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## **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**THIS EDITION OF THE SCJA NEWSLETTER HAS YOUR DUES NOTICE AND A QUESTIONNAIRE WITH A RETURN SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE.** We request you take the five minutes to fill out the questionnaire and of course mail it in with your dues.

Our dues have remained the same since our inception in 1983. Our annual dues of \$30.00 (\$40.00 for husband & wife) are now due. For those members who were on the ball and sent their dues in on their own, and for our recently joined members, there will be a highlighted "**NO DUES DUE!**" line at the bottom of the enclosed dues notice. In these cases, do not send your dues in, but **please return** the form since it asks for other information. Please take the time to fill out the dues notice completely and return the dues notice form with your dues along with the questionnaire in the return envelope as soon as possible!!!

## **SCJA'S LEGAL OPINION ON THE AKC BOARD'S ILL-CONCEIVED POLICY RESTRICTING THE ACTIVITIES OF AKC JUDGES**

All of our members are aware of the positive action taken by the SCJA both in writing and by the personal lobbying of SCJA's CEO of the Delegates at two of the Delegates' official meetings.

At one of these official meetings, the Delegates were informed by the Vice Chairman that the SCJA position covered in SCJA's June 9, 2006 open letter was dead wrong, and consequently, the AKC Board failed to take any action. The SCJA continued the uphill struggle and worked with a number of AKC Delegates and others to convince the AKC Board to change their unauthorized policy.

## **SCJA'S LEGAL OPINION ON THE AKC BOARD'S ILL-CONCEIVED POLICY RESTRICTING THE ACTIVITIES OF AKC JUDGES (con't.)**

Subsequently, after repeated letters from the SCJA and objections from individuals and three subsequent AKC Board votes, the AKC Board finally revoked that part of the policy which restricted AKC judges from judging for other registries.

Concerned about the welfare of the sport and our members and with donations from our members, the SCJA obtained a legal opinion from a prestigious national law firm **which is enclosed. We suggest each member read it in its entirety.** It clearly vindicates SCJA's original declaration that the AKC Board's action was without authority and affirms unequivocally that **the AKC Delegates have the "sole" power to change rules according to the authority vested to them in ARTICLE XIX of AKC's bylaws.**

## **AKC PRESIDENT'S MISLEADING REPORT TO AKC'S DELEGATE BODY**

At an official meeting of the Delegates, it was reported that all three national judges groups attended a meeting on the subject of judges' education with the AKC Judges Department. The report left the Delegates with the impression that the SCJA had actually attended such a meeting, and worse, that the SCJA had concurred with all the new provisions for judges' education. In fact, the last such actual meeting took place in St. Louis, MO on June 10, 1998 and was attended by two members from each of the three national judges groups, the AKC Judges Department and the then-AKC President, Al Cheauré. Subsequent to this erroneous report to the Delegates, the SCJA sent a letter requesting a correction be made to the Delegates --- To date, no correction has been issued.

When the SCJA made a second request for a correction, we were advised that the report was referring to telephone conversations and conversations at dog shows and other canine events between the SCJA CEO and AKC staffers. We want to reiterate that these conversations **do not** constitute a "meeting". **Concerning the judges approval process, the SCJA is on record saying that we can no longer apply band-aids to fix a problem that requires major surgery.**

The SCJA, along with a majority of AKC judges, and from what we hear even a few AKC Board members, believes that the current bureaucratic and unrealistic judges approval process needs to be completely overhauled. The SCJA suggested some time ago a committee be appointed consisting of two representatives from each of the three national judges groups together with a judge at large appointed by the AKC Board and an AKC staff member, preferably one with judging experience. The committee would develop a rational process built on the fundamental principle that the best way to learn to judge a breed is to have the opportunity to judge it. Realizing as well, considering life's endeavors, let's come up with a program that permits an individual to judge one of seven Groups in less time than it takes to become a heart surgeon or an astronaut, or as inferred in a recent email from a new member, "*Thanks for the warm welcome...Yes, I'm provisional for \_\_\_\_\_ breed...yet doubt I'll have the strength to go for too many more breeds. Jeez, it's easier to become a CIA covert operative...*"

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**NEW YORK FEBRUARY 7<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

**We strongly recommend you make your reservations ASAP.**

**NEW YORK'S HOTEL PENNSYLVANIA, 401 7<sup>th</sup> Ave., New York, NY 10001 (across from the front**

## NEW YORK FEBRUARY 7<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008 (con't.)

entrance to the Garden on 7th Ave.) 1-800-223-8585. Tell them you want the "**SENIOR CONFORMATION JUDGES ASSOC. BLOCK**". "**WITHOUT DOGS**", Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> rates of single/double \$195.00, triple \$220.00, quad \$245.00; Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> rates of single/double \$159.00, triple \$184.00, quad \$209.00. "**WITH DOGS**" Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> single/double \$239.00, triple \$264.00, quad \$289.00; Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> rates of single/double \$159.00, triple \$184.00, quad \$209.00. Premium rooms with dogs \$299.00.

