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KENNEL CLUB<sup>SM</sup>

## Memorandum

**To:** All AKC Clubs  
**From:** Robin Stansell  
**Subject:** Exercise Pens at Dog Shows  
**Date:** January 22, 2007

The AKC Board of Directors has approved the following revision to the Show Trial Manual to more adequately address exercise area requirements at Dog Shows. The following change to the Show/Trial Manual becomes effective April 1, 2007:

**All-Breed shows must provide the following:**

- **Gated exercise pens of sturdy construction with a minimum size of 6' X 8' X 4' (48 sq. ft. for each pen).**
- **For shows with suitable outdoors exercise areas and clean-up supplies the following number of ex-pens must be provided based on the number of entries:**
  - 0 – 1,000 dogs – 2 ex-pens
  - 1,001 – 2,000 dogs – 4 ex-pens
  - 2,001 – 3,000 dogs – 6 ex-pens
  - 3,001 – 4,000 dogs – 8 ex-pens
- **For shows without suitable outdoors exercise areas the following number of ex-pens must be provided based on the number of entries:**
  - 0 – 600 dogs – 2 ex-pens
  - 601 – 1,200 dogs – 4 ex-pens
  - 1,201 – 1,800 dogs – 6 ex-pens
  - 1,801 – 2,400 dogs – 8 ex-pens
  - 2,401 – 3,000 dogs – 10 ex-pens
  - 3,001 – 3,600 dogs – 12 ex-pens
  - 3,601 – 4,200 dogs – 14 ex-pens

**In all cases, a minimum of two ex-pens must be available. In the event of inclement weather at least two ex-pens must be under cover.**

**Individual sites may require deviation of this requirement. The inspecting AKC Field Staff will approve deviations on a site-by-site basis.**

**Specialty shows must have a minimum of two exercise pens suitable to the size of the breed.**

Any questions regarding these requirements should be directed to AKC Event Operations, (919) 816-3579 or [eventplans@akc.org](mailto:eventplans@akc.org).