

**2011 EMAIL MOTION
ABC BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

MOTION: Adding & Deleting classes at the National Specialty

MOTION BY: Robert Wire, West Coast Director

SECONDED BY: Jim Brigham, Central Director

MOTION MADE & SECONDED: July 27, 2011,

DISCUSSION FOR 7 DAYS: Thur. July 28 - Wed. Aug. 3, 2011

VOTES ACCEPTED FOR 5 DAYS: Aug. 4 - 8, 2011

Motion: On behalf of the third Vice President, I move (1) to allow the 12 to 18 month class to be broken into two classes: 12 months and under 15 months and 15 months and under 18 months. (2) I move to add an Amateur Owner Handler class to the ABC National Specialty to comply with the AKC's current classes.

(3) I move to eliminate the Dual Champion Class.

Rationale as received from the Third Vice President.

**Request from the Third Vice President for ABC Board Permission to
Change Classes at the National Specialty Show**

During 2010, The American Kennel Club changed their class structure to allow the 12 to 18 month class to be broken into two classes: 12 months and under 15 months and 15 months and under 18 months. In addition, AKC added the Amateur Owner Handler class for dogs handled but not necessarily bred by their owners.

I would like permission from the Board of Directors to change the classes offered at the ABC National Specialty show to reflect this change from AKC. In other words, the single 12-18 class for both dogs and bitches would be replaced by two classes, broken down into 12-15 months and 15-18 months for both dogs and bitches. In addition, I would like permission to add an Amateur Owner Handler class to the ABC National Specialty to comply with the AKC's current classes.

In addition, I would like permission to eliminate the Dual Champion Class as unnecessary. Every Dual Champion is eligible for Best of Breed or Field Trial Class. It is the only non-regular class that alerts the judge that the dog is a Champion and seems superfluous as there are already classes for which the dog is eligible.