**NEW YORKER HOTEL**, 481 Eighth Ave. at 34<sup>th</sup> St., New York, NY 10001 (behind the Garden on 8<sup>th</sup> Ave.) 1-800-764-4680 or 1-212-971-0101. Booking Code: CGSCJ8. Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Be sure you tell them you want the block for "**SENIOR CONFORMATION JUDGES GROUP**". Rates are single \$199.00, double \$219.00, triple \$239.00, quad \$259.00.

## ACEF RECEPTION & DANCE 2008

**Unlike other activities, the cost of our reception has remained the same.**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008, COME CELEBRATE OUR 24<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL RECEPTION AND DANCE** at the New York's Hotel Pennsylvania in the Penn Top Ballroom from 8:00PM to Midnight. Mark your calendar, and don't miss the one really fun party that is well represented by a true cross-section of our sport. Everyone agrees the ACEF Sunday night party is the place to be for a friendly and enjoyable evening. **IT IS OPEN TO EVERYONE AND ANYONE IN THE DOG GAME!** You don't have to be on anyone's special list or have to be a judge or member of any organization. You sure don't have to know anyone in "high" places. Everyone is welcome.

**IF YOU WILL BE IN NEW YORK, DO PLAN TO ATTEND.** No speeches, no programs; just a short time out for a free room drawing and raffle. Dress: Semi-Formal. Some of the men in tux but you will be perfectly at ease in a coat and tie and the ladies have always liked their evening gowns but will be perfectly at ease in a dressy dress. **The cost of our reception and dance has remained the same for the past several years - \$50.00 per person.** There will be plenty of good food, good music for dancing and most of all, there will be an "across the board" representation of the Dog World from newcomers to old timers and all in between: judges, professional handlers and their enthusiastic young assistants, exhibitors, superintendents and officials. Let us know if you plan to be in New York during the Westminster week (on the dues notice form or via email [scja@cox.net](mailto:scja@cox.net)). **REFRESHINGLY DIFFERENT FOR A NEW YORK PARTY, EVERYONE WILL BE ABLE TO SIT DOWN, ENJOY A DRINK AND CONVERSATION AND HAVE ROOM TO DANCE.** Party form is enclosed with this newsletter and on our web site [www.scja.org](http://www.scja.org).

**A DRAWING FOR A FREE HOTEL WEEKEND STAY (2 nights):** Most of you have attended the **ACEF Sunday night reception and dance** and know that we have a drawing for a free weekend at the New York's Hotel Pennsylvania or the New Yorker Hotel **for those individuals who include a donation to the ACEF with their party reservations.**

## BOX SEATS FOR WESTMINSTER KENNEL CLUB SHOW

The Westminster Kennel Club has placed severe restrictions on the number of available box seats, and **NO ONE** can purchase more seats than they had last year. The SCJA has reserved a number of box seats through the years, and priority will go to SCJA members and ACEF patrons. Checks should be made out

## **BOX SEATS FOR WESTMINSTER KENNEL CLUB SHOW (con't.)**

to the SCJA and mailed to the Chief Executive Officer by November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007. Box seats are good for both dates' admission (Monday, February 11<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008). A reserved box seat ticket is \$125.00 per ticket. Tickets and judging programs will be sent in the latter part of January 2008. Box seat ticket request forms are enclosed with this newsletter and on our web site. **DO NOT PROCRASTINATE! THERE IS A LIMITED NUMBER AVAILABLE.**

Every year there are a number of people looking for a decent box seat. Additional seats will not be available this year. **DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007 BUT REMEMBER FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVE. PRIORITY TO SCJA AND ACEF MEMBERS FOR THE FIRST 20 DAYS.** When you send your check, PLEASE INCLUDE A **LARGE** SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE WITH AT LEAST 3 STAMPS FOR POSTAGE PER TWO TICKETS (MORE POSTAGE FOR A LARGER NUMBER OF TICKETS) FOR US TO RETURN YOUR TICKETS. REMEMBER PROGRAMS ARE INCLUDED WITH TICKETS. IMPORTANT - BE SURE YOUR ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER ARE ON YOUR CHECK!!! Checks made out to the **SCJA** for \$125.00 per box seat (good for both days).

