estrealian Mountain  
Holland Shepherd  
La Catahoula Leopard  
Lankenois  
Maremma-Abbruzze  
Mudi  
North American Shepherd  
Owczarek Podhalandski  
Picardy Shepherd  
Polish Lowland Sheepdog (Polish  
Owczarek Nizinny)  
Pyrenean Shepherd  
Pumi  
Sar Planina  
Shiloh Shepherd  
Slovensky  
Cuvac  
S Russian Owtcharka  
White German Shepherd

White Shepherd  
**SUB GROUP 2 TERRIER**  
American Hairless Terrier - St  
American Pit Bull Terrier

Cesky Terrier  
Fell (Patterdale)  
Jadgtterrier  
Glenn Of Imaal Terrier  
Parson Jack Russell  
Rat Terrier

**SUB GROUP 3**

**SPITZ & PRIMITIVE BREEDS**

Canadian Eskimo Dog  
Carolina Dog  
Chinook  
Chinese Foo Dog  
Cirneco Dell' Etna  
Dingo  
Euraiser  
Finnish Lapphund  
German Spitz  
Greenland  
Hokkaido Ken  
Iceland Dog  
Jamdeund  
Jindo  
Kai Ken  
Karelian Bear  
Karel-Finnish Liaka  
Kishu  
New Guinea Singing Norrbottenspets  
Norwegian Buhund  
Norwegian Lundehund  
Perro Sin Del Peru & Toy  
Peruvian Inca Orchid  
Russian European Liaka  
Sanshu  
Thai Ridgeback  
Xololtzcuintli-St  
Xololtzcuintli-Min

**SUB GROUP 4 & SPORTING**

Barbel  
Boykin Spaniel  
Bracco Italiano  
Braque Bourbonnais  
Braque Dupy  
Braque D'auvergne  
Braque Français  
Braque Saint-Germain  
Irish Red & White Sette

Munsterlander-Large  
Munsterlander-Small  
Nova Scotia Duck Trolling Retriever  
Old Danish Pointer  
Perdigueur0 Portugues  
Picardy Spaniel  
Spinone Italinio  
Stabyhoun'd

**SUB GROUP 5 WORKING I**

Aidi  
Alapaha Blue Blood Bulldog  
Argentine Dogo  
Austrian Pinscher  
Black Russian Terrier  
Cane Corso  
Caucasian Owtcharka  
Cantral Asian Owtcharka  
Dogue De Bordeaux  
Fila Brasileiro  
Middle Asian Ovtcharka

**SUB GROUP 6 WORKING II**

German Pinscher  
Hovawart  
Leonberger  
Neapolitan Mastiff  
Olde English Bulldog  
Presa Canarlo  
Presa Mallorquin  
Spanish Mastiff  
Tibetan Mastiff  
Tibetan Kyi-Apso  
Tosa-Ken

**SUB GROUP 7 COMPANION & EXOTIC BREEDS**

American Hairless Terrier - Toy  
American Lamalese  
Bolognese  
Coton De Tulear  
English Toy Terrier  
Kyi-Leo  
Mi-Ki  
Mini-Pei  
Toy Fox Terrier  
Anglo Francais Tricolor

**SUB GROUP 8 HOUNDS**

Azawakh  
Basset Artesian Norman  
Basset Bleu De Gascogne  
Basset Fauve De Bretagne  
Basset Griffon Vendeen

Batard  
Bleu De Gascogne  
Black Forest Hound  
Bluetick Coonhound  
Bosnian Hound  
Briquet Griffon Vendeen  
Bruno De Jura  
Chart Polski  
Fauve De Bretagne  
Grand Anglo-Francais  
G Basset Griffon Verdeen  
Grand Bleu De Gascogne  
Gascon Saintongeois  
Greek Greyhound  
Griffon Fauve De Bretagne  
Griffon Nivernais  
Hamilton Hound  
Hanoverian Schweisshund  
Hellenic Hound  
Kirghiz  
Long Haired Whippet  
Magyar Agar  
Mountain Cur  
Orgar Polski  
Petit Bleu De Gascogne  
Podengo Canario  
Podengo Pequeno  
Poitevin  
Porcaiane  
Posavaski Gonici  
Rastreador Brasileiro  
Redbone Coonhound  
Redtick Coonhound  
Sabueso Hound  
Schiller Hound  
Sloughi  
Slovakian Hound  
South Russian Steppe  
Styrian Mountain  
Telomlan  
Tennessee Treeing Brindle  
Transylvania Hound  
Treeing Walker  
Trigg Hound  
Tyrolean  
Verelade  
Wachtelhund  
Wirehair  
Styrian Mountain  
Yugoslavian Hound

Ten all-breed shows are being planned for the year 2000.

However, the first event will be a match to take place on April 2, in Greenville, South Carolina. This will be a good check for the group's new computer system. Additional shows are planned to geographically cover all areas of the country.

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Remember the 1950's television show

starring Robert Young and Jane Wyatt, "Father Knows Best"? It was a show about a family who lived in a dream world where children's problems were always solved in thirty minutes because their parents were so wise and capable. To be sure, that world existed only on television. Most problems take longer than thirty minutes to solve and no parent has all the right answers.

Positive changes could bode well for the future of our sport. Dedicated, well meaning professionals are in command of each one of our kennel club choices. Changes are brought about by an increasing public interest in dog events.

Policy-making executives should pledge their cooperation to meeting the

needs of breeders, exhibitors, judges, kennel clubs, and those individuals who want to learn more and enjoy owning quality pets.

We must pledge our cooperation to the kennel club of our choice to gain their sensitivity to our needs. The desires of the public can best be achieved through careful choices.

The future looks bright for growth in all areas of the dog world.

What do you think is the best way for you personally to be a part of the sport of dog shows?

That is your decision!!!

– *Linda Ayers Turner Knorr*