## **UNITED STATES CANINE REGISTRIES (USCR) CONFERENCE LAS VEGAS, NEVADA NOVEMBER 14<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007**

The primary purpose of the conference is to address the ever-increasing local and state ordinances and laws restricting dog ownership. A brochure is enclosed for those interested in attending and volunteering to help solve this national problem for all associated with the dog world.

## **ACEF GRADUATE INSTITUTE SPORTING GROUP LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY MARCH 13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

The ACEF has scheduled the Sporting Group for our Graduate Institute in conjunction with the Kentuckiana cluster in Louisville, KY for Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008. No matter which Sporting breed you need, it will be covered. Everyone agrees the Kentuckiana cluster and fairgrounds provide one of the very best venues in the entire country. The cluster officials, Onofrio Dog Show staff and AKC cooperate 100% to maintain the success it has been. All Sporting breeds will be covered by parent club approved members. Members have priority, so anyone desiring to be placed on the advance mailing list please let us know **NOW**. You may advise us on the dues notice that you return, or we can be reached by email [scja@cox.net](mailto:scja@cox.net), phone (703) 451-5656, or writing to 7200 Tanager St., Springfield, VA 22150, or also emailing ACEF Director of Education, Nina Sherrer, at [acef04@yahoo.com](mailto:acef04@yahoo.com). Please, when emailing us, put **2008 SPORTING GROUP GRADUATE INSTITUTE, LOUISVILLE, KY. Always include a day, evening and cell phone numbers with your emails.**

## **SCJA'S ANNUAL DINNER MEETING**

Plans are to hold SCJA's Annual Dinner Meeting in Louisville, KY in conjunction with the ACEF Sporting Group Graduate Institute and the Kentuckiana cluster of shows. The dinner and meeting will be held on Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008. **Details will be sent to those indicating on their returned dues notice they plan to be in Louisville in March.**

## **PAST EVENTS**

### **ACEF'S 19<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL JUDGES INSTITUTE 2007**

This year's Institute was held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in the Washington, DC area. Our students came from California to New England and Tennessee in between. Everyone had a fun-filled educational week.

SCJA Board member, Dr. Peter Emily, lectured on Anatomy and Movement. SCJA Secretary, Mr. Christopher Abraham, instructed in Judges Ethics, Management Guidelines for Judges and Ring Management and Procedures. Mr. Peter Gaeta, AKC's Director of Judging Operations, addressed the class on the AKC Field Representatives duties and relationship with their judges. Mr. Harry Miller, AKC Delegate, gave an interesting lecture on the relationship between show chairman and judge with a bit of humor thrown in. Mr. Wayne Cavanaugh, UKC President, along with UKC VP, Mark Threlfall, did a great job of explaining UKC's mission and operating procedures. David Keene, AKC Board member, had a humorous but very important talk on the relationship between exhibitor and judge. We also had a panel of senior judges consisting of Ms. Karin Ashe, Ms. Lynne Schanzle, Dr. Pete Emily and Col. Wally Pedé who fielded questions from the floor. This proved an interesting session and could have gone on for another hour. Mr. and Mrs. Sarvinas lectured on Junior Handling with the very able assistance of a Junior Handler. It was obvious we need more time allocated for this subject.

ACEF's Director of Education, Mrs. Nina Sherrer, did her usual outstanding job of administrating the Institute. The class book was outstanding as was all the administrative details during the week. She was very ably assisted by Linda (Lynn) Wendt, SCJA's administrative assistant to the CEO. **REMEMBER, NO ONE RECEIVES ANY REMUNERATION FOR THE HOURS AND HOURS THEY PUT IN FOR THE AMERICAN CANINE EDUCATION FOUNDATION (ACEF).** AKC Executive Secretary, James Crowley, lectured on AKC Rules, Regulations and Judging Guidelines, Bench Show Committee Hearings and Trial Boards, and also presented the gradation certificates to our students. Col. Pedé commented that the ACEF was indeed fortunate that we had the #1 authority to be lecturing on the subject of the AKC. Mr. Crowley was our after-dinner speaker at the Graduation Dinner, and he had students and guests laughing throughout at his humorous roast of the Senior Conformation Judges Association's founding and mission. As Jim indicated, he should know as he has attended 18 of 19 ACEF annual Judges Institutes. Jim's speech and roasting of our CEO and the SCJA will appear on our web site [www.scja.org](http://www.scja.org). It makes for great reading.

### **ACEF'S BREED-SPECIFIC JUDGES CERTIFICATION PROGRAM SATURDAY, JULY 21<sup>st</sup>, 2007 OWENSBORO, KENTUCKY**

The American Canine Education Foundation (ACEF) and the SCJA conducted a comprehensive breed-specific judges' certification program on Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2007 in Owensboro, KY on three HOUND breeds: **BASENJIS, BEAGLES** and **IRISH WOLFHOUSES**. An all-breed judge, the parent club education coordinator or parent club approved breed presenter together with a nationally recognized breeder of many champions administered the examinations. Signed certificates by the three authorities were issued to those who qualified. The certificates may be enclosed with one's regular breed application for the particular breed. This is a most impressive addition to your breed application. **THERE WAS NO COST INVOLVED** for individuals applying for certification since the ACEF personnel donated their services and **ALL OF THE BREED EXPERTS AND THE ALL-BREED JUDGE** donated both their time and travel expenses. This is a true indication of their devotion to their breed and to the interest of serving our judging community.



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June 8, 2007

Senior Conformation Judges Association, Inc  
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Springfield, VA 22150

RE: Senior Conformation Judges Association  
American Kennel Club – Opposition to AKC Board Judging Conflict Policy

Dear Colonel Pedé:

You have asked this firm to provide a legal opinion to the Senior Conformation Judges Association, Inc. as to whether the adoption by the American Kennel Club (“AKC”) of a policy that restricts AKC judges from providing services at non-AKC venues without AKC’s prior approval violates the AKC’s charter and bylaws.

**History of the AKC Changes to the Judging Conflict of Interest Policy**

The AKC was formed in 1909 under a charter granted by the State of New York. AKC operates through its elected members of a Board of Directors (“Board”) and the Delegate Body. The Board acts subject to ARTICLE IX of the AKC Bylaws (“Bylaws”). ARTICLE IX grants general powers to the AKC Board, but also mandates that the Board comply with all other provisions of the bylaws as well as applicable state and federal laws and regulations. AKC Rules (“Rules”) govern dog show events. These Rules are amended and approved by the AKC Delegates who, acting as a body, have the sole power to do so in accordance with ARTICLE XIX of the Bylaws.

In May 2006, the Board adopted a policy concerning a Judging Conflict of Interest Policy (“2007 Conflict Policy”). The Conflict Policy was amended by the Board in January 2007. Board policies, generally, are intended to interpret and express the Board’s understanding of the Rules and Bylaws it is authorized to enforce. With respect to AKC judges, the existing Rules exclude judges whose commercial interests could raise questions of the appearance of impropriety by show participants whose dogs were being judged. The Rules adopted by the Body of Delegates regarding judging eligibility appear at Chapter 7, Section 1 of the AKC Rules.

The 2007 Conflict Policy purported to interpret Chapter 7 of AKC’s Rules to include with the categories of persons to be excluded from judging AKC events those persons with a

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significant interest in a dog registry or dog event-giving organization deemed by the AKC to be in competition with the American Kennel Club. The amended policy provides:

Judging Conflict of Interest

No AKC judge may have a significant interest in a dog registry or dog event-governing organization deemed by the AKC Board to be in competition with The American Kennel Club. Significant interest would include, but not be limited to ownership of, employment by, a directorship in and holding office in.

As applied, the amended policy would subject otherwise eligible AKC judges to disciplinary action (including termination) in the event that the AKC, in its discretion, deems a dog registry or dog-event governing organization to be in competition with it and further determines that an AKC-licensed judge is employed by, directs, or holds office in such an organization.

Analysis

The 2007 Conflict Policy does not conform to AKC Rules regarding Judging Eligibility (the "Rules"). The AKC Rules applying to dog shows provide at Chapter 7, Section 1:

Any reputable person who is in good standing with The American Kennel Club may apply for approval to judge any AKC recognized breed or breeds of purebred dogs, which in his or her opinion he or she is qualified by training and experience to pass upon, with the following exceptions:

Persons connected with any publication in the capacity of solicitor for kennel advertisements, persons connected with dog food, dog remedy or kennel supply companies in the capacity of solicitor or salesman, persons who buy, sell and in any way trade in or traffic in dogs as a means of livelihood in whole or in part, professional show superintendents and their employees, and persons who show dogs for others will not be approved if still engaged in such activities.

The Rules clearly exclude those persons whose commercial interests could reasonably raise questions of impropriety as between the show participant and the judge.



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Under Article X, Section 9 of the AKC Bylaws, the Board has the power “to issue and revoke licenses to Judges, Superintendents of Purebred Dogs and Handlers of Dogs.” While the authority to discipline judges for violations of the Rules, or a refusal to issue a license for an applicant judge’s failure to conform to the Rules, may certainly be derived from this power, the authority to discipline based upon work performed by a Judge for an AKC competitor is beyond the scope of the Board’s delegated powers. The Rules set forth clearly the grounds upon which a license to judge is to be granted or revoked. Work for another dog registry or dog-showing event organization does not fall into exclusionary territory. Nor can it be reasonably maintained that such work undermines a judge’s experience or training. Accordingly, the AKC Board has no authority to use ARTICLE X, Section 9 to revoke a judge’s license.

The 2007 Conflict Policy is not derived from applicable AKC Rules. Moreover it is not consistent with the principle underlying the Rules, namely, that a person whose commercial self-interest is tied directly to the care, sale or promotion of dogs will not be eligible to judge AKC events. The 2007 Conflict Policy excludes persons who own or assist organizations that compete against AKC. While this might create a conflict between the AKC and the other organization, it is not a conflict that would interfere with AKC’s mission in providing impartial judges for AKC events. Because the adopted policy is not reasonably related to an existing Rule, or even to the underlying rationale of Judging Eligibility Rules, the AKC Board has exceeded its authority under the AKC Charter and Bylaws by adopting a “policy” that is, in sum and substance, a Rule change.

Rule changes are only properly effected through the action of the AKC Delegate Body in ARTICLE XIX of AKC’s bylaws which grants sole power to the Delegates to do so. The AKC Board’s authority to interpret existing Rules or Regulations (Article X) does not extend to the authority to add new rules or to change existing rules.

### Conclusion

It is our opinion that the 2007 Judging Conflict of Interest Policy adopted in May 2006 and subsequently amended by the AKC Board is a nullity, constituting an ultra vires act by the AKC Board.

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**SENIOR CONFORMATION JUDGES ASSOCIATION, INC.  
MEMBERS QUESTIONNAIRE  
SEPTEMBER 2007**

**ALL QUESTIONNAIRES SHOULD BE RETURNED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER THAT WE MAY GET A CONSENSUS ON THE BELOW SUBJECTS. ALL INFORMATION WILL BE HELD IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND USED ONLY TO COMPILE TOTAL FIGURES AND PERCENTAGES.**

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**YES   NO**

- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ 1. Do you believe the AKC Reps are qualified to pass judgment on all the breeds they are passing judgment on?
- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ 2. Do you believe the AKC Reps have too great a voice in the judges approval process for additional breeds?
- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ 3. When a complaint of any nature is made on a judge at a show to an AKC Rep or club official, do you believe it should be made in writing on a form and signed by the individual making the complaint? (A copy to be furnished the judge on the day.)
4. How would you rate the overall performance of the AKC in its relationship with its judges?
- Excellent\_\_\_\_\_ Good\_\_\_\_\_ Fair\_\_\_\_\_ Poor\_\_\_\_\_ Very Poor\_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ 5. For judges with 1/2 Group or more, has the AKC's judges approval process inhibited you from applying for additional breeds?
- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ 6. Do you agree with the majority of positions the SCJA has taken on behalf of our members? If your answer is "no", please list the exceptions together with comments and return them in the self-addressed enclosed envelope.
- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ 7. In particular, do you agree with the SCJA's position that the entire judges approval process has had band-aids applied to it for the past several years and now needs major surgery, i.e. it should be completely overhauled?
- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ 8. Do you believe that a system should be initiated that allows an individual meeting initial requirements to be approved for one Group in less time than it takes to become a surgeon or an astronaut?
- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ 9. Do you believe judges should be told the specific reasons why they are not granted additional breeds in order that they know how to correct their reported deficiencies?
- We were assured by Dennis Sprung, then VP for Dog Events, in his February 24, 1997 letter that and we quote, "At no time, however, does a Field Representative 'challenge' the judge's decision."
- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ 10. Has an AKC Rep ever questioned your placements?
- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ 11. Have you ever been turned down for your request for approval of any additional breed(s)?

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YES NO

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ 12. Have you ever had an experience with an AKC Rep in which you felt their interaction with you was conducted in a less-than-professional manner?

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ 13. Have you ever had an experience, written or verbal, with the AKC Judges Department that you thought was not conducted in a professional manner? The fact that you did not receive the answer you desired should have no bearing on your response.

14. Do you believe the interaction between the judges and the AKC Judges Department has, in the past two years:

Improved \_\_\_ Has Deteriorated \_\_\_ Remained About the Same \_\_\_

15. There has been much talk about reduced income from registrations, money AKC spends educating judges and the need for the \$25 per breed fee for judges. Most recently, AKC's Chairman expressed his concern about the gap between income and expenses of the Event Department which obviously hints at the needs for increased fees. With the thought of economizing, a dog publication suggested perhaps the time has come when AKC should take a look at executives' salaries and the very generous retirement plans. Please check below what you believe the President of the AKC's salary is:

\$100,000 to \$150,000 \_\_\_ \$150,000 to \$250,000 \_\_\_ \$250,00 to \$350,000 \_\_\_  
\$350,000 to \$450,000 \_\_\_ Over half a million dollars \_\_\_

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ 16. Do you have any positive statements concerning any phase of AKC's judges approval process? If so, we encourage you to forward them and return them in the self-addressed enclosed envelope.

17. Please furnish 3 words which best describe your thoughts on AKC's position that the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution (free speech) does not apply to AKC judges.

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\_\_\_ \_\_\_ 18. FOR AKC DELEGATES JUDGING A GROUP. Would you be willing to ask the show-giving clubs to make a donation in your name to the American Canine Education Foundation (ACEF), an approved IRS tax-exempt 501(c)(3) corporation, as permitted by AKC policy?

**Regarding confidentiality: see heading of questionnaire**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone (include area code)



# NEW YORK PARTY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008

NEW YORK'S HOTEL PENNSYLVANIA  
7th Ave. & 33rd St. across from the Garden

DANCING 7:30PM - MIDNIGHT

BUFFETT 7:30PM - 9:30PM

\$50.00 Per Person

Cash Bar

Dress: Semi-Formal

**A TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATION TO THE ACEF MAY BE ADDED TO YOUR CHECK AND WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED. FOR THOSE MAKING A DONATION, THERE WILL BE A SEPARATE DRAWING FOR A FREE WEEKEND AT EITHER NEW YORK'S HOTEL PENNSYLVANIA OR THE NEW YORKER WHERE WE HAVE A BLOCK OF ROOMS.**

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WILL BE MADE AS LATE AS FEBRUARY 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008. A CALL WILL SUFFICE FOR NOTIFICATION OF  
CANCELLATION: (703) 451-5656.

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# REQUEST FOR WESTMINSTER KENNEL CLUB BOX SEATS 2008

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: DAY \_\_\_\_\_ EVENING \_\_\_\_\_ CELL \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF BOX SEATS \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$125.00/ticket CHECK TO SCJA ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**BE SURE TO ENCLOSE A LARGE ENVELOPE STAMPED AND SELF ADDRESSED. LEGAL SIZE ENVELOPE (4 X 9 1/2) FOR 2 BOX SEATS (3 STAMPS) APPROPRIATELY LARGER ENVELOPES AND POSTAGE REQUIRED FOR MORE TICKETS. (TICKETS ARE HEAVY STOCK PAPER AND ALSO INCLUDES A PROGRAM.) Send to SCJA at 7200 Tanager St., Springfield, VA 22150. Any questions please call (703) 451-5656.**

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## VOLUNTEER FOR SCJA WEB MASTER

WE NEED A VOLUNTEER TO TAKE OVER THE SCJA WEB SITE. MOST ITEMS TO BE POSTED ARE FINISHED PRODUCTS REQUIRING MINIMUM OF EDITING. BUT WE WOULD LIKE TO GET OUR DOCUMENTS UP IN A TIMELY FASHION.

IF YOU EMAIL US, PLEASE INCLUDE A DAY AND EVENING PHONE NUMBER.

ANOTHER BIG INCENTIVE --- YOU START OUT WITH THE SAME SALARY AS THE SCJA CEO.